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Courtesy of Paul Gardner

To find more information and photos of the multi-purpose Murillo Family Observatory, visit their official Facebook page. The observatory is looking to hold another open house near the end of March and is currently open for astronomy classes.

Visit the stars at CSUSB's observatory

By **MELISSA BENTON**
Staff Writer

The \$3 million state-of-the-art Murillo Family Observatory is the only teaching facility of its kind in the Inland Empire.

The observatory held its official ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov. 18.

The official open house for the observatory was scheduled for Jan. 27, but was canceled due to high winds.

Another open house is in the works and is looking to be scheduled at the end of March.

The observatory was named for

George and Pauline Murillo, their family and the San Manuel tribal members who made major contributions to finance it.

The Murillo family matched the donation initially made by the W. M. Keck Foundation, which provided the funding for all the instruments.

The observatory contains two telescopes, one primarily for day use and the other for night.

It also has an observation deck, seating and more room for future classroom facilities.

Winter 2012 astronomy classes are the first to use the observatory and get hands-

on experience with the equipment.

"The observatory is multi-purpose. It's for teaching, undergraduate research and it's an outreach to local schools," said Dr. Laura Woodney, CSUSB's only full-time astronomy professor.

Woodney is currently having one K-12 class bussed in once a week to learn in the observatory.

She believes it is important to get local kids excited about astronomy, science and education.

"We want it to create an exciting opportunity for the campus. We want the beautiful facility to inspire students in as-

tronomy and education. It's a great way to show off Cal State," said Woodney.

Woodney shares lab responsibilities with Paul Gardner. Gardner helps run the observatory as the head engineer.

According to Woodney, the observatory would not be running if it had not been for Gardner and the volunteer students who work with him.

The observatory and its findings can be accessed from Woodney's home.

She explains that, while she's working on her lectures or grading papers, she can open the dome and operate the automating

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Timeless love stories exposed

By **KRYSTINA PEDERSEN**
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is here again. For some it's a day of love, excitement and surprise. For others it's a day of heartbreak and misery.

"Valentine's Day is a day to share love, not just with a boyfriend, girlfriend or spouse, but a day to share love with family and friends," said student Anisha Puri.

Most people can trace their memories all the way back to elementary school where Valentine's Day consisted of distributing cards and little goodies to everyone in your class and doing little arts and crafts.

When Abigail Perez was in kindergarten she made a special cupcake for her crush, but got into an argument with her cousin on her way to deliver the cupcake and smashed it into her face.

When Amanda Luckett was in the eighth grade she shared her first kiss with her crush at school on Valentine's Day. While locking lips a teacher spotted them and ordered them into the principal's office. "We got into a lot of trouble. The principle was so mad he made us write an essay on why kissing at school is bad," said Luckett.

For Filiberto Quintana Valentine's Day wasn't as joyous as he had hoped during his eighth grade year.

"I bought this girl a bunch of stuff cause I liked her and she liked me, and I planned to give it to her on Valentines." But when the big day came around, the girl confessed to Quintana that she had been secretly dating his best friend behind his back.

Although he was upset, Quintana forgave the girl and still keeps in touch with her today. As for his friend, he found it harder to look past the betrayal. But as time goes on, Valentine's Day gets a little deeper.

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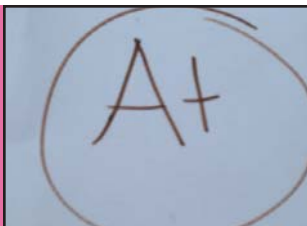
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A couple of cute Coyotes, Jon and Amanda, sitting under the tree k-i-s-s-i-n-g.



Men's basketball tied for first place

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Student proposes cheaper tuition for higher grades

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CSUSB sees spike in international student population

By **KATHERINE VALADEZ**
Staff Writer

The number of international students attending CSUSB has been increasing, according to the Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP). Currently, the CISP office estimates there are upwards of 650 international students on campus. This figure excludes students in the College of Extended Learning, which is a separate program. “There has definitely been an increase in international students at CSUSB,” said Rika Dawson, an administrative assistant for CISP. CISP assists international students in many areas ranging

from awarding scholarships to making sure students have the correct immigration status when they arrive in the U.S. CSUSB receives students from many different countries such as India, Taiwan, Japan, Mexico and Nigeria. But the majority of students originate from China, South Korea and Saudi Arabia, according to Dawson. This is consistent with colleges and universities all across the U.S. According to a report issued by the Institute of International Education, 22 percent of international students hail from China. CSUSB will continue to see more foreign exchange students this year.

International student enrollment at CSUSB is expected to increase in the spring quarter. “I think it’s going to be a large increase. We are expecting about 150 students next quarter,” said Dawson. California is the number one state that hosts international students, followed by New York and Texas. During the 2010-11 academic year, California hosted 96,535 international students, according to the Institute of International Education. In 2011 a record high of 723,277 international students studied in the United States, and new international student enrollment increased by six percent from the previous year, according

to the Institute of International Students. “Our office assists students from overseas with student visas. These students are here to pursue and academic program such as a B.A. or a B.S.,” said Dawson. “These students are degree seeking, while students in the College of Extended Learning’s International Extension Program are not.” Students in the International Extension Program are international students that come to CSUSB to build their English language skills so they may become full time students at CSUSB, according to Elaine Chacon, a program assistant for the International Extension Program.

Students have differing reasons for coming to CSUSB. Some students come to learn English, like Andy Kim, Korean native. “Before I came here I studied English, but I’m studying much more now. I want to learn to speak English well,” said Kim. In addition, CSUSB affords students the opportunity to experience American life while earning their degree. “I started school at a university in Korea. CSUSB connects with that school so I’m able to graduate here,” said Oscar Han, an international student from Korea. “But we want to make American friends. We don’t have a lot of chances to make American friends.”

Observatory to open in March

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20-inch telescope at home. Woodney is in the process of trying to acquire a grant to have a full-time staff for the observatory. With it fully staffed, the observatory could be open at all times for the public to explore. “These are exciting times, but it’s a slow-moving process. It’s a lot of work, and we don’t have a lot of people. We open the observatory when we can, but we don’t foresee the funding to happen anytime soon,” said Woodney.

Woodney has high hopes for what the observatory could do for all students in the Inland Empire. “I hope that it will share a love of science with all local students. Not all of them need to become astronomers. I just want them to look at the wonders of the universe and hope it inspires them to want to continue their education and to learn about science. Science can be fun,” Woodney continued. The official Facebook page for the Murillo Family Observatory contains information and pictures available to anyone that is interested.



Courtesy of Paul Gardner
Students and Woodney work on the automated controls for the telescope inside the dome and see images on the screens.

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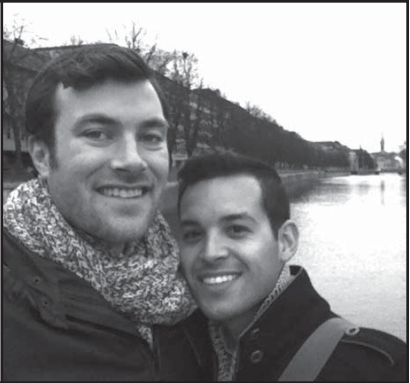
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Happy Valentine's Day, Coyotes!



My Love,
Thank you so much for supporting me during my college years at CSUSB. All of our hard work will pay off, I promise. I love you so much. Happy Valentine's Day!
Elizabeth

Three years ago I asked if you would be my funny little Valentine. While our cities, jobs and schools have changed, the question hasn't... Will you be mine?
Love, Drew



Hello world (CSUSB's awesome faculty and students)! This is my bofriend. If you see him around campus, please let him know how much I love and am grateful for him.
Teresa Tran



Happy 2nd Valentine's Day spent together hunny bunny. I am so happy to have a man that loves me so much the way you do. Em you anh forever.
Teresa Tran



Andrii Feliz Dia de Los Enamorados. Gracias por estar conmigo. Nunca me canso de extrañarte y pensarte. Te amo y te amaré siempre, viviré cada día demostrándote lo importante que eres en mi vida.
Caro Aguilar

Momma bear loves her cubbie bear! Happy Valentine's Day future husband!
Teresa Tran





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Federal court repeals Proposition 8 as unconstitutional

By **COURTNEY SIMS**
Staff Writer

Proposition 8 has been appealed by a 2-1 ruling in a federal appeals court.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals declared the voter-approved ban on same sex marriage unconstitutional last Thursday.

The recent court ruling has some Californians thinking the momentum behind this battle could be geared toward something more important.

Supporters of Prop 8 have to decide quickly whether they want to appeal the recent ruling handed down by the Federal courts.

“ProtectMarriage, the Christian conservative sponsor of Proposition 8, is expected to announce next week whether to ask a larger panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider the ruling, a

decision that could postpone U.S. Supreme Court review for months,” as reported by the *LA Times*

California is the only state to pass a law on same-sex marriage making it legal and then later overturn it.

According to the Proposition 8 website, in June of 2008 same-sex marriage became legal in California.

However shortly after the November election, Proposition 8 was passed, thus overturning the previous ruling.

Bien Fule-Ver, who self-identifies as

gay, is a CSUSB alumnus and has been engaged for two years.

He believes that the fight for marriage equality is something worth fighting for.

Fule-Ver is surprised that a progressive state like California is falling behind.

“Marriage elevates you to a different status,” said Fule-Ver.

“There are eight states that recognize gay marriage. It’s al-

most embarrassing; the states that we think are not progressive are the ones that are

aware of the social changes,” continued Fule-Ver.

Supporters of Prop 8 are disappointed with the way the state has handled the entire process.

“I think it comes down to voting. We are being taught to vote because it’s our ‘duty,’” said student Kati Garn. “By overturning this law it has taken away our vote. There’s not point in voting if the government is just going to do want they want.”

Currently, the same-sex marriage ban is still in effect until the case goes to the Supreme Court

Prop. 8 critics are confident that the ruling will end in a victory.

“With the political climate right now with Obama and the Defense of Marriage Act, I see the ruling going in our favor,” said Megan Rush, graduate assistant at CSUSB’s Pride Center.

“Marriage elevates you to a different status. It’s embarrassing; the states that we think are not progressive are the ones that are aware of the social changes.”

Bien Fule-Ver

CSUSB Alumnus

Santorum takes lead in GOP primaries

By **JACQUELINE SCHOLTEN**
Staff Writer

A surprise victory was given to Rick Santorum, former senator of Pennsylvania, who won all three election contests taking place on Feb 7. This has shaken the Mitt Romney campaign and reminded Republicans that there is a long way to go in the race for the Republican nominee.

Santorum won elections in Minnesota, Missouri and Colorado. Colorado and Minnesota were caucus elections and Missouri was a “beauty contest” primary, consequently no electoral votes were awarded for any of them.

“I think it lends validity to the caucuses here in Iowa. It shows that it wasn’t a fluke that he’s showing well in other states,” says Tim Kapucian, Iowa’s state senator to WhoTV.

These are the first triumphs this conservative candidate has won since his narrow win in the Iowa caucus over a month ago.

Since then, Santorum has changed his speech by comparing Romney to Obama. He noted their similarities when it comes to health care, climate change and Wall Street.

“Santorum played a card that had been missing from the GOP contest so far. He implied that both Romney and Obama took these positions because they’re intellectual snobs — they think they ‘know better,’” wrote Noam Scheiber for National Public Radio.

This attack on Romney was Santorum’s effort to consolidate the anti-Romney vote and show conservatives that if they vote for him he will not forget about social conservative issues in the midst of our economic crisis.

Current Gallup tracking polls show that after Santorum’s multiple victories he is now tied for second place with Newt Gingrich, who is losing momentum. The polls also show that while going down a little in popularity, Romney is still the front runner and Ron Paul is trailing far behind in fourth place.

Even though Romney is still the leader in the race, critics think that Santorum’s victories are just the beginning.

“It’s not really about the delegates, it’s about the momentum you can build, the stories you can get in the press. It’s the people rallying to support you and he’s got that,” said Arthur Sanders, Drake political professor to WhoTV.

LA Times reported that Santorum beat Romney by almost 30 percentage points in Minnesota and by 5 points in Colorado. Romney won both of those states during the 2008 election.

Romney’s success has been attributed to his wealth and his organization. He has raised more money than all of his competitors and came into the election with his own fortune.

Data for 2011 from the *LA Times* shows that Santorum raised \$2.2 million, this number pales in comparison to Romney’s \$57.1 million.

However, in the race to consolidate the anti-Romney vote, Santorum is trying to show America that he is a force to be reckoned with.

He has won more election contests than all of the other candidates.

“Many more Republicans are taking Mr. Santorum seriously now, thanks to his victories,” said *New York Times* writer Jim Rutenberg. “And perhaps none more than Mr. Romney, for whom Mr. Santorum’s unexpected rise poses

another threat from the right.”

The California primary elections for the presidential race will be held in June.



Courtesy of Inquisitr website

2012 Republican delegate Rick Santorum wins election contest in GOP primary.



Krystina Pedersen | Chronicle Photo

Students share stories of their love

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For most people it is viewed as a day of love and allows them to show their affection to people they care about through whatever ways they feel expresses their feelings.

For people like Roman Lopez, Valentine’s Day is a day for him to get creative and express his feeling to his loved ones through music.

Two years ago Lopez surprised his high school sweetheart with flowers and a song he had written on his guitar for her.

“My girlfriend loved the song because it was made especially for her, and she thought it showed that I put a lot of thought and time into her gift,” said Lopez.

As for Audrina Fausto, Valentine’s Day 2010 was one of the sweetest she’s experienced.

Her freshmen year of high school, Fausto befriended a senior boy.

When graduation came to pass instead of enrolling in college he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed

to Iraq.

The two lost touch, but eventually reconnected over Myspace and began to text and converse over the phone.

“It was Valentine’s Day, and I heard the door bell ringing. When I went to answer it - there was a bouquet of roses from him, I was so shocked and happy, it was really unexpected,” said Fausto.

After she received the flowers, Fausto thanked him and they continued to keep in contact until he was deployed to Afghanistan where they lost touch for good. She still hasn’t heard from him to this day.

Though they may have all had very different Valentine’s Day experiences, Fausto, Quintana, Luckett, Perez and Lopez could probably all agree that no matter what life deals you, it should be remembered that Valentine’s Day is still a day to express love and can be done in a variety of different ways.

And they still continue to celebrate it with friends, family and significant others.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

What’s up with all the red and pink?



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Love is something that people often take for granted, but Valentine’s Day is the perfect opportunity to show gratitude.



Alejandra Arana | Chronicle Photo

On Valentine’s Day love is for sale and greedy retailers take advantage of the wallets of people struck by Cupid’s arrow.

Valentine’s Day not just for Hallmark

By **ALEJANDRA ARANA**
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is a holiday to be delighted about, not just Hallmark’s day to make money.

This day isn’t just about couples it’s about love and how love makes you feel.

Love is more than the kind you might first think of when you think about Valentine’s Day.

People should shed that preconceived notion that this day is just about cupid-esque love, and just think of it being about whatever type of love they have for whom-ever.

There is also the innocent festive part of today, that I think is great for adults and kids to be a part of.

When I was in elementary school this holiday was the event of the year. I didn’t sleep the entire night before because I was so excited to go to class.

Making cards for fellow students, filling paper hearts with Hershey Kisses and adding a love note to my crush of the year was the most exciting part.

I remember sitting in my fourth grade class and hearing stories about Cupid and his arrow, allowing me to imagine and dream about the day when I will be hit with his arrow and share all of my love with my perfect match.

Now that I am older and have a permanent crush, I look forward to the homemade card shaped like a heart and my favorite roses with chocolates that I am going to be

“surprised” with.

There are hundreds of people out there just like me, hopeless romantics that enjoy Valentine’s Day for the innocent reasons of love and they don’t think about it as the money machine that some people claim it is all about.

“Valentine’s Day is for couples to get together and to relive the memory of why they fell in love. I want to do a lot of things for my babe but will do the best I can to give her everything she deserves,” said student Raul Martinez.

Students like Martinez will make their boo very happy this Valentine’s Day regardless of what he comes up with as a present.

It is true that we spend enormous amounts of money on this holiday to please our other half but it all comes from the heart.

WalMart has rows and rows of gifts for various prices that include \$1 chocolate boxes all the way to \$39.98 plush teddy bears. A bouquet of roses costs approximately \$15.

If you add all this up for one Valentine you are looking at close to \$60 when you walk out of the store.

Valentine’s Day isn’t just for grown-ups who are in a relationship it is also for children to be able to experience a day where there is nothing but love in the air.

Roses, chocolates, flowers and cards are great to receive and worth the money spent to make a relationship stronger and last eternity.

What’s love got to do with it?

By **KIMBERLY “CHARLIE” TRELOAR & ANGELINA GARIBAY**
Staff Writers

It’s that time of year again where you are expected to shell out hundreds of dollars for the one you love.

That’s right it’s Valentine’s Day.

Cue the groans.

I think that this holiday has become more about bankrupting people then it has been in remaining true to its roots and therefore should not be celebrated.

Valentine’s Day began with a priest martyred for illegally performing marriages for soldiers. Later he was declared a saint and given Feb. 14 to honor him.

During the 18th century it became a custom for friends and lovers to exchange tokens of affection on this special day in remembrance of St. Valentine’s death.

Now, the holiday has become more about promoting manufactured love. It’s filled with Hallmark greeting cards, chocolates, jewelry and candy shaped like hearts.

At what point did we decide that we were going to allow places like Hallmark dictate how we show someone we love them?

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine’s Day cards are given each year.

The candy companies, not to be outdone, joined in the fray promoting that love’s equivalent to chocolate.

Now over \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for special someones.

Don’t forget the traditional red rose, 189 million of them are for Valentine’s Day alone, with special price increases for the “holiday.”

Many guys buy into the jewelers lure that “diamonds are a girl’s best friend.”

My best friend may be made out of carbon but they are not hard as a rock.

And do you really think a kiss begins with Kay? I thought it started with a pucker of the lips.

It is clear by these facts that there are literally millions of us believing that we have to support the industry by purchasing love in a box for someone.

I urge you to not be a part of the herd this Valentine’s Day and waste your time on a ridiculous money-making scheme.

Instead you should show someone how much you love them throughout the year and not on the day that the Valentine’s industry wants to bleed you dry.

As students we do not have much money and it may not be affordable to show monetary love on Feb. 14.

Instead of celebrating on Feb. 14, try showing your love and devotion every day with kind words, which are always free.

Use your imagination. Your significant other will love you more for something creative than something bought.

It’s time that we tell the Valentine’s industry that it is time to put more focus on real love and not manufactured love by not purchasing their outlandishly priced items.

Ask yourselves, “What *does* love have to do with it?”

Good grades should mean lower tuition for students

By **LIZBETH LOPEZ**
Staff Writer

It is no secret that many students are upset with the tuition fee increases, and we have shown our displeasure, but we need to present a proposal to solve the decrease in state funding toward higher education and the constant tuition increases.

The state should implement a merit based scale discount that will be determined based on the students’ GPA to lower

their tuition.

According to *USA Today*, state support for higher education in California has dropped from \$11 billion to about \$9.6 billion in the past five years.

Administrators believe that the only way to maintain quality education is by increasing tuition fees since it is the only stream of revenue, however this only decreases student morale and the quality of education.

We need a way to make college more

affordable for middle-income students while at the same time increasing the quality of the education in our classrooms.

Rewarding students that have high GPA’s with lower tuition will get students more engaged in class discussions and improve the education at our school, all the while helping out those who deserve it.

As of right now in order to qualify for California Grants you must have a 3.0 GPA or better. Why not get an additional break or discount for maintaining a good GPA?

If you maintain a 4.0 GPA for three quarters you can qualify for a 50 percent discount on your overall tuition fee.

If for whatever reason your GPA goes down in the next quarter to a 3.5 GPA then your tuition fee discount will only be 45 percent and it will stay at that until you can earn a 4.0 GPA for three consecutive quarters.

It may be difficult for some to maintain a 4.0 GPA but if you have been able to

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Many of those who are seeking companionship look to online dating sites as opposed to using more traditional methods.

No real love found on the Internet

College students should not put their precious time into dating websites to find love

By DOMINIQUE STERLING
Staff Writer

Students need to realize that online dating sites are not the best ways to meet someone. People think that, in this new age of technology where you can pretty much find anything on the Internet, why not find love as well?

Many online dating sites and their users argue that there is not enough time in our everyday schedules to find dating prospects. Many of their testimonials explain that within their busy lives it is very difficult to meet a compatible person.

I believe that online dating is not the most personal way to meet someone, that should be obvious.

For many people, online dating is a way for them to get out of their comfort zone without facing any major issues they would encounter in face-to-face dating.

Online dating has its positives and negatives but as a whole I would say that I think it shouldn't be used.

The main reason I think people use them is that because they like the impersonal aspect of the Internet, it allowing less awkward moments.

However this is what students need to fight, they need to take initiative and fight what's holding them back from just approaching someone in real life.

Not to mention, many of the negatives from online dating come from a safety standpoint.

While technology continues to take over I fear that the lack of personal interaction will continue to decrease.

With Valentine's Day approaching I wondered if there would be a spike in on-line-dating enrollments.

As I spoke with students around the campus about the topic, many of the women agreed with me in saying that it is creepy.

"I would be too afraid that they would be a creeper and it's not very personal. I would much rather meet someone in a cof-

fee shop," said student Heather Johnson.

It would be very difficult for me to trust in someone who I never met to only have good intentions when it came to my well-being.

Although many dating sites target people who are in their late 20s and above, college students may begin to look towards online dating sites to find love due to lack of free time.

Many of us are continually working on the next steps to our careers and dating becomes something that is put on the back burner.

Another big negative that online dating sites have is a fee for their services.

Many college students, myself included, struggle to pay for books and really don't have the extra money to pay for a love connection.

I asked students if the upcoming holiday would make them consider online-dating if they haven't been lucky in love so far. "That's why Jesus made chocolate and ice cream so I can sit by myself and enjoy [a] happy Valentine's Day," said Johnson.

Taking the safe approach to dating some active things you could do to look for love would be join something, anything. New environments bring new faces or form a study group with all of the potential prospects in your class.

Last but not least be friendly to everyone, everybody loves the nice guy or girl.

You should also check out CSUSB Speed Dating event on Feb. 15 in the Santos Manuel Student Union.

This could reduce the amount of awkward moments people fear because it is understood that you never have to see a person ever again after your few minutes together are over.

If the crazy idea of online dating should cross your mind and you can't resist, remember to be safe, meet in a public place and watch out for the creepers.

My advice to you is to just get out there into the real world, to find a real person that will love you for who you are, not your avatar.

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maintain a 3.0 GPA then you should get a 30 percent discount.

For people who can manage to get a "C" average in their classes, or a 2.0 they should have to pay the full tuition because they have already made it known that school is just something that they want to pass, and if they think that way, they don't deserve any breaks on tuition outside of scholarships or financial aid.

Some people may say that things come up to hold a person back from getting a B or an A, but that should not be an excuse because the campus offers tutoring and a writing center, as well as accommodating for students with disabilities.

"Wouldn't it pose pressure on administrators and professors from students to give them the A because they know that the student is financially pressed?" asked Jim Smart a communication studies professor here at CSUSB.

Not necessarily.

This program would be confidential and omitted to administrators and professors, after all Cal Grants are also based on students GPA.

Professors should not be persuaded to change a student's grade in order for the student to get a fee break because the grade should only be based on the student's performance, not a sob story.

Administrators argue that tuition is

one of the only revenue streams they can increase to make sure the university has enough money to maintain quality.

University of California Riverside (UCR) proposed a new funding model for the UC system as well.

According to *USA Today*, the students' plan know as UC Student Investment Proposal, presented by UCR, states that students in the system would pay no upfront costs for their education but would agree to pay 5 percent of their income to the system for 20 years after graduating and entering the workforce.

The problem with UCR's UC Student Investment Proposal is that there is no concrete system on how payment will be collected from alumni.

There is no plan or proposal by UCR that will track students that might move out of state.

My plan would not even have to deal with that type of problem because the effect of it comes *before* the student graduates.

The students would have no huge sum to pay after they're done with school.

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Making your Valentine's Day memorable

Celebrating V-day with your honey

By **MARINA RANGEL**
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is here, and for nearly a month we've all walked through the stores past the aisles splattered with pink and red, pondering if you'll have a valentine, what your valentine will get you or what you should get them.

But what can one say about a holiday that is celebrated by many and hated by some? The answer is simple. You can say a lot.

Valentine's Day means different things to different people.

Hopeless romantics like myself value it and yet, there are many couples who choose not to think much of it.

"It's something where guys get to be really creative once a year for their girls," said student Lwin Oo.

Of course, ladies don't forget to be creative for your guys too.

It is impossible to watch TV, listen to the radio or go to any store without being thrown ideas for this special day.

A romantic dinner, homemade card, jewelry, weekend trip for two, romantic night-in or the Valentine's Day essentials of candy, chocolate and flowers are all successful ways of spending that day with whoever you choose.

"My ideal Valentine's Day would be a complete surprise," said student Kaiesha Randle.

For student Lauren Walker, Valentine's Day is always better when it's with someone you love and should be romantic and thoughtful.

Stories of history's great loves weren't based on candy and flowers but on words as simple as "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways."

The famous poem "How Do I Love Thee" was written by Elizabeth Barrett Browning during her romance with husband, Robert Browning.

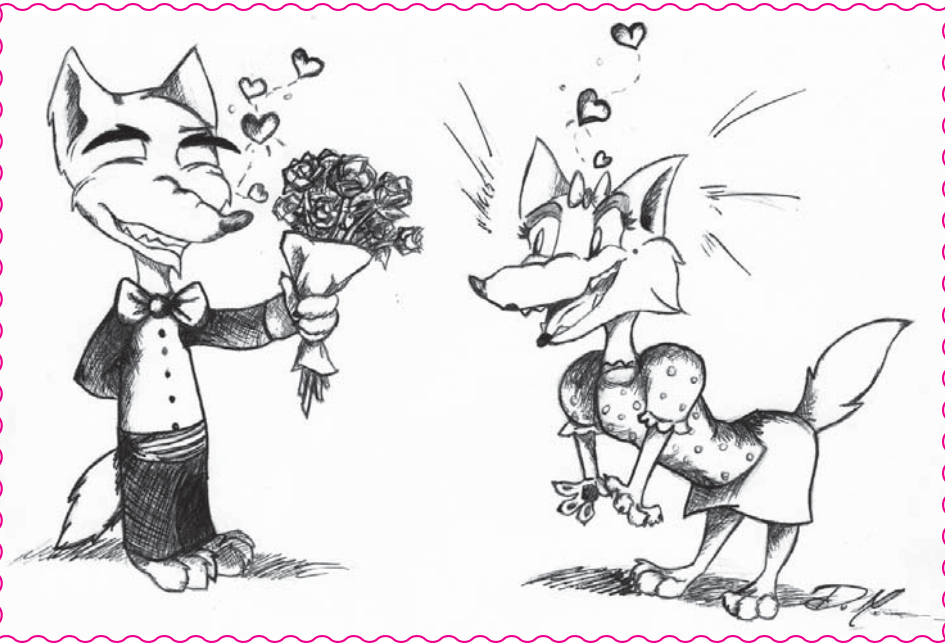
They wrote over 600 letters to each other before secretly meeting and marry-

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Valentine's Day is not only for showing your love to your significant other, but also how much you treasure your family.



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Gift ideas for your Valentine

By **EMERALD COLLINS**
Staff Writer

You have a day to try to figure out what to buy your sweetheart for Valentine's Day. Maybe you're single and you're trying to make some plans for Valentine's Day or deciding how to spend the day with a loved one. Don't stress out, we've got you covered.

As the day of romance arrives, there are a few tips anyone could adopt to have a good time. These tips could make your Valentine's Day memorable, whether you spend it with your sweetheart, a loved one or by yourself.

Besides the matching heart set pajamas, boxes of chocolates, stuffed animals and heart shape balloons you keep seeing in stores, you can get someone a gift that cost little but makes a big difference.

Valentine's Day could be made memorable if you gather your sweetie's favorite music and dance with them to it. That idea could follow a nice candlelight dinner with your Valentine's favorite home-cooked meal.

If you are going solo this time of the year, self-dates can be just as impacting as someone taking you out on a date. Gifts can help us express our feelings to one another, so why not buy yourself a gift for the day? If you don't want to be alone on this day of romance, it could be fun to invite a few single friends to accompany you. Whatever the case may be, take advice from Donna of "Parks and Rec" and "Treat yourself!"

If you're short on time buying your significant other flowers, candy, cards, jewelry, perfume or cologne etc. are classics, but a maybe a little played out. Show them your creative side by scrapping the fancy gifts, and woo the one you love by writing them a poem or serve them a customized breakfast in bed. Going the extra mile to break out of the V-day stereotypes will show how

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College student starts petition against Sallie Mae

By **TOM STILLWAGON**
Staff Writer

A growing online petition has student loan giant Sallie Mae re-examining the \$50 forbearance fee it charges private borrowers.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7 college student Stef Gray held a press conference on starting a petition against Sallie Mae on a website called change.org. The petition has grown to more than 110,000 names in the last two weeks.

Gray is in opposition to a \$50 forbearance fee charged to borrowers, a fee Sallie Mae charges to postpone repayment until the borrower can afford to resume. The monies collected were re-

ferred to by Sallie Mae as "good faith deposits" even though none of the money was refundable or being applied to borrower's accounts.

This fee is only charged to Sallie Mae's private borrowers. Federal and corporate loans are protected and do not have to pay the fee.

"Basically all I want here is for Sallie Mae to give the same rights and protections to its private loan customers that are guaranteed free of charge to its federal loan customers," said Gray in the press conference. "Instead, Sallie Mae, in it's dual role as lender and creditor stand to profit by giving customers no choice but to pay the fee or default."

Gray, a college student from

New York who is currently unemployed, has three separate student loans from three separate schools on file with Sallie Mae. Unable to pay her debt, she was charged the forbearance fee by Sallie Mae on each of her loans.

"Sallie Mae does not offer loan consolidation, so for me, it would be three different loans that I can't consolidate," she said. "The fee that they were charging me every three months for forbearance was \$150."

Inspired by Molly Catchpole's successful petition against Bank of America in 2011, and fed up with the Sallie Mae forbearance fee, Gray opened an account at change.org and drafted the petition.

William Winters, senior or-

ganizer for Economic Justice at change.org, has been working directly with Gray.

"Campaigns like Gray's definitely demonstrate the power of our platform," said Winters.

Change.org is a website where individuals can start a campaign to promote issues that are important in their lives. The website offers free tools to its users, including the petition maker Gray used, and templates to model a petition.

"Her campaign couldn't be more timely right now. There are more conversations about the affordability of college and the increasing debt that students are graduating with in order to get an education that looks like it is gliding toward a lower return on the

type of quality jobs that are available," said Winters.

Gray says she feels that Sallie Mae fails to provide safety nets for students with loans. She hopes that the petition will prompt the company to re-examine the fees and hopefully remove them.

She encourages any students in need of loans to avoid Sallie Mae and look elsewhere.

Since the petition started to go viral, Sallie Mae has agreed to apply the \$50 fee towards loan repayment. Graf does not feel this is sufficient and plans to continue promoting the petition until Sallie Mae drops the fee altogether.

"I want to give Sallie Mae every penny that I owe them," said Gray, "but they are making it unfairly difficult right now."

Embracing the history of our campus

By **EDWARD HEWITT**
Staff Writer

Every day thousands of students, professors and staff occupy every building on campus. We utilize the facilities on campus for just about every activity under the sun.

But have you ever stopped to think about the development of the campus, what was the idea behind creating this campus, naming the buildings and deciding what they would be used for?

Questions such as these may not have been a priority on your “need to know” list but it would be a great addition to the knowledge of the CSUSB campus.

Originally named California State College, San Bernardino, CSUSB started as a very small campus.

In fact, it only consisted of three buildings in its opening year of 1965. These three buildings were the Administration Building, Sierra Hall and Chaparral Hall, all of which were available to its 293 students at the time.

By the time the college had seen its first graduating class in 1967, which consisted of 59 students, the campus had expanded with the addition of a few more buildings such as the Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences and Physical Education buildings.

The Pfau Library, one of the most notable buildings on campus, originally named “College Library” did not have a stationary building on campus but soon found its home in Sierra Hall where it stood for a few years. In 1970 the campus experienced growth with a five story building to house its books, and was named the John M. Pfau Library in honor of the retirement of the school’s first President John Martin Pfau.

Along with the new library came the Commons, Student Union, Performing Arts, Bookstore, Student Health Center, Children’s Center, Faculty Office, University Hall and the school’s first housing dorms in 1972.

By expanding its facilities and academic programs, the school allowed itself to expand geographically with students and gained recognition as a university in 1984. Entering the 90s, the campus continued to experience growth with a handful of buildings all over its campus and modernized many of the buildings that already existed.

Notable buildings include Jack Brown Hall, named after the owner of Stater Bros. Grocery for his generous donation to the school which financed the building. The Coussoulis Arena, one of the largest indoor venues in San Bernardino County, has become a key component of the campus scenery.

Following these additions the campus has continued to blossom, adding a



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From its first graduating class, our campus has expanded with quite a few notable buildings through generous donations.

new Recreational Sports Center in 2007, parking structures, educational buildings and most recently an observatory which opened earlier this year.

On a daily basis we utilize each and every facility that the university has to offer yet we rarely stop to appreciate its historic value. This campus has plenty to offer as it accommodates the students, faculty and staff with modern facilities that are at times under appreciated.

Sometimes it’s necessary to take a second and enjoy the beauty this campus has to offer. The next time you exit a building or walk across the campus, take a moment to stop and observe your surroundings and embrace the beauty that CSUSB has to offer.



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This year, shower your Valentine with unforgettable gifts or have a night out with your closest group of single friends.

Gift ideas for yourself and your Valentine

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much you really care.

Another idea could be to invite all your single friends over and allow them to mingle, you never know, you might even meet next year’s valentine.

There are also ideas for those who absolutely dread this day, be they sassy singles, gal pals or individuals who don’t want to contribute to this day of corporate greed. For these folks this is “Anti-Valentine’s Day.”

You could always throw an Anti-Valentine’s Day party and invite all your friends who share the same feelings for this day, complete with broken heart shaped treats, “Single Ladies” playing in the background and cheap romance novels you can “vandalize” with markers and crayons.

Make light of your relationship shortcomings by passing out funny name tags to guests when they arrive that read “bad kisser,” “deadbeat,” “home wrecker.” Decorate with pictures of celebrity ex-couples (think Britney and K-Fed, probably too soon for Ashton and Demi, though) to set the mood.

Either way, don’t let a day on the calendar dictate how to feel. The best advice for Valentine’s Day is to simply enjoy yourself, whether it involves having a sweetheart or hanging with friends.

Creative ways to spend your Valentine’s

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ing, spending their lives together in Italy.

It is safe to say love does not sprout from years of romantic correspondence like in the 1800s.

Change is inevitable and the simplicity of romance is not what it used to be.

The written word may have been how the Brownings fell in love, but they

were poets and words were their gift.

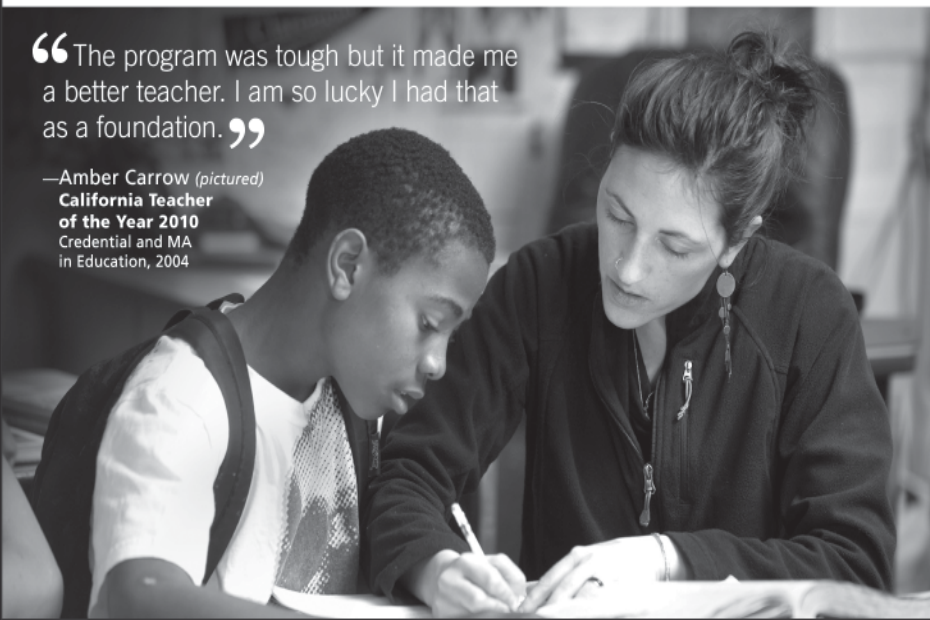
Figuring out how you feel is the key to knowing how to show it. Do what you love with the one you love.

Take it from the great lover Don Juan, “There are only four questions of value in life. What is sacred? Of what is the spirit made? What is worth living for, and what is worth dying for? The answer to each is the same: only love.”

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Diaries of a Jet Setter

A guy's guide to getting lost

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Book smarts or street smarts; when you are traveling it is good to be both, or better yet, learn taekwondo.

When driving through any city in the world one could assume or make judgments based on what the environment looks like. I did, and whether you are willing to admit it or not — we all do.

In some ways it is a good idea to go with your gut instinct, but in others it's best to be open-minded and take the world as it comes, knowing when to draw the line is another story.

I was completely distracted snapping photos in front of the world-famous, Duomo de Milano, enjoying the beautiful scenes when a young man approached me.

He reached over and asked me to open my hand, and as anyone would, I immediately hesitated. Then he pointed at the birds landing on people, and since they were smiling and laughing. I thought what the hell, okay.

Therefore, he filled my hand with popcorn seeds and sprinkled a few around me and out of nowhere I was attacked by pigeons. Yuck. Where is the pepper spray when you need it? So as my boyfriend is

hysterically laughing and snapping a few photographs the young man affirms that yes we too are having fun.

He opens his hand and asks me for money; I did not have any coins nor a few euros to give him, so I said sorry I have no change. "No, I will give you change," he says. Like I would fall for that, I was raised on American films and knew better.

So as I refused to hand over a twenty, Drew like the nice guy he is, asks the guy, "You're giving me the change right?"

The guy nods, "Yes, yes..." Well, next thing you know, the guy pulls a wad of cash out of his pocket, gives his friend five, keeps five for himself, and hands back a ten and runs off.

Classic move by the real "Situation," this Italian boy reminded me of the little boy from "Slum Dog Millionaire." He knows how to make his money, and he makes it fast.

"Okay, did that just happen," Drew asked. "Yes it did," I replied.

We shrugged, looked at one another and simply continued exploring the downtown shopping area.

It seemed that the only real thing to do there was see a few sites and shop until you drop.

Initially when riding in a car to get there, the city was full of graffiti everywhere, it reminded me of the slums of Los Angeles.

This is where I assumed it would be



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Even though the scenery in Italy is breath taking, make sure you keep your guard up when making deals with strangers.

best to hang about in the busy congested areas.

Aside from the sketchy locals and the fact that cab drivers were on strike, I indulged in the tastiest foods as I shopped my ass off.

This came back to bite me in the end because I ended up with two carry-ons and three checked bags on the way home, not fun at all.

But, I must say that the Italians set their own trends and do not fall into U.S. styles or corporations.

I am glad they still refuse to have Starbucks in the country, so don't bother looking, you will not find one.


They drink Nespresso, it is high end coffee and in all locations you need a

membership to simply purchase a drink and products. They will gladly tell you there is a coffee bar across the street. It is well worth the investment if you're a coffee connoisseur, but if not, you're in Italy — everything is amazing.


Another funny thing I found was that the Coach brand was not cool in Europe. Although you will find a store in the U.K. and Spain, everywhere else its considered American crap, so leave it at home.

Italy is a very beautiful country and has some of the best natural beauty the world can offer, but I do not think I would go back to Milan unless I was going for Fashion Week.

Rome, Florence and Venice, I cannot wait to visit!

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Students gather around the Santos Manuel Student Union to show off their school spirit to kick-off Homecoming Week.

Students show their spirit at Yotie Gras

By **YEZI CHO**
Staff Writer

Enthusiastic students gathered in the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) on Feb. 6 to kick-off Homecoming Week.

The Homecoming Week celebration consisted of a series of events which aimed to promote our home games and provided students with different fun events and games.

In the Yotie Gras kick-off Rally, Coyote cheerleaders showed up in the SMSU lobby to cheer students up. The program board staff gave students T-shirts and jewels. Students decorated their own masks for Yotie Gras Dance and student workers promoted other events happening throughout the week such as Silent Library.

Everyone in the SMSU celebrated the start of Homecoming Week, enjoying various events ranging from singing to dancing.

The Homecoming Pep Rally event was exciting for students. They were able to forget about studies, stress and pressures of the quarter, and concentrate on having a

fun time with their fellow Coyotes.

It's refreshing that the campus holds these events for students to cut away from the constant pressure they face with schoolwork. Students seemed happy and eagerly participated.

This was my first Yotie Gras, but I wanted to make the most of it, so I tried to avoid being hesitant. I found it amusing. The students and staff that were a part of it were all nice, and I was able to get involved. The entire atmosphere in the SMSU was great and full of cheerfulness.

"This Homecoming Pep Rally is an annual tradition and it is here to stay, we would love it if more students participated," said Rosemary Zometa who is program coordinator of Student Leaderships Development (SLD) office and the SMSU program board.

I hope these kinds of events and games remain. They elicit students' happiness and make our time on the campus more joyful.

Don't be disappointed if you missed the week-long homecoming events and games. Check out CSUSB websites' calendar for a list of future games.



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Comedian extraordinaire Anjelah Johnson (bottom row, center) poses with fans. Johnson paid a well received visit to CSUSB's Coussoulis Arena last Thursday. The show, part of CSUSB's annual Yotie Gras homecoming festival, was insanely funny.

By **KIMBERLY ROSALES**
Staff Writer

Feisty funny woman Anjelah Johnson brought the laughter, entertaining students and nonstudents alike Thursday night in the Coussoulis Arena at CSUSB.

The comedian, best known for her “Mad TV” Bon Qui Qui character and Beautiful Nail salon set, brought fans out by the masses February 9 to watch her as she performed a routine based on her family, friends and experiences.

With the crowd already warmed up by opening comic Mal Hall, they deafeningly cheered and hooted as Anjelah hit the stage.

“Well hello. It’s good to be here,” she greeted the audience. “San Bernardino in the house!” she bellowed to a cheering crowd.

The night kicked off with Anjelah poking fun at CSUSB.

“They called me. They’re like ‘Hey do you want to perform at Cal State San Bernardino?’ And I was like ‘What? Cholos go to college?’” Anjelah said, which got big laughs from students in the arena.

The crowd was enthralled about the time Anjelah

experienced her own Bridesmaids moment, where she recalled being sick on her wedding day from taking “one too many substances” that did not sit well with her during the ceremony.

She spoke about dealing with the differences between her Puerto Rican in-laws versus her Mexican family.

“To me when I hear Puerto Ricans speak Spanish, it sounds like they have water in their mouth and they don’t want it to spill,” Anjelah said, which led to her first impression of the night.

The audience was in stitches when Anjelah began to do her impressions, starting with her encounters with Asians that included a grandma running over a dog and apologizing to it, a friend’s reaction when getting scared and getting scolded for putting too much chili on her food at a restaurant.

Anjelah also did a great set on growing up raised to be a chola. The audience related with her observations and experiences when interacting with a chola, from the way they speak to the way they dressed, even down to the sharpie eyebrows.

The climax of the night was when Anjelah did her Bon Qui Qui impression with a saucy and ghetto fabulous attitude.

“You see me here tryin’ to have a conversation here? Don’t interrupt. Rude,” she quipped.

She brought down the house when Anjelah beat boxed and sang Bon Qui Qui’s King Burger song, to which the crowd responded, “Heeeeeeeey!”

The audience loved the show and adored Anjelah. Fans had nothing but praise for the comedian.

“We loved it,” said four fans that traveled from Barstow just to see Anjelah perform.

“It was awesome. She’s charismatic and outgoing,” said student Anabel Mendoza.

There were also rave reviews about her character impressions.

“She’s real funny. The main thing for me is her impressions which I first saw on Comedy Central,” said student Steven Tobar.

Fans waited a long time for a meet-and-greet with Anjelah, cheering and whistling as she came to take pictures with her adoring fans.

“Yes. I love this,” Anjelah happily announced as she looked out towards the excited crowd lined up just for her.

Comedian Anjelah Johnson made a lasting impression at CSUSB, so it’s safe to say that everyone would welcome her return.

The ultimate Valentine’s Day music countdown

By **YETUNDE KEME**
Staff Writer

It’s that time of year when you shower your special someone with sensual sweetness and sentimentality. Besides all the flowers, candies, and teddy bears, here are the top 10 songs that would complete a perfect Valentine’s Day.

10) “Boyfriend (featuring Snoop Dogg),” by Big Time Rush

Some guys may think this song is corny, but this song can be described as a perfect tool to get the girl.

Its lyrical content is catchy, especially the part where they sing, “I heard that you’re looking for a boyfriend/I see that/Give me time, you know I’m gonna

be that/Don’t be scared to come put your trust in me.”

9) “Teenage Dream,” by Katy Perry

This song is perfect for couples who are young (or young at heart) or for those who dream about having a special someone next to them.

8) “Baby,” by Justin Bieber

You can never be too young to listen to America’s favorite heartthrob belt out some sweet notes in this song.

7) “Love Story,” by Taylor Swift

If any couple wants to throw in a combination of Shakespeare and country music, this is the song for them.

6) “My Love,” by Justin Timberlake

What I like about this song is the fact

that it’s a love song anyone can dance to, and I’m not talking about slow dancing.

5) “I’m Yours,” by Jason Mraz

This song is very chill and relaxed, yet it has a powerful message.

Mraz croons, “Well open up your mind and see like me/Open up your plans and damn you’re free/Look into your heart and you’ll find love.”

4) “Be Without You,” by Mary J. Blige

This song sends a message that love can survive through tough times.

She sends that message by saying, “We’ve been through it (yes)/We got real shit (yes)/See baby we been too strong for too long (and I can’t be without you baby)”

3) “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You,” by Lauryn Hill

Although various artists, including Hill, covered this song from the original 1967 version by Frankie Valli, she definitely made this song her own.

2) “We Belong Together,” by Mariah Carey

This song beautifully describes a lost love. You can feel Mariah’s heart breaking with every lyric.

1) “Always and Forever,” by Heatwave

We can all say that this song is a classic, not only because this song has been passed down from generation to generation as the ultimate love ballad, but because the song’s beautiful lyrics.

“Twisted Metal” wreaks violent vengeance

By **BRIAN CHIDUEME**
Staff Writer

The PlayStation legacy is never complete without “Twisted Metal.”

Since the series’ birth on the PS1 back in 1995 and its immortalization in 1996 with “Twisted Metal 2,” the car-combat series has played a huge role in shaping PlayStation’s foundation. It is not only the longest running franchise on the console, but also the most successful car-combat franchise to date.

On February 14, the “Twisted Metal” series will officially crash and burn its way back on to the PlayStation 3 with a new reboot. It will blend a style combining the roots and feel of the original title with the gritty style of “Twisted Metal: Black,” which is arguably considered to be both the magnum opus and most controversial title in the franchise’s history.

For this new rendition, “Twisted Metal” will focus heavily on multiplayer gameplay along with new game modes such as Nuke Mode, in which two warring factions must attempt to destroy an airborne metal statue.

The catch is this: in order to destroy the statue, the player must kidnap the enemy team’s leader before sacrificing the leader into what will launch a nuclear missile.

Nuke Mode and the game’s classic Deathmatch mode were the only two modes that were available on the game’s recent multiplayer beta.

After some time spent on the beta, fans of the series will be delighted and relieved



Photo courtesy of Eat Sleep Play

“Twisted Metal,” a Playstation classic, returns with a furious vengeance just in time for Valentine’s Day. The game’s new online feature guarantees thrills, chills and spills of all kinds.

that Eat Sleep Play, the game’s developers, have perfected Twisted Metal’s signature gameplay with a new ‘Drift’ feature. It showcases some of the best and most responsive controls in the series.

Even though this new “Twisted Metal” retains the feel and control scheme of previous titles, the developers have included all the online basics: the perfect camera setup, the integration of voice chat and a

total of 16 players in one online match. All of these features have been highly demanded by the franchise’s most loyal fans.

The graphics have also been given both a reworking and an overhaul as well. Like “Black” on the PS2, “Twisted Metal” comes very close to harnessing the fullest power of the PlayStation 3, with no pop-up collision between the frame rate and an art style that pays homage to the franchise’s

PS1 entries, the game should provide a fun gameplay experience.

The game’s multiplayer beta shows that “Twisted Metal” was destined to become a thrilling and engaging online experience. This new release should prove that the storied franchise is back and better than ever.

“Twisted Metal” is due for release on Feb. 14.

Trank’s telekinetic teens terrify, trounce



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Andrew, played by Dane DeHaan, slowly uses his new powers for evil in the impressive sci-fi action thriller, “Chronicle.”

By **JUSTIN MATHEW DENNIS**
Staff Writer

A story about three friends who make an incredible discovery just might be the most thrilling film of the new year.

The movie “Chronicle” puts a new twist in ‘found-footage’ films that have become more popular in recent years and have made films such as “Paranormal Activity” and “The Last Exorcism” commercial successes.

The movie is an exhilarating roller coaster and definitely worth seeing more than once.

It has explosive scenes and inconceivably entertaining action, in addition to touching your heart.

Director Josh Trank did a wonderful job incorporating fun and adventure into a sci-fi film while using mind-blowing visual effects.

The film revolves around three friends gaining superpowers after making a remarkable underground discovery.

Andrew, the main protagonist, is an outcast and not used to the attention and popularity his new found powers have bestowed upon him. His mother is dying from cancer and his alcoholic father is abusive, which adds to the character’s tension.

Andrew, played by Dane DeHaan, is the first to figure out how to control the new telekinetic power the three friends have obtained.

He documents everything using a video camera, showing his perspective throughout the film. He uses his telekinetic powers to hold the camera, creating different angles and perspectives.

The ever popular Steve (Michael B. Jordan) and Andrew’s cousin Matt (Alex Russell) also gain these powers. As the three become stronger, their real test of strength is to refrain from abusing their superpowers and to instead use them responsibly.

The boys have their fun and games, such as moving objects around to scare people and goofing around at house parties. As their powers become stronger, they learn to fly and even enjoy a fun game of football in the clouds.

Despite this, Andrew is continually challenged not to take advantage of those around him with his new super abilities. He fights with himself and tries not to lose control.

The film’s climax is one of the most insane and satisfying action sequences in a long time, and solidifies it as one to remember.

Overall, “Chronicle” has its blends of both comedic and light tones with very dark, twisting elements that bring a dramatic feel.

This sci-fi flick will definitely attract many “X-Men” and Marvel fans and any moviegoer who desires a thrilling and moving action film.

Trank was able to use the mockumentary strategy and the story’s concept to produce some incredible shots.

When all is said and done, “Chronicle” is a film that showcases mind-bending action and adventure with characters you can understand, laugh and empathize with.

The year is still new, but “Chronicle” has already set the bar extremely high for action films.

VOTER PAMPHLET

A referendum to augment the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) fee to increase support for scholarships, student research and travel, the Children's Center, and to increase funding for ASI programs and services that enrich the college experience for CSUSB students.

WHY THIS STUDENT REFERENDUM?

It's no secret that the state of California has cut significant amounts of funding from the California State University system. That turmoil in CSU funding has had an effect on student enrollment, which, in turn, has impacted the funding ASI receives to support important student programs. There is no predicting how long this trend of cutting state support for higher education will continue, which is why your help is needed to ensure that ASI can continue to support programs that help retain students in college. **It's students helping students.** ASI is asking for \$14 (\$9 for ASI and \$5 for athletic scholarships) per quarter or \$42 (\$27 for ASI and \$15 for athletic scholarships) annually. Oversight of funds will occur through the annual ASI Board of Directors process. Funding levels may change due to need and student enrollment. ASI will issue a yearly report on these funds. Below is an explanation of where your funds will go to if you vote "yes" to support this referendum:

ASI Scholarship: For 22 years, scholarships have been an ongoing and visible way for ASI to support students. This scholarship is open to all students who have been at CSUSB for at least one quarter and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. The University Scholarship Committee awards the scholarship to worthy recipients.

Breakdown: The \$3.34 per student per year for ASI Scholarships would generate a total of \$53,440 per academic year (based on 16,000 students).

President's Academic Excellence Scholarships (PAES): This scholarship was started in 2002 to attract students from the top 1 percent of graduating seniors from San Bernardino County. The number of students who have accepted the invitation to join the CSUSB student body has increased from six in 2002 to 150 enrolled in 2011. This scholarship is valuable in attracting some of the highest academically performing students in the Inland Empire to Cal State San Bernardino, making CSUSB a destination campus for academic excellence and heightening the prestige of the university and the value of the CSUSB degree.

Breakdown: The \$3.34 per student per year for the President's Academic Excellence Scholarships would generate a total of \$53,440 per academic year (based on 16,000 students).

Children's Center: The Children's Center provides child care for CSUSB student parents. The Children's Center has been supported by ASI since the mid-1980s. It is because of this support that the center has been able to continue operating. The annual budget per child at the Children's Center is \$1,304. With state cuts it is becoming very challenging to continue to offer quality services to the children. The state has cut the Children's Center funds by 11 percent, and further state cuts are projected for 2012-2013. ASI support is more crucial than ever as these state cuts are crippling us. Student parents at CSUSB depend on the Children's Center. As many have stated, had it not been for the nurturing educational program offered by the center, they would not have been able to complete their college education. With the loss of state funding the increased ASI support is crucial to keep the center from laying off staff, decreasing the number of children served which would ultimately impact retention and graduation rates of student parents.

Breakdown: The \$10.26 per student per year for the Children's Center would generate a total of \$164,160 per academic year (based on 16,000 students).

Student Travel and Research: In 1989, support for Student and Travel Research was \$2,000. Over the years it rose steadily as CSUSB's student population increased until it reached \$65,000 in 2009-2010. Because of the volatility in student enrollment due to the cut in state funds, it has dropped to \$40,000 in 2011-2012. This area is in real need of replenishment to support the research that our students bring to academic achievement.

Breakdown: The \$4.34 per student per year for Student Research and Travel would generate a total of \$69,440 per academic year (based on 16,000 students).

ASI Programs and Services: ASI has had a difficult time in determining sustainable funds to do major programming, e.g., bringing a major musical program or high-level speaker to the campus, because of the unpredictability of enrollment since 2007. Academics are the key part of university life; however, there are other aspects to university life that give a student a well-rounded college experience. ASI wants to help bring those experiences to campus that enrich every student's college education.

Breakdown: The \$5.72 per student per year for general ASI programs and services would generate a total of \$91,520 per academic year (based on 16,000 students). This increase will augment the current programs and services budget as directed by the ASI Board of Directors.

Athletic Scholarships: An increase of \$5 per quarter or \$15 per year for each student in the ASI fee for athletic scholarships will provide an additional \$240,000 in annual assistance. This assistance is needed to provide scholarship opportunities in accordance with CSU and federal regulations. If the ASI fee for scholarships does not increase, the athletic department will be the lowest funded scholarship program in the CCAA and will revert back 11 years to its level of funding in the 2000-2001 academic year.

Breakdown: The \$15 for Athletic Scholarships would generate a total of \$240,000 per academic year (based on 16,000 students).

If the referendum passes. The athletic department will be able to maintain its current level of funding. The current level of scholarship funding has helped seven of the 10 athletic department teams to a top 25 national ranking and three national runner-up finishes since 2008.

If the referendum fails. The athletic department will revert 11 years back to its level of funding in the 2000-2001 academic year. A reduction of this magnitude represents a cut in the amount of athletic scholarships of more than 46 percent. This would leave athletic department teams virtually uncompetitive in our conference (the California Collegiate Athletic Association), and much less nationally, of athletic scholarships of more than 46 percent. This would leave athletic department teams virtually uncompetitive in our conference (the California Collegiate Athletic Association), and much less nationally.

February 29 - March 1, 2012 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

BREAKDOWN OF STUDENT FEES

Current Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) Fee:

ASI Programs and Services:	
Fall quarter:	\$23
Winter quarter:	\$20
Spring quarter:	\$20
Total Annual Fee:	\$63

Athletics Scholarships:	
Fall quarter:	\$6
Winter quarter:	\$6
Spring quarter:	\$6
Total Annual:	\$18

Current Total ASI fee:	\$81
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Program Academic Year Benefit Amount
if Referendum Passes:

ASI Scholarship	\$53,440
President's Academic Excellence Scholarship	\$53,440
Children's Center	\$164,160
Student Research	\$69,440
ASI Programming	\$91,520
	\$432,000

Athletic Scholarships	\$240,000
Total	\$672,000

Breakdown by Year:

Program	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
ASI Scholarships	\$40,000	\$53,440	\$53,440
PAES Scholarships	\$0	\$53,440	\$53,440
Children's Center	\$86,326	\$164,160	\$164,160
Student Research	\$43,000	\$69,440	\$69,440
ASI Programming and Services	\$75,900	\$91,520	\$91,520
Athletic Scholarships	\$243,000	\$240,000	\$240,000
Total	\$488,226	\$672,000	\$672,000

Oversight of funds will occur through the annual ASI Board of Directors process. Funding levels may change due to need and student enrollment. ASI will issue a yearly report on these funds.

PROS/CONS FOR ASI, ATHLETICS
STUDENT FEE REFERENDUM

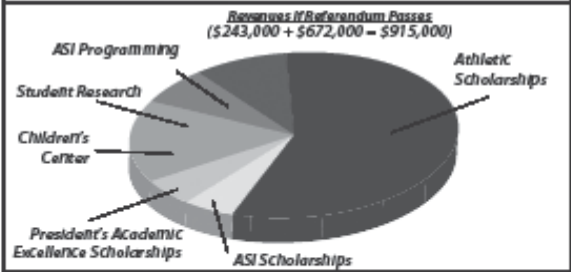
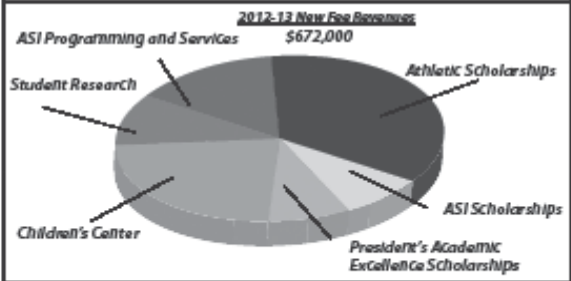
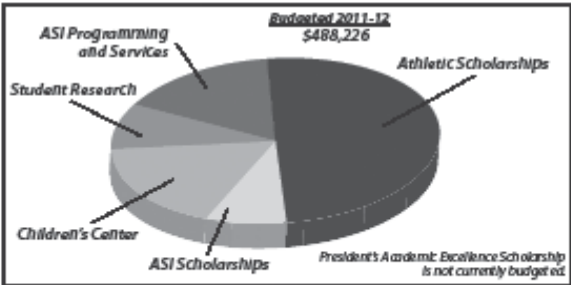
Pros:

- Protects the students who depend on the Children's Center for high quality child care from severe reduction or loss of services due to deep cuts to the center's budget
- Gives to students in need with an increase to the ASI Scholarship Fund
- Provides scholarships for our students in the President's Academic Excellence Scholarship program
- Expands student research opportunities to more of the student body
- Expands Student Programs and Services with new programs such as an Alternative Spring Break
- Increases student involvement and retention by offering student programs
- Continue student advocacy on campus and on the statewide level
- Allows the athletic department to maintain its current level of scholarship funding, which has helped the program finish in the top three among our CSU peers and has made Coyote Athletics a national power
- This is classified as a Mandatory Campus Fee, therefore is eligible to be covered by Financial Aid

Cons:

- Not all students utilize the services of the Children's Center
- Not all students are eligible to receive scholarships
- This fee will place financial burdens on students
- Not all students participate in athletics
- All of the benefits might not be considered by all students to be worth the \$14 per quarter \$42 per year
- Not all students attend athletic events or have an interest in them
- I'm against any fee increase in general because CSU fees keep going up

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West side of Santos Manuel Student Union
North side Jack Brown Hall
East side of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Palm Desert Campus



SAMPLE BALLOT
OVERVIEW

The purpose of this fee referendum election is to give students the choice to augment the Associated Students, Inc. fee to increase support for student scholarships including student athletes' scholarships, student research and travel, the Children's Center and additional funding for ASI programs and services to enrich the college experience for CSUSB students.

Referendum

Shall the Associated Students, Inc. fee be increased to provide additional support for student scholarships, including those for student athletes, to provide additional support for student research and travel, to increase funding for the Children's Center, and to provide additional funding for ASI programs and services?

The increase will be \$14 per quarter, or \$42 per academic year, beginning in Fall quarter 2012.

Please mark either YES or NO on your official ballot

Yes _____

No _____

Revenues	Budgeted 2011-12	2012-13 New Fee Revenues	2013-14 New Fee Revenues
Applicable enrollment	13,500	16,000	16,000
Program Applications			
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Total	\$488,226	\$672,000	\$672,000

Walks and offensive woes plague CSUSB softball in their opening day double-header

By **ALEXANDRA CANNADY**
Staff Writer

Coyote softball did not have an 0-2 start on their to-do list at the beginning of the season.

That is exactly what happened as the Coyotes faltered twice against the Cal Baptist University Lancers in similar fashion.

The Lancers handed the Coyotes an opening day loss as they took it to them with the final score, 6-2.

The Coyotes were only able to rack up two runs while the Lancers flexed their muscles, showing off their offensive prowess.

One bright spot for the Coyotes was their right-handed pitcher, Carly Land, who pitched three scoreless innings while striking out four.

Senior right-handed pitcher Courtney Wilhelms was the starter, but had a rough outing as she walked four runners.

Four runs were scored while she was on the mound, though only one run was earned.

Runs were at a premium for the Coyotes during their weekend series as they were only able to rack up three in both games combined.

Britney Butler had the only RBI, as the other two runs came courtesy of balks.

The second match of the double header was fairly similar to the first one suffered by CSUSB.

Carly Land once again took the

mound, this time as a starter, and threw for another 4 1/3 innings. She took the loss, giving up six runs while walking four.

For the Coyotes, it was a case of the same stuff, just a different game.

They managed only one run in the second game of their double-header, while once again allowing their opposition to score six.

Britney Butler provided the only highlight for the team, as she went 1-2 with an RBI.

After their historic season last year, softball has a lot to live up to this season. So far they have yet to meet expectations but the season is still young. Anything can happen between now and the end of the season.

Offensively, the Coyotes need to take advantage of runners in scoring position, drive in runs and utilize their speed to steal bases as well.

Defensively, it will be imperative for them to keep their opponents off the base paths and the scoreboard.

Less walks is definitely a step in the right direction.


The important thing for the Coyotes to understand is that there is still a lot of softball left to played, and that early season woes are nothing to hang your head about.

While it is easy to fold underneath pre-season expectations, this team must prove that they are able to compete and that last season was anything but a fluke.

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Schedule

Fri. Feb. 17

- **Water Polo** vs Azusa Pacific (at Riverside, CA), 9:00 a.m.
- **Softball** vs San Francisco State, 12:00 p.m.
- **Baseball** vs Sonoma State, 2:00 p.m.
- **Water Polo** at Vanguard University, 5:00 p.m.
- **Women’s Basketball** at Cal State East Bay, 5:30 p.m.
- **Men’s Basketball** at Cal State East Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 18

- **Baseball** vs Sonoma State, 11:00 a.m.
- **Softball** vs San Francisco State, 11:00 a.m.
- **Water Polo** vs California Baptist, 2:20 p.m.
- **Women’s Basketball** at Cal State Monterey Bay, 5:30 p.m.
- **Water Polo** vs Concordia University (at Riverside, CA), 6:20 p.m.
- **Men’s Basketball** at Cal State Monterey Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 19

- **Baseball** vs Sonoma State, 11:00 a.m.

Love and sports: the perfect combination

By ZION GUILLORY
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is on the horizon, and for many this is an opportunity to express their love for someone special.

To others, Valentine’s Day is just a meaningless commercial holiday aimed at our wallets.

Of course there are those who may think that there shouldn’t be just one day that allows us to express our love to that special someone, but that every day should present an opportunity to express love instead.

One of the most effective acts of love comes in the form of a marriage proposal.

Nothing says “I love you” more than telling that special person that you want to spend the rest of your life with them.

There are many different ways to pop the question, but one of the most extravagant ways to pop that question is by doing it at a sporting event.

Usually the proposal happens either during halftime or after the game with thousands of people as witnesses.

At this year’s Super Bowl, New York Giants’ rookie Greg Jones shocked his girlfriend of a year and a half, Mandy Piechowski, with an on-field proposal.

Mandy had ran on field after the Giants’ victory to congratulate Jones for his Super Bowl victory.

To her surprise he pulled out a diamond ring and got down on one knee to pop the question.

With tears streaming down her face, Mandy accepted the proposal.

Back in 2007, Boise State’s running back Ian Johnson also popped the question to his cheerleader girlfriend, Chrissy Popadics, after Boise State’s Fiesta Bowl victory.

Originally planning to wait until they got home, Johnson saw his big moment after scoring the game winning two points to propose.

Chrissy accepted.

There are many opinions about a marriage proposal done at a sporting event.

Students here at CSUSB had varied responses to the idea of such a public proposal.

“I think it all depends on the couple. It’s romantic if the girl really likes sports and is really into the idea of a big flashy proposal. If not, it’s just really awkward and random,” said student Kenny Johnson.

Another student shared similar sentiments.

“I would be so mad if my boyfriend proposed to me at a freakin’ basketball game. It’s just so impersonal, and I don’t even like sports,” said student Oma Nguyen.

Proposing at a sporting event can become a very risky idea because you don’t know for sure whether your partner will say yes.

It could be emotionally devastating to be rejected so publicly.

Recently, a student from UCLA proposed to his girlfriend at a basketball game during halftime.

Unfortunately his girlfriend wasn’t on the same page as he was; it was obvious from the way she shook her head no and walked away leaving him on bended knee.

A similar occurrence happened during a Houston Rockets basketball game as well.

An excited man knelt down in front of his girlfriend while the huge JumboTron displayed the words “Will you marry me?”.

The young lady declined and quickly left the stadium, leaving her boyfriend and everyone else in the arena awe-struck.

We can never be too sure of something like that, but at the end of the day, love is all about taking risks.

While there are many places, circumstances and methods that can be used to pop the question, putting it all on the line in front of thousands of people is definitely an act of bravery.

A true way to show that person you really love them.

This week in Sports History:

February 13, 1982

New York Islander’s Bryan Trottier scores five goals against the Philadelphia Flyers

February 14, 1966

Wilt Chamberlain breaks current NBA career scoring record at 20,884 points

February 16, 1992

Los Angeles Lakers retire Earvin ‘Magic’ Johnson’s #32 uniform

Check in on our online edition for Jock Talk starting next week for all the latest sports commentary and analysis.

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SPORTS TRIVIA

Each week the Coyote Chronicle will try to stump the students with sports trivia.

Which two teams played in the first ever NBA game?

Answer to last week’s question:

Vikings, Bills, Bengals, Eagles, Chargers, Falcons, Titans, Panthers , Seahawks, Cardinals

Coyotes see light at the end of the tunnel

Despite their recent struggles, the women’s basketball team has gotten back on track and see hope for a positive finish to their season

By **SHYNEESE WALTER**
Staff Writer



Shyneese Walter | Chronicle Photo
Angela Streets and Eliza Day have been a dynamic duo for the Coyotes in 2012.

Women’s basketball is finally back on track. They defeated both the Cal State Los Angeles Eagles and the Cal State Dominguez Hills Toros, which not only ended their losing streak but began a winning streak as well. The two-headed monster that is Angela Streets and Eliza Dy once again displayed their talents against the Toros, scoring more than half of the team’s points. Streets led the Lady Coyotes with 24 points and Dy followed closely behind with 22 points. “Right now there is no secret in knowing they need to play well for us to win, especially knowing the lack of depth,” said head coach Kevin Becker. Both players were clutch down the stretch against the Eagles, as they each contributed key shots, free throws and rebounds. It was evident that the Lady Coyotes felt they had something to prove against the Eagles. “For me the Cal State LA game meant a lot because we lost to them in the beginning of this season and we had to get them back,” said Streets. This was a big accomplishment for a team who had previously been on a four-game losing streak. “It has been difficult to find the depth since Jessica De la Cruz went down, but the team pulled together in a big way to sweep the weekend,” said Becker. “Overall, the team felt really good about coming out this weekend with two wins.” Streets, a shining spot for the Lady Coyotes this season, was satisfied with her team’s effort. “All the dedication, it finally paid off this weekend. I

couldn’t be more proud of my team and the hard work they have been putting in,” said Streets. Going into their weekend series, the Lady Coyotes were focused on their offensive game plan, defensive intensity and mental game. They definitely responded offensively against the Eagles by nailing nine three-pointers. “We really stuck to our game plan that we have been using. Trying to play strong man defense, mix in a little zone defense when we can, rebound, try to shoot in the high 30 percent field goal percentage, and of course take care of the ball,” said Becker. “This group has continued to work hard and learn in practice every day.” Becker was pleased with the contributions his team received from Jaslyn Cosey and Brianna Baker as well. He stressed the importance of their contributions and expressed his desire to continuously see them improve. The team hopes to keep this momentum going into their next few games. Winning two games may not be something to brag about, but getting back to winning is definitely a step in the right direction for the Lady Coyotes. Having lost their last five meetings against the Cal State Monterey Bay Otters, the team is focused on retribution. With revenge on their minds, they hope to give the Otters everything they can handle and come out with a victory. Although the season is nearing its end, it will be important for the Coyotes to continue to play hard and accumulate victories. Playing more for pride than for anything else, it will be interesting to see how they perform in these next few games.

Big League aspirations have Caruso motivated and ready to go

By **BRITNEY CARTER**
Staff Writer

After declining to pursue a career in the MLB last season, in order to finish his last year at CSUSB, Corey Caruso has great expectations for himself and his team this upcoming season. Caruso was drafted in the 50th round of the 2011 MLB draft by the Miami Marlins last year. However, he chose to stick with his education and elected to wait until after his senior year to once again enter the draft and hopefully, the big leagues. “It felt great to be drafted,” said Caruso. “I felt honored, but it really worked out for me to go next year.” Although he considered it a great pleasure and honor to be drafted during his junior year, Caruso feels it was in his best interest to wait until the following season to begin his professional baseball career. He is very optimistic for the draft on June 6 and has faith that he will get a second chance at going pro. Will the Marlins come back for the gifted Coyote pitcher? It is not certain, but Caruso is ready for any curve ball that will be thrown at him. “The one team I would love to play for would be the Angels,” said Caruso. “But I’ll accept a po-

sition on any team that signs me.” Since the tender age of eight, Caruso has had a passion and love for baseball. His journey began playing t-ball, continued on through middle and high school and has brought him to the collegiate level, where he aspires and expects to make it to the professional level. After graduating from Norco High School in 2008, Caruso took his talents to Riverside Community College where he began to play at the pitcher position. Caruso admits it was difficult to switch from the outfield, a position he had played for a good portion of his career, to the mound. He feels that the change was for the best. “I switched because I thought I could be better as a pitcher,” stated Caruso. “Pitchers don’t hit, so it gave me the opportunity to focus on just pitching.” After receiving his associate’s degree in 2010, Caruso enrolled in CSUSB to play in the 2010-11 season. Here, his pitching career was jumpstarted when he recorded 44 strikeouts with just 19 base on balls during his first season as a Coyote. It’s no wonder teams were so eager to sign him. Although the current season has just begun, Caruso is excited

for the season the Coyotes have ahead of them. “There are few new players who are going to make a big impact on how we do this year,” said Caruso. “This is one of the best teams I have played with.” For the dedicated pitcher, education and family have always been on top of his priorities list. As a business law major, Caruso understands the importance of maintaining excellent grades. Head coach Don Parnell is aware of the importance of education. “If we have to study for an exam or anything, the coaches are lenient,” said Caruso. Although Caruso is looking forward to being drafted in the MLB at the end of this season, he still has other plans to look forward to. Caruso anticipates going to grad to school to receive his master’s in business law and one day would like to inherit the family construction business his father started 23 years ago. His father, Richard Caruso, has been one of his most influential supporters. With the close relationship he holds with his father, Caruso has found inspiration and motivation. “He has always told me to grab the bull by the horns,” said Caruso. “Meaning it is your life, no one can live it for you.”



Ben Delgado | Chronicle Photo

Focused on his education and baseball, Caruso has the drive and determination to make it big. Caruso understands the value of hard work, and knows that through it, he can reach success. With the work, dedication and determination that Caruso has put into his baseball career and education, it will come as no surprise to see him striking out some of the game’s greatest players in the near future.



Coyote Chronicle: Athlete of the Week

Name: Brandon Day

Sport: Baseball

Class: Senior

Moment:

Feb. 4 vs. Azusa Pacific

The finale of the three game series against Azusa Pacific was a thrilling one for the Coyotes, who were down for the greater portion of the day. Trailing 8-7 in the bottom half of the ninth inning, Brandon Day came to the plate with two men on base. Day took a 2-1 fastball and turned on it, hitting a walkoff three-run homerun and giving the Coyotes the win.

More about:

Last season Day led the squad in hitting at .356, with two HRs and a team-high 33 RBIs. He is currently a psychology major and would like to become a sports psychologist for a Major League Baseball organization.



Ben Delgado / Chronicle Photo

Day has proven to be a solid defender for the Coyotes.

Coyotes find themselves at the top once again

By **RICHARD DAWSON**
Staff Writer

The CSUSB men's basketball team bounced back with a vengeance last weekend with back-to-back home wins over the Cal State Dominguez Hills Toros and Cal State Los Angeles Eagles.

The Coyotes defense stifled the Toros, forcing a twelve-minute stretch without a basket in the first half and holding the Toros scoreless for the first six minutes of the second half.

Tre' Brewer and Kwame Alexander had 16 points apiece on offense to lead the way.

The tandem paired together for a crowd roaring slam late in the second half that served as an exclamation point to their victory.

Brewer stole the ball and found a wide open Alexander, who had a few thunderous dunks on the night, and looked video game-esque for the wind-mill slam.

One particular dunk by Alexander literally brought down the backboard. The crowd, originally shocked, roared with excitement at the ridiculous slam.

While the Coyotes never

trailed in the second half, CSU-LA cut the lead to 58-57 with 1:19 remaining.

"Playing at home is nice, especially when you have a good crowd. It definitely gives us an edge when the momentum of the game is in our fa-

vor," said head coach Jeff Oliver.

"We executed well both nights when we needed to. We are playing with a sense of urgency and making the most of each individual possession."

The two victories helped



Richard Dawson / Chronicle Photo

Tre' Brewer has been on a tear lately as the Coyotes have moved into a tie for first place.

the Coyotes climb back into a four-way tie for first with Chico State, Humboldt State and Cal Poly Pomona with 11-5 CCAA records.

Its important for the Coyotes to take advantage of the their last two home games against Cal State Stanislaus and Chico State. There are four road games that follow to complete the season.

"Stanislaus is a tough matchup for every team. They have the conference's leading scorer, Reggie Jones (18.9 ppg), and because of his size he presents matchup problems in the paint," said Oliver.

After playing the Warriors, the Coyotes will meet a Chico State Wildcat team that has been on a roll.

Chico State has won 10 of their last 12 games and own the conference's best overall record at 17-5.

As the season winds down, there is still a chance that the Coyotes can host a CCAA tournament game.

If they continue to perform like that they did against the Toros and Eagles, that chance may become reality.

For the Coyotes, execution and focus will be the keys to success.

Coyotes turn two in big Day walkoff



Spencer Hirsh / Chronicle Photo

The baseball team started their season off in a huge way, winning two out of their first three games while scoring a combined 24 runs, and winning the final game in walkoff fashion.

By **SPENCER HIRSCH**
Staff Writer

Brandon Day's three-run walkoff home run on Saturday, Feb. 4 lifted the Coyotes to a 10-8 victory and a 2-1 series win over the Azusa Pacific Cougars.

The senior first baseman had a miscue on a groundball that was hit to him in the top of the sixth that could have turned into a double play and a relatively easy inning for senior left-hand relief pitcher, Josh Lee.

The Cougars took advantage as they scored two runs to regain a one-run lead.

"Physically it wasn't there for me in the field today, but I knew I would get a chance to redeem myself in the ninth," said Day.

He did just that—with one swing of the bat.

On a 2-1 count, Day was looking for something he could drive. He got exactly what he wanted, as the Cougar right hand pitcher threw a fastball into his wheelhouse, up and in.

"That's exactly what I was looking for.

As soon as I hit it, I knew it was gone. It felt good," said Day.

Saturday's contest was a fight to the finish, as the Cougars led the majority of the game.

They jumped out to an early 5-0 lead with the help of the long ball in the second and third innings, but the Coyotes fought back in the bottom of the third with four runs of their own.

Third baseman Darren Dworak sparked the offense in the bottom half of the third inning with the team's first hit of the game.

"I was surprised I got a fastball because they were throwing me a lot of off-speed. I just reacted to it and hit it up the middle," said Dworak.

Coyotes' junior right-handed reliever Tony Guerra was put into a pressure cooker in the top of the ninth.

Guerra delivered by striking out the Cougars' big power hitter and getting two consecutive groundball outs.

"The first thing I thought about was preparation leads to success," said Guerra.

Guerra worked him in and out of the zone, getting him to chase a slider for the huge strikeout.

Cassise led off the bottom of the ninth with a single.

Parnell thought about moving him into scoring position with a sacrifice bunt, but he decided to let his guys swing away, as he had three consecutive power hitters coming up.

The decision paid off. Senior catcher Paul Eshleman singled to center field and Day capped it off with the game-winning three-run walk-off home run.

"The key to coming back when you're down early is to not panic and trust yourself. At our park runs will be scored, so you can't get too up or down. You have to play the whole game," said Parnell.

Dworak pointed to the team's mental toughness as a key to the comeback victory.

"We have a never say die attitude. We always have a possibility to win at any time," said Dworak.

Saturday's game proved just that.