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Empty promises

CSU Chancellor Charles Reed stated that the CSU system aims to guarantee quality in higher education amidst swirling deficits— but perhaps at the cost of slashing enrollment by 40,000 students for the coming year.

On Nov. 10, Reed held a conference with the college media from campuses across the CSU to discuss the progress of his financial plan for the CSU thus far, the future budget and enrollment concerns for next year.

As part of Reed’s plan, the furloughs, increased tuition and enrollment cuts are expected to save the CSU the money that was shaved off in a $564 million cut from last year.

Many students and faculty alike have weathered these hardships to the best of their ability question the there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

In a recent class survey, over 80 percent of CSUSB students admitted to not understanding how any of the measures taken thus far will help them in either the short-term or the long run. Reed outlined a preview of next year’s budget request, which included asking Sacramento for up to $884 million.

Next year’s budget was described by Reed as a “recovery and reinvest” budget in which he hopes to restore CSUs to an operating order that will produce more graduates to fuel the California economy, while still providing quality service at a reasonable price.

As part of a one-time deal, the government cut $310 million from the CSU budget last year with a promise to restore it, something which Reed explained was guaranteed to be given back to the CSU. The further $579 million that Reed will be asking for would be used to cover mandatory cost increases, enrollment growth and compensation increases, he said.

However, Reed said that he will “ask, but not receive” this amount, but his hope is to generate some support

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The U.S. House of Representatives passed a Health Care Reform Bill on Nov. 7 by a margin of five votes, a feat that hadn't been accomplished in nearly 100 years. The vote was 220-215 in favor of the Affordable Health Care for America Act, which would cost the nation 1.1 trillion over 10 years and provide health insurance coverage to 36 million uninsured across the US.

"This government takeover has got a long way to go before it gets to the president's desk," said Representative Kevin Brady. (R-Tex.) "Health care is too important to get it wrong."

The new bill would call for all citizens to have some health insurance coverage or face penalties and would widen coverage and make more eligible for Medicaid as well as offer subsidies for the average income household to buy insurance. A government run insurance program would be created through the bill as an option in a new insurance exchange marketplace that would allow people and small businesses to come together to buy insurance.

"Now is the chance to fix our health care system and improve the lives of millions of Americans," said Representative Louise M. Slaughter, (D-N.Y.). It would also forbid any insurance company to deny coverage based on preexisting conditions, there would be no co-pays for preventative care and insurers would not be able to charge higher premiums to people based on their gender or previous medical history.

"The House has made a determined effort to secure some final votes," Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), allowed anti-abortion Democrats to try to tighten restrictions on coverage under any insurance plan that receives federal money. CSUSB is a melting pot of students with different cultures, diversities, and political opinions. Coyote Chronicle listened and here's what they had to say:

"I think the least amount of government interference is best," Sarah Baca, Freshman.

"I think it's a good idea, I think everyone needs health care," Corey Sandoval, Junior.

"I think it's unfair. I don't think people that don't work should get the same medical benefits as people that do work for it," Lindsey Martinovich, Sophomore.

"I think it's good. It's time for us to step up like the other countries. There's no purpose in being one of the wealthiest countries if our people are dying because they couldn't see a doctor," Ruth Washington, Senior.

"I'm not for national health care. Why would we step behind what Canada is stepping away from?" Sam Koontz, Junior.

"It's a good idea but it's not realistic," Jessica Patrío, Junior.

"The reform is a good idea, but I don't think it will work forever." Richard Casterjon, Freshman.

"I don't think you can have a socialist measure in a capitalist economy or it's gonna flop." Holly Hart, Senior.

"I think it's in good theory, but so is Communism." Justine Plemmons, Senior.

"I think for the common good, it's long overdue. But the way to go about it is the challenge. I'm afraid tax payers will be stuck paying for it," said Wellness Coordinator at CSUSB's health center, Carlos Carro, MPH. "You know the saying, there's no such thing as a free lunch. But something drastic has to be done and I think that's it."

"Today's vote is going to define the difference between the Republican and Democratic parties for decades," President Barack Obama said at a special House appearance on Nov. 7.

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**Chancellor asks state for money**

"Denying students access to higher education is just about one of the worst things you can do in a recession... But, when your budget is cut so drastically, we are left with little choice."

CSUSB Chancellor Charles B. Reed

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**Townhouse for Lease**
AIDS cases rank San Bernardino County as eighth.

By PRISCILLA GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

Smiles were painted on the faces of many parents, students and enthusiasts as they converged upon the Santos Manuel Student Union to honor the work of local high school artists.

The show was held on Nov. 12 and was spearheaded by Shalay Young of Mentors for Minorities, an organization created to guide students and help them reach their aspirations.

“Growing up, I didn’t feel as intelligent as everyone else because you get to see a lot of talent,” said Young.

Cuevas, currently a senior at Sierra High School, credited his art teacher with providing the feedback he needed to make his prize-winning painting a reality and said he is now focusing on starting his own clothing line.

“More than anything, we want them to know that their efforts are important and appreciated,” Young said.

Sponsors of the event included Home Depot, Stater Bros. and state Assembly member Wilmer Amina Carter, who sent a representative to the event to honor the work of local high school artists.

The Mentors for Minorities organization will be hosting instructional workshops for students. Their next event will be another art show held in Los Angeles.

For more information contact Shalay Young (760) 669-9118.

Local high school students display their artistry, while getting a glimpse at higher education

By ANDY OGG
Staff Writer

Recently, the program received the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Joe Baca, in acknowledgment of the contribution the building will make in the name of health.

With 10 hospital beds, thirty nursing stations, and the ability to fully engage students in work situations, the education opportunities that the new building will be able to offer is of great value.

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With influences ranging from street graffiti to Aztec times, viewers analyzed paintings depicting everything from endangered animals and pieces about love and unity, to colorful abstract works constructed from the imagination and paintings of humans in states of sorrow and happiness.

One of the show’s winners, Marcos Cuevas, explained that the inspiration for his galactic composition of a geometrical female form encapsulating the term “silenxio” came from his interest in graphic design.

“One of the things that really inspired me was seeing my girlfriend holding a ball,” said Cuevas, who modeled his piece from seeing his girlfriend holding a ball. “I liked the art show a lot because you get to see a lot of talent.”

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Construction begins on CSUSB’s new 1-2 million dollar nursing building Nov. 12.

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I am very excited for the new building and programs. I have applied for the nursing program two times and have yet to get in. There are so many people applying that it’s hard to even get started on the degree.”

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Currently, San Bernardino County ranks in the top ten counties of HIV and AIDS cases in the state. The California Department of Public Health shows that with 1,635 reported HIV cases in the state. San Bernardino County is ranked fifth for HIV and the 3,868 reported AIDS cases rank San Bernardino County as eighth.

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“Too many people around the world lose their lives to the HIV and AIDS virus,” student Nicole Daugherty said. “Knowing that a breakthrough like this just gives me hope that in medicine that anything is possible.”

Though the vaccine is but a preventative measure, it does open a door of possibilities of what could be next. However, a cure may still be in the works, but for now people must be aware, safe and educated about the disease.

“Additional research is needed to better understand how this vaccine regimen reduced the risk of HIV infection,” said Fauci. “But this is certainly an encouraging advance for the HIV vaccine field.”
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Inland Empire Magazine and The Sun newspaper both named

Alfredo’s is the place to go in San Bernardino.

Huge and delicious meals make it the best in the Inland Empire

By TYSON ELLINGSEN

Staff Writer

By now I’ve written about two other restaurants, Johnny’s Tacos and Mi-a Cafe. But what if you don’t want tacos or other Mexican cuisine? What if you desire Italian with checkered tablecloths and heaping plates of lasagna and pasta?

Alfredo’s Italian Kitchen, located at 251 West Baseline Street between Arrowhead and West Mountain View, has been San Bernardino’s favorite “Spaghetti House” since 1979.

Owned by local Allen Mayer, the restaurant prides itself on its homemade meals, fresh ingredients, large portions, reasonable prices and delicious homemade bread.

Alfredo’s dishes up Italian family food

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Las Vegas: fun but transparent

By MATHIEU COURCHESNE

Staff Writer

It was the first time I saw drunken people walking in the street at 10 a.m.

It was the first time I saw so many prostitution ads that I actually became sick of it.

For two days, I forgot about all my problems. I just had fun.

That’s the upside. Unfortunately, as I was there having fun, it’s the other side that struck me most.

Vegas is fun, but we can’t ignore the fact that it’s all fake. I saw people gambling all day long. What about the economic crisis?

Most stores are empty and people are still losing their jobs. What money are these people gambling? Funds they probably don’t have or should be saving.

I think a lot of people go to Vegas to forget about reality, whether it’s by gambling, alcohol or prostitution.

The reality is way more depressing. In fact, Vegas has the highest suicide rate in the U.S.

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Former Director of SPRC Morton Silverman

Residents are 54 to 62 percent more likely to commit suicide. Visitors to the city are twice as likely to commit suicide than if they stayed home.

When people move away from Las Vegas, or get back home from their trip, their risk of suicide decreases from 13 to 40 percent.

Why is that? The study doesn’t tell, but some researchers have an opinion.

According to sociologist Matt Wray, it could be due to a lack of community cohesiveness in Las Vegas. People are isolated.

Morton Silverman, former Director of the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, has a more radical point of view.

“Las Vegas is a destination for individuals who are suicidal,” Silverman said.

Personally, I think it has a lot to do about the fact that Las Vegas is fake. It creates an environment where you can forget all about your problems and avoid dealing with them.

But it’s all a dream and, unfortunately, reality always comes back to haunt you.

Is hidden beyond it isn’t always pretty. If we can press the reality back to haunt you.

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Students can save big

By STEPHANIE MONGEAU  Staff Writer

With the end of the quarter and finals on the horizon, CSUSB students have a lot to worry about. Not only do we have to plan schedules for school, but many of us have to deal with the economic crisis and tightly manage our budget. Fortunately, CSUSB offers free and diverse activities to help those that need to pinch pennies.

Activities on campus have a reputable popularity, at least when they're free. Last Tuesday a free Holiday dinner was served to the first 200 students who showed up. By around 6 p.m., the line to the free dinner was quite impressing.

Elmer Li, a student working for the Sodexo Catering Department at CSUSB, knows why the event was so popular.

“This Thanksgiving dinner was a great occasion to meet new friends and to socialize,” Li said. “Classes are filled with studying materials and exams, but hanging out with friends at a school activity while having a free meal is just awesome.”

For those who are looking for great cheap or free activities, the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) presents events and programs all year long, and the diversity of the activities offered can keep us all busy.

Events and activities are more than an opportunity to get free food or supplies, they develop camaraderie between students.

“I enjoy the closeness of the students in these activities. I also like to see that everyone is in school together and striving for essentially the same thing, an education,” said Michael Picker. “It is motivating for me to keep pushing myself.”

The Adult Re-Entry Center, the Cross Cultural Center, the Pride Center and the Women’s Resource Center propose amusing and thrilling events for Cal State students.

You are a woman and you are concerned about a healthier life? The Women’s Resource Center is hosting “Assertiveness Training for Women” on Nov. 18, from noon to 2 p.m. The SMSU also offers free testing supplies and occasional free snacks. You just have to ask and the staff will be pleased to help you.

Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) also offers many great activities such as an X-Box Tournament League, movie and open mic Nights. Students can take advantage of the ASI Box Office price list, which offers discounts to major theme parks such as Disneyland, Universal Studios, Sea World and Six Flags Magic Mountain.

The CSUSB Health Center and the state-of-the-art Recreational Center offer free activities and services to students to help foster good mental and physical conditions.

For example, it’s hard to surf or camp by yourself, and you could try these activities for the first time with the Rec Center and be comfortable with other beginners.

And it won’t cost an arm and a leg! They let you borrow the equipment and offer you competent staff to help in your initiation.

Look for posters on CSUSB walls. They provide great information about activities and events.

You and your budget will both enjoy it!

Celebrating veterans

By HEATHER CLARK  Staff Writer

It’s getting close to noon and your attention span is fading away as your stomach erupts into a howled warning for nourishment. In your haste, you rush to the student union to buy a quick meal.

You decide against the greasy pizza or cheeseburgers, and opt for a healthier sandwich or a fruit cup. When you get up to the cashier, you’re shocked that your meal costs over $11.

You ponder the price of the last meal you had and you come trying to figure out the difference, and you remember that you had a cheeseburger, fries and a soda which was nearly four dollars less.

Across America, healthy food choices are difficult as the price of healthier food is extremely high, while unhealthy junk food seems to be more affordable.

Many Americans are limited to the choices they have with their food, and are almost forced to choose unhealthy food due to the affordability. “It seems like the price for organic and healthy food and snacks are outrageous. You can easily fill two people up at McDonalds on greasy and fattening food for half the price of one person trying to eat healthy,” said student Eduardo Esparza.

According to a health and nutrition study conducted by the University of Washington, a 2,000-calorie diet would cost just $3.52 a day if it consisted of junk food, compared with $36.32 a day for a diet of low-energy dense foods.

Based on findings of the nutrition study, obesity levels are being partially linked to lower-income groups, as they have less financial freedom to purchase the more expensive fruits and vegetables.

Many college students struggle to afford healthy choices, and it is apparent on the food shelves around campus.

It is not uncommon to see salads and fruit cups sitting on the shelves, while the junk foods are sold out daily due to the fact that it takes nearly twice the amount of empty calories to make a person feel satisfied and costs a fraction of the price of healthy foods.

Students all over campus are spotting consumers who purchase unhealthy foods on their way to class. The vending machines, which arguably contain the largest concentrated amount of unhealthy foods, on several occasions have been completely sold out.

“Not only are the empty calories cheaper, but the healthy foods are becoming more and more expensive. Vegetables and fruits are rapidly becoming luxury goods,” said the director of the center for public health and nutrition at the University of Washington, Dr. Adam Drewnowski.

He talked extensively about returning from war and how psychological help hasn’t always been good but that nowadays, the United States has the best veteran help in the world.

The Sunburst Academy of Los Alamitos also presented a performance demonstrating their abilities and synchronization.

The CSU system established an impressive initiative to invite veterans and active duty military to go to college and pursue their career.

CSUSB put a lot of effort towards helping veterans by creating the Military/Veterans Center, a webpage that explain all the benefits they have access to.

As of this page, CSUSB even grants lower-division undergraduate credit for completion of basic training.

CSUSB also has a Student Veterans’ Group, which offers psychological help to those who need it. To learn more about the program visit their website at veterans.csusb.edu.

The G.I. Bill, created in June 1944 gives, among other things, financial support to veterans who wish to return to school.

According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, there are about 23.8 million living veterans.
Major sporting events give developing countries a chance to show a new face to the world. For the first time in world history, the 2016 Olympic Games will be hosted in South America in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. On the other side of the world, South Africa is eagerly awaiting the hundreds of thousands of fans who will be joining them as they host the 2010 FIFA World Cup. What better way to create a positive global image and increase productivity, than to throw your hat in the ring for the Olympics or World Cup? The Olympics stand to serve as an injection to increase development in Brazil. The games will improve infrastructure, economic stability, tourism, security, safety and social development, all of which are greatly needed by developing countries. This injection of foreign wealth and support will generate huge amounts of revenue and growth for the entire country, which over time will not only benefit the individual countries, but the world as a whole.

By CORY KIRSCHKE
Staff Writer

A joyous crowd celebrated this October after the decision was made that Brazil would host the 2016 Olympic games. Luiz Inacio “LULA” da Silva, president of Brazil, who is a progressive and leftist leader, argued strongly that Brazil is in great need of the growth that the Olympics can bring to the country. Brazil has six years to prepare for one of the most prestigious events in the world. They will need to clean up their streets and minimize all the extreme gang violence hampering Brazil for many years, reported Lula. The Olympics will bring thousands of tourists, foreign income, temporary or even long-term jobs, a reputation and many opportunities for Brazil.

“Everything is interconnected; one element will help fix another one,” said Francisco Aguilar, a graduate in International Studies at CSU Long Beach.

South Africa, another developing country, will be given the opportunity this year to host soccer’s premier event, the FIFA World Cup. South Africa has spent millions building and improving stadiums, transportation and other infrastructure to prepare to be the first African country to host the football World Cup in 2010, according to The Independent.

People are cleaning up the streets, buildings, hotels and restaurants and maintaining a safe and secure environment. Safety, security and cleanliness are key, explained Fiki Fesi, a local Bed and Breakfast owner in South Africa.

South Africa will be exposed to hundreds of thousands of fans, and it will open the doors even more to tourism, revenue and overall developmental growth.

As we have seen in the past with cities such as Beijing, host of the 2008 Olympics, the change in infrastructure and growth was astronomical. Total infrastructure investment from 2002 to 2006 reached approximately $38.4 billion with an average annual increase of 16 percent, according to the olympic.org. With the help of events such as these, countries will have a chance to move from the “developing status” to the “developed status,” where they can be self-sustaining and push towards an economically stable country.

One in four American adults suffer from mental illness every year, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Half of those, more than 48 million people go untreated due to the stigma associated with mental health problems. We must erase this stigma so that shame will no longer prevent people with mental health issues from seeking the help they need.

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Fortunately, once I got away from high school, I became bulimic. I say fortunately because I doubt I would have lived much longer as I was not eating or sleeping and bingeing on energy drinks just to stay home and play his new online game.

Students called to duty

By ERIK BROWN
Opinion Editor

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It’s no wonder. The game is as entertaining as it is addictive, as it comes from the same company that operates the widely played World of Warcraft servers.

Mostly for the online multiplayer aspect of the game, many gamers took this new release seriously, going so far as to feign sickness to avoid responsibilities outside of the virtual world.

So when the servers were down for several hours on Nov. 11 due to technical difficulties for Sony’s PlayStation 3 owners, the game’s online community erupted. Facebook and Twitter updates told stories of how much trouble people had gone through to secure a day or two off to play their game.

Now, don’t get me wrong I want people to have fun, but when a middle school kid updates his status online to say he’s upset he ditched school to stay home and play his new online game that now isn’t working, I think there is a problem.

For all the professionals, I think it’s an equally bad idea to take time off work, playing to “pwn noobs” rather than make some dough, might not be the best idea in this economy.

It would be interesting to talk to energy drink companies like Monster and Red Bull and ask if they saw a spike in sales with the release of Call of Duty. As the whole purpose of people shedding responsibilities to play the game was so they could spend as much time as possible “leveling up.” Going so far as to forgo sleep for a few days.

The fact is, this lifestyle is unhealthy. No kid should be missing school, nor should a worker slack off in this economy.

The hours, let alone days, of not sleeping and binging on energy drinks doesn’t sound as if it is a recommended method of coping, even in today’s tough economy.

Enjoy the game, but be responsible.

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No longer sick with stigma

By BETH BAYOR
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So when the servers were down for several hours on Nov. 11 due to technical difficulties for Sony’s PlayStation 3 owners, the game’s online community erupted. Facebook and Twitter updates told stories of how much trouble people had gone through to secure a day or two off to play their game.

Now, don’t get me wrong I want people to have fun, but when a middle school kid updates his status online to say he’s upset he ditched school to stay home and play his new online game that now isn’t working, I think there is a problem.

For all the professionals, I think it’s an equally bad idea to take time off work, playing to “pwn noobs” rather than make some dough, might not be the best idea in this economy.

It would be interesting to talk to energy drink companies like Monster and Red Bull and ask if they saw a spike in sales with the release of Call of Duty. As the whole purpose of people shedding responsibilities to play the game was so they could spend as much time as possible “leveling up.” Going so far as to forgo sleep for a few days.

The fact is, this lifestyle is unhealthy. No kid should be missing school, nor should a worker slack off in this economy.

The hours, let alone days, of not sleeping and binging on energy drinks doesn’t sound as if it is a recommended method of coping, even in today’s tough economy.

Enjoy the game, but be responsible.
Health care bill aborts freedoms

Abortion amendment secures health care bill but forgets civil liberties

By ERIN CHESTER
features editor

Our federally protected rights could be violated, and Americans are supporting it. Since President Barack Obama’s election, especially in the past few months, the landmark health care bill being pushed by his administration has been a hot-button topic.

The health care bill narrowly passed the House last week, and many believe that its last-minute passing was partially due to an amendment proposed by Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Mich.) which prohibited the federal funding of abortions in the new government-run insurance plan.

Many moderates and conservatives are overjoyed at the news. After months of allowing the wedge issue to overtake their arguments against the bill, getting a majority for the amendment allowed them to breathe a heady sigh of success. Granted, this is not a new policy.

In 1976, Congress passed a ban that prohibited the use of federal funding for abortions unless it was being done in response to incest, rape, or to save the mother’s life. However, that federal ban was limited to those insured under Medicaid or as a government employee.

Although abortion is a federally protected right thanks to Roe v. Wade, it was passed so that taxpayers who were against the procedure weren’t supporting it with their tax dollars.

So, if there was already a ban for the past 43 years, what’s the big deal about it being tacked on to this new, all-encompassing health care bill?

The issue is that Medicaid and all other programs sponsored through Health and Human Services Department are going to essentially be disbanded into one insurance program that will cover 96 percent of Americans.

Which means it will cancel coverage to all that decide to enroll in the new government funded insurance plan or receive subsidies to pay for private insurance.

It’s not just the small percentage of government workers and Medicaid recipients anymore; it’s a huge chunk of the American people that this bill was designed to cover.

While it would still be administered in situations of rape, incest, or to save the mother’s life, abortion would widely be only available to those who paid for it out of pocket or whose private insurance covered it. If a woman didn’t have the $400-$900 that Planned Parenthood estimates first-trimester abortions cost, and she didn’t have private insurance, she would be unable to get an abortion.

Essentially, this amendment is a de facto ban on a federally protected right. And it’s wrong.

Why is the religious right being afforded special privileges on what their tax dollars pay for?

It was unfair in 1976 and continues to be, except now it’s affecting more Americans. Now it’s violating a civil right.

If that’s the way Congress is run, why can’t the massive anti-war movement be afforded the same consideration and get the funding for wars they don’t “approve of” cut?

This amendment is just one more confirmation that American policymakers are unable to make the distinction between church and state.

The largest supporters of any health care amendment should be the American Medical Association, not the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

There needs to be an uprising of American voices. Whether one’s religious views support a woman’s right to choose, the bottom line is that the Supreme Court says a woman is allowed that choice.

As such, the line in the sand needs to be drawn: religion needs to stay away from politics, and we need to enforce the civil liberties.
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Dan and Vanessa giggle to themselves because they know that the last item on the list is to have a threesome. Once Olivia reveals the final thing, Dan and Vanessa look at her in an ‘as if’ manner. One kiss leads to another, and the show cuts to the group lying in bed intertwined and sleeping sweetly.

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The show hasn’t been doing so well season. However, the story line does set up the show for more juicy plots to unfold in future episodes. With hot and steamy stories such as the ménage a trois and the guy on guy kiss that happened a few weeks back, Gossip Girl is surely trying to put itself back in front of the rating race.
I know what you’re thinking. Trust me if Disney’s ‘High School Musical’ was punched in the face you’d have the FOX comedic sensation ‘Glee’. Unlike the ‘Musical’ franchise, the plot isn’t entirely dependent on the music in such a way that they’re singing every piece of dialogue. Instead, the comedy focuses on a Glee club at an Ohio school.

The students in Glee are the lowest on the popularity chain at their high school and struggle to be liked by their peers. It’s not a pity party, but it’s not exactly a smile fest either.

Unless hard-ass cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester (Jane Lynch) is on camera. Lynch (‘40 Year Old Virgin’, ‘Role Models’) steals the show each episode, with classic one-liners.

Sue Sylvester hates the glee club because it takes money and attention away from her beloved cheerleading team, the Cheerios, but above all her personal products such as hovercrafts, helicopters and TV time.

In episode 8, Sue confronts Mr. Schuester (Matthew Morrison), advisor of ‘New Directions Glee Club’, and says “You’re right, Will. I have been trying to destroy your club with the kind of conviction I can only call religious. And you know why? I don’t trust a man with curly hair. I can’t help picturing small birds laying sulfurous eggs in there and I find it disgusting.”

The kids in Glee, Finn (Cory Monteith), Quinn (Diana Agron), Rachel (Lea Michele), Mercedes (Amber Riley), Kurt (Chris Colfer), Artie (Kevin McHale), Tina (Jenna Ushkowitz) and Puck (Mark Salling) all have Broadway backgrounds.

And Riley? You might as well call her her ‘little Aretha’. Each character in the movie has their individual story lines. Take Finn and Quinn. Quinn is captain of the Cheerios cheer squad and the president of the celibacy club. But, she’s having Finn’s baby. At least that’s what Finn thinks. The baby is Puck’s, Finn’s best friend and football teammate. However, neither boys know that Quinn decided to give the baby up for adoption to Mr. Schuester and his wife. The Schuester’s still can’t get pregnant. Desperate for a baby, Mrs. Schuester lied to her husband and told him they were expecting a girl. So to keep her lie going, she’s made a deal with Quinn to adopt her daughter.

Not exactly Mickey Mouse material. The most amusing story line producer Ryan Murphy specifically wrote for Colfer, who plays the flamboyant Kurt.

Kurt only wears designer clothes to school and can belt Broadway-worthy renditions of ‘Mr. Cellophane’ from Chicago, ‘Defying Gravity’ from Wicked, down to a sassy cover of Beyonce’s “Single Ladies”. That’s right, “Single Ladies”. Glee features an array of Top 40 hits, Broadway show tunes and old school favorites.

In one episode, the show featured cast members belting “Sweet Caroline” by Neil Diamond, “I Could’ve Danced All Night” from the musical “My Fair Lady”, to Sisqo’s 1999 hit “Thong Song.”

Glee continues to be the top in ratings every Wednesday night in the 18-34 demographic and massive critical acclaim and an outpour of celebrity attention. Madonna recently gave the show rights to any song in her entire catalog. The cast continues to pop up everywhere, their highest accolade to date performing the “Star Spangled Banner” at Game 3 of the World Series. Are you a ‘gleek’?

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HBO’s ‘Bored to Death’ is anything but

By JENNIFER TORREZ  Staff Writer

The newest HBO comedy series, “Bored to Death” will leave you feeling anything but after five minutes into the 30-minute episode. “Bored to Death” is a witty comedy about three close friends who lead different career paths in Brooklyn where they find themselves bored and bonding, during their search for love and excitement.

The pilot comedy series consists of eight addicting episodes all centered around character Jonathan Ames (Jason Schwartzman), who is experiencing writers block for his new novel, and decides to take the role of an unlicensed private detective who places his add on Craigslist.

The successful eight-episode pilot cumulated 4.1 million viewers, according to TVbyNumbers.com, and maintained 92 percent of the “Curb Your Enthusiasm” audience.

The plus side to his knack for killing is that he does it only to people who deserve to die. In his hometown, the police are desperate to find the ‘Trinity Killer,’ a serial killer who’s been leading the police on a wild goose chase.

Dexter sees this as a playful hide and go get it game, an vows to challenge the killer’s tactics. While Dexter puts on a charming show as a well to do man, yet somehow wittingly seems to get away with almost everything he does. Dexter airs Sundays at 9 pm on Showtime.

New faces of late night

The Wanda Sykes Show and Lopez Tonight add to the array of comedic late night television.

By JENNIFER TORREZ  Staff Writer

If you thought “change” was something only Obama was bringing, think again because “change” is the new look for late night talk shows this season.

Believe it or not, Emmy award winning actress and comedian Wanda Sykes has her own late night talk show on HBO. The Wanda Sykes Show does not shy away from anti-conservative and anti-Fox jokes, commonly making fun of ex-president Bush and Rush Limbaugh.

In her first episode alone, she addressed gay rights, Pro-Obama arguments and presented a sex tool skit that would help keep our climate “green.”

On the contrary, Lopez on “Lopez Tonight,” focuses most of his comical energy towards ethnicity based jokes and stereotypes.

Despite some bad reviews on Lopez’s overuse of ethnic and Latino based jokes, his 11 p.m. slotted show managed to gain 3.2 million viewers on its premiere night, according to an ABC news story.

Popularity ratings for Sykes’ stem from the surprisingly anti-conservative appeal, normally unseen on Fox network, while Lopez’s historical mark clearly works to his advantage.

The satire and sheer comedy of the series has helped it rocketed up forty-five percent. This show is a must-see.
Modern Family

By ASHLEY HARPER
Staff Writer

“Modern Family” is a new hit show that comes on every Wednesday at 9 p.m. The show is based on a patriarch and his family. The head of the family, Jay Pritchett (Ed O’Neill), is used to playing the father role. O’Neill is best known for his role as Al Bundy on hit sitcom “Married with Children”. He has now evolved his character into a much younger and more dynamic version of the beloved dad.

One of the stars of the show is Claire Dunphy (Julie Bowen), the oldest child of Jay’s two adult children. Claire is married to Phil (Ty Burrell) and they have three children together. Phil is known for being a ‘cool and hip’ dad that understands his kids. This very sad misunderstanding leads to hilarious and embarrassing moments on the show.

Claire’s younger brother Mitchell (Jesse Tyler Ferguson) is gay and has just adopted a baby from Korea, the child was previously played by Cameron (Eric Stonestreet). Together they deal with the struggles of being new parents.

The different family dynamics and the documentary style shooting of “Modern Family” makes for a dysfunctional completely entertaining series that is picking up speed every episode. The show’s already renewed for Season 2.

Sick of ‘The Hills’? We sure are.

By: Angelica Stewart
Staff Writer

For some strange and otherworldly reason, MTV believed that their once hit show ‘The Hills’ could actually survive one season without its beloved star, or maybe enemy, Lauren Conrad.

Conrad decided to leave the show due to ‘other engagements’ meaning that she has more important things to do than be bothered by the ever so annoying Audrina Patridge. I’m guessing the producers thought that the show could continue with just Audrina and Conrad’s arch nemesis, Kristen Cavallari. Cavallari was brought on for whatever reason that is beyond me, and was immediately type-casted (again) as the girl everybody loves to hate.

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Grey’s Anatomy

By DANIELLE BAIRD
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Missing cast members, lay offs, mergers, and sexy doctors are heating up this season’s Grey’s Anatomy and adding even more eye candy to the mix.

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Wednesday, 11.18.09, 12 - 2 p.m.
Assertiveness Training
SMSU Four-Plex

Thursday, 11.19.09, 6 - 9 p.m.
The Price is Right
SMSU Theater

Tues. & Wed., 12.1 & 12.2.09, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Holiday Card Making
SMSU 112

Wed. & Thurs., 12.2 & 12.3.09, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Final Pack Giveaways
SMSU 206
Undefeated teams are rare. They come once in a blue moon. Only two teams have done it in the National Football League. Since the AFL – NFL merger in 1970, there have only been two teams that have gone undefeated during the regular season: 1972 Miami Dolphins and the 2007 New England Patriots.

Perfect (pûr′fïkt) adj. Being entirely without fault or defect : flawless. -Webster’s Dictionary. Technically the ‘07 Patriots didn’t quite get there. They were upset by the New York Giants in the Super Bowl. Most football fans would argue that they didn’t go undefeated despite their 16-0 regular season because in the end the didn’t win it all.

When all the teams kicked off training camp, they all have one common goal in mind; to win the Championship, and would take that over an undefeated regular season. For this 2009 season we have both the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints undefeated through week nine.

With all teams wanting to knock off the unbeaten, the road is going to get tougher, or is it? The Saints have the easiest schedule left. The Colts have the New England Patriots, Baltimore Ravens, Surprising Houston Texans (that almost beat them a few weeks ago) and Denver Broncos. Half of Indy’s games are against first or second-place teams. While New Orleans’ schedule is almost a walk in the park with the exception of New England week 12 and Dallas week 15. Both teams have a good defense that could stop QB Drew Brees’ high scoring offense.

While the Saints have the easiest schedule, both teams have a good defense that could stop QB Drew Brees’ high scoring offense. The Colts and the Saints are two very complete teams, but it could be anybody’s day on any given Sunday.
Snow season comes early

Snow machines are roaring in the San Bernardino mountains as local resorts gear up for big early weekends following predictions of more cold weather on the way.

By ERIC EBEL
Staff Writer

CSUSB snowboarders and skiers found themselves waxing their boards and putting on their gear early this year, as Big Bear Mountain and Mountain High both opened at the end of October.

“This is our earliest opening ever in the modern era. With this rare shift in the weather, we opted to fire up the snowmaking guns a bit early to give our visitors a sneak peek at the great season ahead,” said Chris Riddle, director of marketing for Big Bear Mountain Resorts.

Although the weather has permitted enough snow production to allow enthusiasts to begin their local winter adventures, only a few runs are open at each resort thus far.

However, with more cold weather on the way and some of the world’s most sophisticated snowmaking technology, these local resorts are sure to have a thick blanket of snow before long.

Snowmaking has also begun at Snow Summit with an opening date to be announced soon.

“With the economy the way it is, we want to have something big for locals. Hopefully the weather will permit us to do that.”

Once again, Big Bear Mountain was listed as a top 10 terrain park by Snowboarder Magazine. The resort consistently redesigns and upgrades their terrain park features built for the beginners to the advanced.

So, whether you’re disappointed about the current conditions or waiting for a big storm, expect to end your snowboarding season with a big smile on your face.

Men’s soccer advance to regional

By ANDREW TAPIA
Staff Writer

For the first time in 18 years, the CSUSB men’s soccer team advanced to the NCAA tournament.

The Coyotes, 15-5-1 (11-4-1 CCAA), were one of the four CCAA conference teams selected to play in the West Regional.

It will be the team’s first appearance in the Division II post-season since 1991.

CSUSB was a semifinalist in the CCAA conference championship tournament for the third time in the past seven years.

“This is a gigantic turning point in the men’s program,” said Head Coach Noah Kosiman.

“No just because of our record, either. The West Regional is a place we want to be every year from now on,” Kosiman said the fact that all four teams in the regional are from the CCAA speaks loudly about the strength of the conference.

“To have four teams, all from our conference, means that we played a really tough schedule and we were rewarded for our success,” he said.

Assistant Coach Tony Vigil, a four-year starter for the Coyotes in his playing days, was fired up about the announcement.

“One of our biggest strengths was our defense,” Vigil said.

Through the first 18 games of the season, the Coyotes allowed only 16 goals while outscoring their opponents 109-21.

“This is a new era for this program. To make it to the West Regional shows the hard work and commitment of our players”.

The Coyotes defeated 2008 Division II national champion Cal State Dominguez Hills twice this season and the first win, at the Toros field, was the momentum the Coyotes needed to get over last year’s hump.

When CSUSB beat the Toros again, 1-0, at Coyote Premier Field, they took the win and went 7-0-1 in their next eight matches to pull into the No. 3 spot in the West Region rankings.

The Coyotes lost 2-1 in overtime to the Toros at the conference tournament but that didn’t hurt their chances of getting into the regional.

The team’s 15 wins this year tied the second-best season win record in the history of the program with, coincidentally, the 1991 team that captured the CCAA championship in its first year of Division II soccer.

“We are a unique group of guys that gel very well together, not to mention we have the best offense in the Country,” says midfielder Billy Pellow.

“The West and Central Regional are combined into a Super Regional this year. Competing in the Central Regional at Fort Lewis, Colorado is Midwestern State, Colorado School of Mines and West Texas A&M.

The winner of that regional will meet the winner of the West Regional in the following round.
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Sports

LT leads the way

By SARAH MIKELSON  Staff Writer

Lawrence Tyson has one last season to show his talent and prove his leadership. Starting his second year as a guard for the men’s basketball team, Tyson is the only returning starter.

He is looking to be a team leader and bring success to this newly developing lineup.

“When I look back at this year, I just want to see that I’ve improved as a basketball player and I helped my team win,” he said.

“Being a good basketball player doesn’t mean that you just score all the time. It means making your teammates better.”

Last season, Tyson ranked third in points per game (9.1) and rebounds (2.9).

He had 71 assists (fourth on the team) and made 80 percent of his free throws for the Coyotes.

Tyson previously played at Cal State Northridge but said the basketball program there was going in a different direction, so he chose CSUSB because, to him, it was the best Division-II school.

Basketball has been in Tyson’s life since the age of five.

Once a three-sport athlete playing football, basketball and running track, he began to focus on basketball in 10th grade.

Aside from his attachment to the sport, he believed his skill in basketball would earn him a college scholarship.

Tyson loves the creativity that basketball offers.

“When you have the ball, you can do whatever you want with it,” he said.

Tyson received a full athletic scholarship to play at CSUSB and is thankful that he is able to earn his degree and play the sport he loves at no cost.

“Basketball is my life. It’s so fun to me that I had to pick up a ball every day,” said Tyson.

Coming to CSUSB was the ideal choice for him because head coach Jeff Oliver’s program is considered to be impressive and Tyson wanted to be a part of that.

He also heard about Oliver’s intensity as a coach and, instead of feeling intimidated by it, believed it made Oliver a great coach.

“He [Oliver] really knows how to tap into the potential someone has and get the best out of them,” Tyson said of Oliver. “He hates to lose and so do I.”

The coaches have given Tyson responsibilities with the team that have helped his maturing process.

This season he is the team captain and will be able to put his leadership abilities, both on and off the floor, to work.

“One thing the coaches let me do is just be myself,” he said.

“They see the talent in me and they just try to keep me on the right path. Since I’ve gotten here, they’ve helped me improve my basketball game and just myself as a person.”

Bringing his experience from last season, Tyson has no problem being a leader.

“He conducts himself the right way both on the court and off the court,” Oliver said.

“He represents the University and the program very well.”

Tyson has been to the playoffs and knows what it takes to be successful, according to Oliver.

When he came to CSUSB, Tyson admitted there were some things he needed to learn to improve his game, but the program quickly tested his athleticism and molded him into the player he is today.

He is eager to start this season and win the school’s first National Championship.

Tyson believes he has everything he needs to do exactly that.

During the team’s exhibition game against Westmont College, Tyson hit a go-ahead three-pointer in the second half.

The Coyotes went on to win the game in nail-biting fashion, 68-64.

Coyotes show rust in exhibition

By JEREMY VAZQUEZ  Staff Writer

Sloppy but sound – two words the CSUSB men’s basketball coach used in summarizing Wednesday’s exhibition game against Westmont College.

“It was good for us, sometimes a little sloppy,” Jeff Oliver said. “We weren’t too fundamentally sound but that is to be expected right now.”

Although winning 68-64 at Xavier College Preparatory High School, the Coyotes shook some of the rust off their shoes and dust off their jerseys.

With anticipation of winning their ninth shared conference title this season and another visit to the NCAA tournament there are high expectations for this team.

With last year’s leading impact player, Brandon Brown now playing overseas, the Coyotes are looking for big plays from new players.

“I’ve been a long time attendant of home basketball games the past three years. I’m looking forward to seeing new players make a different on the court and emerging talents to showcase CSUSB and the NCAA,” student Christpher Beckom said.

The game featured great spurts of energy and intensity but also moments of subpar play with turnovers and missed shots.

Tyson scored eight points in only 19 minutes, due to early foul trouble.

It was 45-43 in the beginning of the second half after a Tyson three-pointer kept the Coyotes in front the rest of the game.

“We still have a lot of work to do,” said LeDuc. “We worked out the kinks but we are no where we want to be or where we will be.”

Coyote guard Bryan LeDuc finished with 17 points and led the Coyotes with nine rebounds. Although the effort against Westmont was adequate, the challenge will only increase before the opening tip later this month.

I’m looking forward to this season. I have my signs ready, my seat reserved, and my school spirit intact,” said student Jesse Owens. “Our basketball team is one of our school’s trademarks and I know pretty soon the courts will be rocking on all cylinders.”

With women’s volleyball coming to a conclusion, both a whole cast of new players and coaching, you can expect a roar throughout the Inland Empire.