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 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 centralized intervention.

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“Charter-like schools can be beneficial for students,” added Oropeza. “More online classes would be a bad idea. Physical classes feel more motivating while I feel online classes may encourage procrastination,” said student Erick Chavez.

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

Senior Raymond Aguirre, 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.”

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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.

FCC law poses threat to Internet neutrality

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 providers to charge for Internet speeds. The law threatens to break Internet neutrality and could create different classes of Internet service.

Verizon is leading the charge among Internet service providers who have been pushing for Internet neutrality changes. They have been criticized for their aggressive tactics to push for a change in the law which would allow Internet service providers to charge for Internet speeds.

“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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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 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 Simranjit Sandhu.

Currently, there are no details about the specific plan or on how President Morales plans to carry out his idea.
Nigerian Islamic terrorists kidnap over 300 schoolgirls to sell as slaves

By EMMANUEL GUTIERREZ Staff Writer

More than 300 schoolgirls are being held 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 not let them go.”

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 marriage and as sex slaves, according to the CNN transcript.

Boko Haram literally translates to “Western education is sinful,” in the local language. According to Genachowski, 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 dalls 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 Vucic. 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 Vucic.

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

Parents andguardians of the abducted girls 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 Vucic.

Relatives of the abducted school children have told officials that the girls are being “offered for 2,000 naira,” according to Vucic. 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 unexceptionable reason to target innocent girls. We must stand up to terrorism,” tweeted former Secretary of State Hillary 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.

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 Rosenworcel, 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 last January because the Internet had already been defined as an information service and not a common carrier. This prevented the FCC from implementing such rules.

“If anyone acts to degrade the service for all 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 the 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.

Small-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 speed transmission until they pay the increased cost.

The end result would be large fees for your piece of the “next Google,” companies that provide online services while Internet service providers would continue to earn money.

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

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

Sorry that feature will cost extra. Only $9.99

Minister Akihiko Shimokawa in Tokyo
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.

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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.

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

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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.

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.
Opinions

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 challenge 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.

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—Shontrice Coleman

—from Photo courtesy of Mendaily

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 the ones that define 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 Zooey 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, “Kidadulthood 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 adults think.

Coauthor Robin Henig of “Twentieth-Something: 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 Joe 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.

“They 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 mind set 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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Websites like Rate My Profes-
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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 relive 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 site’s 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 mummies, 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 college 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 sugar 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 McAlistier.
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 Manny 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 Cross Cultural Center had 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.

“The Cross Cultural Center is the place where students are going out with family and friends, or for concerts like Electric Daisy Carnival,” said student Jimmy Valenzuela.

“Ethnocentric,” said student Jimmy 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 or flowers made of tissue paper to decorate their own dishes.

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 “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.

The entertainment line-up consisted of 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.

Supplies should be gathered in a clean area.

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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 mitt 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.

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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 their 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 always asking 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 a terrorist. Taheer Herazzellah 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 Herazzellah.

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 of experimental activities that are sure to be a hit with students.

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 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.

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Green ribbons will also be handed 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 in 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.
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 outfit? 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.

By DIANA RAMOS

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Diana Ramos | Chronicle Photo
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 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.
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 handmade 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 their own slice of pavement and let 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.
“The Amazing Spider-Man 2” an emotional joyride

By EMMANUEL GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

“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 meretricious, 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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fter 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 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 Denver 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.
Durant continued, “Basketball is just a platform really let me realize what life is all about,” to thank God for changing my life, that he surpass his dreams of being a small time 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 stated Durant. Durant is a small town boy from Prince George’s county in Maryland. His lifelong dream was to become a 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 Durant 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 reminiscences 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 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.

Intimural softball, spring relaxation

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

**BY LUIS PETTY**

The UFC has signed 11 female fighters on December 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, Corona had a record of 9 wins, 1 loss under her belt when she was fighting in the MMA. She was considered to be one of the greatest female fighters.

Ronda Rousey

**UFC Women’s Bantamweight Champion**

“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 fighter.**

“Putting up a front”

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