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CSUSM students’ schedules will be capped at 17 units when enrolling in Fall 2012, unless they are willing to pay $700 for an additional four unit class. CSUSM is not alone as the CSU system issued a memo in early March that they will regulate a unit limit for all 23 universities. A memo issued in early March that for an additional four unit class, many CSU campuses have seen the toll the lack of funding have taken on their budget and CSU students have seen tuition continuously rising. With the budget crisis, CSUSM students for the 2012-2013 academic year will see a 9.1 percent increase in tuition. CSUSM students who plan to take 0-6 units next fall will pay about $128 more and those planning to take six or more units will be paying about $198 more than this current academic year, according to the CSUSM Bursar website. CSUSM students like Ashley Buchanan see this shortage as a setback.

“My problem with this change is that I am already on budget, and if I want to keep my goal to graduate on time I will have to pay more. I do not think it is right that students have to pay the price. I think that the state should help more,” said Buchanan. Fellow student Lauren Flynn expressed her worries about this issue. “I think there are other ways to help Continued on Pg. 3

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CSU top executives reported false information to the public about their salary information, according to a press release sent out by the office of California Senator Leland Yee. “If they were honest from the get-go we would really know how much debt we are in,” said student Esmeralda Acosta. “They should be helping us out instead of doing things for their own personal benefit,” said student Esmeralda Acosta.

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Executive Keigman sent out the press release May 12 to inform students, faculty and staff about these events. “It goes to show that if we thought it was bad before, it’s even worse now and it’s a testament to leaders of the CSU System,” stated Keigman. There are doubts among students, faculty and staff as to where that extra unreported money is going. “We spend way more time with professors, to know them and create relationships but we never get to see the executives. Professors don’t get paid what they deserve,” said Gonzalez. Top executives have worked their way up the ladder and are now in charge of education institutions, but they are no longer on the floor with the students, which can create an organizational barrier with the students. “Senator Yee will continue to monitor and provide oversight on this situation with upcoming bills,” said Keigman.

Instagram grad photo contest

The CSUSB Office of Public Affairs is putting on an Instagram (graduation photo) contest open to all CSUSB students. The grand prize winner receives an 8GB iPod Nano. Students will have a chance to showcase their creative skills through the lens while capturing graduation themed photos.

Alan Van Fleet and Lauren Morris of Public Affairs expressed that their main focus is to build a stronger campus community.

With social media being the center of attention for most young adults these days, Instagram seemed like the perfect route for this contest.

“I’m tired of the term commuter school or classified being the stereotype of CSUSB. We wanted to get away from that and find a way to get the students involved,” said Van Fleet. “It’s not about what but how: how the students approach this, how they capture the images through the lens and how creative they can be with their pictures,” he continued.

Students will take pictures of any of the various graduation ceremonies, graduates getting prepared for graduation (doing their hair, finishing their suits, adjusting their hat, etc.), or students with their cap and gowns; any graduation themed shot is deemed eligible. However, a student is limited to one win. Students are more than welcome to upload as many photos as they would like to Instagram and must send their submissions to @CSUSB (on Instagram). All photos must contain #csusbgrad, #june2012 and #csusb hashtags to Continued on Pg. 3

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Reed retires after 14 years

By NIN GARCIA
Staff Writer

Chancellor Charles B. Reed announced Thursday he is retiring after 14 years of leading the CSU system.

“Throughout my time here, the CSU has grown by more than 100,000 students, and I have been honored to sign more than a million diplomas. I take great pride in the CSU’s mission to serve California’s students, and I am proud to have played a role in carrying out that mission during these critical years,” said Reed in a press release cited by the Contra Costa Times.

CSU Board Chair Bob Linscheid commended Reed for his ability to handle the “enormous job” of serving as chancellor for the 23-campus system.

“Charlie has persevered through the worst budget crisis in the history of California, and has had to deal with deep budget cuts to the CSU. He has a deep desire to do what is best for students,” said Linscheid in the release.

According to calstate.edu, since being under Chancellor Reed’s leadership, the CSU has pursued strategies to serve more students from minority groups who come from homes where English is not spoken or who are the first in their families to attend college.

The CSU system now works closely with community organizations to assist Latino, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American students and parents, as well as veterans to attend the college.

Calstate.edu cites that over the past four years, Reed has had to manage severe state budget cuts to the CSU totaling more than $1 billion while addressing increased enrollment demand.

During Reed’s tenure, the CSU system has grown by 100,000 students to a current total of 427,000 and has added the Channel Islands campus in Camarillo, CA.

Reed has also worked to pass a state law that allows community college students to transfer to the CSU once they have completed 60 units.

The transfer degree law, which was passed in 2010, is expected to save millions of dollars and enable colleges and the CSU to serve 54,000 more students.

“Charlie Reed is an outstanding leader in American higher education. He has left an indelible imprint upon CSU,” said California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott in the release.

According to the Press-Telegram, Reed was the target of criticism over student tuition hikes and presidential salary increases while also facing critique for his own salary of $421,500 plus $30,000 annually from the CSU Foundation.

In response to the news of Reed’s retirement, the California Faculty Association (CFA) said it hopes Reed’s retirement will bring a new era of better relations between faculty, students and administrators.

“The CSU has seen devastating budget cuts, and students have borne much of the burden. Student fees have more than quadrupled since 2002. This ‘changing of the guard’ provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the direction of the CSU, and to improve the quality of education at the nation’s largest university system,” said the CFA.
Stressed students would benefit from massage bed

By SHANEKA PERRIER Staff Writer

Are you feeling stressed and want to relax? Well, head on down to the Student Fitness and Recreational Center and see where your future massage bed will be.

The Recreation Committee is having a board of directors meeting to discuss whether or not they should make an addition to the SFRC, a state of the art Hydro Massage Bed.

The public affairs office is handing out surveys to get the students’ perspective on whether or not it is a good idea.

For the school to consider my position as a student shows that CSUSB students’ opinions are valued.

Initially I was against it. However, after researching the possibility of it, I’m for it.

With the state continuing to implement budget cuts, teachers getting laid off and certain programs being closed down, there is a financial concern when the SFRC is considering buying new equipment.

You might be asking where they are getting the funds from? Hopefully not out of your tuition, right?

No need to panic. The funds are from a reserved student funding account that provides services on the student’s behalf.

“The funds to pay for the machine are from a student account, to provide for the students,” said Rick Craig, a member of the board of directors.

The Hydro Massage Bed is equivalent to two treadmills. According to Aquamed.com, the hydro massage beds generally cost somewhere around $19,900 each.

This addition, if there’s a surplus, the massage bed would actually bring revenue to our school.

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The Rec Center has spent $2,000 alone in accommodating free massages to students, not to mention the enormous line that follows behind.

This massage bed is in the advantage of the student. “It is an additional service to reduce stress while attending school,” said Craig.

“Wow, we want it!” said CSUSB students Jane Celera and Alyssa Pamintuan when asked how they felt about the possible purchase of a new massage bed.

“We would never raise tuition for just a massage table. That would be very stupid. [We’re] just trying to assist students as they are getting their degree,” said Craig.

There is a need for massages here at CSUSB; pressed signals come, I don’t know about you, but I’m stressed out to the max and I could use a good massage.

No need to panic. The Rec Center is open seven days a week whereas the Body Shoppe is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 12-4 p.m.

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Obama's birth control mandate is fair

By SARA NYDAM Staff Writer

Catholic Institutions claimed the country filed a lawsuit on May 20 against President Obama’s controversial birth control mandate that will require all employers to provide birth control coverage through their health insurance benefits. The federal lawsuit argues that Obama’s mandate violates religious freedom by requiring religiously affiliated institutions to provide birth control to their employees.

I believe that the Obama administration is being quite fair in its implementation of this mandate which is in the best interest of everyone. “The original rule generally allowed churches and other houses of worship to opt out, but kept the requirement in place for religiously affiliated non-profits, including hospitals, colleges and charities,” reports the Huffington Post.

While I can see that churches should not be required to provide no-cost birth control, I strongly believe that the religiously affiliated colleges and hospitals should provide this insurance coverage to their employees regardless of their beliefs.

The issue here is that many religious institutions hire people who do not share their beliefs against birth control. The fact is that many colleges and hospitals employ and provide services to non-religious people. These people should have access to all the benefits of health insurance, including no-cost birth control despite the mandate’s implementation. I believe that the religiously affiliated non-profit sector, including hospitals, colleges and charities, should be forced to comply with the mandate.

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Women should receive equal pay

America, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. As a son to be the best I would hope that I wouldn’t be paid less than a man doing the same work but I’m sure my future employer won’t inform me of that type of discrimination within the workplace.

I believe women get paid less than men because we live in a male dominated society. Women in our society are seen as caregivers and homemakers instead of breadwinners in the home. Honestly, I believe that a woman should be paid more seeing as though they have more than one responsibility in the household according to society.

Also a lot more women are taking care of their homes and children on their own without any male help, so if less money is coming in it could make or break a single mom.

“She is a single mother and her children depend on me to provide for them, and because I’m a woman it’s a fact that I may get less pay than a man doing the same job, so how do I tell my son that?” said student Brianna Pierce.

California has the smallest wage gap than other states in the US, according to Forbes. I live in California but the fact that there is a wage gap, no matter the size, still bothers me. Instead of the gap being smaller in some states and larger in others it shouldn’t exist at all.

Women should take a stand if they know that they are being paid less than a man doing the same work, especially in the corporate world.

It’s known that the biggest pay gap between men and women is in corporate America according to Forbes. Apparently it isn’t good enough that it’s already against the law for a woman to be discriminated against in the workplace.

Let’s take it a step further and keep pushing for laws to be passed until this stops completely.

Recently Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, Democrat of Maryland, along with other female senators have been advocating the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act. This act “would require employers to demonstrate that wage gaps between men and women doing the same work have a business justification,” according to the NY Times.

By passing legislation like this we can get even closer to making sure men and women are paid fairly and equally.

I believe that if women keep trying to get the government involved in the situation, the better the outcome will be. Gender discrimination sometimes can be taken seriously and I think that it’s time that the government ends it.

Women should be able to push for their rights to be recognized and treated fairly by the government as well as in the workplace.

We have to continue to stress to the government how important it is for men and women to be equal in all aspects of life.
Chevy, ready to sniff out explosives

By KIM DAILEY
Staff Writer

CSUSB’s Criminal Justice Club helps support and fund Chevy, our very own explosive detection dog here on campus. The Criminal Justice Club helped raise $850 by selling chocolates and club T-shirts to buy supplies for Chevy. Chevy is an almost 3-year-old German Shepherd that came to CSUSB last October and became a part of the campus police department with Officer Helen Skaggs as his partner.

“Chevy was purchased off grants and donations, which Officer Skaggs did a lot of fundraising herself,” said president of the Criminal Justice Club, Josue Garcia. Chevy still needs the materials supplies such as a vest, special leash and dog food.

The Criminal Justice Club is working on making their fundraiser an annual event to help raise money for Chevy. Officer Skaggs will need to purchase a muzzle for Chevy and would like to have a back up fund for normal and emergency trips to the vet if he were ever to get hurt on duty.

Chevy is from Little Rock, Arkansas where he was purchased by a couple as a house pet but they took him back due to his hyperactive behavior, which is the strongest characteristic when looking for potential explosive detection dog to train. Skaggs and Chevy were not trained in explosive detection. They had to learn and train together to pass their Police Officer Standard Trained (P.O.S.T.) Certification, which they passed on March 16. “Passing the test allows them to not only protect our school but be used by local outside agencies,” said Skaggs.

CSUSB and Skaggs thought bringing an explosive detection dog to our campus was a good idea due to the increasing of terrorist attacks over the years and having so many students on campus at one time.

“A higher sense of security will be with those who are on campus in an emergency or otherwise. The dog will provide extra protection in keeping everyone safe,” said student Christian Bogh.

“Chevy is one of four explosive detection dogs in San Bernardino County and is trained in detecting nine different scents now, and could potentially go up to 12-15 scents,” said Skaggs.

A normal day for Skaggs and Chevy is to work a 10-hour shift on campus and respond to on or off-campus emergencies. Skaggs points out they practice working on obedience and Chevy’s nine scents daily.

Chevy knows when he is put on his special leash it means “work time.” The K-9 treats explosive detecting as a game. When given the commands to find the scent, he will sit down next to it. That signals to Skaggs he found it and is waiting for his reward, a toy, which is a basket woven stick.

“I think it is good for taking precautions against events we can not control and having Chevy around is a great thing for our school and our community,” says student Noel Scannella.

If anyone would like to help the club with funds towards Chevy’s future, please contact the Criminal Justice Club Advisor Dr. Parsons at parson@calsu.edu or President Josue Garcia at jossergarcia@yahoo.com.

Features
Veterans Memorial Day tribute

By DESIRAE CONTRERAS
Staff Writer

In their honor, CSUSB acknowledged our veterans from May 18-25 in preparation of Memorial Day weekend.

On May 25, the Veterans Success Center (VSC) celebrated their grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony behind the flag poles located in front of campus.

“The ceremony is very important because with the death of our former Coyote, Lt. Alejo Thompson, we have [numbers] of service members in harm’s way and we want them to know that the Coyote family is thinking about them and that we do hope for [their] speedy returns and that they're always acknowledged here by the CSUSB family,” said Veterans Success Center coordinator, Marci Daniels.

The ceremony was open to the public and free parking was available in Lot C. The ceremony began at 10 a.m. with an opening Memorial Day commencement sponsored by the CSUSB Student Veterans Organization. It was followed by a bagpipe performance by the Upland Highland Regimen- tal Band, a presentation of the colors by CSUSB Army and Air Force ROTC color guard, the pledge of allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem [by Denise Tillman,] according to the Highland Community News.

A dedication to our fallen soldier, Lt. Thompson was presented by Vice-President of Student Affairs Frank L. Ricon and a moment of reflection and prayer was followed by Chaplain Richard C. Hettish of the U.S. Navy.

In addition, a 21-Gun salute and Taps were presented by the VFW Post 6476 Colton, Calif. Honor Guard in memory of our fallen soldiers.

Col. Pinkerton of Fort Irwin, Col. Peterson of 29 Palms and Col. Le Blanc of the March Air Force Reserve Base were in attendance to speak to students and represent their separate military branches.

Chaplain Hettish shared with the crowd the importance of the Veterans Success Center as a place where service men returning home and on campus can study, find peace, learn and share about their experiences in a welcoming and loving environment.

Memorial Day is a symbolic remembrance of those who are free in America and the idea that we may have peace and serenity in a world where we have those service men allowing us to live free. Meanwhile, they risk their lives everyday for our safety and the safety of those they do not know.

During the ceremony, the U.S. Air Force 163rd Reconnaissance Wing, U.S. Army 189th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), U.S. Coast Guard Port Security Unit 311, U.S. Marine Corps 4th Tank Battalion and California National Guard 1-185th Armor Battalion reserve units were honored for their dedication and selfless service to the Inland Empire.

In addition, the Service Veterans Office presented a banner signed by students on campus in appreciation to the local National Guard Reserve Units.

“It is a joy and great sight to see CSUSB showcasing Armed Forces Awareness Week so prominently because it makes me proud of my brother who has been serving in the army for seven years,” said student Jacob Montanier. “I can’t wait for him to get back home and my heart goes out to him for standing strong with courage to go out and fight for our country. I know that I can sleep peacefully at night knowing he [is] fighting to make things right so we all may sleep safe in our beds and homes.”

The ceremony concluded with a ribbon-cutting ceremony behind the VSC celebrating their grand opening.
Food trucks offer alternative menus

By ANGELA E. RODRIGUEZ Staff Writer

Food trucks offering scrumptious authentic food visit CSUSB’s hungry students. This is the first time this year that our campus will enjoy new visits from different lunch food vendors. Finally, there is an alternative to Sodexo.

Students now have the chance to munch on crunchy tacos and exquisite sa-vory crepes. From May 17 until June 7, the campus will feature a specialty food truck every Tuesday and Thursday in front of the Coyote Bookstore from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will have the chance to experience foods ranging from Korean spicy chicken tacos to delicious "Hazleberry-Ana" crepes made with fresh sliced strawberries, banana and Nutella. Many students coming from their late morning classes were surprised by the Brats Berlin authentic German food truck’s hipster graffiti design logo.

Students were drawn to the food truck’s bright neon colors and different designs. Twice a year the Brats Berlin food truck is painted with a new design with a personalized unique look by a new local artist.

Brats Berlin serves authentic German food and offers different types of classic, exotic sausages served with fresh cut Belgian fries.

For college students on a budget, these prices are very economical. Calbi Fusion Tacos and Burritos food truck was on campus May 24. The truck attracted customers whether they were students walking to class or campus employees taking a short break for the Calbi burrito.

“I’ve never seen these trucks on campus until today and I think it is a great idea to have something different to eat on campus. I mean, yeah we do have a good vari-ety here but you got to admit this burrito does look delicious,” said student Jennifer Coronado.

The Calbi’s truck menu has decent prices—beverages sell for $1.50 and meals start at $5.

“Always being on the go I never have time to get ‘good food’ I usually get chips or soda because it’s cheap but the blue lemon-ade soda is like the same price and worth my few steps to the food truck,” said stu-dent Mario Castro.

As the quarter is gradually coming to an end many students are focused on ac-finishing their finals, sometimes ignoring their desire for certain foods. “These past two weeks have been crazy with all the group projects and exams now that finals week is coming up. I’m to the point that I don’t pay attention to what I’m eating anymore. I just always nice to get something special,” said student Karla Alvizo.

For many, these food trucks are conve-niently located closer to classes so students aren’t forced to walk across campus.

Whether you are thirsty for a chilled soda or just want some Belgium fries to munch on, you will find what you are crav-ing on these coming Tuesdays and Thurs-days.

“If we have the ingredients, we’ll make it”

By GABBIE CORRAL Staff Writer

The secret is out about local restaurants’ secret menus and the hidden items they have to offer. Inland Empire residents, especially students, are always looking for new and exciting things to try at franchises. However, their menus begin to look redundant across town which leaves students desiring something different. Well, look no further students. Secret menus are popping up everywhere across Southern California. “My favorite thing to order from Del Taco is actually not even on the menu,” said alumnus Jon Frisch.

Frisch’s quick pick-me-up food item is called a “bold burrito,” or more commonly known throughout the area as “the stoner burrito.” It is a regular ninety-nine cent bean and cheese burrito but additionally infused with Del Taco’s famous crinkle cut french fries and creamy sour cream, giving it a more filling consistency. “I like it because it’s still cheap but keeps me full longer,” said Todd Seckrater, a San Ber-dnardino County resident, as he bit into the stuffed burrito.

Places like In-N-Out are known for their secret menu, causing its secrecy to deplete over the years. Food items like the Flying Dutchman, protein-style burg-ers and animal style fries are so commonly ordered that customers begin to wonder, “why not just put it on the menu?”

“In-N-Out Burger is the main secret menu I know about,” said student Justin Belicki when asked what secret menus he was aware of in the area.

Big restaurant chains hesi-tate to put items like these on their menus for two reasons: the exclusivity is lost and so is the nutritional value. It is for this reason that res-taurants choose to offer special items indirectly. Specialty beverage chains like Starbucks or Jamba Juice do not promote their few hidden items for different reasons. If you are a regular at Star-bucks, you are probably familiar with their cup sizes. Most people do not know that a cup smaller than the Tall (12 ounces) is offered for those who order a classic cup of coffee.

This cup size is called the Short and is a mere 8 ounces but is perfect for customers who think a Tall is just too much. It is nearly 30 cents cheaper.

“I thought that cup size was only for kids’ hot chocolate!” said Inland Empire local and Starbucks regular Lauren Van Hassel when asked if she knew about Starbucks’ Short size.

Jamba Juice’s candy-in-spired drinks, like the Starburst and Gummy Bear, have been confirmed with the company’s headquarters but are not promot-ed due to their unhealthy ingre-dients that contradict the com-pany’s healthy market.

Other franchises like Dairy Queen, Chipotle and Taco Bell offer their consumers a policy stating “if we have the ingredi-ents, we’ll make it for you.”

Many people are unaware that any mixture of ingredients that these restaurants have can be combined to make new, unique creation of your choosing.

More and more restaurants are coming up with secret menus that offer customers a wider va-riety of products to choose from. They are counting on us to dis-cover them and spread the word.

Veterans celebrate courage and patriotism

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Synthia St. James brings creativity to CSUSB

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CSUSB students got a glimpse into the creative world of Synthia St. James Thursday May 24 at the Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art.

"Living My Dream: A Conversation with the Artist Synthia Saint James" was an intimate setting of chairs filled with enthusiastic audience members ready to hear the inspirational words of St. James.

The world-renowned artist, author, illustrator and public speaker visited the campus to talk about her art and particularly her new book, “Living My Dream: An Artistic Approach to Marketing.”

The event was not a stern lecture, instead St. James created the humble atmosphere of a casual gathering. "I'm just Synthia," she said.

St. James shared her knowledge about the road to success and told candid stories with inspirational words.

The band created the image of rock 'n' roll with powerful vocals and an upright piano.

The Walkmen have returned to top form with their newest album, Heaven. The album is set to hit record stores June 5.

At first glance, when running through the track list of the album, it is easy to spot the lush sound of this album creates rock anthems with a range of vocals.

"Heaven" is a highly anticipated album and the band shared their excitement on their blog.

"Hi everyone. Our album is finally done and we're thrilled with it. We can't wait to get it out there," stated the band.

"We Can't Be Beat." The Walkmen isn’t new to the music scene, but their sixth album Bows + Arrows that received positive responses and praise. The band was formed in 2000, it was their second album that compliments the guitar, a steady tambourine and drums to the opening song "We Can’t Be Beat.”

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"Witch" are rock balle, drum and piano. Fox series "The O.C."

The indie rock band from New York City and Philadelphia has created a strong state of nirvana with a vintage edge.

The lead singer, Hamilton Leithauser, may not be as young as he used to be, but his youth shines through his vocals and it isn’t stopping him from creating kick ass music with his band.

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Regina Skeptor sings from the heart

By MANAL MUSEITEF
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Regina Spektor has let her heart speak for the first time in three years with her refreshing new studio album What We Saw From the Cheap Seats.

The quaint Russian-American singer-songwriter and pianist now carves six successful LPs under her belt since her debut in 2001. In every one of her albums, Spektor pours her heart into her lyrics while incorporating various styles of vocal pitches and harmonies.

The album starts with deep minor-key vocals in “Small Town Moon,” in which Spektor sings of the harsh reality that can hit a girl once she’s left her small town life behind.

She gets playful in “Oh Marcello” with a comical Italian accent and reframed version of Nina Simone’s classic “Don’t Let Me Be Misunderstood.” Spektor’s vocal range is clearly unveiled in the catchy tune along with some cool amateur beat-boxing towards the end.

“Don’t Leave Me (Ne Me Quitte Pas),” offers a new version of an original (from her album Songs in 2002) with a fun French chorus line that translates to: “Do not leave me dear, do not leave me my dear.”

Two songs that held their ground the most on the 11-track album are the hauntingly chilling “How” and “Firewood.” “How” begins with a flat, yet deep piano key and then within 17 seconds the words hit you like a brick wall.

She sings, “How can I forget your love? How can I never see you again? There is a time and place/For one more sweet embrace/It’s everyone’s typical love story, a cruel reminder that/Time can come and wash away the pain.”

In the eerie lyrics from “Firewood,” Spektor illustrates the experiences of losing a beloved to an illness.

The lyrics “Love what you have and you’ll have more love/You’re not dying/Everyone knows you’re going to live/Though there’s still no cure for crying” are sung over a riveting piano arrangement.

She uses the phrase “The piano is not firewood yet” to symbolize that some struggles in life should not go without an effort to overcome.

Overall, the album encourages a fun, playful feel in addition to its emphasis on grace fully moving lyrics.

Spektor finds a way to give simple words complex meanings. In tracks like “Firewood” and “Jes-sica,” listeners have complete control over the underlying messages in the songs, as each person is free to develop their own interpretation of each unique song.

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Sacha Baron Cohen is back with his unique brand of hilarious satire in his new film “The Dictator.”

The film was hilarious from beginning to end with the typical stereotyped jokes about different races. The movie focused on satirizing political views, rather than religious views.

Admiral General Aladdin (Baron Cohen) is an oppressive dictator that is the ruler of an oil-rich North African nation, the fictional “Wadiya,” who is seen trying to militarize under the United Nations nose. After the UN becomes suspicious, he is then in need of a visit to New York to make a speech to the UN.

After Aladdin’s uncle (Sir Ben Kingsley) kidnap’s and replaces him with an impostor, Aladdin is left wandering in the streets of New York, trying to find some way to reclaim his place before his beloved Wadiya becomes a democracy.

Aladdin then ends up finding himself working at a vegan feminist store run by Zoya (Anna Faris) who is pro-democracy. Although the two are completely opposite and have different beliefs, they somehow end up bonding.

The soundtrack of the movie was funny, good and interestingly put together. They used some of today’s well-known hip-hop music and replaced the original rappers with Arabic imposters. The music definitely added flavor to the movie.

The soundtrack features two tracks from the original score (SCORE?) byErran Baron Cohen (Cohen’s brother) and songs by artists including Jalal Hamdoua and Driver, Michelle J. Nasser, Khalid, Jalal Hamdoua, Cheb Raya and MC Ral’s cover of “Everybody Hurts.”

Although “The Dictator” was successful at the box office, it did stir up controversy. The middle eastern country Tajikistan has banned “The Dictator,” after authorities ruled that the movie was incompatible with the nation’s mentality, according to The Daily Mail.

“It’s wrong to compare us with Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and with other countries,” said Diler Davatov of the Tatan distribution company in Tajikistan in an interview with The Daily Mail.

Baron Cohen denied the role was an attack on Arabs and said only people who would be offended by it would be dictators and fans of dictatorship.

Stephen El-Khatib from Muslim Student Association (MSA) here at CSUSB thought the film was funny and said he did not find it offensive at all. “It’s clear that it’s not about Muslims. Its more of a bash against presidents [and] leaders,” he said.

Mahbuba Hammad from MSA said she was not offended but was upset about the fact that the movie brought up old stereotypes.

Hammad said she has worked towards trying to get rid of the stereotypes but people keep bringing them back. She said she would watch the movie because it looks funny and it doesn’t target her religion.

In fact, the ignorant beliefs of many American citizens, as well as their quickness to judge someone who is different are some of the primary targets of the film’s jokes.

In the end of the movie, Aladdin makes a speech where he outlines the differences between dictatorships and democracy, which was clearly the thesis of the movie. The speech was funny and had some true meaning to it that is eye-opening.

The trailer may seem like “The Dictator” is offensive, but looks can be deceiving.
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“атьrecommend students to attend our Yosemite Camping, Mt. Baldy Hike, So Cal Surf, Whitewater Rafting, and the Santa Cruz Island Backpacking,” said operations supervisor Sean Kinnally. “Every trip the Rec Center offers are fun and students who attend meet a lot of great people.

Most of these events require a pre-trip meeting to explain the trip in detail.

The Yosemite Camping is a three-day event that lets students explore the beauty of the great wilderness parks from June 1 through June 3.

Student Stephanie Rebollar attended the Yosemite trip in February and encourages other students to start attending as well.

“I really enjoyed that our leaders were really cool, informative and relatable. They made the trip fun even though we had all just met that day,” said Rebollar. “They also showed us the best part of Yosemite and made sure we got the all around experience in one weekend.”

The Rec Center also offers hikes for those adventurous students, such as Mt. Baldy and Santa Cruz Island Backpacking.

The Mt. Baldy hike will be a fun-filled day on June 9 to help showcase gorgeous views of the San Jacinto Mountains and Catalina Island.

The Santa Cruz Island backpacking trip will be from June 22 through June 24, and experienced hikers are encouraged to attend. Students who attend will hike a minimum of 14 miles throughout the beautiful island.

For those students who love being in the water, attending the So Cal Surf and Whitewater Rafting is a perfect fit.

So Cal Surf will take place on June 1 and will consist of a day full of surfing, enjoying the sand and volleyball on the beach.

Whitewater rafting will take place right after school gets out on June 16 and will last until June 19. Students who attend this trip will take an experience through the South Fork water.

“I would definitely encourage other students because its not expensive at all and you get to explore and see the outdoors with fellow college students,” said Rebollar. “All the staff is really nice and they make sure when you go out on a weekend trip you have fun!”

The Rec Center also offers other fitness programs, such as “Ask a Trainer” and “Outdoor Boot Camp” that consist of Group X classes until early June.

“The Group X classes offer a variety, and each one is always offered by a different instructor that works at your exercise level,” said Kinnally.

Whether the event is outdoor or indoor, students have the opportunity to take advantage of these low cost adventures the Rec Center provides.

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By RAY BEASLEY  Staff Writer

Five Coyote baseball players earned CCAA All-West region honors to close out an outstanding baseball season.

Sakamoto honored for on-and-off-field excellence

By CHELSEA UNDERWOOD  Staff Writer

CSUSB golfer Todd Sakamoto was named to the Capital One® Academic All-District VIII at-large team by the members of College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The Capital One® Academic All-District VIII at-large team recognizes college athletes for their performances in school and in the sport they participate in.

The athlete must meet certain criteria before being nominated: He or she must obtain a 3.30 grade point average. The athlete must be a starter or an important reserve, complete a full calendar year at their institution, have sophomore athletic eligibility and had to have participated in at least 50 percent of the games.

Sakamoto, a senior in athletic eligibility and a junior academically, was able to be nominated for meeting these criteria.

As a student athlete he managed to juggle playing golf, going to school and working a side job at a local golf course while obtaining a 3.67 GPA.

He knows that golf takes valuable time and focus away from school due to traveling Sunday through Tuesday in order to attend tournaments but that doesn’t stop him from exceeding in the classroom.

“The biggest thing is time management,” said Sakamoto. “It’s tough because we miss so much class. Sakamoto made sure to stay in tempo with his classes and tried to stay on top of his assignments. His efforts show not only in school but also when he steps on the links.

Sakamoto has been honored for his hard work in the classroom and on the green.

He played at Fresno City College after high school for two years and then later transferred to CSUSB as a junior. The transition from a city college to a university was a big change because the competition is greater and the greens are tougher, according to Sakamoto.

The head coach Tom Mainzer Jr. was helpful in improving his game and providing guidance on course management.

“A lot of the courses you got to hit in the right spot,” said Sakamoto. “[Coach Mainzer] has gone to these courses and seen them before.”

Sakamoto understands that in order to have a good game it is important to read the course but also to follow the keys he has set up for himself.

According to Sakamoto, the keys to hitting a good game consist of staying focused on the game, have striking strength when hitting off the tee and making putts.

“Playing here I really realized you have to focus for every single shot,” said Sakamoto.

Coach Mainzer has noticed the improvement in his game and mental attitude, but there is one area of improvement that Mainzer has really been impressed by.

“He has stepped up as a leader,” said Mainzer. “Outside of the golf course he kind of developed a practice routine that we do. He was always making sure they did their proper sequence of things.”

Sakamoto is honored to be named into the Capital One® Academic All-District VIII at-large team.

He can certainly be considered a role model for student-athletes here on campus.

The nominated athletes in the Capital One® Academic All-District VIII at-large team will be announced on June 6.