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Students dig deep to walk

Students face reality of paying more fees if planning to walk at graduation ceremony

By AIMEE VILLALPANDO
Staff Writer

Fifteen of the 23 CSU campus graduates face costly fees to receive their diploma and/or participate in commencement, reports the Oakland Tribune.

According to ABC News, more than a dozen California state universities have raised diploma prices and the amount of fees in the past few years.

While CSUSB requires a non-refundable $35 fee to be submitted with the application to participate in commencement, Cal State East Bay charges its students $45.

San Francisco State’s graduation fee was $40 two years ago but now charges its students $100, not including $45 tickets for attendees.

While graduation fees are not new to students, some are feeling especially weary of these charges in that most have experienced tuition increases every year they have been in college.

Soon-to-be graduate, Said Gonzalez expressed his thoughts and feelings, “I believe many students were excited to attend grad days, but many did not know that the costs would be high.”

He added, “I walked in all excited and walked out feeling confused as to why our graduates are having to pay for so much.”

Students from across California are resentful that they not only had to pay to get into the university, but have to pay to get out as well.

“On top of trying to pay for books, a parking pass, and all other expenses, I feel like the least we should be given is a paid graduation,” said Gonzalez.

CSUSB administrators commented on the issue as well.

Analyst Judy Heiman, who

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Abercrombie and Fitch under fire

Video of CEO claiming to market to exclusive audience of kids in 2006 resurfaces after public protests for larger sizes

By KANDYCE HALL Staff Writer

Clothing line Abercrombie and Fitch received heavy heat on May 13 after a controversial interview with CEO Mike Jeffries resurfaced in the media, claiming to market to an exclusive audience.

“We go after the cool kids. We go after the attractive all-American kid with a great attitude and a lot of friends. A lot of people don’t belong [in our clothes], and they can’t belong. Are we exclusionary? Absolutely,” said Jeffries in his interview in 2006, according to The Huffington Post.

In recent weeks, the general public has protested against the company’s mission and spoke out against Abercrombie and Fitch’s failure to accommodate a larger audience.

On May 13, a group of teenagers caused a media frenzy after protesting outside of a Chicago store for social equality for all body types.

Megan Glavin, a 16-year-old protestor at the Chicago store, said, “I think the greater point that I’m protesting for is, in general, no one should be defined by their size or how they look or how many friends they have in high school,” reported wtvm.

Abercrombie and Fitch offers fitting ranges from extra-small to large in tops, and from extra-small to large in bottoms. The average woman wears a size 14 and is 67 percent U.S. of shoppers are plus sized, according to abcnew.go.com.

The company’s refusal to offer larger clothing sizes has created a backlash of online petitions on Facebook and Twitter that have urged people to stop shopping at A&F until it offers larger sizes.

Mother’s like Andrea Neunser took action against Abercrombie and Fitch. Neunser and her three daughters emptied their closets of all A&F clothing and sent it to Jeffries along with a letter expressing why she would not let her children wear clothing reported, abcnews.go.com.

According to the Los Angeles Times, USC graduate Greg Karper started “Fitch The Homeless,” a YouTube video that shows Karper collecting Abercrombie and Fitch clothing from Goodwill stores and distributing them to the homeless on Los Angeles’ skid row, in an attempt to affect the brands image. Karper has asked other people to join the campaign and share their experiences on social media using the hashtag #FitchTheHomeless.

Students on campus shared their views on size options offered by the company. “I tried on shorts in Abercrombie before but I didn’t buy them because they fit like underwear,” said student Vivian Agbolda. “I want to wear short’s not brief’s.”

“In high school I would see my friends buying clothing form A&F and I would never find anything in the store that would fit me, so I never shopped there,” said student Marlene Noriega.

Other students stated why they choose not to shop there. “It’s just not the image I want to be associated with,” said student Kelsey Ali.

Abercrombie and Fitch have chosen not to comment.

NTSB proposes to crack down on drunk drivers

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The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) proposes new regulations for drunk drivers.

The NTSB Chairman, Robert Sumwalt, announced that the agency is proposing new regulations that would require states to lower the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level for drivers from 0.08 to 0.05.

“Every channel has a 14-day free trial, and many offer discounted yearly rates. For example, Sesame Street will be offering full episodes on their paid channel when it launches. And UFC fans can see classic fights, like a full version of their first event from UFC’s new channel,” YouTube said.

Gabriel Palacios, a CSUSB junior and frequent YouTube user, shares Muhtasib’s feelings but for a different reason. “I think it’s dumb. I mean we are going to find our way around it anyways,” Palacios said.

“We will find a way to watch what we […] want for free because that’s what YouTube was.”

For instance, people started moving to Google+ when Skype began charging for video group video conferencing. “My favorite text-based application for my phone started charging to use it … so my family and I switched to another because there are so many other options for free,” Muhtasib said of chang-

ing from one platform to another. According to a YouTube spokesperson, this will only be an experiment to see how the logistics could work for the new fees.

YouTube’s hope is to bolster better relations between their site and many TV networks and movie producers in Holly-

wood. It is projected that YouTube will make between 45-55 percent of the generated revenue according to the Dailymail.

Thank you CSU San Bernardino

Thank you CSU San Bernardino for your warm welcome. I was honored to meet the students, faculty and staff of this outstanding campus. You are an important part of our vital university system.

I learned a great deal about the campus and the community. It is clear that CSUSB’s students, faculty and staff are making a difference in the lives of many people. What you do every day matters.

Despite the challenges we face, our successes will come with the work we do together. I look forward to supporting your efforts to do more and hear your hearable achievements.

Warm regards,

Troy P. White, Chancellor
Students angry over special fees

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business student claims he was only given seven tickets and will struggle to decide who he will invite to the ceremony. “We thankfully do not have to pay for the tickets, though I do agree that these fees do affect a student’s participation in their graduation,” said Gonzalez.

Another graduating CSUSB student, Marcos Pineda, shared similar sentiments. “I’m graduating and honestly, if I would have known what I know now, I would have saved up for it.” “To file a Grad check costs $25, (then) $35 to sign up for commencement, $35 for Cap and Gown, minimum, $20 for Latino Grad, and for those doing Black Grad I think it’s $80,” explained Pineda. Pineda estimated that he spent a minimum of $115 on costs connected with graduation.

Despite the concern that commencement prices are reaching an all time high, students who wish to walk must pay their dues in order to walk across the stage on graduation day.

The U.S. attempts energy independence

Use of domestic oil supply anticipates lower gas prices and more jobs

By ANA MARTINEZ

The International Energy Agency projects that the U.S. will be energy independent by 2030, which may potentially lead to lower gas prices and the creation of new technologies such as hydraulic fracturing that makes extracting commercial viable. The extraction of oil should not only lower the gas prices, but also open up new slots for jobs in the process.

“In theory, this should create jobs, lower energy costs, and bring manufacturing capacity back to the U.S.,” said Rob Wile, reported the Business Insider.

The extraction of oil and gas from shale rock, has been made possible thanks to new technologies such as hydraulic fracturing that makes extracting commercially viable. The extraction of oil should not only lower the gas prices, but also open up new slots for jobs in the process.

“The country leading this move is China, the world’s second largest consumer after the U.S., which has been gusseling oil at an ever faster rate. The report forecasts that Chinese demand for oil will rise by 25 percent between 2012 to 2018, while U.S. demand will steadily decline,” said Petroff.

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“Growing North American production will help the U.S. begin to meet its own energy demands, leading it to cut back on imports that will instead start flowing to emerging markets,” said Alanna Petroff in an article published by CNN.

Evidence shows the U.S. will no longer have to be as dependable on other countries for oil and can begin to export to others countries.

“Paris-based IEA forecasts that North America’s oil supply will grow by nearly 1 million barrels per day between 2012 to 2018, amounting to nearly 50 percent of global output growth over that period,” said Petroff.

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As the mainstream music industry has grown over the years, a substantial majority of the songs being played on the radio are far from appropriate. Not even a simple replacement of an inappropriate word with something cheesy and age-appropriate can help, mostly because hip-hop and urban street culture has often praised the demeaning of women. Popular old school hip-hop artists like Too Short, Dr. Dre, 50 Cent, and Snoop Dogg are just a few that seem to embrace the disrespect of women. Snoop's famous line “Bitches ain’t sh*t, but hoes and tricks,” and Too Short’s song “Gangstas and Strippers” are so inappropriate, that it may not even be appropriate to write in publication.

The culture expresses the idea that being a pimp to a woman is alright. Their defense is that they are talking about a reality of life and dare people to deny it. The most interesting aspect about hip-hop artists deeming this language towards women to be okay is the reactions and actions women take and receive when listening to this music. When a young woman, particularly a fan of the artist, listens to lyrics like “bitches and hoes,” the artists encourage fans to emulate those behaviors. What’s worse is some women participate in not just the behaviors, but participating in the videos. They are sometimes known as a “video hoe” or video vixen. When some women participate, whether it be through behaviors, starting in a rapper’s video, or even singing along in the car, it is implying women’s cooperation with sexism. Behaving hyper-sexually, for some women, is the only means to making any gains at all. Being anti-sexist in a world that exploits this doesn’t come so easily in a system that rewards us for participating. Hyper-sexism works when women are isolated and pitted against one another. Famed rapper 2 Chainz sings about wanting a big booty hoe for his birthday so I suppose if you don’t have a big booty, then you aren’t going to meet 2 Chainz’ needs. Another example is A$AP Rocky’s hit with fellow rappers 2 Chainz, Drake, and Kendrick Lamar who express that they love bad bitches and that’s their Peking problem. This has proven to be harder said than done, however, women are perceived as ugly, aggressive, loud, and annoying if they speak out, and if they are not sexual, then they are a letdown. But even if women were to speak out against hyper-sexism, rappers will still continue to invent these “bitches and hoes” within their lyrics. Rappers or hip-hop artists are often made out to be pimps and players a majority of the time, and without women being of service to them, they won’t have that status. Women should be in charge of their own sexual imagery and have the freedom to express themselves they see fit. Women need to be empowered to get rid of what prevents us from reaching our full potential and help create a just society away from hyper-sexism and racism. See what students think on Pg. 10

Hip-hop artists perpetuate sexist stereotypes of women in their lyrics and music videos

By MARISSA MOONEY
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The Marchex Institute, a Seattle based marketing group, performed a study using call mining technology to scan over 600,000 phone conversations for curse words. Surprisingly, New York didn’t top the list. It was Ohioans who were reported to use four letter words the most compared to the other 49 states. Over a 12 month period, calls from consumers to businesses were surveyed and it was found that words from A to F to S were used most in the morning versus evening times.
Students who have a concealed carry permit should be allowed to carry their weapon on campus

By LYNN POST
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Many colleges across the United States, including campuses in Utah and Texas have allowed students to concealed weapons on campus so long as they have a permit. But why not CSUSB?

Students should be allowed to carry their guns on campus if they own what is called a concealed carry permit (CCP).

Students with a CCP are not allowed to carry their gun at CSUSB, but with the amount of theft and recent crimes on campus carrying a weapon for safety is not a bad idea. In fact it may be a matter of life or death when faced with a dangerous scenario.

If it is late at night a student is walking to their car alone and a suspicious person approaches them with the intent to harm, a fire arm concealed might be their best chance to escape, if first they know how to use it and second they have it on them.

An application is filled out at a gun store, have personal references and a statement of reason.

The person renewing is required to take a four hour class, and make sure they have listed the guns they want to be able to carry.

The classes help individuals use the gun responsibly and teaches them the do’s and don’ts of gun safety.

Students should not be concerned for their safety if students are granted the ability to carry guns on campus.

Carriers have been well trained, informed and rigorously screened.

This process helps weed out people unfit to carry a concealed weapon.

A person can have up to three guns on their CCP.

Taking classes, apart from the ones required, would be a great way to feel more comfortable using a firearm. There are plenty of safety courses to choose from.

To obtain a permit pick up an application at 655 E. Third St. in San Bernardino.

Gun shop owner Lisa Carlson said, “I own a business and I wanted it for the safety of my family and myself […] it is always a very good idea to know what your firearm is and how to use it.”

Carlson added, “‘Wait a minute Mr. Bad Guy while I figure out how to use this’ doesn’t work.”

Going to a shooting range to practice is the best way to improve accuracy and comfort with a firearm.

If a gun is too extreme for you having mace or a taser is another way to protect yourself.

FACES IN THE CROWD

Staff writer Brenda Servin asks, “Where’s your favorite place on campus?”

Jovahn Fuller-Washington

“Arrowhead Village, everybody goes there and it’s more fun than the Student Union to me because we have video games and everything.”

Karina Oropeza

“The Women’s Resource Center, it’s very welcoming I like the vibe in there and their all very friendly. I just like hanging out in there they have like different things like movies, board games and the people there are awesome.”

Alan Leon

“Gym, every ones really positive, everyone gets together and gets in shape together, it’s a nice stress reliever from all the studying.”

Tiffany Saldana

“Student Union because there’s couches, there’s food and you can hang out with friends between classes”

Kitzya Aguilar

“The little cafe inside the Library, it’s really relaxing and if I need help I can ask someone, I kind of just go in there and do my work.”
I
magine living your entire life trapped in the wrong body. Imagine waking up every day wishing you were the opposite sex. Now imagine doing everything you could in your power to change the way you look, feel and act.

Chaz Bono, the only child of celebrities Sonny and Cher, lived this life, and shared his story with CSUSB faculty, staff and students on Tuesday, May 13, in the Santos Manuel Student Union. The CSUSB Pride Center welcomed Bono with a full and eager crowd.

Before the event, the audience didn’t know all of the turmoil that Bono faced in his everyday life before his surgeries. As he shared, the crowd began to understand the pain he experienced throughout his transformation.

Bono started his life as a female, Chastity Bono, a tomboy, who didn’t feel comfortable in her own skin. He lived day in and day out feeling different and alone in a world that was not accepting.

“I was born female, but always felt male. My sex and gender identity didn’t match up. It made for a really difficult life,” said Bono.

From the ages of five to six years old, Bono was the ultimate tomboy. From the clothing, toys, trading cards, posters, television shows and music, Bono’s life was male oriented.

“My gender expression was a typical and weird, but people liked me cause I was a very sweet child, always doing the right thing.”

Before he knew it, his mom, Cher, was forcing him to wear skirts and dresses at least once a week.

“My mom had these expectations of what she wanted her daughter to be, and I didn’t fit that expectation.”

The older Bono got, the more expectations were placed on him.

Bono was forced to act and dress like a young woman.

“It was during this time Bono started to go through puberty. “I felt like my body was betraying me. I wanted muscles, to have hair and to be taller. Instead, I got curvy and started developing,” explained Bono.

Bono lived through high school thinking he could only be gay or lesbian because those where the only terms he knew. He had no idea he could be labeled transgender until he was an adult.

It took him 10 years to actually transform from a female to a male.

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Bono went through several surgeries to complete his happiness as a male.

“Being a cute, sweet tomboy didn’t cut it anymore.”

Bono got his choice of dress and friendships were looked over because of the kind and sweet attitude he always had. But this only lasted for so long.

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“The comfort that I feel now, I can’t put into words,” said Bono.

Today, Bono is a LGBTQQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Allies) rights advocate, three-time book author and an inspirational speaker.

“If I am not treated well, and others like me are not treated well, I want to do something to make that better,” said Bono.

The main advice Bono gave was for ALL parents was to love and support their children and encourage them to feel comfortable with who they.

Chaz Bono shares his life changing transformation with CSUSB

By DANIELLE WORKMAN

Staff Writer

Chaz Bono before his life changing gender transformation.
“Work it” at the Career Fair to impress future employers

By ART ORTEGA
Staff Writer

Students had the opportunity to network with big shot employers last week during the Career Fair held in the Student Union.

Over 50 employers were present at the career fair. Target, Sherwin Williams, Department of Environmental Health, FIDM, U.S. Foods and Bridgestone just to name a few: “I was mostly interested in AT&T,” said student Lindsay Colombo. “They seemed to have a better opportunity for employment and the recruiters were friendlier than the others.”

Student Richard Castrejon also found an interest in AT&T since they were looking to hire about 50 people.

Many came dressed professionally, and though a few students didn’t get the memo, employers later stressed the importance of dressing accordingly.

Some noted, the first impression is a lasting impression, and it can make or break an interview opportunity.

Store manager for Sherwin Williams Natalie Zwerner mentioned that it is one of the most common errors students make.

“Dressing in proper business attire and looking sharp conveys a message about yourself. It tells people who you are. When students come in a T-shirt and jeans, it conveys a message that they aren’t very serious about our company,” said Zwerner.

“Another big mistake I see students often make is not knowing what to talk about. When students come to the booth and naturally carry a fluent conversation, demonstrating knowledge of our company, it is a huge plus. We like that.”

Besides dressing the part students it was advised that students make an effort to research companies they become interested in to gain background information.

“It really does show a lot about the student if they ask questions that show they know who we are. It demonstrates an interest in our company, and we are interested in those who are interested in us,” said Lisa M. Meyer, Western Zone recruiter for Bridgestone.

Colombo offered some advice from her success with employers.

“Give a friendly greeting with a smile and make sure you give them a firm handshake. Maintain strong eye contact, stand up straight and tall, and talk like you know exactly what you want.”

Other employers had completely different views about possible mistakes from students.

“I don’t really judge students based on their looks or the look of their résumés,” said Lester Z. Powell, Hazardous Materials Management Specialist for the Department of Environmental Health. “I give them credit for actually walking in the career fair and taking an interest in their future career.”

Sandi Salas, Environmental Health specialist for the Department of Environmental Health agrees.

“The worst mistake you can make is not learning from one. Other than that, I don’t judge people for making mistakes.”

Meyer was kind enough to leave three pieces of advice for future students: “Hmmm... I would say number one is dress professionally. Number two would be to know what you’re talking about. And number three would be to come prepared for anything and everything.”

“Remember,” Meyer added, “Failing to prepare is preparing to fail!”

By PHIL RUDDLE
Staff Writer

Attention nerds, techies and developers.

Google has been under development for its own ground-breaking technology device called “Google Glass.”

The much anticipated Google Glass are computerized glasses that can take pictures, video, give you directions while traveling and even translate foreign languages.

“Google is trying to incorporate the convenience factor by using an everyday accessory such as glasses,” said student Andrew Reveles.

With Glass, Google is trying to advance technology, push the limits and surpass smart phones and tablets. It syncs up with your smart phone and you do have to have your phone with you at all times for it to work to its true potential. The product is extremely light as it weighs about the same as a standard pair of sunglasses.

The glasses come with slide-in tinted lenses if you want some sun protection, or clear lenses if you want the eye-wear look. The screen display sits right above the eye and can be adjusted by a pivoting arm.

There isn’t a set price yet, but would it be useful for college students? “Glass isn’t necessarily something I need, but more of a ‘want,’ I wouldn’t be looking to spend more than what I would on a smart phone. I’d say the most I’d spend is around $200,” explained Reveles.

ReadWrite Technology writer Taylor Hatmaker was one of the lucky 1,000 non-Google employees to pre-order Google Glass in which she described the experience like “having a tiny TV overlay above your eye.”

You are still able to easily make eye contact with others and see the world as...
Jeff Pope, morning radio personality for 99.1 KGGL, has been articulating the airwaves for over 18 years.

He started his radio career here on campus after 45 years, the Los Angeles Kings. Though he did a lot of hard work to get him there, Pope attributes his success to the people that helped him along the way.

“Networking is huge. I wish more professionals would look on that,” he continued. “My radio professor really didn’t make a point of saying how important networking is and how important another coyote might get you the job or help another coyote out.”

Those that want to get into broadcasting need to have a passion for it. For Pope, wanting to get on the radio was a childhood dream and getting paid was the last thing in mind. That’s because we already did all of our hard work. Value comes from the hard work, and the money will come. Be patient and be persistent, because even if you’re good enough the money will be there.

Pope could not escape without mentioning his favorite hockey team who is the current defending Stanley Cup champion after 45 years, the Los Angeles Kings.

“At that point it’s a two hour frenzy of checking websites and getting tips,” said Pope. “I always wanted to close off the news story about a person who is, as the segment states, a complete dumbass.”

Dumbass of the Day.

One of the most popular segments of “Jeff and Evelyn in the Morning” is Dumbass of the Day. This is where Pope finds a real news story about a person who is, as the segment states, a complete dumbass.

“I always wanted to close off the news with something funny like a true news story and then you just find these pansies.”

Though he did a lot of hard work to have his own morning show, Pope attributes his success to the people that helped him along the way.

Before 99.1, which he has been affiliated with for 13 years, Pope covered news and traffic for Metro Networks.

“In this line of work it’s all about who knows you and who you know,” said Pope. “Networking is huge. I wish more professors would look on that.”

For Pope, wanting to get on the radio was a childhood dream and getting paid was the last thing in mind. “Don’t do it for the money,” he said. “Just if you really love doing it, the money will come. Be patient and be persistent, because eventually if you’re good enough the money will be there.”

Pope could not escape without mentioning his favorite hockey team who is the current defending Stanley Cup champion after 45 years, the Los Angeles Kings.

“Yes, I cried like a bitch, not gonna be afraid of that, not gonna be ashamed of that, just tears,” he said. “My brother and I were hugging one another, my wife was in tears, it was just wow, finally.”

Pope is one of a kind radio host, who even with his success, keeps his competitive whits and remains humble and helpful. You can follow him on Twitter @JeffPopeRadio, or friend him on Facebook to stay connected with this alum’s everyday life. You can catch him at the Hall of Fame sports banquet here on campus on May 30.
Arts & Entertainment

By PRISCILLA ARVIZU
Staff Writer

Get ready students, Tracy Turnbald’s biggest dreams are about to hit our campus! Hairspray the musical will be on stage at CSUSB beginning May 31 until June 9. Hairspray is based on a book by Mark O’Donnell and Thomas Meehan, which the Theater Arts Department has adapted for the stage. This adaption’s music is produced by Marc Shaiman, lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, and directed by Margaret A. Perry.

The stage will be filled with songs taking Tracy from the sound stage of a 60s-style dance show to the streets of Baltimore, to a downtown rhythm and blues record shop!

Student Briana Pena plays Tracy Turnblad, a large girl with big hair, a kind heart, and even bigger dreams.

“A lot of imagination has gone into the Hairspray Musical. The whole crew and cast has been working really hard at making this a success,” said Scott Kruger, Public Affairs Specialist from the Theater Department.

Hairspray was inspired by the Theater Arts Department as a fun ambient that could awaken senses such as happiness and motivation to students.

“Theater inspirations pretty much happen when the entire crew gets together putting in ideas in an unorganized way and we come up with something so great,” said light and sound director Brandon.

“Set up for Hairspray has been built from the ground up. Students interested in participating in plays are encouraged to be majoring in tech or acting. It’s a broad field believe it or not,” said Brandon.

It’s suddenly 1962 in the city of Baltimore where Hairspray takes place. Tracy has only one strong passion she wishes to pursue—to dance.

Tracy attains a hit role on the local TV dance program, "The Corny Collins Show" and instantly gets changed into a teen celebrity. She then successfully conquers the program’s ruling princess, wins the heart of the gorgeous Link Larkin and racially desegregates the television show.

Her unbelievable fame unites other teens together; they begin fighting for the right to dance, by desegregating the TV network finding true love.

This hysterical musical is coming to campus to remind us that no matter how many lemons life throws at you, “You can’t stop the beat!”

“The audience should expect many amazing things out of this Musical. I have been working fourteen hours per week with the stage crew in building the stage-- it’s looking so great thus far. Very bright and colorful atmosphere in Baltimore,” said student Rachel Davernport.

In Hairspray, the 50s are out to create a strong ambiance for all of Baltimore and students.

Come watch Hairspray and find out if Tracy the trendsetter in dance and fashion defeats the program’s ruling princess, win the heart of handsome Link Larkin, and integrate a television show without messing up her big hair ‘do? Only in Hairspray!

“I watched the Hairspray rehearsal last night I was on campus and I must say that I was impressed! The cast and crews did so good and this was only rehearsal I can’t imagine how great the real play will be,” said student Shannon Walter.

Students make sure to buy your tickets at the box office located in the Theater Arts Department or online at the CSUSB Theater Arts webpage. Prices range from $6 to $12 dollars per person.
Has our music loving society begun to correlate top charting music with demeaning gender insensitive lyrics?

Ivianakia Ridgeway

“I feel its not needed in the music. I’m a huge music fan, especially hip-hop and I really think we can live with out the negative lyrics and still enjoy the strong beats, good flow of the songs. I’m always looking out for strong beats and good flow when I listen to hip-hop. The over the top demeaning tone of women in songs isn’t necessary for good music. That’s just what sells and that’s what some people want to hear, that’s just what our culture wants out of their music and rappers will give it to them. I’m not saying I condone everything that is said, but its all business at the end of the day.”

Brandon Williams

“I personally like all types of music, including hip-hop. It is unfortunate that the lyrics are aggressively geared towards the opposite sex, but that’s what sells in the industry. Some probably are the singers real feelings, but for the most part I believe its just to make some money. I don’t at all agree with what is being said within the songs, but that’s what is going to make music popular.”

Jonathan Herrera

“It is all stereotypical, most artist are all about having women, money and status. They choose to talk about women as a trophy instead of talking about them in a positive light. The same goes for women in hip-hop, they feel they have to live up to the men and prove their right as musicians by singing the same lyrics. They should stick to what they know as women, it is a joke.”

Sashay Brooks

“I love bad b*tches and that’s my f*cking problem.” - 2 Chainz

“B*tches ain’t sht but hoes and tricks.” - Snoop Dogg

“Gotta get a b*tch to get my d*ck sucked.” - Too Short

Ivianakia Ridgeway

“I love hip-hop, but I think some of it is demeaning toward both male and female. A lot of people think that hip-hop lyrics only bring down women, but its both genders. Misogyny exist in hip-hop, the hip hop genre exploits, objectifies, and promotes derogatory terms and violence toward women. Sometimes I listen to songs and think ‘wow, this is not right.’ The hip-hop culture sets the path for our young black men, it labels men as pimps and gangsters who are seen to be after only money, but its just not always the case.”

By BRITNEY VARGAS

Rappers from 2 Chainz to Lil Wayne continue to be among the most successful rappers in the industry, not only because of their music, but by the image they present themselves in their lyrics. Are these main stream rappers real life examples of what they rap about?

There are many underground rappers who rap for actual causes, and write to uplift instead of writing to victimize. Rappers such as ASAP ROCKY promote these gender insensitive lyrics that prove that these demeaning songs tend to be the most popular on the radio, until the next well known artist creates another big hit.

I gathered four students and asked them what they thought about this issue of hip-hop lyricism in the main stream media.
By LUPE DURAN
Staff Writer

Lately it seems like movie trailers are straying away from the “leave them thirsty for more” method and revealing too much of the film. With summer around the corner, it’s typical for moviegoers to pack into theaters to watch the year’s summertime hit. But will all this extra revelation deter people from watching the upcoming films they’re excited for and wait until they can rent it?

According to a recent survey by YouGov Omnibus, 49 percent of Americans feel that movie trailers are giving away the best scenes of a film with 16 percent of those people strongly agreeing.

“I don’t like a lot of the newer trailers,” said student Dena Ascensio. “They make the movie look amazing and more often than not I’m disappointed, because the two-minute trailer was better than the hour and a half long movie.”

The first Iron Man trailer in 2008 was a little over two minutes long, the second film’s trailer came in at two and a half minutes, and the third at a whopping three minutes, each revealing increasingly more about the film.

In Iron Man’s first trailer audiences got a general idea of what to expect as they watched Robert Downey Jr. create the Iron Man suit, seeing only its flying capability and never once introduced to the film’s villain. In the trailers for the preceding Iron Man films, viewers are not only introduced to the villains within a minute in, but in Iron Man 3’s trailer we see Tony Stark’s house being ambushed which reveals to be one of the key turning points in the film.

“When I saw the Iron Man 3 trailer I was surprised at how long it was,” student Matt O’Neal said. “After seeing the movie there were only about a handful of scenes that were comparable to the trailer.”

Is there a method to this new madness of overly exposing trailers or are some people not bothered by them at all?

The same YouGov Omnibus study found that only 19 percent of respondents admitted that they were deterred from watching a movie after watching a spoiler trailer — a find that may explain why studios continue to include some of the best scenes in their trailers.

“If I’m excited for a movie or there’s an actor I like it, I’m going to watch it,” student Jane Siryani said. “The fact that the trailer shows so much is just a bonus and gets me even more pumped about it.”

Movie studios know that in this economy people may not have the money to go watch every single film that catches their eye, which could perhaps be another reason they show so much in their trailers.

“Audiences expect to be amazed by what the trailer doesn’t show, but how amazing can films be if they’ve already laid their best cards on the table?”

**Baz Luhrmann gives “The Great Gatsby” a modern makeover**

By SHANNON LUSTER
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“The Great Gatsby” draws viewers with such realistic looking special effects that it places you into the wondrous, dangerous world of millionaire Jay Gatsby.

Although it faced stiff competition with “Iron Man 3” at the box office, “The Great Gatsby” managed to open at number one earlier this weekend, according to the IMDb box office.

Producer, writer and director Baz Luhrmann, director of movies like “Romeo + Juliet” and “Moulin Rouge,” has returned with his take on the novel, “The Great Gatsby,” said student Wesley Davenport, adding that DiCaprio successfully showed Gatsby’s vulnerability, undergoing a realistic transformation.

Actors Joel Edgerton, Isla Fisher, and Elizabeth Debicki also rounded out the cast.

Sporting a strong cast, their acting was at their strongest during the group scenes, revealing hidden secrets that may surprise some viewers.

The cast will ultimately seduce you into their world, a compliment to their acting skills.”

You will forget you are sitting in a darkened theater watching a movie, and you will be drawn into the film’s intrigue and violence.

Many elements – like the editing, the music, the costumes, and the set design – also worked together in harmony, enhancing both the realness and richness of the movie for the viewers.

Baz Luhrmann, Jonathan Redmond and Matt Villa also chose the best moments to end and start new scenes, moving the story along and also emphasizing the drama.

Musician Craig Armstrong, writer of the original music, captured the glitz, glamour, and danger of the world of the rich and powerful by interweaving the music together during the movie at the most dramatic moments, which reflected the excitement too.

The contemporary music superimposed with 1920s music was also a strong point of the movie, according to student Chris Burns.

“The Great Gatsby” incorporated some songs from popular musicians like Jay-Z and Beyoncé, an interesting and fun fact.

Costume designer Catherine Martin also helped create our glimpse into the world of the wealthy through the lavish costumes, especially actress Mulligan’s outfits that were often flowing with lace, flowers, and jewels.

Set decorator Beverley Dunn also contributed to making this world look so real that you feel transported out of your theater seat and entered into the movie.

Each scene created a visual masterpiece that will leave you breathless and waiting with eager anticipation to see what happens next.

For these reasons and more, “The Great Gatsby” proved to be a great movie. Catch this adaptation at a theater near you!
The National proudly releases Trouble Will Find Me

By ABIGAIL TEJADA
Staff Writer

Though they are no King Midas, Brooklyn’s The National surely knows how to turn everything they touch into gold.

Since forming in Ohio back in 1999, the indie-rock band is now set to release their sixth album Trouble Will Find Me May 21.

The group is composed of twins Aaron Dessner (guitar and keyboard) and Bryce Dessner (guitar), brothers Bryan Devendorf (drums) and Scott Devendorf (bass), and singer/songwriter Matt Berninger.

Proud of where they are standing after their previous album High Violet, which went Gold Album in the UK, Ireland, Denmark, Belgium and Australia, The National feels more confident and relaxed in the what musical direction they are heading towards.

Though The National had insecurities in their past, they wanted to prove themselves worthy artists and make their identity known.

The success from their last album confirmed that they are worthy artists and can relax now that they have made a name for themselves.

In an interview with the Gothamist, Berninger said, “After touring High Violet, I think we felt like we’d finally gotten there. Now we could relax—not in terms of our own expectations but we didn’t have to prove our identity any longer.”

“It just feels like we’ve embraced the chemistry we have,” said A.Dessner.

The production and depth of the lyrics created by Berninger are remarkable, scratch that; everything from the album is remarkable.

However, if you are looking for a happy and chirpy song I suggest you look elsewhere.

Online guide to the best New York has to offer, Downtown Ithaca, describes The National’s lyrics as “dark, melancholy and difficult to interpret.”

The lyrics were full of melancholic metaphors such as “I should live in salt for leaving you behind,” from their track “I Should Live In Salt”.

Their album acts as a journal, revealing what goes on through their minds.

“I’m tired, I’m freezing, I’m dumb/ when it gets so late I forget everyone/ I need somewhere to stay don’t think any body I know is awake/ calm down, it’s alright/ keep my arms the rest of the night/ when they ask what do I see, I see a bright white beautiful heaven hanging over me,” as sung in “Don’t Swallow The Cap”.

Besides having outstanding lyrics, The National compiles their production skills to lay over their words to create a phenomenal song that sounds just as great without the lyrics.

Though Berninger is the writer of the lyrics, they all contribute to the actual composition of the music. The rest of the band usually initiates the sketches on to what beat they hope to develop.

Even though they did not feel as pressured with Trouble Will Find Me as they were with their previous album they surely exceeded the fans’ expectations.

“After their last album I knew their next album was going to be good, just not as good as their last. The National can do no wrong and somehow continue to get better so just do yourself a huge favor and buy this album,” said avid fan,” said student Monica Mojarro.

If you want to connect more with The National you can always watch “Mistaken for Strangers,” a documentary chronicling the lead singer’s brother Tom Berninger’s journey of touring with the band, which premiered at New York City’s Tribeca Film Festival on April 17.

As Mojarro stated do yourself a favor and buy this album, and if you doubt that you will enjoy this album iTunes is currently streaming for free.
Enjoy new atmosphere with the 66ers

By AMANDA MENDOZA
Staff Writer

Looking for a fun place to take your family or friends? Then go to the San Manuel Stadium in San Bernardino to watch the Inland Empire 66ers play on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21.

Previously taking a big loss against the San Jose Giants in April, the 66ers hope to make a comeback against the Giants who are ranked 26-13 in the series. The 66ers are a partner organization with the Los Angeles Angels and currently hold an overall record of 22-16 in the season so far.

Zach Borenstein from Buffalo Grove, Illinois is home when he is not playing. Even after playing two seasons of water polo, Bubbly personality keeps Bray positive

Bray faces obstacles throughout the season but continues to excel in water polo and in classes

By SHANE BURRELL
Staff Writer

Senior driver Georgiana Bray of the Coyote water polo team, leaves her mark with a bundle of laughs and fun. Bray finished off her last season scoring 22 goals, placing sixth overall on the team.

However, this was only half the number of goals she had scored when she played as a junior. Though Bray became sick in the middle of the season, she continued to practice hard and play strong.

Even with the set back, she was able to earn the fourth overall spot for assists with 23, as well as tying with Katie Braun for third place with 28 steals.

Despite her drop in score ranking, Bray’s assists and steals have not changed since last season making her a consistent and aggressive player.

Bray came to the Coyotes last winter when she transferred from Cerritos College after playing two seasons of water polo.

21-year-old CSUSB student Jessica Rohn went to a game with her family last year and watched the fourth of July firework celebration that the stadium presented after the game.

“It was pretty fun and the atmosphere was a lot more relaxed than a major league game. I felt like the people were there just to enjoy the game rather than to worry about team rivalries. The fireworks were great as well,” said Rohn.

Fourth of July is right around the corner, this could be a great event for you and your family to celebrate our country’s independence.

33-year-old student Alejandro Vasquez-Anaya, went to a 66ers game with a friend to check it out. “It was relaxing and fun. The crowd was mixed, there were a lot of families. Overall [it] was a good time. Not like watching the Angels or Dodgers, but a lot more personal,” said Vasquez-Anaya.

21-year-old student Pablo Alvarez also experienced a good time at a 66ers game. “I have always been a fan of the game, so watching a minor league team was a different scene. In between innings the mascot entertained the crowd. It was a much smaller setting than a major league game, but just as fun. One thing I enjoyed is how close we were to the players,” said Alvarez.

Many students around campus have experienced great times at a 66ers game. Watching great games for a low price, you’re bound to have a good time with friends and family.

Tickets range from $7-$14 dollars depending on seat choice. Suites are available upon requests for big parties, taking coworkers out could be a great idea.

The 66ers also participate in fundraisers, patio parties, company festivals and manage a kid’s club.

Enjoy new atmosphere with the 66ers

Bray mentioned that she would not have gone far without the encouragement from her older sister.

Bray began swimming at a young age, so that her and her siblings could stay active. She gradually grew to a potential water polo athlete.

“I come from a smaller city, and the high school coach had a life start program,” said Bray. “When we got to high school we would know how to swim, at least the fundamentals.”

Although Bray proves to be an excellent water polo player, she has attempted to broaden her athletic abilities.

“I tried to play tennis, but I’m not a very good runner,” said Bray. “I’m a horrible runner.”

Bray may not be the best runner, but still became involved in other sports such as basketball, football, and hockey as being the one she enjoys the most.

The NHL Kings is the team that Bray cheers for with Jonathan Quick as being her favorite players.

Bray does not solely focus on playing water polo and other sports but has become a well rounded student athlete who works hard in her studies.

Bray, has big aspirations of becoming a social worker after getting her degree in Sociology and later plans on working for Child Protective Services.

When asked to explain herself in one word Bray’s lovable and bubbly attitude radiated over the phone, “Awesome, would have to be a word that can describe me the best.”

When asked if she wanted anything highlighted in the article Bray mentioned one of her teammates.

“Hannah Bertram, I am so proud of her,” said Bray. “She played for the team, made it to every practice and is graduating with honors this quarter, and I really wanted to give her thanks.”

Although her water polo career is over Bray maintains her bubbly attitude and looks forward to this new chapter of her life.

Bray steps out of the pool and onto the graduation stage.

By JESSICA ROHN
CSUSB Student

“Her attitude was awesome and she would always make you smile,” said Rohn. “It was so fun going there with one another.”

The 66ers are currently promoting “Family Funday Sunday.” This allows families of four to purchase four bullpen box seats for $20.

Everything from hot dogs, nachos, and candy are offered at the snack bar for a reasonable price.

For further information visit the 66ers websites for weekly deals and promotions.

With finals around the corner, release some stress with friends and go watch a 66ers game.
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The Leadership Challenge Center is finally done and will officially open May 22

By DEVAN LEE
Staff Writer

Towering five stories high, the CSUSB Leadership Challenge Center is undergoing its final touch-ups preparing for its grand opening Wednesday, May 22nd.

Mark Oswood, the university Recreational Sports Outdoor Coordinator, claims that this leadership challenge center is unlike any other challenge course in the area.

“The center will be the first in the Inland Empire to encompass the needs of groups by allowing multiple participants to experience the high elements together,” said Oswood.

Located north of the Coussoulis Arena, the Leadership Challenge Center has over thirty different team building and leadership challenges for students, departments, clubs, staff, and off-campus organizations.

According to the CSUSB Leadership Challenge Center information page, the course will provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for people to step outside of their comfort zone and take a risk via these challenges.

“The idea is to provide people with a means of developing leadership and development skills, as well as get groups to develop more of a bond amongst one another and hopefully further understand each other,” said Oswood.

Oswood, a graduate in recreational development from Sacramento State, has been leading and designing challenge courses since 1995.

One of the courses he designed in particular was the leadership challenge center at the University of California, Riverside in 2002.

Since his arrival at CSUSB, the challenge course has been something that he, along with Coyote Recreational Sports has wanted to provide for the university.

“It has always been one of those things we have wanted to provide for the school,” said Oswood, “thanks to a collaboration of funding provided by Associated Students Inc., Recreational Sports at CSUSB and the Student Success Initiative, we were able to make it happen.”

The grand opening is free to all students, staff, and community members in the Inland Empire.

Those who attend must be at least ten years of age, sign a release form, and wear closed toed shoes in order to participate in the challenges.

Scheduled events of the grand opening include guest speakers as well as a ribbon cutting from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

All who attend will have the opportunity to participate in the course challenges after the ribbon cutting ceremony.

In addition to the course, Rec Sports will be providing food and giveaways to attendees.