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The United States debt

By DANIEL DEMARCO
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The U.S. debt is $17 trillion. CSUSB economic professors believe that the debt is a necessary evil.

CSUSB economic professor Dr. Thomas Pierce said, “Do I like the high deficits of recent years? No. But I understand why they are necessary for the economy.”

This year’s deficit alone is estimated at about $650 billion. From 2009-2012, the U.S. yearly deficits were exceeding a trillion dollars.

“In my opinion, and many economists would agree, the government has not acted irresponsible in it’s spending,” said Dr. Pierce.

Many economists do not think that $650 billion is a small amount of money, but they also stress that it is a significant decrease from years prior and a sign of progress.

The average person has preconceived notions of what debt is, but this does not necessarily translate well when considering debt on a national level.

Economists say it’s a mistake to compare government debt and deficits in the average household, because they’re two very different systems.

The government more commonly has a deficit rather than a surplus.

The last surpluses ran from 1998-2001, and before that, there had not been a surplus since 1969.

Many economists see deficit spending as an investment with the intention of improving the economy.

The theory behind this is that the economy will get worse and the government has to pick up the slack to get the economy back on its feet, at which time the improved economy will go on to help pay off the investments that the government previously made from taxes.

High employment and high spending is a good thing for the government because it means more taxes, which means more money the government earns, creating a win situation for both the public and the government.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is an example of government spending to stimulate the economy that includes a $787 billion package. Known as the Obama Stimulus Package, economists say it has helped better the recession of recent years.

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Ex-convicts get second chance in educational program

By YARA DEL RIO-DOMINGUEZ
Staff Writer

CSUSB’s Correctional Education department has been awarded a grant and has currently received $5.8 million in aid for the planning and implementation of a re-entry program.

The program helps promote the safe and successful reintegration of recently incarcerated or detained individuals into the community through using evidence based practices designed to help reduce the risk of re-offending.

Participants then must enroll in their court-mandated courses such as anger management and substance abuse.

Parolees are addressed as “students” in the program and are also encouraged to sign up for mandated courses, many of whom enroll in G.E.D. preparation courses.

All courses, mandated or general ed, require zero cost from participants.

“Parolees also organize themselves in student government elections, which are held about every eight months, and they give speeches every month,” said Dr. Thom Gehring.

The parolees go on to hold student government elections within the program for positions such as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

They even use the U.S. Constitution as their own. Working for Cal Trans helps students develop work skills.

Dr. Thom Gehring explains how parolee students work for the community as Cal Trans offers two shifts to those who are in the program.

The Cal State San Bernardino Reentry Initiative, (CSRI) has received donations of both new and old clothes which are then distributed to all the parolee students in the program.

Student Liem Pham said, “This program sounds good because its helping both sides out, everyone deserves a second chance and these professors are giving them a chance to get back into the community in a positive way.”

CSRI is the first re-entry program in the county working in cooperation with a University and is studying how parolees change and grow throughout the program.

Many parolees graduate and move on to carry essential skills learned to obtain and maintain a job, and simply reintegrate themselves in the community in a positive mind.

“The program has a research focus generally and points to the number of university faculty that are involved in the program, from social work, education, technology, sociology and criminal justice,” said CSUSB Professor Carolyn Eggleston, Director of Correctional Education.

CSRI is rich with opportunities for students who are looking for an internship or those who are seeking research opportunities within the field.

“Sounds like a great program, and it’s cool how CSUSB is the first University to be involved. Personally

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CC Briefs:

By TORILYNN QUALLS
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Oct. 26: Saudi Arabian Women Protest No Female Drivers Ban
Saudi Arabian women protest the country’s undocumented ban of female drivers by getting behind the wheel. Although there is no law against female drivers in place, the authorities refuse to issue drivers licenses to female drivers, stated CBS News.

A Saudi Arabian women posted videos of themselves driving on YouTube in an act of protest; authorities claimed they would arrest any women they caught driving.

“I admire these women’s bravery to go against their country in order to equalize their rights,” said student Jasmine Sandoval.

Oct. 29: Google builds Four-Story “Google Glass” Factory on SF Bay
Google is building a new “Google Glass” marketing facility on a barge off of Treasure Island in San Francisco.

Google’s plan is to move the barge into the San Francisco Bay, allowing the four-story structure to stay afloat.

However Google has not attained the necessary permits to move the barge to the San Francisco Bay.

To receive a permit Google will have to convince the city that the building will be able to achieve something in the water that it couldn’t on land, said KPIX-5.

Oct. 30: Solar Mirrors Shine Light on Norwegian Town
Sunlight through the world’s largest solar mirrors has been brought to Rjukan, a Norwegian town.

Rjukan is nestled within a valley; in the winter months the sun’s highest peak does not reach over the mountains surrounding the town resulting in six months of darkness.

After 100 years the town has been able to install these solar mirrors and have programmed them to follow the sun throughout the day for it’s light to reflect back on the town.

“This is a great step forward for solar energy projects that hopefully we can start implementing all around the world,” said student Megan Belltran.

Oct. 30: Never Before Seen Star Wars Footage Goes Viral
Never before seen “Star Wars” footage purchased on eBay.

Charlie Owen, an avid “Star Wars” collector, sent in the winning bid of $700 for a rare laser disk that had 30 minutes of unseen “Episode VI: Revenge of the Sith” footage. Owen told CBS News, “I’ll probably have to get a lock box for it now. I wouldn’t sell it. I am a collector. I’m not in it to make any money.”

Instead, Owen has decided to post clips of the footage on his Facebook fan page “Return of the Jedi Long Lost Edit Droid Laserdisc Discovered” for all “Star Wars” fans.
News

The United States debt vs other countries

By ANGEL LIZARDI  Staff Writer

The United States avoids joining Nazi Germany as the only major economic power to default on their loans, when Congress agreed to a new debt ceiling.

According to Bloomberg, “Germany unilaterally ceased payments on long-term borrowings on May 6, 1933, three months after Adolf Hitler was installed as Chancellor. The default helped cement Hitler’s power base following years of political instability as the Weimar Republic struggled with its crushing debts.”

Dr. Timothy Pytell teaches History at CSUSB, his research includes Genocide, Holocaust, and the Eurozone Union said that Hitler’s economic policy was bad for Germany. During last was Hitler’s policy.

“He was free to do what he wanted in terms of economic policy. He could print money if needed, designate labor/workers where needed, invest in infrastructure (the autobahn being one of the most famous).”

In short he could implement new deal type of proposals by far”, Pytell said.

Pytell also mentioned that it is important to note Hitler was able to spend lavishly because he was plundering Europe of its resources and also mentioned that public support was high on spending until World War II.

The United States has a national deficit of $17 trillion, which is about 80 percent more than what our GDP is. This means that if you add up all the goods and services that the United States makes in this country for an entire fiscal year, our debt is 8 tens of a percent.

Although it may seem like a pretty steep number, GDP quarterly reports say that the economy is doing better. “Our GDP (gross domestic product) is up about 2 percent, and ideally we would like that number to be up to 4 percent,” Dr. Thomas Pierce, an economics professor at CSUSB, said.

Compared to other countries like Japan, who is the owner of the largest debt in the world at $960 trillion yen, or $12 trillion.

According to The Telegraph, Japan’s debt is a 1.4 tens of a percent greater than their GDP, far above the United States.

Japan’s debt is attributed to public works, Social Security, government taxes, interest payments, other expenditures.

Back in 1990, Japan’s main economic concerns were the public, social security, government taxes, and interest payment from debts.

As stocks soared so did their spending habits, accruing more debt and increasing payments.

Once the stock market crashed, Japan borrowed more to pay social security to support an increasingly elderly population.

Public works declined and more social security payments were given out and when the earthquake in 2011 happened they decided that it was time that they attempt to spend responsibly The Telegraph said.

Greene owns the highest debt-to-GDP ratio 1.57 times bigger than their GDP which is $256 billion.

According to BBC, Greece had spending troubles before it adopted the Euro which is the main currency in Europe.

“Public sector wages, for example, rose 50 percent between 1999 and 2007 - far faster than in most other eurozone countries. The government also ran up big debts paying for the 2004 Athens Olympics,” The BBC reported.

Currently, Greece has been reporting that they are expecting a four percent growth while decreasing unemployment rates.

While the U.S. economy is not where it should be, countries like Japan, and Greece are in far dire straits.

Tomás Morales earns spot on national board

By BRENDA SERVIN  Staff Writer

CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales has been elected to be the president of the national board of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) for the 2014 term.

During last year’s annual meeting Dr. Morales was elected by the other members of the board as “president-elect” for 2013 making him president of the board for this coming year.

“It is an honor to lead this tremendous association of outstanding educators and their institutions of higher learning and I look forward to a productive year in working with the student population to find the nation on numerous important higher education issues and challenges,” said Dr. Morales, according to CSUSB news.

The board of directors consists of presidents from colleges and universities around the nation that gather to develop policies that will support higher education.

Over 400 public colleges, universities and systems are part of the AASCU association and have a similar learning- and teaching-centered culture along with a history of committing to underserved student populations.

Dr. Morales is excited to be leading the AASCU Board and plans to help ASSUC achieve their goals for the 2014 term.

Their goals include: advancing public higher education, student-focused advocacy, exemplary leadership development, supporting institutional innovation, strengthening P-20 education along with fostering diversity and inclusion.

P-20 education is short for an integrated education system that extends from pre-school through higher education, according to Aurora Public Schools.

“I think it’s great that President Morales was elected, it really shows that he’s trying to make a difference in the higher education system,” said student Ricardo Mendez.

Dr. Morales, who is in his second year as president of California State University San Bernardino, has served on AASCU’s Board of Directors and co-chaired AASCU’s National Taskforce on College Readiness before becoming board chair.

AASCU is a Washington-based higher education association and has five fundamental purposes, according to the AASCU website.

The organization supports the mission of colleges and universities to prepare their students in becoming competitive and effective in an economy and a society.

AASCU encourages the public to understand, appreciate and support public higher education and the establishments that are part of the AASCU membership.

This organization provides analysis of both federal and state policy to help its members and their educational establishments along with the students that attend them to move forward.

In addition they create opportunities for the partners or spouses of member presidents to professionally be active in their organization.

AASCU states that one of their fundamental purposes is to “provide leadership for effective policy development and program support that will strengthen academic quality, promote access and inclusion.”

Members of the board of directors elect a different member for chair-elect every year to serve for a term. J. Keith Motley, chancellor at University of Massachusetts-Boston, will assume the position of chair-elect for 2014 and will serve in the 2015 term.

Country debt reaches $13 trillion

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If not for the stimulus package, many economists think the recent recession would have gotten worse and lasted much longer.

According to Dr. Pierce, many economists felt a bigger stimulus package, or a second package, would have been even more beneficial for the economy, but the public refused to pay for it.

Professor Mayo Toro, Chair of the Economics Department, compares the issue of debt and spending to students, “Taking out a loan to finance a college education is not a bad idea, indeed it can be very smart. Yes, there will be the burden of paying it back, but there is also the extra income that’s gained from increasing one’s earning power through a college education.”

Toro adds, “It’s not just debt that matters, or even debt as a fraction of GDP, it’s the purposes to which the debt is put.”

The method by which the government borrows money is to sell the debt in forms of treasury bonds/ notes/bills/etc., which can then be bought by anyone. The government then reimburses the buyer over a set amount of years with added interest.

Most of the government debt is held domestically, so the money is being put back into the nation as the debts are paid off.

An economy is commonly measured by its GDP, which is all of the product in monetary value which is being produced within the nation that directly benefits the nation.

Since 2009, the U.S. economy has had an average quarterly GDP increase of around 2 percent.

According to Dr. Pierce, a healthy economy needs about a 4 percent quarterly increase in the GDP. Nonetheless, he adds, the consistent increase shows a healing economy, even if slower than desired.
By MARION GIL
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An Amazon distribution center in San Bernardino now employs 1,400 full-time workers after its grand opening on Oct. 29.

The center was built October last year, but remained unfinished until this year. The Amazon fulfillment center employed only 700 workers at the time of its opening in October of last year.

“It’s been a steady increase, and we have the space that hopefully soon we’ll hire even more,” said General Manager Jackie Underberg, stationed in the San Bernardino Sun.

The opening of the center last year came after San Bernardino’s declaration of bankruptcy.

While the opening of the center was made possible through a redevelopment program that used to take money away from schools and counties, the sheer amount of workers the center employs has helped decrease the unemployment rate in the Inland Empire.

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Workers immediately receive benefits with a 401K and stock option plans.

Employees who have worked with the company for three consecutive years become eligible for Amazon’s Career Choice program.

The program pays for up to 95 percent of tuition fees for “in-demand” fields such as nursing, computer design, aircraft mechanics, dental hygiene, and other career fields.

The program is intended to aid employees and give them their first step toward their future career goals regarding whether they intend to build a career at Amazon or in a different field.

This program is unique in that it only offers tuition payments for high paying and in-demand fields according to sources such as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Another unique characteristic of the program is that it pays tuition fees in advance as opposed to reimbursing costs at the completion of course.

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Years ago, Amazon was accused of bad work conditions with no air conditionings and overworking being the biggest problems, according to the Huffington Post.

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Amazon’s presence in San Bernardino has helped with unemployment and the city hopes that with the future opening of a center in Moreno Valley, the unemployment rate will drop further.

New Amazon store on hiring spree

By CLARISSA TOLL
Staff Writer

Three hundred tons of nuclear radiation contaminated water is seeping into the ocean everyday, and oceanographers expect it to hit the West Coast as early as 2014.

The radiation is due to the Fukushima power plant melt down caused by the 2011 earthquake in Japan.

According to Discovery News, a “radioactive plume of water will hit West Coast shores early in 2014 and peak in 2016.

Though this is an ongoing situation in Japan, Californians might not need to worry but there have been speculations of beach closures due to heightened radiation concentrations.

Dr. Jeffrey Hackel from the Environmental Sciences department of CSUSB ensures, “some locations [will] have higher levels than others, but beaches will remain safe.”

Discovery News argues that because of two key ocean currents, the contaminated water will be diluted enough to allow for safety levels by the time it reaches West Coast shores and will not cause harm to humans.

“There is no acceptable minimum dose for exposure to ionizing Radiation. Anything above “zero” is a health hazard,” stated Harold Saive on the blog GeoEngineeringExposed.

“Especially if the radioactive cesium does not quickly sink to the sea bottom, but remains dispersed in the water column, from the surface to the ocean floor,” stated Daniel Madigan of Stanford University’s Hopkins Marine Station, in his interview with the Chicago Tribune.

“Fish can swim right through it, ingesting it through their gills, by taking in seawater or by eating organisms that have already taken it in,” continued Madigan.

Dr. Hackel believes the public’s consumption and seafood would be based on a personal evaluation, “It is likely that West Coast caught fish eaten in moderation will not be harmful, but there is much to learn as the complexity of the ocean currents, the nature of the radiation, and the levels of radiation has to be assessed on an on-going basis,” said Dr. Hackel.

When asked how contaminated seafood would affect her eating habits, student Yessenia Smulien said, “I would definitely be more mindful of where I bought fish or checking the location of where it came from and as for whether I would stop eating it, I would probably wait until scientists could conclude what species the radiation was limited.”

Over the last few years the radioactive contamination has been rumored to have taken its toll on wildlife and produced many side effects.

This past spring sea lion deaths were at an all time high. Biologists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration stated, “Consistent findings in the sea lions are emaciation and dehydration with most animals very underweight for their age.”

“If not directly from radioactive contamination, which has not been ruled out since some Fukushima radioactive debris has washed ashore on the West Coast, then the indirect consequences of radioactive plankton could be at the bottom of this seal pup tragedy,” stated PF Louis in his article on naturalnews.com.

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Fukushima Radiation hits West Coast

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Student Isabel Magana said, “I would be interested in interning to obtain experience in teaching before I start to teach in a classroom, but I wouldn’t be too comfortable in the program taking into account their various cultures and my mind would constantly be thinking about it.”

CSUSB’s Reentry Initiative has assisted 636 parolees to date, and is currently expanding to the High Desert and Riverside County.
Opinions

Can’t graduate in four years? Join the club

By ANDY QUINTANA
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Remember the story of the tortoise and the hare, the hare was so sure of finishing, so careless on achieving his goal, the tortoise swept him up and won the race in the end.

This story is similar to students in college.

Students get so caught up finishing within four years that they begin to get careless. They miss out on opportunities and the chance of finding out what they truly love to do with their lives.

Students are beginning to realize that we don’t have to be restricted to finishing fast we can win like the Tortoise.

I have been in college for six and a half years. I went slowly and am in a career field that I truly love.

This is the norm now for college. Five, six or even greater years of being an undergrad student.

Time Magazine Business and Money writer Victor Luckerson compared the traditional view versus the current view of the length of time it takes for students to obtain a bachelor’s degree.

“While undergraduate education is typically billed as a four-year experience, many students, particularly at public universities, actually take five, six or even more years to attain a degree,” said Luckerson. According to the Department of Education “Fewer than 40 percent of students who enter college each year graduate within four years, while almost 60 percent of students graduate in six years.”

CSUSB students considered the idea if college should be considered five plus year institutions and if it has become the new normal.

“I think five plus years is considered the norm of graduating on time for the majority of students,” said Matt Ornelas. “I understand some students have other things going on where they can’t graduate within four years, but the cool thing about college, is you can go at your own pace.”

“Yes, I think college should be changed to five years, because it is so rare now days to come across someone who has finished college within four years,” said Al Madrigal. “And because of budget cuts, schools have to make some financial decisions which can lead to students staying in college longer.”

Student Christopher Marmolejo said graduating in five years has become acceptable because more students are graduating within that time frame.

Student graduate in five years because of major changes, classes being retaken, and lack of planning ahead.

I believe that the traditional way of looking at college is not healthy. Most students take this belief and try to rush through college without giving it a chance.

College is meant to be a place of self-discovery and finding who you are in the grand scheme of things.

So what if I spent almost seven years of my life in college? I gained so much from my time here, the time frame of finishing is lost on me. It has become more of “I’ll finish when I finally finish.”

Weekly Chuckle

The U.S. National Security Agency has been accused of snooping in many different internet giants as well as world leaders. According to CNN, NSA has found ways to tap into servers that move around the world for leading internet giants such as Google and Yahoo collecting text, video and audio messages each day. NSA has tapped the phones of about 35 world leader phones. According to CNN, investigations are underway to determine if the agency is guilty.
Increased use of social media causes people to forget that it isn’t the only source of news and it is not always the best source of news.

It is best to think of Internet news sites as different newspapers because some may be more accurate than others and even more importantly, more truthful than others.

The increase of social media has also caused the news to become more and more transient because people want their news instantaneously.

Why use one news source when you can use your cell phone to type a few words into Google?

Well, it is difficult to know for certain whether the news found on social media sites is credible or accurate. Even though news organizations post stories on the Internet, we rely on posts made by our friends and other sources outside news organizations.

I believe that most news obtained from social media is done at a glance, which means that we tend to see it, acknowledge it and then scroll through it.

When asked about getting news from social media, Eliza Huntington, student, said, “When people normally post things about the news, I don’t just look at their post. Most of the time, I look further into the story through TV news or perhaps the net. I worry that the news that is being spread through maybe Facebook or Twitter is more of a game of telephone.”

I think that getting the news from social media has come down to the lesson that we have been taught how to write research papers in high school consider the source. Most social media sites also tend to tell people what they want to hear and not what they need to hear.

They’re programmed to filter down the information that reaches the users of social media sites based on the responses to the post.

Perhaps it is best to use more than one source or research about the news found on social media in other outside sources. Many people may wonder why newspapers are necessary if we have all these other outlets to get the news.

Social media may give the news, but in the form of abstracts and a newspaper has more solid information because it is more detailed.

“Newspapers are still relevant and useful and I’m not talking about using it for art or other home needs,” Huntington said. “We need a hard copy of the news and what is going on with the world.”

“So many articles can be changed through hacking and Photoshop alone,” continued Huntington. “We need something that is set in stone.”

It’s not that social media is a bad source for news, it’s more that social media isn’t the only source of news. The newspaper and social media can both be news sources but that does not mean they are better than each other or that one should be rid of because it’s not a popular way of getting news. They can be used alternatively and have a balance between them.

A site, such as a reader is a good way to start accumulating different sources of news.

Students need to be more concerned about where they obtain information and limit how much they rely on social media.

In 2002 there were 4,668 published Young Adult (YA) titles according to nyimag.com. That number has doubled to 10,280 in 2012.

Many new fiction stories out in the world, unrealistic plots of true love in such fiction needs to be so prevalent in the genre because of the influence it brings to teenagers.

Commonly referred to as Young Adult (YA), this type of fiction gives young girls the impression that the end of everyone’s story has to be a love story.

I believe this is what fuels unhealthy relationships in teenagers.

With most YA fiction endings with a kiss, authors send the message that everything else that the female character accomplished isn’t as important as landing the guy.

Girls hold on to the first guy to give them attention, and don’t want to let go no matter what the consequence are. An example of this can be found in the main female character in “Divergent,” a YA fiction success being prepared for its own movie franchise.

“I think that the romance descriptions in YA fiction fuels teenage romance,” said Julia Goldfarb-Sousa, Riverside community college student. “Every girl wants their own Edward and Poeta.”

“It’s unrealistic because it gives young women an overly romantic view of relationships that at that age can’t really exist,” continued Goldfarb-Sousa. “Not to say that it’s just not an everyday occurrence.”

YA fiction has rapidly grown in popularity the past two or three years.

In that popularity comes the idea that the relationship heroine is being showed cased as the example for the norm. Our female main characters run around, finding clues, solving problems, and just plain being awesome and than brick wall hot boy straight ahead.

Full stop for any action in the main plot until this make out session ends.

The hot boy is also an element used in the hot girl is another element used in every book. Girls want the hot boy and other girls want the hot girl.

I know that in the Twilight franchise, the male and female characters end up together.

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The hot boy is also an element used in the hot girl is another element used in every book. Girls want the hot boy and other girls want the hot girl.

I know that in the Twilight franchise, the male and female characters end up together.

“Twilight” franchise.

Recently released “Throne of Glass” has each of the main character’s love interests enter her room and have internal monologues about how pretty and helpless she is in her sleep.

These relationships pan out as obsessive and unhealthy, and that’s what is being sold as romance to 12 to 17-year-old girls.

Authors are aiming for dramatic, angst filled end up sounding creepy and stalk-er-like.

I was always a frustrated reader in high school.

I flat out hated romance books, and if the back cover even hinted at love it went back to the shelf.

It was confusing not being able to put my finger on why I didn’t like the book, then picking up another, and seeing the exact same thing all over again.

I find it hard to believe that finding love would be so prevalent in a fanta-

sy fiction, especially in the post-apocalyptic situations that are greatly popular today.

I would be pleased to see more books geared towards teenage girls to have less romantic subplot.

Yes, fantasy books are meant to be unrealistic, but when the same model of finding love and falling in love is used over and over again, it can become the new reality.

It’s all in the way it’s presented.

Teenage girls were fed that Edward watching Bella in her sleep was romantic; and other fictions are starting to follow that lead since it was so successful for the “Twilight” franchise.
The Hijab Challenge Week encourages new perspective

By COURTNEY MATA
Staff Writer

Every year the Muslim Students’ Association (MSA) host the Hijab Challenge Week which is intended to give students a better perspective of the life of a Muslim woman who wears the headscarf. According to their vice president, Adam Ghossein, a hijab is a veil or scarf that Muslim women wear out of a sense of modesty.

“We are all the same people,” said Ghossein. “Why should one aspect of clothing change how people feel about you?”

This event is intended to clarify misconceptions of individuals who wear a hijab and for those who place judgement on the Muslim custom. “The purpose of MSA is to draw awareness to our religion, to show what Islam is like, and gain self-respect,” explained Ghossein.

Many students accepted the challenge and participated in the week long event. The club also offered the challenge for men which proved that wearing this doesn’t make me different.

Senior Andrea Frost participated in the challenge for the second year in a row because she really values the experience. “I feel that after 9/11, there are a lot of misconceptions about those who wear the hijab,” expressed Frost. “But you cannot judge or hate others on someone else’s actions. It was a small group of individuals that caused the attack, not the group as a whole.”

Frost and other students wore the hijab in order to support others who wear the scarf on a daily basis.

At the end of the week, MSA held a panel where students were given the opportunity to discuss their experiences. During the panel discussions, many students shared how they felt that wearing the hijab caused people to treat them differently. Senior Theresa Strand shared an encounter with a girl from her class. “A girl from my class came up to me and told me she had never seen a white girl wear a hijab and it surprised her. She felt white girls should not be wearing a head piece and she was surprised that I spoke perfect English. She later thanked me for opening her eyes to the culture.”

Sophomore Brenda Robles also shared that while participating in Hijab Challenge Week, she went to the mall with her boyfriend but was denied any sort of interaction. The people at the mall only spoke to her boyfriend. Robles later expressed, “I have a voice too and I am a person and just because I am wearing this doesn’t make me different.”

This experience was a big eye opener not only for students who participated but also for those who did not.

I personally took the challenge and wore the hijab for one day. Students on campus noticed my change in attire, and were very supportive of it. Some students even decided to take on the challenge after learning that I was participating.

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Students should keep an eye out for more events put on by Pau Library.

Flowers and skulls resurrect campus

By JOEL HANKE
Staff Writer

Mexican culture and tradition sweeps John M. Pflug Library off its feet for the Dia de Los Muertos holiday. Pflug Library’s noontime lecture honored Mexican heritage this past week by hosting two events demonstrating Hispanic art, music and cultural tradition.

The first event, “Celebramos A Mexico” was hosted by professional artist Nancy Nieto on Oct. 28 from 12 to 1 p.m. to explore the many aspects important to the Mexican heritage like art and music.

Nieto graduated from UCSB with an art degree in drawing and painting. She lived in Mexico City for over 20 years which influenced her artwork with Mexican/ Aztec heritage, revolutionary figures and famous artists such as Frida Kahlo.

“One of the most important things I believe we can do for ourselves is find that creative impulse deep down inside of us,” said Nieto. “It’s important to open your soul to the creative forces within you.”

The lecture combined Nieto’s understanding and knowledge of art as a professional painter, with a live Mexican guitarist and vocalist performances by Martin and Guillermo Najera.

After Nieto’s lecture on the importance and influence behind some of her artwork, the Najera brothers lit up the lecture room with traditional Mexican music.

“The mixing of the two, the music and art combined made it very enjoyable,” said attendee Barbara Sokoloff.

Nieto’s artwork was on display throughout the first floor of the Pflug Library for all to see. The paintings consisted of the great Frida Kahlo, as well as revolutionary figures such as Zapata, Morelos, Adelita and Aztec/Mayan animals such as horses, bulls and cats.

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Students were excited to participate in the Hijab Week Challenge and share their experience with other students. The CSUSB community prides itself on being a very diverse school and the support I got from wearing the hijab proved that.

This is MSA’s third year hosting Hijab Challenge Week and the popularity of it grows every year.

I believe the Hijab Challenge Week will continue to give students a better perspective on Islam and breaks down misconceptions of its customs.
Coyote PAWS report: What does it do to your registration date?

By BRITTANY CROW
Staff Writer

Inter registration is approaching this week and many students are digging through their PAWS report, trying to figure out their winter quarter classes. Many of us are stressing out because of our registration date. We ask ourselves, “Will I get all my classes?”

I got the chance to stop by the registration building to find out how registration dates are issued out to students and if there was a specific order that dates are distributed.

CSUSB’s registration dates are split into five categories.

Priority I is for first year EOP, Serrano Village residents and Veterans. Priority II goes to seniors and classified graduates. Priority III goes to classified post baccalaureates, and/or credentials, juniors and second BA post baccalaureates. Priority IV is for sophomores and freshman and priority V is assigned to unclassified post baccalaureates.

Upon hearing the distribution system, student Michael Umana expressed that he thinks should really get priority registration first-- seniors. Umana doesn’t find it fair that housing students get the highest priority.

He said that seniors are the students who need the priority the most.

Student Kathylynne Mirnoff expressed her frustration when it comes to registering for general education courses.

She finds that it is fairly easy compared to registering for core classes.

Mirnoff believes that students should receive more alerts through the Coyote e-mail regarding registration dates.

Miraflor thinks students who don’t frequently check their campus e-mail or MyCoyote account will miss their registration date.

We all have received e-mails regarding advising week dates. These dates are for you to meet with your adviser and plan ahead so that you can be prepared for when its time for you to register for your classes. Getting a head start and planning out your classes by each quarter is your best bet, especially if you know you have a busy life outside of school.

This will save you time, energy, and of course, the big “S” word, stress.

While some students are stressed out about getting into their required classes, first quarter student Isabel Agulera said that she received a lot of help from her EOP counselor.

Her counselor was there to help her out with choosing classes that she needed to take.

There are many signs around campus that let you know when advising week is and who to contact.

Usually there is a list of advisers outside the main office door of your major or you can visit advising.csusb.edu.

If you thought finals were stressful, many students feel as if getting prepared for the following quarter and getting into classes to fulfill your graduation requirements is something that adds an additional task to their plate.

Staff member of the advising department, Matt Markin, suggested going to your adviser ahead of time and not waiting until the last minute.

They are there to advise and guide you so that you can graduate on time! Remember we all want to be a step closer to graduation!

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Features

Freaks come out at night to frighten students

Dorm RAs host their own horror maze

By SUNG WI
Staff Writer

The Residential Housing Association (RHA) transformed the village square on campus into a haunted maze on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. The mad house was officially open.

I tried to get in just holding a camera.

But when the door opened, the darkness and scary monsters were there to scare the hell out of all the visitors, including me.

The monsters were ready. Visitors had to walk in the maze alone or in a very small group of two or three.

There were many paintings and blood prints done by students draping the maze walls, making the area even more grotesque.

A guy wearing a freaky mask played a spooky theme on a piano in the corner, and skeletons were flying and popping out of everywhere.

“I’m trying to keep my eyes open,” I heard a student scream. “But I can’t!”

Following the arrows stuck on the floor, the exit sign could finally be seen.

Just when I thought it was over, the final jump scare was there waiting.

Breathing fresh air was really relieving for the people managing to get out. Once exiting the maze, students described it as a very scary experience. Everyone agreed for when the scariest part was when a masked guy hiding behind a curtain jumped out at them with a sickle. Nearly 346 people visited the house in 2 hours that night, breaking the record of the last year.

After the event ended, the President of RHA, Miguel Jimenez, spoke about how the haunted house came to be.

“It took hard work and dedication. We had a lot of work from the theater department, and I thank the volunteers who helped us to scare people,” said Jimenez.

Jimenez said the haunted house in the hands of next year’s RHA.

“As a tradition, we hold events every year for Halloween. But we just wanted to have a different twist this year. We wanted to make it big, this will be an annual event.”

As members and volunteers helped clean the village square area, it looked as if the fright and terror that took place that night was never really there.

However as Jimenez said, the mad house will be back again next year, ready to scare all those who dare to enter.
Australian campus life compared to CSUSB

International student Kenneth Young traveled to CSUSB all the way from the Queensland University of Technology in Australia and encourages all students who are interested in studying out of the United States to consider his home university.

By KENNETH YOUNG
Staff Writer

Want to study in Australia? Let me tell you about my home campus.

The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) offers courses for many types of majors including: Business, education, language, science and mathematics, law and justice and creative industries.

As a student studying abroad from QUT, one of the conditions I agreed to was to be an ambassador for my campus and to promote it in every way I could.

Here are just a few things I think you would love about QUT.

Schedule flexibility: one of the hardest things for me adjusting to CSUSB is the class schedule. For the 14 units I’m taking, I have to go to class every day.

The classes at QUT have a different setup. Instead of classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and/or Tuesday and Thursday, you choose one lecture and one tutorial per week for each class.

Lectures and tutorials are a combined three hours a week for all subjects.

To give you an idea, last semester at QUT I had four subjects (equivalent of 12-16 units) and I only went to classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

This gave me plenty of free time to keep up with my readings and assignments, while also allowing me to have a social life outside of the campus.

Secondly, the commute is easy.

I’ve heard from multiple students that taking the bus isn’t an option for them because its time consuming and that’s one thing I really value about QUT.

Unlike CSUSB, not having a license or car at QUT isn’t an issue. There are buses that can take you directly to any of the three QUT campus locations.

The buses also arrive and leave the QUT campuses frequently.

From the suburb where I live, buses leave for the Kelvin Grove campus every 15 minutes, Monday through Friday.

Each suburb within the Brisbane area has either a bus or a train line -- in some instances, both.

Not being able to get to school would no longer be an excuse.

So, I’ve gone over all the positives for QUT as far as the school is concerned; but we all know that being a university student isn’t about constant studying.

The QUT campuses are situated within Brisbane, the third largest city in Australia.

Gardens Point is located within the Central Business District (CBD), while Kelvin Grove is approximately 10-15 minutes away.

The CBD has many great clubs and venues for live music; and the good news is you can experience all of it, because in Australia, the legal age for all nightlife is eighteen.

This helps give QUT a more relaxed atmosphere, as students have more options to help them unwind.

However, before you decide to go out partying, just remember that you are a representative of not just CSUSB, but your entire country.

You wouldn’t want to do anything that will give people the opportunity to gain a negative perception of America or your campus.

If you are interested in studying at QUT, you can contact the Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) at CE-356 or visit international.csusb.edu.

I hope to see you in Brisbane!

Social media takes over mindset

Fear of “missing out” plagues phone addicts

By SHANE BURRELL
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FOMO, also known as Fear Of Missing Out, has been sweeping our nation, with everyone constantly on their social networking devices, checking e-mails, text messages and more.

But this is more than just checking your social networking, but it’s actually feeling anxiety or not checking your phone or device when you hear it go off, or actually texting or e-mailing someone that way.

This phenomena means so much more than the fear of missing out. It actually creates a false reality for some individuals and sometimes even produces negative effects for some.

In addition to not paying attention to what is going on in class, some text or check their social networking site while driving.

This poses a great danger to everyone, becoming distracted while behind the wheel makes for a deadly risk for injuring yourself and the people around you.

Despite the deadly dangers of FOMO, students also have a struggle with it while trying to make good grades while school is in session.

Professor Jennifer Fowlie brought this topic into light in her Gender, Sexuality and Media class.

“What do you think about media teaching the younger generation how to act?” asked Fowlie.

Tip: Put electronics away and try taking hand-written notes in class to avoid distraction.

Many of the students gave comments on the question, although the comment that would lead the topic into another direction was from student Jason. “It teaches them to only acknowledge what is said in social media as what is accepted and therefore they don’t associate with what is going on around themselves.”

Students claimed that they had siblings and cousins that show signs of FOMO, saying that they were always on their phones at social gathering, while doing their homework and at the dinner table.

But what students find most effective is using a pencil and paper to take notes rather than on a laptop or iPad in order to avoid distraction.

This new phenomena is leading the way to understanding as to how and why students and those of our generation are more interested in what is going on virtual ly instead of what is going on around them.

But by waiting to catch up on social media and your other phone apps at a later time, you not only save relationships but save time!
Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art (RAFFMA) turned down the lights and added their own spooky twist with the display of ancient Egyptian artifacts and art. Holding their annual Spooky Night on Oct. 30, the evening was completed with fun activities, a museum tour, scavenger hunt, costume contest and lots of candy.

Student volunteers, staff, children and family were all dressed up and added their artistic touches for a night full of activities. RAFFMA Outreach Coordinator Paige Taylor said, “This was my second year doing the Spooky Night, I got a better idea how to manage time and different age of kids, so we changed a few things this year to make the evening go a little smoothly and better work with the excitement of the children.”

The night began with a spooky tour of the museum. It was decorated in cobwebs and the lights dimmed to create a frightening atmosphere with sound effects. The tour consisted of people dressed in costumes such as a mummy, to give a guest a little scare. It got so frightened when the mummy appeared out of nowhere that I almost knocked one of the ancient artifacts. There were plenty activities available for kids and the whole family. Such as crafting and using their imagination to create pictures of monster and ghouls.

“Spooky Night was fun. Especially for kids who came in and they were able to dress up in their creative costumes and do some activities with their parents, rather than going out in streets,” said Diana Nieto.

There was a movie showing of the 1950s mystery classic of “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Laughing Mummy.”

While looking around the museum, there was this beautiful “altar de muertos,” translated to the altar of the dead, which is part of the Latino celebration Day of the Dead.

People created an altar or small shrine dedicated for the love ones who have past way. The altar was decorated with brightly colored sugar skulls, flowers, religious artifacts, and treats.

Later in the night, they held a costume competition for the scariest, creative and best getup for the kids.

“The best part of Spooky Night is the costume contest. The kids and the parents get really excited. We have a three judges, who are our volunteers, and decided the winners of the costumes contest. The winners were given prizes,” said Taylor.

The children wore costumes such as Sleeping Beauty, Spider girl, a little pirate, robots, and a killer doctor.

They were competitive during the contest, but it was fair, the kids were given delicious treats after the event was over.

It takes weeks of planning this event for RAFFMA to be able to present Spooky Night, to be fun, friendly and educational night for every one.

Overall, Spooky Night was extremely fun and I would recommend going to future RAFFMA events. Check out RAFFMA upcoming events on their websites, such as Music to My Eyes, presenting well-known artist David Edward Byrd, showcasing his posters and album covers for Jimi Hendrix, Jefferson Airplane and the Grateful Dead.
**Arts & Entertainment**

**“Bad Grandpa” tops box office**

**By SHELDON GONZALES**

Starring Johnny Knoxville, “Bad Grandpa” topped the box office in its opening weekend with $32.1 million. The movie comes from the writers and producers of the famed franchise Jackass.

Johnny Knoxville stars as a grandfather, Arturo, Juan and Bryan come as The Power Ranger and various sexy versions of Doro.

Sharon and Joel Lopez a couple who attended the showing of “Bad Grandpa” said, “It was funny! It was very crude but it did.

The movie overall was entertaining to watch and did have all laughing out loud.

By the reaction of the movie crowd it was in, they seemed to be enjoying the movie and laughs filled the movie theater.

The audience really got into the movie by shouting “NO!” and “I can’t believe he just did that” or “Look at that person’s face!”

It’s certainly a movie that as you’re watching you have the same reaction as the people involved on screen.

Since the entire movie was filmed with hidden cameras, in the end credits the producers finally come out and announce that they are making a movie and everything they just witnessed was an act.

The reactions of all involved, realizing it was all fake, is almost just as funny as watching them witness the nonsense.

It was obvious how relieved everyone who was tricked in the film was when they found out it was just a movie.

They were even more excited to meet the one and only Johnny Knoxville.

Knoxville did an excellent job portraying an 86-year-old man with no filter whatsoever.

Newcomer Jackson Nicoll who plays 8-year-old Billy was great in his role. He really had admirable comedic talent and made the movie even more fun to watch.

In my own opinion I did think it was funny but felt going in that it would be funnier.

If you are a fan of the Jackass franchise and enjoy over-the-top movies with a group of friends, this is the movie for you.

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**Coyotes “Howl at the Moon”**

Students party it up in style with their favorite Halloween attire at the annual “Howl at the Moon,” here at the San Manuel Student Union Oct. 25 with beats by DJ SkyHigh, the laughs, dancing and cheers were proof that it was a blast.

**By MARY MORENO**

Over 1600 people shook their booties on Oct. 25 at the third annual “Howl at the Moon,” hosted by the San Manuel Student Union Program Board.

Several of the people that are approached by Knoxville and his on-screen grandson appear to be awkward and have no idea how to respond when put in these situations.

Jackass movies can sometimes be difficult to watch because they are raunchy and can really make your stomach turn.

This particular movie didn’t have you cringing to the point where you couldn’t look anymore, but there were times where you couldn’t think it could get any worse, but it did.

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Tori Kelly inspires fans through lyrics

By MANAL MUSEITEF
Managing Editor

After years of being a YouTube sensation with over 5.5 million views, Tori Kelly has finally broken through the scene with her new EP entitled Forever. Since the release of the five-track CD on Oct. 22, Kelly has kicked off her tour in Los Angeles and Anaheim. Kelly has developed a large fan base from her popularity online. She began singing covers on YouTube and eventually began writing her own songs and playing the guitar.

One of her most popular videos, what you can say peaked her fame was her cover of Frank Ocean’s “Thinkin’ Bout You,” where she played the acoustic guitar with friend and beat boxer Angie. I attended her Anaheim show on Oct. 29 at the House of Blues and was truly blown away at Kelly’s amazingly captivating voice. Kelly opened the show with the very powerful and inspiring song, “Rock-et.”

This song set the mood for the night with uplifting and encouraging lyrics like, “If I could build a rocket I would//If this bed grew some wings then what could I not do?” The crowd was completely receptive of Kelly’s soulful sound and roared with excitement every time Kelly hit a high note, which was quite often.

One of the main reasons for her great successes are her inspiring lyrics and point to encourage her fans to love themselves and be kind. She has even started a spin on Drake’s motto, “No new friends,” and motivates, “All new friends.” Kelly later, shared the story behind, the cheerful, “Dreams,” where she sings, “Don’t quit your daydream / Who you want to be is only up to you.” She said, “There’s always gonna be those people telling you that you can’t do something, so hopefully this will keep you moving forward.”

It is impressive to see a young and talented artist from the YouTube community come to be where she is at now.

Kelly continued throughout the night with other original songs, and even some of her most popular covers. She sang snippets from, “Say My Name,” and “Thinkin’ Bout You.”

At the end of the show Kelly left the crowd with the note to make random acts of kindness and hashtag them #payit-forward.

Since her growth from a star on YouTube, Kelly has become a comet of inspiration and encouragement to fans everywhere.

Freshen up with Corsicana Lemonade

By ALYSSA GRADIAS
Staff Writer

White Denim released their fifth studio album, Corsicana Lemonade, on Oct. 29. They are a four-piece, indie-rock band with a variety of music influences from blues, psychedelic rock, punk rock and soul. The band formed in 2005 and have been banging out EPs and full albums ever since.

Corsicana Lemonade focuses on the aspect of growing older yet still trying to figure things out, reflecting the just-turned 30-year-olds outlook on life and where it is going.

For example, lead James Petralli sings, “I know you think that it’s easy to change, but it’s a symptom of age,” reflecting their coming-of-age stage.

This album is a bit different from their trademark garage-rock. It has more of a direct song writing sound mixed with classic rock. Some may even want to compare White Denim to the early work of the Black Keys after taking a listen.

White Denim shows off their talent with creative guitar riffs, melody changes and unpredictable song structure.

The opening track, “At Night in Dreams” has upbeat, heavy guitar riffs and solos throughout the track. It gives it that youthful rock energy that gets your feet tapping and head shaking.

The track, “Corsicana Lemonade” is a bit harder to understand as far as lyrics. The lyrics in this track are sung in a breathy tone, making it a little harder to comprehend what the song is about. Although you can’t understand the singer, it is still a good track to vibe to on a great afternoon.

Another ear-catching track, “New Blue Feeling” is one of their blue tracks showing off the bands soulful side. It has relaxing guitar solos that aren’t overwhelming or overbearing, highlighting front man James Petralli’s raw vocals.

One of the bands highlighted tracks, “Come Back” is another blues track with some rock riffs throughout.

Listener Josh Kelly expressed his love for this track, “There’s so much packed into one track, yet it stays compact, incredibly lively, and fun.”

Aside from the fact that White Denim shows off their musically talented ability, Corsicana Lemonade lacks that “wow” factor.

The guitar solos and blues toned drums are great, but it doesn’t make the album obsessive worthy where you’re going to be listening to it over and over again in your car.

What is refreshing though, is that the album isn’t as abrasive as past albums.

Even as the band members reached their thirties, they were still capable of tapping into some youthful energy to make some exciting tunes that aren’t so overwhelming as other freshly new bands that try and stuff everything into one track.

White Denim gives listeners the right amount of their rock, blues taste.

White Denim display a great amount of growth with each release making Corsicana Lemonade the top album of their career.
Breezy reflects on his bad behavior

Chris Brown run-ins with the law:

February 2009:
Chris Brown physically abused Rihanna the eve of the Grammy Awards. A month later, the L.A. District Attorney’s office charged him for assault and making criminal threats. Brown was served with 180 hours of community service and five years of probation.

June 2013:
Brown was involved in a hit-and-run accident with a woman. Though she claimed the damage was minor and didn’t press charges, the L.A. City attorney argued that Brown was very aggressive toward the victim after the accident—telling her to “f**k off.”

August 2013:
Brown was arrested for a parole violation. Brown’s parole officer, Geragos, alleged that Brown was using drugs and alcohol and that he was a danger to himself and others. Brown was given five years of probation.

To add on to the many other run-ins with the law, Chris Brown has recently been involved in an alleged assault in D.C.

By DEVIN RAMOS
Staff Writer

Facing more legal troubles for an alleged assault in Washington D.C., Chris Brown has checked into an anger management program to reflect on his past and present behavior.

After his charges were reduced from an alleged assault to a misdemeanor R&B singer, Chris Brown, still faces a parole violation.

Chris is still recovering from an incident back in 2009, when he was accused of assaulting Rihanna, leaving her unconscious. Many can agree that he does not need any more bad rep.

The 24-year-old singer has faced similar incidents over the past few years and is looking to delve into the issues that he has encountered.

The alleged assault on Oct. 27 involved Brown punching a man and breaking his nose outside of Washington D.C. hotel because the man attempted to photo bomb a picture that he was trying to take with a woman.

The singer denied that allegations and that his bodyguard, Chris Hollosy, handled it.

According to Brown’s sources, Hollosy told police that he punched the alleged victim in the face after he tried to enter Brown’s tour bus.

According to Mark Geragos, attorney for the R&B singer, Chris said, “I want to take some time and do some introspection and understand everything that’s going on around me.”

Geragos said, “It’s not an admission of guilt. People have realizations at various times. Maybe sitting in a jail cell for 36 hours for something you didn’t do is enough to rock you a bit.”

Despite Chris’ decision, people remain skeptical about his decision to reflect.

“He needs help. He keeps self-medicating with weed and alcohol and that’s when he always gets into trouble,” said a source close to Brown.

“He’s a ‘good kid’ at heart,” continued the source.

Law enforcement told TMZ that Chris allegedly said, “I’m not down with that gay s**t […] I’m into boxing.”

Chris’ alleged homophobic slur has also come into speculation because of his recent campaign against anti-gay violence in Africa.

The Huffington Post reported that last month Brown tweeted, “Love is not a crime. Gay or straight. Love who you wanna love. Stop the hate,” along with a link to an allout.org petition.

The alleged victim told TMZ that it is unknown to why Brown said the homophobic slur.

Brown has a history of being accused of using homophobic remarks on social media, and during a confrontation against R&B artist Frank Ocean.

On Oct. 28, the prosecutors reduced the singer’s felony assault charge to a misdemeanor.

Los Angeles probation officers are looking into the incident to see if Brown violated his parole from the 2009 incident in which he assaulted his ex-girlfriend, Rihanna.

According to tmz.com, if the Parole Department finds a violation of his no-jail time plea deal, a judge can sentence him to four years in prison.

The arrest comes at a critical time for the artist as he is preparing to release an album this winter. Brown is also under a deadline to complete hundreds of hours of community service from his assault on Rihanna.

According to CBS News, Brown has entered an anger management facility in Malibu and is due back in court on Nov. 25 and still faces a potential six months in jail.
Coyotes walk with their heads down in defeat

By RICHARD BURRUD
Staff Writer

Chico State men’s soccer team took their 2-11 California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) record into Sunday’s game against CSU Dominguez Hills who is 7-4 in Conference play.

The Coyotes and Toros played a one sided game. The Toros’ were too much to handle for the Coyotes, winning the game 2-0.

The Coyotes were held scoreless in the first half. The Toros were able to control the offensive side of the ball and held them with no shots on goal in the first half.

In the first half, the Toros shot a ridiculous 15 shots at Goal Keeper Roberto Gonzalez, the Coyotes senior. Gonzalez saved six shots in the first half, allowing two goals, which gave the Toros a halftime 2-0 lead.

Senior Forward Aaron Salazar scored his 10th goal of the season at the 27th minute of the first half. His teammate, senior forward Miguel Vazquez, added to the Toros lead with another goal in the 40th minute.

Heading into the second half the Coyotes were looking to gain some control of a one-sided first half. The Coyotes were able to get six shots off in the second half, two of which were on goal.

The Toros tacked on six additional shots in the second half, increasing the shot total to 21.

The Toros held their 2-0 lead finishing the game’s host Coyotes.

The Coyotes fell to a 4-11-3 overall record for the season, with two games remaining on the schedule.

Nearing the end of the season the Coyote soccer men have a 2-11-1 record in conference play.

The Coyotes have now struggled with conference play. The team has been through a lot this quarter and has made plenty of efforts to try their best at what they love the most, and trying their very best at making repre-

Coyote men’s soccer had a pregame senior day highlighting soccer’s three senior Coyote players.

In the pregame ceremony, Lee Nhianian, Corey Hostetter, and Raul Gomez will be honored for their hard work and dedication and resilient effort towards the Coyote men’s soccer team.

With their many years of hard work on the team, they have now guided the up and coming stars of the team mentoring and helping them grow as a soccer player and a collegiate athlete.

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Coyotes will be practicing for the NCAA.

Cross Country finishes eighth place in the CCAA

By MIKE SESSIONS
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At Hooker Oak Park’s six kilometer run, the Coyotes had one thing and one thing only on their mind, and that was first place at the CCAA Championship event.

It can be a very intimidating environment seeing as the host Chico State has won the CCAA title six consecutive times, and the fact that they’re ranked seventh in the nation.

With the champions lingering in the air being thinner than usual, the Coyotes were up to the challenge.

However, so were the other CCAA opponents, bringing CSUSB to eighth place by the end of the event after a total score of 183. This position didn’t sit well at all with the team or the head coach.

“I wasn’t happy, none of us were pleased with our performance, we expected to be at least four or five, a top five team, so eighth place we weren’t really happy with it,” said head coach Tom Burleson.

Runner Patricia Cortez finished first for the Coyotes with a time of 22 minutes and 54.8 seconds, and finished 20th overall. “She’s awesome, she’s been solid for our second year and she’s gonna be solid for our next year as well,” said Burleson.

Deserai Perez was not far behind, finishing at 23 minutes and 17.8 seconds for 32nd in the event.

Other runners for CSUSB, Rebekah Frazier, Jackeline Felix, and Krystal Cota rounded out the top five for the Coyotes.

Chico State proved to be exactly what history has shown over the years, finishing first place with two of their runners, Ayla Granados and Sara Mike-

Not winning the CCAA Championship does not mean it’s the end of the world for the Coyotes though. Now it is time to move on to even bigger and bet-

ter things, and that is the NCAA Division II West Regional Championship.

Washington is a long way from California, but that is exactly where CSUSB’s Cross Country team will be heading on Saturday, Nov. 9 to rematch.

While not being ranked top five in the nation, CSUSB will be considered an underdog going into the competition. But with all of the hard work they’ve contributed to the sport, there’s a high possibility they will not disapp
CSUSB Volleyball team ended their winning streak against Sonoma State Seawolves with a 3-1 victory on Oct. 26 at the Coussoulis Arena. The No.12 Coyotes hold an overall record of 16-5, they faced the 14th ranked Seawolves for the second time this season.

Starting with the first set, the Coyotes had an outstanding offense, leaving no chance for the Seawolves to outscore. However, the Coyotes had quite a struggle to keep up for the rest of the sets.

“Our challenges were their tricky fast offense and our mind was not in the game,” said Sophomore Outside Hitter Ashley Solis.

Coyotes fought back leading their team close to a win with a total of 20 points during the third set, however the Seawolves fired back with 25. Coyotes offense attack led the team with 25 points while Seawolves received only 18 points during the first set, 16 points on the second set, 20 points for the third and 19 points for the final set.

Junior Middle Blocker Tori May was once again unstoppable, firing a .545 percentage, smashing 13 kills and one block. May continues to be the star of the team, setting a high 16 kills of the season so far, against SF State.

She gained her high percentage of .722 against Cal State East Bay. Sophomores Brenna Mcintosh, Ashley Solis, and senior Danielle Newcombe had nine kills, two solo blocks and two assists.

“We played our best, but they definitely came with a mission. They played very inspired. They outplayed us and I guess we were not strong enough,” said Newcombe.

Newcombe continues to prove her powerful offense and defense skills, hitting a .261 percentage with nine kills and one block.

“We didn’t come unprepared but they were more fired up than us. They had a strong defense, but now we just need to learn from all the mistakes that took place. It will help us improve for the following games,” said Solis.

Mcintosh had a great block to help the team defeat Seawolves. She earned a total of high four blocks, keeping the defense strong.

Both teams were remarkable, Coyotes kept the momentum of beating Seawolves every year since 1995, while the Seawolves are compelled to break that tradition.

At the beginning of the season, Coyotes defeated the Seawolves at their first match. However, they gained their great victory on their second match when the Seawolves put up a great fight.

“We are ready to go. Nothing should stop us. We will improve our defense and offense as a team,” said defensive specialist Arielle McCullough.

The Coyotes have defined what a quality team is this season by their number of wins and strong sportsmanship. No other team has been able to beat them so far.

Furthermore, Coyotes are still marching their way to postseason with the help of their head coach, Kim Cherniss, while preparing for National California Athletic Association (NCAA). The Coyotes remain the top spot with an impressive record of 16-5 with 13 straight wins, showing that a team that has great communication skills and have been able to develop together.

By INNO SITA

Upcoming games:

**Home- Saturday, Nov. 9**
against Humboldt State at 7 p.m.

**Away- Friday, Nov. 15**
Cal State East Bay at 7 p.m.

**Away- Saturday, Nov. 16**
Monterey Bay at 7 p.m.

**Away- Saturday, Nov. 20**
UC San Diego at 7 p.m.

**Home- Friday, Nov. 22**
against Cal State Dominguez Hills at 7 p.m.
The Bruins utilized their size and speed to defeat the Coyotes 96-66 in front of 4,500 people at UCLA’s Pauley Pavilion.

Wednesday night’s game between the Coyotes and Bruins was a tale of two halves. The Coyotes fought the entire first half to trail by only three points going into halftime.

However, the Bruins used their size and athleticism to start the second half strong going on a 14-2 run.

“We fought against them in the first half, but just didn’t match the intensity they had in the second half,” said Coyotes head coach Jeff Oliver.

After every missed shot the Bruins took off on the fast break and continued to build the lead. With a 22-3 run late in the game, the Bruins extended their lead to 33 points.

“Their dribble-drive penetration was solid and any team that has 14 offensive rebounds is a team that gives effort,” said Alford.

Wednesday night marked the third time in the last seven season the Bruins and Coyotes have matched against each other with UCLA winning each contest.

“Both teams, it was a good two-hour workout,” said Alford, “that’s a team that cares and fights and scraps. They did that for a full 40 minutes. I like that team.”

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