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New plan for summer school
Summer school program to be turned over to College of Extended Learning, financial model to undergo change.

By PAUL DUDLEY
Staff Writer

Changes to the CSUSB summer school system may make room for incoming students by alleviating state financial responsibility.

Summer school is scheduled to start on June 23 and is no longer funded through the state of California, but through the College of Extended Learning.

The budget is so tight for the CSU system that CSUSB is allocating all state funds for the 2010 academic year, officials said.

The cost of these classes is unknown and scheduling is yet to be determined, according to Associate Vice President of Public Affairs Sid Robinson.

“We are excited about the summer session and it will give students the opportunity to pick up some of those classes that they may have had trouble getting during the traditional academic year because of issues caused by the state budget reductions to the university,” Robinson said.

“Moving summer school from a state responsibility to the College of Extended Learning opened up room for more than 1,000 incoming students and more resources to CSUSB for the upcoming academic year,” Provost Andrew Bodman said.

The cost of summer is still unclear because the College of Extended Learning is still working on a new financial plan, Bodman said. However, he is convinced that students will not notice a difference.

“There is not an absolute answer [to how much it is going to cost] we are working on a new financial model. It’s not uniformly cheaper, it’s not uniformly more expensive, it’s just different,” said Bodman.

The financial model is a hybrid between the flat rate that students are used to paying when summer school was through the state and a new plan that is still being finalized. According to Bodman, the new plan should be complete by the end of February.

It is still unclear about which majors will be getting the most classes and how many instructors will be hired, however Bodman is anticipating that there are going to be at least 550 sections offered.

“Moving [summer school] will help us better manage enrollment and better manage our year-round budget. It’s going to be the same classrooms, same instructors, same financial aid,” said Robinson.

Students are happy but at the same time are weary about a new summer school.

“I am excited I will be able to take summer classes because it gives me an opportunity to take classes I didn’t get a chance to take during the academic year,” CSUSB student Nicolas Berry said. “However the fact that the cost has yet to be released and could be different makes me a little hesitant,” Berry said.

Summer school schedules will be available in the bookstore April 22, advising will begin on April 26 and priority registration will begin on May 3.

Mobile clinic helping pets

By STEVEN BROWN
Staff Writer

A low-cost animal care service dedicated to combating animal diseases is available to CSUSB students on campus.

Dr. Adam Wright’s mobile clinic, Wright Care, is offering services to the community to prevent avoidable pet illness and install awareness of pet disease to the masses. Wright’s message is clear when it comes to pet health and high-cost veterinary services.

“I’m tired of seeing animals become extremely ill and seeing people pay too much,” Wright said. “I see too much disease.”

Wright said the ultimate goal of Wright Care is to eliminate deadly viruses, keep pets healthy and continue to educate people about animal wellness.

“Just like we vaccinate our children and ourselves to prevent life altering diseases, so should we do the same for our furry little friends,” said Wright. “Routine vaccinations are essential for the prevention of infectious diseases.”

While working at the Ontario Vet, Wright said: See Pet Health, pg. 2
Storms soak Southland

By DAVID CHERNIN
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Extreme weather struck Southern California this past week, producing rain, snow, floods and even tornadoes. Some buildings on the CSUSB campus experienced minor flooding as the rain ensued for six days straight.

Governor Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency for San Bernardino County Friday, Jan. 22. According to the San Bernardino Sun, The declaration provides aid to local agencies and requires all state emergency agencies help out during the storms.

Some other affected areas also included the Station Fire burn areas in Los Angeles County, where Sheriff’s and fire department officials worked on evacuations and flood control. Interstate 15 through the Cajon pass also experienced freezing temperatures and even snow affecting commuters going to and from the High Desert.

CHP ran vehicle escorts up and down the pass on Jan. 21 for most of the day as the conditions grew more hazardous. Also among the traffic issues was the closure of Hwy 38 to Big Bear, as it was completely closed as of Jan 22.

San Bernardino police reported that they received calls that 40 to 60 vehicles were submerged up to their windows in Cooley Avenue next to the corner of Victoria and Tippecanoe avenues in San Bernardino.

Tornado warnings were also issued earlier in the week as thunderstorms and winds intensified. A waterspot reached land in Huntington Beach, tossing boats around docks and overturning parked vehicles.

According to The Sun, the worst of the storms may have passed, however the National Weather Service is forecasting more wet weather for Southern California this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information, visit the National Weather Service website at www.wms.noaa.gov.

Pet health put in forefront

Andrea Okoh, a recent customer of Wright Care and CSUSB student, said the services offered were much cheaper than her local veterinarian, who charges appointment and examination fees which Okoh said were unnecessary. Okoh said the convenience and location of Wright Care is what attracted her.

Okoh brought her 22-month-old Labrador-mix dog, Susan, to Wright Care for Susan’s 6 in 1 vaccinations (DHLPP: Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Para-influenza and Parvovirus), and a rabies vaccination. Okoh, like many other pet owners, fears stray animals play a large part in animal disease.

“In my neighborhood we have many strays running around trying to mingle with our dogs and I don’t want Susan to get infected,” Okoh said.

Like Okoh, other customers attended Wright Care’s mobile clinic at CSUSB for shots which they said were mandatory, according to the Department of Animal Control and Care.

“Animal control came to my house and wanted proof,” said one customer. Another customer said, “The city requires you to,” referring to his two Siberian Huskies requiring you to,” referring to his two Siberian Huskies.
CSUSB is one of three universities receiving a portion of a $1.16 million grant dedicated to stem cell research. The money comes from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) to "create paid internships for undergraduate and graduate students," said co-program director Jeffrey M. Thompson.

"Students would apply to the program late fall quarter of each year and would participate in an internship in an active stem cell research laboratory for six months (undergraduate students) or 12 months (graduate students)," said Thompson.

"These research internships are invaluable experiences, allowing students to prove their abilities and prepare for the workforce or graduate school," said Susan Baxter, executive director of the CSU Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology.

"This grant program has an important place in our overall strategy of funding basic stem cell biology and then supporting scientists working to turn those basic discoveries into new cures," said Alan Trounson, CIRM President.

Students that will benefit from this grant "will be chosen after they have filled an application form that will include criteria such as GPA (a 3.0) and biology courses taken, they also will have to take a cell culture course," said Nicole Bournias-Vardabasis, the program director for this grant.

The stem cell research laboratories would be at one of our three "host" institutions: the University of California Riverside (UCR), the City of Hope Medical Center or Millipore Corporation in Temecula, a private company that develops materials for use in stem cell research.

The remainder of the money will be "at CSUSB to establish a new upper-division cell culture course to teach students the basics in growing cells in tissue culture," the major technique used in stem cell research, said Thompson. "In addition, we will develop new course material for inclusion in two General Education courses on this campus to educate students about stem cells, including ethical issues."

"Our grant will start September 2010 and continue for three years," said Thompson. "The funds will be administered through the Foundation for CSUSB in the same manner as all grants awarded to the university."

All interns will also participate in a one-week Stem Cell Techniques Training course at the UCR CIRM Shared Research Laboratory, prior to starting their internships. The interns will be assigned both a research mentor from the institution in which they will be doing their stem cell research and a CSU faculty mentor to guide them during their internships.

Robert Klein, chair of the Governing Board for CIRM, said "During a time when the state is having to cut funding to higher education, our agency is bridging part of the gap, ensuring that highly qualified students receive the training they need to fill the high-tech stem cell research jobs of the future."

"The future of California is tied to educating the researchers and technicians in groundbreaking scientific fields such as biotechnology," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. "CSU students and faculty are building the bridges to medical breakthroughs and new applications of stem cells."

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**Students sound off on budget crisis**

As Winter quarter gets into full swing, students gear up for another quarter of cuts, cancellations and furloughs.

By JA’HAAN HOWARD YOUNG  Staff Writer

The future holds hope for students against rising tuition costs and fees. September kicked off an academic year of hardship for everyone from students to faculty and everyone in between.

For the 2009-2010 school year, the CSU system lost $584 million, which resulted in overall reduced student enrollment. This enrollment cap was bad news for thousands of incoming freshmen.

But there seems to be hope in the days ahead. On Jan. 9 Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed the CSU Budget Restoration of $305 million for the 2010-2011 academic year.

In addition to the $305 million, Gov. Schwarzenegger put forward an additional $60.6 million for enrollment growth in the CSU system. The total amount equals out to a $365.6 million increase in the CSU 2010-2011 budget.

That budget restoration proposition seems like a big step towards a solution to our budget predicament, but it applies to the next school year.

This means, for the remainder of this year we must continue with class waiting lists, class cuts, and for some students, taking pointless classes just to keep a full time status. Due to these monetary problems, people cannot take the classes they need to fulfill requirements for their majors and minors. Thus causing graduation push backs to as far as one year.

CSUSB let go of many of the “super seniors” who already attained the number of credits needed to graduate. This act made room for a large number of incoming freshmen, transfers and international students for the winter.

Many students echoed the same response; The budget cuts are making it harder for them to get out of here. CSUSB took a hard hit in the fiscal situation, but still expects students to keep pressing on as if nothing has changed.

One CSUSB student said that the budget cuts “ruined” his life. CSUSB student Leander Chibenda did not have these conditions in mind when he decided to transfer here from Ohio.

“How can the school keep cutting classes, [but] tell me that I still need to graduate on time?”

**Student Leander Chibenda**

Many protests and walk-outs have certainly occurred. It has left a lasting impression on the Board of Directors, but it hasn’t been enough to stop those 30 percent fee increases that haunt students wallets at the beginning of every quarter.

It’s not uncommon for some students to find alternative methods to paying for their education, including second or third jobs. For other students, the effects of budget cuts have forced them to drop out, hoping to return when more opportunities are available.

The question of whether those opportunities will ever be present again is a hard one to answer during such rough financial times. There may be hope in $305 million.
Most small time bands never see the light of day outside of their garages, but one local band is determined to get their time in the limelight. Shadows of Tall Trees is based out of Riverside and is made up of CSUSB student Damian Acolino and Cal Poly Pomona student Nash Gill. Their new self-titled album was released Jan. 12 and is up for purchase now on iTunes.

“It was the biggest step for Nash and I so far. This was the first album for the band and we wanted to start this off on the right foot,” said Acolino. “It is five songs that we worked extremely hard on. It is the best reflection on us as musicians and where we want to go with this band.”

Shadows of Tall Trees was formed in June of 2009 following the dissolution of their previous hardcore band, An Honest Confession. The band’s electronic/new wave/pop sound allows them to be more creative with their recordings.

“All the songs have a different feel to them, but all of them have the Shadows of Tall Trees touch to them,” said Gill. “Our music is very unique with a mix of electronica and soft vocals. I can’t really compare it to any other bands.”

The duo says the reception they’ve received so far has been positive. Though the band is currently unsigned, they are excited about the process of getting submitted to different labels. Within the next one to three years, they say their goal is to play as many shows and gain as many listeners as possible. Their ultimate goal, they say, is to eventually make a living off of the band.

“I would really love to make a living in music, whether it be producing, or playing shows. But I could see this band touring and having a good life along the way,” said Acolino.

As with all things, the running of the band doesn’t come cheap. “Music is very costly to properly produce, but we make ends meet through various means of work,” said Gill. “This Album is just the beginning of where we want to go with our music career,” said Acolino. The band hopes to generate enough money from their record to set up future events and to better promote themselves so their music can reach as many people as possible.

“Music is everything to me. I simply could not live without it. People express themselves with sports or other arts, I do with music,” said Acolino.

The debut album Shadows of Tall Trees is available on iTunes now. You can contact the band through their myspace or through direct email at shadowsoftalltrees@gmail.com.

By RICHARD BOWIE
News Editor
Students give advice on what to do on a first date so you don’t blow it

By SHELBY SWANK
Staff Writer

Your first date could end up being your future husband or wife, so no pressure, right? Several CSUSB students have advice on the subject since it can be difficult to set just one standard as to what should or shouldn’t be done. Even then, these first date do’s and don’ts can change by person to person.

“Don’t scare them off with your information. I don’t do that,” she said with a giggle. Be sure to be careful with what you say on a first date as well. It’s really annoying when you take a chick out and she says ‘Oh I don’t really eat that much,’” said student Nick Berry.

“Staying with the guy perspective on this, most agree that you should always be a gentleman and never let her open her door. ‘Don’t be disrespectful or overly aggressive,’” said Salvador Perez, Jr.

According to Byron Alvord, focusing on the girl during the first date is key, except during driving.

“When driving, focus on driving, not her,” he said. “You may end up in an accident.”

What are the other reasons for what these guys do on their dates? Should they walk their date to the door? In what cases does the guy walk in front and behind their date? Does it even matter?

Sweet and simple is the way to a date’s heart. To most girls and guys it’s easier said than done on a first date. Girls have a whole different set of rules compared to guys. What should I wear? What if he kisses me? Does my breath smell? These are only a few of the many things that could be running through a girl’s mind.

“You shouldn’t ask your date if they’re pretty. If you do it’s putting too much pressure on your date and if you have low self-esteem. Also, don’t wear anything that makes you look desperate,” advised Melinda De Jesus.

Naturally, girls have game plans just like guys. Sure a guy might be thinking of opening the door for a girl on a first date, but what’s going through the girl’s mind as he opens it? Wouldn’t you like to know.

Summer Beasley said that many things are being thought of during a first date.

“You need to be classy and respect yourself,” Beasley said. “In doing so, you’ll earn his respect, which is so important if you want to be taken seriously. Don’t play hard to get, be hard to get. You’ve got to know you’re worth it, if you don’t, then you’re not ready to be dating.”

According to student Wendy Mendoza, even bad breath can lead to a fatal first date. She also advised, “Don’t be an airhead. Just go with the flow. If you see one of your friends, don’t invite them on your date.”

In other words, when out on your first date; put your best foot forward. As cliché as it is, first impressions matter the most and if you treat you next first date as the last person you could ever date, you’ll want to be on top of your game.

By NATALIE MORRISON
Staff Writer

Tierry Domond, CSUSB graduate student, originates from Haiti. He is now aiding in university community outreach to raise money for the victims of the devastating earthquake that shook his country. Haiti experienced a 7.0 magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12, causing major damage and resulting in a large number of casualties.

Fortunately, there have been many people and organizations who have responded to the natural disaster by raising and donating money. Domond was contacted by Vice President of Student Affairs, Frank Rincon, in hopes of finding the best way to help.

“We have agreed to raise money for the cause through the University’s foundation which Ms. Barbara Kirby kindly agreed to coordinate,” Domond said.

There are a number of things people can do to help the victims. Different organizations all around the world are making it easy and convenient for people to donate.

“No donations are too small. In a situation where the dying are seconds away from becoming the dead, a one-dollar contribution can go a long way to improve the chances of survival,” Domond said.

He also expressed how monetary contributions are preferable as suggested by many humanitarian organizations because of the logistics problems they are currently facing in Haiti. Many people have responded but there can never be enough.

“What we take talking to the other people and motivating them to pitch in to help the people of Haiti,” said Domond. “Just imagine how much could be raised if everyone decided to contribute one dollar.”

He feels very connected to the catastrophe that has occurred in Haiti. He was born in Jacmel, Haiti and immigrated to the United States in 2004. He has been living in California for over five years.

“I am saddened at the sight of schools collapsing with hundreds of children underneath the rubble or total neighborhoods being decimated and the magnitude of the suffering of the survivors that have been maimed as a result of the quake.”

Student Tierry Domond

“In anyway he can.

“This is no longer about me and my family, but rather about all the families who have lost loved ones in this tragedy,” said Domond. “I am saddened at the sight of schools collapsing with hundreds of children underneath the rubble or total neighborhoods being decimated and the magnitude of the suffering of the survivors that have been maimed as a result of the quake.”

If you would like to reach out and help, the Children’s Center is currently the office where donations can be made and where you can get further information. Also, by texting “Haiti” to 90999 you could donate ten-dollars to the American Red Cross.

Haiti disaster hits close to campus

“Life in Haiti is very different from life in the United States. Haiti is a rather impoverished nation where many of the nation’s inhabitants are destitute and live in poor housing,” Domond said.

He expressed how just putting food on the table is a difficult task to do when living in Haiti. Many people worry about where their next meal is going to come from and how to make it the best of times, without any natural disasters.

Another distinct difference between Haiti and the United States is their government system.

“Government is dysfunctional for the most part and does not have an emergency response program in place that would mitigate the number of casualties in natural disasters such as this one. In the US, the government is, to some degree, prepared for emergencies,” he said.

Some of his relatives currently live in the United States but he still has siblings and other family members living in Haiti.

“Fortunately, I have received word that my immediate family is doing fine,” he said. “However, honestly, as much as I am relieved and thankful to know that they are alive, I am still troubled by the devastation I have been seeing on television lately.”

Although his relatives in Haiti are safe, he is still saddened and affected by what has occurred and he will continue to reach out and help.
Visiting students learn more than English

By CHI MENG-TSEN & LIN YEN-FAN
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Many people have different dreams, like making millions of dollars and traveling around the world. We were lucky enough to have at least part of that dream.

We are two young female students from Taiwan. Both of us had the same dream. We wanted to study in the United States. This is our first time leaving our family and country.

When we were children, we saw a lot of American movies and TV. Now, we are looking forward to experiencing American life.

We have been studying at CSUSB for almost four months. As international students, we took EFL (English as a foreign language) classes in the Language Learning Center. There are lots of differences between studying in Taiwan and studying in the US. We’ve definitely had to adapt.

In the beginning, we studied in Yasuda Center training in the four English skills of listening, speaking, writing and reading. Through this program, we improved our English. However, we still have some barriers when we communicate with foreigners.

For example, there is no tense in the Chinese language but there are many kinds of tenses in English.

It causes problems when we speak English. Nevertheless, we believe that practice makes perfect.

The most important thing we have learned here has nothing to do with language, though. It has been the lesson of independence.

For the first time in our lives, we can deal with errors and problems by ourselves. We’ve already overcome challenges since being here, such as traffic accidents and navigating the relationship between different people’s backgrounds. Before we came here, our parents took care of us meticulously. Our family helped us when we were in trouble.

“Most obvious improvement is that we really have improved our communication skills in English.” said Ritch.

“A week later, I’m still waiting to be added to the math class. I already began taking notes and preparing for later assignments. I hope I’m not wasting my time,” Ritch said.

We are glad that we have the chance to experience American life and have all of you as our classmates and friends.

Budget cuts delaying graduation goals

By ERICA JAMES
Staff Writer

CSUSB students have already felt the effects of the budget cuts.

Larger classes, less staff, higher fees, increased competition for classes, are just a few examples of what the cuts have produced. One student in particular, communications major Jaelynn Ritch, can vouch for it.

“They’ve already had an effect on me. Being a senior and being almost done, it’s frustrating,” said Ritch.

Her ideal schedule for the winter 2010 quarter included 16 units: math, science and two communication classes. She found that schedule is no longer feasible.

Ritch’s first day involved frustration and concern.

“The first day of school, I found out there were problems with my class schedule,” said Ritch.

“I was enrolled in a Humanities class that listed, “To Be Announced”, but then found out that translated to mean it was online. That was the worst. Then I found out my math class was canceled. And to top it off, a communications class I was enrolled in was moved to the Palm Desert campus. I’m so frustrated.”

Still needing at least 12 units to keep her financial aid, Ritch continued searching for classes. Working at a bank, finding classes that coincide with her days off, is an even trickier task.

She then tried to add a much needed math class, but learned that class was overbooked. She was encouraged to keep going, just in case a spot opened.

“I’m still waiting to be added to the math class. I already began taking notes and preparing for later assignments. I hope I’m not wasting my time,” said Ritch.

In the midst of the budget cuts and lack of classes, students like Ritch will have to expect these cutbacks and delays to continue.

“Although the food here is very diverse compared to food in Taiwan. Sometimes, we miss food from home very much. Thus, we began to learn how to cook by ourselves.

We go to the Chinese supermarket and search for recipes on the Internet to learn how to cook the dishes our parents made for so long that we were too lazy to learn.

Carrying out one’s dream is wonderful. We’ve had a great number of experiences. This has not only let us become mature but also has promoted our abilities through absorbing new knowledge and making a life.

When we return home, we’ll be able to be independent for anything in our lives with help from our and also feel more confident expressing our opinions to others. The most obvious improvement is that we really have improved our communication skills in English.

We are glad that we have the chance to experience American life and have all of you as our classmates and friends.

Check out the ALL NEW Coyote Chronicle for the latest updates.
I'm with Coco!

By JUSTIN IVEY
Staff Writer

They had one word for Jay Leno. “Retire,” said Kris Sanpablo of Fontana. Despite the gloomy weather, fans’ feelings about the NBC late-night shake up appeared quite clear.

Sanpablo added that he was “heartbroken” over Conan O’Brien losing his show and of the way NBC is treating him and his fans.

Loyal Conan O’Brien fans took to the rain-soaked streets of Universal City on Jan. 18 to show support for their beloved redhead who is no longer host of NBC’s “The Tonight Show.”

Former host Jay Leno will return at the end of February.

As the drama unfolded between O’Brien, NBC and Leno, mobs of fans gathered around the Lankershim Boulevard entrance to Universal Studios in a heavy downpour armed with homemade signs and umbrellas to cheer on O’Brien and give the suits at NBC their collective opinion on how they are treating their “Coco.”

“Now they are trying to take it away from me. I came to support Conan,” Chants of “Jay, Walk Away!” and signs that read “LeNO” displayed the anger and disappointment over Leno’s recent decision to take away what he promised to O’Brien six years ago. Few were bold enough to dress up as the big-chinned, denim-clad Leno and of course they were met by heavy booing from the crowd.

The high point of the rally hit when O’Brien himself made a surprise appearance to greet his soaked supporters and give thanks to his fans that he cares about so much. This gesture got the crowd cheering, “Conan, Conan, Conan!”

O’Brien then lead the crowd in a mini marathon down Lankershim Boulevard. It’s hard to describe the feeling of running down one of the busiest boulevards in L.A. with one of the most colorful hosts on television.

There was pandemonium as people made a mad dash to keep up with O’Brien. Cars stopped to allow occupants to catch a glimpse. As he got to his studio entrance, he turned and hugged the ones who kept up with him, including me! I was thrilled!

It’s upsetting that O’Brien has only been the host of “The Tonight Show” for seven months and that he’s losing his job so suddenly. What is certain is that O’Brien and his staff won’t leave empty-handed.

According to NPR, the deal is valued at about $45 million in all including $33 million for O’Brien and $12 million for his staff.

Of course, this whole fiasco could have been avoided.

When NBC came to Leno to propose the idea of moving his prime time show from 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. he could have graciously declined and moved on, making good on his promise to Conan.

Instead Leno agreed to the deal which would have moved “The Tonight Show’s” time slot to midnight, something that has never been done in the show’s history.

As we all know, this is show business. It isn’t always pretty.
"The Book of Eli," starring Denzel Washington, appears predictable at first, with an invincible hero and the talk of an elusive book. However, directors Allen and Albert Hughes stop any apprehension within the first 30 minutes of the film. The opening scene of this movie is reminiscent of countless other post-apocalyptic movies. It's dark and gloomy and begins with the camera gazing over dead camouflage-clad bodies lying under smoky, ash-filled skies.

Washington plays a lone soldier on a divine mission to deliver the sole remaining copy of "the book" to a destination in the West.

Eli (Washington) has been trudging westward for 30 years through the torched destitute remains of a post-apocalyptic world where resources such as water and food are scarce and the most valuable commodities.

Eli's invincibility is demonstrated early on in the movie when roadside hijackers armed with guns attempt to kill him for his backpack, and to eat him as food.

Armed with only a long sword, Eli kills his attackers with the precision and skill that only the star of a movie would have. At this point the film appears to be just another "Mad Max" or "The Road Warrior." However, Eli’s triumph seems inspired when the sky opens up and it becomes clear that he is protected by a divine, all-powerful being.

At this point the identity of "the book" becomes clear. Viewers realize that Eli is a soldier of God. This movie has obvious religious overtones, but it's not preachy. Viewers do not have to be believers in Christianity or be well versed in Bible scriptures to enjoy this film.

The writer Gary Whitta, incorporates humor and action throughout, and the storyline is surprisingly unpredictable, with enough twists and turns to keep viewers engaged.

Allen and Albert Hughes compliment Whitta’s tale with slick, well choreographed action scenes and visually striking landscapes.

"The Book of Eli" has a recycled good versus evil theme; however, it grips your attention all the way through and ends with a twist that’s unexpected. This movie will inspire you to reevaluate your priorities in life. This movie will cause many to seek a higher power and others to purchase an earthquake/survival kit. Either way, "The Book of Eli" is entertaining and well worth the cost of admission.
Vampire Weekend, a band of formed by college students in New York, New York, released their sophomore album, *Contra*. Grab yourself a nice, big glass of horchata and be prepared to enjoy their new California themed album. After the single “A-punk” from the 2008 self-titled album, featuring two chords, the band received the reputation of being too simple, as well as being too weird. In *Contra* the band proved they have changed from their previous approach and embellished what they needed to. Equipped with synth beats and accents from hip-hop, reggae and electro, the songs are ready to please.

On Jan. 20, Vampire Weekend topped the Billboard 200 chart at No. 1. This is a huge accomplishment since they are just the 12th independent release that has topped Billboard’s chart since 1991, when the SoundScan era started. According to Nielsen SoundScan, the band sold 124,000 copies of *Contra*, doubling expectations. "Horchata" was a smart move for the first single, setting the carefree tone of the album. Ezra Koenig’s crooning trademark is a dramatic effect and works as an attempt to use the voice as an instrument. The African-influenced rhythms emphasize the Afro-pop genre of the band, which is seen more throughout the album. "Me and my cousins and you and your cousins I can feel it coming" will be stuck in your head after enjoying the single, "Cousins." If you like drums, drums and more drums the song will definitely be for you. Even though the song is catchy and upbeat the lyrics are a little unintelligible.

Ke$ha’s hit debut single “Tik Tok” is the No.1 song in the country. Her album *Animal* is out now. She’s giving artists like Katy Perry and Lady Gaga something to worry about. She has a “don’t mess with me” attitude. Her name is Ke$ha and she’s moving up the charts with soul, style and an outstanding amount of sass. Her catchy dance-club hit “Tik Tok” sits at No. 1 on Billboard’s Hot 100 -- a spot it's held for 14 weeks. *Animal*, her debut album also debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart. The great thing about Ke$ha is that she writes her own songs, unlike many pop stars today. It's hard to imagine that just anyone could compile random thoughts into one cohesively fun album.

Ke$ha describes herself as a “lovesick crack head” on “Your Love is My Drug.” Ke$ha explains her writing process to the Los Angeles Times, “Okay, for instance, I have a song on my record called “Steven” — I’ve been stalking this guy since I was fifteen, so it’s a song about Steven: ‘Why won't you call me?’” The album is summed up with the title track “Animal.” Ke$ha she refers to this song as her “philosophy on life. It’s about remembering that we’re really all just animals, and I indulge that more often than most people. I never said I was going to be the best influence.” Ke$ha, 22, didn’t always rock the party girl image she has today. She grew up on welfare and moved from Los Angeles to Nashville, which exposed her to disparate music genres, and influenced the artist she is today. Ke$ha was so determined to make it that she trespassed on Prince’s property by paying his gardener and hand-delivered him her demo CD. That’s right, Prince. “The artist formerly known as.” At the time, that got her nothing more than escorted off of his property. Through her courage, controversy and confident girl attitude, Ke$ha signed with RCA records in 2009. Fergie who?

Vampire Weekend releases Contra, their sophomore album. Contra is available online for download.
Obama's hope found in defeat

By ERIC BROWN
OPINIONS EDITOR

Looking back over the past year, our political scene in America has seen an energized battle of political malpractice, the newest buzz word for de-faming our politicians.

Usher in on promises of hope and change, President Barack Obama and our Democratic Congress were elected amidst the woes of America's worst recession since the 1930s. As driving through town I still see foreclosure signs on homes, empty stores in strip malls and vacant offices in business parks. We need just drive the length of Cajon Blvd to understand.

I have nothing against Obama, I voted for him to be where he is, but I'm becoming increasingly agitated with my favored politi-cal party, the Democrats.

I had delusions of grandeur that Obama and our new Congress would bring with them the fantasy-like hope that President Franklin D. Roosevelt brought with him in his New Deal package of congressional fiscal warriors.

The recent defeat of Martha Coakley, the Democratic nominee for the vacant senate seat of Massachusetts to senator-elect Scott Brown (R) has cracked the wall of authority Democrats thought they had in Washington.

My initial reaction was anger, sheer anger and how a largely blue state had voted a Republican into office in a time when we needed every liberal idea on the agenda to pull us out of our fiscal woes, healthcare concerns and foreign entanglements.

Then, suddenly, before looking into how each campaign was handled and the nuances of how Brown won the seat like the rest of my colleagues, I was hit with understanding.

This was in retrospect the best thing that could have happened for the country, let alone the Democratic Party. Let me explain.

History tells us that the situation of today is not unique. In 1993 we elected Bill Clinton to the presidency, and he brought with him a largely Democratic Congress.

Out of the first few years, the only thing that came out of this marriage of the legislative and executive branch was the failure of major healthcare and campaign finance reform bills. That's odd. Seems like our current Democratic machine has hit the same bumbling bump in the road.

Clinton came into office absorbing the debt and spending of the previous administration and the Gulf War.

When Clinton stepped into office, the unemployment rate was 7.5 percent, and upon his departure in 2000 it had dropped to 4.0 percent according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The kicker is that Clinton accomplished more in his later years when Congress shifted to a Republican majority including lesser-know but highly important pieces of legislation like the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconcili-ation Act of 1996 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, amongst other small pieces that led to Clinton's presidency -- one of the most prosperous peri-

ods in American history.

As a nation, we finished last year with an unemployment rate over 10 percent according to the BLS. That's not to say Obama and the De-mocrats haven't tried fixing all our problems.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 granted $787 billion towards combating the current recession.

Time will tell the effects of that act, but in the past year we have also seen the rag-

ning dispute over a health care bill, last year's unanswered promise from Obama and the Democrats.

Today, Brown's election curbs complete Democratic control of the Senate could be a precursor of things to come. Unlike many liberals, I see this as an opportunity to actually accomplish something.

Political stagnation of the past has transformed into political strangulation today, as every legislator represents niche constituents.

The concept of the greater good is lost, even when one party has a hold over Con-gress, as they politically strangle them-selves by being overly ambitious in their goals.

It's my belief that a divided government, where one party controls the execu-tive and the other the legislative branch, is the best option for America to move for-ward.

Gone are the days of the New Deal, but rather today is the age of compromise. Where the executive office sets their agenda and the legislative body digests, amends and produces that agenda into ac-

tual aid for America.

So don't run and hide because you see the recent Democratic defeat as the start of a hostile takeover, but instead trust in the checks and balances our founders put into place to promote the kind of compromises we need to pull this country back up out of the mud.

It's time to get up, get out and graduate

By KEVIN DOWNES
STAFF WRITER

For all students with no plans after graduation, it's time for a wake up call. Get out of bed and put down the video games. We've been striving for years for this one day where we will receive our degree. For many students this can bring about a sense of nervousness or anxiety about taking that proverbial next step.

Unfortunately, many of our recent graduates are most likely facing this right now.

“You feel good that you accomplished a great part of your life, but it’s a little scary because you have to go out there and pursue what you started,” said CSUSB alum Maria Gomez.

For many, acquiring a degree means joining the workforce and starting the career of their dreams. Others want to prolong the inevitable pursuit of a graduate de-gree, meaning at least two more years of classes.

Let’s face it, the real world can be a pretty scary place, especially in today’s economy. According to a re-port by MSNBC, the unemployment rate for college graduates has tripled in the last two years from three to nine percent.

Don’t let this be discouraging. Like the old saying goes, fortune rewards the bold.

Just recently a co-worker of mine with a Bachelor’s degree was passed over for a position by someone who could barely type, but was on a first name basis with most of the department.

Bottom line: get yourself out there. Networking is an excellent way to do this, meet people in the field you want to be in and make a good impression on them. People say it’s not what you know, but who you know.

Also don’t be discouraged if you don’t get the job of your dreams right off the bat. Everyone has to pay their dues some-time and when you start at the bottom you get a bet-ter view of what it takes to make it to the top.

“I would suggest students to be open to any opportu-

nities and not be title-driven,” said former Nestle campus recruiter Benita Young.

Also do research on your chosen field. Get your re-

sume to as many companies as you can.

According to quintessentialcareers.com, the top 5 job search websites are: Yahoo Hotjobs, jobcentral.com, col-

legecareercenter.com, careerbuilder.com, and Monster.

For those of you that want to stay in school and at-

tain a higher level degree, that’s a valid option as well.

According to NYU’s graduate school of Arts and Science, the number of occupations that typically require a master’s degree will increase by 20 percent by 2016. But one thing that should also be taken into account is that a Master’s degree costs more than a Bache-

lor’s degree.

At CSUSB, a Master’s degree costs $1,654 per quarter for 6 or more units and $560 for less than 6 units. Also for a MBA and MSA it’ll cost an additional $140.00 per unit, as well as an extra $90 a unit for an MPA, aside from all the ac-

ademic requirements.

No matter what you decide for your life after graduation, just make sure you decide something.

Don’t stand around not doing anything because that will only hurt you in the long run.

After high school I decided to take a couple years off to “find myself” and only found that I had wasted two years of my life when I should have been in school.

It can be scary being on your own with no structure to follow, but that’s the whole point of graduating and moving on with your life.

Face the fear and just keep moving forward.
Cellular couldn’t get more singular

By BRIAN SAUDE
STAFF WRITER

Cell phones remain one of our most beloved and hated objects. On one end of the spectrum, a revolutionary device allowing human beings to interact with each other on opposite sides of the planet, while at the same time, certain groups look at cell phones as a nuisance and a waste of time that ultimately leads to social issues and a wide array of different health concerns.

In a recent class room survey, 97 percent of CSUSB students admitted to owning one or more cell phones. We saw last year during the Iranian elections how useful cell phones could be as they got pictures, videos and text instantly off the streets and online for the world to see. However, I’d like to take a look at cell phones in a larger, evolutionary way. I often get lost in a particular fantasy every time I see a large class existing a classroom with students heads gazing steadily downward at the hunk of plastic and metal they call their cell phone; if an alien were to stumble upon our planet to study us, would they look at us smash our fists on our shiny rocks and realize somehow we conveyed messages telepathically? My point being, although the cell phone may seem as though it’s just a helpful tool, it may possibly prove to be an essential step in the evolution of mankind.

The interconnectedness of man has never been as strong in recorded history as now and technological advances create even tighter knit communities on a daily basis. Given the instant access to information over the web, I don’t think our generation can even fathom what a pain research would have been before internet technology. It makes you think; Would it be that far fetched considering the astonishing biological advances to think that one day our cell phones would be integrated into our bodies? Then would we be telepathic? Only the future will tell, but the fact remains cell phones are a part of human life, at least here in America.

Because of the rate at which we use our cell phones, many have concerns about how they affect our mental and physical health. Recently researchers have reported no links between cell phones and brain tumors in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute this past year, after a frenzied scare that started about a year ago got people worrying. However it’s possible that as time passes, the long term effects will become more obvious.

The interconnectedness of cell phones are the social problems associated with it. Although many feel it may be too soon to tell, some psychologists believe that an overexposure to text based communication may lead to less social interaction, especially amongst the younger generations. It has gotten to the point where people do not even interact with anyone they come in contact with, not even a simple head nod, wave or smile.

We’ve all been in an elevator when suddenly everyone gets a text message and conversely can’t even make eye contact with you.

Whether you’re someone who avidly supports and embraces these new technologies or one who denounces and discredits them, there is change happening at an amazing rate.

Before you reach for the cell phone in your pocket to check to see if you missed a call or text, consider saying hi to the next person you see on your way to class.

Obama supplies same old hope and change

By MARIA MARTINEZ
STAFF WRITER

Less than three weeks after being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, President Barack Obama signed legislation authorizing the largest U.S. military budget ever, totaling $680 billion for the war in Afghanistan and Pentagon funding. Is this the same Obama who promised us peace and hope when we elected him on an anti-war platform?

To further the contradiction, at the signing Obama said, “I have always rejected the notion that we have to waste billions of dollars of taxpayer money to keep this nation secure.”

Hmm.

Obama has reemerged in Afghanistan and, while there is no imminent threat of their government being overthrown, our forces cannot be effective with the status quo.

At Which point, Obama then ordered 30,000 more troops sent to Afghanistan, increasing the troop numbers to more than 100,000 in December 2009.

President Bush’s “war on terror” has been in an elevating scare that started about a year ago got people worrying. However it’s possible that as time passes, the long term effects will become more obvious.

Obama supplied same old hope and change.

“We’ve been there eight years now and we’re still talking about turning it around.”

Rep. Bill Delahunt

Obama said that troops will begin withdrawing in July of 2011. He went on to say that any transfer of responsibility to the Afghan government ultimately will be based on conditions in that country. Both conservatives and liberals criticized Obama’s plan to begin troop withdrawal in 2011, leaving many legislators questioning whether or not the war is winnable.

While most Republicans backed Obama’s decision to send more troops, they felt he was playing politics by setting an arbitrary withdrawal deadline. They also argued that he should never have stated a departure date because the Taliban and al Qaeda would use the information to their advantage.

Announcing a firm date for starting an American withdrawal, while also saying such a withdrawal depends on conditions in Afghanistan, “are two incompatible statements,” said Sen. John McCain, (R-Ariz.).

Other representatives also showed concern. “We’ve been there eight years now and we’re still talking about turning it around,” said Rep. Bill Delahunt, (D-Mass.). “Is [another] 18 months going to be sufficient?”

It would seem that the mission is shifting from tackling terrorism, to a vague mix of fighting with the Taliban and nation building.

“It’s about to turn into somehow bringing democracy to Afghanistan, somehow protecting a corrupt regime. And I don’t understand why that mission is good,” said Rep. Mike Capuano (D-Mass). “It wasn’t good in Iraq, it wasn’t good in Afghanistan, it isn’t good in any place in this world.”

The American people, and especially college student negative the war, overwhelmingly voted for a candidate who stood strongly and firmly for change and hope.

I doubt they expected their Nobel Peace Prize winner to spend more American money on war and Middle East Democracy-building than even his predecessor, the highly-criticized President and war enthusiast, George W. Bush.

Clearly, Obama has adopted former President Bush’s “war on terror” philosophy. But how did this happen?
Upcoming Events

Monday 1.25.10, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
@ SMSU Bay
Board Game Night
Come by and join us for a board game tournament! Lots of great giveaways and prizes!

Tuesday 1.26.10, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
@ SMSU Theater
Auditions for Phenomenal Women
Come take on the role of phenomenal women throughout history by performing a piece of their work on stage! Auditions for Phenomenal Women will be held on this dates in the Student Union. Come be a part of this great event!

Saturday 1.30.10, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
@ SMSU Events Center
Winter Wonderland Dance
Winter Semi-Formal! Professional pictures will be taken for the first 100 students! (Limit one per student) Light snacks and refreshments will also be provided.

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Coach Trevor
By MONICA GALLEGOS
Staff Writer

Paul Trevor may be known to the common CSUSB student as the teacher of a Kinesiology class they had to take once, but to the 18 men on the Coyote Basketball team he is “Coach Trevor.”

Trevor spent the 2001-2002 season as assistant coach in a Division I program at the University of San Francisco (USF) and brought his knowledge of NCAA basketball to the table here at CSUSB beginning in the 2002-2003 season.

“I know what to expect, how games play out, especially in tight games,” Trevor said.

Previous to his time at USF, Trevor spent four years as associate head coach at his Alma Mater, Sonoma State University.

Players and coaches agree that Trevor has a lot to offer the Coyotes.

“He brings toughness, motivation and a defensive mentality to the team,” said Assistant Coach Anthony Jones.

During the hard working practices in Coussoulis Arena, Trevor can be seen pacing up and down the court, giving advice and correction.

Standing in his position midcourt, arms crossed in a powerful presence, he observes the drill with a keen eye.

After every play that’s made, he walks onto the court with a paper in his right hand and points, giving direction with his right arm.

Even from a stranger’s perspective, Trevor’s passion can be seen at practice and his mentoring relationship with the players is obvious.

He said he believes that he brings defense to the table for the Coyotes, thanks to his experience at previous schools.

“We take pride in ranking in the top 20 defensively,” Trevor said.

This is more than likely thanks to his defensive mentality that he provides his players.

Trevor described his overall experience at CSUSB as “very enjoyable.”

“I love it here. Students and staff are very supportive,” Trevor said.

Some of that support can be seen on game days with the roaring crowd filled with blue-bodied students and spectators.

Coach Trevor, currently the winningest assistant coach in school history, is in his eighth consecutive season at CSUSB and sixth year as associate head coach, and is confident that this team has the potential to be CCAA Champions once again.

As a team, the Coyotes recently ended their five-game streak with a bang by defeating Cal State Dominguez Hills 75-57 at home, a 5-0 record for nine days and 10-3 record overall.

Trevor has high hopes for Brian LeDuc, who is on his list of who to watch. This list also contains teammates Aaron Hill, Lawrence Tyson and Devon Davis among others.

“Is what is missing from this seemingly utopian experience?”

“I’d love to see more student support,” Trevor said.

To catch the action, join other fans at the Coussoulis Arena to cheer on Feb. 2 against Cal Poly Pomona. Games can also be heard on Coyote Radio.

Kobe vs. LeBron
By CHRIS BAKER
Sports Editor

Last Thursday night, many witnessed the latest installment of Kobe vs. LeBron.

As both Nike and the NBA force this alleged rivalry down the throats and into the wallets of viewers, countless fans take their side in the debate of who is ‘the best’ player in the association.

But since when is LeBron Kobe’s rival?

What exactly has he accomplished to deserve not only a spot beside Kobe Bryant, but according to many, ahead of him?

Kobe has been named to 11 All-NBA teams, including five times, three of which were first team honors.

Kobe is a Slam Dunk Champion, while LeBron (despite the promises) won’t even compete.

And the most important statistic of all is that Kobe is the most complete player in the league.

Kobe is also the youngest player in league history to reach 10,000 career points (23 years, 59 days).

But with all of that what has he won?

One Eastern Conference title isn’t enough to validate a parking ticket, let alone get VIP treatment ahead of the Duncans, Wades and O’Neals.

Sure, it’s possible for LeBron James to go on a run and win a few championships, but it’s also possible that he doesn’t.

Until he gets a ring, he’ll stand with Karl Malone, John Stockton, Charles Barkley, and Dominique Wilkins as great players, but not champions.

However it isn’t over.

If LeBron does in fact win a title or two the debate between exists legitimate; but until then any Kobe-LeBron argument is tenuous.

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**Bolts kicked to the curb**

By AARON HUGHES
Staff Writer

Blame it on the kicker. San Diego's All-Pro kicker Nate Kaeding missed three field goals during the game. In the first half he was wide left from 36 yards, and short from 57 yards. When the Chargers trailed by 10 with 4:38 to go, he was wide right from 40.

The San Diego Chargers quest for Super Bowl glory is over. They fell in a disappointing 17-14 loss to the New York Jets, effectively ending their Super Bowl dream for 2010. Despite the loss being San Diego's third home playoff defeat in six years, Coach Norv Turner remains upbeat.

"There are things that you have to overcome in this league. I think our team understands those things and like I said, we have the type of guys that will do that," Turner said.

"I think the future for this football team is outstanding. That's our intention and that's our goal. I believe this team is capable of coming back and putting ourselves in position to make a run at it over the next period of time." The Chargers had been expected to do much better, going 13-3 in the regular season, only bettered by Peyton Manning's 14-2 Colts. The Chargers topped the AFC West Division.

Rookie Mark Sanchez and Shonn Greene led New York in the stunning 17-14 upset of San Diego in the divisional playoffs, each providing a touchdown in the fourth quarter that marked another Chargers postseason letdown.

Although the loss has undoubtedly upset the fans, somecontinue to be positive.

Jesse Arce a senior at CSUSB said, "Overall the season couldn't have gone better. We had a lot of momentum going into the game, we were playing at home. We lost to a team that we should have beat but it was disappointing, but a good season."

Both the Chargers and the Jets built up momentum going into the playoffs.

The Jets, who were faced with the uphill task of having to win their last two games just to qualify, first rallied from behind against the Indianapolis Colts to win 29-15 and then beat the Cincinnati Bengals 37-0 to earn a playoff bid.

Going into the game against the Jets, the Chargers had gone on an incredible 11-0 winning streak.

"The biggest thing for me is when you step away from it, and it's hard to do that after this short period of time, but we have got good players and great character players and people that you want to be around on a daily basis and guys that will get this thing done. They will get this thing done. There's no question in my mind," Turner said.

Last season the Chargers upset the favored Colts in the Wild-Card round, which was nothing new for the Chargers. The year before they beat the favored Colts as well.

"One of the things I look at, we played Indianapolis two years ago. We went to Indianapolis. They were 12-4, two seed. We beat them and ended their season. They came in here last year, [nine] game winning streak, the hottest team in football. If they got past us they were the team to go to the Super Bowl, and we beat them and ended their season. They're getting ready to play in the championship game," Turner said.

Although the future looks bright for the optimistic Charger fans, the retaining of potential free agents is crucial. Key players such as Vincent Jackson (wide receiver), Marcus McNeill (linebacker) and Darren Sproles (running back) could all potentially leave as free agents.

The Chargers running game must also improve. They averaged a measly 88.9 yards per game this season, second worst in the NFL. Key players such as Vincent Jackson (wide receiver), Marcus McNeill (linebacker) and Darren Sproles (running back) could all potentially leave as free agents.

The Chargers running game must also improve. They averaged a measly 88.9 yards per game this season, second worst in the entire league. San Diego must find a solid back either in the draft or in free agency, or they might be out of the playoffs altogether.

**Old-school coaches nearly extinct**

By JESUS ROMERO
Assistant Sports Editor

Coaching styles have changed with the times. Old school coaching is not welcome anymore in today's sports.

I remember the good ol’ days when I would turn on Sports Center and see Bobby Knight throw a chair across the court in frustration. He would get in his players' faces and fire them up to finish games strong. If a player made a mistake, look out, because here comes the chair.

Nowadays the coaches get in trouble if they act up. They are fined or suspended by the NCAA.

Once you get to the pros it’s a different ball game.

Yes, it is a game for entertainment for the fans, but that’s when it becomes a business. No longer are you playing for pride, your school colors or bragging rights, but for a paycheck.

Coaches usually don’t get in the players’ faces. By the time the young men reach the pros, they’re grown men, and it just looks ridiculous.

The times have changed and so have coaching styles. Maybe for the better.

The coaches earn the respect of their players. Throughout the NCAA and at the professional level, coaches are more of a figurehead than a disciplinarian.

Some coaches are respected by being successful. Time after time they keep on winning.

Roy Williams, Mike Krzyzewski and Pat Summit are some of the most respected NCAA basketball coaches.

They have many championships under their belts. They have a resume that has to be respected by default.

Other coaches gain respect by standing up for their team, school or players. Instead of fighting against the player, they take the anger out on whoever went after the player or team.

In 2008, Oklahoma State head football coach Mike Gundy fought for his player after a reporter had ripped the starting quarterback in the local newspaper. Coach made his point clear that he’s just a kid, saying, “I’m in a man. I’m forty. Come after me.”

Coaches get riled up all the time with bad calls and game-changing plays.

CSUSB basketball coach Jeff Oliver is always hootin’ and hollering up and down the court. He is one of the most active coaches I’ve ever seen. Intense with the referees, Oliver will fight calls for his players.

Assistant Coach Darren French says that Oliver is passionate about the game and he likes getting involved with the players.

Coaches can be aggressive and get in players faces but nowadays, it just doesn’t look very professional.

Even Kansas coach Frank Martin was on ESPN’s “Jim Rome is Burning” and said that it is not appropriate for coaches to do that.

Martin slapped a kid while coaching; he apologized and said respect should be gained another way.

Many coaches are following suit, but for the ones who continue to berate and attack players, it’ll be a lawsuit following them. Just ask former Texas Tech head football coach Mike Leach.
The CSUSB women’s basketball team is gearing up to improve their work ethic and continue towards a winning season, despite a few disappointing losses.

Coming off of an 11-17 season, there is a definite desire for improvement.

The Coyotes are currently 1-2 on the road and it’s been difficult for them to find their rhythm in such a competitive conference.

New additions to the team and a goal to be more aggressive will be the keys to success in the remainder of the 2009-10 season.

“We’ve got some bench players that have been stepping up,” said head coach Kevin Becker.

“We’ve made some strides the last two weeks especially.”

Looking back at some of the team’s losses, Becker notes the opponents were more physical and the team needs to stay competitive for the entire game.

“That’s probably been the most disappointing thing so far in the season, is us backing down,” Becker said.

“[However], after our Pomona loss, we came back against two aggressive teams (CSU Dominguez Hills, CSULA) and we matched up. I think we actually set the intensity level.”

Becker thinks most opponents would label the Coyotes a finesse team, but he wants to prove they can still be physical. The team now is focusing on the defensive effort and rebounding.

“One of our strengths is we take care of the ball pretty well. We don’t turn it over,” Becker said.

One notable new player, junior forward Kymberly Ooten, a transfer from Riverside Community College, brings a list of accomplishments.

In her two years at RCC, she was named the team’s MVP and best offensive player.

With the Coyotes, Ooten has shown her strength, she is tied for fourth in the team in scoring (13.2 avg ppg) and total steals (20) and is the team leader in rebounds (88).

She said she is proud of the team and how far they have come since the first game, and wants to stay on a winning track.

“If we work hard for the same goal; we have a shot at the conference title,” said Coach Jeff Oliver.

“We know we’re all working hard for the same goal, we have to keep working hard and not get comfortable.”

Kristle Urzua, a senior guard, is in her fourth and final season with the Coyotes, and has been through all of the ups and downs the team faced in prior seasons.

“She is impressed with the team’s “overall effort and understanding of the plays” so far this year. Urzua earned second-team All-CCAA honors last season, and currently leads the team in average points per game (17.3) and steals (32).

In the five losses the team suffered, they took away insights to improve their weaknesses.

“We have to play for the full 40 minutes,” Urzua said.

Becker thought it was going to take awhile for the players to get some team chemistry, but, according to him, the team is starting to gel.

As of Jan. 22, the Coyotes are currently fifth in conference play at 5-4, and have an overall record of 9-5.