CSUSB shaken, but not stirred

The “Great California Shakeout” rocked the CSUSB campus last Thursday as a public safety disaster drill took center stage at the Pfau Library.

Though this was only a training exercise, the event occurred in real time and it appeared as though an actual disaster had occurred. First responders from joint agencies from across the county, city and state arrived on scene within minutes. Five police cars, one fire company, two ambulances and a number of staff from the health center were among the responding units.

The scenario featured a 7.8 magnitude earthquake on the southern San Andreas fault, similar to the one scientists believe will occur. The objective of the exercise was to evacuate victims and clear the library before it collapsed.

“We are very well prepared,” said CSUSB Police Chief Jimmie Brown. “This was a great opportunity to participate and show the community that we are ready for something like this.”

The disaster-enacted scene in the library was gruesome, with fake battered victims scattered throughout the first floor. Books and desks lay on top of motionless bodies as emergency crews sorted through the victims.

The crews worked quickly, checking victims for pulse, question them for disorientation and tagging them with triage tags indicating the severity of their conditions. Outside lay four tarps: green for minor injuries, yellow for the moderately injured, red for severely injured and black for the deceased.

Once the victims were sorted, emergency crews began to treat victims and transport those who were in the most critical condition. Staff from the health center assisted in treating victims out in the emergency triage area.

During this drill, an emergency alert system set up on campus also ran a test. The system notifies students and faculty of an emergency via text message and a pre-recorded voice message.

By DAVID CHERNIN

STAFF WRITER

Assembly Bill 656 could be the answer to California college's recent budget woes.

Despite vigilant petitioning by students and faculty, the idea of amending a bill that could raise at least $1 billion for the ailing CSU system seems to have fallen on the deaf ears of the California Legislature, until now.

Assembly Majority Leader Alberto Torrico (D-Fremont), author of AB 656 which would impose a 9.9 percent fee for oil companies to extract California's oil and natural gas from the earth, has personally set a goal to get 100,000 names in 100 days in favor of his bill.

“We need the people in Sacramento to know that enough is enough,” said Torrico at the Oct. 15 CSUSB rally. “Higher education should be universal in California, not just a privilege for those with the money.”

The California Higher Education Fund (CHEF) would be created through AB 656 and funded by the oil extraction tax. All monies from the fund would be allocated to the CSU, University of California, and California Community Colleges.

What makes this new tax appealing to many is that California is the nation’s only state that does not tax oil companies to extract oil from the land and water, and being that California is the third top oil producing state in the country promises a good amount of monies into the fund.

Torrico’s first stop on his way to 100,000 signatures was the CSU campuses.

By AUSTIN DODD

STAFF WRITER

An unidentified CSUSB student speaks out in favor of AB 656 during the CFA rally outside the lower Commons last Thursday.
Campus Pow Wow packed powerful punch

By ANDY OGG STAFF WRITER

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians recently hosted its 10th annual Pow Wow for Native Americans on campus.

The event spanned a three day period from Oct. 9 - Oct. 12, 2009.

There were an estimated 1,500 people that attended each day. Tribes from all over the country gathered for the event and one tribe, the Mia-Pow, made the journey all the way from Canada.

The Pow Wow has been held toward the beginning of October each year during its 10 year span. Approximately 90 CSUSB students volunteered to work the event and many students attended to partake in the cultural activities.

San Manuel Band of Mission Indian’s Pow Wow offers a variety of attractions that show the culture of Native Americans such as bird singing, seminars, drum demonstrations, vendors and ethnic food.

Some of the largest attractions were the dancing demonstrations, which included contests, exhibition dancing and inter-tribal dancing. The entertainment lasted through the weekend and spectators can participate.

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CSU students drinking less, report finds

By ERIC BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Alcohol related problems involving students have gone down significantly according to a report submitted at the end of September by the CSU’s Alcohol Policies and Prevention program.

CSUSB is no exception. According to Jimmie Brown, chief of police for CSUSB, alcohol related incidents have noticeably decreased on campus.

Chief Brown attributed the change to students and the community placing safety first.

According to the CSU, an alcoholic related incident includes students driving after consuming alcohol (DUIs), alcohol-related misconduct, underage students consuming alcohol and student reported binge drinking.

Due in part to a crime increased awareness, a crime prevention program and cooperation with local business, Chief Brown explained that the campus as a whole is being more proactive in curbing underage drinking, public intoxication and alcohol poisoning.

“The main thing is that people are paying attention, we do not tolerate that kind of behavior,” Chief Brown said.

Residents of CSUSB receive information via programs hosted through the University Police Department to further inform students about the dangers of alcohol consumption.

“People are paying so much for their education, they don’t want to get kicked out,” SantaCruz said.

The idea behind the pub is “confusing” said SantaCruz; she feels the campus should either be completely dry or allow alcohol.

Despite having a pub, CSUSB has maintained a commitment to higher education and the safety of its students through alcohol awareness assured Chief Brown.

Other CSU’s have experienced the same reduction in alcohol related incidents as well. Eric Olney, an undergraduate student at CSU Fullerton believes that the economy might have helped decrease alcohol consumption.

“You have to invest your money in things more practical,” Olney said.

Also, Olney further explained that he believes that programs and counseling that have been offered to students through the campus are taking affect. Regardless of whether students are looking out for others, Olney pointed out that at the very least, students are taking care of themselves.

“It’s more an issue of self-preservation, than responsibility,” Olney said.

Students seeking aid in dealing with alcohol abuse can always go to the Student Health Center.

Lisa Graham, administrative assistant in the Student Health Center said however, that it has been “years” since anyone has come by with a serious alcohol related health problem.

Graham also explained that students seeking help for alcohol abuse should go to the counseling center on campus; which provides psychological services for students ranging from drugs and alcohol to depression and grievances.

CSUSB has been a part of the CSU’s Alcohol Policies and Prevention program since 2001, with the mission of helping decrease alcohol consumption and problems across the CSU system.

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Tortico’s AB 656 bill

the California Faculty Association (CFA), visited eight CSU campuses to hold the “Fair Share for Fair Tuition Rally”, drawing to a conclusion at CSUSB.

Marcia Marx, CFA chapter president at CSUSB, was one of the first to speak at the rally and offered students and staff strong words.

“Public access to education is an entitlement, not a privilege, and should be kept affordable and accessible to all students,” said Marx.

CSUSB student and member of Students for Quality Education (SQE), Nathonas Duro, spoke to her peers at the rally, suggesting “students be a part of SQE and keep on working and organizing to get all students involved on our campus.”

CFA President Lillian Taiz was at the rally and gave some insight into the crisis California is truly facing.

Taiz said that “300,000 students, total, over all CSUs, UCs, and Community Colleges will not get higher education” due to the fee increases and admission freezes.

AB 656 would take money from oil corporations that “have not felt the pain of the recession,” according to Tortico.

Additionally, AB 656 would further allocate the money to a system that has seen a 182 percent increase in statewide student fees since 2002, explained Tortico.

Tortico also noted in contrast to the 9 percent tax on oil the bill will call for, Texas raises about $400 million for higher education per year while Alaska’s oil extraction tax is 25 percent.

The difference between those other oil extraction taxes and AB 656 is that all revenue generated from AB 656 will go to higher education.

But Tortico said Californians will not have to deal with higher taxes on gas because the bill makes it illegal for any oil company to set up fees on the oil they take from the state.

With 3,000 signatures in the first three days, Torrico’s bill seems like the be-all to end-all controversy at CSU campuses.

Still, the results all remain to be seen until the bill passes on to Congress in about 100 days. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to join in the “Fair Share for Fair Tuition” rallies you can contact Alberto Torrico at assemblymember.torrico@assembly.ca.gov, president of CSUSB’s chapter of the California Faculty Association Marcia Marx at mmars@csusb.edu or SQE member Nathonas Duro at (909) 648-0400.
Features

Hobo tested, Hobo approved

By TYSON ELLINGSEN
Staff Writer

Do you think people dressed better in the past? That the music sounded better? The culture was more refined than today? Do you enjoy the thrill of finding classy vintage clothing at a great price?

Hobo’s Vintage, owned by Marquis Howell, offers vintage clothing, music and accessories at low prices. Marquis worked in various vintage stores while mulling over the possibility of opening his own.

In 2006, he opened Hobo’s Vintage (originally in the Redlands Mall) which is now located at 127 Cajon Street in Redlands.

The walls are lined with vintage shirts, while dresses and classy Fedoras in the 50s style and worn shoes lie on the shelves above. In the corner are boxes upon boxes of records dating back to the 30s.

A rugged looking Marquis with his battered vintage fedora and thick handlebar mustache lounges behind the counter as he idly plays his guitar and greets customers.

“It’s a fun way to pay the bills,” Marquis says jovially.

Marquis owns Hobo’s along with his wife Nicole, who also runs their sister store Flapper Flock.

Flapper Flock is an online store on Etsy, that specializes in vintage girls and flapper clothing from the 1920s and 30s.

At thrift stores you often sacrifice quality for prices, while some other vintage stores offer quality vintage wear at steep prices. Hobo’s sacrifices neither in the product they offer.

Every first Saturday of the month Hobo’s holds a “Depression Days” sale where everything in the store is an additional 20 percent off.

“We’re the anti-boutique,” says Marquis, “because we like to bring it down to the common man.”

Marquis is also in a band by the name of “Hobo Jazz” which plays jazz, blues and folk music reminiscent of the early era of the 1900s.

The band started when Marquis met guitarist Matt Coleman at an open mic night. The pair discovered they had a mutual respect for each other and old fashioned music.

They started playing together and slowly formed Hobo Jazz along with Joe Perez, a drummer for Big Sandy and his Fly Rite Boys. They often feature fellow local or like-sounding musicians to their shows, which are often free.

Sure enough, Hobo Jazz sounds exactly how they brand themselves. Listening to their eccentric tunes conjures images of three hobo’s jamming together in a freight train boxcar trying to make it through the Great Depression.

Marquis also DJs at local venues, playing music from the 1920s to the 80s under the alias “DJ Hobo.”

Some people might call his love of all things vintage an obsession, but as Marquis pointed out, “It’s not obsession, it’s just good taste.”

Northern Outlook: an exchange-student’s journal

Obssesion with communication

By SARAH BOUTIN
Staff Writer

On my first day of school, the person beside me is texting.

I turn around and see many faces glued to their cell phones. My first reaction: this must be an exception. But it wasn’t.

It happens not only during class but everywhere I go. I always see people talking or texting. I discussed this with my fellow transfer students from Canada and we wondered if we did the same thing at home. Cell phones here seem to have a special, almost sacred, place.

According to Statistic Canada, Quebec householders have the lowest percent of cell phones in Canada, with only 65.5 percent in 2008. That’s the exception. But it wasn’t.

I have never been a big user of my cell phone. Most of the time, the batteries in my phone are dead. It might frustrate some of my friends, but when I’m doing something with other people, I prefer to talk to them instead of starting a conversation on the phone.

My friends and I figure that we may not be addicted to our cell phone, but we are definitely addicted to Facebook. As millions of others, we sign up on Facebook and see what’s new in the life of other people.

Can you imagine going back to the time before Facebook?

According to Facebook’s website, there are over 30 million active users, with an average of 130 friends. Do we know them all? Yes. Would we say hi to them if we saw them on the street? Maybe not.

In the U.S. and Canada, I think people from our generation are so used to being constantly informed that we feel the need to communicate all the time.

Even when most of your friends are also in class, where nothing really important can happen, you need to know what they are doing. It is an obsession.

With Twitter, there is no way to deny our addiction to communication. All you can do on Twitter is say what you are doing in 140 characters in length. Nothing more, nothing less. Just what you are doing. It’s like having only your status update on Facebook.

It is interesting to see that this phenomenon is international. I have to admit that I’m really glad to have Facebook so I can talk with my friends and family from Quebec and see what they are up to. Moreover, I’ll be able to interact with my new friends from California when I go back home.

But it won’t be on my cell phone.
Who doesn’t own an Xbox 360, or know someone who does? Nowadays, video game platforms are almost as plentiful and common as cell phones. But who knows that the development and recent release of VectorForce, a top-down 3D shooter game, was completely created by CSUSB professors and students? VectorForce was started by Mark Chapman of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in the summer of 2007. He pitched the idea to colleagues Dr. David Turner and Dr. Arturo I. Concepcion. “I wanted a cool and simple game,” Chapman said. “I came up with an old-school shooter game idea.” The game has been available on the market since Sept. 23. VectorForce received good global evaluation: 2.5 stars out of five, which represents almost 70 percent. “This is a very good evaluation, considering the multiple and various Xbox games on the market,” Concepcion said. Creating a game is more than programing. According to Concepcion, “There are three major steps in the game development: the game design phase, the game programming phase and the marketing-industrialization phase.”

Creating the game required the collaboration of 17 students from different departments. Each earned independent study and senior project credits. “This is an interdisciplinary project because the art component,” Concepcion said. “We had a game prototype, but we needed to have a story and graphics. We required attention to the story and Art Department for the graphics.”

In the summers of 2007 and 2008, the student creators worked in campus labs from Monday to Thursday, some staying for seven or eight hours throughout the season. Through two summers of labor, VectorForce was born.

“It was easy to get the interest of students with this project,” Turner said. “They grew up with video games. For them, it’s a natural topic.” Interested in VectorForce? All you need is a subscription to Xbox Live. Go to the Indie Games section and search for VectorForce under the shooter category.

You can play a trial version of the game or buy the full version of the game for 80 Microsoft points, about one dollar. The students and faculty have a profit sharing agreement with the university, so revenues from the game are divided between the students, the faculty and the University.

The creators also received a two-year grant to work on a new project called Mythic. “Mythic is a considerably more complicated role-playing game than VectorForce,” Turner said. Keep your eyes open for more CSUSB-created games in the future.
Internships floweth over at CoyoteCareers
Making your future happen was never this easy

By HEATHER CLARK
Staff Writer

In the job market, everyone wants experience in the field they are applying to. In those economic times, the duration and quality of internships that are pursued during college are more important than ever.

As a response, paid internships are now available for CSUSB students through CoyoteCareers.

Many CSUSB students are not aware of the opportunities available through the program. Since it’s inception three years ago, CoyoteCareers has been open to students of all majors and is aimed at assisting students as they prepare for a career.

Students may find that searching for internships can be very challenging, especially in difficult economic times, but CoyoteCareers has been able to find niches for students in internships due to a wide array of connections in Southern California. Working with local and federal government agencies, as well as private companies, the program encourages participants to get high quality in-field experience while networking for future job opportunities.

“I have been working with CoyoteCareers for the past year. The goal of the program is to get students career ready in the best possible way by offering students help with résumés, interview workshops, service learning workshops, and alumni mentoring,” he added.

According to the CoyoteCareers website, there is a $1,000 stipend for 100 hours of work available for students majoring in science, mathematics, technology, and specific foreign languages.

This allows busy students a chance to not only work toward a possible career and gain experience before employment, but it also helps relieve some of the stresses students have when they have to work, attend school and work in internships that are unpaid.

CoyoteCareers is a Title V program which means that it is funded by the Department of Education for being a Hispanic-serving as well as a low-income and distance education. This is meant to help expand and improve the fiscal capabilities of a program.

Under this program, paid internships are available to students who are Pell grant eligible, they qualify to get paid for the program, but any interested student who sees a good internship as the groundwork for a stable future career is able to apply.

Although the ultimate goal of the program isn’t centered around employment but rather help get students internship ready, out of the recent 23 interns, eight of them were offered permanent employment as a result of their internships.

As a commuter campus, many students do not live in the immediate San Bernardino area, and CoyoteCareers is able to help with the placement in internships that are closer to their residence and further from campus.

Students from as far away as Palm Springs and Victorville were able to be placed into an internship program, as well as two students from our Palm Desert campus.

“Getting an internship from a respected agency is the best option for finding a job, so if this sounds good to you, contact the CoyoteCareers program through the website at coyotecareers.csusb.edu.”

Check out the
ALL NEW
Coyote Chronicle.
for all the latest updates.
In case you didn’t know, Miley Cyrus deleted her twitter.

She deleted her twitter account and her fans and the gossip sites don’t know what they’re going to do! Cyrus claims her decision was influenced by her new boyfriend, 19 year old Australian actor Liam Hemsworth.

Shortly after the “incident” Miley went on to make a YouTube video rapping her reason for quitting Twitter.

An array of background dancers pranced along as Miley rapped about her Twitter account. I’m serious. Letting down millions of your “followers” on Twitter isn’t a good thing, and Cyrus has yet to feel that backlash.

Many young “tweens” worship the ground Cyrus walks on, yet she believes that deleting her twitter is a ‘good’ thing because according to her, “Her boyfriend doesn’t have one so he doesn’t think she should have one.”

That’s a great message to send out to your fans and other young people around the world, Miley. Quit ‘Twitter’ because your boyfriend tells you to.

Sure, there are probably lots of people who could care less about Miley Cyrus or her ‘Twitter’ account. Actually, I know there are a lot of people who don’t care, but it’s still a hot topic of discussion among many blog sites and entertainment channels.

“E!” News played the YouTube video as the leading story for their evening news, and as ridiculous as that sounds, it’s true. Also, “#miley-comeback” was the trending topic on Twitter for days.

Cyrus raps in her YouTube, “Everything that I type, and everything that I do, all those lame gossip sites, take it and then make it news.”

Yet she goes and posts a video of her singing and dancing about deleting her “Twitter.” She hates being over-exposed, but she does it to herself.

If you want to stay out of the news, Miley, stop documenting your life, and stop posting YouTube videos.
Mariah Carey’s Memoirs

By Ashley Harper
Staff Writer

Obsessed with Mariah? Not even, let alone interested.

These surely must have been the thoughts of the Island Def Jam’s music executives, which is why Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel, Mariah Carey’s 12th studio album was delayed at least twice before its release.

Although Mariah Carey is one of eight women in history to have forty songs on the Billboard charts, she is now struggling to keep her music on the charts and stuck in the heads of fans.

Perhaps Carey’s fans have been more consumed by her personal life than her songs. Her everlasting image on gossip sites is becoming distracting.

As of late, her shotgun marriage back in April of 2008 to a much younger semi-celebrity Nick Cannon seems to be the sole reason she garners publicity.

The feud Carey currently has going with rapper Eminem is also a hot topic right now. Their feud fueled her hit single “Obsessed.”

With so much attention surrounding the uncertainty of her personal life, it makes sense that Mariah wanted to make an album that is stable.

Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel, goes back to her old R&B sound that she became famous for, fused with collaborations by only two producers, The-Dream and Tricky Stewart. Carey worked with both producers on her previous chart-topping album, The Emancipation of Mimi.

Although using the same producers on her latest album might have seemed like she would be repeating a hit making formula, it has the opposite effect.

The only spots of bright light are “Obsessed” and “I Want to Know What Love Is,” if it weren’t for these two singles the album would be a flop.
Artist Spotlight: Noisettes

By JENNIFER TORREZ
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From indie-garage to jazz laced disco-pop, the Noisettes hit mainstream this year with their newest album, Wild Young Hearts. It includes the feature dance track, “Don’t Upset the Rhythm.”

The Noisettes, who may seem unfamiliar to some, have been throwing out original upbeat hits and moving audiences in the U.S. and Britain since 2004.

The energetic trio began their new project (Noisettes) in late 2003 with the coming together of Smith and Shoniwa, who were previously in the band Sonarfly, according to iTunes artist biography.

One year later the band’s debut album, What’s the Time, Mr. Wolf? was released, appealing mainly to indie audiences who were attracted to their energy and wildness. The album was favored for its incorporation of fast paced screeching guitar riffs followed by Shoniwa’s powerful voice and occasional screams.

However, Wild Young Hearts, their newest album, offers a more classy sound that appeals to a wider, more mainstream audience. The new pop sound shies away from the typical sell-out assumptions and instead classifies itself as naturally evolving.

“We’re not trying to be trendy – we want to make music for everyone – but we put effort in to every aspect of being in a band. Our aim is to prove that pop music can still be alternative and exciting. With this album, I know we can do that,” said Shoniwa, on the band’s official website.

The album includes 10 sassy tracks that touch issues of summer flings, crushes and their rebounds, having fun, growing up and staying strong.

“Wild Young Hearts – it’s about feeling young and acting our age,” says Smith. “It’s about having fun and not following the pack. The three of us became genuine friends making this record... We’re very different people, but we formed a bond which you can hear in the songs,” according to the band’s official website.

The Noisettes a British pop band, slowly making their mark hear in the U.S. Their latest album is Wild Young Hearts.

Sounds of Abba and Amy Winehouse can be heard through the track Never Forget you, while Saturday Night’s track pops off with disco flare that you can’t help but dance to. With the recipe of true vocal talent that is focused on powerful yet dreamy jazz sounds, plus heavy dance drum sequences; the album cooks up an uplifting rhythmic sound that not many pop bands can naturally accomplish.

Consider the Noisettes new pop direction, from their first to second album, an act of evolution that has adapted to the new music of 2009.

Whether you agree or disagree with their direction, Wild Young Hearts stands alone as an enjoyable album for this year’s collection.

Must Hear Song: “Sometimes”
Must Watch Performance: “Atticus” Live from Germany
The convenience of power, and forgoing ethics

Flirting between ethics and politics heats up as more and more scandals test Congress’ principles

By BETH BAYOR
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Congress and corruption are two words which often appear together, pitifully.

In 2005, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was indicted on charges of conspiracy in a campaign finance scheme.

In 2006, Sen. Larry Craig was arrested in a Minnesota airport bathroom for alleged lewd conduct. Later that year he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of disorderly conduct.

In 2008, Rep. Maxine Waters was accused of directing federal funds to One United Bank, where Waters and her husband held stock at the time, according to The Washington Post.

Currently, Rep. Charles Rangel is under investigation for failing to pay state and federal taxes as well as failing to disclose income from rental properties, according to The New York Times.

These kinds of behaviors are unacceptable, they are especially egregious when the people allegedly engaging in them are members of Congress.

Article 1, section 8 of the U.S. Constitution grants Congress the power to levy taxes, create policies that potentially could become laws and declare war on other nations.

Clearly, these powers in corrupt hands are a recipe for disaster. Who, then, is responsible for protecting the American people from the misuse of these powers?

Up until about a year ago, Congress was responsible. When charges were filed against DeLay and Craig, Congress was still involved in self-policing. So, what actions did Congress take against them?

Arguably, none.

The Republican Party may have pressured DeLay to step down from his position, because that is what he did, but he was not removed from office.

DeLay left office of his own free will, and even though he was indicted four years ago, he has never gone to trial.

Craig, on the other hand, finished his term as a senator and was not re-elected.

In an effort to strengthen enforcement of Congressional ethics, the House of Representatives enacted House resolution 885, in March of 2008. This legislation created The Office of Congressional Ethics, which according to its official website is a nonpartisan and independent entity.

The committee’s job is to investigate alleged misconduct by members of the House, and if appropriate, refer them to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

Will this new independent office and its committee make Washington free of corruption by removing unethical members of Congress?

Perhaps the outcome of Waters’ and Rangel’s investigations will answer that question, because both investigations are being carried out by the infant Office of Congressional Ethics.

I have to admit, though, I am a cynic and I don’t think any committee, independent or not, could take the corruption out of politics.

It seems, where there is power, there is corruption.

There is good news however. Even if this new office fails, there is something that we the American people can do to stop a congressman or woman from engaging in unethical activities. We can vote for someone else when that individual’s term runs out.

We don’t need no stinking Olympics

Baseball may no longer be an Olympic event, but the sport holds it’s own by having the World Baseball Classic

By DAVID CHERNIN
Staff Writer

Baseball is one of the most beloved games of all time throughout the world, especially America. From tee-ball, to Little League, high school to the big leagues, almost every American child has played it at some point.

But, according to CNN, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) declared baseball was officially not accepted into the next summer games.

Among those that were accepted however, were rugby and golf. Why?

“In the end, the decision came down to which two would add the most value,” IOC President Jacques Rogge said to the Associated Press. “Golf and rugby will be a great addition to the games.”

“They have global appeal, a geographically diverse lineup of top iconic athletes and an ethic that stresses fair play.”

Fair play? As far as I can see, baseball is as fair as they come. The players rely on team work and consistency while playing with a sense of urgency.

Baseball is both physically and mentally challenging game. The player must know what play to make, what pitch to throw, what pitch to look for and more, all before the pitch is even thrown.

Rugby, though amusing to watch, does not stress much other than how tough someone can be.

And golf is a one man game. Sure you must be talented as it is difficult, but what can this possibly share with the world that baseball does not?

They are all sports, and isn’t that what the Olympics are all about?

Despite all this, the rejection of baseball by the IOC is not a bad thing.

So if baseball is no longer a sport, then how can these players compete and prove that they are the best in the world?

Three words: World Baseball Classic.

The World Baseball Classic was founded in 2005 by Major League Baseball. It is essentially baseball’s World Cup.

Like the Olympics, it happens every four years and almost every country that qualifies will participate. Rather than one venue there are many different ones as the tournament progresses.

For many countries, teams cannot be built to their full potential for the Olympics, as the MLB season is in full swing during the summer.

However, the World Baseball Classic is in the late winter and early spring season, just as spring training camps are about to begin.

Unlike the U.S. basketball team, which is essentially the National Basketball Association All-Star team, professional baseball players are busy in a crucial part of their season during the Olympics.

If they left to play for their countries, it would cripple their teams.

Team USA for the last summer games consisted of no big professional players. However, during the World Baseball Classic, professionals and amateurs played together to achieve the ultimate victory. The World Baseball Classic offers young players a chance to be discovered by MLB scouts.

We can see the benefits of the classic over the Olympics for the players and the fans alike.

There has been a movement to vote baseball back into the Olympics, however I feel a vote for this is unfortunately like a Republican vote in California, it just will not matter.

Besides, the World Baseball Classic is the perfect time of year, for the perfect game and for the perfect players.

Therefore we shouldn’t fret at the IOC’s decision. As long as baseball is played and each nation is allowed to fairly represent themselves once every four years or more, than there is no issue.
Broke and bone dry, California low on water and funds

Farmers suffer alongside the economy as the state tries to conserve water in order to save an endangered species of fish

By DAISY ALVAREZ
Staff Writer

California farmers are re-living the 1930s Oklahoma “Dust Bowl” in order to protect an endangered species of bait fish.

The latest California water shortage was brought upon after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service imposed water reductions on the San Joaquin Valley in order to protect the endangered delta smelt.

This man-made drought turned the once fertile valley into a dry wasteland.

The air quality in the valley has also been negatively affected because of the dust raised from dry fields.

In 2007 District Judge Oliver Wagner issued an Interim Remedial Order which would restrict water exports from the delta to agricultural and urban customers.

Wagner’s decision came as a result of the 1973 Endangered Species Act, which forced the government to take steps to protect the three-inch long endangered silver fish.

The well-being of farmers and their dependents is not comparable to that of bait fish.

If the decision is not revised or revoked soon, farmers will be the next ones on the endangered species list.

The Wall Street Journal reported that farmers south of San Francisco have been allocated 150 billion gallons less water per year.

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Staff Writer Daisy Alvarez

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The protection of the delta smelt has jeopardized farmers and the California economy.

A study done by Berkeley Economic Consulting predicts California’s agricultural annual loss caused by delta smelt protection efforts to exceed $48.4 million.

According to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, California’s agriculture represents 12.8 percent of the nation’s total value.

This percentage could decrease significantly if support is not given to struggling farmers.

The reduced water supply has cost the San Joaquin valley 6,000 jobs and $170 million in employee compensation, according to The University of the Pacific Business Forecasting Center.

I think these losses have occurred in vain.

According to the Wall Street Journal, not a single fish within the California water system has been removed from the Endangered Species List over the past 35 years.

Despite massive amounts of water diverted to help them, the protected smelt populations have continued to decline.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10.20.09, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Resource Roundup
Find out about the many campus resources and services offered to you. Over 40 campus departments will provide information. Enjoy lunch from Carl's Jr.

Wednesday 10.21.09, 1 p.m.
‘Pay it Forward’ w/ Donovan Nichols
Motivational Speaker Donovan Nichols presents his talk on “Paying It Forward.” Join us for this moving discussion and opportunity to do your own community service project.

Friday 10.23.09, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Femme Fair
The event will have women-centered bands playing in the lobby, as a way to empower women. While the bands are playing, we will have women vendors selling their crafts and miscellaneous items. This event will be a combination of a concert and women’s marketplace, with the overall theme of Take Back the Night.

Saturday 10.24.09, 1 p.m.
“What Would You Do?”
Live Stage play and Musical by: John R. Carey and Gina Green. $20 admission. Tickets may be purchased at Johncarey.com, Ginagreen.net or the A.S.I. Box Office
Revenge may be factor in playoffs

By JESUS ROMERO
Assistant Sports Editor

Revenge is one of the sweetest things in life. In sports, playing against your former team for the first time is revenge.

This year we have already seen sports icons get revenge against their former teams. Brett Favre, now playing for the Minnesota Vikings, played against his former team, the Green Bay Packers. At the end of the 2007 season the New York Yankees parted ways with long-time manager Joe Torre. Torre’s contract had ended at the end of the season and then was offered another contract by the Yankees. The contract included a pay cut, and a bonus only if he won the world series. The New York media saw it as an insult and Torre declined. Torre relocated to Los Angeles and was offered a bigger contract by the Dodgers.

As the 2009 Playoffs continue, we have it in the back of our mind about the Dodgers meeting the Yankees in the World Series. It would be a sight to see; Torre managing in the new Yankee Stadium, but this time wearing Dodger blue. Baseball critics and analysts believe it would great for the game.

Passion, history and revenge would come out of it, along with a great match-up.

Playing or managing against your old team is a special thing, and even more so when it’s for all the marbles.

Along with a great match-up.

The Angels aren’t going to back down on their quest for their second championship. They’ve had the Yankees and the Sox in the American League Division Series. Both teams have played against their former teams, the Green Bay Packers and the Los Angeles Lakers. The Yankees still have to get by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim; a team that swept past the Boston Red Sox in the American League Division Series.

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As for the Dodgers, after falling to the Philadelphia Phillies in game one of the National League Championship Series, they have their work cut out for them. Even if the Yankees don’t make it to the World Series, the Angels and Dodgers do, it will still be nice having a “Freeway Series.”

Cross-town rivals playing against each other might make Los Angeles rot again.

Either way, California is represented quite well in the sports world, after having the Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA Championship, and the Angels and Dodgers both winning Western Division crowns in 2009.

I guess having a lot of hardware does make us the Golden State.

From contender to contender

By PAIGE GAINES
Staff Writer

Kim Cherniss, women’s head volleyball coach, transitioned into this year by assessing the players they lost, and more importantly, the talent that returned.

Ranked second in the nation last year with 30 wins and 4 losses, and after losing three of their most valuable players; this year’s team is keeping up where 2008 left off.

Cherniss addressed the areas that needed work, while utilizing their strengths.

“There is no player on this team that is not key,” Cherniss said.

She explained that every player was great, including her red-shirt players.

If they “Stay healthy, continue to work hard, they will be a good team with no cliques and there are no taboos subjects so we make each other better players and people every day,” says Johnson.

There needs to be teamwork to play really good volleyball and this team has that.

Johnson, who is averaging 1.62 kills per game, loves playing for the school and explains that Cherniss is the best coach she has had in her seven years of volleyball.

“She understands the game and how each player performs,” says Johnson.

“Being a good person is just as important as being a good player to Coach Cherniss,” said Johnson.

Coyote Coverage

Upcoming Schedule

Women’s Volleyball:
“October 21st vs Cal Poly Pomona--7 p.m.
October 23rd vs CSU Stanislaus-- 7 p.m.”

Men’s Soccer:
October 23rd @ UC San Diego
October 25th @ CSU East Bay

Women’s Soccer:
October 23rd @ UC San Diego
October 25th @ CSU East Bay

Women’s Cross Country:
October 24th in Arcata, CA

CCAA Conference Championships

CCAA Standings
(as of 10-14-09)

Women’s Volleyball:
(National Ranking) CCAA, Overall
(2) CSUSB 11-0, 10-0
(2) UC San Diego: 10-1, 18-1
Cal State L.A.: 9-3, 13-6
Sonoma State: 7-4, 15-4
Chico State: 7-4, 16-5
San Francisco State: 7-4, 16-5
Cal Poly Pomona: 5-6, 8-10
CSU East Bay: 4-7, 6-13
CSU Stanislaus: 2-9, 8-11
CSU Monterey Bay: 2-9, 7-12
Humboldt State: 2-9, 6-13
CSU Dominguez Hills: 1-11, 1-18

Women’s Soccer:
North Division
Chico State: 5-1-4, 7-3-4
Humboldt State: 4-5-1, 7-4-1
Sonoma State: 3-5-2, 5-7-2
San Francisco State: 3-5-2, 5-6-3
CSU Stanislaus: 3-6-1, 7-6-1
CSU Monterey Bay: 3-7-1, 3-8-1

South Division
Cal State L.A.: 9-2-1, 11-2-1
UC San Diego: 8-2, 11-2
CSU Dominguez Hills: 8-4, 9-6
CSUSB: 6-3-1, 7-4-1
CSU East Bay: 2-6-2, 2-8-3
Cal Poly Pomona: 2-8, 6-8

Men’s Soccer:
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Sonoma State: 8-1-1, 11-1-2
Chico State: 4-3-1, 4-3-1
CSU Stanislaus: 6-5-1, 7-5-1
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Cal Poly Pomona: 4-5-1, 6-6-1
CSU East Bay: 0-8, 1-1-2

Coyote of the Week:
Kim Cherniss, head volleyball coach

Last week Cherniss won her 400th career game in a 3-0 sweep over San Francisco State. Cherniss has coached at CSUSB for 19 seasons and has notched three straight CCAA championships and her team is currently ranked #2 in NCAA division II.
By CHRIS BAKER
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Last season the women’s volleyball team made it all the way to national championship game. The Coyotes fell to Concordia St. Paul in the five sets. On that night the team not only lost the game, but also Jessica Granados, one of the best players in school history. Granados was a two-time All-American for the ‘Yotes, and was a member of three CCAA titles. This year, junior hitter Jane Chafeh had the task of following in Granados’ footsteps. She got more explosive, and if possible she is quicker.”

To this point, Chafeh is the CCAA leader in kills per game (4.76), and has been one of the most impressive hitters in the country, just don’t tell her that. “I didn’t even realize it,” she said of her statistics. But even after hearing about her individual success, she doesn’t try to out do what Granados did, rather she remembers the lessons she learned from the former All-American. “I think Jessica is amazing,” Chafeh said. “I took examples form her.”

She was always composed on the court,” Chafeh said. This season, Chafeh is noticing her role change, as she went from a complimentary player, to one of the team’s most important assets. “It’s more of a leadership role,” Chafeh said. As a junior she averaged 2.77 kills per game.

This season she exploded out of the gates and doesn’t intend on slowing down. “We all have the same goals,” she said. “I want to win nationals, we all want to win it all.”

The Coyotes have been on par with their goals, but if they are going to reach them they will need Chafeh to help guide them there. “Jane has been a very big part of our team,” said Cherniss. “She has taken charge.”

The truly scary thing about Chafeh’s emergence is that she is only a junior. She’ll be looking to take charge of not only the CCAA, but NCAA as well. There are 18-0, and Chafeh has posted numbers that even top what Granados put up last season.

Her training has payed off thus far. The Coyotes are 18-0, and Chafeh has posted numbers that even top what Granados put up last season. “She came in in the best shape of her life,” Cherniss said.

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The hitter has not only filled the void, she has excelled in the spotlight. “I knew she was going to be great,” said Head coach Kim Cherniss.

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Ashley Salas has always enjoyed a challenge.

When the opportunity to be a member of the CSUSB soccer team came along it was too good to turn down. Salas took advantage of it, becoming one of the most tenacious defenders in the league.

Last year, Salas was the central defender on a team that held 20 opponents to just 16 goals and has recorded seven shutouts.

Salas played and started in 18 matches, and was an all-CCAA honorable mention for the second year in a row. An athlete since the age of seven, Salas has always loved soccer.

She grew up watching games on television and wanting to play youth soccer. When she joined the CSUSB soccer team, it seemed like a natural fit.

“Playing defense is incredible,” she said.

“Some much emotion flies at every kick of the ball and when you finally do make a defensive play all the emotions come to you. It’s incredible.”

Like her teammates, Salas, head coach Travis Clarke, and his staff talk about emotional intensity of the sport and she soon realized how true it is.

“Soccer was more a team sport than I’d ever played before,” Salas said.

“With soccer you rely on those other 11 girls out there to do whatever they can to make sure the opposing team doesn’t score,” she said.

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And the more she’s played the better she’s become.

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Assistant women’s volleyball Coach Danny Scott may go unnoticed, but his contribution to the ‘Yotes does not. According to Head Coach Kim Cherniss, Scott is an asset to the success of the team and deserves recognition, something she says is “long overdue.” Assistant Coach Scott is now in his 11th year coaching for the Coyotes. He came to CSUSB from Mesa College in San Diego and earned a bachelor’s degree in kinesiology while he played men’s volleyball for the school. He finished his volleyball career in 1998, the last season the men’s sport was offered at CSUSB. Scott has been coaching since he finished high school and said he has loved it ever since.

“Every year it’s a new challenge. That’s what makes it the most fun, that it is a new challenge every year,” said Scott. He enjoys watching the girls grow as athletes and women as they come from high school and continue their volleyball career. “It’s really rewarding,” Scott said.

Scott is also the head coach of the Rancho Valley Volleyball Club, along with Kim Cherniss. The club focuses on teaching developmental skills to girls ages 10 to 18. Scott coaches the ‘18s’ and has taken the team to the championship at the Reno Volleyball Festival in Nevada. For the ‘Yotes he aims to push the girls to be great athletes, but that’s not his entire focus. “I want to compete at a really high level, but I also really want the girls to enjoy their experience. I try to keep the element of fun and enjoyment in the game,” said Scott.

Senior outside hitter, Ashtin Hall, can’t imagine the team being where they are without him. He definitely “brings the fire and pumps you up,” said Hall. Hall feels fortunate to have Scott as a part of the team. “It’s a great balance that both of them have together,” she said.

One important characteristic Scott has that Cherniss and the team appreciate, is his easygoing personality. “He has a great temperament to be working with girls. He’s sensitive and he’s funny, and he appreciates women’s volleyball. He really loves coaching women and he’s fantastic at it,” said Cherniss. “[We] both focus on different parts of the game. He’s really great with working with the technical aspects of our skill development. There’s nobody else I’d rather work with” Cherniss said.

Along with the rest of the team, Scott is looking forward to making it to the NCAA finals for a second year in a row. “The girls are driven and we’re all on the same page. We’re very capable of putting ourselves back in that position,” said Scott.

Another one of my pet peeves is bad drivers; our coach is a terrible driver,” Agwu said with a laugh. Two weekends ago, Agwu prevailed again as he scored the game-winning goal against Cal State Monterey Bay three minutes into overtime. This brings his point total this year to 17 (eight goals and one assist). As for his dreams for the future? Well, Agwu hopes to get drafted by a major league soccer team after college; he’s also more than willing to play overseas for a private club. Eventually, if Agwu doesn’t go professional, the kinesiology major will pursue a career in sports medicine. ‘King Obi’ has been an offensive force for the team this season.

INFORMATION FROM CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE

The junior ranks in the top five of the CCAA in several categories including goals (8), goals per game (.57), and points (17). As a sophomore he was named second team all-CCAA while leading the Coyotes in scoring with seven goals and seven assists.