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Gas prices to rise further by summer

By ALEXIS FIGUEROA
Staff Writer

It seems there is no end in sight to the rise in gas prices. The price of gas jumped again with the biggest increase since February 2008 for the Inland Empire, according to a report by CBS News. The average price per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline is now $4.35 and that is expected to shoot up further before the beginning of summer.

Prices in 2008 were $4.11 when the average price of oil was up. Today, gas stations have far surpassed that number. According to fivecentnickel.com, experts report gas prices will reach a national average of $4.50 a gallon, with the average in California peaking around $5.

For Riverside and San Bernardino counties the average price per gallon of gas has risen 50.8 cents over the course of 2012 and continues to rise according to CBS News. Analysts have attributed this increase to rising oil prices, which come from fears of a possible shortage because of the tensions in the Middle East over Iran, according to CBS News. An increase in China’s oil dependency has also had an impact on the price of oil.

The U.S. is no longer the primary consumer of oil. There has been a shift towards China as well as developing countries.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts that China’s oil consumption will continue to grow during 2012, projecting a 40 percent of the world’s oil demand according to the Energy Bulletin website. Students are worried about the impact the continuing surge of gas prices will have on their consumption habits.

“My driving habits will definitely be changing. I will only go out if it is all necessary,” said student Lizbeth Lopez. “What I could be paying could be changing. I will only go out if it is all necessary,” said student Lizbeth Lopez. “I would be paying for groceries I will now be paying for gas,” she continued.

Lopez also notes that the $20 that once filled up the tank in her Toyota Corolla only fills it halfway now.

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Veteran’s Success Center in progress

By JONATHAN NG
Staff Writer

Make way for CSUSB’s newest student center as they clear out the Coyote Bookstore basement for the future headquarters of the Veterans Success Center, opening in late May.

Currently being fully furnished, the Veteran’s Success Center is designed to be a “one-stop shop” that caters to the needs of all veterans on campus.

The school provided a 1,100 square foot area equipped with a computer lab where student veterans and other members of the armed forces can work on assignments.

This area will provide programs and services that are sensitive to the unique needs of service members such as tutoring services, financial aid, admissions, guidance counseling, mental health services, career services and a group room where student veterans can meet between classes, network with one another and hold study groups.

The Veteran’s Success Center is compiling a team of leaders and volunteers that best suit its purpose here at CSUSB.

The people that are currently in charge of the Veteran’s Success Center are: Marci Daniels, the Veteran’s Success Center Coordinator, Helga Kray, the Associate Vice President of student development, and Joe Mosely, the founder of the Student Veteran Organization.

The four objectives of the Veteran’s Success Center are encouraging veterans to come to college by providing resources tailored to their specific needs, ensuring that veterans succeed in college and graduate on time, paving the path of success for veterans to follow after college and supporting disabled veterans by showing they are strong capable citizens in our society.

“In light of the recent downsizing of the U.S. Armed Forces, the campus has seen a steady increase in the number of returning veterans and active duty service members who are pursuing their college education,” said Mosely.

Plans for the Veteran’s Success Center involve a grand opening on May 25.

This will be composed of a series of ceremonies that symbolically represent this upcoming Veterans Day and a tribute to the fallen veterans who have fought for our country.

“These members of the Armed Forces have risked their lives to save our country and deserve a center that is dedicated to ensuring their academic success,” said Mosely.

The Yellow Ribbon Ceremony will kick off the event.

Ribbons will be tied around trees all across campus to show the number of all the deployed veterans in California.

Next will be the Red Ribbon Ceremony, which will mark the Center’s official opening.

The other programs are still in progress, but volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help turn this center into a legacy.

If you are interested in helping with this center, please contact Marci Daniels by e-mail at daniels@csusb.edu.

Lopsided raises could see CFA strike

By ALEJANDRA ARANA
Staff Writer

The California Faculty Association will hold a vote next week concerning an authorized strike as the union seeks to settle a contract dispute with the Chancellor’s Office.

Since 2010 there has not been a single successful contract for the faculty and staff of the CSU system that both parties have agreed upon.

“Active members of the CFA will be able to vote for a contract that provides them with the security of a raise and smaller class sizes to improve the learning experience of students along with other important details of their work,” states the CFA Magazine.

In a time of budget cuts, two CSU presidents, Mildred Garcia of CSU Fullerton and Leroy Morishita of CSU East Bay, received new salary increases.

According to the L Times Garcia’s salary is $324,000 plus housing and, $12,000 per year car allowance. Morishita is receiving $303,660, the same $12,000 car allowance and $60,000 housing.

There is still a threat to strike only if this contract is not made in a timely manner and if the suggestions that professors are asking for are ignored, forcing them to accept a contract from the Chancellor’s Office.

“If a strike does happen it will be two day rolling strikes so that students are not impacted as much ... We don’t want to hurt the students even more,” said Marcia Marx, CSUSB professor and president of CFA’s CSUSB chapter.

“Hearing about threats of a strike discourages me to pursue my goal of becoming a math professor. If things are not made in a timely manner and if the suggestions that professors are asking for are ignored, forcing them to accept a contract from the Chancellor’s Office,” said Martinez.

“It is very hard to survive. I have one child and I have to be frugal with my husband’s and my income. We had a five centnickel.com, please contact Marci Daniels by e-mail at daniels@csusb.edu.

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Money tight on gas spending

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Students who have already been affected by the price of gas have discovered alternative forms of transportation.

“I try to carpool with friends ... or take the train rather than drive,” said Renee Etcheberria.

For students like Etcheberria, CSUSB offers many solutions to this issue. Because commuters are a large population at CSUSB, the Commuter Services program on campus works to reduce traffic congestion and increase mobility throughout campus.

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Print textbooks are still the way to go

By AUNJOLAY LAMBERT
Staff Writer

Call me old fashioned, but textbooks have been a part of my learning for years, and I refuse to switch from textbooks to eBooks.

The first time a professor ever asked me to purchase an eBook I dropped the class. For me not having a physical book to break you. I look at it as more electronics to be easy to read and like that you can highlight and take notes of $147.

“I got slapped with a $45 parking violation.

Since University Village is an apartment complex you not only get your own designated parking spot, but you have a permit that comes with them will eventually interest me to jump in and start using them.

In 2004 the California State Board of Education took into consideration the weight of textbooks given to students, according to thejournal.com. Textbook weight ranged from eight pounds in high school, which encouraged legislators to mandate weight limitations in California alone.

“People like me who are used to old fashioned textbooks and the style of learning that comes with them will eventually have to convert to what’s popular and more convenient. But until that happens, I’ll keep buying print textbooks.
Parking is a hassle for students who live in University Village

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at a lesser price.

For students that can only afford the daily parking permits, they are not allowed to park beyond the gates even if they are residents.

This is a safety issue for students walking to their apartments at night as well as an inconvenience to students with disabilities.

Both male and female students can be subject to robbery, violence and sexual assault when walking from the open lot to their building.

The lights in the parking lot are dim and the cameras do not always work, students can be subject potentially dangerous situations.

For students with disabilities, it’s not only a safety issue but it’s also a big inconvenience. To travel that extra mile from the parking lot can take quite a bit of extra time.

For example, students with crutches or with vision impairment, it can be a big hassle to walk that far.

But if they could park inside the gates, which is closer to their building, these students can get home quickly and safely.

The parking regulations should accommodate for these types of situations. It is much safer for students who have residential housing to park inside the gates than in an open lot. What if the open lot is full?

At CSU Fullerton, parking isn’t as pressed as it is here. Students can park anywhere in the designated areas and do not have to worry about getting an expensive parking ticket.

If this system were to be implemented here, students could go to class with peace of mind.

CSUSB Parking Services states on their website that their “vision is to provide effective and efficient parking and transportation services that maximize value.”

“We are committed to the efficient management of parking and transportation resources while providing prompt and professional services to our customers,” reads their mission statement.

What are the services performed by the this department? Why are we paying so much?

How are they meeting customer expectations when students here can barely afford the daily five dollar passes let alone the quarterly ones?

Allowing housing students to park inside the gate would result in one less worry about parking and would allow students to focus on their studies.
CSUSB honors Palestine Awareness Week

By MANAL MUSEITEF  
Staff Writer

CSUSB students gathered their efforts to raise awareness about the issues between Israel and Palestine.

The school’s first Palestine Awareness Week featured the display of the mock Apartheid wall, humanitarian speakers and the film screening of the award-winning film, “Occupation 101,” with the help from the Muslim Student Association and Cross Cultural Center.

“I wanted to raise awareness. I didn’t expect anything back in return,” said PAW Coordinator Omar Abdelkhaleq.

“The eye-opening reactions from students who had no knowledge on the issue fulfilled my expectations.”

For two days, students presented a mock version of the Apartheid wall, which according to Vermonters for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel, the separation barrier “consists of a series of 25 foot high concrete walls, trenches, barbed wire and electrified fencing with numerous watch towers, electronic sensors, thermal imaging and video cameras, unmanned aerial vehicles, sniper towers, and roads for patrol vehicles.”

According to the MSA, the wall was strategically designed to separate the Palestinian people from their agricultural lands on which they rely for most of their means.

Each section of the mock wall either tells a story about a wrongly taken life, a Palestinian’s demolished home or a walk-through of the daily disturbance of checkpoints.

A section on the mock wall revealed the common event of mothers giving birth at checkpoints where they awaited approval or denied entry into East Jerusalem where most quality hospitals are located.

According to the World Health Organization and Palestinianmonitor.org, at least 69 percent of pregnant women gave birth at checkpoints between 2000-2006 and 35 of those children and five of those mothers have died.

The wall exposing the U.S. aid to Israel left nursing student Kourtni Anderson in shock.

“I definitely thought it was interesting that America is giving so much aid to a country that is mistreating and killing millions of Palestinians,” said Anderson.

On April 11, the featured speakers and humanitarians presented their eye-opening views on the topic.

At noon, internationalist Barbara Lubin covered, “The Bay Area’s Battle to Show Children’s Art from Gaza. Lubin shared her experiences while visiting Palestine and the impact it played in her life. Lubin was inspired to publish, “A Child’s View from Gaza,” containing intense, censored graphics drawn by children from Gaza in 2011.

Amanda Boada, who listened in on the lecture, expressed her thoughts on the matter.

“It was refreshing to hear more about the issues from someone else’s perspective, who has actually seen it through their own eyes,” said Boada.

That evening, students attended the panel discussion on the humanitarian crisis, which included speakers Dr. Asmah Taha, Ahlam Muhtaseb, Rabbi Hillel Chon and Dr. Qustandi Shomali.

Presentations covered topics regarding how the construction of the wall effects higher education, access to proper health care and the division of Palestinians.

A film screening of “Occupation 101” took place in the Santos Manuel Student Union Theater to conclude the event.

The documentary emphasized the issue between the Israelis and Palestinians and the struggle of Palestinians face living under Israeli Military security. The Los Angeles Journal brands it as “one of the best documentaries.”

PAW was organized by students from different backgrounds, cultures, religions and beliefs.

The awareness each day cleared up questions, broke down misconceptions and initiated discussions among students from all walks of life.
The cast of “American Pie” has come a long way from their first film in 1999 to “American Reunion” in 2012. While the first film was all about typical high school drama, such as losing your virginity at prom, wanting to fit in and knowing who your friends are, “American Reunion” is about adult situations such as work and married life but with the same sexually explicit scenes as the first film.

The film was consistently funny from scene to scene. You can’t help but laugh throughout the film and at the awkward moments. The characters of the original film return to their hometown for an unforgettable high school reunion and come to realize who has changed and who hasn’t.

Steve Stifler (Seann William Scott) is once again the life of the party with his rude remarks and his just-wanting-to-have-a-good-time style of humor, though it results him being left out of the group. Stifler’s friends and the audience alike realize that life without him probably wouldn’t be as much fun. Just like in the previous films, Jim Levenstein (Jason Biggs) seems to get caught up in the most strange and laugh-out-loud funny situations.

Jim and his wife Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) are dealing with a problem that most couples go through after having a child: no sex. It is their mission to try to light the fire and make their love life interesting again.

Oz (Chris Klein) tries to rekindle his love with his high school sweetheart Heather (Mena Suvari) while Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas) is still the same awkward person trying to convince the guys he is something he is not.

Kevin (Thomas Ian Nicholas), now happily married, runs into high school girlfriend Vicky (Tara Reid) and can’t help but think about the past, springing up old feelings. Finally, Jim’s dad (Eugene Levy), who is still grieving the loss of his wife, ends up hitting it off with Stifler’s promiscuous mother (Jennifer Coolidge) at a Stifler gathering.

What made this movie the best “slice of pie” yet was the return of all the original characters and Stifler’s witty comebacks with Finch. Several cameos from previous franchise favorites makes the film feel more like a reunion after a decade long absence.

The soundtrack for this movie definitely gets two thumbs up. Taking it back old school, hits such Montell Jordan’s “This is How We Do It,” Spice Girls’ “Wannabe” and Cobra Starship’s “You Make Me Feel” all take the audience back to the gang’s high school days where it all started.

“American Reunion” proves that after 13 years, the cast still has their comedic flair.
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In-N-Out opens new doors in Highland

By KIM DAILEY
Staff Writer

Residents of Highland have been waiting patiently for In-N-Out to open. March 29 marked the grand opening of the infamous fast food eatery and individuals waited no time in eating there.

Cody Dooney has been there three times. When asked why he chose In-N-Out, he stated, “the food is great.”

“The food is amazing and it is so close to home,” chimed in Kyle Kieser, who was enjoying his french fries nearby.

Lines formed outside the building where people waited patiently to order their food. Those who had ordered already had the choice to sit inside or outside the facility, which had minimal seating after the lunchtime rush started.

Outside, cars with hungry patrons lined up around the long single-lane drive-way. One In-N-Out employee stood outside and took orders to help the drive thru line move more quickly for the lunchtime rush.

Travis Kaenel, who lives within five miles of the new location, was enjoying his protein-style burger, which is one of the “secret menu” items not listed on the regular In-N-Out menu.

It has lettuce on the outside instead of buns and is filled with cheese, meat, tomato, lettuce, onion and secret sauce.

“I love knowing all the veggies are fresh,” Kaenel stated. “I also love how In-N-Out is Christian based.”

In-N-Out is not only famous for their tasty double-doubles, animal style fries, and milkshakes, but they are also known for their help in spreading awareness on child abuse prevention.

The opening of their newest location coincides with National Child Abuse Prevention Month which takes place in April.

In-N-Out has been a proud sponsor in helping abused and neglected children since 1984.

In-N-Out has their own charity called the In-N-Out Burger Foundation, which was established in March 1995 and started by one of its founders, Esther Snyder, and her son Rich.

“Esther Snyder was very passionate about preventing child abuse and about children in general,” stated In-N-Out manager Aliess Kingsley.

In-N-Out takes 100 percent of the money that has been donated to this foundation and matches it 3–1.

“They also take care of all the overhead, so literally all the money donated goes back to the community,” said Kingsley.

Rebekah Eguia and daughter Audrey Eguia stopped by to grab something to eat on their way home from shopping.

“It is never too early to teach kids about helping other kids,” said Rebekah as her daughter Audrey was putting money into the donation tin can that was placed on the counter.

Audrey had a big smile on her face because the cashier gave her some stickers and an In-N-Out hat.

In-N-Out is also known for their hidden Bible verses. They can be found under the soda fountain cups, the milkshake cups, the folded seams of the double-double liners, and the cheeseburger/burger wrappers.

This family-owned restaurant is a family friendly organization that gives back to the local communities.

Whenever they open their doors, they satisfy their customers by their excellent customer service, great food and devotion to helping victims of child abuse.

The new In-N-Out is located at 28009 Greenspot Road, Highland, CA.

CSUSB joins the “One Day Without Shoes” Challenge

By ANGELA E. RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

CSUSB students took off their shoes to join the TOMS “One Day Without Shoes” Challenge on April 10 in front of John M. Pflug Library.

Students walked from 12 to 2 p.m. to raise awareness about the deprived children in less fortunate countries who have no shoes.

According to the TOMS website, the leading cause of disease in developing countries are soil-transmitted infections.

The site states, “shoes can help protect against injury, and in combination with basic hygiene and sanitation, help prevent diseases and soil-transmitting infections.”

By not wearing shoes, participants got to walk in the footsteps of children vulnerable to the hazards of living without these necessities.

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**A guy’s guide to getting lost in Arizona**

By R. ANTHONY DIAZ

Asst. Features Editor

Despite the controversial recent vote on the governor and legislature in Arizona, the state holds many beautiful wonders that are worth experiencing.

Whether standing next to a cliff that enters the Earth’s core in the Grand Canyon or counting the hundreds of color variations in a single sunset, this is a place where you can revamp your soul.

The best views are from the west, the east and a stroll in between.

Saying Arizona is just for those with a mission is absolutely true. One of the best states in the country, you can revamp yourself without even leaving the state.

And you don’t have to hike or count the hours away from CSUSB, making it a great option for any long or short vacation.

This city gives new meaning to the outdoor patio. There is a place for every day, you just have to find it.

No matter what kind of scene you are looking for there is something for everyone. And I really do mean everyone.

For college-aged scholars looking to maximize their experience, I recommend Mill Avenue in Tempe. It offers the feel of a small town downtown with a big bang! You can easily bar hop and not worry about having to drive.

Without this, many of the bar areas are condensed but far apart from one another. If you are not staying in a specific location for the evening, make sure to have a designated driver for the 15 minute commute from one bar neighborhood to the other.

Old Town Scottsdale is known for its high end clubs and bottle service. With Bars like Pussy Cat Lounge, Dirty Pretty and American Junkie, you’ll definitely want to get on a list. SmashBoxx is the world’s first nightclub video booth streaming a live video box of random partygoers confessing, revealing and acting like they are 16 years old.

Phoenix is full of many amazing restaurants and dishes. To highlight a few, Kai is a must and it is the only Five Diamond Native American restaurant in the world. El Hefe is a fun taco bar with disc jockeys and beer taps built into the tables. Loni’s at the Hermosa Inn is perfect for outdoor dining with views of Camelback Mountain and the Phoenix Mountain Preserve.

My absolute favorite thing to do every summer aside from visiting my close friends from Arizona State University is going Salt River tubing. Imagine floating down the Salt River with clear skies, wild horses drinking water six feet away, all your friends and an ice chest hooked to your tube. This is sheer heaven and a guaranteed great time.

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**Coyotes walk CSUSB barefoot for TOMS event**

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family, friends and staff and successfully donated 10,000 pairs of shoes to children in need.

In this year’s challenge, many companies joined the movement, such as American Greetings card company, World Vision, Discovery and EA Mobile. All were featured on the TOMS One Day Without Shoes website.

Over 7,000 participants were expected to sign up for the movement worldwide.

By being barefoot, demonstrators are trying to draw curiosity and support for the ONE FOR ONE movement.

Fellow Coyote Kayla Gutierrez, member of Delta Sigma Chi Co-Ed Fraternity Inc., won a free pair of TOMS shoes. Gutierrez stated she enjoyed her first experience being involved with this movement.

“I loved participating in the One Day Without Shoes. The cause and what it represents is such a cool idea, I hope to do this again next year,” said Gutierrez.
Lubos PASO has great expectations for spring cultural events

BY GABBIE CORRAL
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The promoters of Filipino American Jam hope their upcoming event will be the most successful cultural event in CSUSB history for Lubos PASO. The Filipino American Student Organization, also known as Lubos PASO here on campus, held its first official meeting of the Spring 2012 quarter on Wednesday, April 11. Its main purpose was to preview and discuss preparations for the highly anticipated Fil Am Jam, to be held on April 26.

According to Lubos PASO club president William Macale, this year’s Fil Am Jam will highlight singers, dancers, actors and musicians which reflect a mixture of the historical Filipino culture and modern Filipino practices.

The purpose of the event is not only to share entertainment, but to raise money and awareness for the need of medical attention in the Philippines.

This year, Lubos PASO is working with the Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino which will send medical missions to the Philippines to give medical attention to those in need.

“This year will be our fifth year hosting the benefit show and we expect to sell out,” said Vice President of Finance, Justin Balancio.

Because a huge turnout for the event is anticipated, San Bernardino has decided to sponsor this year’s Fil Am Jam and will broadcast on Channel 3.

The highlighting acts include YouTube sensations Michael Alvarado, Carissa Rae and AJ Rafael. These are up-and-coming artists that are becoming fairly well known throughout the Inland Empire and Southern California. The artists have a few songs on iTunes if you wish to preview their music before the event.

Other acts include dancers with genres ranging from modern to hip hop to traditional Filipino, which require male dancers to wear traditional outfits, such as a Bahag.

The Fil Am Jam, however, is not the only event Lubos PASO is looking forward to this quarter. Club members are constantly planning events and have many more in store for CSUSB.

According to Macale, upcoming events include their very popular Stussy clothing sale on May 10, participation in this year’s Relay For Life on May 4 and 5 and their Celebration of Filipino Culture show (CPC) on May 26.

“I think what makes our club stand out is that we are a very diverse group of individuals,” said Balancio. “We’re trying to spread the Filipino culture through campus in many different ways.”

As the largest club on campus with 110 members, it is greatly emphasized that you do not have to be of Filipino descent to join. “We’re all about spreading the love,” said Balancio.

Members of Lubos PASO are pumped for their fifth annual Fil Am Jam on April 26 at 6 p.m. in the Santos Manuel Student Union Event Center. They have high expectations for this year’s turn out.

If you are interested in joining Lubos PASO or wish to attend the Fil Am Jam, you can contact William Macale or attend a club meeting held every other Wednesday in the SMSU Theater. Tickets are $10 presale and $15 at the door.

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Body Shoppe rejuvenates students

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According to student Karina Reynoso, the massages are definitely worth the price.

“It was uplifting and I’m in a totally stress free mood I have such a big smile,” said Reynoso.

Student Ricardo Rodriguez shared praises as well about the Body Shoppe.

“The massage was fantastic. You can tell the therapist was experienced by his techniques and I would recommend anyone who is having neck pains or lower back pains to come because they will take care of you,” said Rodriguez.

The program is supported by Ombuds and Gender Equity, Student Health and Psychological Counseling Center, Recreational Sports, Wellness 2 U and the Human Resources Center.

The program was first initiated by President Dr. Albert K. Karnig and the staff members of the Wellness Committee.

“When I first came in I was really stressed out from my classes and the lightening and atmosphere of the room was very inviting,” said Jordan.

Jordan continued by saying, “the therapist talk with you before and asks if you have any areas that you may need work on.”

“The massages are very beneficial for students in clubs because a simple dollars you would spend on something unnecessary can go toward a nice massage that is going to relax you and lower your anxiety and stress levels,” said Reynoso.

The Body Shoppe allows students, staff and faculty to enjoy a professional massage in a comfortable environment.

“[It] gets you away from the stresses of life and students have a lot of tension in their backs from carrying their backpacks, it varies for every client but number one is to give a client a whole outer body experience and relax them with soft flute music and lower dimmed lighting,” said Wellness 2 U massage therapist Andrew Hegel.
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Coyotes struggle in tough weekend series

By CHELSEA UNDERWOOD
Staff Writer

The Coyotes’ softball team suffered an unfortunate 3–1 road series loss against the Cal State East Bay Pioneers on April 6 and 7. CSUSB split the first doubleheader of the series on Friday with a 5-3 loss in the first game and a 2-0 victory in the second. Being out for two weeks with an injury and coming in to pitch in a doubleheader was intense and scary, according to senior Courtney Wilhelms. However, she rose above her fear and threw a complete game shutout in the second game.

Throughout the season the team has been working hard in practice, trying to improve on their performance and execution in preparation for the games. It paid off. They pounded out six hits and were flawless in the field as they had no errors in the 2-0 victory. With the win behind them and a 1-1 record in the series, it seemed that the Lady Coyotes had a chance to win the series. The second double header began in disappointing fashion, as the Lady ‘Yotes gave up five runs in the first inning. Senior first baseman Felicia Cervantes had six put outs, but it was not enough to keep the Pioneers off the scoreboard as they went on to score two more times.

The 7-1 loss was a hard one for the ladies to swallow, but what was even more difficult to swallow was the 9-5 loss in the series finale, as the team suffered the 3–1 series loss. “Our mental game is not strong,” said utility player Brittany Ybarra. “We let little things get in our way.”

Ybarra feels that the team has been brought down by their struggle to win games on a consistent basis. As a result, they have not been able to get into the game and focus like they should be.

According to Ybarra, facing the Pioneers for the first time this season was a good experience, because even though it was a tough, disappointing weekend, the coaches were being more positive towards the team. The team has been rigorously working on improving their hitting and pitching in practice. Playing against the Pioneers has made it clear that there is work that still needs to be done.

What stood out during the series, according to Ybarra, was that the team needs to stay mentally focused when it comes to clutch hits, because they had missed opportunities like these before.

“With the talent we have, we shouldn’t be playing like that,” said Ybarra. The highlight of the season so far, according to Ybarra, was their stellar performance against Sonoma State, as they exploded with a 13—run outburst to win 13-9. They scored 11 of the their 13 runs in the fourth inning alone.

With only two doubleheader series left, the girls are looking to finish out strong and show their opponents what they will be up against next season.

Water polo falls short despite valiant effort

By RAY BEASLEY
Staff Writer

Despite an incredible comeback attempt during the final three quarters of the game, water polo lost their weekend match up on April 7 against Fresno Pacific, 13–15.

The Coyotes were trailing Fresno Pacific 1—6 after the first quarter but out-scored their opponents 12—9 over the final half of the game.

Despite the amazing effort the Coyotes made during the last half of the game, Fresno Pacific handed the Coyotes their 26th loss of the season. Fortunately, there were a few standout players hidden amongst the heartbreaking loss.

Misty Vu had an amazing game, leading the Coyotes in scoring with five goals. Her teammate Jasmine Duran, not far behind, contributed with three goals of her own. Meghan McCarthy, Shelby McCliman, Shelle Kocher and Kayla Barrow each added one goal apiece, to round out the top Coyote scorers for the game.

With nearly half the members of the team each scoring, this was a solid team effort.

Being able to outscore the visiting team 12-9 throughout the course of the majority of the game shows the focus and ability this team possesses.

Every member of the team gave it their best effort. Unfortunately, even with their best efforts, the season has not been kind to the struggling water polo team and continues to be relentlessly unforgiving.

Despite all the negativity surrounding a failing season, the team continues work hard each practice and game they are faced with.

This can be seen in the sheer number of close games the team has been in throughout the course of the season. Although the team has suffered 26 losses, they have been within five points or less in ten of those losing efforts which demonstrates their tenacity.

Student Marques Stone said, “They seem to have heart, but they just need a way to close the games.” He also added jokingly, “Shoot, they just need to pass the ball to my girl Misty Vu more and pick up the D.”

It is clear that some of the college campus students still have hope for their struggling water polo team, regardless of what the scoreboard says.

With their school supporting them and the clear ability to score as shown in this game, the Coyotes are bound to find success.

The Coyotes still have roughly 10 or more games to play this season, which gives them the opportunity to continue improving their game and find redemption.
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Coyotes dominate weekend series against Wildcats

By JESSICA BRACAMONTES  Staff Writer

The Coyotes improved to a 17-12 overall record after defeating the 15th ranked Chico State Wildcats in three out of four games April 5-7. Timely hitting and quality pitching played a major role in the Coyotes' victories. The series began with the Coyotes losing to the Wildcats by a score of 9-1. Senior Darren Dworak scored the Coyotes’ only run on a monstrous solo home run in the second inning. The players kept their confidence and did not allow the poor offensive output to spoil the rest of the weekend. The Coyotes were able to turn things around by playing smart, focused and team oriented ball as they swept both games.

“Everyone plays a part in the wins and losses,” said first baseman Brandon Day. The Coyotes cruised to victory in the first game of the doubleheader, as they pounded out nine runs in a well deserved win and made it back-to-back victories in a nailbiter by a score of 7-6. The Coyotes took a 2-0 lead in the second inning as game one of the doubleheader began. They then proceeded to blow the game open in the sixth inning by scoring four runs and putting the game out of reach.

Junior Mike Mudron threw seven stellar innings, allowing just three hits and giving up only one run. The second game was much more dramatic than the first. The Coyotes and Wildcats battled on in the second game of the doubleheader. The Wildcats were the first to take the lead, as they hit a grand slam in the first inning.

Resiliency kept the Coyotes’ players up, as they were able to bounce back, scoring two runs in the second, and followed by four runs in the third. Day explained how the 7-6 victory took contributions from each guy on the team. “Everyone played a good part and we came back to win the game,” said Day. Game four was another game that tested the Coyotes and their will to win with their backs against the wall, as they began the game trailing once more. It was not until Eshleman stepped into the batter’s box and hit a solo home run in the bottom of the fifth inning that the Coyotes were able to get on the scoreboard.

The Coyotes battled back and forth for the remainder of the game, until they were able to pull off a dramatic victory thanks to Eshleman’s big bat which knocked in the winning run in walk off fashion, giving the Coyotes a 4-3 victory. “The season is going really well. We had some rough series early in the season and it’s how you can bounce back,” said Day.

500 victories and counting for coach Don Parnell

By AMY CUTILLO  Staff Writer

Coyote baseball’s head coach, Don Parnell, has reached a milestone that may never be achieved here again at CSUSB. On March. 9, the Coyotes victory over the Cal State L.A. Golden Eagles was more than just the average everyday win. In defeating the Golden Eagles, Parnell was able to achieve his 500th victory.

The Coyote’s helped to make this possible for Parnell, who has been the head coach for them for 21 years. They were able to defeat the Cal State L.A. Golden Eagles convincingly with a 13-4 win. Parnell is the only coach CSUSB has known since taking NCAA Division II status. He is a 1980 graduate of NCAA Division III Redlands where he was a four-year letter winner. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Cal Poly Pomona under Hall of Fame coach John Scolinos according to csushathletics.com

Parnell stressed that getting to this point is not only about being strong in the sport, but it is also about being strong in the mind. When asked about how he felt about winning 500 games, he shared that much of it had to do with dedication and durability. “Many people come and go in the game of baseball, but the ability to stick around that long means something more,” said Parnell.

Along with his 500 wins, Parnell is also a part of the Fraternity of Coaches.

He mentioned how although all of the wins are great, it more so indicates survivability than having a profession. According to the 21-year tenured head coach, it doesn’t take much but the love of baseball to keep him going. “At times you get frustrated, and then you take a look around and you think, ‘I get to teach baseball for a living,’ said Parnell. “There’s a saying on my office wall that says, ‘Never forget this is the job you always wanted.’”

Parnell also has an unrelenting desire to share his knowledge of and passion for the game with the players that suit up for him. “Wins aren’t that big of a deal, but everything that comes from having played that many games is all about passing on the love of baseball to other people,” Parnell said.

Not only has Parnell earned his 500th victory, but he is also proud to say that the team GPA is higher than the campus GPA and the graduation rate is in the 70th percentile, compared to the campus average being in the 50th percentile.

“It’s not just about the success in winning, but it has to do with their overall success. It’s about them getting degrees, being good men in society, being good father’s and having the discipline, pride and responsibility to take care of family.” For Parnell’s players, success is definitely something they have been able to achieve while playing under the head coach. More than 30 of his players over the years have either been drafted by Major League Baseball teams or played professionally in independent leagues across the United States.

Not only does Parnell want to see his players succeed in life, but he also hopes that as a coach he can pass down to them true love and respect for the game of baseball. “It’s all about the love of the game and the all around respect for it,” said Parnell.

With his durability, his passion for the game, and the love and respect he has for his players, it comes of no surprise that Parnell has been able to accomplish what others can only dream of. With the success his team has had so far this season, and with a few good years still under his belt, there is no telling how many victories Parnell will end up with when his impressive career finally comes to an end.