Visit the stars at CSUSB’s observatory

By MELISSA BENTON
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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.

“We want the observatory to create an exciting opportunity for the campus. We want the beautiful facility to inspire students in astronomy 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 automatics.

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 Valentine’s,” said Woodney. 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.
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.

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.

“The 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.

20-inch telescope at home.

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.

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

Apply to CSUSB with your current GPA and English skills to become an international student. These students are degree seekers and academic program such as a B.A. or a B.S.,” said Dawson. These students are degree seekers, 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.”

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.

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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 boyfriend. 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 yeu anh forever.
Teresa Tran

Andrii
Feliz Dia de Los Enamorados. Gracias por estar conmigo. Nunca me canso de extrañarte y pensarte. Te amaré siempre, viviré cada día demostrándote lo importante que eres en mi vida.
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Momma bear loves her cubbie bear! Happy Valentine’s Day future husband!
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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 almost embarrassing; the states that we think are not aware of the social changes.”

Bien Fule-Ver
CSUSB Alumnus

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 express 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 freshman year of high school, Fausto befriended a senior with powers and a song he had written on his guitar for her.

“My boyfriend surprised me with flowers, Fausto thanked him and they continued to keep in contact until he was deployed to Afghanistan,” said Fausto.

“Happy Valentine’s Day!”

Santorum takes lead in GOP primaries

By JACQUELINE SCHOLTE  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.

“It 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 state senator to WHO-TV.

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 Romney’s narrative — he’s the ultimate snob — they think they ‘know better,” wrote Noam Scheiber for National Public Radio.

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 writer Jim Rutenberg. “And perhaps none more than Mr. Romney, for whom Mr. Santorum’s multiple victories he is now tied for second place with.

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.

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

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What’s up with all the red and pink?

By LIZBETH LOPEZ
Staff Writer

Good grades should mean lower tuition for students

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 of 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 whomever.

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 classroom, daydreaming 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.

Valentine’s Day not just for Hallmark

By KIMBERLY “CHARLIE” TROLOAR & ANGELENA 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 someone.

What’s love got to do with it?

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 jeweler’s 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 else love have to do with it?”

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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

S
udents 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 personal aspect of the Internet, it allowing less awkward moments.

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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 day 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 new study groups 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 San-tos Manuel Student Union.

This could reduce the amount of awk-
ward 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 re sist, 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.

Grade incentive good for education

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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 get-
ing a B or an A, but that should not be an excuse because the campus offers tutoring and a writing center, as well as accommo-
dating for students with disabilities.

“Wouldn’t it be worse for admin-
istrators and professors from students to give them the A because they know that the student is financially pressed?” asked Jim Smart a communication studies pro-
fessor here at CSUSB.

Not necessarily. This program would be confidential and omitted to administrators and profes-
sors, 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 stu-
dents’ plan know as UC Student Invest-
ment 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 Stu-
dent 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 ef-fect of it comes before the student gradu-
ates.

The students would have no huge sum to pay after they’re done with school. Do not be afraid to send your own proposals to the state senators, or the CSU Board of Trustees.

If we get some good ideas flowing to them, we can get something changed for the better.
Features

Making your Valentine’s Day memorable

Celebrating V-day with your honey

By MARINA RANGE
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 Lixin Oo.

Of course, ladies don’t forget to be creative for their 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 Kaiten Ramin.

For student Lauren Foshe, Valentine’s Day should be spent with it’s with the only person who should be spending it with you.

St. Valentine’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 infamous love affair with husband, Robert Browning.

They wrote over 600 letters to each other before secretly meeting and marrying.

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 about it.

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 pairings, there is self love. Go treat yourself to a spa day. It is a great time to just relax and pamper yourself.

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College student starts petition against Sallie Mae

By TOM STILLWAGON
Staff Writer

A growing online petition has studied 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-refered 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 three months from 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 organizer 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.

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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

E very 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 as important on your “need to know” list but 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 dorm 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 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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Diaries of a Jet Setter

A guy's guide to getting lost

By R. ANTHONY DIAZ
Asst. Features Editor

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 a line is another story.

I was completely distracted snapping photos in front of the world-famous, Duomo di Milano, enjoying the beautiful scenes when a young man approached me. He reached over and asked me to drop my hand with popcorn seeds and sprinkled a few around 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!

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

But, I must say that the Italians set the bar high when it comes to making deals with strangers.

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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 where 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) of 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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The ultimate Valentine’s Day music countdown

By YETUNDE KEME

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.

1) “Always and Forever,” by Heatwave

2) “We Belong Together,” by Mariah Carey

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

4) “Be Without You,” by Mary J. Blige

5) “I’m Yours,” by Jason Mraz

6) “My Love,” by Justin Timberlake

7) “Love Story,” by Taylor Swift

8) “Baby,” by Justin Bieber

9) “Teenage Dream,” by Katy Perry

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.”

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“Twisted Metal” wreaks violent vengeance

By BRIAN CHIDUEME
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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 reboots. 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 that Eat Sleep Play, the game’s developers, have perfected Twisted Metal’s signature gameplay with 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 responsive controls in the series.

The graphics have also been given a complete overhaul 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

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 newfound 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 Dan 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 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 reference to supplement the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) because support for the Student Center, the Children’s Center, and to increase funding for ASI programs and services that meets the college experience for CSUB students.

WHY THIS STUDENT REFERENCE?

It’s important to note the state of California has cut significant amounts of funding from the state university system. That means in CSU funding has had an effect on student enrollment, which in turn has lowered the funding ASI has to support student programs. There are no predicting how long this trend will continue. The California Education System is in direct threat of losing state funding. CSUB is asking for $194 ($100 ASI and $94 ASI for student scholarships) per quarter for $85,737. ASI is asking for $194.00 in student scholarship funding for the current academic year. CSUB is asking for $194.00 in student scholarship funding for the current academic year.

ASI Scholarship: For 23 years, scholarships have been available and vital to ASI’s support student friends. This scholarship is open all students who have been at CSUB for at least one quarter and have a minimum GPA of 2.0. The University Scholarship Committee awards the scholarships to worthy recipients.

Breakdown:The $3.34 per student per year for ASI scholarships would generate a total of $2,534.40 per academic year (based on 7,600 students).

President’s Academic Excellence Scholarships (PAESs): The 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 benefited from the over the last 10 years has increased. Currently, the student body of the CSUB student body has increased from 6,922 to 10,549 in 2001. More CSUB students are now being admitted into the top 1 percent of the highest rated students from high schools in San Bernardino County making CSUB a destination campus for academically outstanding students. We will continue to support this philosophy of the university and the value of the CSUB degree.

Breakdown:The $3.34 per student per year for the President’s Academic Excellence Scholarships would generate a total of $8,989.80 per academic year (based on 2,700 students).

Children’s Center: The Children’s Center provides child care for CSUB student parents. The Children’s Center has been supported by ASI because the center has been able to operate on a self-supporting basis. This is a challenging time for CSUB because the center is only able to operate because of this support. The center is losing state funding. CSUB will not have to lay off any state funding and 31 percent, and federal funding to provide for 2012-2013. CSUB is support more than 20 percent of the center’s operating costs.

Breakdown: The $3.34 per student per year for the Children’s Center would total $2,308.70 per academic year (based on 6,900 students).

Student Travel and Research: In 1994, support for student travel and research expenses was established in the CSU system. The student population has increased and the amount of support for research has decreased. The student travel and research fund has dropped to $70,500.00 in 2001-2012. This area is in real need of additional funding. CSUB is requesting additional funding to operate this area.

Breakdown: The $3.34 per student per year for student travel and research would total a total of $6,900.00 per academic year (based on 2,000 students).

ASI Programs and Services: ASI has a difficult time in determining sustainable funds for all major programs, e.g., bringing a major musical program or a high-quality speaker to the campus, because of the small amount of enrollment since 2007. CSUB is in need of a large increase in student enrollment to support this area. It is an area that is critical to the overall success of the university.

Breakdown: The $3.34 per student per year for ASI programs and services would total a total of $7,078.50 per academic year (based on 2,100 students). This increase will support the current programs and services budget as directed by the ASI Board of Directors.

Athletic Scholarships: In the current year CSUB will have a total of $2,000.00 per academic year (based on 4,000 students).

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The increase will be $14 per quarter, or $56 per academic year, beginning in Fall 2012.

Do you wish to receive a Yes or No on your official ballot?

Yes

No
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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Love and sports: the perfect combination

By ZION GUILLODY
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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 Popadics, after Boise State’s Fiesta Bowl 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.

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There are many different ways to pop the question, putting it all on the line. 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.

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There are many places, circumstances and methods that can be used to pop the question, putting it all on the line. 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.
By SHYNEESE WALTER
Staff Writer

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 To- ros, scoring more than half of the team’s points.
Streets led the 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 them in the beginning of this season and we had to get them back,” said Streets.
This was a big accomplishment for a team that 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 sea- son, 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 in- tensity 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.
Becker 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 retribu- tion.
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 im- portant for the Coyotes to continue to play hard and ac- cumulate victories.
Playing more for pride than for anything else, it will be interesting to see how they perform in these next few games.

By BRITNEY CARTER
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After declining to pursue a career in the MLB last season, 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 in- terest 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 go- ing 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 Commu- nity College where he began to play at the pitcher position.

Caruso admits it was diffic- ult 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 associ- ate’s degree in 2010, Caruso en- rolled 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 im- pact 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 edu- cation.

“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 for- word.

Caruso anticipates going to grad 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 influ- ential supporters. With the close relationship he holds with his fa- ther, 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.”

Focus on his education and baseball, Caruso has the drive and determination to make it big.

Caruso understands the val- ue 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 play- ers in the near future.
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 windmill slam.

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

The Coyotes defense stifled the Eagles, turning two in big Day walkoff victory.

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By SPENCER HIRSCH
Staff Writer

Brandon Day’s three-run walkoff home run on Saturday, Feb. 4 lifted the Coyotes to a 16-8 victory and a 2-1 series win over the Azusa Pacific Coyotes.

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

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