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For the first time, scientists from the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have observed ripples in the fabric of spacetime called gravitational waves, confirming a major prediction of Albert Einstein’s 1915 general theory of relativity.

The gravitational waves were spotted by two Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) detectors located in Livingston, La. and Hanford, Wash, according to the LIGO discovery press release.

LIGO Scientific Collaboration, is a group of more than 1000 scientists who have joined in search for gravitational waves. They have concluded that the waves were produced during the final fraction of a second of the merger of two black holes to produce a single, more massive black hole 1.3 billion years ago, according to the LIGO discovery press release.

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Aliso Canyon gas leak plugged up

By KYLE RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

Finally, after 4 months, the methane gas leak at Aliso Canyon has been plugged by work crews.

Estimated numbers showed that since the start of the leak up to January, the leak had spewed more greenhouse gases than 440,000 cars emit in a year, according to the LA Times.

The gas leak that many did not know about, however, has been releasing methane into our atmosphere since Nov. 26.

“The well is no longer leaking,” said Jimmie Cho, senior vice president of gas operations and system integrity for Southern California Gas Co., to the LA Times.

Southern California’s Gas Co. Aliso Canyon gas stor- age at Porter Ranch provides gas to homes and companies all across Southern California; approximately 20,000 square miles throughout central and Southern California, from Visalia to the Mexican border.

After the leak was plugged, it was filled with a mud-like compound.

Concrete will soon be pumped into it for the final step to fully seal off the well, according to the LA Times.

The suspected leak was said to be at around 1000 feet deep in the well, though the workers had to drill 8,500 feet at the very bottom of the well to plug the leak, according to the LA Times.

Southern California Gas Co. will work with the regulating agency, the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources to confirm that the well leak is permanently stopped, according to PR Newswire.

As the leak has been plugged, there is still no answer for how the leak initially started.

The total number of households relocated due to the Aliso Canyon gas leak was 4,645, and a little over 1700 of those households have returned home, according to PR Newswire.

As the methane gas was released into the air, schools within 5 miles of Aliso Canyon were all given air filters for each classroom and office, according to the LA Times.

The same action has been taken upon Southern California Gas Co., as they have been delivering air filters to all the homes that families have returned too.

President of Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Paula Cracium spoke for the residents on their return home.

“It changes from controlling the crisis to now navig- ating recovery,” said Cracium to the LA Times.

“Homeowners have been injured. Property values have been injured. There’s going to be a version of PTSD as they get a whiff of any odor in their home,” added Cracium.

The company Sempra Energy, who owns Southern California Gas Co., is expected to pay costs of $250 million to $300 million, though that number could possibly climb higher with the sealing of the well, according to the LA Times.

The Weather Channel.

That number does not include the lawsuits filed against the gas company, where as many of 65 lawsuits have been filed so far.

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30 thousand zika cases in Cuba

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Meanwhile, scientists look to determine its connection to birth defects and a vaccine.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the potential link between the virus and neurological disorders, microcephaly and Guillain-Barré syndrome, can be confirmed within weeks.

Microcephaly is a birth defect that causes infants to be born with abnormally small heads and developmental issues. Guillain-Barré syndrome is a neurological disorder that causes paralysis.

As stated by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), symptoms for the virus include: fever, rash, muscle and joint pain, headache, and red eyes.

"It seems indeed that the link with Zika (and microcephaly) is becoming more and more probable, so I think that we need a few more weeks and a few more studies to have this straight," stated Marie-Paule Kieny, WHO assistant director-general for health systems and innovation, at a news briefing in Geneva.

The Brazil health ministry issued a report of 4,314 possible microcephaly cases in Brazil on Feb. 12. Of those, 462 cases were confirmed and 41 showed traces of the Zika virus in the mother or child, according to Reuters.

More than 30,000 Zika virus cases were reported in Colombia, according to Reuters.

Scientists from the U.S. National Institute of Health (NHI) and the Indian biotechnology firm, Bharat Biotech, are the leading candidates for developing a vaccine, according to Reuters.

The WHO reported that the vaccines would take a minimum of 18 months to begin clinical trials. Reuters reported the NIH vaccine to be similar to the West Nile vaccine, while Bharat Biotech is scheduled to begin pre-clinical trials on animals.

Recently named Brazil's most wanted criminal, the Aedes mosquito is known to carry the Zika Virus.

"It will sometimes bite four humans in one feeding, and therefore it spreads the disease quickly," stated Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Health and Human Services Secretary.

"Blood transfusions and sexual transmission are also possibilities, although mosquito bites are the most common form of transmitting the Zika virus."

Earlier this month, a man in Dallas, Texas contracted the Zika virus after having sexual contact with his partner who recently returned from Venezuela.

"Now that we know Zika virus can be transmitted through sex, this increases our awareness campaign in educating the public about protecting themselves and others," stated Zachary Thomson, director of Dallas County Health and Human Services, in a statement to the CDC.

People are encouraged to take precaution by practicing safe sex and that pregnant women should refrain from traveling to a region with a Zika outbreak.

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President Barack Obama designated three new national monuments in the California desert to protect 1.8 million acres of landscape.

The 1906 Antiquities Act, which gives the president authority to set aside protection for historic landmarks and other objects of historic or scientific interest, was used by President Obama to proclaim to Mojave Trails, sand to Snow and Castle Mountains as national monuments, according to the National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior.

The designation was requested by Sen. Dianne Feinstein in an August 2015 letter, who fought to protect land that wasn't included in the 1994 California Desert Protection Act, according to the LA Times.

"I'm full of pride and joy knowing that future generations will be able to explore these national monuments and that the land will remain as pristine as and as it is today," stated Feinstein.

Congressman Cook weighed in on the issue.

"I am not opposed to national monuments. I am opposed to the president creating national monuments through unilateral executive action, ignoring the legislative process," stated Cook in a news release.

"That's exactly what the president's done here in designating over 1.8 million acres of public land in San Bernardino and Riverside counties as national monuments," added Cook.

The areas are also home to a variety of wildlife that thrive despite the heat.

"Make no mistake about it, I'm committed to preserving our majestic landscapes for future generations to enjoy. That's why I'll continue working hard on my own legislative solution, HB 3668, the California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation and Conservation Act," stated Cook.

"Preserving our natural desert landscapes is important to help keep endangered species away from extinction," said student Mireya Rodriguez.

"I live in the Coachella Valley, by the Palm Desert campus, and we hike all the time. A portion of a trail we hike is fenced off to protect the bighorn sheep living on the mountain," concluded Rodriguez.
**New Supreme Court Judge needed**

By CHEBRAE HUNT  
News Editor

A few Supreme Justices are refusing to look at the nominees President Obama is nominating for a new supreme court judge after the recent death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Obama vowed on Tuesday to name an "indisputably" qualified Supreme Court nominee and lashed out at Republicans who he said demanded a strict interpretation of the Constitution—except regarding his right to propose a new justice, according to CNN News.

On Tuesday, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) said that the Senate "might" actually grant a hearing for Obama’s Supreme Court nominee, even though Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pledged not to hold a vote. Johnson told wooce how John Howil that while he probably wouldn’t vote yes on Obama’s nominee, he’s open to a vote either way, according to thinkprogress.org.

Republicans would need to lose two votes on the Senate Judiciary Committee in order for Democrats to overcome the committee hurdle, because a 10-10 tie vote results in a failure to report the nomination, according to thefederalist.com.

“This is the Supreme Court and it’s going to get some attention,” Barack Obama, President

By CRYSTAL NORMAN  
Staff Writer

Boy buys flower for every girl at school (Feb. 14)

A 17-year-old boy spent $450 in order to purchase a carnation for every girl at Sky View High School in Utah on Valentine’s Day.

“I would feel so special if I went to that school and received a flower from someone I didn’t know,” said CSUB student Jessica Hernandez.

Hayden Godfrey, worked as a dishwasher and cooked at different fast food restaurants in order to purchase 900 carnations for girls at his school.

Penguins stranded (Feb. 15)

Approximately 150,000 penguins have died after being stranded on an iceberg for six years in Antarctica, according to CNN News.

The animals had to walk 40 miles or more to find food leaving them landlocked. The Rhode Island sized iceberg cut off the penguins’ food supply and majorly changed the landscape of their home.

Brown cuts down on oil

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and constantly mentioning it since.

“Oil is the heart of modern prosperity, and yet it has the destructive impact that it’s going to undermine that prosperity very quickly,” said Brown at a news conference. “So we have to move off it.”

Brown’s administration says cutting petroleum use in vehicles is a crucial part of its climate change strategy because transportation accounts for an estimated 40 percent of California’s greenhouse gas emissions, according to arb.ca.gov.

The Air Resources Board said that going on with Brown’s goal will require Californians to decrease the number of miles they travel every year, continue improvements in vehicle fuel efficiency, and invest in fuel sources with lower carbon content. This new budget proposal depends heavily on mass transit, proposing to add an extra $400 million of discretionary cap-and-trade funds, according to the LA Times.

An additional $500 million would go toward consumer rebates for electric vehicles and low-carbon fuels. These proposed increases in spending are a combination of new cap-and-trade dollars and money left over from stalled negotiations in Sacramento from 2015, according to the LA Times.

California’s clean transportation policies will save over $8 billion on health care costs due to fewer asthma attacks, cardiac hospitalizations, and premature deaths from poor air quality, according to focus.senate.ca.gov.

“If the governor is going to push these expenditures forward, he will need to demonstrate to the legislature, and the people of California, how proposed spending can dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” stated The Western States Petroleum Association in a statement.

Democrats have argued that voting for this budget proposal could hurt low-income and commuter-reliant communities, according to the LA Times.

Any action that Gov. Brown takes toward his proposal remains at risk of being dismantled once he leaves office in 2018, according to arb.ca.gov.

“T he administration is pressing forward with what they can do at this point, but everything they’re doing is essentially consistent with that goal,” said Phillips.

**New Orleans haunted mansion for sale (Feb:12)**

A New Orleans 1857 Magnolia Mansion home, rumored to be filled with ghosts, is up for sale, according to wfa.com.

James H. Calvion designed the mansion for Alexander Harris who died of yellow fever 11 years after the home was built; and the next owner John Henry Maginiss died after being struck by lightning.

“In a city famous for its fabulous food, art and ghost stories, New Orleans also has some of the most colorful homes in the world,” according to TopTenRealEstateDeals.com.

New York Judge arrested for getting hit in her whip (Feb. 15)

A New York judge was arrested on her way to court for drinking and driving, according to KFLY News.

Judge Leticia Astacio was on her way to “oversee criminal arraignments” in court, when she was involved in a car accident at 8 a.m. on Interstate 490.

Officers tried to give Astacio a breathalyzer test, but she then refused and was taken to jail and released the following day with her court day in March.

New Orleans haunted mansion (Feb. 11)

The latest hair trend for 2016 looks a little like a unicorn horn coming out from your head, but that’s what’s in this year, according to Cosmopolitan Magazine.

The trend used to be a rainbow hue of colors within your hair, but this year the hairstyle has a “literal sense” to where girls are shaping their hair to look like a unicorn horn.

The new statement has hit social media sites and #unicorn hair has received 82,160 posts, according to inquisitr.com.

Never forget to pay your student loan debt (Feb. 15)

The U.S. Marshals service in Houston is now arresting residents for student loan debt, according to Fox News.

Houston resident, Paul Aker was greeted by cops and arrested for his $1,500 student loan from 1987. Aker was taken to court where he had to agree to and sign a payment plan for a loan that he took out 29 years ago.

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CSU professors deserve raise

There are 23,000 California State University (CSU) educators that have been fighting for a salary increase, and I believe they deserve it.

By MICHAEL ISBERTO
Staff Writer

F ight for Five,” is the slogan the Califor- nia Faculty Association (CFA) is using for their cause to fight for a 5 percent general salary increase for all faculty.

The CFA is an association representing many of our CSU educators.

Their website states, “We are a union of 23,000 professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors and coach- es who teach in the California State University sys- tem. In classrooms on the 23 CSU campuses, CFA members work hard to teach our students the critical-thinking skills, the technical know-how and the cul- tural insights they need to be thoughtful, productive and artistic participants in our society.”

The CSU system is offering an increase of 2 per- cent to educators instead of the proposed 5 percent the CFA is asking for.

But the union is standing strong, and have not ac- cepted the terms. Members of the union have already voted to strike and walk out of classrooms in April.

If your favorite professor walked out of the class- room, would you follow him or her out the door? How important do you regard your education?

It is not breaking news. I think everyone knows that educators are underpaid.

I have heard it throughout my academic career when I was thinking about becoming a teacher. People worried me not to do it because it does not pay well.

But if most people are aware of this, why haven’t things changed?

The education system is important to everyone. We are all looking to better ourselves and get a respectable job after we finish school.

But that’s the thing; we all need to go through school, learning from professors who feel unappreci- ated, and this has to change.

I think it has to start at the top. It seems as though administrators are living the good life while the rest of the faculty are struggling.

The LA Times reported, “More than half of CSU faculty make less than $38,000 in gross earnings.”

The Chancellor of CSU and the presidents are all making an average of $300,388.29 a year plus benefits since 2014, according to Transparent California.

So, while some our favorite professors are tak- ing second jobs, and living off food stamps, there’s a chance we may see CSU administrators in fancy new sports cars.

I’m not saying they need to be paid the same, but I believe the income gap between administrators and faculty should be narrowed from what it currently is.

People talk about the disappearance of the middle class, that soon the world will only see very rich peo- ple and very poor people.

It’s scary to think that it’s happening in our educa- tion system as well.

They need to give the professors what they de- serve. If this matter is not settled and my professor walks out of the classroom in April—so will I.

By STEFFANIE MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

Would you put your cell- phone down if by doing so you could potentially improve your GPA?

As college students, it seems impossible for us to go throughout the day without checking our phones multiple times.

I’ve seen it in all my class- es; the students who sit in the back pretending to look at the professor, meanwhile they ex- pertly text, or surf through their Instagram feeds without get- ting caught.

Richard Murphy and Lou- is-Philippe Beland, two eco- nomics professors at Louisiana State University, measured the impact of mobile phones on student performance.

They surveyed 91 schools in four English cities before and after strict cellphone poli- cies were implemented.

“We found the impact of banning phones for these stu- dents equivalent to an addi- tional hour a week in school, or to increasing the school year by five days,” said Murphy.

According to the results, low achieving students ben- efited most from the cellphone bans. Their test scores increased by 14.23 percent.

It’s an issue that dates all the way back to grade school, hiding our cellphones from our teacher thinking we’re fooling them by putting it on our lap.

Back then, teachers would simply confiscate our devices. Now as adults, the consequen- ces aren’t as effective due to poten- tial disputes.

Most classes I’ve had clearly state on the syllabus that cellphone use is not al- lowed during class time.

However, there’s always that handful that don’t seem to care.

Many students text with- out consequences even after some professors threaten to confiscate phones if they saw them being used during class.

Maybe they are unaware that cellphones are actively be- ing utilized.

Or maybe the consequence of them confiscating the stu- dent’s cellphone would be- come a bigger issue.

It seems like an innocent, bad habit, but cellphone use is a behavioral addiction with con- sequences.

Becoming dependent of this device not only affects your personal life, but it can also be detrimental to your aca- demic career.

A recent study done at Longwood University found significantly lower test scores for those who used their cell- phones.

“The overall trend was that when cellphone use is higher, test scores are lower, for everybody, within each period before a test,” said Dr. Chris Bjornsen, a psychology professor who studied the rela- tion between in-class cellphone use and academic performance in all of his classes during an entire academic year.

There are clear benefits to not using your cellphones in class.

While professors could easily come up with solutions to keep their students from getting distracted by their cellphones, I personally don’t think it is their responsibility to do so.

CSU faculty is fighting to receive a fair salary that represents the impact they make on our education.

I believe this is a cause that should be supported in order to keep these educators in the classroom—rather than leaving them in the shadows of the middle class, just like us.”
Clean water essential

By RACHEL RUNDENGA
Staff Writer

Water is of major importance to all living things. Seventy percent of the human body is made up of water. So you can imagine just how important water is not only for our health, but also our overall well-being.

Some of you might read this and think that these facts are common knowledge—facts we should have known in grade school.

However, the crisis in Flint, Mich., has shown just how incapable Michigan officials were in understanding the importance of water.

Residents of Flint, Mich. drank, cooked, and bathed with impure water for two years, and it’s barely getting the media attention it deserves.

The reason behind this disaster was due to a financial strategy that would supposedly help the city’s budget. But screw making decisions off of financial concerns when people’s health are being jeopardized.

“As a Flint citizen and as one of the activists who fought to raise awareness regarding quality in Flint, I witnessed firsthand a reluctance to address citizen concerns,” said Laura L. Sullivan, professor of Mechanical Engineering at Kettering University, Michigan.

This crisis has been going on for two years, and it’s barely getting the media attention it deserves.

The consequences are greatest.

The media needs to stop giving people more to fear about.

We have bills to pay and families to take care of—we do not need to worry about a virus that will not affect us at all.

Sincerely love imperative for growth

By SERENA GOMEZ
Staff Writer

“I love you,” the three words and eight letters that so many people yearn to hear. Love to many is an emotion and to others a state of mind that every human strives to have and is afraid to lose.

However, what they fail to realize is that there are two different types of love: healthy and unhealthy. A healthy love is filled with support, faith, and care. An unhealthy love is the exact opposite; it is consumed by jealousy, control, and obsessiveness—it is tainted.

“On average, 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States,” according to the Center for Disease Control.

“When someone says they’ve fallen in love with you, it can be hard to tell if they love you in a healthy way, or if their love is tainted,” stated psychologist Kevin D. Haggard.

There are some relationships where a significant other will give gifts to make up for something they did when they hurt their partner.

Some relationships are based on one person’s wants and needs rather than reciprocity. Do not mistake control for caring. If someone truly cares they will trust you to be your own individual self and will put your happiness first. If someone truly cares they will trust you to be your own individual self and will put your happiness first.

One could argue that there is currently no cure available, but just like Ebola, there wasn’t until the U.S. actually had an interest in even making a cure due to it hitting U.S. citizens in my opinion.

Clean water is getting too much hype?

By NICHOLAS WHITT
Staff Writer

Hide your kids! Hide your wife! Hide your husband! A virus called Zika (just like Ebola and the swine flu) is coming to take us all away—or that’s what the media is telling us. However, I disagree.

The media is only using this virus as a means of getting traffic on their website because in fact, the virus is not a big deal—AT ALL—at least in the U.S.

Within the past month there have been a total of 52 Zika virus cases in the U.S., all of them are from people traveling in areas of Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). There has not been a single case yet of someone acquiring it locally in the U.S.; so as long as you do not take a family vacation, you will be okay.

Zika is an RNA virus related to the West Nile, yellow fever, and dengue viruses, and caused by the bite of the Aedes mosquito, according to Dr. Peter Jay Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Furthermore, there is something different about Zika compared to the other terrifying viruses that were not a threat at all to the U.S.

Common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes), according to the CDC.

If you think about it, those are not severe symptoms at all.

Especially since people usually only get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die due to the Zika virus, according to the CDC.

Pregnant women who have the Zika virus can transmit it to their unborn children, causing birth defects.

“We’re seeing illness, but it strikes women who are pregnant and it’s producing a horrific effect of Microcephaly,” said Hotez.

Hotez continued, “We don’t know when in pregnancy the consequences are greatest.” Microcephaly may cause mental retardation, as well as delays in speech, movement, and growth, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Don’t worry, the U.S. is in a “real” state of emergency with this virus. The virus has been known for more than 50 years and only now getting coverage. Yeah the U.S. is in a “real” state of emergency with this virus.

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According to Sarah Boseley, health editor of the Guardian, they had a potential cure that was successful in curing victims of Ebola more than a year prior to its recognition by the media.

If it was not for it being a little too expensive to freely give out, the virus most likely would have been contained before even being considered an epidemic.

The media knows this too, yet they still want to strike fear into everyone’s heart with this non-lethal, non-threatening virus.

“I went home for the president’s day weekend and all my family talked about was this stupid virus,” said student Jose Rodriguez.

Rodriguez continued, “the media needs to stop causing this much concern for the public when in reality it will never impact the U.S enough for this much coverage of it.”

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Zika, is it getting too much hype?

By RACHEL RUNDENGA
Staff Writer

As problems worsened, people from the community began attending city hall meetings and events with jugs of brown chalky water,” stated writer Timothy Regan.

“Perhaps the decision that lead to the crisis in Flint was the fact that there are two different types of love: healthy and unhealthy.

It is hard to differentiate between healthy and unhealthy love.

It is even harder to leave someone you have been with or be in a relationship with, focus on your own wants and needs rather than reciprocate love. It is even harder to leave someone you have been with or be in a relationship with, focus on your own wants and needs rather than reciprocate love.

Love is a good feeling to have; just be careful with who you give your love to.

Thriving in a healthy, loving relationship is what makes living in this world filled with hatred and negativity, worth every single bad moment.

Healthy love is such a beautiful emotion. There is not one person in this world that could honestly say they would never want to be in love.

“Healthy love is a choice. It is something you give as a gift. It has conditions that shape the self and strengthen the other,” stated licensed marriage and family therapist John Kim.

Everyone wants to know that there is someone who loves them and who will not change who they are, but wants to complement their individuality with yours.

I know this sounds very silly, but it’s true. Love means slowly losing your mind,” stated Kevin Doyle in my favorite movie “27 Dresses.”

Do not go crazy over a person that does not want you for your true self. Be with the one that would not change who you are, but wants to complement their individuality with yours.
Dinner for one
Warm waters force sea lions ashore

By CHRIS CAUHAPÉ
Staff Writer

On Jan. 22 members of the Sea World San Diego Rescue team rescued a California sea lion pup that had climbed 43 steps to enter a La Jolla business.

Two weeks later, the team captured an emaciated, malnourished and dehydrated female sea lion pup at an upscale La Jolla eatery.

The animal had found its way into The Marine Room restaurant and spent the night in a cozy dining booth.

Sea World rescuers said that the 20 pound, eight-month-old sea lion was 20 to 30 pounds under normal weight. The fact that the animal was dehydrated is no surprise, because although members of their particular zoological family can hydrate themselves by drinking seawater, their main source of hydration comes from what they eat.

At eight months, sea lions are unable to hunt or eat. When the El Niño condition exists as it does this year, coastal California water temperatures are raised, which causes food fish to seek colder water. Colder water is found either too far from the coast for mother seals or at depths, which are beyond the diving limits of these carnivores.

The sea lion population is always hard hit by this weather phenomenon. The birthrate for sea lions in 1983, which was a particularly strong El Niño year, was 60 percent lower than the 1982 figure. The species is not in danger. The peak California sea lion population has remained around 300,000 through many El Niño episodes.

El Niño or La Niña conditions occur every two to seven years. El Niño episodes occur more often than their counterparts, and may last up to two years which is twice as long as the La Niña endures, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration El Niño webpage.

Some people say that slang is just bad, but slang allows for easier conversation. It is common to hear slang in songs, movies and dramas. Now, accept slang as part of the culture and enjoy it!
Racial Ambiguity

Have you ever been asked, “what are you?” Have you ever wondered about someone’s mysterious ethnic background?

There are times we cannot pinpoint someone’s race by their physical appearance. We call this “racial ambiguity.”

“One that is racially ambiguous does not possess the stereotypical physical attributes of his or her supposed racial category. It is the physical features that one notices to determine that person’s racial identity,” as defined by Cindy Veronica Vargas in the study, “What Are You? A Study Of Racial Ambiguity.”

“Skin color, hair texture, facial features are racial markers that people utilize when trying to identify race,” continued Vargas. Though we should not base someone’s physical traits in order to determine his or her racial background, we do it as part of our nature.

For example, we associate curly hair, full lips, and dark skin with Black people. Asians, on the other hand, are stereotyped as having slanted eyes, straight black hair, and “yellow” skin.

Some people might associate racial ambiguity with stereotyping; however, they are not entirely the same. Stereotypes mainly concern thoughts and behavior; while racial ambiguity is solely associated with physical appearances.

Stereotypes usually come from the person classifying others, while racially ambiguous is someone on the receiving end of the classification—a noun, an ownership. There are mixed feelings and opinions in regards to those whom are racially ambiguous. For the most part, most racially ambiguous people see their “differences” as an awesome thing.

Nora Turriago, a Colombian-Italian blogger, shared her experiences and opinions of being racially ambiguous in the article, “How To Know You Are Racially Ambiguous.”

In her blog, Turriago stated that she enjoys people guessing her ethnicity.

“The reason why it’s so fun? Because you’re racially ambiguous, that’s why! Based on the answers I’ve received from this guessing game, I now know that I can pass for Native American, Cambodian, Brazilian, Middle Eastern, African American…Oh, and white with a “nice tan.” Pretty cool, huh?” stated Turriago.

“The best part is that with all these various possible ethnicities, it’s a guaranteed fact that the racially ambiguous were destined for travel! We blend, people, it’s what we do, so please respect our craft,” continued Turriago.

Though Turriago makes part of the group who embraces being racially ambiguous, there are others who view it as a not-so-good thing.

“You get called exotic, but somehow it seems like racism or talking about animals in captivity than a compliment,” stated Muslim-Jewish writer, Naima Karp, in the article, “18 Struggles of Being Racially Ambiguous.”

While there are people who embrace being racially ambiguous and others who do not, there are others who are still debating how they feel about it. They find themselves stuck between the “awesome” and the struggle behind the concept.

“I am Mexican-American, but I usually get asked if I am Middle Eastern. I love it. I think Middle Eastern women are beautiful,” said student Jiana Martinez.

“However, this one time in particular, a man at my job out of the blue asked me to ‘tell my people to stop terrorizing our country.’ It was the rudest, most weakest thing I have ever encountered,” continued Martinez.

“Breaking the mold and not fitting into any particular ‘physical stereotype’ is something that should be embraced. Those who ask, ‘What are you?’ mean no harm.

They are usually just curious.

Empty shelves, empty stomachs
Student food insecurity

It is said that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. What happens though, when that important first meal is skipped?

“Missing breakfast can have negative impacts on weight, hormonal health, memory, cognition and mood,” stated Dr. Shavon Jackson-Michel.

Jackson-Michel argued that one should make it a point to have a well-balanced diet that consist of oats, fruits, vegetables, and protein.

Balanced eating does not always happen at CSUSB.

As a result, many students end up going hungry. They skip meals, because they simply can’t afford to eat.

“The food here is really bad for you and it is expensive, so I don’t eat here,” said student Mayra Tejeda.

More and more students can’t afford to pay for meal costs, and as result, they find themselves hungry and stressed.

“We have seen indicators that suggest that about 48 percent of college students have had some form of food insecurity,” stated the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

If you are a college student on a budget and find yourself confined to little or nothing to eat, come check out The Den food pantry.

“The Den food pantry helps those students in need, when they don’t have the adequate food supply,” said student Aranya Huour, who works at The Den.

The food pantry has various items, such as cereal, macaroni and cheese, and an assortment of snacks.

The “hunger kit” includes water, food, and snacks. Hunger kits are provided for students in need, to help the students get through their day without feeling hungry.

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These statistics may be shocking, but well balanced meals and diets can be outside many students’ budgets.

Going to the supermarket to pick up a few apples may seem like a cheap expense, but eating right can be more expensive than expected.

If opting for meals that are cheap, like fast food, be aware. The dollar menu may satisfy hunger, but processed food can have little to no nutritional value.

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California will soon be one of two states that grants women access to birth control over the counter, without a prescription. This change is said to be made in April 2016. Some argue that if men are able to go to the local drugstore and pick up condoms, why can't women go to their local drugstore to pick up other forms of birth control contraceptives.

“If birth control does the same things that condoms do, then I don’t see why it is such a big deal for women to have easier access to it," said student Jimmy Gonzales.

Up until this point, birth control has been prescribed by a doctor or specialist. Soon, in the state of California, birth control will be available to women over the age of 18 at local pharmacies.

The patch, the ring, and the pill are all said to be available once this takes place. California and Oregon are the first two states to allow for pills to be sold over the counter.

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“For some, going to the doctor is a task of its own. Finding a child sitter, taking time off work or school, scheduling an appointment, and paying are all factors that come into play when going to the doctors, not to mention actually taking the initiative of attending your appointment. Now women will be able to go to their local pharmacy and a pharmacist would simply inform them of the risks and let them be on their way. "I do recognize that doctors provide us with more information, but for most of us it’s a matter of showing up,” said student Bridget Eriksen.

"Times are changing and this is something that needs to be accessible for everyone” said Eriksen. "The easier it is for someone to access medication, the more likely they are to use it," said Sarah McBane, President of the California Pharmacists Assn. and a professor at UC San Diego to the LA Times.

In the state of California, 4 out of ten residents are living in or near poverty, according to the Public Policy Institute of California. Access to birth control may significantly reduce these risks of increasing the poverty rate by having unplanned pregnancies.

"Unintended pregnancies make up as many as half of all pregnancies nationwide," according to the LA Times.

Critics argue that with this new method of receiving birth control, there is a chance that many women will avoid seeing their doctor and going in for pap smears, STD tests, and breast cancer screenings. "I don’t think women will stop going to the doctors all together. For a lot of women, it’s a matter of taking care of yourself and just because this one thing is easier does not mean I simply stop caring about everything else,” said student Joanna Menar.

Students on campus said that this is a great step in the California health care system. As always, before beginning a new health care regime, it is important to talk to your physician and learn the risks associated, according to the CDC. It is important to understand that birth control does not prevent STD's.

Fading away: skin bleaching

The recent increase in knowledge about sun damage and the risks therein, it’s becoming more and more fashionable to embrace your natural skin tone," according to Refinery29.

"Skin lightening potions are remark-ably popular in India, where nearly 61 percent of all skin-care products contain lightening agents, the Caribbean, China, Latin America, and among African-Americans, stated by afritorial.com.

Similar to India, China, Latin America, and other countries, in South Korea female and male celebrities alike seem to have very bright skin. If one of the more famous celebrities uses a skin cream for brightening, the brightening cream becomes very popular.

Due to lots of people who want to get more bright and white skin, there are many products for obtaining bright and white skin. BB cream and CC cream originated in South Korea. "The sensation of this cream in Korea began in the early 2000’s as having a whiter, hydrated and radiant skin... is considered the true sign of beauty," according to F2 Magazine.

BB and CC cream is one of the most popular products for getting brighter, whiter, and more radiant skin. Laneige, Dr.Jart, Kiehl’s, and many other popular cosmetic companies make a range of skin bleaching products, such as masks and peels, but are misleadingly referred to as ‘brightening products.’

Brightening products are marketed worldwide, reaching a broad group of consumers. The harmful effects of colourism can lead to underrepresentation of darker skin colors in media and biased beauty standards. Even though the preference for paler skin evolved from colourism, people should embrace their diversity and all skin colors.
Kanye West dominated Valentine’s week with his album release, Saturday Night Live (SNL) performance, fashion show, and unenviable controversy.

West performed “Highlights” and “Ultra Light Beam” on SNL Feb. 13 alongside guest performers; Young Thug, Chance the Rapper, El DeBarge, and Kelly Price.

After performing the hip-hop gospel crossover “Ultra Light Beam,” West announced his album “The Life of Pablo” (T.L.O.P) is officially available through Tidal.com.

“My album will never never never be on Apple. And it will never be for sale... You can only get it on Tidal,” tweeted West on Feb. 15.

The album, which West described on Twitter as a gospel album, will stream for one full week before a wider release.

Days before he announced he will live stream Yeezus Season 3 collection and play the full album “The Life of Pablo” at Madison Square Garden (MSG), he also confirmed that Tidal subscribers will exclusively be able to view all of the madness at MSG in theaters around the world.

West continuously teased fans with surprise singles, snippets, and four title changes throughout the end of 2015 to present day, in a series of Twitter posts.

Within a four month span of Feb. through May, it was switched from “So Help Me Go,” “Swish,” and “Waves,” before becoming “T.L.O.P.”

West also released his single “Real Friends” and a snippet of “No More Parties in L.A” on SoundCloud and posted a picture of a handwritten list of the “official” 17 track list.

Finding a West song on my playlist would be unlikely; however, his performance of “Ultra Light Beam” on SNL may change that. The song starts with a little girl’s voice saying, “We don’t want no Devil in this house/We want the Lord.”

The SNL stage gave a spiritual feeling with a colorful ceiling grid above a gospel choir dressed in white, while West sang.

The movements from the choir consisted of folding hands and bowing heads like in pray formation, as well as holding hands out to prayer over West. My take on the song is summarized in the lyric, “I’m trying to keep my faith but I’m looking for more, somewhere I can feel safe.”

Essentially asking God for peace and trying to keep faith while living in a world where devil resides nearby.

With its deep lyrics and spiritual influence, it easily became my favorite song in the album.

West, being no stranger to starting controversy, sparked some major issues this week as well. West reignited the flames of the infamous 2009 MTV Music Award incident where West interrupted Taylor Swift’s acceptance speech for “Best Female Video.”

As “Famous” played during the fashion show, many were furious of one line that read: “I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex/ Why? I made that bitch famous.”

West said he obtained Swift’s blessings; although, Swift’s representatives said that is untrue.

Through his mishaps, many fans still believe West’s creative mind is brilliant.

“I understand why people don’t understand Kanye, I don’t always either, but as far as an artist he has a madness to his method and you never know what your going to get,” said student Abel Berdusco.

In the course of one week, West managed to stay on top of entertainment news with his fashion show, performance, album and Twitter rants.
So much hype and nothing to show

By CASSIE COUGHLIN
Staff Writer

The king of fashion Derek Zoolander strut down the runway of the 2015 Paris Fashion Week, but his performance, such as that walking from hopping in the box office it’s opening weekend.

In a report by Rotten Tomatoes, the film gained a 34 percent like score from audience viewers, and a 22 percent Tomatometer score, which is the percent of critics who gave the film a positive review.

Even though the film didn’t do as well as expected, there was plenty of hilarious advertisement material leading up to the release.

Promotion for the film began when main characters Derek, played by Ben Stiller, and Hansel McDonald, played by Owen Wilson, announced the future release of “Zoolander 2” by making a surprise guest appearance at Paris Fashion Week. According to an article by The Rolling Stones, the duo, who co-starred in the first film together, walked the runway during the Maison Valentino Fall/Winter Women’s wear show.

For some fans, the over-the-top advertisement, such as this runway walk, was no surprise. “The characters in ‘Zoolander’ were really eccentric and had many funny phrases, so I’m not surprised they are promoting ‘Zoolander 2’ this way,” said student Erin Martinez. After their model appearance at fashion week, advertisement for “Zoolander 2” kicked off with commercials, trailers, and guest appearances by the stars in character.

In one instance, Ben Stiller reprise his role as Derek to partake in a mock video interview with Vogue Magazine. The video, which was titled 73 questions with Derek, was published on Vogue Magazine’s YouTube channel and was nothing short of hysterical, as it featured Derek walking through his house and answering random questions guided by the camerman. In the interview, Derek was asked how often he takes the subway, in which he responded, “hardly ever,” sandwiches are a gateway to cake.

Derek wasn’t the only actor promoting the newest film in humorous ways. Actress Kristen Wiig, who plays Al-exanya Atoz, advertised the film by appearing as her character and releasing a fake commercial promoting a skin cream called “Youth Milk.”

The fake commercial gives off a Frankenstein vibe with Wiig as Atoz speaking in a monotone deep voice, over the image of scientist working in a laboratory. The commercial is also ironic, because it is promoting a skin product targeting keeping the skin looking “young” and “beautiful,” while her own face appears quite old and wrinkled. This mock commercial is a great representation and promotional tool for the film, because it’s not only humorous, but it composes a bizarre theme and acting approach that was used in and so well-known from the original “Zoolander.”

Watching the film’s well-known actors and actresses’ in entertaining advertisement, commercials, and fashion shows, is bound to excite many viewers for the upcoming film. “I’m planning on seeing Zoolander 2, because I enjoyed the first film and I think they have done a good job in showing that the new one [film] will be just as good,” said student Chris Harris. Although the film did not have much success it’s opening week, with a top rated cast consisting of Kristen Wiig, Will Ferrel, Owen Wilson, and Penelope Cruz, and based on the humorous advertisement released for it, the film is bound to at least leave you with a few good laughs.
Deadpool gets approved after six years

“Deadpool” hit the box office on Feb. 12, setting the record for the biggest Friday opening and weekend for an R-rated movie.

A longtime favorite character of comic book readers finally has his own movie after the on-again off-again production of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." The movie isn’t the typical superhero movie that Marvel fans are used to. Unlike other characters on the silver screen, Deadpool is an anti-hero. While he isn’t an evil character, he certainly isn’t a goody-two-shoes either. The casting for the movie was excellent, Ryan Reynolds was perfect as "Deadpool," I can’t see another actor doing as great a job as him. It’s like Robert Downy Jr and Tony Stark. The two were just born to complement the background of "Deadpool" and his origins.

The production for "Deadpool" took off after test footage was leaked from an unknown source. The test footage contained the free-flowing action of raunchy comedy then you’ll love this movie. Beware the movie is a "hail" R-rated film. This movie is not for kids, nor is the Deadpool character.

The production for "Deadpool" suit is not CGI, which is a decision that had fans excited right from the start. The suit looks great and the added detail by having the eye’s be animated with CGI was an excellent addition.

In Deadpool, Wade Wilson, the man behind the mask, attempts to get his fiance, Vanessa (Morena Baccarin) back after becoming disfigured by Ajax (Ed Skrein), a mutated villain with the help of two X-Men Colossus and Negasonic Teenage Warhead. While some say the plot isn’t anything ground-breaking, the plot isn’t everything that a movie has to offer. The execution of Deadpool’s story was stellar. The movie stayed mostly true to the story in the comic books and that good ole “Merc with a mouth” charm had everyone laughing throughout the whole movie.

The length of the movie just right. It doesn’t feel too short or too long; there is plenty of action expected, but the two acts definitely got great feedback from the audience who happily danced along to the performance.

Drake received key to the city
Rapper Drake now has the key to his hometown, Toronto. Toronto’s Mayor John Tory presented him with the key on Feb. 12. The ceremony took place at the NBA All-Star celebrity game.

“This is one of the greatest moments of my life, if not the greatest,” Drizzy said. “We have something extremely special in this place. I will never stop loving this city. I will never stop representing this city.”

He definitely defends his city. Before receiving the key, he let actor Kevin Hart know that Philly was having a bad year when it comes to thinking city versus city.

No Doubt without Gwen Stefani
No Doubt is getting back together without their former female lead singer Gwen Stefani.

According to a report from Billboard, AFI’s lead singer Davey Havok will be filling in for Stefani. Their sources said the group already has an album they’ve made and it’s ready to go.

It’s uncertain what No Doubt will bring without Gwen, but it’ll surely be something different without her beautiful voice.
Acto Latino host third annual plays

By ANDREA JIMENEZ

The theater was filled with supporters, who were ready to experience this amazing interpretation of Luis Valdez’s famous plays.

“La Quinta Temporada” and “Los Vendidos” were brought to life in the San Manuel Student Union theater on Feb. 12 by CSUSB’s “Grupo De Estudiantes Acto Latino Universitario.”

The purpose is not only to inform minorities about the “National Farm Workers Association” brought about by activist Cesar Chavez, but to encourage them to fulfill the dream that he fought for, with hard labor.

I arrived a few minutes late, as I was ushered to my seat the chant: “La raza unida jamas sera vencida,” quickly arouse in us a sense of pride.

I am sure that just like Daniel, more than a few had to fight the urge to get up on stage and dance along with the cast, as they formed a conga line and wobbled their way into the next scene accompanied by what should be the Mexican anthem, “La Bamba.”

The second play, “Los Vendidos,” although extremely humorous, connected me to my Mexican roots the most.

Sophomore, Jasmine Velazquez, seemed to agree with me. “I literally felt like ‘Pancha la Honesta’ could be one of my aunts from Mexico,” she said jokingly.

“Pancha La Honesta,” a brutally honest sales associate who sold cheap Mexican laborers to prestigious Americans, was played by Itzel Viramontes, this character’s charisma was my favorite, Viramontes engaged and brought this character to life in a magnificent way.

Throughout the plays, it was evident that this cast worked together not only to form a connection with the audience, but to make sure that the bond between them was also as strong.

At the end of the show Edgar Salazar, who played the role of “El narco” in “Los Vendidos” apologized for stuttering while reciting his lines.

“It was hard to keep myself together, since the stories I told during my monologue, were personal anecdotes,” he said.

This brought emotion to the audience, a few stood up to speak and congratulated the cast on the wonderful job. I had the privilege to interview CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales, who was sitting among the audience.

“Both plays were great, their performances came from their heart, their stories were real, I was blown away, I just thought they were exceptional,” said President Morales, proudly.

“Follow your dreams, don’t forget where you came from, we have to be proud and give back to our community,” continued Morales.

I would definitely recommend these plays to anyone who wants to gain inspiration and motivation with a little laugh.

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An era of prohibition and sin

By ARTHUR MEDRANO

“Anna was somewhat desperate to get out of the small town in Mississippi to experience the rest of the world for a better chance at fortune,” said student Miguel Rivera.

As having watched the performance myself, it brought the emotions of every person in attendance and exhibits an astounding perspective of prohibition era history documented from our past.

“Anna was consumed by her hunt in an attempt to do the right thing, but with all the wrong reasons. The men were her outside conscience in revealing to her the sins of the path she’s taken,” continued Rivera.

The stage was set, venue seating fit for a small group compared to the school’s recital hall, I was able to admire the intimacy between the actors as we were taken back in time watching the performance as it was intended to be written.

Lights turned dim as Anna 1 and Anna 2 entered, played by Fraser and Jensen-Ismay.

The atmosphere played with the audience, they would take as luggage—dismay and bickering revealed the hard times faced for many when seeking a better life as America crumbled.

Financial crisis took its toll on the women while their travels across the nation, encountering the sins in each city, such as gluttony, envy and greed, would tear away in their hopes for a better life.

The San Diego-based dance company Mojalet Dance Collective and the Lotusflower New Music Project collaborated the same night to bring opera and dance as suspense and revelation do in this folkloric.

The opera was a beautiful harmony between artists and music that was supported by live performances, featuring percussion and piano.

For those who admire ingenuity in the craft, theater is combining many art forms created for audiences to interpret the life, nature, and aesthetics from the writer to the script as found in “The Seven Deadly Sins.”

I hope to see many more performances by Fraser and the CSUSB Opera Theatre in support for the innovative reality I experienced from being in the audience—a retreat away from home and a captivating story we would leave for only our dreams to play through.
Sports

Track team off to second year

By KIARA PAUL
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With the new season quickly approaching, Coyote Track and Field have been preparing for their best possible season. Coyote Track and Field kicks off their season Feb. 27 in Claremont, California. Track and field have multiple events that take place throughout day long competitions. The team is timed or measured based on which event they take place in. There are two ranks that the women are able to score in, the “A” or “B” ranks.

Last season, Coyotes statistics averaged; the highest placer in every category came in slightly below or just above the “B” ranking. The Coyote Chronicle broke down each section to shine a little light on the Coyotes who ranked the best for CSUSB in their inaugural season.

For the 100 Meters, the top five women for Coyote Track and Field were Sa’Cora Goodin with 13.05 seconds, Chinwe Nwankwo with 13.46 seconds, Witley Simpson with 13.75 seconds, Cecilia Patino with 13.96 seconds and Jayln McDermtt with 14.14 seconds.

The “A” ranking for the 100 Meters was 11.56 seconds and the “B” ranking was 12.04 seconds, Goodin was only one second away from being in the “B” rank.

The 200 Meters, Goodin ranked first again, her time was 27.01 seconds, about 3 seconds after the “B” rank.

Sabrina Sewell followed close behind at 27.15 seconds, Simpson came in with 28.12 seconds, Jade Turner ranked fourth with 28.25 seconds and McDermtt ranked again in fifth with 28.54 seconds.

For the 400 Meters, Sewell came in first and topped the Coyotes chart with 62.94 seconds, McDermott followed with 63.82 seconds. Ana Avalos came in with 65.32 seconds, Sierra Marrero with 68.76 seconds, and Turner close behind Marrero with 68.96 seconds.

Marrero stated, “All the returning teammates have improved and we have some fast recruits, this year more of us should make it to the finals.” Evelyin De La Luz came in on top for both the 5,000 Meters and 10,000 Meters. Her time for the 5,000 Meters was 30 seconds past the “B” rank; she came in at 17 minutes 50 seconds. She did much better on the 10,000 Meters, but she missed the “B” rank by 2 seconds. Goodin also topped the Coyotes charts for high jump and long jump.

Kassandra Rico-Alvarez and Heidi Felberg placed at the top three for discus. Rico-Alvarez was about 40 meters away from being the “B” rank, her discus throw at the distance of 104 meters. Felberg placed first for Shot Put as well, her distance at 31 meters.

Most of the women who placed highest in the Coyote stats were only off by a small amount to be in the “B” rank. The Coyotes have definitely been putting in the hours to up their game this coming season.

The coach has been working on a bond between all the team members, he wants all the women on the team cheering on other team members at their events,” said Shernaman. She also shared the training and practice the team has been partaking in.

“We practice distance running at least six days a week and lift weights to build strength Monday and Wednesday, I personally practice the hurdles every Tuesday and Thursday,” said Shernaman.
Catcher Jessica Brown dominates

By LAUREN JENNINGS
Sports Editor

The Coyotes softball team split their four game series against the Cal State East Bay Pioneers, winning two games and losing two. Games one and two of the series took place on Feb. 12.

In game one of the series, the Coyotes were shutout and only managed to get two hits over six innings.

Designated hitter Caitlyn Olan and shortstop/second baseman Taylor Ancona recorded the only hits of the game. The Pioneers, however, scored one run in the third inning on a sacrifice fly, bringing the score to 1-0 in the bottom of the third. Williams again pitched all seven innings, earning her sixth win of the year.

In game two, the Coyotes scored three more runs in the bottom of the second on a two RBI base hit, bringing the score to 4-0 in the bottom of the third. Senior Grant Buchanan contributed three runs for the Coyotes. One in the third, fifth and seventh innings.

In game two, Coyote Austin Casillas threw for four innings. Casillas earned two strikeouts.

The one run Coyotes earned was on an RBI by Senior Brian Lockey in the first inning. The Coyotes ended the weekend by snapping a win in another non-conference game against UTPB 8-6.

Buchanan went three-for-five; he added a run for the Coyotes when he scored in the first inning. Buchanan stated that “getting past the first few games of the year” and being “more settled in” and knowing “what to expect during the game” helped them take this win over UTPB.

“We were more relaxed and settled in after playing [Cal Poly Pomona and UC San Diego] because of how good they were,” Buchanan stated when asked about the overall game against UTPB. Along with Buchanan, Damion Edmonds and Lockey got on base by each hitting a single.

The Coyotes are now 4-7 overall.
By ABDIEL AGUAYO
Staff Writer

Coyote women’s basketball wins the weekend! After losing five straight games, giving the team a record of 10-10, the Coyotes won two games in a row. One against Stanislaus State Warriors and the other against Chico State Wildcats. Both games were won by more than 10 points.

With three games left in the regular season, the Coyotes have a good chance at heading into the CCAA tournament on a high note. On Feb. 12, the Stanislaus State Warriors came to visit the Coussoulis Arena to play the Coyotes.

The Coyotes and the Warriors would have a close and hard fight through most of the game. After the close competition in the first half, the Coyotes would only be ahead by four points. In the second half, both Stanislaus and San Bernardino would score 20 points each. The score was still close at 50 to 54 in favor of CSUSB.

However, the story would change dramatically in favor of the Coyotes.

At the 7:47 mark, the Warriors Cassidy Sanders-Curry would make a 3-point shot, which closed the lead to 60-59 in the Coyotes favor.

The Warriors would only make one more basket for the rest of the night.

The next time the Warriors did make a basket, it would be almost 7 minutes later. By then, the Coyotes had already scored 15 more points.

With 49 seconds left, Stanislaus State earned 12 points and led the team with eight rebounds.

Sophomore Darryl Adigwu’s 3-pointer, but it was answered right back with a 3-pointer by Wildcat Corey Silverstrom.

The game was tied a total of four times until the Wildcats took a four-point lead against the Coyotes at 11:24.

The defense remained intact as the Wildcats leading scorer Robert Duncan couldn’t make shots in overtime, I had a good game as a team, we just couldn’t make shots in overtime, I think I played okay, but I definitely could of done better defensively toward the end of regulation,” said Adigwu.

The first half started with a layup by Senior Keith Smith with the assist to Junior Everett Turner.

The Coyotes took their first lead 7-4 with Adigwu’s 3-pointer, but it was answered right back with a 3-pointer by Wildcat Corey Silverstrom.

At 10:26, Smith’s layup was able to gain the Coyotes a three point lead, making the score 15-18.

With five minutes left and the Coyotes down by four points, they were able to get three turnovers, two of the three to Turner, and the other to Senior Zeke DeBlase.

With only 33 seconds remaining, Martinez answered with a 3-pointer, but was quickly retaliated by Wildcats leading scorer Robert Duncan as he went to the line on a two-shot foul. Getting only the first shot, giving the Coyotes the rebound as Duncan’s second shot was missed.

Turner’s attempted 3-pointer was missed, but as DeBlase received the rebound, he returned the ball back to Turner, who was fouled.

Turner hit both free throws to tie the game at 73 with five seconds left, which gave the Coyotes the opportunity to go to overtime.

However, the Coyotes weren’t able to pull off a win in OT, as the Wildcats aggressively scored 10 straight points, to take the game, 91-79.

“We have definitely proven that we are capable of competing with the best team in our conference, the Chico loss was unsettling, but we must put forth effort to compete,” said Turner.

“Effort comes from the heart, How bad do you want to win, What are you willing to do in order to win,” added Turner.