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After a celebrated win in November, the CSU won’t see critical oil taxation funding after all.

By PAUL DUDLEY
Staff Writer

Cal State San Bernardino won’t see any money from AB 656, which proposed taxation on oil and gas companies to fund higher education, was halted Jan. 22 by the assembly appropriations committee. The California Faculty Association’s (CFA) sponsored bill AB 656, which proposed taxation on oil and gas companies to fund higher education, was halted Jan. 22 by the assembly appropriations committee. According a press release from the California Faculty Association.

The committee removed the oil and gas severance tax portion of the bill and replaced it with a rereporting requirement. The bill had the possibility to produce up to $1 billion every year for California’s higher education by taxing big oil, said the CFA.

“We were hoping with the help of [Assembly Majority Leader] Alberto Torrico we would send a powerful message to the legislators. [However] with the way the political landscape works you don’t always have control,” CSUSB CFA chapter president Marcia Marx said.

“We were hoping with the passage of AB 656 the CSU system would generate more revenue and come to a long term answer on how to fund higher education.”

According to the bill, an unspecified percentage of funds would be put into a general account for the California community colleges for curriculum and programs related to renewable energy and would annually allocate remaining funds in the account to the CSU and the University of California.

“Many in the legislature didn’t expect us to move AB 656 as far as we did,” stated CFA President Lillian Taiz.

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AB 656 squashed

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We were hoping . . . we would send a powerful message to the legislators. But we have not given up on our efforts to provide a stable source of funding for the CSU.

CFA President Marcia Marx

CSUSB gets $305 million

The CSU system granted a recovery budget to help boost enrollment

By ANNE MARIE TAHRAMANIS
Staff Writer

Students who previously had slim chances of attending CSUSB may now have a shot. However, this all depends on the state legislature and the CSU budget.

Over the past two years, the CSU implemented a number of cost-cutting measures including enrollment cuts, employee furloughs and layoffs, student fee hikes and class reduction to address the $625 million decrease in state funding.

A source of $305 million was proposed on Jan. 8, to the CSU’s 2010-11 budget, as well as an additional $60.6 million for enrollment funding by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

“This budget will help start us on the path to recovery,” said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. “If adopted by the legislature, this budget will allow us to begin restoring student access to our university.

“If the $305 million is appropriated to the CSU as permanent money (rather than one-time), then that funding can be employed to retain more faculty, provide added services, offer added class sections and otherwise better serve our students,” CSUSB Dr. President Albert K. Karnig said.

According to Karnig, the funding would be dedicated to helping current and future students. They would provide for more faculty, enhanced student support, business related services, improved technology and communications and support for an array of other programs and personnel.

“In this extremely difficult budget climate, we recognize and very much appreciate the governor making higher education a priority,” said Reed. “Clearly, he understands how important restored budgets for higher education are for jobs and California’s economic recovery. We are still faced with challenging circumstance and it will be a slow process as we seek to return to financial stability.”

The additional funding would also allow CSUSB to consider whether “modest enrollment increases” were reasonable, said Karnig. “If the $60.6 million identified in the governor’s budget proposal was to be added to the $305 million also proposed, it would allow us to once again begin to expand.”

A significant facet of the funding will be used to backfill parts of the deep holes created by the recent budget cuts.

“We’ll be pleased if the governor included the $305 million and $60.6 million CSU proposals in his budget message, it’s also

See Enrollment on pg. 3
By RICHARD BOWIE
News Editor

New jobs will be made, health coverage will expand and all our troops will be back by from Iraq by 2011. Or at least, that’s what President Barack Obama has promised. Obama made his first State of the Union Address Jan. 27, speaking about a range of topics of importance to the American public.

Jobs were the number one issue during the address, and President Obama credited the Recovery Act, or stimulus bill, with saving over 2 million jobs and reducing taxes.

“We cut taxes for 95 percent of working families. We cut taxes for first-time homebuyers. We cut taxes for 8 million Americans paying for college,” President Obama said.

“As a result, millions of Americans had more to spend on food and other necessities, all of which helped businesses keep more workers. And we haven’t raised in- come taxes by a single dime on a single person. Not a sin- gle dime.”

In fact, President Obama declared that $30 billion re- covered TARP money would be given to community banks to extend credit to small businesses.

The President mentioned a future resurgence of Ameri- can jobs and innovation by a nationwide focus on clean energy, including building more nuclear power plants, ex- ploration of offshore gas and oil drilling area and contin- ued investment in biofuel and clean coal technologies.

He also declared “passing a comprehensive energy and climate bill with incentives that will finally make clean energy the profitable kind of energy in America.

Health care was another main topic.

“The approach we’ve taken would protect every Amer- ican from the worst practices of the insurance industry,” Obama said.

“It would give small businesses and uninsured Amer- icans a chance to choose an affordable health care plan in a competitive market. It would require every health insurance plan to cover preventive care.”

Obama touched on America’s continued operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“We’re increasing our troops and training Afghan se- curity forces so they can begin to take the lead in July of 2011, and our troops can begin to come home,” said Obama to a standing ovation.

“There will be difficult days ahead. But I am ab- solutely confident we will succeed. Make no mistake: This war is ending, and our troops are coming home.”

Obama also mentioned the building of a 21st Century VA, a national commitment to support military families led by First Lady Michelle Obama and Second Lady Jill Biden. He also made a vow to “finally repeal the law that denies gay Americans the right to serve the country they love be- cause of who they are.”

Changes to education can also be anticipated under the remainder of Obama’s administration. A revitalization of community colleges, an end to taxpayer subsidies to banks for student loans, an increase in Pell Grants and a $10,000 tax credit for families for four years of college are all prom- ises under Obama’s plans.

In addition all student loan debt will be forgiven after 20 years and after ten years if they choose a career in pub- lic service.

Correction:
The photographs accompanied by the story “Shadows of Tall Trees” of the January 25 issue were taken by photographer Timothy Maestas and not the article’s writer, Richard Bowie. The Coyote Chronicle apologizes for any confusion.
Following Republican Scott Brown’s win in Massachusetts, many believe the newly elected senator will leave

Health coverage in peril

By STEVEN BROWN
Staff Writer

The hopes of receiving health care benefits may be damaged for many uninsured Americans following the election of Scott Brown as senator from Massachusetts. Brown will surely have an immediate impact on the debate after shocking the nation Jan. 20 with a dramatic victory over Democrat Martha Coakley. Brown defeated Coakley in a Massachusetts special election held to fill the vacated Senate seat of deceased Sen. Ted Kennedy.

Brown’s recent election negated the filibuster-proof 60-percent super majority needed to pass President Barack Obama’s proposed health care reform, something he stated he will not vote in favor of.

“I am opposed to the health care legislation that is under consideration in Congress and will vote against it,” Brown said on his campaign website. “I believe that all Americans deserve health care coverage.” According to Brown’s website, Obama’s plan will not only lower the quality of health care, but also raise taxes and increase government spending. Brown is in favor of the current private-market system run by insurance companies.

“I support strengthening the existing private market system with policies that will drive down costs and make it easier for people to purchase affordable insurance,” Brown said.

Brown’s election may not have made headlines in California, but the impact will be felt in the future. CSUSB communications professor Donna Gotch is one who believes the election not only has an impact in California, but the entire country.

“I think any election that is going to change the division between Democrats and Republicans, or the balance of power, has an effect on everyone,” Gotch said.

While there may be no immediate change to the current health care system, there are still possibilities for the bill to be passed. Due to Brown’s election, voting for health care reform has been delayed.

“I don’t think [Brown’s election] will be the end all be all to health care reform. I don’t think his one vote is going to drastically sway others,” Gotch said. “I think health care reform is probably one of the most important issues in this time, in this administration.”

The current stalemate in Washington does not change the fact that millions of Americans are currently without health insurance, perhaps reasoning behind Obama’s proposed plan.

The importance of health care remains to be voted on, yet America’s without coverage are the ones in need. According to the 2008 Census, 46.3 million Americans are uninsured. Out of the 46.3 uninsured, 6.8 million reside in California, nearly 15 percent of the United States’ population.

Over one million California residents ages 18-25 are without health insurance, according to a 2007 survey from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). In regards to health insurance, CSUSB students are not shy to voice their opinions on the importance of health care in today’s society. More than 95 percent of CSUSB students questioned claimed health care was important.

CSUSB student Lindsay Stanley emphasized the importance of health insurance and the advantages one has if covered.

“Just knowing you can get what you need to get better and move on with your life, is a great feeling,” Stanley said. “I really don’t know how anyone could not have health insurance.”

Stanley stressed the fact that knowing you’ll be taken care of is imperative from doctors visits to immediate medical attention.

“I do think it’s important, because God forbid, if anything happens, you know you’re taken care of,” Stanley said.

Another CSUSB student, Elizabeth Ebie, made the point that it’s important for all students to possess health insurance, not only for emergency situations, but for preventative measures and the high cost of medical expenses for those uninsured.

“Paying for emergencies out of pocket would be ridiculously expensive, and preventative medicine such as physicals and check-ups keep [you] in better health,” Ebie said. “It is always better to catch something early because you will have a better chance of fixing the problem.”

Other students also voiced their opinion about the importance of being insured.

One CSUSB student said, “If I did not have health insurance, it would cost an arm and a leg just to get checked out.”

Another student said, “Without health insurance, I wouldn’t be able to be an athlete, or play sports, I’d be afraid of getting hurt and paying thousands of dollars in medical bills.”

According to the CSUSB Health Center website, CSUSB offers a Domestic Student Accident and Sickness insurance plan from Anthem Blue Cross for undergraduate and graduate students.

Enrollment boost for CSUSB

While the $60.6 million component is somewhat more unlikely than the other funding because it requires a number of federal contingencies. However, if it was forthcoming, a rough estimate of CSUSB’s share would be in the $2 million to $2.5 million range.

If the two proposals were funded, said Karnig, the CSU would be in a better fiscal position and would be better equipped to provide students access to higher education.

“We look forward to working with the Legislature to reinvest and restore funding for the California State University as we move through the budget process,” said Karnig.

Karnig estimates that CSUSB could see the money as early as July. However due to the recent complex financial hurdles the California faces, and “contentious partisan politics”, August is more realistically the earliest CSUSB will see any of the $305 million.

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Is this your idea of a healthy heart?

When you smoke or breathe secondhand smoke, your heart works harder with less oxygen, increasing your risk for cardiovascular diseases. Each year, more than 170,000 people die from smoking-related heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases but you don’t have to be one of them. Your heart’s health is in your hands.

Heart Disease and Stroke. You’re the Cure.

www.americanheart.org/you’rethecure
By KEVIN DOWNES
Staff Writer

The challenges facing the current health care system in the US have been a huge concern for nearly everyone and remains one of President Barack Obama's main policy issues.

The question isn't whether there is a health care crisis at all, as some conservatives assert, but rather how do we solve this crisis? The answer lies with universal health care system.

Doing so would provide a universal plan for every citizen in the US and guarantee them health coverage no matter the circumstance.

According to the Connecticut Coalition for Universal Health Care, the US is the only industrialized nation that does not guarantee access to health care as a right of citizenship.

Implementing a universal health care plan would mean more funding via taxation, but in the long run will not only save the US money but will help cut the deficit as well.

Federal studies by the Congressional Budget Office and General Accounting Office show that single payer universal health care system would save $100 to $200 billion per year, despite covering the uninsured and increasing health care benefits.

According to House Representative, John Conyers Jr., under our current health care plan, we waste 31 percent of the budget on unnecessary paperwork and administrative costs.

Under a single-payer universal health care system we could redirect that money to providing care for patients.

Many people believe that a government controlled health care plan would take away our freedom of choice, but this claim is unfounded.

Under a single-payer health care system there is freedom to choose which doctor you want to see and what treatments you receive, unlike the current HMO plans where one is limited in choice of doctors and treatments by an insurance company.

The biggest opposition to the introduction of a universal health care system is the insurance industry itself. Many of us, including myself, have had their horror stories with dealing with the HMOs.

A few years back, I broke my ankle and made a routine doctor visit every two weeks. Each visit costs $40 even though all that transpired was the doctors looking at my leg and saying, "It's good. Come back in two more weeks."

This went on for a few months after and my ankle had fully healed I received another bill in the mail saying that I owed more money due to the fact that they had recently increased the fees for doctor visits. According to them I owed an additional $30 per visit, for visits I already had paid for under their old rates.

It's clear that all the HMOs care about is money, considering they get paid by quantity of patient visits instead of quality of patient health, which is the way it should be, the way it would be under a universal health care system.

Many people are afraid of a universal health care system because some have tied it to the words 'socialism' and 'communism.'

What people don't realize is that all that means is that everyone, from the less fortunate to the privileged, will receive the health care they need.

But of course in our country, whomever has the most money is the most important. We cater to the almighty dollar before we cater to someone's health.

A fact that will contribute to our ill health regardless of how good of a private insurance plan we have.
The amount of $380 million may sound like a lot of money to the ordinary person, but for what is needed in Haiti, it is merely a drop in the bucket.

The immediate and long-term needs of the Haitian population are estimated to be in the billions. Currently, donations are crucial to the survival of the Haitian people. One of those donors is CSUSB student Brianna Gordon. Gordon works at The Pub located on campus. She explained to me how she sent money via text message soon after the earthquake.

“It was easy for me because you didn’t have to go anywhere, it was really convenient,” said Gordon.

Despite the immediate outpouring of donations, the giving is already beginning to decline. According to CNN, donations to the American Red Cross are down by more than 50 percent as of Jan. 25.

The huge decline in donations could forecast even more devastation for the nation of Haiti.

Ongoing donations are imperative to the relief effort. Without them people will not receive the food, water, shelter and medical attention they so desperately need.

Haiti is a country where many people didn’t have running water or electricity even before the earthquake.

Restoring the country to that (not ideal) pre-earthquake condition is estimated to take at least 10 years with the cost reaching into the billions of dollars.

You’re probably thinking you can’t afford to donate anything. Increased tuition costs for students, and furlough days for faculty and staff have strained all of us.

But, as I drove home from school tonight to my small but cozy home, I thought of the people of Haiti who have no homes to go to.

I thought of the five-year-old boy who survived the earthquake but whose family didn’t, and is now all alone. I remembered the people on the news who I saw patiently waiting for medical help.

And I realized I have so much more to give.

The immediate and long-term needs of the Haitian people will not be met without your help. And I realized I have so much more to give.

No money at all to give? You can still help. On campus, the Pride Center has been collecting shoes for Haiti. This effort, “Soles for Shoes,” is sponsored nationally by Sport Chalet and is an example of how those who are “broke” can lend a hand.

Speaking of broke, are you low on money this month?

The people in Haiti will still desperately need your help when that financial aid rolls in next quarter.

Their suffering won’t end just because our newscasts move to the next tragedy.

If you plan to buy music for your iPod go to itunes.com and check out the Hope for Haiti Now downloads.

All proceeds from these downloads will be given to Haiti relief agencies that include: The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund, Oxfam America, Red Cross, Partners in Health, UNICEF, Yele Haiti and the UN World Food Programme.

“...I remembered the people on the news who I saw patiently waiting for medical help. And I realized I have so much more to give.”

Mary Martinez | Chronicle Photo

Students on a budget can still help victims of the earthquake that leveled parts of Haiti with ideas as simple as donating the price of your morning latte.

UNICEF, Yele Haiti and the UN World Food Programme.

Another no cost idea, is to contact your bank or credit card company. Many have ways for you to turn your points into a donation.

The above are just some ways you can help those whose experiences we can not even imagine.

And if you really have no money, no nothing, the American Red Cross needs your blood.

Haiti was a cesspool of poverty before the rubble of it’s shanties’ littered the streets, and deserves the help of the world to pick it up off it’s feet, that means you.

Don’t let your community forget.

Long after the fad has passed, update your Twitter and Facebook to remind your friends of the continuing need for donations.

During the court case, Chief Justice Anthony Kennedy said, “Under our law and our tradition it seems stranger than fiction for our government to make political speech a crime.”

Conversely, Chief Justice John Paul Stevens said, “Corporations are different because they have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires. They are not themselves members of ‘We the People’ by whom and for whom our Constitution was established.”

The reality today is, that this ruling means corporations are going to pour enormous amounts of funding into the campaigns for the candidate that will best pass legislation appropriate for their business.

You may argue, “Well I’m not stupid, I can vote for whoever I want.” This is true. Mind you though, you’re attending a higher education facility.

Unfortunately, the many willfully and ignor-ant people living in this country will turn into walking, voting puppets for these major corporations.

Luckily, President Barack Obama is well aware of the implications this ruling will have and on Jan. 23 he stated, “I can’t think of anything more devastating to the public interest.”

Obama then went on to state that he would be creating a bipartisan task force to address this issue, and stop it before any damage can be done.

Generations before have dealt with this problem and now it’s our turn. This issue is not new, nor will it ever completely fade, in fact we have been warned before.

Our freedom to choose should not be allowed to be bought out.
Meet me at The Pub

By NATALIE MORRISON  Staff Writer

You have an hour break before your next class and all your homework is done, what do to pass the time?

Many CSUSB students are meeting and socializing at The Pub, located here on campus.

The Pub offers a variety of beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and food.

Students also love the flat screen televisions that show all the latest sports games.

“The pub is a great place to meet fellow beer drinkers and sports enthusiasts,” said CSUSB student Natalie Carpenter. “I love football so it’s a great place to come watch or catch up on all of the most recent games.”

I personally had never been to The Pub, so I decided to meet up with one of my classmates and see what all the talk was about.

When we first walked in I was surprised to see how many students were there. Everyone seemed to be in an enjoyable and relaxed mood.

Many students were eating, studying, socializing and watching the Laker game.

There’s an assortment of beers you can choose fro, although they recently removed the beers on tap, as well as a variety of non-alcoholic beverages.

The menu consists of a selection of appetizers, soups, chopped salads and sandwiches.

I kept hearing students rave about the beef tacos so I had to try them out myself.

“The tacos are my favorite thing on the menu at The Pub,” Carpenter said. “They are very authentic and cheap too.”

I would definitely have to agree with Natalie and all of the other students who highly recommend the tacos. They were very good and the cost was reasonable.

As we sat there drinking our beverages, eating tacos and watching the Laker game, it felt like we were not at school. It was a sense of freedom, which is why I think many of the students visit The Pub often.

“It’s nice to have a place to go to on campus where you can drink, eat and socialize with friends,” Carpenter added. “If you’re not a drinker, the food is great and there are always good games on.”

I enjoyed The Pub because of the friendly staff, fun atmosphere and good food and drinks.

I would highly recommend stopping by if you have a break or any other free time.

It is also a great place to gather and study with a group of friends.

The Pub is located in the Student Union on the second floor.

It is open Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is closed Saturday and Sundays.
The road to the Oscars

**Precious**
- Golden Globe Winner: Best Performance by an Actress In A Supporting Role (Mo’Nique)
- SAG Winner: Best Supporting Actress (Mo’Nique)

**Avatar**
- Golden Globe Winner: Best Motion Picture Drama
- Golden Globe Winner: Best Director (James Cameron)

**The Hangover**
- Golden Globe Winner: Best Picture Comedy or Musical

**Inglorious Basterds**
- Golden Globe Winner: Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role (Christoph Waltz)
- SAG Winner: Outstanding Performance by a Cast
- SAG Winner: Best Supporting Actor (Christoph Waltz)

**The Blind Side**
- Golden Globe Winner: Best Performance by an Actress (Sandra Bullock)
- SAG Winner: Best Actress (Sandra Bullock)

**Sherlock Holmes**
- Golden Globe Winner: Best Performance by an Actor (Robert Downey Jr.)

Don’t miss the 82nd Annual Academy Awards
Sunday, March 7, 2010
Does your dad have a Grammy?

Staff writer Justin Ivey’s dad Dean Cortez of the band Hiroshima was nominated for a Grammy this year.

By JUSTIN IVEY  Staff Writer

The last time Hiroshima was nominated for a Grammy was nearly 30 years ago; Ronald Reagan was President, Michael Jackson had recently released Thriller and the San Francisco 49ers had won the Super Bowl. Now, my dad, Dean Cortez, wants to win a Grammy this time around.

His band, Hiroshima, has been nominated for Best Pop Instrumental Album of the Year for their latest album, Legacy.

Cortez, who plays bass in the band that mixes a combination of jazz, fusion, world music and pop, is proud of the response that the band’s record has gained from fans, critics and peers. It’s an understatement to say he was completely blindsided by the band’s nomination.

“I couldn’t believe that we were nominated,” Cortez said. “I was totally shocked, and didn’t expect it. I’m still scratching my head.”

Obviously things have changed since the last time they were in this position and since their last trip, they’ve accomplished a lot together. They have released several award-winning albums, toured the world several times, but haven’t been back to the Grammys until now.

This nomination is definitely exciting for the band, especially since they’re celebrating their 30th anniversary of making music together that has produced 17 albums. “Legacy” is an album that consists of songs from the last 15 years of the band’s catalog that have been re-recorded in a live setting to give the listener an insight to their live concert performance.

The band was unaware of the possibility of being nominated and actually didn’t consider the category that they are nominated in.

Some of the members of the band are a part of the Recording Academy and missed the opportunity to vote for themselves in the early balloting process. They didn’t see their name in the jazz category, so they didn’t consider any other category.

When their phones were ringing constantly with the news of the nomination, they couldn’t believe it. In my father’s case, I informed him of the nomination after following live coverage online.

I’ve always been so proud of what he’s done. Especially because I’m following in his footsteps with my own band, The Fling and hope to accomplish as much as him.

Winning a Grammy impacts any artist’s career, and my father is looking forward to the possibility of adding some hardware.

“Personally it’s very gratifying to be acknowledged and it gives me a sense of fulfillment and justifies being successful in something that is my life’s passion.”

Hiroshima is extremely excited that this album has been nominated because this record means so much to them because they were able to put a fresh approach to some of the band’s most popular songs like “East,” “Another Place” and “Thousand Cranes” to name a few. Cortez said that the record gives these songs a “new life.”

The band recently played a series of shows in San Francisco and received warm welcomes at every venue. It was obvious to the rest of the band that their Grammy nomination was noticed and appreciated.

Cortez is soaking it all in and is looking forward to attending the awards and seeing some of the performances. He’s especially excited about the rumors of Dave Matthews performing, but the thing he’s excited about most is the possibility of bringing home a trophy.

When asked where he will put the trophy if he wins, he calmly said, “To be determined.”

Commentary

Is it pants on the ground, or back pockets on the floor?

By ANGELICA STEWART  Asst. Entertainment Editor

The only person looking like a fool with his pants on the ground is General Larry Platt, of American Idol fame. Platt auditioned on the now infamous episode of the hit TV show, becoming an instant favorite amongst viewers.

The audition was nothing short of pure entertainment, but the other people seem to think otherwise. The only problem with his performance is that, well, it wasn’t his original song to begin with.

The Green Brothers, a singing duo who have claimed to have recorded the song “Back Pockets on the Floor” back in 1996, have filed a copyright infringement against Platt. The duo has even released footage of old performances. American Idol is notorious for making nobodies somebody, and it seems like everybody wants in on the fame.

In my opinion, if anybody makes a song they should copyright it, it’s just common sense. Unfortunately, not everybody has that so people file lawsuits like these ones. Platt has stated that he hasn’t seen a penny since his audition, now that the song has reached high in popularity status. He even hired his own lawyer to ensure copyrights to the song, unbeknownst to the Green Brothers.

Platt claimed in front of the judges that the song was indeed written by himself, to encourage people not to sag their pants.

The Green Brothers have also thrown in a claim that even though the song isn’t copied word for word, the concept and some lyrics bear an extreme likeness. Either way it goes, the song will definitely not be winning any grammys soon, nor will it he remembered beyond five months from now.

I guess people will get what little fame they can from where ever they can get it. I just wonder will this lawsuit even be worth anything next year.

There is one lesson to be learned though: maybe Platt should have made a song encouraging people to write their own material instead of picking your pants up off the ground.
By: CALLI CARTER
Staff Writer

Some may cry, and some may be relieved, but the longtime “American Idol” judge Simon Cowell, is calling it quits on the ratings juggernaut.

Fox announced the breaking news at the Television Critics Association press tour on Jan. 11 in Pasadena, Calif. Simon is leaving as a judge on the popular singing competition to pursue other ventures in the entertainment industry, specifically interest in another television show called “X-Factor,” which is all the rage in the UK and quite similar to “American Idol.” Now, “X-Factor” is making its way to the United States with the help of Cowell.

Contests and other popular television shows are still hot in America at the same time so I decided to comment on the transition. This has been causing rumors, questions and hysteria among media and fans.

“I didn’t think it was right to do two shows in America at the same time, so [I] decided to leave one and start another,” he said during the Idol press tour.

Ideas are still lingering as to who may replace the harsh judge, especially after recent changes to the line-up at the judging table: Kara DioGuardi entered, Paula Abdul exited and now Ellen DeGeneres joins the crew of judges.

Speculation is also stirring as to whether or not “American Idol” will be worth watching. Some people refer to Simon as the heart of the show -- the man who created the unstoppable machine that has viewers glued to their television sets week after week.

According to some people, the hit show is the best time to watch. During audition week, criticism is fierce and singers are expected to be flawless.

Simon is notorious for unsympathetic quotes that ring true to many of his fans. Most of the time, people see him as being pretty dead on. Others find Cowell to be a little over-the-top in his blunt honesty.

“My advice would be if you want to pursue a career in the music business, don’t,” Cowell said to one contestant.

Without candid remarks from Simon’s mouth, “American Idol!” will be missing a huge piece of what made it popular.

Truth, honesty and straight-forward remarks that are not so sweet make the venerable show controversial and entertaining to many viewers nationwide.

It will “continue to be the No. 1 show” in the country, Cowell said. The show has given the American Idol? he asked another. “Well, then, you’re dead.”

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Celebs deliver Hope for Haiti

By JENNIFER RICH
Staff Writer

Since the 7.0 earthquake rocked Haiti on Jan. 12, celebrities have been giving a helping hand to many organizations involved in Haitian relief.

Singer and producer, Wyclef Jean, has taken immediate action in helping his native country in their time of need. The day after the earthquake hit, Jean went to Port Au Prince to assist in anyway possible.

“We spent the day picking up dead bodies, all day that’s what we did. There were so many bodies in the streets that the morgues are filled up, the cemeteries are filled up,” Jean said.

Yele Haiti, Jean’s foundation, asks that people help by donating via text-messaging. By texting “Yele” to 501501 mobile users can donate $5. By texting “Haiti” to 501501 mobile users can donate $10. As of Jan. 16, over $2 million has been raised via the text-message donations.

Jean, along with George Clooney and CNN’s Anderson Cooper, hosted Friday’s “Hope for Haiti Now.” The one-hour special was expected to be flawless.

“X-Factor” is scheduled to start in the fall of 2011 on FOX.

The songs featured in the telethon are available on the accompanying soundtrack, Hope for Haiti Now. The album includes performances from Wyclef Jean, Justin Timberlake, Taylor Swift, Madonna, a group performance by Keith Urban, Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow.

NFL star Will Smith of the New Orleans Saints joined in the help.

“AS our own Katrina recovery continues, the plight of Haiti today is too familiar for those of us in New Orleans to ignore. All of us should be compelled to help the relief efforts,” Smith said.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt quickly reacted by contributing $1 million to the Doctors Without Borders Foundation. Later Sandra Bullock donated $1 million and Jennifer Aniston added $500,000.

Taylor Swift and Ashely Fudd helped the University of Kentucky raise $1 million in a “Hoops for Haiti” telethon.

The Hope for Haiti telethon soundtrack is available on iTunes for download. All proceeds will fund relief efforts.

The compilation recently broke the record for highest grossing digital album, according to Billboard.
A tall, grayish-brown stone arch, with the words “Mission Inn” stamped upon it, describes the hotel in Riverside that has been a home away from home to many for over 100 years. Draped with green vines and surrounded by rooms stacked on top of rooms, the hotel calls guests in from all walks of life.

The entrance, darkened by the lack of sunlight, welcomes you in its doors.

“The Mission Inn is not really a mission,” said guest service employee Marian Granados. “It is and always has been a hotel.”

The hotel was first established by Christopher Columbus Miller and was later bought by his son Frank Miller in 1902. The Miller family’s interest in collecting bells and Spanish and Japanese arts is very noticeable throughout the hotel.

The Mission Inn is a historic landmark that emanates a ghostly charm. Stories of ghost encounters have been circulating the hotel for many years.

“I never saw any ghosts, but we’ve had guests that ran out of their rooms screaming, they can’t stay here another night,” said Granados.

Mysteries overflow the minds of guests and employees after seeing the spiral staircase that has been closed off at the bottom. No one knows why. There are also doors all over the hotel that are closed off; some inside rooms and others out in common areas.

“Our hotel has many mysteries that I don’t have the answers for and I don’t think I’ll ever find out,” said Granados.

Inside the hotel’s main door, there is a wall that holds pictures of our country’s presidents, including President Taft, who visited the hotel in 1909. He was one of the hotel’s special guests. He was described as being a very large man. So large that the hotel created a chair just for him. The chair is displayed by the front desk.

One of the things the hotel is most known for is its annual Christmas celebration. During the holiday season, the hotel is decorated to display carolers, angels and elves. Lights are also hung in many colors to illuminate Main Street. This display brings people from all over, and causes traffic on the 91 freeway for miles.

“Our hotel keeps with the Miller Family’s interest and tribute to world peace during Christmas,” said Granados. Not only is the hotel known for its holiday celebration, but it’s also known to hold events. The hotel holds Conventions for business groups, weddings, and other events.

“Weddings are regularly held here,” said Granados. “They can cost up to $14,000.”

The hotel has a church on its property, St. Francis of Assisi Chapel. The chapel holds up to 152 guests. To book the chapel, it can cost up to $3000.

The hotel also includes four restaurants and a spa, called “Kelly’s Spa,” which was voted “Best Day Spa” on Good Day L.A.’s Hot List. The spa offers skin care, massage, nail care, body treatments, facials and much more.

In addition, the hotel has its own museum. The Mission Inn Museum offers historical information about the birth of the hotel and interesting stories of art pieces throughout the property.

Not many counties in California can say that they have a historical building that allows you to learn about it and stay the night in. Although the rooms start off at $190, students can still break away from their modern existence, and jump into a contemporary get away.

For CSUSB students and other Inland Empire residents, finding the hotel won’t be hard. You can go to the hotel’s web site, missioninn.com, or call (951) 784-0300 for directions.
Features

Soldiers serving on campus

By CHI MENG-TSEN and LIN YEN-FAN
Staff Writers

As foreign students from Taiwan, we were very curious about the American military and why we kept seeing them on campus.

The Army Reserve Officer’s Training Corps (ROTC) is a popular program in more than 700 universities around the nation.

For many, being a part of the program is a big honor. People can earn respect for their ability, spirit and trust.

Many ROTC cadets feel that the program offers them an academic foundation, leadership classes and physical training.

“My father is a soldier, now he serves in Taiwan’s military,” said Jeffrey Lu who is with CSUSB’s ROTC program.

His father wanted him to join the Navy, however his mother hoped he would attend college. Lu felt that ROTC was his best choice in pleasing both of his parents.

“The government offered me a scholarship when I was a student and after I graduated they gave me a job,” Lu said.

In economic times like these, those benefits really attract people to join.

The program can also offer some excitement you won’t get out of regular campus classes. “We have some training on the campus [with] rifles, helicopter operations, obstacle courses and maintaining weapons,” said Lu.

According to Lu, the ROTC program includes academic studies, athletic training and field experience, so that the cadets’ knowledge is well-rounded.

Lu said that the most important change after joining the military is becoming more responsible.

“I became more mature than before. That is the most dramatic change in my life,” said Lu.

Joining the ROTC program requires certain things, like a specific GPA and adherence to physical fitness standards.

However, what was interesting to us was that everyone has an equal opportunity to join. Even though we are women, we could have the right to be in the program.

“More and more women join this program now,” Lu said. “We are also trained together in class.”

We were very happy to finally realize exactly what the soldiers on campus were up to. We think the program is a great pathway to a career.

Of course, there are many considerations to take into account with such a career.

Taking the ROTC scholarship also means that students must fulfill an obligation to serve in the US military, which is naturally a very serious and important decision.

“We’re glad we met the people representing the ROTC programs on campus. We encourage you to start up a conversation next time you see a cadet. We had no idea so much excitement happened here on campus.

They represent a whole different area of educational and career decisions that most of us never even think about.

Listen closely, Tuscany is calling

By JEANNETTE MONROY
Staff Writer

In Italy, you are expected to have dinner for hours, enjoy the company of others, good conversations and savor wines.

The plate of traditional Tuscan food should be empty by the end of all this. They do not drink cappuccino after 10 a.m. and gelato is enjoyed during the hours of 3 to 5 p.m.

The chance has come up once again this summer to study in Florence.

This opportunity is open to all majors and graduate students.

CSUSB communications professor Dr. Robin Larsen has teamed up for the fifth time with CSU Fullerton to coordinate this opportunity to travel abroad.

Two courses will be offered, worth four units each: Comm 334, Travel Feature Writing and Comm 448, Italian Cinema.

Classes are held three days a week in the mornings for an hour and a half each, thus allowing four days to travel.

“The workload is not overwhelming, professors are lenient, and some date extensions are given,” says last year’s summer participant Gloria Delfin.

There are plenty of financial aid options to help cover the cost such as the ASI Research Travel Grant and the Phi Beta Delta scholarships.

This adventure is many interesting stops along the way such as the Tomb of Michelangelo, vineyards galore, and the Coliseum in Rome.

“Capri Beach is a great cliff jumping spot for the adrenaline junkies,” Delfin said. “It was the scariest thing I have done.”

If falling isn’t your thing, maybe you would prefer to get a little cardio in by climbing the 294 stairs to reach the top of the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

“Venice must be seen,” Dr. Larsen said. “The fireworks show and the building of a bridge with boats leave you in awe.”

Even though a museum pass gives unlimited free entry to all state museums, most students’ time has been invested on the interesting performers outside, agree Delfin and Larsen.

“The street art made out of colorful chalk is amazing with so much detail, especially one that was made in the memory of Michael Jackson,” adds Delfin.

Although Italy is the oldest country in the world, it is very fashionable according to Larsen. “The students I take grow into fashion; women buy scarves and hats, and the men purchase sleek shoes and leave the tennis shoes behind,” she said.

There is no need to know the language because you will come back knowing a multitude of words.

But [knowing] Spanish is helpful to catch on and connect more quickly,” Delfin said.

“Many experiences, including the smell of baked goods early in the morning outside your window, makes Italy a place you want to go back to. It’s an addiction,” Larsen said.

The application deadline for the program is Friday, April 9.

For more information, contact Larsen by phone at (909) 537-5818 or through e-mail at rlarsen@csusb.edu.
Upcoming Events

Wednesday 2.3.10, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
@ SMSU Events Center
Drag Ball
Join us at the Events Center and check out the Pride Center’s annual Drag Ball Show. Watch some amazing performers work it on the runway. You don’t want to miss this good time filled with talented performers, fabulous prizes and great time!

Thursday 2.4.10, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
@ SMSU Cross Cultural Center
Cultural Show & Tell
Come & enjoy the company of students from all over the world and the joy of the games they bring. If you have a game that you would like to share please feel free to come.

Friday, 2.5.10, 8 p.m. - 12 a.m.
@ SMSU Lobby
Bob Marley Reggae Night
Wonderful event full of Rastafarian Music and celebration. Join us as we pay tribute to the amazing artist Bob Marley by listening to his music and other live music with bands such as Raskahule, Living Stone, George Jauss and the Messenjahs. Come out and enjoy some great music and some authentic Jamaican food from Stones & Chins!!

10 Things to Know About Health

1. Health is more than health care.
2. Health is tied to the distribution of resources.
3. Racism imposes an added health burden.
4. The choices we make are shaped by the choices we have.
5. High demand + low control = chronic stress.
6. Chronic stress can be deadly.
7. Inequality – economic and political – is bad for our health.
8. Social policy is health policy.
9. Health inequities are neither natural nor inevitable.
10. We all pay the price for poor health.

Health Scholar Program Information Session

The Health Scholar Program is a graduate mentorship/research assistant program that will significantly benefit participating students, allowing them to achieve their full potential for success in later professional and academic endeavors.

At this session, current health scholars will discuss their experiences with the Health Scholar Program, and Co-coordinates of the program will be available to answer any questions about the application process and/or program requirements. All interested faculty and students are encouraged to attend.

Currently Health Scholars receive the following compensation:

✓ 20 hours per week paid at $17/hour during the academic year.
✓ Travel Funds of $1200 per year to attend conferences and presentations.
✓ External Summer Internship Opportunities at Research Intensive Universities.
✓ Mentorship from faculty members conducting health disparity research.

For more information on this event contact: Dr. David Chavez (909) 537-5572, Dr. Marsha Green (909) 537-5341, or Dr. Mary Malle (909) 537-7241.

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HOLY CRAP A PORTAL!
MY KINGDOM NEEDS YOU!

AAAAA

YOU’VE SAVED OUR KINGDOM AND FOUND YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE. NOW IT’S TIME TO RETURN HOME.
GOODBYE, YOUNG HERO!
THANKS FOR REMEMBERING US!

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New plans won’t save Pro Bowl

By JESUS ROMERO
Assistant Sports Editor

For the past 30 years the NFL’s all-star game has been played in Honolulu, Hawaii. In a marketing move made by the NFL, the Pro Bowl will be played in the same stadium as Super Bowl XXLV, Sun Life Stadium in Miami. The goal is for the Pro Bowl to receive more attention and boost TV ratings. Since the Pro Bowl is usually played a week after the Super Bowl, it rarely gets the attention that other all-star games receive.

The Pro Bowl lacks in comparison to other all-star games. Baseball, basketball and even hockey all-star events are more entertaining to watch. Baseball has the classic Home Run Derby where we get to see our favorite sluggers knock balls out of the stadium like never before. Basketball has the slam dunk competition and the three point shootout. Hockey has the target shots, fastest skater and trick shots for entertainment.

The Pro Bowl has...nothing. The Pro Bowl needs that extra event to hype it up and get ready for the weekend. But it’s tough because football doesn’t have the extra competition.

Are they going to see who can hit the hardest? Maybe who is the fastest? Who has the best razzle dazzle play? There were rumors that the Cincinnati Bengals’s receiver Chad Ochocinco was going to race Chris Johnson, running back for the Tennessee Titans, to see who was actually the fastest in the NFL.

The loser would give up one month’s salary and donate it to the Haiti Foundation. I would actually tune in to that more than anything. Frank Supovits, NFL Vice President of Events, told NFL.com that the Pro Bowl is expected to be a big success. They are sold out for the game and are expecting over 72,000 people (most since 1959 when 72,250 fans filled the LA Memorial Coliseum). Aloha Stadium, the traditional site, is in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Aloha State has a tough time filling up 50,000 seats.

It’s a long season for players and after the season no one really wants to play and fans forget it’s even on. Playing the game a week before is dumb because the two teams in the Super Bowl are the two best teams in the NFL for that year so they most likely are going to have the most people represented in the all star game. However, with the new format they won’t be playing in order to prepare for the big game. The NFL can try to manipulate the date and site of the Pro Bowl, and even try to market it like it matters, but odds are the fans will continue to ignore it. Maybe they should save the effort and cancel the game altogether.

‘Yotes make the grade

By MAHELI VALDIVIA
Staff Writer

Over 200 CSUSB athletes hit more than just the weight rooms last fall, earning at least a 3.0 GPA and higher, proving that athletics and scholastics work together. Out of the 115 student-athletes on the honor roll, 50 of them received a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Of the 115 honored athletes, 11 posted a 4.0 GPA earning the “Leaders of the Pack” honors.

The other 65 student-athletes earned “Coyote Pups” honors.

According to interim Sports Information Director Mike Murphy, students-athletes are statistically better students than the rest of the campus. He believes it is because they are more involved in their sports, making them more disciplined about both academics and athletics.

“They are encouraged to maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher and to stay on track in school,” said Murphy. Since most of the students love competing, the motive of remaining academically eligible leads to hard work off the court. The athletic department encourages all the student-athletes to stay on track and not to fall behind for any reason.

Those students who are not meeting the requirements to get the “Leaders of the Pack” honors.

The women’s tennis team posted the best team GPA (3.35 overall, with five of the 10 players at or above 3.5) for the seventh straight quarter.

Women’s volleyball, which won the CCAA conference championship for the fourth straight year and took the NCAA West Region crown for the second straight year, ranked second academically at 3.01.

The women’s soccer team was well represented with 10 of the 21 members receiving “Leaders of the Pack” honors.

On the men’s side, the basketball team led the way with an overall GPA of 2.97. The entire student-athlete community posted a cumulative GPA of 2.89.

Coyote Coverage
Upcoming Schedule

Men’s Basketball
Feb. 2 vs Cal Poly Pomona--7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 vs CSU Stanislaus--7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6 vs Chico State--7:30 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
Feb. 2 vs Cal Poly Pomona--5:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 vs CSU Stanislaus--5:30 p.m.
Feb. 6 vs Chico State--5:30 p.m.

CCAA Standings

Men’s Basketball
(as of 1/29)

CSUSB: 9-2, 11-4
Humboldt St. 9-3, 12-5
CSU Dominguez Hills 8-4, 8-9
Cal Poly-Pomona 7-4, 9-5
Cal State L.A. 7-4, 11-6
San Francisco St. 6-5, 13-6
Chico State: 6-5, 10-6
CSU Stanislaus 4-7, 8-8
Sonoma State 4-8, 5-12
CSU Monterey Bay 3-8, 5-11
UC San Diego 3-8, 4-10
CSU East Bay 2-9, 5-11

Women’s Basketball

UC San Diego 10-1, 15-1
Humboldt St. 10-2, 12-4
Cal Poly-Pomona 9-2, 12-3
CSU Monterey Bay 7-4, 11-4
CSUSB 6-5, 10-6
Chico State 6-5, 9-7
Sonoma State 6-6, 8-9
CSU Dominguez Hills 5-7, 6-11
San Francisco St. 4-7, 8-11
CSU Stanislaus 3-8, 4-11
Cal State L.A. 2-10, 4-13
CSU East Bay 0-11, 0-16

Coyote of the Week:

Women’s Tennis:
The lady ‘Yotes marked a team GPA of 3.35, winning their seventh straight
‘Cody Coyote’ award.
Water polo young, talented

By MONICA GALLEGOS  Staff Writer

The CSUSB women’s water polo team is looking forward to taking on its new season despite starting out in an uphill battle.

The 'Yotes fell short in a Cal Baptist University mini tournament at Lancers Aquatic Center and again at Concordia University Irvine, leaving a 0-2 record to begin the season.

"The scoreboard didn’t say what was going on in the pool," said senior Kelsey Morino.

The scoreboard may not have shown the trial, but head coach Sarah Reneker understands the challenges her team faces.

"We have a young team," said Reneker. "For a lot of them it was their first collegiate game."

Intimidation and lack of confidence seems to be what is missing in the pool.

"They need to get confidence in themselves and not be intimidated by other schools," said Reneker.

"We lacked confidence coming out of a horrible season last year," said sophomore Katelyn Jessen. "We had a lot of young players [last year] and now we have more returning players. We need more speed, confidence and experience."

Despite beginning the season with two losses, Reneker believes that the ladies have the tools to make a come back to schools when they meet again.

"Just keep practicing," said Reneker. "Having team scrimmages to get more of a match-like feeling, working on passing, scoring and working as a team."

Once the 'Yotes overcome their challenge of bringing a team with several freshmen and transfers together, they could have the potential to return to the top of the CCAA heap.

"They all have unique characteristics and talents that they offer the team," said Reneker. "When we come together, [other schools] are going to need to watch out."

Coach Reneker is confident the team has what is required to win and is "really excited" about her first season as head coach.

"Well I've played here since 2002, back when we had great teams," said Reneker, who played four seasons with the Coyotes. After graduating CSUSB in 2006, she returned in the 2008-2009 season to serve as an assistant coach.

"I'm pulling for the Colts, 100 percent," Archie Manning said, in an article for Yahoo! Sports.

The Manning family is no stranger to the Super Bowl, with Peyton winning in 2007 and Eli in 2008.

In addition to Peyton, there is another Manning conflict arising between these Super Bowl contenders: Peyton's father, Archie Manning.

"I'm pulling for the Colts, 100 percent," Archie Manning said, in an article for Yahoo! Sports.

The Saints, despite being an underdog, have earned their spot here just as much as the Colts, despite some controversy surrounding some close calls in last week's NFC Championship game against the Minnesota Vikings.

"For anybody who thinks we didn't deserve to win, they weren't watching the same game we were," running back Reggie Bush told ESPN.

"It's been a while since the number one seeds met and we are excited to be in this game and look forward to the challenge," Saints Head Coach Sean Payton said.

The favored Colts aim to shred the Saints' 26th ranked defense with their passing game.

Entering the post-season, Indianapolis ranked last in rushing yards per game. If New Orleans hopes to disarm the Colts, it will have to start with pressuring Manning.

But aside from being the underdogs, the Saints are still looking for an opportunity to bring the Vince Lombardi trophy to their city and fans and help to continue the Katrina healing process.
Hartman handles it all

By AARON HUGHES
Staff Writer

Seattle native Kaitlin Hartman, a nursing student and CSUSB senior, was voted to the 2009 Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches NCAA Division II All-American first team last season.

“Last year I broke the single season scoring record. In the last game of the season I got a penalty shot and thought to myself, I’m going to break the record but I missed,” Hartman said. “I decided not to think about those things anymore. It’s a team sport so stats are put aside. It’s more important that the team succeeds.”

Hartman’s record-breaking performances have brought praise from her coach, teammates and the conference.

“When I heard I was voted [an All-American] I was excited,” Hartman said. “There has been a lot of All American’s at CSUSB. It was cool.”

Hartman is currently ranked No. 3 on the team’s all-time scoring list with 234 goals and No. 4 on the all-time assist list with 184.

“This year has been difficult. I’m in the nursing program and sometimes have to miss practice,” Hartman said. “It’s really difficult for me, because I like to do everything the best I can but at times have had to leave classes and practices early.”

Her experience has provided some compensation.

“I’ve played for a really long time and I’ve learned to see how things develop,” Hartman said. “I have really good field vision, in my opinion, and that helps me to direct other people in the pool.”

Strong legacy for men’s basketball

By DEVLIN AMBERS
Staff Writer

CSUSB men’s basketball program has established itself over the years as a Division II powerhouse. However, it hasn’t always been this way.

When the program was established in 1984, times weren’t as friendly. The Coyotes had only one losing season during their initial 14 seasons.

In their first 14 seasons, the program was up and down with seven out of 14 winning seasons under coaches Jim Ducey, Reggie Morris and Denny Aye.

However, it hasn’t always been this way. The CSUSB men’s basketball program has established itself as a Division II powerhouse.

In 1999, Reynolds led the Coyotes to their first of three NCAA West Region Titles. That season, Reynolds led the program to its first CCAA title.

The 1999 season is when things truly shifted for the basketball program. Since then, the program has been a well respected and national powerhouse among the Division II ranks.

The last 10 out of 11 seasons have all been strong winning seasons for the coyotes where they have competed for CCAA titles in each.

Since the1999 season the Coyote Men’s program has won 8 CCAA titles and split one championship in 2009. They won three CCAA titles under former coach Reynolds in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

The program has won five CCAA titles under current coach Jeff Oliver in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008 and split championship in the 2008-2009 season. The Coyotes basketball program has had 10 NCAA Division II tournament appearances and won three NCAA West Region Titles. They won two under Reynolds in 1999 and 2002.

They also won their last West Region Title in 2007 under current coach Oliver when he took the Coyotes the furthest they had ever been, to the NCAA Final Four.

Reynolds and Oliver together held a 249-75 record overall and a CCAA conference record of 190-44.

Over the years the basketball program has earned Division I respect getting scheduled by national prominent schools like UCLA, Arizona State and playing Pepperdine University this season.

CSUSB also earned the attention of students from smaller Division I schools who have transferred to CSUSB due to the established program.

Coach Oliver looks to continue the school’s success through hard work and recruiting hard and it looks like the CSUSB men’s basketball program plans on the continued improvement.