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Right to be forgotten list to remove people from searches unrelated to public interest

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A European court case may make a lasting impact on the internet by offering a way for individuals who have been unjustly accused or maligned to petition search engines to stop linking their name to disparaging material.

The so-called “right to be forgotten” allows people to petition search engines like Google to remove links to articles online that are no longer considered relevant to that person’s current life.

However, if a matter is still of public interest, the request may be denied. There have been strong reactions to the ruling on both sides.

Eric Posner wrote in a Slate article, “The European ‘right to be forgotten’ is the most important right you’ve never heard of.”

The New York Times editorial board stated, “lawmakers should not create a right so powerful that it could limit press freedoms or allow individuals to demand that lawful information in a news archive be hidden.”

When a request has been approved by Google, it is “de-linked” from searches to that individual’s name. However, the articles in question are still searchable if the individuals name is not in the search. When links are removed, the webmaster of that site is notified as to the reason of the removal.

To request a link be taken down, an individual must fill out a form on Google’s website with their personal information; a document to prove their identity, the link in question and an explanation as to why they wish to be removed.

If the request is denied, there is an option to appeal with a local data protection authority, according to Google’s FAQ.

In order to determine what should or should not be removed, Google has started a tour through Europe consisting of seven town hall meetings with an ethics counsel that is composed of the Google CEO Eric Schmidt, an ethics philosopher from Oxford, Jimmy Wales from Wikipedia and a former justice minister from Germany.

Google hopes to settle issues of what is “appropriate” for de-linking.

There is concern that this process may make a lasting impact on the internet by offering a way for individuals who have been unjustly accused or maligned to petition search engines to stop linking their name to disparaging material.

The conservancy commented, “The species now stands at the brink of complete extinction, a sorry testament to the greed of the human race,” according to thinkprogress.org.

Acid attacks fuel female Iranian protesters (Oct. 22)

This week in Iran 20,000 protesters took to the streets in response to at least 4 women being attacked with acid.

The attacks took place in Iran’s cultural capital and are believed to be a result from a new law protecting citizens who “feel compelled to correct women and men who in their view do not adhere to Iran’s strict social laws”, according to New York Times.

Link discovered between climate change and violence (Oct. 23)

The National Bureau of Economic Research reviewed 55 different studies and discovered a link between the rising violence and climate change.

Researchers explained, “deviations from moderate temperatures and precipitation patterns systematically increase the risk of conflict, often substantially, with average effects that are highly statistically significant.”

CBS alleges CSU misuse of funds

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A CBS news report on Oct. 8, 2014 stated that donated funds to the California State University (CSU) system were allegedly being used for various non-educational purposes.

The investigative report named and accused several current and former CSU administrators statewide in allegations of lavish spending with donated funds.

“I can’t speak for what is happening on other CSU campuses,” said Ron Fremont, vice president of CSUSB’s University Advancement.

“This university is incredibly conservative in its practices and uses for all funds, including non-state funds,” added Fremont.

David Goldstein, CBS investigative reporter, included that all CSU’s have non-profit foundations through which administrators are “funneling” donated funds.

CSUSB has a non-profit organization, the Philanthropic Foundation, that receives donations for the university.

The CBS report showed receipts for a membership at Arrowhead Country Club for CSUSB, renovations for the CSU Northridge president’s kitchen, alcohol for parties, expensive dinners and a $3 thousand American Express gift card to a retiring candidate.

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FBI tries to fight cellphone encryption

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The FBI has begun preparations to take action against Apple and Google’s plans to keep cell phone information private, according to a New York Times article.

Apple and Google announced new software that would automatically make the contents of any cell phone private by using codes that the companies claim they would never be able to unlock.

This announcement came in the wake of last year’s National Security Agency (NSA) leak, in which Edward Snowden disclosed confidential documents about government agencies collecting information on Americans.

The proposed encryption would make law enforcement investigations involving phones difficult, according to the New York Times.

Apple and Google described the encryption as algorithms that would take the government months to crack if they needed access and insisted that consumers create their own encryption to make their information more secure, according to the New York Times.

According to Zack Taylor from the CSUSB Technology Support Center, encryption is defined as, “the process of translating user content into a combination of Hexadecimal and Binary code. The more combinations of this code that are used, the harder it would be for hackers to get access.”

Apple and Google stated that information such as phone wiretaps and text messages sent before the new encryption software is released would not be affected and remains accessible.

Taylor believed that the new encryption may go further than what was originally anticipated. “The new encryption that Apple is planning to release would actually make it harder to wiretap phone calls as well as any Face time calls and Google’s new operating software, Lollipop would encrypt all Google Hangouts messages,” said Taylor.

The FBI views cell phone information as a valuable source that they cannot afford to lose. The agency fears that if the proposed encryption is a success, it could carry over from cell phones to personal computers as well as laptops.

When asked about the FBI’s opposition to the proposed encryption, several cell phone executives stated that they would not postpone their plans, but actually increase their efforts, according to the New York Times.

Supporters of the new privacy measures believe that if the U.S. government is given the ability to bypass encryption, hackers and foreign agencies could potentially do the same.

Many students appear to be looking forward to the new encryption software when it becomes available.

“My phone is my property, so everything on there should be private. I think it’s good that Apple and Google are making us feel safer,” said communications major, Mark Klopping.

President Obama’s advisory committee recommended that the government not interfere with any commercial software and urged U.S. companies to increase their encryption, according to the New York Times.

Before last year’s NSA leak, the FBI was in the process of requiring cell phone companies to provide unencrypted information if they were served with a court order. While that process has since been discontinued, the FBI is hopeful that Apple and Google do not completely cut off access to law enforcement.

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Climate change declared national security risk

By FRANCISCO CASILLAS Staff Writer

As an effort to bring attention to climate change, the Pentagon released a report Monday Oct. 13, declaring climate change as an “immediate risk.”

The Department of Defense (DOD) plans to adapt to rising sea levels, fiercer storms, and severe droughts by increasing disaster relief and humanitarian assistance, building infrastructure against possible hits from the coastal waters, and providing assistance to other nations who are affected by climate crises.

“Our coastal installations are vulnerable to rising sea levels and increased flooding, while droughts, wildfires, and more extreme temperatures could threaten many of our training activities,” said Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel.

“In places like the Hampton Road in Virginia, which houses the largest concentration of US military sites in the world, we see current flooding today,” added Hagel.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported their carbon dioxide measurements for in September reads 398 parts per million, which has already increased average world temperatures by 0.1 degrees Celsius—an effort to notice rises in sea levels, powerful storms, and severe droughts.

The report, which the DOD released during a visit to Peru for the Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas, highlights a plan of action for global climate changes.

The report also points out that they plan to conduct a survey to assess the vulnerability of its more than 7,000 military bases, installations and other facilities.

The report does not go into specifics as to what the costs may be when such operations begin.

“You definitely need a cost because you need to balance what you want to do with the benefit,” said Alan Smith, CSUSB professor of Geological Sciences.

“But long term plans need to be established, which will result in unpleasant short term effects,” continued Smith.

The DOD stated in the report that climate change is a “threat multiplier,” arguing that it can potentially greatly affect military conflicts that are presently happening in the Middle East.

“Weather has always affected military operations, and as the climate changes, the way we execute operations may be constrained or altered,” continued Hagel.

Analysts suggest that issues regarding climate change in political debates are cause for Hagel’s push towards a new global climate change treaty.

“It is disappointing, but not surprising, that the president and his administration would focus on climate change when there are other, legitimate threats in the world,” said Senator James M. Inhofe quoted by the New York Times.

Students voiced their opinions, pointing out that the Pentagon needs to gear their resources and focus towards climate change.

“Pollution is important and a lot of regular people are not informed or are not willing to accept the facts,” said Biology professor Elbia Perez.

“It’s everyone’s responsibility to find a solution because everyone is contributing to the problem,” continued Perez.

Diana Castillo, a Nursing student, said that the government is at least making an effort by informing citizens about the pollution and the environment.

“All countries need to come together to get us out of this situation,” said Smith.

“Ultimately, the main thing is to decrease greenhouse gases by whatever means possible,” continued Smith.

The new global agreement is expected to be signed at the end of 2015 in Paris.

CSU salary increase

By CHELSEA GALVEZ Staff Writer

California State University (CSU) announced in a tentative agreement that more than 23,000 CSU staff will be receiving a pay increase, improvements to workload, rights for online teaching, parental leave and changes within the sabbatical process.

This three year phase-implemented agreement complete with options to reopen and negotiate future improvements was agreed upon by CSU and the California Faculty Association (CFA) days after CSUSB faculty protested in front of the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU).

The agreement grants a three percent compensation pool increase for 2014-2015, according to a CSU Press Release.

“The multi-year agreement is a tremendous accomplishment, as well as a special opportunity for CFA and the CSU to continue to strengthen collaboration and work together to advance the mission of the university,” said CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White.

This additional funding will grant CFA employees including coaches, professors, counselors and librarians on the 23 CSU campuses a 1.6 percent salary increase.

Tenure faculty that obtains salaries below the Service Salary Increase (SSI) (which is granted to qualified employees on their employment anniversary date) will be granted an additional three percent pay increase resulting in a total increase of 4.6 percent.

“We felt that in the first year we should attempt to address some problems, who have been trapped at the bottom of their salary rank or range for too many years,” stated the CFA in an e-mailed statement from CSU to faculty.

“Our proposals for years two and three sought to alleviate compression among the most senior faculty, and rebuild the health of our salary structure by continuing to provide increases within ranks (SSIs) as well as across-the-board General Salary Increases.”

After several years without increased wages or improved compensation, faculty believed that something had to be done.

“We have been working with no pay raise for the last six years, I believe, with the exception of a 1.25 percent general salary increase last year. We also had to give up 10 percent of our salaries during furloughs,” said CFA Communications Department Representative and CSUSB professor Dr. Ece Algan.

“Our salaries shrank due to inflation and lack of regular pay raises, while our workload increased during the budget crisis.”

These pay raises may also impact students, who may start to see slight changes in classrooms and the atmosphere at CSUSB.

“Better compensated faculty eventually translates into better teaching as well as the hiring and retention of highly qualified faculty,” continued Algan.

The final negotiations for CSU faculty is still underway as ratifications still need to be made within the agreement as well as negotiations for the upcoming 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

The CFA asks that registered CFA faculty vote yes to ratify the agreement so that the ratification process may be completed and sent to the CSU Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 12 and 13 for a final vote.

If ratifications are completed on time and approved, faculty can expect raises in early 2015. Otherwise, the CFA will have to wait until 2015 to propose ratifications again.

Through the combined efforts of CFA members improvements have set in motion.

“Congratulations to all of you who participated in demonstrations, who wrote messages to your campus presidents, and who took the time to attend and speak at Board of Trustees meetings. We could not have reached this agreement if we had not all stood together in this fight,” said the CFA in an e-mailed statement to CSU faculty.

Google’s list may or may not remove public information

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could be abused to remove certain bits of information should be public knowledge. For example, that a doctor, who has botched medical procedures,” said Associate Professor Mihaela Popescu.

“But Google is now a gatekeeper for public information. There needs to be oversight, don’t just leave it to Google,” continued Popescu.

“I feel like [it is] bad because we lose history in those articles that are no longer able to be viewed. We learn from our past and if we cannot move forward from learning from our mistakes then everyone would be stuck,” said a student, Savannah Barras.

Google has received a large amount of reports to take down URLs, according to a transparency document that breaks down Google’s actions to comply with the court ruling.

In France alone, 17,500 requests have been made, involving around $8,000 URLs since July. However, only 50 percent of requests, there is a backlog as they must be handled on a case-by-case basis.
Boko Haram may release girls
By YARA DEL-RIIO DOMINGUEZ Staff Writer

The 300 girls kidnapped by Nigerian extremist Muslim group, Boko Haram may soon be released, pending discussion with the Nigerian government. It has been six months since the kidnapping of the school girls from the Chibok Government School in Nigeria. They’ve assured us they have the girls and they will release them,” said Tukur.

The group has demanded the release of detained extremists in exchange for the girls, according to The Guardian. Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said he could not support a prisoner swap, according to The Guardian.

According to reporter Vladimir Duthiers of CNN, Boko Haram believes Muslim women should serve in their home raising their children and catering to their husbands.

“I don’t believe Boko Haram would kill off the girls. They anticipated they’d come to an arrangement with the government at some point and they’d use the school girls as leverage,” said student Michelle Ruvalcaba.

“Boko Haram would not be given territory under the cease fire agreement. Our government will not reveal what concessions it would make,” said government spokesman Mike Omeri.

Boko Haram has not made a public statement, according to BBC News.

Negotiations are still being made between the Nigerian government and Boko Haram.

Nigeria is Ebola free
By YARA DEL-RIIO DOMINGUEZ Staff Writer

Nigeria was declared Ebola free by the World Health Organization (WHO). According to WHO, “In order to declare an Ebola outbreak over, a country must pass 42 days with active surveillance in place, and with no new cases detected.”

“This is a spectacular success story that shows Ebola can be contained,” said WHO.

Some citizens of Nigeria were infected with the virus in July by a sick air traveler. The country of Nigeria reacted by isolating and treating those who had been infected or had come in contact with someone who had contracted the virus and then physically monitored them for 21 days.

Althought Nigeria did not place a travel ban, they still became restrictive of all air travel. Air traveling to any surrounding infected countries was simply suspended.

“The U.S. should have temporarily restricted air flights coming in from any of the Ebola affected regions,” said student Joshua Liguori.

Andrew Freedman reporter for Mashable concludes, “The CDC is currently examining Nigeria’s response to the Ebola outbreak to see if its efforts could be repeated elsewhere.”

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CSU president.

The Arrowhead Country Club is the home course for the CSUSB golf team. The funds for the Arrowhead Country Club membership come from various funds specifically donated to CSUSB’s golf team, said Fremont.

“I want to know what these funds are going to and be specific about where the funds are coming from,” said Litzuly Gonzalez, a senior studying Spanish.

As for the allegations in Goldstein’s report, no funds from the CSUSB Philanthropic Foundation were used improperly, according to Fremont. Some students believe they are being cheated in light of the allegations made on Goldstein’s report.

“Not everyone gets financial aid,” said Emma Ardon, a senior studying Business Administration.

“Every public agency has to be on top of public perception about how they are using any funds,” said Fremont.

“We have over 300 different scholarship funds.”

The Philanthropic Foundation’s funds are thoroughly monitored and accounted for, he said. Some of the funds are being used for what many people would call an “investment” into fundraising, but these funds do not come from our Philanthropic Foundation. Fremont agrees that it is necessary to spend some money to obtain more donations for the school. He explained that each office does have an allowance to use to help the university raise funds.

In reaction to the allowances, “Last year we raised nearly $6 million, that’s a 40 percent increase over the year before,” said Fremont.

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CSUSB Student
Government interests change Internet privacy

By ALEX CARDENAS
Staff Writer

Recent cases of online censorship have demonstrated that people need to fight back against intrusive governments.

An open Internet is necessary to allow a web where people can easily communicate information without third party interference, and keep governments and established businesses from using the Internet for their own interests.

Since Oct. 10, the Venezuelan government has denied its citizens access to the Internet news site Infohue.

The site was blocked after posting pictures of a deceased Venezuelan government official that was fatally stabbed.

As a counter move, Infohue recently introduced a number of unblocked domains which would allow Venezuelan citizens to access the news website.

This event is an example of the struggle between government censorship and the public’s right to the availability of information.

As the Arab Spring showed the world in 2010, the Internet is one of the most powerful weapons that the public can use to protect themselves from government powers that would otherwise be impossible to defeat.

The Arab Spring was a flux of revolutionary demonstrations and protests, which ultimately led to the expulsion of rulers from Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Yemen.

One of the greatest tools of Arab resistance was an effective social media campaign that helped citizens organize rallies and raise worldwide awareness in the face of repressive governments.

Because of the Internet’s potential as a tool against corrupt governments, it is up to the public to ensure that everything is done to keep the Internet out of government’s control.

Issues of Internet censorship exist within the United States as well. In 2011, the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) was introduced in Congress with the intent of giving the government power to ban websites that provide content or source links to material which is under copyright.

Many popular sites are user generated and often contain copyrighted content, because of this, thousands of popular sites including Google, YouTube and Facebook would become subject to government control.

On Jan. 18, 2012, millions of Internet users participated in the largest protest in Internet history and sent over four million electronic letters, 8 million calls, and 10 million petitions to Congress, according to stopthesite.com.

This internet protest demanded “net neutrality,” a term coined by law professor Tim Wu in 2003, for the principle that Internet service providers should treat all Internet data equally to maintain an open Internet.

After multiple failed attempts to pass this bill, the House decided to postpone any consideration of bringing it up for a vote again.

It is our social responsibility to protect our freedoms and rights to access content on the Internet without government or corporate intrusion.

Dating apps: Catfish trap or soulmate finder?

By ARIANA CANO
Staff Writer

Online dating applications and websites can be a fun and useful tool, but some users may take them too seriously. Online dating users should keep in mind that many people may only want to engage in casual sex or a quick hook-up.

While some agree dating sites are an innovative way of breaking the ice, others claim it is a waste of time.

Dating websites or apps such as eHarmony, Match, Tinder, Grindr, BlackPeopleMeet, Christian Mingle, and many others are created for people to connect online, regardless of location.

When signing up, the user must provide information such as name, age, gender, sexual preference, a profile picture, and a brief personal description.

After signing up for eHarmony, I was told that they were unable to find the right type of person for me. As for Tinder, I did receive a few matches based on the amount of right swipes I gave. Overall the experience was amusing, yet disappointing.

Based on the information provided, the user is given options of people that fit what they’re looking for and vice-versa.

Tinder is one of the many social dating apps that grants access by signing up with your Facebook account.

Although Tinder is a fun social app to use, users should be cautious when pursuing relationships.

It finds other users that share your similar friends and interests by displaying the other users profile picture, name, and age.

You can either swipe left to ignore a person, or swipe right to meet and start chatting with the user online.

Another user must swipe right on your profile to match, and only then can you interact with them through the app.

If you’re indecisive on which way to swipe, you can tap on the profile picture to view a brief biography and more pictures.

CSUSB student Abel Vieyra uses Tinder to pass time and engage with other users.

“I have used Tinder just for fun. I’m not looking for a serious relationship on there,” said Vieyra.

Students should understand that everyone has different purposes for using dating sites, and that there are potential risks.

One of these risks is ‘catfishing’ which is when someone is lured into a relationship by a fictional online persona.

“When you get on these dating sites you risk getting catfished, or you might get someone who acts differently in person,” said CSUSB student Robert Stamper.

However, the end results always depends on the individual; some users are lucky in finding their significant other, while others may get heartbroken, or simply give up because they think dating apps and websites became a waste of time.
Campus clubs and organizations give valuable experiences

By JANETH JAIME
Staff Writer

Involving yourself in the campus community by volunteering in clubs or organizations is crucial because you can gain educational experience while working with others. It can be difficult for many students to grasp how valuable clubs or organizations are and the connections they provide.

Many students, myself included, have a lot of responsibilities outside of school, but we need to prepare ourselves to be ready for the professional fields we are entering. Being a member of an academic club can greatly improve the odds of landing a prestigious internship and or a job.

I am in the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), an organization on campus that helps students develop leadership skills as well as discover and achieve their goals.

NSLS has helped me dedicate my focus into the goals I set for myself accomplished in the future. As young Americans, we have the opportunity to voice our concerns to enact change. By becoming involved in campus clubs or organizations one can be part of making CSUSB an exciting campus in which students can learn and grow.

SLD works to provide a fun and safe environment for students by supporting student created clubs and organizations. They create on-going workshops and advising sessions to provide educational, social, host guest speaker led discussions, and recreational experiences that enrich students. SLD has many fresh and new ideas that continue to make CSUSB an exciting place.

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Thai T's signature sweet tea boba is totes yummers.

One popular dish consists of broccoli served in oyster sauce, accompanied with optional shrimp and fried tofu and complimentary fried wontons—like, so delish!

By DALETH QUINTANILLA

Thai T serves delicious authentic dishes that satisfy your appetite and keep your wallet full.

Thai T serves various Thai dishes with vegetarian options to accommodate to all taste buds. If vegetarianism isn’t your thing, you also have the choice of making these exotic dishes spicy. I brought my appetite and ordered my usual favorite, Broccoli with Oyster Sauce, with added shrimp and tofu. My date ordered the spicy Pad Thai Noodle with beef.

Both plates were on the lunch special and included steamed rice, salad, and soup. The crisp, green salad with special house dressing was out first and our hot meals followed shortly. The plates are generously portioned and totally yummy.

My dish was sweet and spicy and the shrimp and tofu were savory, juicy, and full of flavor. Besides the authentic tastes of traditional Thai food, Thai T also sells their signature Thai Tea beverage with boba (Tapioca) option, a delicious sweet treat to wash down those sweet and spicy flavors of your meal.

The restaurant is open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., offering lunch and dinner specials that keep their loyal customers, such as myself, coming back for more and I have to let the world know.

The total cost for this authentic Thai meal was $28 and change; that does not include tip. It was money well spent, in my opinion, to try the wonderfully savory Thai cuisine that will leave your taste buds highly satisfied and your belly full.

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The food and drinks are not the only thing that keep me coming back for more; the service is excellent. You are courteously greeted the minute you walk through the doors and you are seated immediately.

I seem to always get the same server, Itum or P.J.—how he likes to be referred—knows exactly how I order my food each visit.

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To try Thai T yourself, visit their location in Fontana at 11275 Sierra Ave, conveniently located just a couple miles below the 10 Freeway at the Sierra exit neighboring the local Stater Bros.

Coyote dating Expectations

By DANIELLE BROOKS

Dating in college can come easy for some and may not be a priority for others.

Some go to college looking to find their future spouse while the rest are enjoying the single life looking to have a good time.

“College students prefer short-term, casual relationships over long-term relationships because it allows them to focus on their academic and career goals,” according to an article by Heather Fishel from campusexplorer.com.

“I’m perfectly okay with being single right now. I’m young and I just want to make the best of my college experience and not let anyone get in the way of it,” said student Cheyenne Crawford.

Since many students would prefer to stay away from committed relationships, it can be difficult for people to find a significant other during their college career.

“You can’t look for ‘the one.’ They just kind of appear naturally. There’s no big flashing sign saying ‘pick me.’ You still have to go on dates and make sure you can be comfortable and your absolute self with them without listening to your hungry, hormonal, selves,” said student Melanie King.

With over 18,000 students attending CSUSB, you would think that it would be easy to find your soul mate, but “one-third of college seniors have been on fewer than two dates,” according to Fishel.

“Don’t move too fast with anything. Travis [boyfriend] and I met at CSUSB five months before we went on our first real date and I wouldn’t have had it any other way,” added King.

Based off the interviews I held, most students in their twenties aren’t even familiar with the term “going steady” or the use of promise rings.

“Many of my friends don’t believe in promise rings. They mean different things to different people. However, it means the world to me. I love the commitment factor, it’s not like an engagement ring, but it means I am in this for the long haul,” said student Amanda Flood.

Social media is becoming a huge factor in dating, whether it’s meeting someone through a dating site or a nasty break up due to your significant other putting something they shouldn’t have.

“I think that social media is a curse and a blessing,” added Flood.

“Social media is becoming a huge factor in dating, whether it’s meeting someone through a dating site or a nasty break up due to your significant other putting something they shouldn’t have.”

“It’s cool because you can connect with people that live far away from you, but it sucks at the same time because it’s the reason for lots of break-ups and accusations of cheating,” added Flood.

Dating in college can be casual but if it turns into a committed relationship it can become stressful.

“It’s cool to date in college, but being in a relationship is a different story. College is a time to experiment and figure yourself out,” said student David Barreto.

Whether you’re tied down or riding solo, happily in a serious relationship or disappointed about being single, your college career will be some of the best years of your life, so make every second count.
Features

Coyotes consider campus security a priority

By AYUMI YOSHIMASA
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“[CSUSB] is the one of safest universities in the country,” stated Detective Corporal Devon Herrington of the University Police Department in an email concerning safety tips on Oct. 16.

However, he also mentioned in the same email that criminal activity in San Bernardino increased in reported cases such as vehicle thefts, burglaries, and robbery in the last month.

To many students, campus safety is a priority. I interviewed a few Coyotes who currently live in the dormitories about safety around campus.

Most of the students said they feel safe on campus because they have never been in a dangerous situation, yet they sometimes hear news that someone was robbed or in an accident.

One student, who wishes to remain anonymous, said her car was keyed when she parked on campus during class.

A student who used to attend UC Riverside (UCR) believes that CSUSB is safer compared to UCR because she heard of more serious cases, such as rape, reported when dorming at UCR.

Most of the students I interviewed also said they feel secure on campus, but not off campus in San Bernardino—especially around the downtown area as reported crime has increased.

Despite that, many students think that campus police offer them peace of mind because they often see them around campus, and respond very quickly when something is reported.

A student, who wishes to remain anonymous, encountered a coyote on their way to the dormitories and called campus police. They arrived three minutes after her call.

The University Police Department consistently gives us information about their services and incidents on campus through emails and on their website, so many of the students I interviewed knew about the services.

One useful campus police service is the campus escort service provided by foot, department cart, or state vehicle.

If you have to walk around campus alone at night, they may escort you upon request.

You can also protect yourself by being extra cautious and aware of your surroundings. This service is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and you may contact them at (909) 537-7777.

Tips & services from campus police

1. At night, walk with friends or in a group.
2. Avoid shortcuts. Plan the safest route to your destination; choose well-lit, busy pathways and streets.
3. Familiarize yourself with the layout of the campus.
4. If you feel that someone is following you, go immediately to a nearby location where there are more people.

The University Police Department also have crime, fire, and arrest logs available on the web page of the school website. Log on to police.csusb.edu if you would like to know the other services that are offered and what is happening around campus.

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Trick-or-treating with black cat witches

The cultural genesis of our most cherished Halloween traditions and customs

By SARAH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With the holiday quickly approaching, many of us are getting into the Halloween mood with pumpkin carving, costume prepping, and contracting sweet tooth-iness.

This holiday is fun to many, but just how much do you know about All Hallow’s Eve?

Here are some fun facts about Oct. 31 that you may not already know.

According to The History Channel website, Halloween originated over 2,000 years ago from the ancient Celtic Festival called Samhain, which was celebrated on Nov. 1. People believed the dead returned as ghosts on Oct. 31, the night before Samhain.

To keep roaming spirits occupied, people would leave wine and food on their doorsteps. They would also wear masks when they left the house to try and keep the dead from recognizing the living.

This is what is believed to have kick-started modern day costumes.

Practical jokes on Halloween were common in the 1800s, but turned ugly in the 1920s. Irish and Scottish immigrants revived these old traditions, resulting in the trick-or-treating that we know and love today.

Pumpkin carving started as a Celtic tradition and was brought over to the United States by Irish immigrants. Oddly enough, the Irish did not originally carve pumpkins because they didn’t have them in Ireland.

Therefore, the first Jack-o’-lanterns were carved mainly from turnips and rutabagas.

The Irish would place candles inside of their Jack-o’-lanterns to ward off the evil spirits they believed to be lurking around on Halloween. Speaking of evil spirits, written on AmericanFolklore.net, black cats have been believed to have the ability to steal a dead person’s soul before the gods could claim it.

This folklore originated from Scotland in the belief that a fairy named Cat Sith took on the appearance of a giant black cat. Because of this, the Scottish would sit with a dead body the night prior to its burial to protect it from the Cat Sith.

Black cats were, and still are, perceived by some to be witches or demons in disguise in the United States. On the contrary, white cats are the ones thought to bring bad luck in the United Kingdom.

Another fun, mythical fact, spotting a spider on Halloween is to encounter the spirit of a loved one watching over you. If you are in Hollywood, be aware that it is illegal to use silly string on Halloween.

According to the LAPD, “individuals, businesses and/or vendors possessing or selling Silly String on public or private property in Hollywood will be given the option to voluntarily discard the product or face a maximum $1,000 fine and/or six months in jail.”

When you go out on Halloween this Friday, remember to leave wine and food on your doorsteps, prep your Jack-o’-lanterns for evil spirits, and steer clear of cats, both white and black just to be safe.
Timely graduations grow uncommon

Tuition, money and class availability all play huge factor in graduating on time

By IVANNA CARLOS
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Nowadays, many students are taking longer than they had hoped to earn their college degree, making the four year plan seemingly impossible.

It has become uncommon for many college students to graduate within the typical four year time frame.

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

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

“I am starting my sixth year at CSUSB and it is definitely not what I intended,” said student Suna Haddad.

Most students do not start college with the intention of being here more than four years.

Unfortunately for them, it happens often.

Sometimes students start off their college years undecided.

“Instead of jumping to a four year university, I took my time at Chaffey before getting admitted to CSUSB because I was undecided on what I wanted to do,” said student Nathan Runyan.

“I felt like the professors at Chaffey didn’t care, which made me take Chaffey as a joke as if it were high school all over again,” continued Runyan.

In other cases, it can be that universities make it difficult for students.

“Instead of offering classes only for selected quarters, they need to offer them year round,” said Haddad.

“I have to wait for them to offer the classes I need, which pushes my graduation date back and keeps me in school longer,” continued Haddad.

It is hard to imagine anyone wanting to stay in school for more than four years because it just means paying more money and possibly more loans.

“As soon as I transferred to CSUSB, I knew exactly what I wanted to do. I put in more work and time into my studies and realized I am getting older,” said Runyan.

“I realized I was wasting time and money.”

In my case, it’s taking me a while because I started off as a liberal arts major and ended up becoming a communications major.

I realized I wasn’t interested in liberal arts and teaching anymore. After taking a couple communication classes, I fell in love with that major.

In the process of changing majors, I had wasted time, as well as money, that, unfortunately, I could not get back and it just extended my time here at school.

Taking more than four years to finish college is usually unintentional.

Who willingly wants to spend more money than they have to?
Arts & Entertainment

By NADIA AHMAD
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Alt-J, winner of the British Mercury prize, performed a stellar show in Pomona after releasing a new album.

The crowd went wild when the band opened with “Hunger Of The Pine” the first single released off the new album, which features vocals by Miley Cyrus. Several audience members told me that this was their favorite song off the new album.

English indie-rock band Alt-J won the British Mercury Prize, an annual music prize awarded for the best album in the UK, after releasing their debut album “An Awesome Wave” in September 2012. The band released their second album “This Is All Yours” last month and started their North American tour on Oct. 14.

I feared that since the band had just started touring after the release of a new album that they would not perform any of their old music. Fortunately, they played a balanced mix of songs from their old album and their new album.

The two albums are both spectacular, but very different. The first album “An Awesome Wave” is much more synthetic and exciting than the newer album.

The band’s sophomore album has a slower pace with the exception of their two latest singles.

The concert was enjoyable and the band’s live sound was very original. When the show started, all you could see were the silhouettes of the band members. As soon as the beat dropped, the stage beamed with red lights. The lighting for a show like this is so important as the band has a very synthetic and electronic sound.

“They were good tonight, but they were better at Coachella,” said one member of the audience who had seen the band live at Coachella in 2013.

Alt-J has been on the lineups of many well known U.S. music festivals such as Coachella and Lollapalooza.

I can agree that some bands sound better in a different atmosphere, and Alt-J seems to be more of a festival band than a small-city-venue band.


Sainsbury left the band for personal reasons in the beginning of January, which was very upsetting news.

I feared that the lack of a bass player would hurt the live performance of a band I’ve been wanting to see for years now, but the trio did not disappoint.

The band played about three more songs off of their old album. “Tessellate,” which was the second single off of “An Awesome Wave,” really got the crowd moving with its smooth drum kicks and sensual lyrics.

“I’m mindblown.

This Alt-J show literally was the best thing to happen to me.”

Zach Martin
CSUSB Student
Horror movies, whether you love them or hate them, are bound to give you a good scare and have you terrorized. But what exactly makes a great horror movie? I believe a groundbreaking horror movie is more than just providing a few cheap jump scares, it has to rattle, shake, and leave you mesmerized till the very end.

Alfred Hitchcock is one of the biggest influential film directors, leaving a legacy with his most famous films, “The Birds” and “Psycho,” which have influenced movies like Brian De Palma’s “Carrie” and John Carpenter’s “Halloween.” CSUSB Professor Charles Metts stated in an e-mail interview, “If the horror director has studied Hitchcock, then they’ll understand the role that suspense plays in creating another kind of tension.”

“The Shining,” directed by Stanley Kubrick, is a great example of a horror movie that builds suspense and tension. Great and iconic horror films all seem to follow a similar formula. They all have a unique and original plot, a musical score that’s haunting, they unveil an iconic villain, and rely on atmosphere and suspense to scare audiences.

But the tasks of terrorizing audiences is not easy, and it is something that only a few directors can accomplish. Films that truly scare audiences leave them wanting to look at the screen, but also wanting to look away, and as Metts wrote, “Often we get caught up in looking at things that we don’t really want to see and that is where the tension lies.” Great horror movies from the 1970s include but are not limited to films such as “The Exorcist”, “Carrie”, and “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre.” These films show little to no blood, and rely more on suspense and atmosphere, giving their films that dark and disturbing tone that leave audiences cringing in their seats.

Slasher films from the 1980s revolutionized horror with films like “Halloween”, “Friday the 13th”, and “A Nightmare on Elm Street,” which have all been remade and updated for a more contemporary audience. Although these slasher flicks show more blood and provide more jump scares, it is the simplicity of their plots and their mesmerizing villains that have allowed these horror films to stand the test of time.

Third year student, Jeremy Sandoval, believes that a good horror film should include, “blood, scary music, and things that pop out unexpectedly.” Following these slasher flicks of the ‘80s, there were many horror films being released but under-performed with critics and audiences, and horror films were not taken seriously anymore.

It was not until 1996 when the film “Scream” was released and the horror genre was reinvented. “Scream,” directed by Wes Craven has everything you would want in a great horror film. The film has an amazing and terrifying opening, the plot is unique and original, an outstanding musical score, great acting, and an iconic villain that has become a popular costume every year around Halloween.

In the 21st century, films like “Paranormal Activity” do not show any blood, or hardly anything at all. Sometimes less is more, and in this case it allows audiences to use more of their imagination and builds the suspense even further.

First year student Jordan is not a fan of horror movies but says that a great one is, “a combination of suspense and good effects.” Halloween is just around the corner, and if you’re in the mood for a scary movie, know that it’ll take more than a few jump scares to leave you truly terrified.
Arts & Entertainment

Small Ensemble Night brings out talent

By WENDY MARTINEZ
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Coyote Music Society will be holding their annual event, Small Ensemble Night, on Nov. 17, where CSUSB students will be showcasing their talents.

Music and entertainment events like this one are a great way to meet new people on campus, especially for commuters.

The live event will consist of singing, dancing, and comedy.

Small Ensemble Night will take place in the recital hall of the Performing Arts building on campus.

In previous years, bands like the Spice Girl Tribute Band have performed at this event along with other small ensemble bands.

The Spice Girl Tribute Band is a group of gramorized women who perform classic music and moves from the original band, the Spice Girls. They celebrate the art of performing with their costumes and singing.

Tickets are sold on the music department website. Adult tickets are $11 and student tickets are $6.

“The Coyote Music Society (CMS) is a student organization aimed at promoting student involvement in music, academic achievement, social interaction between members and creating a feeling of fellowship between musicians on campus,” said the Coyote Music Society website.

“CMS’s mission is to support music majors in their endeavors and create a welcoming environment that encourages musical activity,” said CMS President Michael Trevino.

They do everything possible to make their members feel included in the CSUSB community and share their music experiences they have acquired in their organization.

CMS has been active on campus since 2008. They have successfully supported their members and motivate them to achieve their goals inside and outside of CSUSB.

“My goals as president are to grow our club by using the power of music to bring all CSUSB students together and be there for CMS members as much as possible,” said Trevino.

Small Ensemble Night is not the only event they hold on campus. They also have master clinics for students, aid music ensembles in various performances, and provide services to students who are music majors.

“CMS organizes fund-raiser performances throughout the year in order to use the proceeds to fund student musical advancement activities and scholarships,” said Trevino.

For every quarter they have fund-raiser performance events such as the Coyote Bop n’ Hop, which will be held on Nov. 18 and Caliente, which features livealsa and Latin Jazz.

If you are interested in being part of Small Ensemble Night students can audition on Nov. 3 by filling out an audition form. Forms can be picked up in the music building in room PA-111.

This is a great time to show CSUSB students and professors the talents that have been kept inside the walls of their home garages.

Students can find out more on their website on the CSUSB website under Coyote Music Society and also by liking their Facebook page.

Rating: 3/5

MOVIE REVIEW:

Blood and guts but not convincing

“Fury” directed and written by David Ayer, portrays a visually stunning tale with brawn and guts that may satiate any war genre withdrawals, but disappoints with mediocre tendencities.

As the Allies march their way through the heart of Nazi Germany, the film begins with Wardaddy, played by Brad Pitt, losing one of the best of his platoon in a tank battle.

The empty seat is filled by Logan Lerman’s character Norman, the wide-eyed and innocent, novice soldier skilled in the deadly art of bookkeeping.

Much of the plot deals with Norman’s repulsion and reluctance to join the mindless animosity exhibited by his war-hardened platoon.

Inversely, Norman presents a vulnerable ability to the group, because potentially the remaining characters were particularly well cast. Shia LaBeouf played the sensible man of faith nicknamed “Bible;” John Benthal was the goofy and childlike, but dementedly twisted “Coon-ass;” and of course, Michael Peña, “Gordo,” the comedic, token minority.

Some scenes in the film are brutal, not just because of the eruptions of blood, dismembering limbs, and other cringing acts of violence, but also from the immediate responses from the seasoned soldiers. They’re numb to it all, and some relish in the killing.

A few members of the audience laughed at the gruesome scenes, scored to dark, dramatic orchestral music—obviously not meant to be comedic.

I know people digest discomforting information differently, and laughing during such occasions may be a common coping method—but these were joyous, boisterous laughs not squeamish chuckles.

The audience is successfully invoked to sympathize with Norman because he’s pressured to contribute to the brutal realities of war. However, there are scenes meant to astonish the mind with morally stunning, visceral imagery of combat—who could possibly watch it without feeling activated, roused.

This isn’t a Tarantino film where violence ensues tongue-in-cheek. The desensitization of violence in our society—at least in the audience—makes me question if others missed one of the key themes of the film: it takes a monster to kill a monster.

“Fury” remains a great war flick with stunning, visceral imagery of combat—who knew exploding, uprooted forests could be so aesthetically alluring and awesome.

Despite Lerman’s shortcomings and an unfortunate lack of scenes that further fleshed out the platoon, I’d still recommend the film to those dying to see a war genre.
The Zac Brown Band brings country to the IE

By CHELSEA FALER
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The Zac Brown Band, played at the San Manuel Amphitheater on Oct. 18, and made sure their fans were on their feet the entire show.

The band is currently on their Great American Road trip tour and made a stop in San Bernardino to perform some of their most famous songs for their Inland Empire fans.

The upcoming singer, Sturgill Simpson, was the opening act for the band and did not disappoint with his classic country voice and amazing guitar skills.

Following the opening act was an arguably lengthy intermission, lasting around 30 minutes.

The long intermission allowed for people to use the restroom, and grab some drinks or snacks.

However, it seemed a bit longer than necessary and kept all of the eagerly awaiting fans squirming in their seats awaiting the grand entrance of the band.

At last, The Zac Brown Band made their way to the stage and made sure everyone was dancing and singing along for the remainder of their 22 songs.

They started off the show with a couple of their most famous and successful songs to date, consisting of “Let it Rain” and “Sweet Annie” which are some of my personal favorites.

Not only did they perform more of their hit singles, the band also played acoustic cover songs of other famous bands.

Some of the artists they covered were not even a part of the country genre.

Some of the cover songs they performed included “Enter Sandman” by Metallica, “Under the Bridge” by The Red Hot Chili Peppers, “Piano Man” by Billy Joel, “Kashmir” by Led Zeppelin, and many more.

I have never been to a country concert where they played so many cover songs, it was definitely refreshing to hear the variety of songs they covered.

I was pleasantly surprised they did so the attendees who might not be huge country fans could enjoy the concert as well.

The concert, unfortunately, had to come to an end at some point, but after a few hours of playing, the band did not disappoint.

They did an encore of their famous songs including “Day for the Dead” and “Chicken Fried” as well as one more cover song by Queen.

I have been to numerous country concerts in the past several years, and I would honestly say that the Zac Brown Band put on one of the best and most entertaining performances.

I would without a doubt recommend anyone to go see The Zac Brown Band perform live, country fan or not.
Women’s soccer beats tough competition

By JUSTIN SANDOVAL
Staff Writer

Coyote women’s soccer was ready for battle, defeating the Stanislaus State Warriors this past Friday at CSUSB.

The Coyotes were wearing pink jerseys in support of breast cancer awareness month. The first half of the game was battled out with intensity and left the match 0-0. Come the second half, it was obvious neither team was going to give up easily.

Forward Jasmine Williams was the deciding factor, scoring in the 83rd minute giving the Coyotes 1-0.

Early in the second half, a near scuffle broke out between members of the Coyotes and Warriors, but no whistle was blown.

The crowd became irritated yelling, “control the game ref! This isn’t a wrestling tournament ref! Do your job! Our girls are getting hurt out there!”

On the field, the Coyotes seemed to pay no attention to the physicality of the game. Williams never faltered, and even after being involved in several collisions, she smiled at the excitement of competition.

“I do not notice the physicality of the game, let me tell the game how to play most cases high intensity is what people want to see so the more energy the better,” said Williams.

“Soccer is a physical sport and the beauty of the game should speak louder than anything.”

Williams had a one-on-one opportunity early in the second half and shot it wide to the left. When it came to her second one-on-one opportunity, Williams would let nothing stop her from scoring as she beat out her Warrior opponent.

Sliding in for the goal with her fist clinched, raised to the sky, Williams had finished the battle on the field.

The Coyotes played with a winning attitude and winning was the only option. The stands were packed, and the energy was high. Surprisingly few fouls were called in a game that had such a high level of intensity.

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Williams spoke about her most memorable moment of the season.

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The playoff-like atmosphere came, in part, to the large number of Stanislaus State Warriors supporters. It also happened to be a “pack attack” game, where the Student Athletic Advisory Committee asks student athletes from all sports to come out and support.

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Black eyes on and off the ice

By GREG AVETISYAN
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Domestic violence has taken over the sports world by storm the last three months, as athletes across many professional sports league are facing charges. Los Angeles King’s defenseman Slava Voynov was arrested last Monday Oct. 20 at 12:45 a.m. under suspicion of domestic violence against his girlfriend.

Officers arrived at the Redondo Beach residence after a neighbor called the police saying, “a woman was screaming for the past 20 minutes and could now be heard crying,” according to a news release from the Redondo Beach Police Department.

The NHL responded quickly to the issue and released a statement shortly after the arrest stating, “Los Angeles Kings defenseman Slava Voynov has been suspended indefinitely from all club activities pending a formal investigation by the National Hockey League of an arrest this morning on charges of domestic violence,” according to espn.com.

Late Wednesday night Voynov’s attorney, Craig Renetzky released a statement defending his client saying the issue was a misunderstanding due to the couple’s limited English.

“From everything they’ve both said to me, this didn’t amount to a crime,” said Renetzky.

“I think when the police understand what happened, their impression will be quite different.”

Renetzky interviewed Voynov and his Russian interpreter to learn more about that cloudy night.

“Slava never hit her, she was injured, but it’s not a result of Slava punching her or anything remotely like that,” Renetzky said.

Renetzky was vague but sure.

“I can’t go into any details but I can tell you Mr. Voynov did not hit her,” Renetzky told espn.com when reached by telephone Wednesday afternoon.

“This is being painted with the same broad brush, basically with what came to light with the NFL, and it’s nowhere near that. It’s a totally different type of situation He didn’t cold-coc her and drag her from an elevator.”

Renetzky attributed the NHL’s quick action to missteps by the NFL in the handling of the Ray Rice domestic violence case.

“My hope is the district attorney’s office will keep an open mind, look at what the woman involved has said, and they’re going to conclude there’s no criminal activity,” said Renetzky.

Voynov and his girlfriend are still living together in their Redondo Beach home, after Voynov was freed on $50,000 bail.

More details continue to emerge as the investigation is underway. In the mean time, Voynov is suspended indefinitely with pay, an action supported by the Kings in the following press release.

“These developments are of great concern to our organization. We support the NHL’s decision to suspend Slava Voynov indefinitely during this process and we will continue to take appropriate action as the legal proceedings and the investigation by the NHL take their course,” according to cbssports.com.

The defending Stanley Cup champions have 18 games before Voynov’s court date on Dec. 1.
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SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA
Outside hitter, number 17, Alexandra Torline led the Coyotes for the second straight season with 387 kills and a total of 1,047 attacks.

**Ashley Solis**
- Kinesiology major who would like to become an athletic trainer
- Enjoys anything at Panera, listening to Maroon 5 and attending her anatomy classes
- Appeared in 125 sets and all 33 matches for the CCAA Championship

**Tori May**
- Appeared in all 33 matches and 126 sets for the CCAA Championships
- Named to the AVCA All-American squad
- An AVCADaktronics All-West Region choice
- The proud parent of her son Liam

**SUSB women’s volleyball team is still in the running for the Conference Championships after defeating Cal State Monterey Bay Otters on Oct. 15, and the Cal State East Bay Pioneers on Oct. 18.**

The Coyotes fought hard against the Otters, winning 3-0 in the Coussoulis Arena.

The Otters put up a strong fight in the first match, only trailing the Coyotes by one, but eventually fell short after allowing two aces, ending the match at 28-26, with the Coyotes on top.

The Coyotes went into the game strong, “we have a high confidence level based on past results,” said Head Coach Kim Cherniss.

In the second match, the Coyotes showed great teamwork. They synced really well with each other in every play, while the Otters lacked consistency, allowing big plays to be missed. The end result was another Coyote win 25-23.

“From practice to team dinners there is never a dull moment,” said Arielle McCullough, team captain.

This seems to explain the Coyotes’ cohesiveness on the court.

The Coyotes trailed most of the third match against the Otters, but came back strong, winning 25-19.

“We have a championship mentality,” said Cherniss.

The Otters continued to struggle with having miscommunication, resulting in the ball being dropped on multiple plays.

The Otters let their frustrations affect their play, frequently showing negative emotions.

The Coyotes, while the other hand, could shake off their mistakes and get back in the game.

“Don’t let your expectations get in between you and your work ethics,” said Cherniss during their scrimmage match at practice.

The Coyotes practice hard and take a lot of constructive criticism, and they are able to make the adjustments they need during the game without frustration rising.

Hard practice pays off, and they display discipline in their games.

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The Coyotes took the second match, winning 25-23, and although offensively the Pioneers fell short, their overall defense was outstanding, with 26 digs made by Libero Angie Maina.

The Coyotes won an intense third match against the Pioneers 28-26; the teams were tied for a while, but the Coyotes came out on top.

By the fourth match the Coyotes’ game was strong and they took the match 25-21.

Alexandria Torline led the team with 20 kills against the Pioneers, followed by teammate Tori May.

McCullough had an amazing game with 23 digs, and the team had an overall of 13 blocks, compared to the Pioneers’ five.

The stakes are high for this game, as this could be the Coyotes ticket back to the Conference Championships.