Civil rights prop challenged in CA

By COURTNEY SIMS
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Gov. Jerry Brown has asked the Ninth Circuit of Court Appeals to reconsider a 14-year-old case, calling the measure responsible for “resegregation of higher education,” according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Prop. 209, also known as the California Civil Rights Initiative, prohibits public entities to consider race, sexual orientation and ethnicity as a justification for acceptance or non-acceptance.

This law was intended to offset Affirmative Action laws, which require public sectors to consider race and gender as a means for equal opportunity.

Since the law passed in Nov. 1996, the number of minorities who attend public universities has increased.

According to the LA Times, undergraduate admissions for Latino students has gone from 15.4 percent in 1996 to 23 percent in 2010, while that same statistic for African American students has increased from 4 percent to 4.2 percent.

Proposition 209 recently gained popularity amongst minority students in the UC system but is losing momentum with California politicians, including Brown.

The author of the bill, Ward Connerly, as well as other supporters have stepped in and filed a motion that is scheduled for next month to convince the State Supreme Court of the proposition’s merits.

The CSU system already has several initiatives that require the universities to recruit minorities, African-Americans in particular, by way of outreach programs.

“The first step is to raise money to fight cancer and raise awareness of the disease,” said Bates.

“Campus run saves lives from cancer

By MELISSA BENTON
Staff Writer

“Cancer doesn’t sleep, so why should we?” said Amanda Bates, the team development chair for CSUSB’s chapter Relay for Life.

The CSUSB organization of Relay first started over three years ago. The number of participants, committee members and survivors has steadily increased each year.

In 2011, there were 35 teams, five cancer survivors, nine committee members and $3,742 raised. The goal for 2012 is to have 35 teams, 85 survivors, 20 committee members and raise $26,000.

The May 4 event is co-sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership and Development and Recreational Sports.

“We just want to get the word out there. This is a wonderful organization that so many don’t know about,” said Bates.

According to Bates, 73 percent of the CSUSB student body have never heard of Relay.

Everybody, in some way, has been or will be affected by cancer. It’s way too common now,” said Bates.

The event will start at 4 p.m. on May 4 and end at 4 p.m. the following day.

It will include activities, live bands, and themed games.

There also will be ceremonies to celebrate the battles won and remember those...
Think you’re too cool for school? You’re right!

By JAZMIN JETT
Staff Writer

You must feel pretty hot attending one of the “coolest” schools in the nation. CSUSB was named one of “America’s Coolest Schools” for 2012 by Sierra Magazine.

The Sierra Club, an environmental organization, released its publication of Sierra Magazine which includes “America’s Coolest Schools.”

CSUSB was recognized for the second year in a row, ranking as the 90th “coolest” campuses this year. The university is among 118 others nationwide and was one of only two Cal State campuses receiving top honors, along with San Francisco State.

The list is compiled based on nine categories: academics, administration, efficiency, energy supply, food, financial investments, purchasing, transportation and waste management; CSUSB received recognition for all of the classifications.

Only 118 schools chose to participate and over 900 schools were considered. Taking the steps toward becoming a more “green” school, CSUSB boasts a water-wise desert garden, a cogeneration fuel cell and a solar farm which supplies almost one-third of the school’s usable energy.

“CSUSB is committed to continually finding ways to operate more efficiently – our success results in using tax dollars more wisely and leaving a healthier planet,” said Michelle Dyck-Turner, the university’s sustainability coordinator.

Additionally, the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation Demonstration Garden at CSUSB is one of the main contributions to the school’s efforts toward raising awareness of resource conservation.

Completed this month, it is the purpose of The San Bernardino Valley Water Demonstration Garden to show the benefits of low-water use and drought resistant plants and gardens to the community. Through the university’s efforts, over a million dollars in utility costs has been saved along with reduced water usage, improved energy efficiency and a reduction in waste overall.

For a full list and rankings of Sierra Magazine’s “America’s Coolest Schools” of 2011, visit “Complete Rankings: America’s Coolest Schools” at sierramag.org.

Jennings top professor

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the College of Education building to offer Jennings congratulations. “Just make sure you have the right person,” said Jennings in disbelief.

Karnig ensured the students that he had the right teacher, and told them that Jennings’ success is partially because of student evaluations.

This is why he said that this honor is awarded to the teacher in front of the students, because without their positive comments, it would not have been possible.

He went on to quote one evaluation where the student said that he had three different courses with Jennings and he was the best teacher he had ever had.

The student said that even after the class had ended, he would drive home with the radio off so that he could think about what was said in class.

“I have had one of the few pleasures not awarded to everyone-I get to do something I love,” said an appreciative Jenning.

Jennings will be given a $1,000 check, $3,000 for professional development and he will also be recognized at the faculty lunch, commencement and at the annual Golden Apple award banquet hosted by the mayor of San Bernardino on March 29.

Jennings is the director of gender and sexuality studies at CSUSB. He has taught courses in developmental psychology, educational psychology and diversity issues within educational contexts.

He also teaches in the educational leadership doctorate program.

“It is so awesome that he won, he is very deserving. He is bold, honest and enthusiastic. His classes are always exciting. He challenges you, and pushes you to think in a different way than you are used to. I wish more teachers were like him,” said student Renee Etcheberria.

Jennings has published more than 25 scholarly pieces, edited a book, several chapters and encyclopedia entries. He has traveled all over the country to different professional meetings and conferences to present 37 different papers.

“He is a good colleague - putting an oar in the water and pulling in the next of the people is what marks Jennings,” said Karnig.

Jennings’ community involvement includes volunteering for the past three years as a consultant in Human Rights Education for Human Rights Watch.

In the past he has served as a member of the Regional Planning Group and the Human Rights Education Steering Committee for Amnesty International.

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Ethnic minorities are a hot political topic in Arizona once again.

Under a new law, schools across the state are prohibited from offering ethnic studies classes or face having state funds withheld from them each month if they continue to offer classes.

Already having been under scrutiny for its controversial Senate Bill 1070, which many felt discriminated against Latinos, the state is now being criticized again for its passage of Arizona House Bill 2281 which took effect in January.

The bill stated, “HB 2281 prohibits a school district or charter school from including courses or classes that either promote the overthrow of the United States government or promote resentment toward a race or class of people.”

School districts that are found to be in violation of the new law are faced with losing as much as 10 percent of their state funding each month, which adds up to approximately $15 million a year.

The Tucson Unified School District’s Mexican-American studies program was found to be in violation of the new law by Judge Lewis D. Kowal. This caused the school district to terminate its ethnic studies program and ban several books that were a part of the curriculum.

Some of the banned books include Paolo Freire’s “Pedagogy of the Oppressed,” Sandra Cisneros’ “House on Mango Street” and Shakespeare’s “The Tempest.”

The ban of ethnic studies in Arizona has caused a backlash across the state and throughout the U.S. Students at Yale University staged a protest of the bill, several Facebook pages have popped up in opposition to the bill, and some are planning on trafficking banned books into the state in what is known as “Librotraficante,” according to The Huffington Post.

Proponents of the law felt that the ethnic studies curriculum was divisive and promoted hatred, while critics of the bill say that they “push Latino students to excel and teach a long-neglected slice of America’s cultural heritage: Chicano perspectives on literature, history and social justice,” according to the LA Times.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal, said Tucson’s program divided students by race and would be almost impossible to fix, according to USA Today.

Some students at CSUSB are critical of Arizona’s decision to remove its ethnic studies program, calling the move “racist” and “ignorant.”

“When I heard what happened in Arizona, my Chicania pride came out. I thought it was dumb that they decided to do this because these classes give students an opportunity to learn,” said student Maritza Alarcon.

Other students believe that Arizona’s law should not be copied in other states.

“It’s not right. It’s good for students to learn about other ethnicities even if they’re not that minority. They should learn about both other cultures and their own,” said student Bianca Saucedo. “If this happened in California, I’d move out. I think it would cause chaos because this state is so diverse.”
Students make up their mind not faces

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Fellow participant Gabriela Francozé had similar feelings as Davlos. They both agree that by wearing no makeup they now felt free and a sense of pressure to look good and please guys was now removed.

Without makeup all the participants said they all felt free, a weight had been lifted off their shoulders and they no longer felt the need to impress others.

209 intended to offset Affirmative Action

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Ambassadors speak from the pulpit during the Sunday Service at churches across the state to encourage youths to go to college, as reported on the CSU website.

The concerns surrounding the pending repeal on Prop. 209 has CSUSB faculty trying to help those that are considered to be disenfranchised.

“We [CSU] accept the top third of California high school graduates,” said Christine Degano, director of student recruitment and visitor services at CSUSB.

“Admission decisions are based on meeting admission requirements, they are not based on race or gender.”

“Prop. 209 promotes equality, not discrimination, by making sure that all UC applicants are evaluated on the basis of race-neutral factors, not arbitrary considerations, such as racial distinctions,” said Sharon Brown, Connerly’s attorney, in the New York Times.

While other students advocate for this bill and hope the Supreme Court’s rule on the law will still stand.

“I do agree, minorities are underprivileged but by getting rid of Prop. 209 this will make minorities feel like they can’t succeed on their own,” said student Priscilla Leon.

“Academics should be any university’s number one goal, they may want to cater to minorities but you don’t want to create an injustice for the majority.”

In addition to the Ninth Circuit apellate court, the state Supreme Court has also denied two other previous challenges against Prop. 209, citing the law unconstitutional.

Critics of proposition 209 are hoping the repeal of a 14-year old ruling by the Supreme Court for the state of Texas, that allows universities to consider races as admittance factors in an attempt to promote diversity, will come out in their favor.

“I think it is important to really look at the issues here. Everyone deserves a fair chance, and the reality of it is not everyone is afforded the same opportunities,” said Charles Lipton, a African American student.

CSUSB gears up for Relay for Life

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Lost to the disease.

The relay will take place on the track next to the Rec Center.

In the evening the track will be lit with luminaria bags, which are decorated and usually lit with a candle inside.

There will be a Relay Rally on Feb. 27 outside of Pfa Library.

It will feature games, activities and plenty of information on those interested in Relay.

Bates describes Relay as an emotion-al rollercoaster.

It begins with the Opening Ceremony where cancer survivors take the first lap around the track.

It continues with the Remembrance Ceremony and then the Fight Back Cer-

emony, where the participants battle against the disease.

“We are all so self-aware. We need to look at the bigger picture. There is something we can do. What is 24 hours of your life? Everybody gets affected by cancer,” said Bates.

Nayeli Maravillas and Jacqueline Garza are the event’s chair and co-chair.

There will be a team captain meeting March 1 for those interested in the Relay.

It is $10 to sign up and participate as a non-survivor.

The event is free for all cancer survivors.

For more information on the CSUSB Relay for Life e-mail Maravillas or Bates at csusbrealy4life@gmail.com or visit http://www.facebook.com/csusbrelayforlife.

Do you have questions about going to graduate school? Do you have questions about getting involved in research?

CSUSB MARC Program

The CSUSB MARC Program (Minority Access to Research Careers) can help by providing peer mentoring for students in any health-related major such as psychology, biology, chemistry, etc.

To set up a mentoring appointment contact:Brittani Washington, Program Coordinator

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It’s not just a quiet place to study

By LIZBETH LOPEZ Staff Writer

The John M. Pfau Library is one of the academic resources with the sole purpose to support the teaching and research of CSUSB. It provides more than just a quiet place to study.

We often believe that the Internet is a perfectly good substitute for the library, but we can find ourselves drowning in information that may not be reliable due to the numerous amount of paid advertisements and commercials that are found on it. Internet access is just one feature in the library but should not be treated as its replacement.

Many people also think that our very own Pfau Library is just a place to hop onto the Internet and print their papers, but it is much more than that.

“Unfortunately, not a lot of students know how to use the resources in the library to the best of their ability and there is too much dependence on the Internet,” said Danielle Holloman a junior English literature major.

Being a book lover, Holloman is satisfied to see that at least students respect the fact that the library is meant to be used as a quiet study facility.

The Pfau Library is not just a good place to study, it is also a place that you can find many scholarly articles through databases that have gone through an extensive and sophisticated review. The articles are then arranged in a standard way so the information is easy for us to find.

For those articles or books that are not available online or on the database due to copyright issues, you can certainly find them in the library.

Some people could say that a physical library has a finite number of books. In an effort to resolve that issue, the Pfau Library has a free service called Interlibrary Loan (ILL), providing access to materials not owned by or not available at our library but that can be found available at another library.

Even though we live in the 21st century and our generation is technology-driven, not everyone has access to a computer or Internet at home and these services are provided to all students.

We do however have to come to the realization that the Internet is a limited source with a commercial interest and that we are here to develop critical thinking skills and enhance our research skills.

Our library works with the Internet to bring patrons information and provide access to computer and Internet access to students that can’t afford it.

All scholarly articles that we find in the library’s database are free for all registered students versus having to pay for it through a company.

I know that the great majority of us have at some point felt like we hit a brick wall and cannot find it in ourselves to get help started because our minds go blank or we just simply do not know where to start.

Most of us do not realize that one of the most important library services is the reference desk. The technicians are always eager to help and point us in the right direction. I have personally sat at their desk several times because I wasn’t able to find a scholarly article that supported my thesis and they were able to help find many ideas for my papers.

If you are looking for a quiet environment with a variety of desks, tables, cubicles and lounge chairs for peaceful study, along with reading and research environments on all floors, then the library is for you. This alone is a great reason to visit the Pfau Library.

Also you can reserve a group study room on the third, fourth and fifth floors directly from the Pfau Library website if you need to do group projects or study in groups.

For many students, the library is the only place that they can get that two to six hours of study time during the week because I know that I cannot get anything done if I attempt studying at home.

Take advantage of this resource you pay for with your tuition, when you graduate you will struggle finding it elsewhere.

Life would be boring if we were all the same

By DOMINIQUE STERLING Staff Writer

Some students and professors may argue that it may be easier for a Chinese teacher to teach Chinese students, but have a willingness to acquaint yourselves with the unfamiliar. This is something CSUSB students and faculty have embraced and are benefiting from.

“I think that the faculty well represents the students on this campus,” said professor Donna Gotch.

Diversity is among us every day, whether you choose to embrace it or not in your own decision.

“The reason I enjoy teaching on this campus opposed to other campuses is because of its diversity,” said Gotch.

Gotch said that campuses where she taught that had a lack of diversity simply bored her. Diversity does not lie within one race, gender, age or sexuality etc., but within the person themselves. Having an open mind allows you to embrace differences and acquaint yourself with them.

Throughout my entire college experience the teacher that I have learned most from is a youthful Caucasian woman that has more experiences then meets the eye. She has taught me many different things and taught me different life lessons.

Differences among us are what make each of us interesting; if we were all the same life would be boring so EMBRACE IT!

Campus housing hassle

By ALEJANDRA ARANA Staff Writer

If you are thinking of moving to the on-campus housing that is available at CSUSB, don’t do it!

Having charges too much money to live in their little rooms with random people that cause too many problems.

They rarely allow residents to change rooms unless they jump through all the hoops put in place for us to deal with.

Having to deal with loud, obnoxious and rude roommates and neighbors is ridiculous and uncalled for. It needs to be easier to move to a different room, but campus housing just makes your life hard if you try to.

I do not pay over $700 a month to be kept up until 2 a.m. every night just because the people above me like to play the music extremely loud and stomp on the floor as they walk the 15 steps from room to room.

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Red tape makes student-residents’ lives hard

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to kitchen.

When students apply to live on cam-

pus, they are made to sign forms of agree-

ment that specifically say the rules of a

roommate change so students know what

they are getting themselves into. Housing allows rooms changes only if

they are justifiable by their rules and

if they have the space to move people

around.

According to the housing website, infor-

mation is provided to stu-

dents about room changes

and ways to solve prob-

lems among roommates. But, they make everything so
time-consuming and stressful by having to have every form approved, all

sorts of appointments set

up and showing proof of

your reason.

My friend Maria Me-

del moved out fall quarter from Serrano Village after a very long process that left her stressed beyond compare.

“It was such a long process to even

ask to move out, I had to go to housing

ask for a form, get that form approved

then fill out another form that asked me

to prove my reasons for wanting to move

out, and then wait until that was ap-

proved,” said Medel.

Some residents have to be approved by their Resident Assistant (RA). If ap-

proved by them the resident has to go
to their Area Coordinator of Residential

Education by appointment only and then

they may be eligible to be approved to

move out.

“I totally agree that housing takes

too long to change rooms for students,”

said Cristin Hoel, who was my roommate

last year and with whom we shared a very

rough year with one particular roommate.

It took three separate meetings, along

with some individual inter-

views and hours from our

schedule to get that one

roommate out of our apart-

ment for being rude and dis-

respectful.

If housing made the

process easier students

would be happier residents and more people would rec-

ommend others to live on

campus.

If the process of chang-

ing rooms doesn’t become
erasier then more students

will want to live off-campus and

there will be vacant rooms that are not providing revenue to

CSUSB.

So CSUSB students, think about your

room situation right now.

If you are a student looking for room-

mates to live on campus with: save your

money and go somewhere else.

You’ll save buckets of money a

month, live with your friends without

worrying about everyone around you and still be able to get a good education.

Two-party system hurting America

By KIMBERLY “CHARLIE” TRELOAR
Staff Writer

Did you know that as of today the na-

tion is currently over $15 trillion in debt?

Every day that amount increases $3.99

billion according to www.brillig.com/debt

clock.

And the debt is not going anywhere.

Today we have a two-party system

that makes the decisions for the United

States. They are of course the Republicans

and the Democrats.

When you turn 18 you are asked to

register to vote and asked to pick a party to be

affiliated with.

Contrary to the popular mindset, you
don’t have to register to be either Republi-
can or Democrat; in fact you can pick from

41 other parties that are listed or you can

categorize yourself as an Independent.

Some of the more well-known parties

are the Green Party, the Libertarian Party,

and the Socialist Labor Party of America.

It is my opinion that one of the biggest

real issues with our government today is

having the two-party system that controls

everything.

Perhaps it is time for a reformation.

There are some who would argue that

having a two-party system has worked for

so long so why fix something that isn’t bro-

ken?

This is in fact the same mentality that

has gotten the country in the position it is

in today.

It has also helped to destroy our nation

and cause it to begin to crumble financially

and morally.

I would disagree with those who say

that our two party system is still leading us
to greatness, and instead I would say that

there is clearly little evidence that this sys-
tem is doing us any good.

All it is doing is giving the two par-

ties an excessive amount of power over the

people here in the U.S.

Neither the Republicans nor the Dem-

ocrats seem to have much of an interest

anymore in doing what is best for the na-

tion, they just seem to care about saying

whatever will get them elected.

Perhaps at one point in time they did

put our best interests first, but that was

quite some time ago and it is evident that

this is no longer the case.

Their interests have moved away from

taking care of the U.S. to trying to keep the

power on their side of the aisle in Congress.

It really is too similar to the childhood
game of “keep away.” The leaders of the

these two parties often act like just that,

children.

“When I turned 18, I didn’t register to
to vote. In fact it took me six years before I

finally registered. The whole two party sys-

tem disgusts me so much that I didn’t want
to be affiliated with either. So when I final-
ly did register to vote I chose Independent.

Because I wanted to think of myself as be-

ing independent of both parties and their

drama,” said student Jacklynn Hudson.

Have you noticed that neither party will

work with the other, yet they blame each other for the nation’s many issues?

This has prevented people from re-

ceiving disaster relief, forced an increase

in gas prices, a decrease in jobs, and even

those students who may be on unemploy-

ment right now but won’t get extensions

because Congress has yet to make a deci-

sion on the budget.

One solution I feel might help us is

that we begin by reforming elections law.

First, only allow public funding for campaigns, this limits the amount of mon-

ey in the fund that can be used.

Then every party that wants to have a primary and send that person to be elected

for president of the U.S. would receive the same funding from the Presidential Elec-

tion Campaign Fund to use for their cam-

paign.

Second, taking any private funds would not be allowed and would be con-

sidered illegal.

Third, any party would be able to reg-

ister for elections.

And fourth, all parties would receive the exact same amount of money for their campa-

igns.

We need to outlaw gerrymandering, which is a way each of the parties guar-

antee themselves seats in Congress every year by drawing district lines so their sup-

porters are all in one district.

This results in ridiculous zig-zag shapes instead of more reasonable shapes

that will call for fairer elections. With com-

petitive elections being held, real issues

will be discussed.

The White House and Congress should

and would no longer be for sale if we were to

rename the election laws.

Holding public office is an honor, not a job!
Healthful choices improve well-being

By YEZI CHO
Staff Writer

Many people know vegetables are better for your health than junk food. However, many Americans still like to eat greasy, salty fast food.

Food is important to contribute to your well-being and help prevent disease. Therefore, we need to know what foods benefit our body and in what way.

There are various healthy foods people should eat, depending on the results they want to achieve such as deeper sleep and a stronger immune system. According to WebMD.com, foods such as eggs, potatoes, fish, avocado and whole grains help promote better sleep. These foods are rich in tryptophan, an amino acid that crosses your blood and brain barrier and are used to make a hormone called serotonin.

Lighter foods such as fruits, vegetables and drinks like tea, are better snacks to have before bed since they are low in sodium and are easier for your body to breakdown and digest.

As for eating heavy foods and drinks such as chocolates, coffees, alcohol and Jack in the Box before bed may affect your sleep.

Individuals should be careful not to indulge too much, especially foods from fast food chains that have very high amounts of sodium compared to other options.

There is also food that helps the immune system during the changing seasons.

Nuts, seeds and whole grains are full of natural vitamin E which helps rejuvenate skin cells and adds healthy proteins to hair and nails.

This is very beneficial during dry summer and winter seasons, keeping your appearance healthy and skin moisturized.

Immune systems get weak especially during the cold winter months, so at least five servings a day of the recommended fruit and vegetable group is especially important. If you find this hard to achieve, head to your local supermarket and grab a multi-vitamin or even a Naked Juice.

Students can find more information and help with making easy, nutritious choices right here on campus at the Student Health and Psychological Counseling Center and at the Nutrition Department.

Food high in fiber may help prevent cancer, hypertension and diabetes by decreasing blood

Catholic Newman Club provides spiritual outlet

By MARINA RANGEL
Staff Writer

The Catholic Newman Club (CNC) is working to bring communities together on campus by providing a stable outlet of religious education and discussion.

Joined by schools like University of Redlands, CNC is a major part of the San Bernardino Diocese’s campus ministry. Campus ministry works to bring worship, liturgy, charity and education to college students.

“To give a Catholic presence to a public campus is the biggest thing,” said student Herman Calderon.

The CNC was able to host an Ash Wednesday Mass Feb. 22. in the SMSU Event Center, which brought together almost 200 people.

Many students that attended Ash Wednesday Mass were new faces and told current members they had no idea there was a Catholic club on campus.

Upon meeting some of CNC’s members, I was welcomed with open arms. The experience was unbelievably pleasant.

Most meetings, which are held on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m., include guest speakers and deep, open discussion on a hot topic. For example, presentations include stem cell research, marriage or sexuality.

Of course the big topic in the news today is President Obama’s health plan requiring faith based organizations to provide contraceptives despite their use being against Catholic religious beliefs.

Students I talked to did not have much to say on the matter. This was not the case for the CNC advisor.

“We are the recipients of life and anything that kills life we are not going to like,” said Sister Maria Aspesoto Iosefo.

Discussions on current events and how religion plays a role in students’ lives is what the CNC focuses on.

“Students are able to explore themselves and their personal talents,” said student Daniel Lopez.

The CNC has participated in many community service events, the Walk for Life held in San Francisco for exam...
Eating habits to improve health

Fruits and vegetables are a good source of vitamins that also provide antioxidants which help your immune system.

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cholesterol concentrations. According to The Cancer Project, there are two types of fiber: soluble and insoluble. Soluble is a fiber found in fruits and vegetables that dissolve in water and flushes out toxins. Insoluble fibers are found in grains but do not dissolve in water and improve waste removal.

Blueberries in particular act as an antioxidant to help your immune system grow stronger by neutralizing oxygen free radicals. However, according to the Nutrition Department, varying your fruit choices is important because different fruits differ in nutrient content.

Some people don’t like to eat garlic due to its strong scent. However, according to kaboose.com, garlic contains compounds, such as allicin—an oily substance which gives it the characteristic odor and provides antibacterial properties. Garlic strong scent functions as an antibacterial substance which can protect your body against cold viruses. Another immune-boosting food is broccoli. It is jam-packed full of vitamin C, more than an orange, and also contains vitamins E, K, iron, riboflavin and can help prevent cancer.

Instead of going out to eat, student Pamela Cormire usually makes her own meals, which often contain many fruits and vegetables.

“Don’t let American fast food because it is unhealthy. I don’t even drink soda; I think eating habits are based on how people are raised. My mother always cooks because she considers our family’s health and has the time for it,” said Cormire.

We are lucky to live in California because of the diverse fresh fruits and vegetables that are available to us. Coupled with balancing your nutrition and staying active, Coyotes can manage a long and healthy life.
Coyote Music Society funds talent scholarships

By EMERALD COLLINS
Staff Writer

S o you may think you can dance, but how about becoming an expert in swing dance? The Coyote Music Society is here to help you jitterbug to perfection.

The group is kicking off their first Swing Night in conjunction with the CSUSB Music Department Tuesday Feb. 28 in the SMSU Event Center from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The night will include Swing dance lessons and live music and dancing, featuring an evening of Boi spinning Swing and Top 40 tunes.

All proceeds of the event will go toward funding student music scholarships.

The Coyote Music Society (CMS) has dedicated their events to funding three scholarships, including the Joseph K. Thomas Scholarship, Arthur A. Moorefield Memorial Scholarship, Music Performance Awards.

The CSUSB Jazz Ensemble, which placed in the top ten at the Reno Jazz Festival in 2007 and 2008, will be performing a variety of big band Swing to make you get out of your seat and on the dance floor to show off your new dance moves.

“Expect a good night of jazz for those who have a love for the music,” said Scott Earl, public relations coordinator.

Robin Hernandez will be showing attendees how to swing to the Big Band music and enjoy themselves in the process.

Hernandez was also the dance instructor for last month’s event, The Latin Jazz Ensemble.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with swing dance lessons by Hernandez, leading to the Jazz Ensemble taking the stage at 7:30 p.m. and concluding with DJ Johnny Boi at 8:30 p.m.

“There is not any local events that host and play this kind of music,” said Earl.

Why not spend the night learning to swing dance the night away, enjoy good company and show off your new dance moves to everyone you know?

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There will also be upcoming events, one featuring singing band Manhattan Transfer and CSUSB Jazz Ensemble on June 30 and many more to come.

Dance the night away and help fund music scholarships and education for fellow Coyotes.

The Jazz Ensemble is always open to recruit new members in their band, regardless of majors. The band will be also performing at this year’s annual Reno Jazz Festival.

Diaries of a Jet Setter

A guy’s guide to getting lost in Chicago

By R. ANTHONY DIAZ
Asst. features editor

Mobsters, trains, machine guns and godly skyscrapers. Most people associate dark things to Chicago but it is anything but.

In fact, looking in you really notice its true beauty when you’re sailing on Lake Michigan and see the skyline.

All of a sudden the city sound becomes faint while the sun sets in the East and the city lights up like a pile of diamonds glittering on the horizon.

Although it is a beautiful city it still has its flaws. I did not realize I had stepped into a risky territory until it was too late.

I found myself working for Tony De-masi, founder of Tsunami Capital and the Tsunami Foundation.

Along with many driven men who have made millions every day trading in the pits of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, De-masi lived his life like Entourage and the Sopranos.

I quickly found myself popping bottles next to Nate Berkus and Michael Jordan’s wife and almost every Chicago Bulls and Cubs player.

A phone call got me VIP at every posh place in the city, no lines, free drinks and at after-parties with The Killers and Jermaine Dupri.

Life in the fast lane never lasts for some, but for others there are many empires to be built in a city like Chicago.

Every summer I sail Lake Michigan with my closest friends. The fireworks shows are among the best to see in Navy Pier.

My favorite breakfast place is still Saturas Cafe in Evanston and Egg Harbor in Arlington Heights, both Chicago suburbs.

After starting your day off at one of these places your breakfast experience will never be the same no matter what city you are in.

Along with these, the best dinner place in the city is the Signature Room on the 57th floor of the Hancock Tower. The views are unlike any other and their Sunday champagne brunch is stellar!

If you really want to do Chicago like a rock star, a few of my favorite places for popping bottles are Stone Lotus, The Underground, Studio Paris, Lumen and Bull and Bear.

The pre-game try Japones or Th Drake.

Remember if you want breakfast and or dinner at 4 a.m., Tempo serves a full menu and is probably the only thing open downtown. Chicago— my kind of town!
Bands bring a local flavor to the SMSU

By JUSTIN MATHEW DENNIS
Staff Writer

Music from the Rock-A-Holies Happy Hour filled the student union on Feb. 23. The Underground Music Society held an event to support and promote local bands from the Inland Empire. The Underground Music Society is all about promoting music culture and conscience on CSUSB campus.

The Local Band Spotlight introduced three local bands: Psychedelic Milk, Feather Static and Violet Sun. Those bands offered a good variety of rock music, from a classic rock sound to an acoustic feel.

Psychedelic Milk, has an interesting music style that does a good job of grabbing the listener’s attention. “It’s rock and roll with a hint of psychedelia,” said bass player Russ Rosenwirth. There is one major message that the band would like to send through their music. “Rock and roll may be dying, but it’s not dead yet!” said vocalist Chasen Landery.

The band is set to release their new EP at the end of March. Feather Static is a hometown band made of old friends and family. Manueles Duran, a CSUSB student and drummer for Feather Static says that their message in the music is simply, “Good times and rock and roll!” Their band name, Feather Static, reflects their music style they master the balance between hard and soft rock like yin and yang.

Feather Static is looking forward to eventful summer with tours and gigs that would get the band more recognition. “Our goal is not necessarily to be rich, but we definitely do want to make a living out of this,” said German Iniguez, one of Feather Static’s vocalists.

Local favorites Violet Sun perform in the SMSU key during the Underground Music Society’s Rock-A-Holies Happy Hour on Feb. 23. The spirited music showcase represented a diverse collection of rock & roll groups from around the Inland Empire.

Violet Sun brought an acoustic style to the performance. Describing their music style as experimental pop, vocalist and guitarist Jay Valdez says their sound was influenced by other bands like The Beatles and Portugal, the Man.

The members formed during a series of random events where each member joined from previous bands of their own. The name ‘Violet Sun’ refers to beautiful beginnings and they encourage people to take care of our planet and try to go green.

“If you have a big pile of trash, would you throw it in the middle of your living room? Of course not, because that’s your home,” Valdez said. “If you wouldn’t do that in your house, why would you throw a bag of trash in the street?”

Underground Music Society coordinator Emmanuel Rodriguez described the Rock-A-Holies Happy Hour as a success. Based on this show’s popularity, Rodriguez wants to have a Local Band Spotlight show at least once a month.

“People came and had a good time,” said Rodriguez. “The bands came together and worked together. I definitely see it as a success.”

By RYAN HESTER
Staff Writer

The Robert Glasper Experiment’s highly anticipated new album, Black Radio, is a mesmerizing blend of jazz and hip-hop. Just one listen to this album and you will be hooked.

Glasper is known mainly for his hip-hop and jazz combinations that give life to his music. He draws on unrestrained and spontaneous vibes with many of the artists he works with and conceives a new and exciting kind of jazz.

The band includes Glasper on the piano, Vincente Archer on bass, Chris Dave on drums and Casey Benjamin playing the alto saxophone and vocoder.

Glasper, originally from Houston, puts his artistically versatile abilities up front, which emphasizes the musical experience. “I started my own thing in 2002, and that comes with composition,” Glasper said in an interview with The Revivalist. “You become yourself when you write compositions. Jazz is a mixture of everything, that’s why it’s changed so much. It’s a living and breathing thing.”

His vision for this album was to cater to a different set of fans, opening the ears of others and critics to different genres. He wanted to connect with the jazz sound, rather than take it over.

“I wanted to do a record that showcased the fact that we play with artists in other genres,” said Glasper on his website. “The album has more of an urban, hip-hop, soul kind of vibe, but the spine of it all is still a jazz spine.”

“Ah Yeah,” one track from the album, is a tranquil and thought-provoking song that evokes blissful feelings. “Afro Blue,” featuring Erykah Badu, is an absolutely joyful, soulful song that is filled with beautiful harmonies.

“I want to be like Stevie Wonder or Michael Jackson in everybody’s iPhone,” said Glasper. “I don’t want to just hand it to the jazz cats. I want to hand it to the hip-hop cats, and to the rock cats.”

Listeners will be inspired by the creativity and talent the Experiment has to offer. Black Radio draws from jazz, hip-hop, R&B and rock but refuses to be pinned down by any one tag.

The extraordinary thing about Black Radio is how Glasper was able to pile so many different voices into one great album. There is an impressive list of collaborators on the album: Lalah Hathaway, Shafiq Husayn, Erykah Badu, Musiq Soulchild, Chrettie Michele, KING, Lupe Fiasco, Bilal, Ledisi, Meshell Ndegeocello, Stokley Williams and Yasiin Bey (formerly known as Mos Def) all lend their vocals to Glasper’s songs.

“Everyone just said yes, period, we’ll do it.” said Glasper. “It was smoother than I ever thought it would be to get all these great, amazing artists to come together and do this project.”

Make no mistake: Black Radio is a musical force to be reckoned with. The album will drop on Feb. 28.
Visions: a Grimy mess

Montreal’s Grimes has managed to create one ugly album

By KIMBERLY ROSALES
Staff Writer

“Visions” is a Grimey mess to smash your head through a wall just to get it out of your head. “Genesis,” one of her most popular tracks, sounds like you are experiencing a bad acid trip and has a weird space theme. “Eight” is one of the weirdest tracks on the album that will have listeners asking themselves, “What the hell is this?”

“Visions” is an abysmal effort on Grimes’ part, one that only adds to the ‘haters’ pile that Grimes already has. The only thing that Grimes is known for is her so-called “talent.” Visions is an abysmal musical disaster.

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Getting ready for the end of the world

“Mass Effect 3” is set to arrive in March and is fueling speculation that it may be the most exciting game of 2012

By BRIAN CHIDUHEME
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In “Mass Effect 3,” Earth is in trouble yet again, and how you plan to save the galaxy is greatly influenced by the choices and decisions that you’ve made in the past. Gamers and critics such as GamesRadar have been hailing the franchise as the apex of “video games as a storytelling medium.”

Since the franchise’s birth on the Xbox 360 in 2007, “Mass Effect” effectively chronicled the story of Commander Shepard and his role in leading an intergalactic struggle against a race of extraterrestrial machines known as the Reapers.

At the same time, developers BioWare rewarded gamers with the ability to customize Commander Shepard at will. “Mass Effect” also serves as an introduction to what’s possible for the future of storytelling in video games, such as richly detailed and lifelike characters and an expansive storyline that alludes to “Star Trek” by boldly going where no other games have gone before.

In this final chapter, the decisions your character made in the past games “Mass Effect” and “Mass Effect 2” will come full circle, along with your teammates’ fates. The demo that was released on Valentine’s Day gave players a glimpse of both the amount of improvements and overhauls made to each of the game’s highest points, from the series effective use of the Unreal Engine 3 to a greater emphasis on combat or a direct focus on storytelling. It is highly recommended for the player to experience the game on role-playing mode to partake in the full “Mass Effect” experience.

The game will also include a co-op similar to the Horde mode in “Gears of War” called “Galaxy At War,” which allows four players to fight alongside one another in missions that will play a role in influencing the single-player campaign.

While no characters from the campaign will be featured in the multiplayer, “Mass Effect 3” is not as much concerned about Commander Shepard more than the game is concerned about the bigger picture and how both the player and his teammates will react while taking arms against the Reapers.

The game’s focus on making combat more refined and accessible to players may not be as obvious to long-time franchise fans, but will show within the diversity of each battle.

What shows this diversity is that enemies will act more like a team by supporting each other in units, stressing the importance of the game’s revamped cover system. If the game is played on Hardcore mode, note that taking cover during battle is recommended.

The decision for BioWare to set “Mass Effect 3” after the ‘Arrival’ downloadable content pack in “Mass Effect 2” provides an obvious hint that there will be a huge amount of extra content that will be released as downloads. These downloads will enhance both the campaign and multiplayer experiences players will undertake in their quest to save the galaxy.

If “Halo 3” claimed to show players “the way the world ends,” “Mass Effect 3” will allow players to dictate the way the galaxy ends. “Mass Effect 3” will be released on March 6.
Five films that are guaranteed to enthrall film fans

By MONIQUE CLARKE
Staff Writer

This spring, forget the winter and head out to see some of the upcoming films you are dying to see.

“Project X,” “21 Jump Street,” “The Hunger Games,” “The Lucky One,” and “The Avengers,” are just some of the titles movie lovers are talking about.

If you’re planning to throw a party for spring break, take some party tips from the movie “Project X,” which lands in theaters March 5.

The comedy follows three high school seniors who decide the best way to make a name for themselves is to throw a wild party. It completely spirals out of control, becoming the biggest party ever that no-party.

If you don’t think “Project X” can’t top “Superbad,” just watch “Superbad” star Jonah Hill in the upcoming movie “21 Jump Street.”

Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum are cops who are assigned to go undercover as high school students in order to find a drug dealer that has taken grip of the streets.

The film is based on the ‘80s TV show that launched actor Johnny Depp’s career. Depp will make a cameo appearance in the movie, which is set for a March 16 release.

The week after, “The Hunger Games” will be making it to the big screen on March 23. The film is based on a popular young-adult book series, which is rumored to be following the footsteps of “Harry Potter” and “Twilight” as the next billion-dollar movie franchise.

The highly anticipated movie stars Jennifer Lawrence (“Winter’s Bone”) as Katniss Everdeen, Josh Hutcherson (“The Kids Are All Right”) as Peeta Mellark, and Liam Hemsworth (“The Last Song”) as Gale Hawthorne are all featured in this full-length film.

The story is set in a distant and dystopian future where one boy and girl from 12 districts are selected to compete in an annually televised competition, where the selected teenagers fight to the death on live television for entertainment.

Katniss volunteers to compete in the competition as a replacement for her younger sister. The film follows her journey and fight to live.

Fans of best-selling author, Nicholas Sparks, will be happy to see “The Lucky One” make it to the screen. The film stars Zac Efron as an Iraqi War veteran who returns home to find the mysterious woman who he believed was his ‘lucky charm’ during his tour in Iraq. Marvel fans will be happy to know the long awaited movie “The Avengers” will land into theaters on May 4.

Actors Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr. and Chris Hemsworth will be returning to their role as Captain America, Iron Man and Thor. Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye and Mark Ruffalo as the Hulk will be new and exciting additions to the superhero elite.

Everyone’s favorite superheroes are back to team up and fight super villain Loki, and his out-of-this-world army from taking over the Earth.

Choosing from drama, comedy or action, this upcoming movie season should hold up any movie lover’s attention before summer blockbusters come along.

fun. puts the ‘fun’ in fun

By KIMBERLY ROSALES
Staff Writer

fun. brings a new sound to indie alternative with the release of their second album, Some Nights.

fun.’s popularity grew when “We Are Young” was featured in a Super Bowl commercial for the new Chevy Sonic and on the hit TV show, “Glee.”

fun. was then launched into the mainstream, leaving the band plenty excited about the possibilities.

“That’s just one of the coolest things that could possibly have happened,” said guitarist Andrew Dost in an interview with Seattle Post Intelligencer.

The New York-based band is comprised of founder and lead singer Nate Ruess, multi-instrumentalist Andrew Dost and Jack Antonoff on guitar.

All three of the band’s current members were former members of different bands: The Format, Anathallo and Steel Train.

fun.’s lighthearted pop-rock sound nails an airy and delightful vibe without being too dramatic or using melodies that are overdue.

Since 2010, fun. has been the open act for various popular alternative rock groups such as Jack’s Mannequin, Paramore and Panic! At The Disco.

The majority of the album’s tracks are more geared at empowerment towards life, which is evident in songs such as “Carry On” and “It Gets Better.”

The next track, “Some Nights,” which the album is titled after, is reminiscent of Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody.”

Nate Ruess’s vocals have the same high-pitched tone as Freddie Mercury’s, but with a modernized twist that works well.

The album is more inspirational as opposed to the usual heartache many artists whine about nowadays.

“Tonight/ we are young/ so let’s set the world on fire/ we can burn brighter/ than the sun,” sings Ruess, proving “We Are Young” as a feel good track.

The opening track “Some Nights (Intro)” features a slow, melodic lead that paints a picture of a fun house carnival in the listener’s mind.

Some Nights is far more synthesized and auto-tuned than Aim and Ignite, but not too heavily.

Producer Jeff Bhasker, who is famed for his work in the hip-hop genre, worked a unique dynamic into the band leaving the record true to form.

fun. shows great promise at such an early yet crucial stage in their career, and with vibrant collaborations and masterful lyrics, they are sure to be successful in the music world.

The CSUSB MARC Program (Minority Access to Research Careers) is seeking excellent undergraduate students who plan to continue their academic careers and gain a Ph.D. in research-based disciplines that have relevance to health such as psychology, biology, chemistry, etc.

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The second half of the season has been an up and down roller coaster for men’s basketball. Peaking with moments like head coach Jeff Oliver’s 200th victory, Kwame Alexander breaking backboards and leaping over opposing players for slam dunks that led to him becoming a YouTube sensation, to more importantly hanging around the top of the conference for most of the season. However, there have been just as many lows this year for a program that has established itself annually as part of the elite in the CCAA.

Some of those lows included a rough weekend on the road in which the Coyotes lost back-to-back games for the second time this season. Such a disappointment hadn’t happened in any previous season under Oliver’s tenure. The back-to-back losses increased their losing streak to three games, which also had never happened in the previous 10 seasons. What makes it so frustrating is the two most recent losses have come against two teams who have struggled mightily this season. On Feb. 17, the Coyotes traveled to Cal State East Bay and faltered late in a 74-72 loss. Three-point defense, which has been an issue for the Coyotes at times this season, haunted them again as they were outscored from the perimeter 36-15 by the Pioneers. The Coyotes were up by three with 5:27 left in the second half but the Pioneers fought back, and had CSUSB chasing them by the final minute. CSUSB had the ball down by two with 14 seconds remaining. A three-point attempt by Nate Roth was off and a missed put-back by Theron Laudermill ended the game. Typically, the Coyotes are strong closers as it was only the second time they lost when leading with five minutes left in the game. In the loss, Laudermill had a strong performance with 25 points and 10 rebounds for his eighth double-double.

The next night, CSUSB traveled to Cal State Monterey Bay to face a team that had lost 18 consecutive games dating back to December of 2011. What was expected to be a fairly easy victory ended up being a lackluster 72-66 loss. The Coyotes made just 14 field goals and basically stayed in the game thanks to 32 free throws. Laudermill led the Coyotes in scoring with 22 points and sinking 14 of 16 free throws. Alexander added 13 points and 13 rebounds for his fifth double-double. The two losses dropped the Coyotes record to 13-10 overall and 12-8 in the CCAA.

The Coyotes were able to bounce back last Wednesday against Sonoma State, however, as they defeated the Seawolves, 77-70. Senior forward, Tre’ Brewer scored a career-high 28 points, 15 of which came from beyond the arc. Brewer was 9-of-18 from the floor and 5-of-11 from the three-point stripe. His 28 points are the most for a Coyote since March 7, 2009, when Brandon Brown scored 34 according to csusbathletics.com.

The regular season concluded last Friday night as the Coyotes took on the Humboldt State Lumberjacks. The next challenge for the Coyotes will be the CCAA Tournament which begins on Tuesday. We wish them the best of luck.
**Sports**

**Coyotes would pack a punch by packing Coussoulis Arena**

By ZION GUILLODY  
Staff Writer

Crowd participation is arguably an essential part to any performance, regardless of the event. But the real question is, just how effective is the crowd participation for the performers? Could there be a level of intimacy that is felt between the performer and the crowd? It is usually very easy to realize whether or not the crowd is feeling what is being presented to them. When a team is playing an away game, there is no surprise that the home crowd will definitely try to distract those unfamiliar players through means of chants or boos.

Many present and past CSUSB student athletes believe that strong crowd participation makes a difference. “It greatly helps because when the crowd is into the game cheering you on, it gives you confidence to play better,” said CSUSB basketball star Kwame Alexander. Former basketball player Aaron Hill shared a similar point of view. “I think the crowd helps our team tremendously with our home games. Some games we start off flat in which the crowd’s energy affects our play and gives us a better vibe and energy to play better.”

“Sometimes I feel like I don’t want to let the crowd down, especially when they are showing us love.”

“There is a definite connection between the performers and the crowd that is sparked the very second the show begins. It is safe to assume that the interaction between the two can ultimately steer the direction of the event, determining its success or failure.”

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**This week in Sports History:**

**February 27, 1987**
NCAA cancels Southern Methodist University’s entire 1987 football schedule for gross violations of NCAA rules regarding athletic corruption

**February 28, 1967**
Wilt Chamberlain sinks NBA record 35th consecutive field goal

**March 1, 1988**
Wayne Gretzky passes Gordie Howe with his record 1,050th NHL assist

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**Coyote Jock Talk**

Check out the Coyote Jock Talk Blog

This week: Lakers vs. Clippers battle for Los Angeles’ top spot.

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**SPORTS TRIVIA**

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

How many CCAA titles has CSUSB’s women’s basketball program won?

Answer to last week’s question:

Boston Bruins, 1929-30 and Philadelphia Flyers, 1976
**Women's basketball upsets Monterey Bay Otters**

By SYNEESE WALTER

Women's basketball split their games over a two-day stretch from Feb. 17-18, losing a tough game and pulling out victorious in an improbable upset.

The last time the Coyotes met the Cal State East Bay Pioneers, they managed to pull away with a hard fought victory. Feb. 17 was a different story as the Coyotes fell short of a victory by six points.

While on a tear as of late, the Coyotes leading scorers Angela Bray and Sophie Smith scored the remaining three points, which helped lead to the eight-point victory over the Lions. Head coach Sarah Reneker was impressed with her team, commenting on the standout performance by goalie Kelsey Purkiss.

“Purkiss has only had two weeks in goal and has done a great job for our team,” said Reneker.

She dominated in the cage, saving eight opposition score attempts.

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“We are evenly matched with Azusa, but we just could not get the win. It was a very good game,” said Reneker.

The ladies had a tough weekend defeating their rivals the Cal State Monterey Bay Otters.

“Two, two, three, Go Yotes!” chanted the CSUSB women's water polo team after capturing their first win over the Vanguard Lions at the Feb. 17 Cal Baptist tournament.

The Coyotes defeated Vanguard 18-10, with contributions from everyone on the squad.

“We should have won by a lot more, but we will take it,” said captain Misty Vu, who scored six goals herself.

Jasmine Duran added three goals of her own, bringing a 5-3 lead at the start of the match.

Durant and Vu were not the only studs throughout the game. Shelby McCliman, Shellee Kocher and Meghan McCarthy each scored two goals.

Vu said she was very impressed with the younger players on the squad.

“The bench players really stepped up. They proved they are ready to play and showed the starters they can always step up their game,” said Vu.

Bench players Kayla Barrow, Georgiana Bray and Sophie Smith scored the remaining three points, which helped lead to the eight-point victory over the Lions.

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Purkiss also continued to impress with five saves in the game during the second day of competition.

Madison Morris followed close with three blocks in the goal.

While winning is still number one, Vu was happy to see their defense step up.

“Our offense will come along,” said Vu.

The team still has a long way to go, as they face rival Cal State Monterey Bay on March 2.

While their season has started off bumpy, this bunch of girls are relentless.

Coach Reneker and Captain Misty Vu will not allow their team to go out without a fight.

The victory, though followed by two losses, is a step in the right direction as the burden to win a game has finally been lifted off their shoulders.

By ALEXANDRA CANNADY

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Squeezing their way into victory

By SPENCER HIRSCH

Jeff Terzo and Kerry Kelley helped keep the Coyotes within striking distance on Feb. 19 against conference opponent Sonoma State University, as they delivered a combined six scoreless innings.

Catcher Eric Dow and shortstop Mike Newell rewarded Terzo’s and Kelley’s stellar performances on the mound, coming through with the game-tying and go-ahead hits in the bottom of the eighth to help lead the Coyotes to a 6-4 come-from-behind victory and 2-2 series split.

Kelley returned to the mound in the top of the ninth to finish off the hard fought comeback, as he struck out two of the final three batters in lieu of recording his first win of the season.

“I was out there to put up zeros. I felt like all my pitches were on today. I feel like I had total command,” said Kelley.

Terzo faced a minor bump in the road in the top of the fifth, as the Seawolves advanced two runners into scoring position with two outs.

The next Seawolf was retired however, grounding out to second to end the threat.

“That guy is not going to score no matter what it takes. It’s like a game between you and the batter. You are going to do whatever you have to do to get him out,” said Terzo.

Coyotes’ head coach Don Parnell believes the comeback was made possible by Terzo and Kelley.

The Coyote offense was sparked by Alex Gutierrez’s pinch-hit single in the bottom of the eighth to put runners on first and third with no outs.

Newell believes it was Gutierrez’s hit that fired the team up.

“We really feed off of each other,” said Newell.

Gutierrez advanced to second on Josh Herrera’s sac bunt.

With both runners in scoring position and less than two outs, the stage was set for Dow to tie the game.

With one swing of the bat, all the momentum shifted to the Coyotes, as he ripped a single up the middle to tie the game.

“I got a fastball up and just tried to stay short and compact with my swing. It felt really good to contribute and help the team out today,” said Dow.

Dow advanced to third on a balk and wild pitch, which gave Newell an opportunity to give the ‘Yotes the lead.

Newell cashed in on the opportunity on a 3-2 count, executing the squeeze bunt to perfection to bring Dow home with the go-ahead run.

“I knew I had it in me to put that squeeze down,” said Newell.

Softball comes alive in weekend series

By BRITNEY CARTER

The CSUSB softball team had a successful stint last weekend against San Francisco State with wins of 11-1 and 7-6.

It is no secret that the Lady Coyotes had a rocky start in the beginning of the season with a few rough games as they gave up quite a few runs, which resulted in losses.

“We lose focus,” said head coach Tacy Duncan. “We think about getting the second out before we get the first. We’re one step ahead of ourselves.”

Although this has poorly affected them, the Lady ‘Yotes are confident they have nowhere to go but up.

“Every game we are going to get better and build,” said Duncan. “We just have a lot of little things to work on.”

By “little things” she means perfecting techniques such as communication among players, batting techniques and making sure overall that each player knows where they are supposed to be.

The most critical improvement needs to be offensive technique that rapidly need-ed improvement in order to win more.

“The key to winning games is hitting the ball on the ground,” said Duncan. “Our runners are quick, so half of the battle is already won.”

Players understand the necessity to improve in the batter’s box.

“I needed help with my batting,” said outfielder Jamie Leffingwell.

“I was struggling the whole weekend.”

Despite her struggles, Leffingwell was able to hit a home run, lifting the Coyotes’ spirits to finish the game.

Leffingwell says she could not have done it without the support of her teammates, who helped her perfect her technique as well as cheered her on throughout the game.

While hitting the ball on the ground is a point of emphasis offensively, fielding ground balls is a minor hiccup that Duncan hopes to see improved upon.

After a rigorous week of practicing, along with leftover adrenaline from their outstanding performance last week, the ‘Yotes are more than confident that they will be able to bypass this setback.

Duncan is positive that if the team can continue to polish their routines and work on fielding ground balls, the Coyotes should achieve a successful season.