Amerson named new EOP Director

By ALLISON UPISSL Staff Writer

CSUSB appointed Veronica R. Amer-son as director for the Educational Opportu-nity Program (EOP), on Mon, April 12. Amerson started working at CSUSB six years ago as assistant director for the EOP and for the past year has worked as in-terim director.

According to CSU Mentor, the EOP is an Admissions and Support services pro-gram that helps students that are low-in-come, and have the potential to obtain a bachelors degree.

In addition to providing academic ad-vising, admission, financial assistance and support in outreach, the program provides a large umbrella of programs including the Foster Youth Program and the Summer Bridge Program, which helps incoming freshman adjust to the changes and chal-lenges of starting a university.

As EOP director, Amerson will under-take specific goals and responsibilities in-cluding: directing the programs under EOP, build partnerships with other community organizations, be the representative of the program, supervising the staff, and con-necting with other programs and services on campuses and other CSU campuses.

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By DIANA CANSINO Staff Writer

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Carrio said that in conjunction with the study of dia-betes, the health science and human ecology department will be doing a study called “Weighing Your Choices”. The study involves two classes, one on campus, one online, worth two credits that will focus on nutrition, exer-cise and stress management.

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Timeless Enchantment brings opera to CSUSB

By CHRISTOPHER HANLEY Staff Writer

A history lesson, music lesson and an art les-son all rolled into one, “Timeless Enchantment,” is now on display at the Robert V. Fullerion Art Museum through June 31.

The works of the late Richard Wagner, the original composer of the famous four-part opera series, “The Ring,” can be viewed at the “Timeless Enchantment” exhibit. The experience of “The Ring” is different for everyone and with the exhibit being so close to home, students have the opportunity to experience music uniquely corre-lated with visual art.

Through opera, Wagner influenced some of the most creative contemporary minds of his day. One of the artists whose work you can see at the museum is the Arthur Rackham exhibit, where his rendition of Brunnhilde can be viewed.

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Bill could cap student fees

By MARISOL BOTELLO Staff Writer

CSUSB students could see an end to the recent fee increases that have been instituted as a result of the California budget crisis.

California state senator Dean Florez has proposed a bill that can help stu-dents through the rough financial times when it comes to paying tuition. The bill would cap fees for students attending college or university.

In other words, the bill would make sure that students are charged the same amount that they were charged when they first enrolled in the school they are attended, according to Business Week.

This bill would mandate that fees only increase by 5 percent each year and that would only affect new students. Schools would no longer be able to in-crease fees to make up for the loss in money from the budget crisis.

CSUSB is one of the schools that will be affected by the bill whether it passes or not. Students are excited that there is finally something being done in order to confront the financial problems that some students face.

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Shirts shutting out the shame

The Women’s Resource Center aims to end the stigma associated with speaking out against violence against women through their “Clothesline Project.”

By ERWIN GRIFIS Staff Writer

Exposing and preventing rape, incest and battery are only a part of the goals of the Clothesline Project to make the stories of women known to the public to educate people on the how women are affected by abuse in their communities and around the world.

The Women’s Resource Center uses events like the Clothesline Project to make T-shirts with words or pictures that represent their emotions on the abuse they went through, and also gives them a chance to turn their back on their past.

With one out of three women being abused at some time in their lives, the participants of the Clothesline Project has a long journey ahead.

The Clothesline Project has grown exponentially since it’s beginning in Hyannis, Massachusetts in 1990. What started as a small 31 shirts up for display on a village green as a part of a rally has grown to an outstanding estimated 50,000 to 60,000 shirts.

As one can clearly see more women are rising up and making their situations known to the public. This project does not solely occur on campus or in California, this project is known worldwide by men and women around the world.

An estimated 500 projects nation wide and internationally are going on right now, and with 41 projects state side and 5 spanning other countries, such as Tanzania, the Clothesline Project is easily an event that more women will become a part of in the future.

The Women’s Resource Center did not limit their efforts to letting others know about the abuse taking place in women’s lives, the Center also focused on empowering women through financial assistance, referrals for housing and foster care, and, most importantly, education.

For more information about stopping violence against women, visit the WRC.
"It is a good thing because there are many students, such as the AB 540 students, that do not get financial aid even though they are of low resources and depend on private scholarships," CSUSB student Maria Torres said. "If the bill passes it will give students a higher chance of graduating."

Although this bill could greatly benefit students, it is also notable to mention the other side of the issue. There are some within the school system who believe this bill isn't exactly the best idea, since raising student fees was what balanced out the numbers when it came to budgeting for a new school year.

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RVF Museum melding art and opera

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Amerson to head the EOP

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Amerson expressed her excitement in working with her team, and attributes any EOP success to a total team effort.

She’s really about creating a team environment,” said Jonna Lewis, EOP support staff. “She makes us all feel like family.”

Amerson’s background and drive to work with students is what led her to come to CSUSB from La Verne six years ago.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology, and her master’s degree in school counseling and pupil personnel services credential, all from the University of La Verne and upon graduation, Amerson was hired full time. She aspired to do something where she could help people, and help them at work.

“My vision is to have a program that offers unique services, and to be a leader in retention efforts,” Amerson said.

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New legislation could stop fee hikes, at the expense of freshmen

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Student health risk factors revealed

being ready immediately after.

It is estimated that 23.5 million aged 20 years or older have diabetes according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention 2007 fact sheet. Because diabetes can cause other complications such as heart disease, high blood pressure, blindness and even amputation, early recognition will help in keeping your diabetes under control.

Carriso said some common symptoms of diabetes include feeling very thirsty, frequent urination, unexplained weight loss, dizziness, and if symptoms are untreated, it can cause infections, which can lead to amputation.

You can also listen to Carriso give more information about diabetes and its risks on Coyote Radio live Wed, April 21 at 2 p.m.
Student works toward a Green Campus
By JOEY MONZON
Staff Writer

Emily Edris has the same worries as any other college student, but she still finds time to make the campus a little bit more green. Edris has spent the past four months convincing people at CSUSB to use energy saving tactics through projects for the Green Campus program.

Green Campus is a statewide program that is funded by utility companies such as Southern California Edison. There are currently 15 Green Campus programs spanning California, with three more in the works.

The CSUSB Green Campus program targets the reduction of energy consumption on campus and within the community. Some of the campus-wide goals of the program are to save 80,000 kilowatt hours of energy per year and to outreach to 500 people in the CSUSB community per quarter.

Ultimately creating green infrastructure would be a great way to save energy, but for now the most efficient way to be green, Edris says, is to “change our energy consumption habits.” This would consist of small habit changes such as turning off lights that are not being used, using half-lighting and installing and using power strips.

One of the main projects that Green Campus undertakes to realize their goal of energy savings is performing office energy audits. Based on data of energy usage compiled during the audits, Green Campus gives recommendations on how to lower the office’s energy usage.

Last quarter, the Green Campus program audited three offices in the Santos Manuel Student Union. After an audit is completed and if the office has implemented their recommendations, Green Campus offers them a Green Campus certification.

Edris is one of five members of CSUSB’s Green Campus and is in charge of the program’s public relations coordination. She and the other members brainstorm, plan, and implement all of the projects in their mission of making CSUSB more environmentally friendly.

So far they’ve made great strides in that mission. Since 2004 the program has saved over $33,000 in measurable energy savings and prevented over 400,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from being emitted into the atmosphere. These measurable results mean a lot. As Edris explained, “We don’t just talk the talk, we walk the walk, we actually make a difference.”

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Green rescue: Endangered tortoises find a home with CSUSB student
By CODY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

CSUSB student Lisa Stover doesn’t do it for the part by picking up soda cans in the park or driving a hybrid, instead she takes care of living, breathing animals.

Stover, a Liberal Studies major, cares for endangered California desert tortoises. She has opened her property to rescued tortoise in the hopes of nurturing the endangered species that faces many dangers including people who have taken them out of their natural habitat and highly contagious diseases.

Stover has been a member of the California Turtle and Tortoise Club for 18 years. The organization requires occasional house inspections to make sure the living conditions are adequate for that of an endangered species.

Although the club rescues turtles and tortoises, Stover, who lives in Devore, only works with tortoises.

“She takes them for granted. When I was a kid it was not uncommon to see a tortoise ambling by but now if you see one it is a very rare sight….” in the ‘80s the tortoise population plummeted because people were rounding them up to make soup!” she said.

Picking up a tortoise in the wild then re-leasing it back into the wild once its in captivity is risky due to a high susceptibility to infection.

“The tortoises can catch a disease called upper respiratory tract infection that is extremely contagious to other tortoises,” Stover said.

California desert tortoises have a four-month hibernation period, a life span of approximately 150 years and a diet of many different kinds of fruits and vegetables that Stover prepares daily.

“Sometimes it can be time consuming but I don’t mind because… they each have individual personalities just like a dog or cat. They love to be scratched on the head and fed by hand,” Stover said.

Stover’s home in Devore has two acres for her family and assortment of animals. It is important for the tortoise’s health to have sufficient space for exercise and her large piece of land is perfect for this endearing, endangered species.

Going green: Easy ways to help the earth
By CALI CARTER
Staff Writer

Earth Day is here! So here are some tips anyone can use to have a green lifestyle every day of the year.

USE TOTES OR RE-USE GROCERY BAGS: So many plastic bags and paper bags are used and then tossed away after one trip to the store or market. Why not spend a buck on a tote, or better yet, re-use those grocery bags on your next trip? It really helps cut down on waste.

RECYCLE: One of the easiest things we can do is to put our plastic bottles, glass bottles, cans and other recyclable items into recycle bins. Recycling paper is great too. Start our plastic bottles, glass bottles, cans and other recyclable items into recycle bins.

SPEND MONEY ON USED ITEMS INSTEAD OF BRAND NEW: This is recycling, too! Records, movies, books, even clothes are available. Do some research on getting bargains on used products. It’s being eco-chic and one person’s trash may be another’s treasure. Swapstyle.com is a site where you can exchange fashion instead of paying a fortune.

EXERCISE: Yeah, so a lot of us don’t like to do it, but the reality is, we need it. Even if it’s for a weekend, one day, or a quick trip to run an errand, opt to walk or ride a bike. The earth will thank you and so will your body.

PLANT A TREE: Many utility companies are offering free shade trees in certain cities. Check with your city and see what can be done. With warm weather approaching quickly, who wouldn’t want to chill under the shade?

PREVENT SOME WATER: Every little bit of water we can spare not only affects the earth in a positive way, but lowers water bills too. Turn water off when brushing your teeth, take shorter showers, and cut sprinkler times down.

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Student and military veteran Joseph Moseley came back to CSUSB after being injured overseas during his service in Iraq. Programs that assist veterans like Moseley in their transition from military service to college life have recently become more available and efficient.

Veterans’ transitions made easy

By JESSICA MEYER
Staff Writer

Military veterans can find a lot of assistance and support on campus as they try to reach their educational goals. Because of last year’s passing of new provisions in the GI Bill, processes that used to be extremely difficult can now be achieved more easily by veterans navigating their transition to college life.

The GI Bill and programs designed to help veterans transition into CSUSB may not mean a lot to some, but for the 400 students who partake in it and other veteran programs here on campus, it can be the determining factor in their educational future.

With the ongoing budget cuts, the GI Bill is one of the incentives for veterans to return to school with a means of funding an education and developing the tools to return to civilian life. The new GI Bill helps veterans cover housing, books, and tuition fees.

The new bill first went into effect August 1 of last year, and has improved the processing time for benefits. "What used to take four to six months, now only takes about six to eight weeks, and most who receive the bill are happy..." CSUSB Veteran’s Coordinator Melissa McQuead said.

Ellie Osborne has worked with veterans for the past two years helping them transfer coursework from the military to CSUSB. “Much of the coursework is technical and military specific that gives veterans mostly free electives and not major requirements,” said Osborne. Although this is true, those who receive an honorable discharge do fulfill their lifelong understanding requirement within the required general education courses.

Joseph Moseley has gotten to know the transfer process first hand.

Moseley served in the military for ten and a half years. He had been stationed in Iraq for eleven and a half months when he was injured. Upon returning home, Moseley decided to continue his education where he had left off, at Cal State San Bernardino.

“I liked being a Sergeant and I like teaching people and having them rely on me,” Moseley said. "Becoming a teacher was the closest occupation I think to duplicating that feeling."

Moseley currently works in the Adult Re-Entry Center, working on various projects that focus on getting veterans more involved with the education system.

These types of programs that help veterans find success at school are being...
You just lost your job. Your boyfriend or girlfriend told you to get lost. You have a research paper due next week, and to top it off, your car doesn’t work.

These are situations that can lead to severe stress. Luckily, CSUSB students are able to get help with those issues and more right here on campus.

CSUSB’s Psychological Counseling Center not only offers individual and couples’ counseling sessions, but group sessions as well. The different group sessions that are offered occur weekly at the center.

Group therapy offers a very different experience than one-on-one counseling. Group therapy usually involves 5-10 people who meet with a trained therapist to moderate the group. The members in the group themselves ultimately decide what it is they will discuss during the meeting.

Being in a group setting enables each member to give and receive feedback about their life situations. Many students on campus said that, depending on the issue, group therapy might be more comfortable for them than one-on-one counseling.

“I would prefer to go to a group session because I could get insight on my issue by comparing situations,” student Danielle Benavides said.

The Psychological Counseling Center is currently offering five group options during spring quarter: a Women’s Group, Men’s Group, LGBTQQI Group, Student Veterans’ Group, and a Students with Disabilities Group.

All current CSUSB students are eligible to use the Psychological Counseling Center at no cost. For information on group dates and times, contact the Psychological Counseling Center.

Groups offer support for students

By TARA COLE
Staff Writer

Cal Poly Pomona is accepting applications for a new graduate degree program that will address the ever-changing field of accounting.

The degree, Master of Science in Accountancy, or MSA, is an important opportunity for accountants who want to advance their careers, broaden their scope and increase their marketability.

MSA classes will be offered at night.

To find out more about our MSA Program, please register for our next information session to be held at the Cal Poly Pomona Farm Store, March 18, 2010 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

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5 signs your date is a disaster

By KAYLA MAC
Staff Writer

Chivalry is NOT dead. The courting process tends to be the highlight of the dating phase. It’s the portion of the relationship marked with the least amount of problems. Your date is usually trying to impress you by pulling out chairs and letting you go through the door first. “Cause hunny that door ain’t going to open itself.”

Let the past be the PAST! If you’re on a date and your significant other can’t stop rambling on and on about past relationships, your date is a disaster! The previous relationship is in the past for a reason. Moreover, why would you want to be with someone who can’t simply let go?

Pay attention! If your date is more focused on their phone, or even worse, some else, it’s not going to work out. If he or she is in to you, you will have their undivided attention. Eye contact and body language is a huge part of communication. Besides, no one wants to talk if there is no one there to listen.

Show, but don’t tell. Let’s be honest, bragging is a turn-off. There is a fine line between bragging and making a good impression and believe it or not, it is a sign of insecurity. If your date is boasting about what they have instead of who they are, they may be covering up for qualities they are lacking. So the question is what are they really hiding?

One-sided, forced conversation has to be the worst! If you can’t strike up a conversation, even when talking about yourself there is a problem. Getting attacked by those killer awkward silences is never a positive thing. Take a step back and reevaluate your dating choice. When the chemistry is right, the conversation will flow nicely.

Fans of epic comedies such as “Baby Mama” and “40-Year-Old Virgin” are going to be disappointed by the new feature film “Date Night,” directed by Shawn Levy and starring comedic icons Steve Carell and Tina Fey.

Sounds like a recipe for success right? Wrong.

The films massive star power couldn’t even keep this movie afloat. A-List celebrities such as Taraji P. Henson, Mark Wahlberg and Leighton Meester graced the screen along side the comedic duo.

The movie opens with a suburban couple living a mundane life in New Jersey. Tired of the same routine day in and day out, Phil (Carell) and Claire (Fey) Foster decide to have a night out in New York City.

The first stop is Claw, a posh, hip restaurant catered to the “in crowd”. However, the Fosters don’t have a standing reservation. Not wanting to ruin their big night, the past take the reservation of a no-show couple, the Trippleton’s.

The adventure begins when mobsters Armstrong and Collins, played by (Jimmi Simpson and Common) approach the Foster’s while having dinner. They then became involved in a mob scandal involving a notorious kingpin and the New York City drug lord.

The films massive star power and the comedic duo managed to get right is placing Levy managed to get right is placing Mark Wahlberg shirtless in every scene in which he appears. But even those legendary abs couldn’t score this movie a standing ovation, or a few laughs for that matter.

Eighty-five percent of the jokes sounded like amateur night at the local comedy den. The film was filled with high school punch line multiplied by unadulterated sexual references every five minutes. The slow sappy parts had an awkward feel. They felt forced, as if the tender moments were beyond Carell’s or Fey’s acting range. To make up for the ill fitted words and emotions, even more corny high school comedic relief was sure to follow.

If you want your date to never call you back, Date Night is a must see. Otherwise, wait until it comes out on Red Box; at least then you get to return it the next day.

Coyote Movie Review:
A bad idea for a good date night

By KAYLA MAC
Staff Writer

“My senior year homecoming date had to be the worst date ever. For starters my date showed up late, and his excuse for being late was that he got pulled over for speeding (which later proved was not true). At dinner he did not have enough money to cover both of our meals, so in the middle of dinner he made a phone call to his coach to get him to drop off some money at the restaurant.

By this time I am ready for the night to be over. He already had three strikes against him. I ended up paying for my meal and made him reimburse me. Leaving the restaurant proved to be another strike because he had absolutely no gas in his car. I had to drive myself to the homecoming dance.

He tried to apologize, but being late, lying about being late, showing up to dinner with no money or gas could not be overlooked. Until this day he tries to make it up to me, but first impressions are key, especially on dates.”

---Lauren Walker, CSUSB student

“Once I forgot to take my asthma medication and hacked up a ball of phlegm all over her...”

- Bo Gomes, sophomore

“So I show up to her house, knock on the door, and to my surprise when she opens the door, I find out her parents were nudists!”

It was the first date, as if that wasn’t awkward enough. It was around St. Patrick’s Day so I thought an awesome date would be to grab some beers with my friends at a local bar. We get to the bar and the band playing was loud, and they sucked so we sat outside on the patio, so we could talk.

“Why didn’t you make too much of a difference because she literally said five words to me the whole night: “My favorite color is purple.” To drown out my sorrow I got completely wasted, so drunk that she had to drive me home. When we got to her place she threw me my keys and we ended the night with a handshake. I haven’t seen her since.”

---Anonymous

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Coyote Commentary:

All that glitters is not gold

Following a string of major career successes, Bullock now faces huge personal challenges.

By ALEXANDRA GRANT
Staff Writer

Sandra Bullock was on top of the world until this last March brought her more surprises than she bargained for. Some would “destroy” the show. Bullock recently took home the award for best actress at the Golden Globes, Academy Awards and the Screen Actors Guild award for her performance in “The Blind Side.”

It was the start to a perfect year. However, this twisted Hollywood scandal is a disheartened reality for a successful actress and three young children.

Bullock’s long-time good reputation with Hollywood has made her one of the most loved and recognizable faces among the acting community.

This, unfortunately, worked against her during the recent release of her husband’s infidelity. Bullock’s career and image is compromised. Although Bullock’s life will be in need of repair, Mr. James might as well kiss his reputation goodbye.

Overall I find it unfortunate that due to James’ ignorant decisions, Bullock’s career and image is compromised.

So here’s to us ladies. Let’s hope there’s still a few good men in the bunch.

Conan to take late night to TBS

By TY ELLINGSEN
Staff Writer

Coco fans rejoice. Conan O’Brien will once again have his own talk show. His new show will be on TBS starting around November of this year.

“In three months I’ve gone from network television to Twitter to performing live in theaters, and now I’m headed to satellite,” O’Brien told the press. “My plan is working perfectly.”

His show will take the coveted 11 p.m. time slot, appearing before Lopez Tonight. His departure was announced Jan. 21, 2010 allowing Conan to walk away with $45 million and giving his staff $12 million, according to BBC News.

This led to public outcry and the familiar protests across the internet with dissatisfied viewers declaring “I’m with Coco!”

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In the past couple of years R&B megastar Usher has appeared to have fallen down from his pop pedestal. After his series of “Confessions” and his public breakup with Rozonda “Chili” Thomas, Usher hasn’t been the same. He fell under the radar and laid low for a while. Making a surprising reappearance a few years later, Usher emerged as a new man. To his fans surprise, Usher traded in his bachelors’ card for a ring and married his stylist, Tameka Foster. A year later more disappointment came to Usher’s fans with the release of his fifth album, Here I Stand, which wasn’t nearly as successful as his previous albums, Confessions Part I and Confessions Part II.

Surviving a failed album and marriage, Usher seems to have found his way back to success once again. Blowing up the Billboard Charts with his sixth album, fittingly titled, Raymond vs. Raymond, it holds the number one spot on the R&B/Hip-Hop best albums list. So far, Usher has three singles on the Billboard’s Hot 100 chart. His third single, “OMG,” remarkably debuts at #14 on the Hot 100. As foretold in the album title Raymond vs. Raymond the songs are arranged in a way that give the listener the impression of an internal battle between Usher the distressed divorcee and Usher the swinging bachelor.

The string of bad luck didn’t end there, Usher finalized his divorce to Foster last November after only being married two years. He didn’t have much to say about his divorce only that his marriage was damaged beyond repair. Surviving a failed album and marriage, Usher seems to have found his way back to success once again. Blowing up the Billboard Charts with his sixth album, fittingly titled, Raymond vs. Raymond, it holds the number one spot on the R&B/Hip-Hop best albums list. So far, Usher has three singles on the Billboard’s Hot 100 chart. His second single, “Lil Freak,” peaks at #43 on the Hot 100 and #11 on the R&B/Hip-Hop chart. His third single off the album, “OMG,” remarkably debuts at #14 on the Hot 100. As foretold in the album title Raymond vs. Raymond the songs are arranged in a way that give the listener the impression of an internal battle between Usher the distressed divorcee and Usher the swinging bachelor.

Singing the Good, the Bad, and the Sexy

By ORLANDRIA DOZIER
Staff Writer

Pros:
- Usher gives his fans the good, the bad, and the sexy. The album’s composition was cohesive and coherent.

Cons:
- “Papers” is clearly personal, but could’ve been more creatively.

Verdict:
- 8/10

Photo Courtesy of MySpace Music
Opinion

Court ruling will cost you dearly

By KATI SMITH
Staff Writer

The Internet could soon be headed for some big changes. You could have restricted access to some of your favorite websites like YouTube and Hulu. Each month some big company charges you a fee for using the Internet. These companies collect piles of money from you, and all the other subscribers, year in and year out. Apparently, it’s not enough.

These Internet service providers have begun the greed-driven process of trying to collect even more. This time, the bill is going to the people who put stuff on the Internet.

Right now you can use an unlimited amount of free services on the web. You can blog, upload photos and videos, talk to your friends and watch last night’s episode of your favorite show with just a few clicks. Aside from the monthly fee you pay to your provider every month, it’s all absolutely free. The websites you use for blogging or uploading videos could soon be blocked or majorly slowed down by the company giving you that Internet connection, even though you are paying them for access.

If the website wants to allow everyone access they too will have to pay your Internet service provider to unblock their site and speed up the delivery of content. Your bill for Internet might be $30, or maybe even $50 a month. Pretty steep for a college student.

Imagine the amount they’ll charge a company like Google for their YouTube site. It could be millions, and you’re the one who is going suffer.

Even the most powerful and money-generating services on the web will have to start charging you to use their services in order to offset their newly incurred costs.

So, if you want to use Google you might have to pay for each search. Or, perhaps you’ll have to pay monthly to host your blog, or a few bucks to watch TV shows on Hulu.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. Consider what it could cost you to start your own website for a small business or start-up idea. Twelve years ago two Ph.D. students from Stanford had the brilliant idea to build a search engine. If they had to pay big fees to Internet service providers to get a website back then, they probably wouldn’t have been able to afford to do so.

That site was Google, and it was made possible by the open access of the Internet for everyone. Allowing these companies to charge people for putting stuff on the Internet will thwart the innovation and creativity on the Internet.

People coming up with Internet content won’t be able to give their services and information for free. They’ll be paying too much to big corporations, and they’ll have to charge you to make it up for it. The Internet has always been an open source of information, and restricting the flow of content will end that, effectively killing the information age.

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If you have Comcast, that means you. If you have Verizon or TimeWarner, or some other provider, I’m sure their greed will set in soon enough and you’ll be next. We didn’t come to have Google, YouTube, Wikipedia or any other major web forces through a suffocating system owning everyone a piece of the pie.

That type of ingenuity is bred in open air where ideas flow, and its free for anyone to access. Not to mention social media, and the impact of its freedom upon the interwebs. If the Internet providers continue to be driven by their greed, that type of freedom and accessibility is coming to a rapid end.

Learning: there’s an app for that

By KIMBERLY JACINTO
Staff Writer

CSUSB professors need to recognize that the role of using technology in class is changing quickly and all students must be able to use their PDA’s, cell phones and laptops in class.

Students have the possibility of having a higher success rate if we can follow our own notes on our laptops, PDA’s or smart phones. Imagine taking notes on your smart phone and being able to look through these notes anytime of the day.

As an avid user of the many various smart phones and laptops, I find myself relying on my phone for about half of my daily duties in college.

I have calendar reminders for when my next quiz will be, a memo on which professors to take next quarter, and a bookmarks Internet website that allows me to rent textbooks online.

For me, my smart phone is not just a cell phone; it is my personal organizer, Internet browser and so much more. More importantly, the structure of a college classroom setting has been moving forward with technology and it’s important that all professors know how to utilize Blackboard (CSUSB’s course website account for students), Microsoft Power Point and Microsoft Word.

Just as each professor requires their students to know how to type a paper in MLA or APA format, professors should also know how to access Blackboard and put up important announcements before class so it is possible for students to have a better chance of success in that class. As technology quickly advances, it can be very easy to fall behind. Therefore, it is crucial that we understand and accept the fact that laptops, cell phones and PDA’s should have a place inside the classroom.

Most of the professors on our campus have already set their rules about using cellphones, laptops and other technological devices in class.

These policies however differ with each professor. Being experienced with laptops, PDA’s and smart phones is an important skill to have.

As a result, all professors should have a set policy on each technological device that can be used in the classroom.

I feel that we should be able to use the technology available to us in class as long as we remain attentive and respectful to our professor and other classmates.

It’s easy to see only the negative sides of this technology because they can be a distraction. However, we should embrace the fact that these technological devices can be a positive tool for a better learning experience.
Recently President Barack Obama has decided to open more coastal waters in the Gulf of Mexico and off the Eastern Seaboard to oil and natural gas exploration. The Obama administration sees this decision as a bridge to gain support from the conservatives for Obama’s clean energy and climate change legislation.

This decision is drastically wrong. It seems like this decision was driven largely by politics, rather than the dire need to change the nation’s energy supply. As a presidential candidate Obama was attacked by Republicans for not supporting the all-out expansion of offshore drilling, and one of his first acts in office was to cancel the drilling plans that the Bush administration had drafted.

So why the back pedaling now? Obama’s administration is seeing this plan as an act to gain favor with the Republicans and moderate Democrats whose support they’ll need to get his energy and climate legislation through congress.

“If the President is trying to offer an olive branch in order to pass climate change, this hardly qualifies as any major step,” said Republican Doc Hastings of Washington, the top Republican on the Natural Resources Committee.

The president promised that there will be no new drilling on the West Coast. That’s understandable due to the fact that the proposal by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to start offshore drilling was met with such strong opposition in April 2009.

More than 500 people testified and rallied for clean energy and opposed new oil drilling which included Sen. Barbara Boxer and Gov. Ted Kulongoski of Oregon.

Boxer stated that the coast was a treasure and a huge economic asset “just as is” because it generated $24 billion a year and 390,000 jobs.

“It makes no sense to threaten the East Coast of America with spills and other drilling disasters when we’re about to unleash the real solutions to oil dependence, cleaner cars and cleaner fuels,” said Anna Au-rilio, who directs the Washington office of the nonprofit group Environment America.

Daniel Yengin, chairman of IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates said in an interview said that the economic boost from Obama’s plan could take anywhere from three to five years to see.

“It’s still a relatively minor amount relative to the oil and natural gas that we import,” Interior Secretary Ken Salazar told reporters after the announcement. “This is not the panacea.”

These are just a few of the many reasons why this plan of action is a bad idea. Its understandable that Obama is basically greasing the wheels in hope that this one act will gain favor for his clean energy legislation, but I feel it’s the wrong choice. He’s back peddling from his original stand on clean energy and to wean the U.S. off fossil fuels. I feel that he is giving in to the pressures of the oil driven Republicans and moderate Democrats, rather than fighting them head on.

There’s no telling the impact of this decision and whether or not it will really sway more opposition to his favor. He could be implementing more acts of clean energy and showing everyone that they do work, rather than straddling both sides of the fence. Rather than jumping around trying to make everyone happy, Obama needs to be more assertive in office with what he wants to get done, much like his predecessors were.
iPhone OS 4 finally revealed

On April 8, Steve Jobs and company finally relented to the pressures of Android and the iPhone jailbreaking community and revealed real, viable support for multitasking on iPhones, iPod Touches and iPads with iPhone OS 4.

This new version of Apple’s mobile OS will drop this summer for 3GS iPhones and newer iPod Touches. Older models will still be able to run iPhone OS 4, but NOT multitasking. iPad owners will be able to upgrade their new babies this fall.

Here’s a rundown of some of OS 4’s other key features:

• Customizable wallpaper
• Folder organization for Apps
• Game Center - an Xbox-Live-like social gaming network
• iBooks support
• Bluetooth keyboard support
• Spell Check

Apple has also created a new advertising platform for OS 4 called iAds that will allow companies to buy custom, in-app, media-rich ads from Apple. This could either mean more immersive, better implemented ads in free apps, or an irritating expansion of annoying ads in apps we’ve already paid for. Time will tell.
“And, and, and...”

by Julie Wasiuk

Hey, look! A butterfly! I love butterflies! And dolls! And puppies and kittens and crayons...

and chopstick and foil and forks and... and... and cool bandages and my momma and baby yoga...

Do you know what I like? No! What?!

Commas.

Hmph!

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Upcoming Events

Human Trafficking
Tues, 4.20.10, 12 - 2 p.m.
SMSU Theater
The San Diego Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition will be coming in to CSUSB to educate students on commercial sexual exploitation - a growing epidemic in our country and around the world.

A Taste of India
Thurs, 4.22.10, 6 - 9 p.m.
SMSU Event Center
CSUSB Cross Cultural Center Invites you to A Taste of India. There will be performances by Sher Foundation, LAPD, JAAT and more to come. Our house DJ is SANDEEP KUMAR, and Drumming by DHOL NATION!!! The event is FREE all night for everyone!! Come and enjoy CSUSB’s first DESI (Indian) inspired event. After the bhangra performances get ready to dance the night away!

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The most anticipated Masters in history has come and gone and its ending was one written by the golf gods themselves.

Phil Mickelson is the 2010 Masters champion and in more ways than one, it is this man who deserves it more than any other.

Even the most talented Hollywood writers may not have been able to write a more dramatic script that shows two very different views of marriage.

Leading up to the Masters, Tiger Woods and Mickelson found their marriages fighting two very different battles.

Woods' battle is full of infidelity, mysterious mistresses, a secret life and lots of publicity.

Mickelson's battle is filled with sickness, chemotherapy and a fight to save the life of his wife Amy after she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

It was Woods' story dominating headlines leading up to the Masters. Woods' initially chose to step away from golf to save his marriage.

Speculation surrounding his ability to perform under such tumultuous circumstances turned this Masters into more of a reality show than a golf tournament.

Meanwhile, Mickelson, who in no way is a shy or inconspicuous character within the golfing community flew far under the radar.

Sure, there may have been a few whispers about the fact that he hadn't played all that well leading up to the Masters.

But, there was little or no talk about how Mickelson stepped away from golf to take care of his family.

Mickelson has been working as husband to a sick wife, son to a sick mother, father to his children and puts that aside every time he steps up to hit a golf ball.

Talk about tumultuous circumstances.

The Masters took off with a bang after the first round. There were several stories to steal a few rays of the light left behind from the Woods saga.

We saw a 60-year-old (Tom Watson) grab the lead early, but then have it taken by fan favorite Fred Couples who, now 50, hasn't been relevant in a major for years.

The weekend shaped up to be one for the ages with the Englishman Lee Westwood in front, Mickelson close behind, the veterans hanging around, and Woods staying within striking distance.

It was undeniable that this major was rich with names, stories and drama.

But on the 13th hole of the final round, Mickelson walked up to his ball, laying in pine needles behind two trees, took out a six-iron and knocked it four feet from the hole.

The shot left little doubt about which story was going to prevail.

It was as if the golf gods reached down through all the stories that were unfolding and chose a man whose personal story best resembles how to play the perfect round of golf.

Mickelson survived the elements, controlled what variables he could, followed a course that requires its winner to be great, and rose to the occasion.

After Mickelson birdied the final hole to shoot 16-under and won his third green jacket, he did what he does after every win: he thanked the crowd, hugged his kids and kissed his wife.

On the Monday following the Masters, Amy Mickelson will still have cancer and the road will still be long and hard for her and her family.

But, when we look back at the 2010 masters we will remember that "Phil, the Family Man" gave us one of the greatest displays of golf and courage this game will ever see.
Kings in search of first crown

By STEVEN BROWN
Staff Writer

For the first time since 2002, the Los Angeles Kings will be playing for hockey’s holy grail. The Kings brought an end to their eight-year playoff drought this season with 46 wins, tying a team record, and surpassing the 100-point plateau for the first time since 1991. They also recorded their highest goal differential in nearly a decade.

The Kings (46-27-9) face the Vancouver Canucks (49-28-5) in a best-of-seven series, marking the fourth time the two teams have met in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, the first time since 1993.

While they have yet to make an appearance in the post-lockout NHL, the Kings remain upbeat about their chances despite an overall lack of playoff experience.

"Playoff experience is an important factor in hockey, something many pundits believe the Kings lack, as 13 of the team’s 24 players are without it. However the Kings’ players and coaches have the utmost confidence the team will succeed this postseason.

"A lot of the young guys that we have on this team have been through big games in the past, big series,” said Kings head coach Terry Murray in an interview with Kings’ beat writer Rich Hammond. "We feel that, with our young talent and the best goalie in the league, Jonathan Quick, who set a record for most wins by a Kings goalie in a season, proving to be a dominant player of the year, taking one.

"We haven’t been in the playoffs since I’ve been here, so personally I’ve been waiting for this for a long time,” said Kings captain Dustin Brown. "I think, from the standpoint of the organization, everybody is just excited to be back playing hockey at this time of the year.

Throughout the team, there is a difference from past seasons, a higher confidence in what the team feels they can accomplish.

"You can never doubt yourself,” said Kings goalie Jonathan Quick, who set a record for most wins by a Kings goaltender this season. "You always have to be confident in yourself, and what you can do and what your team can do. I feel like, around the locker room, everyone is confident in each other and has a good feeling going into this series.

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The regular NBA season has come to a close. Now the question is: will the Lakers prevail against first round opponents Oklahoma City Thunder, or have their summer break start early?

This isn’t the first time these teams have met. They played four times in the regular season with the Lakers winning three and the Thunder taking one.

Even though Los Angeles ranks as the top seed team from the West, there still is speculation that they don’t have what it takes to ‘flip the switch’ and repeat as champions.

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Yotes surprise others, not themselves

By CONSTANCE DANIELS  Staff Writer

Coyote baseball is exceeding expectations of both the CSUSB athletics department and the CCAA baseball pre-season coaches poll, which picked them to finish at a sub-par eighth place.

Coming off their disappointing season last year, the CSUSB men's baseball team is currently ranked fourth in the CCAA.

"As a veteran, the last two years were disappointing, but it's been nice to see the team come together successfully and ranked regionally," team captain Brent Planck said.

With a record of 21-13, the team's expectations for the rest of the season are high.

"We want to come out battling, stay fired up throughout the next few games and our objective is to win out," said starting outfielder Cody Madison. "We cannot play down to the level of our opponents because that's how you lose games."

Throughout the season, the Coyotes split a four-game series with No.1 ranked UC San Diego and No.3 ranked Chico State.

They swept Cal State Monterey Bay along with Cal State L.A. They defeated Sonoma State and Cal Poly Pomona, but lost to Cal State Stanislaus and Cal State Dominguez Hills.

After losing an integral player for academic reasons, Chris LeFay, the Coyotes were forced to make some significant changes to their starting lineup. Outfielder Cody Madison successfully took on the role as starting catcher.

For a first time player behind the plate, Madison has proved that he can handle the position. However, there are still some resignations within changing positions midseason.

"Catcher is a new role for me with different responsibilities than I am used to, but I will continue to adhere to our game plan, even with these new responsibilities," Madison said.

"Losing guys has proved that our team will not give in to adversity. We are a tough squad and the versatility of our team is displayed as players step up to handle different positions," Planck said.

There have been some key players that have aided the team's victory in their season thus far. Pitcher Brandon Cunniff recognized as CCAA pitcher of the week for April 5-11.

He allowed five hits, one walk, and struck out four in a complete game shutout. He has a 5-2 record with wins against Cal State Monterey Bay, Cal State L.A., Chico State, Cal State Dominguez Hills, and Cal Poly Pomona.

"My game plan is to get ahead, throw strikes, keep my fastball down, and just pound the zone," Cunniff said.

Other key players are pitcher Aaron Brooks, out of the bullpen Trevor Longfellow, and Andrew Schule, outfielder Ethan Chapman and infielders Erik Ornelas and James Kono.

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Softball hits stride

By DANIELLE DRYDEN  Staff Writer

Despite having a young but growing squad and numerous injuries, the Coyote's women's softball team is making efforts to maintain their winning record.

The team (24-22 overall, 16-11 in CCAA) is planning to continue their success as the season nears the end.

The previous weekend the ladies had a great series against NFCA's No. 12 ranking Sonoma State Seawolves, winning three of four games and scoring over 20 runs total.

“We pitchers were on. We were crushing the ball, and that’s what wins games,” said Head Coach Tacy Duncan.

One player that had a great week was freshman Brin- ney Butler, who earned herself the Worth/California Colle- giate Athletic Association (CCAA) Softball Player of the Week.

She batted .308 (4 for 13) with five runs scored, a double, three home runs, seven RBIs, a .477 slugging percentage and .537 on-base percentage.

When watching the team practice it is easy to see why the ladies are winning games.

They joke and laugh and encourage one another, while knowing that they need to work hard.

“The tone for this weekend starts today,” said Duncan to a gathered team.

Sitting near the field one could hear the constant praises from both the coaches as well as teammates from each drill taking place on the field.

It appears that the constant state of praise and cheering assists the team with confidence building and strategy.

The team had a rough start to begin their season. Both the starting shortstop and third baseman were injured for the first 16 games of the season while one pitcher was out due to a head injury.

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