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**CSUSB officials address our debt crisis**

"By removing bottleneck courses students will have the opportunity to graduate at a quicker rate and won't have to take classes they don't need" - by Angel Lizardi

**Reddy donation builds state of art nursing laboratory**

By Gloria Gutierrez

CSUSB inaugurated the new high-tech Dr. Prem Reddy Nursing Laboratory on Feb. 3. It was named after the cardiologist and philanthropist, Dr. Prem Reddy.

This new nursing lab was made possible due to Reddy's $500k donation to the university.

It offers state-of-the-art nursing equipment as well as 10 medical beds each with patient simulation robots and 30 computer stations.

CSUSB nursing students will have the opportunity to practice and solidify their nursing skills in this hospital ward replica lab.

"This is a great investment and a really wonderful gift that Dr. Reddy has given to the institution," said CSUSB President Dr. Tomás Morales in an interview.

Morales presented an award of recognition to Reddy for his contribution at the ceremony.

Dr. Kirsten Fleming, the dean of the...
Carey Davis the new mayor of San Bernardino

By CLARISSA TOLL  
Staff Writer

CSUSB graduate Carey Davis was elected San Bernardino's new City Mayor on February 4. Davis led the polls with 56 percent of the vote, a near 12 percent ahead of candidate Wendy McCammack.

The election had less of a turn out than the November election with only 11,092 votes compared to the collected 12,863 votes three months prior, according to the San Bernardino Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters.

Davis is set to take office in March at the end of current mayor Patrick J. Morris' term.

“Today, San Bernardino has come together. This is a humbling moment for a man who is not used to being a political figure. This is a great day for San Bernardino,” said Davis in an election night speech, according to The Sun.

Throughout the three month campaign, Davis focused on the city’s bankruptcy and his determination to resolve it.

“I will apply the same budget management strategies that I’ve honed in 35 years working in finance. We have serious financial challenges and we need a serious approach to fiscal responsibility,” said Davis on his campaign website, careydavisformayor.com.

According to The Sun, Davis first became involved with politics about a year ago when he examined city financial statements and determined that the city’s lavish spending and pension benefit increases were to blame for the city’s financial woes.

Davis' vision consists of plans to bring professionalism to city hall, consensus on city management and bringing businesses back to the downtown and university areas.

The city filed bankruptcy in July 2012 and has a 14.5 percent unemployment rate, according to San Bernardino Residents for Responsible Government.

According to the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research this lack of business and commerce could be to blame for the decrease in the area’s population.

“13.04 percent of their (year) 2000 population left the city in the 2000’s. This was greater than the statewide average out-migration of 10.71 percent,” stated the institute in a civic report.

Opposing candidate Wendy McCammack made a statement on her own campaign Facebook page Wednesday.

“We are not finished. We have just begun. Good luck to Mr. Davis. He has a tough job ahead of him and he will need your help. God bless you and God bless San Bernardino,” stated McCammack.

During the day of election, a message of gratitude to all the volunteers in Davis’ camp was written on the Carey Davis for Mayor Facebook page.

Davis received his MBA at CSUSB, serves in a leadership role at his church, and on a local Boy Scouts committee, according to the Mayor-Elect’s website.

In a poll of 20 CSUSB students, zero had participated in the mayoral election.

When asked why he did not vote, student Justin Craig said, “I just didn’t feel like it.”

Carey Davis was elected new mayor of the city of San Bernardino on February 4, 2014 and beat opponent Wendy McCammack, former San Bernardino City Ward.

Carey Davis for Mayor Facebook page.

Opinion:

A Democrat or a Republican, we can all agree in San Bernardino that it’s time to heal the wounds of the past and come together to work for the future.

Mayor-elect Carey Davis’ commitment to fiscal responsibility is commendable. The state of our city’s finances are at the forefront of every San Bernardino resident’s mind.

We, the Chronicle editorial board, are confident that Davis will bring integrity and common sense to our city’s government.

By the Chronicle’s editorial board
Civil rights Prop. 209 debate emerges

By ESSENCE DENNIS
Staff Writer

Democrats are urging the public to reconsider and repeal certain aspects from Proposition 209, better known as the Civil Rights Proposition.

The proposition deals with applicants for schools, jobs, and so forth having to state their sex, gender, age, ethnicity, and other types of personal information that could inevitably deter you from a particular job or school. Proposition 209 is set to, “prohibit against discrimination or preferential treatment by state and other public entities,” whether it be based on their sex, age, ethnicity or anything stated by vote#96.sos.ca.gov. Since the proposition was passed in 1996, attendance has decreased. “I was a qualified student and believe that if Proposition 209 wasn’t enacted I still would’ve gotten into CSUSB,” said student Art Ramirez Jr.

On Jan. 30, 2014, Democrats that work for the California Senate began to ask voters if they felt the need to repeal, “The state’s ban on race and gender-bias, according to by Laurel Rosenhall on blogs.sacbee.com. The state’s ban has hindered many opportunities for African Americans and Latinos within that state to get into college and inevitably make something of themselves and achieve “economic mobility,” according to vote96.gov.

Proposition 209 is similar to affirmative action in the sense that they both are designed to help minorities become considered for job opportunities or college acceptance based on their particular background. “Some people believe that we don’t need affirmative action anymore because there’s no discrimination, etc. People might think it’s racist to think that a person’s sex, age, or race to accept them into a program, where we should only look at merit,” said Heather Hundley, media and culture communication studies professor.

Hundley states that the repeal is another factor that could help balance out diversity. Student Kristi Felix asserts her thoughts on whether or not the public should repeal Prop 209. “I think we still need it, without affirmative action or Proposition 209, some of us may not have even been looked at because of our sex or race, even if we qualified for what we were applying for,” said Felix. Tim Wise from timwise.org, an advocate on affirmative action, stresses how it was not put in place to make whites feel inferior to people of other races, but was put in place to give an “extra opportunity” to people of color. “I think we need this proposition to stay intact, it seemed to have helped people with different backgrounds so far, there seems to be no reason why they would want to change it now,” said student Maria Ayala.

Some Democrats and Republicans want to repeal Proposition 209 so schools will change their systems to focus solely on grades and not the students’ backgrounds. It will set “society back decades,” said Elsa Valdez, sociology professor. “We have this myth that we live in a merit based society and that’s not true, because the fact is that students get into universities for different reasons.”

The time to vote is still up in the air with the, “Base minimum number of votes needed – 27, the upper house passed and sent to the Assembly Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 which would ask voters if they want to repeal Propositions 209,” according to Rosenhall on blogs.sacbee.com.

The planned investment’s goal is to come out of thin air and the campus will not hold your hand to get one. Student Nicole Pena agrees that students should take more responsibility in getting to know the school’s resources. “We owe it to ourselves to look for ways to enhance our stay here,” said Pena.

Felix stated that students if they utilize the school’s financial aid website, they say that they haven’t. “To get financial assistance, they prefer to go in person at the financial aid office in University Hall.”

Some students commented that they have to be more accountable for themselves when looking for help with scholarships and loans. A scholarship or grant will not come out of thin air and the campus will not hold your hand to get one.

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Pena is a bit skeptical about the possibility of using media like Instagram to promote awareness.

This need is that we have become desensitized by ads and promotion that we might ignore notices that the school puts out, continued Pena.

Student Jacqueline Felix said that applying for scholarships isn’t hard at all. “They’re easy to find, however, when students see that they application is a few pages long, they get discouraged,” said Felix.

“I admit that I have been too lazy to apply to scholarships before,” continued Felix.

While both Ruiz and Haynes have ideas on how to approach the issue, they both agree that students also need to also do their own part.
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By COURTNEY MATA
Staff Writer

New York plans to kill a mass amount of swans (Feb. 3)
The white swan population in New York City has become too large for residents in the area, according to the Atlantic cities website.
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation wants to target the birds for eradication, pledging to eliminate the approximately 2,200 wild swans that live in the state by the year 2025.
“I think it’s wrong, we put the swans there and we cannot just kill them,” said Steve Eblen Tepper.
The idea of killing swans is causing a stir in the New York area, but officials said that it is something that needs to be done, according to the Atlantic cities website.

Swallow a pill that will access your body (Feb. 3)
A new type of syringe is being developed that will allow doctors to access patients’ organs without surgical intervention.
“It helps us for when you have set, Dr. Reddy. One that we should all emulate,” said Morales.

A new invention seals a gun wound (Feb. 3)
A new type of syringe filled with unique sponges that can be used to stop bleeding instantly.

CVS is going to stop selling tobacco products (Feb. 5)
CVS is going to lose an estimated $2 billion with this decision, according to The Washington Post.
CVS hopes that this decision will give them more access to health insurers and hospitals.

A new nursing lab opens on campus
College of Natural Sciences, Dr. Dwight Sweeney the interim chair of the Department of Nursing, city representatives from the region and even the mayor of Victorville and Hesperia were present at the inauguration.
“Ours nursing students are the best and the brightest,” said Fleming.
“The lab allows students to get realistic practical training and importantly build their confidence without the fear of harming real patients.”

“Walmart is one of the more notable companies involved in President Barack Obama’s pledge aimed at unemployment.

President Barack Obama announced a pledge list signed by more than 300 companies to agree to no longer discriminate against potential applicants who have been long-term unemployed.
“Twenty-one of the nation’s 50 largest companies and 47 of the top 200 were among the companies involved in this agreement, according to The New York Times.

Obama has had a long road of success. Reddy grew up in a small village in southern India and was the first of many.

“Obama will announce a, "$150 million talent grant program for nonprofit organizations working to connect the long-term unemployed with companies and develop inter-viewing, networking and other skills that could put them back in the workforce.”
Opinions

Rediscover major black inventors

Throughout history little is known about the creators behind the world’s greatest inventions.

By TORILYNN QUALLS
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We must thank and remember the great African American minds who created some of the world’s most important technological advancements.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that the great contributions African Americans made not only in social reform but in technological advancements as well.

In 1881 Lewis Latimer invented an electric lamp with an inexpensive carbon filament and a threaded wooden socket for light bulbs.

According to the Smithsonian Institute, “Latimer was also responsible for preparing the mechanical drawings for Alexander Graham Bell’s telephone design.”

Without Latimer’s contributions to technology, simple tasks we partake in everyday, such as turning on a light switch or making a quick phone call wouldn’t be possible.

The digital age as we know it today wouldn’t be possible; we wouldn’t be able to use a light switch, much less send a text message.

Without the proper safety gear first created by Garrett Morgan, firefighters and military agents today wouldn’t be able to easily attempt rescue missions or distinguish wild flames due to toxic gases they would have to ingest.

Morgan invented the safety hood, more commonly known as the gas mask. His early invention was just a canvas hood with two tubes connecting to a device worn on the back which filtered smoke outward, while cooling the air inside, according to PBS.org.

Morgan sold his safety hoods to the US Navy, and the Army even used his invention in World War I. He patented a mechanical traffic signal in 1923, which he sold to General Electric. According to PBS.org, Morgan earned only $40,000 for the invention.

Without the traffic signal, transportation would be more dangerous, there would be no progress, and mortality rates on the roads would rise.

Frederick McKinley Jones created a successful mobile refrigeration system, which was a compressor mounted under a trailer that was powered by a four-cylinder engine. “Jones’ invention was used in trucks, railroad cars, ships and planes,” states the National Inventors Hall of Fame. “Jones’ technology revolutionized the distribution of food and other perishables, made fresh produce available anywhere in the country year-round, and changed Americans’ eating habits.”

Jones’ refrigeration system has enabled California to be one of the top produce distributors in the world. Mobile refrigeration allows California’s fresh strawberries, oranges, grapes, cheeses, and milk to travel across the country and arrive fresh on tables throughout America.

Jan Ernst Matzeliger developed a shoe lasting machine which more than doubled manual shoe production processes. According to biography.com, Matzeliger’s lasting machine increased the availability of shoes and decreased the price of footwear.

Matzeliger’s invention is a direct contribution to wide scale foot wear production factories all across the globe.

Without the lasting machine’s designs, companies like Nike and Adidas wouldn’t be a world-wide brand, because they wouldn’t have enough products to satisfy a wide scale market if they relied solely on manual production.

George Washington Carver created over 100 products, such as dyes and plastics, using the peanut. However, he is most prominently accredited for inventing peanut butter, according to biography.com.

Contrary to popular belief, Carver didn’t actually “invent” peanut butter, however; he did play a very important role in popularizing peanut butter in the 1880s due to his many peanut related creations.

Carver used peanuts to create gasoline fuel, lamp oil, printer’s ink, and laundry soap.

Carver’s advancements in botany and chemistry have paved the way for modern inventors to create sustainable and organic resources.

Without many of these great inventions life as we know it would not be the same. In honor of Black History month we celebrate the many African American inventors that have contributed to our world.

Weekly Chuckle

CVS Pharmacy announced on Feb. 5 that tobacco products will no longer be sold in their stores, according to CNN. “Cigarettes and health care cannot and should not coexist under the same roof,” said CVS representatives. More than 7,600 CVS stores will stop selling tobacco products effective Oct. 1. According to CNN, CVS hopes to help promote longer and healthier lives to its customers.
Seven things you must do before you graduate

By DEVIN RAMOS
Staff Writer

Don’t buy cellphone apps when you can get quality apps for free.

Save money by downloading free apps from iOS and the Android market that are user friendly and won’t break your bank account.

iOS and Androids have many photography apps that let you take advantage of the high megapixel camera, but among them is SnapChat which is a perfect app to take stunning photos.

VSOC Cam is free for iPhones and allows users to export their photos in full resolution, and use a wide array of editing tools.

Student Gabriel Huerta said, “I really like VSOC Cam, because it has really nice filters, and let me manipulate the photos the way that I want them.”

Snapchat can go hand in hand with VSOC Cam for getting large pictures into a format that’s friendly with Instagram.

Snapchat allows you to export your photos directly to Instagram which will save you the trouble of having to search for it in your photo album.

I found that many students are moving from Instagram to the alternative photo sharing app SnapChat.

Snapchat is free for iPhones and Androids that has the additional benefit of having a user’s photos deleted seconds after being viewed.

Student Vanessa Sandoval said, “I use Instagram and Snapchat a lot because it’s great for sharing photos with only a few friends.

If you’re a hardcore or casual gamer there are plenty of free challenging games that you can download as well.

Dead Trigger 2 is a great game to play if you are a fan of zombies and first-person shooters such as the increasingly popular Flappy Bird.

Student Aaron Flores said, “I’ve been playing a lot of Flappy Bird on my iPhone.

While there are a variety of games that you can download and test, students are more interested in music apps.

As a music lover, it really is difficult to select which albums I want to put into my iPhone, so I’ve found that the Soundcloud and Bandcamp apps are a great way to keep up with the music supply of music wherever you go.

I use both of these apps to listen to and explore music from various artists and bands from around Southern California.

Soundcloud builds a custom feed based off of what musicians you follow. The app has a sleek interface that allows you to listen to playlists in the background of other apps.

Bandcamp released a music app that streams albums that you’ve purchased from indie artists via their website.

The difference between Bandcamp and Soundcloud is that Bandcamp is focused primarily on the collection of albums that you have directly purchased from artists, and Soundcloud is powered by free content that artists upload onto the site.

It can be daunting to find a solid collection of good musicians that are worth listening to through both apps, but if you’re determined you can have a great library of music for very little money.

Both of these apps are available for iOS and Android devices. To listen to music from various artists students said that they prefer to use Spotify.

Student Karen Macias said, “I like to use Spotify over other music apps because it has more of the songs that I want to hear.”

Spotify is free for iOS and Android devices, but can be upgraded to a premium service for just a few dollars per month.

There are many apps to enjoy for free on both iPhones and Androids and if you browse the markets you can load your phone with endless entertainment that fits your lifestyle.

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Seven things you must do before you graduate

By MARLYN RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

While at CSUSB there are seven things I dare you to try. Being involved and finding some escape from our chaotic and busy schedules is hard. One thing that is that we are a part of a very active campus looking for proactive people to take part in activities.

“Keep yourself busy and have fun while you’re here,” said student Kendall Smith. “Give everything your all.”

The most rewarding thing happening on campus at different times and days of the week to accommodate students’ schedules. Here are a few things I recommend you try while on campus.

1) Recreational Center

If you need to relieve some stress and want to stay fit, visiting our Recreational Center is great. They are open from 6 a.m. until midnight during the week and are open for most of the weekend as well. There is a variety of machines to help you reach your goals and weights. They also offer the opportunity to get a personal trainer and join group exercise classes. Not to mention the racquetball and the sauna, which are my personal favorite parts of the Rec Center.

Student Jared Browning said, “Staying in shape at the Rec Center is important and is a good way to make friends.”

2) Robert and Francis Fullerton Museum of Art (RAFFMA)

We have a museum on campus located in the Visual Arts building. They have different exhibits, which usually change every other year. The exhibits have different themes and feature many different types of art from various parts of the world. Some student work is also displayed to demonstrate the creativity among our student body.

3) Sports Events

No matter the season there is always an athletic team to cheer on as our fellow Coyotes take on opposing schools. Coyote Athletics provides a sport to suit all preferences.

Sporting events usually take place inside the Cougar Arena or on the fields on the right side of the Recreational Center.

4) Theatre or Musical Performances

If you want to sit and enjoy an entertaining piece of art, check out a play or musical performance in our Performing Arts Building. Students that are aspiring to be actors, actresses and musicians take the stage and show us how talented our student body really is. There is always some kind of performance taking place, whether it is a play, musical, ensemble or choir performance.

5) Food Vendors

We are always on the move as we go from class to class with little to no time to stop and eat.

To our convenience, there are always some sort of food vendors located in front of the library lawn.

By MARIE FERNANDES
Staff Writer

Celebrate love on Valentine’s Day

You can still find a way to enjoy Valentine’s Day even if you are not in a relationship.

Societal pressure to declare that you have a valentine is inevitable. There is no need to find a valentine everyone has someone even if it is not their significant other.

Its your perspective on the holiday that determines the outcome of the day. Remember this is the day for celebration of all forms of love.

“I love Valentine’s Day because everyone gets to celebrate love together on one day,” said student Emily Anderson.

I think that it is the perfect holiday because it is in our human nature to love and be loved.

I believe that people are not too familiar with the different types of love because we usually only think of it in a traditional relationship.

The ancient Greeks created terms to help us define the types of love that we may have in our lifetime.

There are four types of love known as storge, philia, eros and agape.

Storge is the type of love that would be shared with family members. Spend- ing Valentine’s Day with your parents or siblings is an option for how you could spend this special day.

Philia is the Greek word for love that is shared and earned between friends. There is no better way to celebrate than with friends giving you multiple valentines.

Eros is more of a romantic love that is all about the feeling of love in a relationship.

Don’t be afraid to grab that special someone and have a conventional Valentine’s Day dinner.

Agape is known as unconditional love. This is the type of love that dem- onstrates how you can be in love with a person no matter the obstacles you face together.

So if you know who your valentine is going to be if you have found agape, so use the holiday to spend some quality time with the person you love and show them how precious they are to you.

This year I have found agape with my fiancé, Jesse Perez, so we will be celebrating our unconditional love this Valentine’s Day with a relaxing picnic at our favorite park.

Now that you have been informed about the four different types of love try to apply one of those terms to someone in your life.

It will help you realize that Valentine’s Day is not just for a romantic couple. I believe that you can have multiple valentine’s such as your best friend or a family member if you are single, so spend Valentine’s Day with whomever know how much you appreciate the relationship you share.

Valentine’s Day is an all-inclusive day of love focused on bringing people together.

Have fun finding a valentine and celebrate the love that you have in your life.
Students choose multiple assignments
Survey shows classes with more tasks are preferred than tests only

By ERIN CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

There are two approaches to structuring a college class that all students are familiar with and favor one more than the other. Method one and the most often used with large enrollment classes calls for only a midterm and final. The second method includes several tests, quizzes, homework assignments, special projects and participation. A survey of about 20 students revealed they preferred the second method because it gives them more opportunity to do well in the class.

When asking students on campus on which class they prefer, I referred to method one as test-focused classes and method two as bulk classes.

“I prefer the bulk classes over test-focused because the extra work allows me to still do well in my class,” said student Julia Reussemichard.

“In my honest opinion, I believe the ideal school experience would be taking bulk classes,” said student Harim Sanchez.

“You get more out of your education that way. It’s an experience of learning and developing.”

Test-focused classes can be just as beneficial as bulk classes.

Many students think test-focused classes can be dull and stressful; however, these classes are designed to help students focus on strict information they need to know in order to pass the class.

“Test-focused classes aren’t my preference; however, I do better in those classes because I know what is expected of me,” said student Luis Escalante.

Test-focused and bulk classes both have advantages and disadvantages. Students who typically do well on tests prefer test-focused classes because it’s less work for them to do in the long run.

For students like Escalante, preparing for a test is easier and less demanding than working on many assignments for the same class.

However, bulk classes can be better for students who rely on participation, attendance, special projects and homework because those aspects of their grade can serve as a cushion. This still gives students the opportunity to do well in the class.

These types of classes offer the chance for students to learn the material in different ways such as group projects and hands-on experiences.

According to textbook “The Educational Psychology,” “The functional organization of the brain and the mind depends on and benefits positively from experience.”

The brain processes and remembers information better when the learning experience is memorable.

Whether you prefer the test-focused class or bulk class, the only thing that matters is that you are remembering the material in a way that is best suited for you.

THE FAULT IN OUR STARS

By ERIN POSJENA
Staff Writer

The New York Times bestselling novel, “The Fault in Our Stars” by John Green, has critics and readers alike describing it as “luminous, beautiful and an instant classic.”

The novel follows a young, terminal cancer patient named Hazel Grace Lancaster, who has plunged into a depression so deep she thinks nothing can pull her out.

The inspiration for this novel came to Green after working at a children’s hospital where he met a young cancer patient there that directly influenced him.

The novel begins with Hazel attending a cancer support group where she meets Augustus Waters, another cancer patient with an outlook on life that shows her there is more to life than just her disease.

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It is important to know which type of class structure suites you best. We found that students prefer classes that offer more assignments, ultimately giving opportunity for more points.

Upcoming feature film has students reading popular novel

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For many, there is a line where PDA goes too far, but for others, there may be no line at all.

As we all know, social media has become more popular over the years, and PDA posts have become more frequent and problematic. Instagram users have created two hashtag trends to exemplify PDA, #WCW (Women Crush Wednesday) and #MCM (Man Crush Monday).

“PDA in general sometimes makes me uncomfortable, so I have literally unfollowed some of my friends because the only thing they post is pictures of them kissing their boyfriends,” said high school student Stephanie Ingram.

So, why do people feel it’s necessary to update their status to “in a relationship” or post frequent posts of their boyfriends or girlfriends? Could the answer really be that if they don’t, then their friends may not take their relationship seriously?

Ingram admits that even though it may be annoying to see her friends make these type of posts, that she too frequently posts pictures with her boyfriend.

Ingram says it’s almost a subconscious thing that she wants people to see how much time she spends with her boyfriend.

“I feel like the people in my life and on my Facebook know that I’m with my fiancé most of the time. I don’t really feel the need to post about it,” said student Hillary Stewart. “When I haven’t tagged him, nobody has ever asked me ‘but was Russ with you?’”

Ingram and Stewart both agree that the PDA line is crossed when people post about their more intimate moments that should be kept private.

“Being in a public relationship with someone can come with bragging rights, but after a while it feels like: ‘We know! You love them! Good for you!’” said Stewart.

Stewart explained that it’s understandable for people in a new relationship to post frequently about it because they want people to know that they are happy.

But once you’ve settled down in the relationship, these posts should decrease because it is known that you are sharing your life together and it’s not necessary to mention it all the time.

There is clearly a difference between teen and adult relationships, but when it comes to online PDA it’s important to keep the posts in moderation for the sake of your friends and followers.

Stewart acknowledged that it’s sweet that people are in love, but if social media wasn’t around, then we wouldn’t have to hear about it all the time.
Save time and money by making your own Valentine’s Day presents.

Midterms have begun and Valentine’s Day is this Friday. Students are big time procrastinators especially during midterms. They don’t have extra time or money to make plans or buy extravagant presents for their friends or significant others.

Instead of spending loads of money on cliché presents, why not try and make something homemade to woo your significant other?

There are many inexpensive gift ideas on the Internet that are easy and don’t take more than 30 minutes. YouTube, Pinterest and Tumblr are great at showing you step-by-step projects for Valentine’s Day.

If you are a visual learner, YouTube is the way to go. Pinterest and Tumblr instruct you on how to make the projects step-by-step through textual instructions and pictures.

One of the easiest and most thoughtful gifts you can give someone is a mixed CD with a special homemade case for it.

It’s a little old school but what better way to show someone you care about them than taking some time out of your day to pick a few special songs that remind you of that person?

Things you will need to make the case:
- Scrapbook paper
- Blank CD
- Ribbon
- Heart shaped stickers
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil

By DIANA RAMOS
Staff Writer

**DIY**

**Pinterest Valentine’s Day gift idea**
Create a throwback gift with a mixed CD case

**STEP 1**
Start by choosing the scrapbook paper you want for the cover of your mixed CD.

**STEP 2**
Trace around the blank CD on the scrapbook paper. Trace it four separate times.

**STEP 3**
Cut out your four traced circles.

**STEP 4**
Place your circles semi on top of each other to form a spiral.

**STEP 5**
Glue the edges of the circle where they overlap.

**STEP 6**
Once your scrapbook paper has dried, crease the edges of the circle.

**STEP 7**
Place the CD in the center of the cover you just made and seal it with a sticker.

**STEP 8**
Tie a ribbon around it to finish off because it adds pizzazz.
Orlando’s pop punk band, Old Again, have emerged from the underground. The band is taking over the country one show at a time.

Old Again is a relatively new band that was established in 2013. The Orlando based, all male pop punk band is well on their way to fame and fortune. They kicked off their two month, 45 show, cross country tour on Jan 9.

The band was eager to step foot on stage at The Epicentre in San Diego, CA on Friday, Jan. 31.

The Epicentre is a well-known all-age music venue that is dedicated to discovering the underground music talent.

The band members have taken it upon themselves to constantly make an effort to gain followers by unbroken exposure, Facebook and self-promotion.

They’ve only been together for a short time, but they have proven to be a strong group powered by endless ambition.

Old Again was featured in a June 2013 issue of The Alternative Press, a well-known American music magazine. The Alternative Press has been known to publish interviews with bands that are just emerging in popularity, which is a clear sign that Old Again is on their way to making it in the music world.

Old Again has gained many fans by proving to be a group of genuine guys who truly enjoy writing and performing their music.

When asked what he has learned while being on tour, Pat Diaz, the bands bass player, responded, “Don’t get bacon on your burger at McDonald’s! It costs a dollar more and you will run out of money quicker!”

The band has found great success in their music by ensuring that each song they write together has an end result that they are all proud about.

Lead singer, Joshua Patridge, has taken on the role of songwriter, but the band collectively creates the music.

A fan, Jonahnah, stated on iTunes, “I’m a huge fan of Old Again, and I was so stoked to hear that they’ve already released new music! They’re seriously going places. Old Again is the future of pop-punk [and they’re some of the] best artists out there.”

Pop punk is a newly recognized fusion music genre that combines elements of punk rock with pop music. It has been a lucrative aspect for hardcore punk bands to create a new faster, feel by adding a little pop.

Oftentimes, pop punk music involves lyrics about girls, love and common teenage struggles.

Old Again has been able to receive acknowledgement and gain countless followers through Bandcamp, a privately founded company that allows musicians to price and sell their work as they see fit.

After gaining success through Bandcamp, Old Again has released a split EP with a fellow band Firestarter in Dec. 2013 on iTunes.

Avid fan Nathan Cichosz said, “Thank you guys so much for creating the music you do. It really makes an impact on anyone who hears it.”

It is evident that Old Again is on their way to being a force to be reckoned with in the music world.

By CARLY WOLLEY
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Photo courtesy of Patrick Diaz
CSUSB’s Black Student Union (BSU), showcased “Lift Every Voice” on Feb. 4 in honor of Black History Month. The hosts for the night were the club’s very own Jajuan Johnson and Jeron Rivers. There were many talented artists in this showcase, including singers, rappers, musicians and poets.

One of the poems performed by Nicole, “Basic Ex” was definitely a crowd-pleaser. “Basic Ex” was about seeing an ex and realizing that he was not all that he was cracked out to be. He was basic and not worth stressing about. Her feelings towards her ex was something that the women in the crowd were able to relate with.

Accompanied by her male pianist, Tamisha performed an amazing cover of Usher’s, “There Goes My Baby”. Her song was the most inspirational song of the night, alongside with her moving voice. The lyrics were also presented in the screen behind her so that the audience could easily follow along.

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The next performance was with a young lady and her guitarist, who performed a nice, mellow song. Both the duo’s and Tamisha’s performance received a positive reaction from the crowd. As the showcase went on, the crowd was very excited before the next two artists Jerome and Twan hit the stage. The duet bounced off the energy of the crowd during their lively performance. Another great performance was given by Ms. Esso, when she delivered a very beautiful song that fit the room up with her high and strong vocal cords. Followed by her great performance there was a brief intermission where music was played to keep up the energy.

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BSU gives a voice to talent on campus

By DA’JHA SIMS  
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Solid hooks, catchy rhymes and poetic lyrics establish Isaiah Rashad as an artist to watch out for with his debut EP Cliva. This EP reads into a young man dealing with human emotions and personal issues. Rashad sets himself apart from other rappers with an original twist on an old school style of rapping.

Isaiah Rashad McClain, better known as Isaiah Rashad, is an American hip hop recording artist from Chattanooga, Tennessee. When listening to rap I expect something with a fast pace, however moments into the EP Rashad rhymes along to a slow beat that is present in most of his songs far from the upbeat and fast pace album I was expecting.

The first track “Hereditary” opens up the album on a hazy and somber note as Rashad touches on a message seen throughout the album of a young man struggling with daddy issues.

Rashad raps, “My daddy taught me how to drink my pain away[,] my dad taught me how to leave somebody,” letting listeners know the only lessons he learned from his father were negative. “I like the lyrics of this song because of the way he expresses that he is and acts how he does because of his father,” said Alisha Villalobos. The sense of this hatred is present in the songs “Banana” and “Soliloquy” where he refers to his estranged father with anger through raw and aggressive lyrics.

“Webbie Flow” serves as an introduction to Rashad as he shares facts and his way of giving listeners a sense of who he is. In “R.I.P. Kevin Miller” we learn a bit more about him and see a different side of the rapper. He raps about dying with a sense of peace because he has already accomplished more than most and would be leaving a great legacy behind.

Rashad tackles issues about race in “Ronnie Drake” where he addresses the fact that you can still be a victim in today’s age of racism. In “West Savannah” he talks about how young love can overshadow the feeling of depression and suicide. In “Tranquility” Rashad makes it clear that he questions life, the intentions of people and his own.

Heavenly Father” is Rashad’s most vulnerable and honest breakdown where he realizes that he is just like his father and expresses his desire to change. “Shot U Down” serves as the conclusion of Rashad’s coming-of-age story. This song is seen as a ballad of warning to rappers that rap music need to stop it up a notch, saying “I’m praying for some good rappers and a Fleetwood.”

“I liked this song because of the catchy beat, he reminded me of Lil’ Wayne a lot while listening to the song,” said Villalobos.

Rashad manages to deliver a solid first project with Cliva despite his redundant and repetitive message of his feelings towards his father.

Rashad ends his EP with the lyrics, “I came, I saw, I conquered, I shot you down,” putting a perfect end to the 14 track EP and making his first project a success with a great foundation of what is to come from this young rapper.
Be sassy in black this Valentine’s Day

By CHRISOLUA BAROUDOS
Staff Writer

Red, pink, and lace, oh my! Dressing up for Valentine’s Day can be difficult and stressful. If we are allowed to get festive for Christmas and Halloween, why not for Valentine’s Day too? We shouldn’t be ashamed to wear red or pink. It’s the day of love and romance after all.

If you and your Valentine are going out to a nice dinner, here are some tips on what you could potentially wear.

For the ladies, you could never go wrong with an all black outfit, and hit him with a pop of red on those kissable lips. Deciding to wear that little black dress and bold red lipstick will complete the look, and even give you an old Hollywood feel.

If you want to spice this look up even more, I would recommend wearing lace stockings, or even thigh-highs. Stockings have a lingerie-like feel, and will only spice up your outfit even more. For shoes, I would keep it simple and go for all black pump.

This is a staple for your closet, and I either wear a pop of red or pink, whether it’s the lipstick or the heels. I’m a pink lover. If you like Disney, you both can even wear Mickey and Minnie t-shirts with a cute pair of jeans, and the both of you can wear your favorite sneakers. Have fun this Valentine’s day, whether you are going out to a fancy dinner, or staying home, be festive!

One mistake that I see time and time again is men buying shirts two-sizes too big. The dress shirt that you will be wearing needs to be fitted towards your body. If the shirt is too big, you can make sure it’s fitted by tucking it into your pants.

Add a nice belt to both complete the look and keep the shirt fitted. If you are a guy that likes to have fun with fashion, wear a bow tie or even a skinny tie. This is an evening to look dapper, and you shouldn’t hold back.

Students from CSUSB expressed that they will be wearing this year for Valentine’s Day.

“Valentines day is always fun to dress up for. I either wear a pop of red or pink, whether it’s the lipstick or the heels. I’m going to wear a black strapless bandage dress with red closed toe six inch heels, with a dressed up black fitted coat,” said Marilyn Ceron.

“Honestly, my girlfriend tells me what to wear,” said Richard Garcia. “For some of you that may not want to do the “dressy” route, and plan on doing a more casual date, I have listed a couple ideas of what you could wear.

Ladies can wear dark denim high-waisted shorts with a black crop top with red lips painted on the front. A black pair of ankle boots will make this trend turn out nicely.

Gentlemen wearing dark cranberry chinos with a black v-neck shirt is a subtle way to still show those Valentine’s Day colors.

Pair this look with your favorite dunks, and you are good to go. If you like Disney, you both can even wear Mickey and Minnie t-shirts with a cute pair of jeans, and the both of you can wear your favorite sneakers. Have fun this Valentine’s day, whether you are going out to a fancy dinner, or staying home, be festive!

By OFELIA FUENTE
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“That Awkward Moment” stars Zac Efron as Jason, Miles Teller as Daniel and Michael Bakari Jordan as Mikey. Imogen Poots as Ellie, Mackenzie Davis as Vera and Jessica Lucas as Chelsea.

The movie is mainly focused on Jason(Efron), Daniel(Teller) and Mikey’s(Jordan) bromance. The movie begins with a flashback and is briefly narrated by Efron’s character, but doesn’t really follow through until the end of the movie.

“The Awkward Moment” follows three young men living in New York City. Throughout the movie Mikey is dealing with a post marriage break up with the desire to keep the relationship going with failed attempts.

Mikey’s friends Jason and Daniel promise to stay single together to encourage Mikey to get back into playing the field and partying hard together.

Like all movies, the promises end up broken and the friends all start seeing girls a little more than casually, but keep it from each other.

“That Awkward Moment” does not give the girls in the movie a background, which was a little unsatisfying. However, they give Ellie a little bit of background but only because she was seeing Jason, the main character throughout the movie.

Towards the end of the movie all three men end up in a fight when they’re realized that they each have broken the promise they made to each other.

Realizing he’s wrong and that the promise was stupid, Jason takes the initiative to apologize to both of his friends and help them out.

JASON helps Mikey cope with the fact that his marriage is over and then encourages Daniel to confess his feelings.

The movie had a great story line but did not give enough depth to the characters and what they actually go through during their everyday life, how they cope with break ups, deciding feelings or admitting to them and allowing themselves to fall in love.

That Awkward Moment just kind of grazed these topics but did not give enough time for the audience to understand.

Of course, some parts where touching but most of the movie was just kind of focusing on the immaturity of the guys and their development.

Over all the movie was enjoyable but it had it’s sad moments and it’s comedic moments and who wouldn’t enjoy star- ing at three handsome men for almost two hours?
Heated, Tarantino files lawsuit

By JOEL HANKE
Staff Writer

Actor, director and screenwriter Quentin Tarantino filed a copyright lawsuit against Gawker Media as of Jan. 27 over disseminating copies of his new Western script and pre-production movie “The Hateful Eight.”

The director told deadline.com he was “very, very depressed” after news of his new script being leaked on Gawker’s De-famer website.

According to Gawker’s Defamer website, “The Hateful Eight” centers on eight lawless characters during the Wild West whose paths eventually collide through chance and circumstance.

The story revolves around two bounty hunters who are returning to Red Rock with a ‘Dead or Alive’ prisoner to gain a hefty reward.

Along the trail, the bounty hunters’ tales unfold.

Tarantino has made numerous films.

Some of his more recognizable films include “Reservoir Dogs”, “Natural Born Killers”, “Pulp Fiction”, “Kill Bill” Vol. 1 & 2, “Inglorious Bastards”, and most recently “Django Unchained.”

The director is taking Gawker Media to court after their website posted a link on one of their blogs titled, “Here Is The Leaked Quentin Tarantino ‘The Hateful Eight’ Script” which included the first ever draft of the entire 146 page script.

The blog contains multiple links for downloading the script and Tarantino claims Gawker’s links have further pushed the script out into public.

A legal complaint was filed to the U.S. District Court charging Gawker with copyright infringement and contributory copyright infringement.

Obtained by The Hollywood Reporter, Tarantino lawsuit states “Gawker Media has made a business of predatory journalism, violating peoples’ rights to make a buck.”

“This time they went too far. Rather than merely publishing a news story reporting that Plaintiff’s screenplay may have been circulating in Hollywood without his permission, Gawker Media crossed the line,” it states.

“The complaint also stated that Gawker has refused ‘repeated demands’ to remove the article in which the links were available.”

The development of the leak first hap-pened after Tarantino personally gave out the script to only a handful of actors whom he had in mind for parts in the film.

While talking with Deadline he sug-gested that the agents of either Michael Madsen or Bruce Dern were responsible for the leak.

“I gave it to three actors: Michael Madsen, Bruce Dern, Tim Roth. The one I know didn’t do this is Tim Roth. One of the others let their agent read it, and that agent has now passed it on to everyone in Hollywood,” continued Tarantino.

Tarantino’s decision to publish the script rather than make a movie has caused panic amongst fans and followers. We will have to wait and see about Tarantino’s final decision in the near future.

By MINTIMER AVILA
Staff Writer

Fabulous makeup and extravagant dresses were the talk of the night as CSUSB hosted their third annual Drag Show at the Student Union Events Center.

CSUSB students were the first to take the stage as the amateur hour took off.

The students performed well and got the audience in the mood for what was coming.

From the students that performed, Kendall received the most attention as the opening act.

He set the bar high as his performance surprised everyone and they cheered on for more.

His fierce attitude when he took of his coat and unveiled his outfit made everyone’s jaw drop. “I loved it!!...All of the stu-dents brought their own interesting flavor but Kendall was the fiercest and most interesting part of the first act,” said student Gabby Valadez.

The second act was the main highlight of the night and featured a talented cast that audience members really enjoyed.

The main star of the night was Mor-gan McMichaels.

He was featured on the second season of “RuPaul’s Drag Race,” on Logo TV and has since gained popularity.

McMichaels’ performance was not limited to showing off his goods, as he would occasionally take to the stage and tease the audience as they reached out their arm with the hopes that he would come over.

Two more guests from “RuPaul’s Drag Race” made an appearance, Raven and Sonique.

After performing for “RuPaul’s Drag Race” Raven’s career has taken full swing and has since been featured in “America’s Next Top Model” and has made 10 appearances as a mentor to other competitors on the spin off series “RuPaul’s Drag U.”

Raven and McMichaels both had a similar style but presented each act with a unique flavor.

Sonique wore long dresses that were classy and elegant.

What Sonique lacked in energy, he made up with a relaxed attitude that was the perfect compliment to the rest of the cast. When he took to the stage for a third time, the heat really turned up as he removed his shirt, revealing next to nothing and performed a back flip.

The audience stood on their feet and cheered as Sonique completely changed her attitude, giving the audience even more energy.

The event was not limited to Drag Queens, as one of the nation’s leading drag kings also made an appearance.

Landon Cider presented her various alter egos that ranged from pop stars to Disney’s Peter Pan.

She opened the curtains and ran out to the stage dressed as a very convincing Pit Bull.

The crowd jumped out of their seats from the excitement and began singing along. In an interview with starpulse.com, Cider said that Pit Bull was her favorite alter ego.

“The reaction I get from the crowd is always joyous,” said Cider.

“They are shocked and I love that feeling of knowing that I could transform into soemone like Pit Bull and the au-dience would react so positively to it,” con-tinued Cider.

“I really enjoyed how the energy grew as the performance progressed,” said stu-dent Jorge DeLoSantos.

DeLoSantos added that, “People should check out future events because they are fun, educational, and free.”
The Coyotes suffered a defeat to the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos 68-88 on Saturday, Feb. 1. The newly seventh ranked Coyote’s men’s basketball team hosted the 23rd ranked Broncos.

The game was played in front of a record-setting crowd of about 4,500 people in the Coussoulis Arena as part of the Pack the House night. The Pack the House night is an event that takes place every year to fill the arena to capacity.

This year, the crowd brought a lot of energy and excitement to the game. The Coyotes got off to a slow start, shooting only 26 percent from the field, which ultimately led to their downfall.

The aggressive defense from the Broncos caused the Coyotes to struggle on the offensive end. The Broncos got the best of the Coyotes with their rebounds. The Broncos grabbed 28 rebounds in the first half compared to the Coyotes, who only grabbed six rebounds.

Leading into the half, senior guard Kirby Gardener led the Coyotes with 10 points and senior forward Andrew Young contributed another six points. At the end of the first half, the Coyotes trailed 24-46, leaving the hopes of the Coyotes down in the dumps.

This was the largest halftime deficit the Coyotes have faced at home in 19 years. In the second half, the Coyotes looked to fight their way back into the game by making some adjustments on both ends of the ball, coming together as a team, and finding ways to score and grab rebounds. The crowds hopes began to go down and the fans began to file out early.

Despite the Coyotes giving it their all, the result was unfortunately a loss. At the end of the game, Gardener led the Coyotes with 17 points and senior guard Jordan Burris followed up with 12 points.

With the loss to the Broncos, the Coyotes ended their 16 game winning streak. The loss was a complete tragedy, not only in losing their streak, but becoming their first loss since November.

The loss moved the Coyotes five spots down to become the 12th ranked team in the nation.

In the CCAA conference both the Coyotes and Broncos are tied for first place with a 13-1 conference record.

With eight games remaining in the regular season, the Coyotes look to start a new winning streak and win out the rest of the season. The next two games for the Coyotes will be on the road as they play against the Pioneers of Cal State University, East Bay on Friday, then travel down to Monterey Bay to play against the Otters of Cal State University, Monterey Bay. After Saturday night’s game, the Coyotes overall record is 16-2.

**Broncos defeat women’s basketball**

By KIRDOLLES GUINGUIS Staff Writer

The Coyotes women’s basketball team suffered a loss in overtime against the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos on Saturday night. The game came down to the last minute as the Broncos squeezed out a 76-73 victory.

The Coyotes scored consistently and played aggressively throughout the entire game, which was more prevalent in the fourth quarter.

With five seconds left on the clock, sophomore Alexcia Mack made a deep three-pointer from the top of the key to take the game into overtime.

The Coyotes were able to close the gap to 73-74, but were unable to take the lead.

With 13 seconds left on the clock, Broncos guard Tyler Woods was fouled by senior Trinidee Trice Woods made both free throws and secured a win for the Broncos.

The Coyotes pushed forward down the court with nine seconds left in overtime. After taking a time out, they became overwhelmed by the Broncos’ defense and were unable to score.

The Coyotes played with the same pace and attitude they brought two months ago when playing against the Broncos. They defeated them by 28 points in their first match, up earlier in the season. The Coyotes had four players that scored in double digits. Trice lead the team in scoring while going seven of 20 from the field.

“We played well offensively. We put up great shots and we knocked them down. Free throws really hurt us throughout the game against Pomona. That’s something we need to improve on,” said sophomore Alexcia Mack.

The Coyotes had strong players from the bench that produced 18 points for the team and kept the momentum going.

Continuous turn overs and missed free throws did not help the Coyotes in their game Saturday night.

Mack was a key player for the success of the team. She scored 15 points and gave five assists against the Broncos.

Freshman Tariana Dunlap had 11 points and 12 rebounds during the game earning her first double-double in her college career.

The Coyotes started the game strong and took an eight point lead during the first half, but were unable to hold onto it during the second half.

The 17th ranked Broncos had a strong and effective offense against the Coyotes. Ariel Marsh led the Broncos scoring 21 points and Jada Blackwell scoring 18 points.

The back and forth game remained close in score throughout both halves. The score was tied six times throughout the night and there were seven lead changes.

However, the Broncos were able to capitalize during a crucial time in the game despite a big clutch play by Mack in the fourth quarter.

Even though the start of the season has been difficult, the Coyotes (4-13 overall) look to improve the rest of the season with high hopes and expectations from both players and coaches.
Coyotes sweep doubleheader

By URIEL ORTEGA

The Coyotes softball swept No. 12 against St. Martin’s during last Sunday’s doubleheader in their season opener at the Coyote park field.

The Coyotes made a statement by defeating one of the best teams of the south with precise pitching, great defense and timely hits.

Coyotes Coach Tacy Duncan improved her team in the off-season by adding transfer players. The team’s new additions gave the team a bright future, with new talents.

“We have worked very hard on pitching, very hard on hitting, and increased our strength and condition program,” said Duncan in preparation for the 2014 season.

Freshman Cassandra Williams gave the Coyotes their first win of the season as she pitched a near perfect game in her collegiate debut.

Williams set the momentum for the Coyotes defense in the first inning by holding off her first two batters and striking out the third.

“She is going to be a huge force for us especially as a freshman. She is only going to get better,” said Duncan.

The Coyotes wasted no time at the plate as freshman Kristin Lopez and junior Mary Menicucci both hit singles to set up the scoring run. A wild pitch by the Saints would advance Lopez to third base and Menicucci to second.

Junior Tiffany McIntosh was walked leading up the bases for Thalia Ortiz. Ortiz hit a single to right field advancing all the runners and allowing Lopez to score.

At the bottom of the second inning, junior Victoria Lievano’s infield hit, followed by another single from senior Darian Manuz put runners on first and second base.

With runners in scoring position, the Coyotes Nicole Nobbe pinch-hit for Ramos.

Nobbe came through, as she ripped the ball into left field for a two-run run batted in (RBI), giving the Coyotes 3-0 lead.

In the seventh and final inning, the Saints got their first score and set runners up to scoring position, but Williams’ pitching would retire the Saints for a 3-1 win.

The Coyotes got a short break in preparation for their second game of the doubleheader.

Duncan was very happy with the team’s performance but knew they would need to keep the momentum.

Duncan said that solid defense, great pitching and timely hits would be needed in order to win again.

The second game was almost a mirror image of the first with great pitching and clutch hitting. Coyote’s pitcher Stephanie Luhman was fantastic for six innings, only allowing five hits and two runs.

In the bottom of the second, Williams scored on a wild pitch after a base hit and a sacrifice bunt by Lievano.

During the sixth inning, the Coyotes would score two more times with back-to-back bases loaded.

In the top of the seventh inning, the Saints would score the same with two runs. Williams would relieve Luhman and get the save to finish the game at 3-2.

The sweep was a great start for the Coyotes as they continue to improve and remain optimistic about the rest of the season.
2014 is a special year for holding all the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, with two new events this year. The Russia's President Vladimir Putin was elected to hold the Winter Olympics in July 2007. The last time that the Olympics were held in Russia was in 1980 during the Summer Olympics in Moscow.

This year's Olympics began on Feb. 7-23, with a pre-opening that started on Feb. 6 holding one of the newest games that were added to the games: slope style and team skating.

Slope style has always been an event of the Olympics but has only been offered for skiers and this year it is open for both skiers and snowboarders.

Olympic snowboard champion Shaun White registered for the event when he signed up for the Olympics but had recently withdrawn his name, stating, “With the practice runs I have taken, even after course modifications and watching fellow athletes get hurt, the potential risk of injury is a bit too much for me to gamble my other Olympics goals on.”

White stated that he wants to pay more attention on the halfpipe event, and be aware of his wrist that he had recently injured during a few practice runs. “White, has been dealing with a number of nagging injuries during a winter in which he was one of a few riders trying to compete in both events. His focus now will be solely on Tuesday’s contest in the halfpipe, which is essentially a half-pipe snowboarding event.”

Besides slope style for snowboarding, the other new event this Olympic season is team figure skating. A team of six individuals from each country are able to compete in four different categories: men, women, pairs and dance. The event will take a total of three days to complete.

Although these new events will give athletes another chance at earning the gold medal, there are also a few other games that have viewers watching with anticipation.

Another Olympic sport to look forward to is hockey, as last Winter Olympics the USA hockey team and Canadian hockey team came head to head for the Olympic gold medal, but team USA lost against Canada and were awarded silver. This year in Sochi, team USA is well equipped for the matches ahead and looking forward to the rematch against team Canada to win for the gold.

Although the air is high with competitiveness, the opening ceremony was something that would not yet be forgotten. The opening ceremony was a failure for visual disaster, having all of the Olympic rings show up except for one. Despite the missing of the ring the visuals of the ceremony were truly profound.

The opening ceremony brings the lighting of the Olympic flame and the beginning of the games. The events should be broadcast on local stations and everyone tuned in will be able to cap on the events. So make sure that you pay attention to the games and support team USA!