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Occupy Wall Street protests reach Riverside

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The protests of Occupy Wall Street have inspired similar “occupations” in local areas such as Riverside, which have become known as Occupy Riverside.

Occupy Riverside is a part of the leaderless resistance movement, that consists of protesters staying at Main Street Mall on Main and University Streets in Riverside.

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Many that are protesting are unemployed and unhappy with the economy and their struggle to find work.

Occupy Riverside has been ongoing since Oct. 15 and started off with many protesters, but numbers have decreased during the work week.

“I’ve been here since Saturday,” said Williams. “There were about 300 people here when we started and 60 people slept here, but now we’re down to 20-30 people staying overnight,” he said.

“I’m not going to get discouraged though, we expect to keep growing,” said Williams. Occupied Riverside is expected to be ongoing until Jan. 1, and holds general assembly meetings every night at 7 p.m.

“The general assembly is the core of this occupation,” said an anonymous protester. “It makes it a democracy and a people’s choice.

According to the group of protesters, the occupation, thus far, has been peaceful and there have been few issues with the Riverside Police Department and local businesses, however there have been tense moments.

“We did have some issues with the police, because our security team got a little paranoid, since everyone is running on empty here and we can’t have tents,” said Williams.

[Police] woke us up early and said...

Campaign to carry

By VERONICA NATAL
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Governor Jerry Brown announced on Oct. 10 his ban of open carried hand guns in California.

This has stirred up controversy for students who want to fight for concealed gun carry on public college campuses for self-defense, according to The Los Angeles Times.

Just three days after Brown’s announcement, the California State University’s (CSU) web site put up a story about a student organization called Students for Concealed Carry (SCC) on campus.

They continue to argue why it is necessary for them to carry a concealed gun.

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Watershed management comes to CSUSB

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There will be less water going to waste at CSUSB. The school is the newest recipient of a federal grant that will provide 200 internships in watershed management.

The grants are directed to underrepresented students at 14 CSU campuses that are designated as Hispanic-serving institutions in watershed management.

The other CSU campuses include: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Dominguez Hills, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, San Diego, San Marcos and Stanislaus.

The grant was funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, through its National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

“This award represents an exciting opportunity for 200 underrepresented CSU students to gain knowledge of water management techniques that are essential to our nation’s efforts to sustain reliable water supplies in the 21st century,” said Congressman Joe Baca.

The first year of the grant will see $500,695 given and is to be split among the 14 designated schools.

Depending on the availability of the funds and satisfactory progress of the program, the grant’s subsequent years would each provide $500,000 through 2014.

The grant will provide students with opportunities that range from working on campus with designated faculty members to working with federal agencies such as the National Forest Service, Agricultural Research Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

It also includes state agencies such as the California Resources Agency, local agencies, water districts and resource conservation districts along with non-profit organizations, such as watershed councils.

The interns will gain knowledge of what watershed management is as well as the techniques that are important to develop, preserve and sustain water supplies.

The CSU campuses will also have additional resources to raise the awareness of career opportunities in water resource development and conservation.

In addition, there are academic opportunities for the underrepresented students to gain the knowledge and skills that are necessary for careers in water resources.

The Water Resources Institute opened the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation Demonstration Garden on June 3, which can be found on CSUSB’s campus. The garden is just over an acre of plants and displays that showcase water conservation through a series of themed gardens and exhibits.

“When witnessing them build the garden I was wondering what are they putting there?” said student Jessica Moore.

“When it was all finished it actually made the part of the campus very beautiful,” she continued.

The Garden was made possible by major gifts from three local donors, the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District.

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we had to go, but nothing happened as far as arrests,” said Williams.

Despite the issues with the police, those that decided to stay feel a sense of community with others involved.

“It was great how everyone just came together,” said Williams.

Among the protesters are some college students that come when they are able to give their support for the cause in any way.

The residents of Riverside don’t seem to mind, according to the occupiers.

“We get a lot of people honking as they drive by,” said Collins.

Though the protesters feel encouraged with the support that has been given, they still feel that more support is vital.
Students push for protection

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weapon on campus.

“There are two reasons to allow licensed carrying concealed deadly weapons on a college campus. The first is a legal entitlement to self-defense which holds true in the countless other locations within a given state, without the need to demonstrate a need for self-defense,” stated the SCC website.

“The second reason is the actual need for self-defense.”

According to the CSU Office of Public Affairs, the story of a student in 2007 named Amanda Carpenter, who was attacked and raped on her way walking back to her car after class at night.

As quoted from the CSU’s website, “The rapist had a gun. She didn’t.”

On its website, the organization argues that although colleges are typically safe, campuses can host crimes stemming from assault to rape to murder.

As a result, the SCC believes people should be able to use weapons for self-defense in an effective and responsible way.

Lieutenant Walter Duncan, of CSUSB university police said, “We have police on campus 24 hours a day and a separate unit with housing during the day and at night.”

“For the safety and crime rate for our campus students can see that on our website and see all local arrests as well,” continued Lieutenant Duncan.

CSUSB student, Rachel Hollis said, “I have pepper spray and I know people who carry knives and those are weapons, but if some crazy person had a gun, I would get how having a gun would be a better self-defense.”

“The group (SCC) simply wants eligible people to be able to carry weapons on the campuses of public colleges, just as they can in a grocery store,” said David Burnette, public relations officer for the SCC according to the CSUSB website.

The California Gun-Free Act prohibits possession or discharge of a firearm in a school zone.

Even though Brown announced banning open carry and not specifically concealed carry, the SCC is arguing their reasons for allowing concealed carry on the bases of open carry laws.

The Los Angeles Times explained that California law has allowed for public display of weapons as long as they were not loaded.

However, “Police chiefs and sheriffs complained that panicked customers’ calls were diverting them from chasing real criminals.”

Brown banned the open carry for this reason according to the article.

Kevin Miller, a private gun shop owner in San Bernardino said, “Provided that handguns are eventually allowed in college campuses, I wouldn’t see a problem with it because I know the paperwork and the thorough background check the county sheriff does in order for one of my customers to legally own a gun.”

“They also make the customers take an eight hour class on their weapon,” continued Miller.

CSUSB student Joyoussene Black said, “You can turn anything into a weapon, ultimately though, it’s people who kill people not guns.”

Fellow student Jeanette Boone said, “I’ve never felt unsafe on campus, but if I were to, I could always have a security officer walk me to my car at night. I wouldn’t feel comfortable in my classroom if I knew the student sitting next to me possibly had a gun in their bag.”

As the controversy continues, the fact is Brown’s ban has been announced and is due to take effect Jan. 1, 2012.

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Harper wishes to stay in school but the only way she can do this is if she is given state financial assistance.

Harper further described how all of the financial aid assistance she is getting now goes towards paying off the high price of tuition.

With any extra money left over from financial aid she pays for books, her laptop, transportation, the quarterly parking permit and her sorority, Alpha Phi, she said.

As of now CSUSB has not reported a definite tuition increase for this year or the next.

Tuition may rise again next year

By STEPHANIE BARERRA
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CSUSB may face another potential budget cut which could directly affect student tuition, financial aid, student enrollment and a reduction in personal cost for the next school year.

A press release was distributed earlier this week by CSUSB Office of Public Affairs stating that more budget cuts will lead to an estimated funding loss of $3.8 million from the school’s reserves.

California’s state tax revenue in September was $300 million less than expected reported state Controller John Chiang early last month.

According to Chiang, CSUSB will be directly affected if the budget cuts are triggered.

The Daily Bulletin reported that “a projected $1 billion tax deficit would prompt a $100 million budget cut to Cal State University and University of California systems.”

If the cuts are made, CSUSB can use the $3.8 million that is in the school’s reserves, CSUSB President Dr. Albert K. Kurnig said in the school’s press release.

Using the money saved in the reserves will not affect students this year, but according to Kurnig, “If the cut continues past the end of the fiscal year, in June 2012, the university will have to decrease enrollment, raise tuition costs or reduce personnel costs.”

According to the CSUSB financial aid website, 75 percent of enrolled students are receiving some type of financial aid assistance.

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ing for working nurses as well as those who already hold a two-year nursing degree.

Students will only meet with an instructor about three times. The remainder of the courses will be online through the CSUSB Blackboard web site. Students in the program will be enrolled in CSUSB and HSU concurrently.

Part-time instructors in the Humboldt area will be recruited by officials in the CSUSB nursing department. Students such as Jason Marsh, who was admitted into the HSU program right before its discontinuation, are happy to know they will no longer have to relocate.

The bridge program is de-
signed for working nurses as well as those who already hold a two-year nursing degree.

ScholarShare is also known as California’s 529 plan, which is a college savings plan sponsored by the state.

The major benefit of ScholarShare participants is the perk of paying a low plan fee between 0.18 and 0.62 percent. Previously the fee ranged from 0.25 to 1.06 percent, according to scholarshare.com.

The new plan manager for ScholarShare is Robert Whitehead, special to the Chronicle.

The ScholarShare’s website reported that participants will receive due to the transition. Under TIAFF-CREF Tuition Financing, participants will be provided with an increase of options for investment portfolios, easier access to the participant’s account through the enhancement of web tools as well as constant accessibility through smartphones.

The 529 college savings plans such as ScholarShare possess tax advantages and investment benefits for both California residents and out-of-state residents. ScholarShare’s web site reported several benefits that participants will receive due to the transition. Under TIAFF-CREF Tuition Financing, participants will be provided with an increase of options for investment portfolios, easier access to the participant’s account through the enhancement of web tools as well as constant accessibility through smartphones.

Any new or four-year university, vocational school and technological school across the nation. They can also be applied to eligible participating foreign institutions.

One other perk of investing in 529 college savings plans is that it is not limited to just parents saving for their children, but students can save for their own education.

Fidelity.com reports that anyone that is 18 years or older can have an account. This means that you can work and save for college at the same time.

Michelle Fuller is a full-time employee at the accounting department in University Enterprises Corporation at CSUSB. She is also a part-time student and mother of two children.

“I currently have a savings account for my children, but this is the first I have heard about the ScholarShare 529 college savings plan,” said Fuller. “Now I plan to do a little bit more research to see if this would be the better route to save for my children’s college education,” she said.

Fuller further expressed that although she would also benefit from a savings plan, since she is taking classes for her accounting degree, she wants to take care of her children’s future first.

Other states have college savings plans as well. According to mnsaves.org, Minnesota is also managed under TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, but their plan fees range from 0.512 to 0.612 percent.

The ScholarShare Investment Board approved to pay for nurses to return to school in Fall of 2012.

HSU’s dean of Health and Emergency Occupations, Pat Gir-
cery, expressed her disappoint-
ment in the decision to end the program, because on average 60 percent of the nursing program graduates choose to pursue a bachelor’s degree.

CSUSB’s nursing depart-
ment is happy to offer alternatives to the students seeking to advance their education.

Dwight Sweeney, chair of CSUSB’s nursing department, stated the department is pleased to make available CSUSB’s online nursing programs to north coast health care employers to meet the area’s demand for advancing their education and professional goals.
Counsel depression, say no to drugs

By SUANNA GUTIERREZ
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It’s estimated that 25 to 50 percent of college students in the U.S. are seen in counseling and at student health centers are taking antidepressants. According to the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) those numbers have been on the rise in the past decade.

Antidepressants should not be the sole agent in the fight against depression for college students. A prescription alone cannot induce a healthy psychological recovery needed to battle and overcome depression in anyone. The real causes of some one’s depression should be identified and diagnosed before prescribing potentially harmful drugs.

A national study conducted by NEJM reported that of 13,500 college students, nearly 45 percent, reported being so depressed that they had difficulty functioning, and 94 percent reported feeling overwhelmed by everything they had to do. Many of the students reported in the survey met the criteria for antidepressants, especially with the increased stress of college life.

However, the college lifestyle, which may be driving their need for medicated therapy, may also make them vulnerable to misusing their prescribed medication.

Misuse of serotonin-reuptake inhibitor antidepressants, such as popularly prescribed Paxil, Zoloft or Prozac can result in adverse side effects.

According to helpguide.org, typical side effects from antidepressants include insomnia, decreased sex drive, weight gain and anxiety. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration also requires that all depression medications include a warning label outlining the increased risk of suicide in children and young adults.

With the considerable risk of such damaging side effects, the number of college students using prescription antidepressants should be decreasing instead rising.

Even though antidepressants should not be used as a sole solution to depression, it can help overcome it. Antidepressants should be used in alliance with counseling, therapy, wellness education, close health monitoring and the support of medical experts. CSUSB is a campus fortunate enough to have these resources to offer students as a solution to whatever level of depression they may be enduring.

“The research is pretty clear,” said Dr. Terry Schmitt, psychologist and five-year Associate Director of counseling at CSUSB’s Student Health and Psychological Counseling Center. “A combination of therapy and medication provides more benefit than either one alone.”

Schmitt says that the licensed therapists, psychologists, family practitioners, physicians and psychiatrists, that comprise CSUSB’s integrated Student Health and Psychological Counseling Center, prefer that students who are seeking treatment for depression be seen by both services when being prescribed an antidepressant.

“Antidepressants are only prescribed when other solutions have been ruled out,” said Schmitt. “We want to do everything possible to help students turn a corner in their depression.”

The CSUSB integrated student Health and Psychological Counseling Center is excellent in assisting students on their paths to legitimately curing their depression.

According to Schmitt, before any service is provided by a health or psychological center to battle depression, an extensive examination is conducted to look into a students’ past history of depression by questionnaire. The questionnaire’s findings are then shared between the student and a counselor to clarify the specific effects depression is having on them.

Much like the prescription of antidepressants, counseling services are offered on a case-by-case basis through CSUSB’s health and psychological center.

“One of the things we work on is to educate the student body about depression, to let them know that this is more common than most people think,” said Schmitt. “We want to eliminate the stigma of seeking help and show people it’s common to have these problems.”

The CSUSB Student Health and Psychological Center is taking appropriate and effective approaches in reducing depression amongst college students without relying on prescription drugs to do the job.

School is cool thanks to “Keep it on Campus”

By KYLA COOK
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Ever since I started coming to CSUSB in 2009, I heard students complain constantly about how there is nothing to do on campus and that it is too hard to make friends.

The general consensus seems to blame this problem on the nature of CSUSB as a commuter school; people go to school and go straight home. Many students commute quite the distance too. I know some who drive from Victorville, others from El Segundo.

I used to be one of these complaining students although I lived on campus. I used to go home every weekend. I had no idea who my neighbors were let alone my roommates.

It wasn’t until this year that I started making friends. However, it was all my own doing.

I joined the newspaper, the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSA) and started working for Rec Sports. I’ve discovered that the college experience is dependent on the individual.

As a student, you need to put yourself out there to make the most of your college experience: go to events on campus, eat at the pub, etc. Some students decide to go Greek, and I understand that may not be everyone’s first choice; however, there are other options available.

Just recently I learned about an organization called Keep it on Campus (KIOC). There are 30 departments, clubs and other campus entities a part of KIOC, including Rec Sports, Program Board, Athletics (who is promoting the CSUSB vs. UCLA basketball game), the Coussouli’s Arena and Student Leadership and Development.

I believe that through KIOC, we can reignite school spirit and change the stigma of CSUSB being a commuter campus as well as give us a more overall enjoyable experience while attending this university.

What most students don’t realize is that a part of the fees we are required to pay annually go to fund organizations like this. More specifically, KIOC is funded through the Student Success fee which can be seen on your My Coyote.

You pay for these programs so you might as well take advantage of them.

I had the pleasure of speaking with Mark Hartley, director of Student Leadership and Development and one of the developers of KIOC. He is very enthusiastic and I genuinely believe he cares about students and their experience.

Hartley said KIOC, like stated earlier, collaborates with a lot of different organizations and these organizations hold events for students every month.

The three main events KIOC will like to focus on are Welcome Week at the beginning of fall quarter, which included Late Night with Rec Sports, Homecoming in winter quarter and another major event near the end of spring quarter, explained Hartley.

He also mentioned KIOC is looking to create a student committee to gain insight on exactly what it is that students want.

If there is one thing on campus that I don’t mind spending my money on, it’s KIOC.

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Everyone who complains about the lack of school spirit should put up or shut up. Either get involved in these great programs and change the type of campus this is, or continue on with a sub-par college experience.

All the events can be found on KIOC’s web site. Meetings are held once a month on the second Thursday for those who want to become involved, especially with the student committee. The next meeting takes place on Nov. 10 at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit kioc.csusb.edu.
The federal government is seeking an end to the untameable, profi table, and not to mention marketable, medicinal marijuana dispensaries in California.

The feds want to cut down the circulation of illicit drugs by demanding medical marijuana dispensaries throughout California to shut down within the next month or face the possibility of serving up to 40 years in prison, according to tokeofthetown.com.

Ironically, if a person is convicted of voluntary manslaughter under California law they face a maximum of 11 years in prison, according to shouselaw.com.

Some reasons behind what is fueling such swift federal action are to remove dispensaries near schools, parks and other areas where youth population dominates; which I fully support.

However, the federal government is accusing certain dispensaries of making millions without paying taxes to I Run Shit, better known as the IRS.

I do not agree with the government shutting down all dispensaries based on an accusation that some are making a little more than they should be, as our justice system is supposed to run by the idea of “innocent until proven guilty.”

As we continue to move into the 21st century, the popularity of marijuana continues to increase. Today 50 percent of Americans favor the legalization of marijuana as opposed to 12 percent in 1969, according to gallup.com.

A recent research study conducted by Rand Corp. found that crime increased in nearby areas where dispensaries had been forced to close down.

My question to the federal government is why choose now of all times to crack down on a state law that has been in effect since 1996?

Is it because there aren’t many marijuana shareholders or lobbyist circling the nation’s capital?

Is it possible there are high placed government officials making billions in revenue from stock shares of these legal and easier to manage drug companies?

The biggest question of them all is whether the government will answer the above mentioned truthfully?

I believe there are cards on the table that we just can’t see. The federal government should just pony up and legalize it already. Tax the industry to a level profitable enough that is comparable to the alcohol and tobacco industries in America.

The real truth ultimately lies within one word that is said to make the world, including our U.S. government go round: money.
By CAROLINA MCCARTHY  
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For one night, the Cousousouls Arena will be transformed into the digital kingdom of video games. CSUSB is preparing itself for the epic performance by Video Games Live and their partnership with our local San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra.

This jaw-dropping and 8-bit pounding show will be held on Saturday October 29.

Video Games Live is the No. 1 touring game concert in the world and uses classical music to reinvent the music of some of the best video games ever created.

Some of the video games they have used in their past performances were Zelda, Mario Brothers, Sonic the Hedgehog, Donkey Kong and Final Fantasy. However, each show is also very unique and constantly changing. Out of over 60 different segments, only 20 make it to the show.

So whether you wish to hear ping pong balls bouncing back and forth, Sonic the Hedgehog racing over the screen in front of you or something a bit more, this show has something for you.

Their highly talented choir creates different tunes like Mario and Luigi poucing through various stages, while synchronized lighting is used to put the viewers into interactive games like Kingdom Hearts.

They also include large interactive screens to show different segments of these memorable games while the harmonious symphony plays in the foreground.

Audience interaction is also a huge part of this epic experience. Pre-show, show and Post-show are all very interactive for gamers.

An experience called “Meet and Great” provides the opportunity to meet Tommy Tallarico and Jack Wall, the founders of Video Games Live. Highly regarded video game producers have also been known to appear here as well, and according to the Video Games Live website, it is strongly suggested you get to the event early to be able to meet them.

During the event, they choose audience members at random to go on stage and partake in different interactive games.

This global traveling show has also been praised by The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and numerous others.

In 2008, Video Games Live was inducted into The Guinness Book of World Records as having performed the most video game concerts in a one year period. At this time they are working to further this number and break their own record.

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No ticket prices are available on any website, but for the fans of video games, the fans will rejoice in the entertainment software rating Board (ESRB), making this an event the entire family can take part in.

As the time gets closer anxious attendees can begin taking out their checkbooks. Tickets are available online or by phone.

You will be able to purchase them through the arena’s box office on-campus, Ticketmaster, the San Bernardino Symphony Office located at 415 West Second Street in San Bernardino and online at sanbernardinosymphony.org.

Prices for the event range from 15 to 55 dollars, depending on age and type of access preferred. Lower ticket prices are also available on some tickets for CSUSB students upon showing your Coyote ID.

Load up gamers. The season of the first-person shooters (FPS) has officially begun.

“Battlefield 3” is finally here and the bar has been set for the competition, specifically “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3.”

So does “Battlefield 3” hold up after all the hype Electronic Arts has been building?

The answer is a simple “Hell yes.”

The most impressive improvement is developer DICE’s new game engine, Frostbite 2. Frostbite 2 is truly a marvel of modern gaming technology, improving on the previous engine and displaying the most breathtaking visuals in any video game to date.

The scenery is expansive and detailed with desert, mountain and city landscapes it makes you feel as if you were actually immersed in the actual environment. It’s extremely easy to get lost in the beautiful vista while playing an online multiplayer match.

Destruction is also more realistic on bigger and smaller scales with debris and particles flying in the air and entire buildings collapsing in clouds of dust.

The animations are more genuine, having been modeled after human behavior so precisely that it’s easy to think the soldiers have a mind of their own. They take cover and move fluidly, and they do it in a militaristic style.

Unfortunately, the full scope of Frostbite 2’s capabilities will be limited to those with a PC system. However, that doesn’t mean the game doesn’t look amazing without the highest settings.

On the other hand, console gamers will definitely be getting one of the best looking games ever.

A welcome addition to the game that old-school Battlefield fans will rejoice in is the return of jets to the vehicle options. Missing in the last two Battlefield installments, jets bring back the ultimate thrill in vehicular combat and are better than ever. Getting into dogfights with enemy players is the most liberating feeling in the world, and also contributes to the realism and scope of warfare.

New gameplay elements were also added, with some drawing criticism from die-hard Battlefield fans.

One of the changes is the ability for your character to go prone, which means laying flat on your belly.

This has caused a stir among the Battlefield collective because they feel like it’s a move to appease the “Call of Duty” fans, as well as encouragement for camping and hiding from enemies.

It may be a marketing ploy, but when you think about it it’s just another tactical option added to an already tactical and strategic game. How it affects online gameplay in the long run is yet to be seen.

The multiplayer maps are exactly what you would expect from Battlefield: wide-open, vast and seemingly endless. The maps in the game have more of a mass appeal, meaning that there are smaller maps for the Call of Duty fans and massive maps for the Battlefield die-hards.

When it comes to determining the best version of the game, the PC version claims the title. The developers had announced that the PC platform was the main platform they built the game around, and it clearly shows.

Although it’s very clear the console version is superior to other FPS’s in its own right, it still has its drawbacks.

One disadvantage: the console version is able to support up to 24 players in a multi-player match, while the PC version supports up to 64 players.

“Battlefield 3” has taken the FPS genre to the next level with its evolution, while adding new aspects to appeal to new fans and bringing back old ones to keep the devoted junkies happy.

In the realm of shooters, “Battlefield 3” is one of the best.
As America continues to struggle with anti-gay bullying, Hollywood actors are trying to make a change.

Zachary Quinto, an actor of such films as “Star Trek” and the television show “Heroes,” has recently come out of the closet on his website. On his blog, Quinto said he wanted to come out of the closet publicly because of the recent tragedies of teens committing suicide due to anti-gay bullying, particularly the suicide of 14-year-old Jamey Rodemeyer of New York.

“In light of Jamey’s death, it became clear to me that living a gay life without publicly acknowledging it is not enough,” wrote Quinto. “There is an immense amount of work that lies ahead on the road to complete equality. Gay kids need to stop killing themselves because they are made to feel worthless by cruel and relentless bullying,” he added.

Hollywood has come a long way from shunning openly gay actors to now accepting them. Iconic actors such as Montgomery Clift and Rock Hudson spent their entire lives concealing their sexuality from the public.

Back in the golden age of cinema, homosexuality was not as accepted in Hollywood. Early films used it as the butt of jokes and outwardly gay actors were publicly humiliated and blacklisted.

Even as recently as ten years ago, some comedies used homosexuality for a cheap laugh, and openly gay actors such as Rupert Everett complained that being true to themselves has hurt their careers.

But now, in the age of Ellen DeGeneres and Neil Patrick Harris (NPH), Hollywood seems ready to accept its fabulous roots. Emmy Award-winning talk show host DeGeneres announced her sexual orientation in 1997, and continues to be an advocate for gay rights. Recently on the “Today Show,” she said she was happy to come out publicly because she was able to be herself.

Although some critics believe that openly gay actors could not receive leading male roles in romantic films that demand strong, and masculine lead characters, this claim stems from the fantasy that leading male actors should be the man all the ladies want to be with, and the man all men want to be.

Despite this stigma, NPH continues to play the ladies man known as Barney, one of the most beloved characters on “How I Met Your Mother.”

An actor’s sexual orientation obviously doesn’t change their acting skills. It’s their believability on camera and their job as an actor that matters the most.

Though it has been a long road, being gay is not as taboo in society as it once was. Openly gay actors now serve as role models for teens that are struggling with their sexual orientation. The shift in Hollywood accepting and positively publicizing openly gay actors could help prevent teens being bullied for their sexual orientation.

There is still a long road ahead, but the emergence of a new form of role model can only do good for young people who are grappling with their own sexual identity.
Coldplay’s album takes on love and loss

By MARISSA GRAHAM
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The hype surrounding Coldplay’s new album, Mylo Xyloto, is as interesting as the title itself. The band’s very much anticipated album is dropping Oct. 24. This is their fifth album and first in three years, and it is rumored to be their best yet.

Coldplay is known for their unique music. The band consists of four members: Guy Berryman (bass), Jonny Buckland (lead guitar), Will Champion (drums) and Chris Martin (vocals).

They have never been the type of band who sticks to the same style. They are known for their willingness to experiment and push boundaries as to what bands should and can do.

Mylo Xyloto definitely upped their game, featuring choruses that are bigger and higher than on previous works. It is an album that contains songs that match our daily life, with lyrics about being happy, sad and everything in between.

“Mylo Xyloto was inspired by 1970s New York graffiti and the Nazi-resistance movement known as the White Rose,” said singer Chris Martin in an interview with MTV.com. “It’s probably no coincidence both were about young people embracing art in times of turmoil.”

Collaborations on this album are more than likely to cause a stir. On “Princess of China,” one of the album’s singles, Rihanna makes an unexpected guest appearance. This random collaboration proved to be a hit after it was leaked earlier this week.

The song is the ultimate breakup song with lyrics about pain, loss and regret. Rihanna sadly sings, “I could’ve been a princess, and you would’ve been a king / Could have had a castle and a ring.”

The album’s other single, “Paradise,” is kind of a sad song as well. It is about a girl that expected the world, only to have those expectations destroyed.

The band’s songs are about relationships, breakups and the way they make you feel. The songs may appeal to teenagers more so because of the immaturity of feeling as though when a relationship ends, so does the world.

There’s fear that this album may not appeal to their conservative fans, yet Coldplay is known for constantly switching up their style and being adventurous with their technique, which something which keeps their fans interested.

With Mylo Xyloto, Coldplay is clearly determined to put another Grammy on their shelf.

Footloose dances in time but acts out poorly

By BECKY MONREAL
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The new remake of “Footloose” will have viewers dancing out of theaters. Non-dancing viewers may think this movie is another run-of-the-mill dance flick, while those with an appreciation for dance will really find something to enjoy in this film.

While not as good as the 1984 original, “Footloose” still has some great dancing scenes within it. The film takes place in the rural Georgia city of Bomont, which has banned music and dancing within the city limits. The youth of the city are forced to dance in hiding at local bars and mill factories.

That all changes after Ren McCormack, played by Kenny Wormald, moves to the city to live with his uncle and aunt. This is the first major movie for Wormald, who used to be a back-up dancer to Justin Timberlake and Jennifer Lopez.

McCormack attends the local high school of Bomont and meets the scandalous preacher’s daughter Ariel Moore, played by dancer Julianne Hough of “Dancing With the Stars” fame.

It was Ariel’s dad who banned dancing and music in the city after a catastrophic event at a dancing club.

Ren and Ariel bond over their love for dancing and, of course become attracted to each other.

Ren decides that it is time for the ban on dancing to be abolished and he decides to stand up to the city council, about the issue. With the help of a petition and some good ol’ down-home Bible verses, Ren and his friends change the face of Bomont forever.

Just like the original, the movie ends with the famous dance scene of the students at prom with a new remake of Kenny Loggins’ famous title song.

Though the plot might not be impressive, the dancing skills greatly make up for what the storyline is lacking. All of the actors dancing talent can be seen from the opening scene to the closing credits.

While the movie is full of great dancing, it does have some awkward moments. For example, there is a scene when Ren pulls up to the high school in his beat up Volkswagen bug playing “Black and Yellow” by Wiz Khalifa.

Another uncomfortable scene is when Ren and his friends are challenged to a game of chicken in giant school buses inexplicably decorated with children’s stuffed animals.

However, the movie does contain some comedic scenes. Ren’s best friend Willard Hewitt does contribute comedic relief to the film.

From his camouflage shirts to his denim overalls, Willard walks, talks and acts like a true boy from the south. He even learns to dance with help from Ren and his young cousin.

The acting by Wormald and Hough was surprisingly good for their first major motion picture.

The movie is mainly full of country music but does have some hip-hop songs intertwined in some scenes. Those who have an appreciation for great dancing will really enjoy this movie. Those who are looking for a great storyline and exceptional acting talent might want to look elsewhere.

Footloose (2011) by the numbers:
Run Time 1 hr. 53 min.
Box Office $15.6 million
MPAA Rating PG-13
Viewer Rating 72% liked it
Metts talks and screams film

By NORBERTO PEREZ
Staff Writer

Becoming hot lights, sweaty palms and a freaked out Metts. That’s your average scenario in Metts’ Comm 245 production class.

On his latest project Professor Rod Metts hovered above like a mother hen waiting for her eggs to hatch. This television production is a public service announcement on premarital sex. The actors are CSUSB students who volunteered to help out.

The rest of the crew are class members trying to learn and hone skills that will eventually allow them to seek work in a variety of fields. Through internships, hard work or luck, they might find industry work in Los Angeles or elsewhere.

Depending on the collective execution of the crew, the two hours allowed should be enough to walk through, rehearse and produce this public service announcement. One small mistake and it will be grievously noticed; one big mistake and they will have to start all over again.

Every crew member’s position is important. The result of their production will begin the students’ “demo” reels. This is a proverbial resume that will open doors or close them depending on the resulting product.

Prospective employers will be able to see whether or not they’re comfortable working in a hectic television or film environment.

The equipment seems daunting to newcomers. The overhead catwalks in the studio are peppered with lights and cables; the studio is bare, waiting for production crews to dream up a set, but the skills being taught in Metts’ class will allow the students to create what everybody watches in their living room through camera angles, lighting and transitions.

The three different camera shots are displayed in front of the director and his crew. His job is to order camera shots to zoom in or out depending on the effect wanted. He also has to give the commands to “take” the desired camera angle.

The mere task of starting the show can be a minefield of mistakes. This will be the longest or shortest three minutes of his life depending on the outcome.

“No one wants to hear, ‘It’s not ready. Open mics, cue talent,’” he said. “Ready fade to two. . . ready to open mics. . . ready to cue talent. Fade music, open mics, cue talent.”

His face is visibly alert. Everybody knows their jobs but mistakes can happen.

This production eventually took 14 takes. The male actor, because of the lights or nervousness, shined like a member of “Jersey Shore,” the director got nervous, and the technical director fumed. Students became unsettled while the teacher graded their production.

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CSUSB to Harvard and back

Alum Dr. Louie Rodriguez proves there is no limit when it comes to achieving your dreams

By RENEE ETCHEBERRIA
Staff Writer

Louie Rodriguez, once a mentored Harvard student, has become an advocate, inspiring students to strive beyond what they think they can achieve.

CSUSB’s Louie Rodriguez, Assistant Professor in Educational Leadership and Curriculum, has lived an inspiring story of success from his days at community college to his seven years at Harvard.

“I want students to know that I am like them. I am a first generation college student. I didn’t come from a family or community of college-going people. Like many students, I was curious, eager, interested and hungry,” said Rodriguez.

Time management is the key that helped Rodriguez in his academic aspirations. Today, he finds that it is still relevant as he balances the work he is passionate about and the family life he loves.

The road toward being a successful professor and researcher was not always easy; he faced many challenges just as we all do throughout our college years.

“Surround yourself with people who will support you and push you,” said Rodriguez.

For Rodriguez, it was all about a support team that enabled him to overcome any struggles he faced. He relied on the moral support of his family members and the mentors he had through his college years.

It was the success of his mentors like Lisa Gomez at San Bernardino Valley College and CSUSB’s David Chavez that really motivated him. They inspired him giving him the belief that he could also achieve such success and accomplishments.

Like many students at CSUSB, Rodriguez was a transfer student.

“I landed in community college sort of by accident. I didn’t realize how unprepared I was for college until my senior year when I realized I didn’t take any of the college requirements. Now that I think back, I’m glad I went. Community college paved the way for me to end up at Harvard,” he said.

Rodriguez attended CSUSB after community college where he majored in psychology and became a McNair Scholar. He attended Harvard where he majored in psychology and became a McNair Scholar.

The McNair Scholars program continued to PG. 12
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“Hanger 24 is a cool place. It’s already a bit creepy at night and seeing people in costume will definitely make it better,” said student Angelica Davalos.

Hanger 24 is located at the Municipal Redlands Airport. It is surrounded by empty lots and fields that will create a perfect setting for spotting vampires, werewolves, zombies and ghosts.

There is an endless amount of fun that can be had this upcoming Halloween both, on and off campus.
An inspiration for all
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Rodriguez encourages students to work hard; it pays off. Rodriguez devoted research in local public schools has led him to be the principal investigator of the Participatory Research Advocating for Excellence in Schools, (PRAXIS Project). This project is intended to focus on the dropout crisis among low income communities of color in the Inland Empire.

Among other achievements, he has had his research published in various educational publications. According to his website louierodriguez.com, he recently was the recipient of the 30 Under 35 Award of Latinos and Native Americans for his service in the community.

Let Rodriguez’s inspiring story and words of encouragement remind you that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

“I would say to students — you belong here. Don’t let anyone tell you otherwise. These institutions are often difficult to navigate but there is always someone who can be a mentor, an advocate and an ally,” said Rodriguez.

“Find them, knock on doors, ask questions. If you don’t get the answer you were looking for, keep asking, keep searching. These institutions are here to serve you. Be served and serve. Give back, and equally important, read.”

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For many fans, a football, baseball, basketball, soccer game or any sporting event for that matter, is a chance to become creative and dress up in intimidating and amusing ways to show their loyalty for their favorite teams and players on the field.

Every night is Halloween when you attend a sporting event. Attending a sporting event is not just about seeing your favorite team score a touchdown, hit a home run or score the winning goal; it’s about the atmosphere you create when you attend these athletic events.

One way sports fans create a fun atmosphere when they attend these events is by flaunting their favorite team in a variety of costumes.

Milwaukee Brewers fans are willing to do anything for their team including dressing up during the playoffs in hopes of encouraging their team and maybe distracting the opposing team.

According to Fox News, Brewers fans were channeling multiple costume themes to show their support during the playoffs this month. Some fans wore costumes resembling a “Monsters, Inc.” theme while other fans channeled themes from “Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory.”

The theme of Monsters Inc. was inspired from the Brewers themselves. When they were playing their games they would go into “beast mode,” according to MLB.com.

“The beast mode thing is something we do for each other, to get each other fired up when something positive happens,” said Ryan Braun, Brewers’ star left fielder.

Brewers fans caught on quickly and started to sport their own beast-like outfits at the game to encourage their team and get other fans fired up.

Brewer fans own twist of “Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory” include creating their own Brewers style Oompa Loompa.

Fans wore bright blue wigs with oversized overalls to resemble the famous friends of Willy Wonka.

Some fans take the idea of dressing up for a game to a whole new level.

Take the Raiders’ fans into consideration.

The costumes their fans wear for games include face paint resembling skeletons and over-sized jerseys that look like the grim reaper’s robe.

Raiders are synonymous with “pirates” as many fans dress in pirate gear to show their support for the team. The costumes oftentimes look almost as intimidating as the 300-pound linemen on the team.

The North Carolina Tar Heels fans also go above and beyond to show pride and support for their team by dressing up their cars. John Snipes, a super fan of the Tar Heels, demonstrated his love for the team by customizing his car to match the Tar Heels colors.

According to rivals.com, “the North Carolina resident drives to and from football and basketball games at home and on the road and up and down Franklin Street in Chapel Hill after big victories.”

According to Catalogs.com, the top ten things sports fans adorn when attending sporting events consist of: nothing (since most fans go shirtless and use body paint), old school jerseys, kids team outfits, foam fingers, body painting, body suits, authentic team jerseys, face painting, and at the top of the list, the traditional beer hat.

If you’re stuck on an idea for a costume to wear this upcoming Halloween, channeling your favorite sports team into a costume has always been a crowd favorite.

You’ll have the opportunity to show your pride and devotion to your favorite sports team.
This week in Sports History:

- October 23, 1921
  Green Bay Packers play first NFL game, win 7-6 over Minneapolis Marines (Vikings)

- October 25, 1986
  Trailing 5-3 with 2 out & no one on in bottom of 10th, NY Mets rally to win Game 6 of the World Series against Red Sox, 6-5, Bill Buckner misplays a ball to continue ninth inning.

- October 27, 2004
  The Boston Red Sox win the World Series for the first time in 86 years

Coyote Jock Talk

Check out the Coyote Jock Talk Blog
This week: updated NFL power rankings and MLB commentary.

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SPORTS TRIVIA

Each week the Coyote Chronicle will try to stump the students with sports trivia. The answers will be given in the following issue.

Which MLB teams have never won a World Series?
(Hint: eight teams)

Answer to last week’s question:

Texas Rangers’ Nelson Cruz in this year’s ALCS
**Humble Coyote**

By ASHLYNNE MACAN
Staff Writer

CSUSB student, Rebekah Frazier, is a local girl whose stardom is rising fast.

Born in San Bernardino, Frazier is in her third year here at CSUSB and is majoring in nursing. She also loves to dance, read and listen to music.

She started running cross country five years ago in her sophomore year at Cajon High School and has been doing so ever since.

While sitting in an interview with her, she was a happy, humble and dedicated person.

Frazier came to CSUSB as a walk-on to the team and has made history since then.

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**Inconsistent play torments Coyotes**

By AARON HUGHES
Staff Writer

Men’s soccer can’t find their rhythm.

The Coyotes have been unable to win two games in a row this entire season.

The combination of bad luck and inexperience have contributed to the team’s problems.

“I feel that we’re better than what our results have shown but we’ve been unlucky,” said Coach Noah Kooiman.

There have been numerous games where there has been an unfortunate sequence and we’ve been punished.

In past seasons, the Coyotes had been able to work through difficult periods and rally back. That hasn’t been the case this year.

Kooiman saw the resiliency that it took to succeed through some of the struggles they had last season.

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Coyote Chronicle: Athlete of the Week

Name: Chelsey Jones
Sport: Women’s Soccer
Class: Sophomore

Coyotes “kick” into gear

By ZAFIRO TELLEZ
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The CSUSB women’s soccer team has set a school record with six consecutive victories, the longest winning streak in CSUSB women’s soccer history. The Coyotes hit a bit of bad luck at the beginning, losing to schools like Dominguez Hills, UC San Diego and Cal Poly Pomona. In conference, five out of six games resulted in losses for the ‘Yotes. The team certainly turned it around after a 4-0 defeat against UC San Diego. Since then, the Lady Coyotes have been unbeatable, not losing a single game.

“We expect to win our last four games and make the playoffs,” said head coach Travis Clarke.

Based on the streak the team is on now, it is quite possible that those expectations are not too high. On Oct. 16, the Coyotes played against Cal State University Los Angeles (CSULA), a team that has set their own winning streaks. Prior to that game, the Golden Eagles had a nine game win streak and had not lost a game since September. When the Coyotes last met CSULA, the Golden Eagles took the win 2-0. This time around with a new outlook and a unified team, the women stopped CSULA’s winning streak by continuing their own six-game win streak with a 2-0 shutout.

Freshman Emily Mardon and junior Jani Carmona both scored goals leading the team to a substantial victory. Goalkeeper Chelsey Jones was named the Wilson/California Collegiate Athletic Association Women’s Soccer player of the week. Jones shows superb talent in defending the goal as she has not conceded a score in three games. She was able to defend five different Golden Eagle corner kicks during the second half.

However, Jones is not all defense. She was able to assist on Jani Carmona’s goal in the seventy-eighth minute. Jones, from her own 18-yard box, kicked the ball over the Golden Eagle defense a couple of yards away from the net, where Jani Carmona was able to gain control of the ball, took a shot and scored the final goal of the game.

“One of the obstacles that the women on the team faced early on were injuries and disunity within the team,” said Clarke. The initial losses did not dismay the team for they kept going at it, training hard and coming together. They were able to make a total turn around and turn that bad luck into the longest winning streak in CSUSB history, and that speaks volumes of the women’s dedication and hard work.

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Tee-it up for student scholarships

By EILEEN GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

The eighth annual CSUSB Rec Sports Golf Tournament is set to tee off on Friday.

Raulabel Gonzalez, Sports and Facilities Coordinator for the Rec Center organized the tournament to be played at the Shandin Hills Golf Course in San Bernardino.

“It’s going to be a great time,” said Gonzalez.

Money raised at the tournament goes towards scholarships to provide airfare and lodging for students to attend the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Conference. NIRSA is a national conference in which recently graduated students can find jobs.

The tournament usually provides scholarships for 10 students to attend the conference.

Gonzalez wants to make sure that the only expense his graduates have to worry about is clothing for their interviews.

The expected turnout this year is between 40-50 teams. The highest turnout ever was 60.

Student attendance is also vital in that all proceeds go towards scholarships.

Teams who participate in the tournament receive a free lunch, a raffle ticket for the grand prize and a goody bag.

The grand prize includes a two-night stay at the Imperial Palace Hotel, a tournament round at Pautes Golf Club, dinner at the casino and a grand prize.

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