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Coyote Chronicle

Overhaul of CA's education system

By **ANDRES IBARA**

Staff Writer

California's educational system has come under some recent scrutiny.

Neel Kashkari, Republican candidate for Governor of California, hopes to change that.

Kashkari has ideas to overhaul the state's educational system and change the way they're funded. He hopes to make traditional schools more like charter schools, which also include increasing online education.

One of his ideas is to send money directly to the schools rather than the school district.

Additionally he would increase the amount of time needed to attend school during the day and during the year, as well as increase merit pay for teachers.

"We can absolutely transform California's education system into a force that not only lifts student achievement, but ultimately addresses income inequality and eradicates poverty from our communities," said Kashkari in a proposal.

His proposal includes an increase in online classes, including the UC and the CSU systems, requiring that each of them to put 20 percent of their classes online.

Another addition includes a scholarship program for students who major in science, technology, math, or engineering, in exchange for a small, but unspecified percentage of what they earn in the future.

Kashkari also plans to allow more local authority and less state authority, and hopes for more changes that will require centralized intervention.

John Rogers, the Director of the Institute for Democracy, Education and Access in UCLA explained that a lot of suspicion surrounds a big government with contradictory initiatives and goals.

"He wants to, at least rhetorically,

suggest that we need less government, not more. It's very difficult to do these things at the same time," said Rogers.

Ben Austin, chief executive of the non-profit organization Parent Revolution, was in favor of Kashkari's proposals, citing localized school funding and throwing out parts of the educational code.

Among students, these ideas have also received some mixed responses with the proposed increase of online classes being the most unpopular.

"More online classes would be a bad idea. Physical classes feel more motivating while I feel online classes may encourage procrastination," said student Erika Chavez.

"Online classes give students less human interaction," said junior Matt Deer.

Senior Raymond Aguire, however, said that, "It's a good idea in that it gives people more choices."

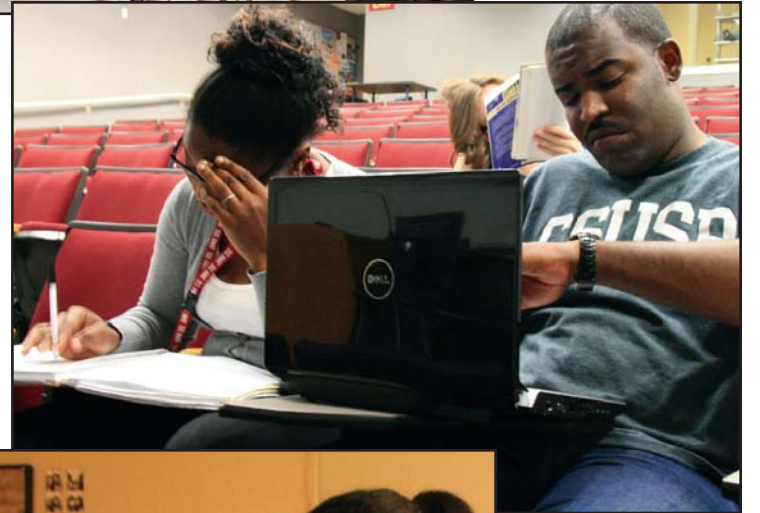
The proposals to make schools more like charter schools were better received by students, as Deer says that it "gives schools more control and helps implement their own rules."

"Charter-like schools can be beneficial for students," added Oropeza.

California's education system has had a lot of troubles prior to Gov. Jerry Brown's term and although many people and politicians were skeptical, many also agreed that he's handled the educational system fairly well.

"While the governor's not perfect, he's exceeded expectations when it comes to making tough calls on kids," said Austin, citing Brown's shift in school funding that provides more money to disadvantaged schools and how he vetoed a bill that claimed to streamline a process to fire bad teachers but instead increased teacher protection.

As of now, Kashkari stands firm on his proposals to restructure the California school system.



Andres Ibara and Stephanie Para/ Chronicle Photos

The proposed overhaul would send money directly to schools, lengthen school days, and put 20 percent of classes online.

Pledge promises graduation in 4 years

By **CHELSEA GALVEZ**

Staff Writer

The CSUSB website includes a headline link that promises incoming freshman that they can graduate in four years if they sign a commitment contract.

When the student clicks on the link, they discover there are three obligations needed to sign up for the pledge.

These obligations include signing a 4-year pledge contract, promising to register for 15 units every quarter, and to stay aware of the pledge obligations.

"CSUSB is committed to student success in several ways. The Four Year Graduation Pledge is one method that the university works to ensure that students are able to complete their degree in the allotted four years," said Academic Advisor Ebony Staten.

According to Staten, interest in the program has grown tremendously. In 2010, there were 46 students enrolled in the program, but this number increased to 105 students in 2011, 251 students in 2012, and 401 students in 2013.

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FCC law poses threat to Internet neutrality

By **MINTIMER AVILA**

Online Editor

The quest for speed could translate into higher fees for some Internet access.

Internet providers want to create discriminatory practices that would charge some users more because they happen to stream more or go online for long periods of time.

The most aggressive company fighting for these changes is Verizon.

Verizon is just one of many companies that want to earn a profit from its users that consume these large amounts of data.

Netflix has become the leading choice for online streaming and consumes as much as one third of Internet traffic during peak times, according to CNN.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has proposed new rules due to pressure from various companies that would allow Internet service

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CSUSB president proposes plan to end student disturbance

By **MARLYN RODRIGUEZ**
Opinions Editor

CSUSB president plans to work with local communities to help improve student conduct in residential areas surrounding campus.

President Dr. Tomas Morales provided a commentary in *The San Bernardino Sun* where he states he is planning on reaching out to local landlords at apartment complexes where students reside.

One claim is that local landlords should be responsible for maintaining their property and understanding the unpredictability that comes with housing too many residents.

He states that he, along with many other college administrators across the nation, understand that even though a student is old enough to attend college, it doesn't mean they are responsible and mature enough to be on their own.

His plan is to come to some form of agreement on what these landlords expect from students and ways that CSUSB can help ensure their students fulfill those expectations.

Morales continued to say that students are expected to abide by a code of conduct whether they live on or off campus.

Students are informed an educated about the code of conduct during their freshmen orientation that they are required to attend.

During the orientation, they are presented a variety of topics aimed to help them engage in their community.

For example, they learn about alcohol

and drug abuse and giving back to the community as well as about cultural diversity.

"We remain committed to educating our students on intangibles such as leadership, integrity, and responsibility," stated Morales in his commentary.

When paying close attention to the Standards for Student Conduct, the rules and regulations are followed by a statement that reads, "At University related activity or directed to a person within or related to the University community."

CSUSB Police Chief Jimmie Brown said that he doesn't recall having to deal with any misconduct around campus but that Campus Police have heard complaints from the San Bernardino Police Department about problems caused by partying around the local area.

He also said the possible increase of student misconduct in neighboring areas should be addressed before it becomes a problem.

Psychology professor Christine Weinkauff had her own views on this matter.

"It is our responsibility as educators to go beyond teaching content to teaching students about life, and how any content in which any given course is embedded may be applied to their own lives," said Weinkauff.

She also understands and recognizes that students look to professors as role models, which should be taken into consideration, as far as the impact these professors have had on the students.

"Research has shown that by practicing pro-social behaviors we neutralize



Marlyn Rodriguez and Shadya Qasem | Chronicle Photo

President Thomas Morales is reaching out to local landlords to create a clear code of conduct expected of CSUSB students

prejudice, enhance self-esteem and increase the investment individuals have in their neighborhood, which in turn reduces crime," added Weinkauff.

She added that she completely agrees with Morales and that she feels he makes a good point.

However, some students seem to

disagree.

"Integrity can't be taught. Professors tell us in every class every quarter to not plagiarize. Yet, students still do it," said student Simrangitj Sandhu.

Currently, there are no details about the specific plan or on how President Morales plans to carry out his idea.

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Nigerian Islamic terrorists kidnap over 300 schoolgirls to sell as slaves

By **EMMANUEL GUTIERREZ**
Staff Writer

More than 300 schoolgirls are being held hostage and threatened to be sold by the terrorist organization Boko Haram in Nigeria.

The first abduction of schoolgirls occurred on April 14, at an all-female school in Chibok, Nigeria.

Abubakar Shekau, leader of Boko Haram said in a video, "I abducted your girls. I will sell them in the market, by Allah."

He continued in the CNN translation, "There is a market for selling humans. Allah says I should sell. He commands me to sell. I will sell women. I sell women."

Shekau justified the abductions noting that members of Boko Haram still remain in Nigerian prisons, according to the *New York Times*.

Shekau intends on selling the girls into marriages and as sex slaves, according to the *New York Post*.

Boko Haram literally translates to "Western education is sinful," in the local Hausa language and the terrorist organization's ultimate goal is to impose "strict enforcement of Sharia law in Nigeria," according to CNN.

Sharia law is a methodological moral

system on how to conduct oneself in the Islamic faith, and is interpreted in varying degrees.

The strict interpretation that Shekau referred to dulls out antiquated and extreme punishments such as losing an arm for stealing and stoning to death for adultery, as a misinterpretation of this law.

Members of Boko Haram are responsible for the bombings of schools, churches, and mosques in the past 12 years, according to CNN.

Mohammed Yusuf, former head of the organization, created the religious and educational organization preaching "Western education incompatible with a belief in God."

However, he spoke proficient English and drove a Mercedes-Benz, according to *Vocativ*. Waves of criticism and questions about the competency of Nigeria President Goodluck Jonathan ensued after he waited three weeks after the abductions began before publicly announcing the kidnapping and seeking international assistance, according to *Vocativ*.

"Wherever they are, we'll get them," said Jonathan after admitting to having no new information regarding the kidnapped girls.

Parents and guardians of the abductees

have expressed an immense lack of faith towards their government and have gone searching for their children on their own, saying that they have never seen soldiers or police officers searching, according to *Vocativ*.

Relatives of the abducted school children have told officials that the girls are being "offered for 2,000 naira," according to *Vocativ*. Two Thousand naira is equivalent to \$12 in the U.S.

Foreign nations, including the United States, Great Britain, France, and Canada, have sent special-forces to help locate and find the schoolgirls.

However, no military action has been authorized, according to the *New York Post*.

"Access to education is a basic right and an unconscionable reason to target innocent girls. We must stand up to terrorism," tweeted former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton.

"These girls need help. Their friends and families need to be assured that a competent force will do good for them," said student Hailey Allison.

As these events unfold in Nigeria, the world waits for information on the whereabouts and safety of the missing schoolgirls.

CCBriefs:

By **STEPHANIE PARA**
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Kids confront governmental agencies with inaction to climate change (May 5)

A massive legal suit against governmental agencies has gone underway by youth across the United States for inaction against climate change.

The case was filed by five teenagers and two nonprofit organizations, WildEarth Guardians and Kids vs. Global Warming, according to *Al-Jazeera*. Each nonprofit represents thousands of children from all over the U.S.

Creepy human-like female android created (May 6)

At the 2014 Global Mobile Internet Conference in Beijing, professor Hiroshi Ishiguro revealed his latest female remote controlled android.

The android, called Geminoid TMF, has the latest in human-like features, including skin, hair, and the ability to smile, give a toothy grin, and frown.

Professor Ishiguro stated that in the near future we are going to see and use androids for more human-like interactions.

3D printed guns gets a Japanese university official arrested (May 7)

A man was arrested for possessing two guns created by a 3-D printer by Japanese authorities, according to *Headlines & Global News (HNGN)*.

Officials confiscated five polymer produced guns in his home in Kawasaki, Kanagawa Prefecture. Two were capable of firing bullets, however, no artillery was located in the raid, according to *HNGN*.

Chinese air force enlists Monkeys (May 8)

Macaque Monkeys have been utilized by the air force of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China to help protect an air base near Beijing from huge flocks of birds that obstruct flights, reported the *Times of India*.

"The base has used practically every means of tackling the problems of the birds, from firecrackers to scarecrows or even firearms but nothing proved to be as effective as the monkeys, which are jokingly referred in military circles as 'the Chinese army's new secret weapon,'" according to *Mid-day*.

Russia plans to colonize the moon by 2030 (May 8)

A robotic Russian craft could be sent to the moon as early as 2016, along with other planned flights in between, and by 2028.

The Russian document that outlines the program stated, "The price tag of the mission is uncertain, but the first stage of the program is expected to cost around 28.5 billion rubles (\$815.8 million)," according to *The Moscow Times*.

Fishy showers (May 7)

Villagers in West Sri Lanka got an unusual surprise in the weather this week involving a downpour of small fishes.

According to *Outside Magazine*, 110 lbs. worth of small three to five inch fishes, some of them edible, rained down in Sri Lanka.

BBC Forecaster, Steve Cleaton states that, "In the Sri Lankan storm, a tornado probably formed over land, drifted over river systems or coastal waters and sucked up light fish that were lifted all the way into the base of the storm cloud. Later the fish were rained out of the cloud."

Big businesses may monopolize web

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providers to charge consumers an extra fee to use certain online services on their network.

Net neutrality allows consumers to freely do what they like for a standard monthly fee. However, under these new rules, users would be charged extra fees in addition to their current fees.

Consumers that pay these extra fees would be given access to a "fast lane" while everyone else would have their connection either slowed down or disconnected.

The FCC is scheduled to vote on these changes on May 15 but FCC Commissioner, Jessica Rosenworce, argues that this meeting should be delayed for at least a month.

FCC chairman Tom Wheeler is proposing to change the rules that broadband falls under from Title I to Title II.

Title I is reserved for "information services" and is preferred by industries because the FCC can't regulate these services as heavily.

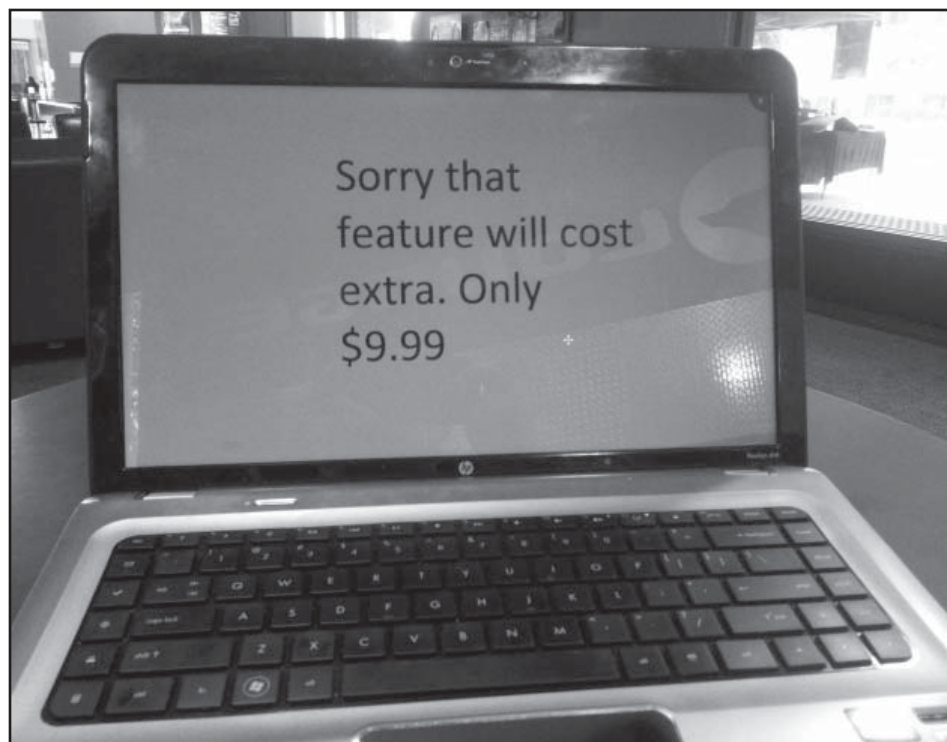
Under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, broadband would have to follow all of the regulations that are set in place for telephone systems.

Internet service providers would be treated like "common carriers" that would be forced to act in the public's interest, according to *Gizmodo*, a technology website.

Discrimination in charges, practices, regulations and facilities would therefore be forbidden.

This proposal, however, has been appealed by the U.S. court since last January because the Internet had already been defined as an information service and not a common carrier. This prevented the FCC from imposing such rules.

"If anyone acts to degrade the service



Mintimer Avila/Chronicle Photo

The FCC has proposed new rules that would allow big businesses to have sole access to an Internet "fast lane" at a cost.

for all for the benefit of a few, I intend to use every available power to stop it. Using every power also includes using Title II, if necessary. If we get to a situation where arrival of the "next Google" or the "next Amazon" is being delayed or deterred, we will act as necessary using the full panoply of our authority," said Wheeler.

Former FCC commissioner, Julius Genachowski, highlighted some of the dangers of removing net neutrality in a statement he made in 2010.

Genachowski argues that prioritizing access to users could reduce the profit that edge providers, or companies that invest and innovate would earn.

An example of this would be a major Internet provider slowing down rival websites so that their partners could gain the most traffic due to better load times.

Smaller start-up companies would need to pay large fees to reach the consumer and could potentially put them at a financial disadvantage.

He adds that broadband providers would have an incentive to degrade the quality of service provided to those that have not paid these fees.

This could result in providers cornering smaller companies by refusing to upgrade their network resulting in low quality transmission until they pay the increased cost.

The end result would be large fees for both the consumers and the companies that provide online services while Internet service providers would continue to earn money.

For more information, everyone is advised to visit Theopeninter website.

CSUSB pledge offers students valuable benefits

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According to the school's online document, the Four Year Pledge is only offered to freshmen, allows for priority registration, specialized advisement, as well as guaranteed course offerings to those who meet the specified requirements.

By doing so, the university commits to the idea that the student will be able to graduate within four years.

According to the official pledge, incoming freshmen must sign a contract which obligates them to take all qualifying exams, placement tests, take a minimum of 15 units per quarter, maintain a "C" average, enroll at scheduled times, meet with an advisor periodically, take courses as they are available and comply with all university policies.

"After four years of full time enrollment, if it is determined that required courses were not made available then that student will not be required to pay tuition or fees for subsequent terms needed to graduate. However, there have been no situations where a student has had this issue to date," said Staten.

While there are many obligations required of students to reap the benefits of the Four Year Pledge, students who signed the contract believe they have really benefited from the program.

"The Four Year Pledge has been very beneficial to me and has allowed me to get all the necessary classes I need. It allowed me to get all the pre-requisites I needed for the nursing program in a timely manner," said student Chelsea Smithfield.

"Without the four year pledge I can't

say for sure whether or not I would have gotten the classes when I did or whether I'd be in the nursing program today," added Smithfield.

Conversely, students who were unable to comply with the requirements remain grateful for the pledge, even though it was only available to them for a short time.

"The pledge has been really beneficial to me the few quarters I was able to receive its benefits, but I definitely don't think I will be graduating in four years because I am aiming at getting into the nursing program, which will set me back in graduation because it is a three year program and I have not been able to apply for it yet," said student Hailey Barnett.

Students who participate in the program should be aware of the fine print and obligations required to graduate within

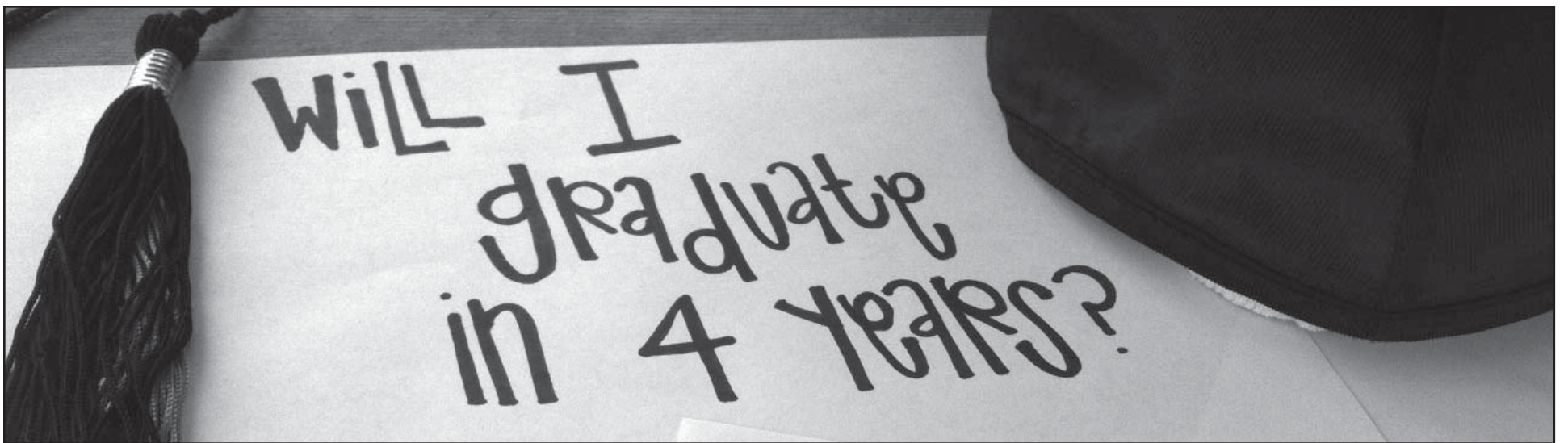
four years.

According to Staten, some students who pledge find they are unable to graduate within four years when they become overwhelmed with work, family, a change in or of their majors and minors, and other unforeseen circumstances.

The university is looking for more ways to increase student access to programs like these to ensure students get to have a timely graduation.

"The university only provides this program to incoming freshmen, however, I am in the process of discussing the development of a 2-Year Graduation Pledge program for transfer students," said Staten.

Staten is working on improving the program and broadening the eligible group, but made no definitive promises. "Stay tuned," said Staten.



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Incoming freshmen have the opportunity to graduate in four years if they sign a contract upon entering college. The contract enables students to attain priority registration and special advisement if they maintain a "C" average in classes.

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Different coffees have different tastes and range from different prices. The hype behind having to have Starbucks coffee versus any other, we still haven't been able to solve. We don't know what makes it so different from other coffee brands.

Starbucks coffee versus other brands: Is there a difference?

By **RONA ORTIZ**
Staff Writer

While many are enamored with Starbucks and its customizable drink offerings, many budget-conscious students think it's just too pricey.

College students comprise 40 percent of daily coffee drinkers, but the numbers are dropping.

"Among those ages 18 to 24, 41 percent said they drank coffee daily, down from 50 percent in 2012. Young adults also greatly reduced their daily intake of non-gourmet traditional coffee, dropping to 17 percent from 27 percent last year," according to a study conducted by the National Coffee Association.

Many students are on a budget and want alternatives to the popular coffee chain.

McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts and convenience stores are lining up to chal-

lenge the current reigning coffee champion. Not only are they offering comparable drinks, they're a lot cheaper.

"I go to the Starbucks on campus sometimes, but often the lines are too long," said Ashley Patterson who was holding a cappuccino from AM PM. "It's convenient and it's cheaper."

AM PM offers a 16oz. iced latte for \$1.89 compared to Starbucks' "tall" which rings up at \$3.65.

McDonald's is aggressively going after the specialty drink market as well.

They currently offer an 18oz. coffee and specialty drink options at a fraction of the price of its high-priced competitor.

"The fast food chain is slowly moving toward becoming more like a coffee shop, selling breakfast pastries and expanding its morning menu," according to *Business Insider*.

The very popular frappuccino at Starbucks costs about \$4.60 for 24oz.

McDonald's offers their version at \$3.39.

"I prefer to buy my tea and hot chocolate at McDonald's, it's less expensive than Starbucks," said Shontrice Coleman. "I went to the Starbucks here on campus a lot last year," she added.

Costs can add up quickly.

This is especially true for those needing a daily fix.

Another alternative is brewing your own coffee.

"I prefer to make my own coffee at home," said Julie Grande. "I used to go to Starbucks everyday, but it's just too expensive."

Coffee brewed at home is the most cost-effective option.

With coffee averaging about \$8.99 a pound, it costs about 45 cents for a twelve ounce cup.

If you're not up to making your own coffee and prefer the flavor of Starbucks

but won't pay the high price- there is Seattle's Best.

Many already know that Seattle's Best is owned by Starbucks but they don't know where to find it.

Burger King and Subway carry the coffee giant's lesser known brand.

"A great line of coffee is the foundation of a great breakfast," said Eric Hirschhorn, vice president of innovation at Burger King.

The chain spent nearly a year developing the new line with partner Seattle's Best, which is owned by Starbucks.

"I prefer to buy my tea and hot chocolate at McDonald's, it's less expensive than Starbucks,"

Shontrice Coleman

Kidadults change modern adulthood

By **KOBY HERAMIL**
Editor in Chief

As children we've held onto our inner child, but when is it time to let go of that and become an adult?

Some individuals have different perspectives of what it means to be an adult.

As for me, when I picture an adult, I think of my parents and elementary school teachers. Now granted those individuals are much older than I am, are they what signify an adult? How about picturing someone in today's time, who do you then picture?

I can't think of anyone especially a celebrity who is a proper role model for today's young adults, because just like children they too are still holding onto their inner child.

For example, there's Katy Perry and Nicki Minaj who are obsessed with nail art and dress in candy-like costumes.

Thirty-four year old Zoey Deschanel plays Jess on "New Girl" a 30-year-old who acts as if she's four when attempting to say the word "penis."

Even though I find "New Girl" hilarious, I wouldn't consider the character Jess a good example for today's young adults.

However, editor Emma Rosenblum of *Bloomberg Businessweek* thinks otherwise.

Rosenblum explains that young adults are considering now what's called "kidadults."

Rosenblum wrote that, "Adulthood used to be simple. You finished school, got hitched and pregnant, moved out the 'burbs, and bam! —you were a grown-up. But that path seems quaintly retro, a black-and-white vision of the way things used to be."

Black-and-white is definitely not how today's young



Photo courtesy of Mendaily

Kidadults have characteristics that make distinction between the two difficult.

adults think.

Coauthor Robin Henig of "Twentysomething: Why Do Young Adults Seem Stuck?" states, "If you're a young woman today, your mother was likely to have been married, had kids, and owned a house at your age, and we still tend to think of those things as the markers of adulthood."

My mother always reminds me whenever I complain about work about how she had a job at 13 and lived in an apartment paying bills. That traditional pathway of adulthood has vastly changed overtime.

I don't think about marriage and having children as

something that needs to happen right away.

And to that Henig states the average age of first marriages for American women is 27, up from 25 just 10 years ago resulting in delayed motherhood.

Henig continues to explain how the age of first-time homeowners today is 34 and in the 1960s the age was 23.

Communications professor Heather Hundley finds Rosenblum's view of contemporary adults rather pessimistic and explains people have their own choices, which will ultimately relate to their happiness.

And happiness explains Hundley is "not determined by whether a person begins higher education, starts a career, marries, or gets pregnant at a younger or older age."

CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI) graduate Alysha Joi Griggs disagrees with Rosenblum as well saying she feels that today's youth is more focused on creating a more solid future for themselves.

"And because of this there is less than a rush to date, marry, and have children until we as young adults are equipped with the tools necessary to properly raise and take care of a family," said Griggs.

"Things have been delayed for the better because youth are taking more time to develop themselves as a whole," continued Griggs.

I don't find anything wrong with having an inner child, but setting goals and achieving them is also important.

Holding onto that inner child because you may be afraid of responsibility and commitment is just childish.

Experts say that the, "Slipperiness of modern adulthood can be detrimental if you let the adolescent mindset linger too long."

Modern adulthood has changed and change is good, but whether or not the changes are positive or negative we must determine that for ourselves.



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Veteran James Glenn displays awards he earned while he was in the military.

Appreciating our Veterans

By **MARK MASCETTI**
Staff Writer

It is our job, I believe, to honor members of the armed forces who served this nation.

Let's come together and show them our support.

This Wednesday, the Santos Manuel Student Union will host an Armed Forces Appreciation Day from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Gamers Lounge.

Student veterans be able to play free video games and receive free food.

What many students don't realize is that CSUSB was rated as a top university by the Military Advancement Education program for its effort to work with our veterans.

"We have had over 200 people apply for the fall quarter that have acknowledged themselves as a veteran," said Admissions Advisor and veteran's liaison Juanita Olivo.

"These young men and women have made a choice to protect and defend this country and now they are trying to do online course work so they can transfer when they come out," added Olivo.

One student veteran, James Glenn, served in the U.S. Navy that included two combat deployments to Iraq in which he patrolled rivers against insurgents and a tour at Diego Garcia as a rescue swimmer.

"Veterans are the reason why students have the opportunity to go to school and get an education," said Glenn.

Many students do not recognize why veterans are so important in our country and the purpose that they serve.

"Serving in the military is a brotherhood that is recognized from different generations, branches, and veterans, but really doesn't get as much recognition from the public as people think," added Glenn.

In an online article titled "Stop Thanking Veterans For Their Service," Ky Hunter explains why Americans shouldn't just thank veterans, but tell them why they are grateful.

"The All Volunteer Force in place in the U.S. today relies on men and women to step up and volunteer," said Hunter.

"Without volunteers, the system would cease to function and the U.S. would have to rely on a conscription service, denying young men and women the choice of whether or not they serve in the military," added Hunter.

Before 1973, ordinary citizens would be drafted to serve in the armed forces.

If not for the young warriors who volunteer for the service, you could have been drafted to serve in the current wars.

Hunter suggested instead of repeating the words "Thank you for your service" to veterans, truly think about why you are thankful and tell them.

"Thank a veteran that you knew you would be present for the birth of all your children. Thank a veteran that you have pursued your educational goals safely and uninterrupted. Thank a veteran that you can sit home at nights and write. Thank a veteran that you have your weekend free," stated Hunter.

And most importantly, Hunter said to thank a veteran that you don't have to be one.

Let's come together and recognize our student veterans and give them the recognition they deserve this Wednesday.

CSUSB needs more designated smoking areas

By **MARK KLOPPING**
Staff Writer

There should be an increased number of designated smoking areas.

CSUSB students who smoke feel that they are limited on where they can light up.

Obviously there is no smoking indoors but when you step outside, remember that most businesses require that you must be at least 20 feet from the doorway in order for you to smoke, according to the state laws on smoke-freesandiego.org.

This is not the case when it comes to the smoking policy found on the CSUSB website.

According to the CSUSB website, "Tobacco use and smoking are prohibited on all CSUSB property and in all indoor and outdoor spaces owned, leased, licensed, or otherwise controlled by CSUSB, with the exception of designated smoking areas."

So does this limit the students who smoke on our campus too much?

In fact, when I was walking around campus, I noticed there was hardly any smokers breaking the rules.

Perry Wooten holds his lit cigarette in one hand and a study guide in the other. "I'm going to respect the rules regardless," said Wooten.

Wooten followed up on his statement by saying he also tries to seclude himself when smoking. The rules are not really what bothers Wooten and other smokers.

In fact, they do not mind following the rules but other limitations do exist for students like Dustin Shepherd. "I don't have a problem with the designated areas but they are so minimal," said Shepherd.

Being a student that smokes myself, I have only come across one area on campus that supports smokers.

Shepard and Wooten also mentioned there are only a few designated smoke areas. "If you're a smoker, you'll find them," said Shepherd.

Since smoking is only allowed outside and not indoors, this campus is not very smoker friendly.

Some of the locations have a better view of the campus's scenery than others.

While taking a break in the UH building's designated smoking area with her friends, who also smoke, Tabitha Lehouillier complains that she is not fond of the view.

"Here, it feels like a prison yard," said Lehouillier.

"Well, it's not as bad as Six Flags. There, they have a blue bench that you have to sit on to smoke," Shepard added.

If the law for a business is 20 feet as a respectable distance to light up, then why do students feel confined when they smoke on a public campus?

In my opinion, as long as there is no harm to people surrounding you, there should be no problem with smoking out in the open.

This problem also follows students to their cars.

Student Fernando Victoria has encountered this problem before. "I can't even smoke in my own car without campus police saying something," said Victoria.

As a young adult, I found myself smoking for about three years of my life. If I chose to light a cigarette outdoors, I would have done it with consideration of the people around me.

Designated smoking areas are not the evil in this situation. The fact there are only few and far apart from each other limits the time students with back-to-back classes have to get to a designated smoking area and enjoy a quick smoking break before class starts.



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Smoking areas on campus are really limited which is problematic for smokers.

Students identify ideal professor qualities

By **LOYDIE BURMAH**
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Professionalism, extensive knowledge, courtesy, and even humor are considerable factors of what students look for in an ideal professor.

"An engaging professor, one that cares about the well-being of their students. A professor that is also on top of things, and makes class interesting," said student Ashanee Brown.

Granted it's not easy to develop a generalization on student preference because of the diversity of what qualities students perceive would be found in an ideal professor.

"When a professor is passionate in what they teach, it makes me want to learn," said student Carlos Mora. However, it can be general-

ized that some student expectations ultimately revolve around a professor's level of openness, care for student well-being, and familiarity/excitement of subject matter.

In a research study by Accalia Kusto, Stephanie Afful, and Brent Mattingly on "Students Perceptions of Preferences for Professors" the authors found students preferred professors to have similar qualities, regardless of discipline.

They said, "Alternatively,

our findings suggest that students generally prefer that professors possess the same professorial qualities, regardless of discipline."

Kusto, Afful, and Mattingly conducted their research by providing their subjects with Students' Perceptions of Professors Surveys, which featured 20 items listing ideal or actual (typical) behaviors of professors.

Students ranked items such as expressiveness, time management, and professionalism on a five-point scale for history, psychology, and biology professors.

"These findings suggest that many aspects of students' experiences in a course affect how students rate the course, not just how well the professor taught," stated Kusto, Afful, and Mattingly in their research.

The ratings for each discipline were assessed then the mean scores were compared amongst each other.

Although these findings prove that there are considerable qualities that students expect from all professors, the authors stress that their findings should be evaluated with caution.

"However, conclusions drawn from the current study do not attempt to describe specific characteristics of ideal or typical professors, both of which require generalizability across

universities," reported the study.

Websites like Rate My Professor (RMP) allow users access to student ratings of professor attitude and performance.

"The site does what students have been doing forever [...] figure out who's a great professor and who's one you might want to avoid," according to the RMP About. Users rank a professor on easiness, helpfulness, clarity, interest, overall quality and are allowed to leave comments elaborating on their scoring.

"Hated the class mostly because it was so boring. Didn't help that she kept saying that it was a course she didn't like teaching. At least try to make it interesting," wrote an anonymous student on ratemyprofessor.com.

It would appear that student expectations of respectable qualities from their professors to some extent affect their ability to learn.

"If a professor is dull, or unexcited, I tend to not pay attention to the subject and it's harder to get the material," said student Carolina Alvarez.

Making generalizations about preferences is difficult, but it can be assessed that certain qualities such as openness and humor from professors help better facilitate student learning.

SUGAR

By **ERICA WONG**
Staff Writer

Dating sites are used to satisfy all sorts of kinky and romantic pursuits. But what about trading time for money?

Higher unemployment rates and lower starting salaries are making some college students and recent graduates increasingly desperate. So much so, that many are resorting to selling themselves to relieve their debt in this failing economy.

"I made an account on Seeking Arrangements because I was two months behind on rent and up to my eyeballs in credit card debt. My two jobs just weren't enough," said Anabelle, CSUSB student.

Seeking Arrangements (SA), is a dating website for sugar daddies and sugar babies.

Brandon Wade, the sites founder, explains it as one that "facilitates mutually beneficial arrangements."

The services solicited on SA fall into a legal gray area, as sugar babies are providing their sugar daddies with companionship and a confidence boost in return for

not only money, but vacations and shopping sprees as well.

According to California penal code, prostitution is only when someone is directly paid a fee for engaging in sexual activity.

The website is not strictly for heterosexual relationships, however, there are sugar mommies, but majority of the users are female sugar babies and male sugar daddies.

Anabelle is a pseudonym for a CSUSB student who uses this name when meeting wealthy men online.

This is used as the name for her false persona in order to protect her identity.

Anabelle's current sugar daddy is on the website because his wife has multiple sclerosis and the physical attraction just isn't there anymore.

"Married men account for at least 40 percent of the sites sugar daddies," Wade told Huffington Post.

"I get \$2,500 to see him three or four times a month," said Anabelle.

This averages to about \$600-700 per visit.

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, the national monthly income for a college student is \$1,600, which is usually supplemented by financial aid and scholarships.

When initially signing up for the site, Anabelle juggled 16 units and two serving jobs. With her income from being sugar baby, she's been able to quit one of those jobs to have more time to focus on school.

According to Anabelle, her sugar daddy doesn't want her to work, but she's hesitant about being completely financially dependent on their arrangement.

Stranger danger is a very real concern for sugar babies.

Anabelle takes many safety precautions before meeting men online, such as texting a friend her location and a time that she's expected to leave.

She meets men in public places such as restaurants and coffee shops for the first couple of dates, always taking her own car until she's comfortable with them.

Anabelle uses a third party app to text potential sugar daddies (referred to as POTs), and she

keeps her personal social network profiles very private, in case they Google search the pictures she sends them.

According to Huffington Post, in 2011, the site had over 800,000 members and Wade estimates that 35 percent of its users are college students.

SA pays for their advertisements to show up when someone searches for terms like student loans or college financial aid.

At request of Huffington Post, SA compiled a list of the top universities attended by sugar babies on the site. NYU is at the top of the list with 498 sugar babies, UCLA is No. 8 with 253, University of California at Berkeley ranks No. 13 with 193 and University of Southern California ranks at No. 15 with 183 college sugar babies.

Students who use an ".edu" e-mail address are rewarded with a free upgrade from basic membership to premium membership, allowing them to send unlimited messages and access to the sites VIP sugar daddies.

This allows them to have a complimentary stamp on their profile, certifying them as a col-

lege sugar baby.

Sugar daddies are required to pay \$50 per month for membership.

They pay an additional one-time fee to have their income verified by the site, earning them a badge to let sugar babies know they're legitimate.

There's a whole online community called the sugar bowl, where seasoned sugar babies give newbies advice and ways to protect themselves or how to bring up the delicate topic of an allowance with their sugar daddy.

Is sugaring really something that's so immoral and shocking? Evolutionarily, men are wired to seek younger, pretty women and women prefer older men that can provide for them and ensure security.

Relationships with a financial component is nothing new, but the transparency of arrangements on SA makes many people uncomfortable.

"It's a business, but at the end of the day you have to take into account your own morals and how your decisions affect your life," said CSUSB student Deja McAlister.



"I get **\$2,500** to see him three or four times a month"

Annabelle

DADDIES



By SHIANE JACOBS
Staff Writer

Department store lipsticks from MAC Cosmetics, Sephora, or Ulta cost up to \$35.

Some college students often do not have the time or money to spend on make-up and other cosmetics.

Home-made do-it-yourself lipstick can leave a feeling of accomplishment and a fuller wallet.

The process is easy, takes about 10-15 minutes, and uses Crayola non-toxic crayons, which are a fair price.

This project is perfect for students who are going out with family and friends, or for concerts like Electric Daisy Carnival (EDC).

The D.I.Y. also makes for a perfect Mother's Day gift.

Mothers love knowing that their gift was original and from the heart, rather than getting a store bought gift.

This activity can also be used for clubs, events, or just for quality time with the family.

It is also a great project for potential business majors. It's a great way to start selling their merchandise that they learned to make in such a timely manner.

This project can be done in six easy steps.

The supplies you will need are: A plastic individual container to hold the lipstick, Crayola crayons with colors ranging from strawberry red to blue-green, coconut oil, a glass Mason jar, a kitchen pot, a measurement cup, and a stove.

Step 1: Supplies should be gathered in a clean area.

Step 2: Pour one cup of water into the pot and wait for it to boil.

Step 3: Place the Mason jar in the middle of the pot of boiling water and wait three minutes.

Step 4: Use the half tablespoon to scoop the coconut oil and place it in the Mason jar.

Step 5: Peel the Crayola crayons wrapper and place it in the Mason jar. Wait for it to melt and then place another half tablespoon of coconut oil.

Step 6: Let the crayon melt then turn off the stove; grab the mason jar (use a mitten if it's too hot).

Step 7: Slowly pour the crayon mixture into the plastic container.

The lipstick needs to cool down overnight to stay solid.

The next day, the mixture should be

cooled and you can try it out for a brand new day.

Some things to keep in mind: Make sure the stove isn't too hot or the mason jar may break.

Also keep in mind that some may be allergic to some necessary ingredients.

All of these items can be purchased at stores such as Stater Bros., Target, Michaels or Wal-Mart.

Some students can use old containers from other lipsticks for the same process.

The plastic container that holds the lipstick can be purchased with different colored beads at Wal-Mart.

Students can use these beads to decorate their container.

The color I used for this project was strawberry red, but students can get creative and try a variety of bright colors.

Cinco De Mayo Event

By NAILEA FABIOLA AYALA
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The Cross Cultural Center hosted the Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Thursday, May 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Santos Manuel Student Union.

Patricia Chi, event coordinator, and her team started planning the celebration in April. "It is important to decide what entertainment will be here," said Chi.

The entertainment line-up consisted of dance groups, lectures and musicians who represent Mexican roots and traditions. The celebration started with DJ Christian Bautista mixing popular Latin songs.

Dr. Gallegos, professor of Latin American Literature, spoke about the importance of this day and made it clear that Cinco de Mayo celebrates a significant battle victory against France in 1862.

"It is important to have these kinds of events because there are people who probably don't know what Cinco de Mayo is and many might confuse it with Mexico's Independence Day," said student Cinthia Padilla.

Student's who attended the event were thrilled to not only learn about their culture but also hear familiar cultural tunes.

"Events like this show the diversity of our campus. It ranges from African Americans to Mexicans so it shows we are not ethnocentric," said student Jimmy Valenzuela.

Jay Carreon agreed with Valenzuela, "These events make me feel like the school cares about my culture, and that we are not left out."

Event coordinators organized booths where students were able to make traditional Mexican flowers made of tissue paper often used to decorate towns.

The special cutting of this paper and flowers indicate the town is celebrating their saint and has become a popular Mexican decoration for religious festivities in the United States.

Students enjoyed the variety of booths, tacos, and beverages available.


Booths gave them the chance to taste horchata (a milky drink made of ground almonds, tiger nuts or rice), make maracas, bracelets, and play "loteria" also known as the Latin version of bingo.

At 5:45 p.m., a local youth mariachi band Corona de Angeles played Mexico's most popular mariachi songs including the famous, "El Son de la Negra" amongst many others.

Ballet Folklorico Ilusion, a dance group from Riverside, showed students a classic Mexican dance.

Dancing from regions of Sinaloa and Jalisco, the ballet folklorico group performed the most popular songs.

The event concluded with Generales de la Sierra, a live band that played contemporary regional Mexican music to finish off the event.



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MSA hosts Islamic Awareness Week

By **MELISSA GILBERT**
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The Muslim Students' Association (MSA) organized Islamic Awareness Week May 6-8.

Manal Museitef, president of the MSA explained, "This week was organized for students to learn more about Islam since there are a lot of misconceptions here in the United States."

The first lecture was given by UCLA alumnus Abdallah Jadallah. He provided information about the roles of Moses and Jesus in Islam.

Jadallah explained some of the similarities shared by Judaism, Christianity and Islam through the two prophets.

The tone of the lecture was friendly and inclusive. Jadallah welcomed questions, and was not afraid to admit that as a Muslim, it is OK to answer a question by 'I don't know' instead of giving information that may not be true.

The second day consisted of a panel of two men, Kunal Patadia and Genaro Waheed, who shared the journey to Islam.

For Patadia, a young Indian man coming from a Hindu background, the path to Islam started in high school. He explained that one of his good friends was a Muslim.

"I took interest in Islam because I could not relate to my parents' religion. At that point, I started asking more questions to my friend about Islam," said Patadia.

Waheed on the other hand, came from a southern Baptist background. He said he was also searching for more answers spiritually.

In 1998, after studying multiple religions, Waheed turned to Islam.

During the Q&A session, the question of violence often associated with some Muslims was raised. Particularly, in regards to the kidnapping of 200 girls in Nigeria.

Waheed responded, "It is never Islam. It is the people who do bad things."

He continued and said, "The information we receive here is not balanced. We do not get to hear about the other side of stories. It is one-sided."

Both panelists made it clear that it is fundamental to avoid generalization, especially in a post 9/11 United States. Not every Muslim is a terrorist.

Taher Herazellah gave the last lecture of the week entitled, "A Political View of Islam."

He discussed the importance of the participation of young Muslims in politics. According to him, Muslims should not fear positions of leadership as long as it is for the greater good.

"Islam is inherently political. Islam has come to change the status quo," said Herazellah.

He also advocates that Muslims need to take part in politics at any level to challenge injustices and support communities.

Islam Awareness Week has reached its goal to educate students about the true nature of Islam and hopefully managed to open minds.

To learn more about Islam, it is possible to join the MSA meetings every week at the Interfaith center located in the Student Union at 2 p.m.

"It was nice to see their experiences because it takes a great amount of courage to stem out from a religion you were born into."

Imad Museitef
CSUSB Student

Mental Health Expo: Thrive in Solidarity

By **JENNIFER BAESKENS**
Staff Writer

The Student Health and Psychological Counseling Center will host a Mental Health Expo on May 15.

Professors, faculty, staff and community members are all teaming up with the Student Health and Psychological Counseling Center to help make this event fun and exciting for students.

This year's Mental Health Expo uses its THRIVE program to help students have fun and learn about ways to increase their mental health.

THRIVE, a program that offers health and wellness workshops, has been on the CSUSB campus for a couple years, according to Heather Webster-Henry, a marriage family therapist and the chair of the THRIVE program.

"THRIVE stands for Tools for Health Resilience Insight Vitality and Empowerment," said Webster-Henry.

"We are trying to create a campus wide collaboration to increase mental health and resilience of all students on campus," added Webster-Henry.

Their desire to create this campus wide collaboration has led up to the

theme of this year's event.

The timing of this event is perfect with finals just around the corner.

This event will focus on the health and wellness of students, as well as providing students with experiences that will help decrease and manage stress in their daily lives.

In addition to the many resources at the event, there will also be guided meditation, mindfulness activities, speed-friending, a body awareness collage and Zentangle, which was a hit last year.

According to Webster-Henry, "Zentangle is a form of art meditation where you draw repetitive patterns to use that as a form of meditation."

In addition to these fun activities, there will also be a few surprise activities, massages, and henna. There will also be demonstrations of experimental activities that are sure to be a hit with students.

Students who participate in five activities will be given a free fruit bowl while supplies last.

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Green ribbons will also be handed

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Patrice Thompson
CSUSB Student

out to students to help raise awareness of mental health.

These activities can be used immediately by students to help their overall mental health and are designed to provide resources, information and skills.

Mental health and overall wellness go hand in hand.

If students have the skills and information on mental health then they are more likely to be healthy and stress-free students.

CSUSB student Patrice Thompson can't wait for the event.

"This event is really going to be great, with finals just around the corner this will help me learn how to deal with the stress of not only every day life, but finals as well," said Thompson.

This free event is open to students and the public. The event will take place on May 15 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

It will be held in the Santos Manuel Student Union Event Center.

The Mental Health Expo: Thrive on Solidarity is going to be fulfilling, have a lot of interactive activities for students to participate in and help them become more aware of mental health.

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Spotted: *James Cardona*

Breaking away from mainstream fashion

By **DIANA RAMOS**

Asst. A&E Editor

There are no guidelines to fashion. You do not have to fall into only one category, because there is so much variety to choose from. James Cardona likes to show his individuality by stepping outside mainstream fashion.

Cardona, a second year student at CSUSB has a strong sense of fashion, ranging from Grunge to Beach inspired styles.

Versatility is key when it comes to his style.

Cardona turns to the Internet for inspiration.

He may not have a fashion icon, but he does frequent websites like Lookbook.nu and American Apparel for inspiration.

Cardona is very interested in the developing fashion world, and he enjoys when celebrities begin to explore new fashion styles and step out of their comfort zone.

"I really like it when celebrities challenge the mainstream fashion, like when Kid Cudi wore a crop top to Coachella or when Kanye West wore black Jeans with a Givenchi skirt," said Cardona.

Cardona enjoys when they challenge current trends, and this motivates him to do the same.

Some tips Cardona shared for when you go shopping are:

When you walk into a store, don't necessarily buy the first thing you like, take into consideration what you

already have in your closet.

Ask yourself, is there a way I can incorporate this into my outfits? Am I going to have to save this until I can do something with it?

These tips will help you save money while shopping, simply because it will stop you from wasting money on clothes you "like," but end up shoved into the back of your closet because you have nothing to wear it with.

It may be common sense to some, but many of us seem to leave our common sense at the register along with our wallets.

Cardona enjoys shopping at American Apparel, Urban Outfitters, H&M and thrift stores.

Recently, he has been shopping at Jo-Ann and is planning on making button-ups.

Cardona's essentials for his everyday wardrobe consist of black jeans and accessories that enhance his outfits.

"My style is everywhere, one day I can look grungy, others I may look like I'm ready to go to the beach, and I also have a punk outfit that I enjoy wearing. It all depends on how I am feeling that day," said Cardona.

As Cardona mentioned before, versatility is key, and one should not limit their style.

There is so much to choose from, and going from one style to another keeps people guessing and intrigued.

Following mainstream fashion can become bland after a while and mixing it up makes fashion all that better.



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Movie goers on campus pick top classics

By **RACHEL MOLINA**
Staff Writer

Classic films have been maintaining their appeal for generations with their timeless quality.

The acting, dialogue, story lines and overall production are the ingredients that have helped the following films stand the test of time.

“The Wizard of Oz,” starring Judy Garland, and released in 1939 takes us on a journey with Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion along the iconic yellow brick road.

“Toto, I’ve got a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore,” is a legendary line that is still quoted to this day.

This film was jaw dropping with its changing from black and white to Technicolor, fascinating characters, unforgettable music and special effects.

“The Wizard of Oz is truly a classic because no matter how many times I have seen it, the story still remains timeless,” said student Jessica Gomez.

“The Wizard of Oz” won two Oscars for Best Music in both Original Song and Score.

This classic, however, was not the only film to grace the screen in 1939.

“Gone with the Wind” is a breathtaking four hour spectacle with a grand, historical and an intriguing plot during the Civil War.

Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh portray Rhett Butler and Scarlett O’Hara who have a tumultuous romantic relationship.

The scenery in the film is spectacular while scenes of war are authentic.

“I feel that ‘Gone with the Wind’ is a classic because of its design production value,” said student Oscar Saldana.

“The visual shots were beautifully done for that time period,” added Saldana.

It was the first Technicolor film to win an Oscar for Best Picture.

Orson Welles’ portrayal of Charles Kane in “Citizen Kane” (1941) is

memorable as a publishing tycoon whose last breath is “Rosebud.”

This film was groundbreaking due to its innovative technical aspect of filming in deep focus and low-angle shots which are used in almost every scene of the film. “Citizen Kane” went on to win an Oscar for Best Writing in Original Screenplay.

“Casablanca,” starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Berman was released in 1942 and is set in unoccupied Africa during the early days of World War II.

This black and white film incorporates the essence of romance and drama while enduring times of war.

The aspect of propaganda was used a lot in the film in hopes of selling viewers on America’s involvement in the war. “There are so many things that make ‘Casablanca’ a classic and it is hard to pinpoint one,” said student Mary Larios. “I think that its style more than anything is very captivating,” added Larios.

“Casablanca” went on to win Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Writing in Screenplay.

Alfred Hitchcock’s “Psycho” (1960) is a film that made many scared to ever want to use their showers again. Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh’s spine-tingling performances are unforgettable as Norman Bates and Marion Crane.

The multiple personalities that Bates possesses are memorable as he transforms from being a shy-guy to murdering Crane because his mother, Norma Bates, doesn’t trust beautiful young women.

This film helped define the horror/thriller genre that still makes this film popular today.

“Psycho” is a classic because of its character portrayal, musical score and of course its direction by Hitchcock,” said Saldana.

All of these classic films have captivated and continue to mesmerize their audiences and are a lasting inspiration to many filmmakers today.



CSUSB celebrates Arts & Music Festival

By **TAYLOR VERMILLION**
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Artists, musicians, dancers, and vendors gathered on May 2 to participate in CSUSB's annual Arts & Music Festival.

The free event invited people of all ages, even children and their parents. The festival encouraged students to take a break and relax from midterms and revel in the cultural atmosphere.

Held directly behind the campus museum (RAFFMA) and stretching all the way to the Coussoulis Arena, the art-walk featured an amazing array of talented individuals.

Ranging from painters and sculptures to jewelry and clothing designers plenty gathered to show off their talents to the world.

CSUSB student Melissa Dailey sat proudly behind her art designs, which featured stunning hand made dream catchers with a hint of personalized flair.

Her designs caught the attention of several interested individuals, and the "oohs" and "awes" that emanated from them were well deserved.

Another student, Ruben Chavez, showed off his work that stood out among others. His paintings were beautiful and personal, with some abstract work that derived from his own memory.

Chavez had several paintings of celebrities in recognizable form, including the late Amy Winehouse and the controversial Miley Cyrus.

When asked about his experience at the festival, Chavez said, "I really like this event. There is always a fun turnout."

The word "fun" doesn't really do the festival justice. It was an absolute blast. One of the vendors offered a chalk walk, which allowed people to get hands-on

with personalized creations.

Everyone was encouraged to grab a piece of chalk, sit down with your their own slice of pavement and let your their imagination run wild. In the words of one of the artists, "keep calm and chalk on."

After walking around and perusing through the various artistic creations, I almost forgot that it was an Arts and Music festival. I felt very comfortable in this artistic environment.

It was impossible to ignore the sounds of live music that surrounded you while looking through all the vendors.

Dual stages were set up near the beginning of the art-walk, which featured massive speakers and impressive lighting technology.

The crowd surrounding the stage was pretty impressive as well. Everyone cheered as local bands like The Body Rampant and Zen Tonic played their hearts out.

"I wish I had known that the festival is an annual thing. This is really awesome! I will definitely be coming back and the fact that it's free doesn't hurt either," said festival goer Stephanie Wong.

Food trucks were located all along the art walk as well. The most popular truck being had to be Suite 106 Cupcake Bakery.

A local brewery drew a lot of attention for those who were 21 and over.

Dale Bros. Brewery brought their hand-crafted specialty beers for those who wanted to indulge.

CSUSB has always been a campus that supports and praises art in all of its forms.

The Arts & Music Festival is one of many events that the campus hosts to show their support of students and local talent.



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The Arts & Music Festival had handmade pottery, paintings, collages of super heroes and even designs carved onto wood. There was a variety of Live music present I n this years Arts & Entertainment Festival that had you grooving to the beat.



Rating: 4/5

MOVIE REVIEW

“The Amazing Spider Man 2” an emotional joyride

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“The Amazing Spider-Man 2” is a whimsical, yet fierce action romance film directed by returning Mark Webb.

Peter Parker, played by Andrew Garfield, completes high school—late to his own graduation ceremony fighting Russian mobsters and is haunted by his broken promise to Captain Stacy, which was “Leave Gwen out of it.”

Now a fully realized hero, comfortable in skin and confident in his power, Spider-Man leaps and swings through Manhattan, scaling skyscrapers and heaving cars with utter ease and fluidity.

Garfield’s portrayal of Spider-Man is the definitive performance.

His energy and enthusiasm faithfully reproduced how the character breathes and verbalizes in the comics—transcending the barrier that all masked performances impose.

Not once did the illusion lift nor did I feel I was watching a stunt man in the hope inspiring red and blue spandex in place of Peter Parker. His distinct, playful mannerisms adhered to his quirky banter, which is perhaps the ultimate compliment to a masked character.

Gwen Stacy, played by the delightful Emma Stone, is independent and ambitious with aspirations of her own that do not put her high school boyfriend before her future.

The opportunity to attend Oxford University across the pond becomes a possibility and she decides upon her own destiny.

Everything she does, she does of her own accord. The chemistry between Garfield and Stone is undeniable.

I refer to this movie as an action romance more than a superhero film, because the intimate moments are the core and soul of the film.

Webb generously sprinkles in humorous moments and dazzling action sequences, but his greatest feat is the Peter-Gwen relationship, which is heart-fully executed in a manner reminiscent of his first film, “500 Days of Summer.”

Dane Dehaan plays Harry Osbourne, a cynical, pampered rich kid suffering from neglect and daddy issues.

Osbourne and Parker rekindle their elementary school friendship after venting frustrations arising from their fatherless childhoods.

Bitter Osbourne seeks Spider-Man’s help, eager to escape his genetic destiny of premature death. Harry believes Spider-Man’s blood may be the key to saving his life—only to be neglected once more.

Max Dillon, Spider-Man’s obsessive number one fan becomes Electro, played by Jamie Foxx. He is perhaps the weakest element of the film, which is an utter travesty considering he is the main antagonist.

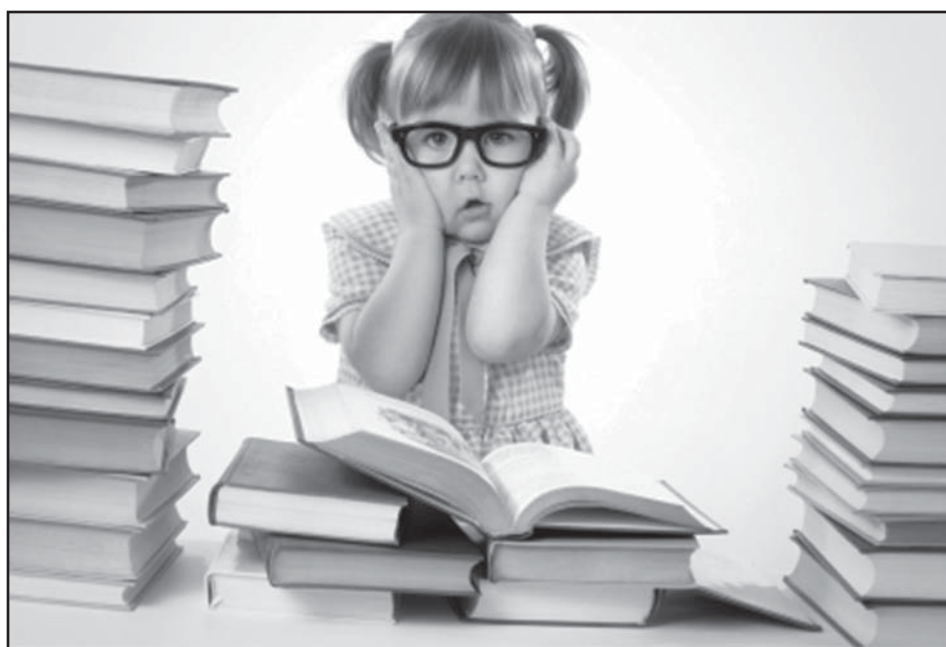
Foxx’s performance is solid. However, his role, at times, is inorganic and awkwardly accelerates to the foreground.

Despite this disappointment, Electro still conveys an intimidating embodiment of rage and vengeance thanks to his abilities and stunning visual effects.

The mise-en-scene, especially during the battle sequences, offers visually stimulating set pieces composed of inky black surroundings, juxtaposed by Electro’s vibrant, ethereal lightning bolts and static shock waves.

Swinging from Spider-Man’s point of view would not be so satisfying, so rich and meticulous, if not for the sensation of measurable depth.

The “spider-sense” scenes—time freezes and we gain perspective of all the stimuli reacting and maneuvering within the environment, just as Spider-Man would—are engrossing (utilizing elaborate single shots) and genuinely awesome thanks to the 3-D visuals. It falters with awkward pacing, jarring transitions, and a disappointing main villain, but soars in chemistry and action.



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Who will lead Lakers to victory?

BY DONTE MEDDER

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After leading the Los Angeles Lakers to their worst season since 1960, Coach Mike D'antoni resigned.

The Lakers struggled, losing 55 of the 82 games in the 2014 season.

Injuries to star players such as Kobe Bryant and Steve Nash and many key players missing time such as Nick Young and Jordan Farmar contributed to the losing season. Many felt that D'antoni was never the man for the job.

"I am so happy D'antoni left; there was no defense and no leadership," said junior at CSUSB Taylor Statham. "We need someone like Mark Jackson," Statham continued.

The search for D'antoni's replacement began immediately according to Lakers General Manager Mitch Kupchak.

Finding a qualified replacement will not be difficult for the Lakers.

The bright lights of Los Angeles are attracting the attention of many coaches. Finding the right fit as a coach is what's most important.

The new coach will be called upon to navigate through this rebuilding period, as well as appease the aging Kobe, hungry for championships in the final years of his career.

The Lakers new coach must also re-

capture the city of Los Angeles, as the traditional bottom-dwelling Clippers have risen and seized the city, as the Lakers watch from the sidelines.

The question remains if they will stay in-house and hire someone from the Lakers coaching branch or if they will follow their east coast rival, the Boston Celtics and look to the college ranks for their new coach.

Three of the people rumored to be on the Lakers' coaching list are from the college ranks, two of whom made it to the National Championship.

John Calipari from the University of Kentucky, who is known for embracing the spotlight and Kevin Ollie, the head coach of the University of Connecticut, who has 13 years of NBA experience as a player, are the top two contenders.

University of North Carolina's Roy Williams name has also been thrown around in conversations for the job.

All three have currently said that they would like to stay in the college ranks.

Former Laker star Byron Scott is one of the coaches with NBA experience interested in the job.

His time with the "Showtime" Lakers during the 80s, as well as his NBA finals appearance coaching the former New Jersey Nets could make him an attractive hire.

However, during his stint in Cleveland, he was at the head during an unforgivable 26 game losing streak which



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

Coach Mike D'antoni officially gave his resignation from his position as head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers.

questions his ability to make the adjustments needed to be an NBA coach.

George Karl has also been rumored to be interested in the job.

His success throughout many stops in the NBA, as well as his and Kupchak's shared alma mater at the University of North Carolina could sway Kupchak into giving Karl a shot.

Former Lakers Brian Shaw and Derek Fisher have also been rumored to be possible replacements for D'antoni.

Both Shaw and Fisher played with Bryant during their time with the Lakers. Shaw is now the head coach of the Den-

ver Nuggets.

Although Fisher has expressed in the past that he would rather go into business following his playing career, a shot at bringing the Lakers back to their dominating ways could be an opportunity he cannot pass up.

The team has expressed that they are in no rush to find a coach, and with so many qualified people looking for the opportunity, it may not be long before the Los Angeles Lakers are back chasing championships.

In the mean time the Lakers will try their best to please their fans.



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Durant gives humble MVP speech

BY GINA MIRANDA
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Kevin Durant, Oklahoma City's shining star was named the NBA's Most Valuable Player (MVP).

The 25-year-old forward for the Oklahoma City Thunder also won this year's scoring title for the fourth time in five years. Durant's acceptance speech was heartfelt, humorous, and reminiscent of his humble beginnings as a young basketball player. A tearful and barely audible Durant publicly thanked his mother for being the motivating force behind his success.

"We weren't supposed to be here, you made us believe, you kept us off the street, you put clothes on our back, food on the table, and when you didn't eat, you made sure we ate. You went to sleep hungry, you sacrificed for us, you're the real MVP," stated Durant. Durant is a small town boy from Prince George's county in Maryland.

His lifelong dream was to become a recreational coach for his local community, who wanted nothing more than to inspire young children through basketball. In his acceptance speech, Durant was humbled to surpass his dreams of being a small time coach, while being dubbed the league's Most Valuable Player. "First off, I'd like to thank God for changing my life, that he really let me realize what life is all about," Durant continued, "basketball is just a platform in order for me to inspire people."

Fans, coaches, and teammates of Du-

rant are no strangers to his past. He gives hope to all those with a dream by sharing a part of him. In his speech, Durant stated that he and his family were constantly moving, never grounded in one home and that they only had each other to get through tough times.

Durant reminisces on one of his fondest memories, "One of the best memories I have is when we moved into our first apartment; no bed, no furniture and we just all sat in the living room and just hugged each other, because that's when we thought we made it."

Sports buffs, announcers and players refer to Durant as "the Slim Reaper, Durantula, and K.D." However, the most notable and prestigious nickname should now include MVP. Durant earned 119 out of 125 first place votes to be named this year's MVP.

LeBron James, Blake Griffin, James Harden and Joakim Noah were among the candidates who fell to Durant's stellar performance. This is the 4 time Durant has been in the running for MVP. According to the NBA, Durant averaged 32.0 points, 7.4 rebounds and 5.5 assists per game, this season.

The last time someone won a scoring title and MVP award in the same season was Allen Iverson in the 2000-01 season. The winner of this round goes on to face the winner of the San Antonio Spurs versus the Portland Trail Blazers.

If the Oklahoma City Thunder can



Photo courtesy of NBA TV

Kevin Durant delivers a heartfelt speech for his nomination. The NBA gave appreciation to this player and his service.

conquer the NBA Championship, it is possible that Kevin Durant may also clinch the Finals MVP title. Durant has the opportunity to become the eleventh person in history to win the League and Finals MVP in

the same year.

Durant and company have to play some stellar basketball in the next few weeks in order to beat the two-time defending champions, the Miami Heat.

Intermural softball, spring relaxation



Elizabeth Piraino | Chronicle Photo

The intermural players are having a quick cool down while they're waiting for their turn to have a swing on the plate.

BY ELIZABETH PIRAINO
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Intramural softball, basketball and soccer are a great way to play the games you love without any stress.

All are welcome to join a team at the Recreation and Fitness Center (Rec Center) at CSUSB. Experience nor talent are needed. Intramural softball is played every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. on the CSUSB softball field.

Intramural sports are open to all students and to the public with the purchase of a day pass. Softball, basketball and soccer are the intramural sports currently being played at CSUSB.

"We just play to have fun," said Jamie Leffingwell, a customer service manager at the Rec Center. Leffingwell's team, as well as the other softball teams, must have at least two female players in every game.

If a female player cannot play that day, the team may borrow a female player from the opponent's team for that game. Leffingwell started her softball career began at the age of four and has played at CSUSB for the past four years.

Leffingwell plans on playing professional softball in the future and is graduating this Spring with a major in Kinesiology. If the professional team, the Rebellions, are willing to wait for her to graduate, she will fly to Pennsylvania for a tryout.

This is Leffingwell's first year playing intramural sports and she decided to play after the CSUSB women's season ended. "I just can't be away from the sport," said Leffingwell. "I love the game so much."

Women's softball at CSUSB is fast-pitch, while the intramural games are slow-pitch. Pitchers throw along a relatively straight plane with speeds that can reach more than 60 mph. The pitcher literally winds up with a 360-degree arm rotation from the shoulder before delivering the ball underhand.

Intramural softball at CSUSB is limited to two pitches per batter. In slow-pitch, the ball must be lobbed at the batter with an arc between six and twelve feet. A strike is determined when the ball bounces on the plate.

The speed of the pitch is as slow as the pitcher can make it to get the ball to the plate, making strike-outs with a slow-pitch very rare. Pitchers start with a half-windmill windup before delivering the ball. Leffingwell prefers the pace and challenge of the fast-pitch game versus slow-pitch, calling fast-pitch her "first love." She loves the game so much that she also plays in a softball league and volunteers at Cajon High School as the Varsity Assistant Coach for the girls softball team.

"All I've done is play softball in the summer," said Leffingwell. After she graduates, Leffingwell has plans to begin a two-year program at Cerritos College to become a physical therapy assistant. She will be certified as an assistant physical and will continue on to become a physical therapist.

"I just wish more people would come out and play," said Leffingwell. "We have so much fun."

If you would like to contact the Rec Center for more information.



Putting up a front

Photo courtesy of Wn.com

Rousey and Carano are speculated to have possible title match in the future, although nothing is set in stone it will be the fight of the year, showing if the title holder will keep or hold her title against the past reigning champion.

Two UFC fighters are suspect to have a fight that would determine who would be the title champion

BY LUIS PETTY
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Women's Mix Martial Arts (MMA), which has long struggled to become recognized and legitimized by the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) is now in danger of coming to a halt.

Women's MMA was given a division in the UFC last year, and now the possibility of a premature fight between two renowned women may make a mockery of the sport, according to former UFC title challenger Miesha Tate.

President of UFC, Dana White stated that she would give Gina Carano a straight shot at the title last month on April 9 and confirmed that Gina Carano will be fighting Ronda Rousey

for the championship title in UFC 175. "I really feel that it's just kind of a joke," stated Tate in an interview with MMAjunkie radio. The UFC signed 11 female fighters on Dec. 11, 2013 with Rousey at the helm as the first women's UFC champion and title holder.

Previous Strike Force champion Rousey is the current women's bantamweight title holder after defending her title against Liz Carmouche in the first women's UFC televised fight last year, February 23rd, 2013. Rousey has a record of 9 wins 0 losses for the MMA and 3 wins 0 losses for the UFC.

On the other hand, Gina Carano has been out of the MMA since 2009 when she turned to acting and hasn't participated in any fights since. Before her decision to become an actress, Carano had a record of 9 wins, 1 lose under her belt when she was fighting in the MMA. She was considered to

be one of the greatest female fighters.

Tate explains that women fighters have worked hard to legitimize women's MMA, and that the sport should be treated with much more respect rather than turning it into a money-making machine.

"Women's MMA has been working to legitimize ourselves for so long, and we finally broke the ice, we're finally in the UFC, and we're getting some credibility. Don't take that away by putting a fight together that is based entirely on looks, and has little to nothing to do with skill set," stated Tate to MMAjunkie radio.

Tate explains that Carano should get into the Octagon (referring to the fighting ring which is comprised of eight sides, hence its name) and fight her way to a title shot like everyone else, and maintain the integrity of women's MMA.

"If Gina is serious about making a comeback, then I think I would be the perfect person for her to step into a fight against," stated Tate.

Tate emphasized that she is not insinuating that Carano is unworthy of competing in the UFC, but believes that she should do things properly and win fights in the Octagon through conviction and hard work.

In my opinion, a professional fighting skill set is a perishable expertise which can greatly dwindle and dull after years of inactivity and training, which could be the case for Carano.

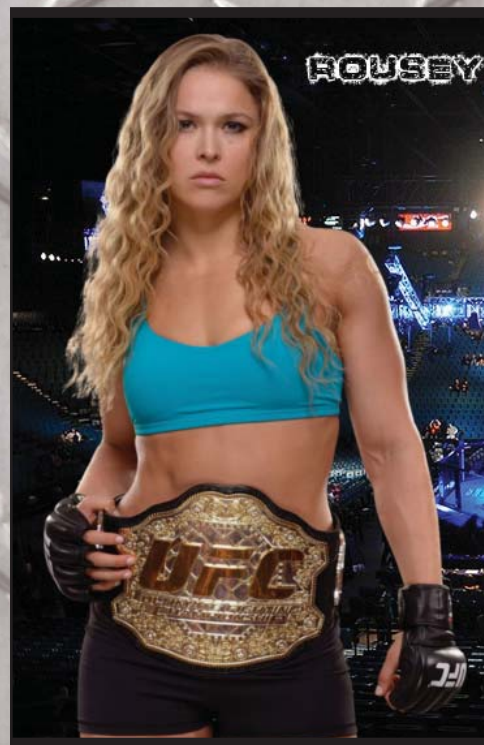
However, longevity is a big factor to the experience of a fighter and Carano has been fighting since 2006 and has won 19 of her total 22 fights and only lost two fights and has only one draw, giving her a good chance at winning a title shot.



"I find that whoever you are as a person is how you're gonna fight, and every basic instinct kind of comes out at that moment."

Gina Carano

American actress, television personality, fitness model, and former mixed martial arts



"I would bend over backwards to fight her. I'm not going to make her run through the gauntlet to fight me. I would show up at her house if that's where she wanted to fight."

Ronda Rousey

UFC Women's Bantamweight Champion