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Governor Brown’s CSU fund falls short of expectations

By DANNI YBARRA
Staff Writer

California Gov. Jerry Brown’s new budget proposal calls for an increase in higher education funding for the fourth consecutive year.

Many hope the budget would hold to its current $142.2 billion increase rate, however that was not the case. Instead the California State University (CSU) system will be receiving a $119.5 million increase from last year, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The proposed budget falls in line with the governor’s multi-year stable funding plan for higher education.

The budget seeks to provide “a 20 percent increase in General Fund appropriations over a four-year period (2013-14 through 2016-17)” as stated directly from the budget details.

According to a Jan. 9, 2015 presentation from CSUSB’s University Budget Advisory Council, the current base increase stands at $10.1 million, but did not show the 2015/2016 prospective budget.

The Coyote Chronicle reached out to contact university officials about next year’s budget, but was not able to talk to anyone.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the new budget for 2015-2016 falls about $97.1 million short of what was requested by CSU system trustees.

According to the budget, the current increase will put a stop to tuition hikes for CSUs for the time being. However, as CSUSB anthropology professor, Christine Dias pointed out, “unfortunately is not going to reduce [current] tuition.”

Along with the stable tuition, the campus will be able to use the additional funds to enroll more students.

However, though this contrasts directly with the budget’s goal, which states, “the budget provides increases in funding with a focus on results, rather than funding enacted growth.” Nonetheless, the Press Telegram reports that about 22,000 eligible applicants were turned down in 2012 due to lack of funding.

Next year, CSUs are expected to increase enrollment by roughly 3,500 students across the campuses (as opposed to the 12,000 they hoped for).

To accommodate the increase in students, more professors are hoped to be hired, according to the Los Angeles Times.

It is not certain how each CSU will use the extra money, but the Los Angeles Times reports that the budget does not allow student success because it is no where near the amount needed to cover technological upgrades along with maintenance and repairs for each campus, which is estimated to be around $1.8 billion.

Here at CSUSB, some professors agree the money should go towards students.

“It should be spent to benefit the students, because it’s about the students!” said Dias.

CSUSB kinesiology professor, Tori Beaudette, would like to see it go towards things where students can apply their knowledge, such as labs.

“I like being able to have the equipment that is appropriate to teach [students] the tools they need to take the education they are getting and then apply it outside of here,” said Beaudette.

While the state also has other financial options available for students, such as Cal-Grants and Middle-Class Scholarships (awarded to those who live in a household of $150,000 or less in combined annual income), according to graduate student Jennifer Lavigue, some students still cannot help but feel neglected.

“I don’t think our country appreciates enough that investing in our future in education pays us back,” said Lavigue.

By TANIYA HARWELL
Staff Writer

2015 May see end to No Child Left Behind Act (Jan. 14)

After years of debate, both Democrats and Republicans have finally reached a consensus that repealing the No Child Left Behind Act will be top priority in 2015.

The controversial act expired in 2007, but is still mandated in American school systems today. The top Senate Republican on the education committee, Lamar Alexander, released a draft of the repeal called the Every Child Ready for College or Career Act of 2015 earlier this week.

The official replacement for the act is still being discussed by political officials, but the central focus of the act will be standardized testing, according to Buzzfeed.com.

Washington mother urges parents to get proper medical care for family (Jan. 12)

A Washington mother of three, Rebecca Taylor, thought her 5-year-old was only suffering from the common cold. Scarlet, the child, was picked up by school from school recommendation of the school nurse on Dec. 17 and died two days later, according to komonews.com.

Doctors say Scarlet had contracted the H1N2 virus which mimics the common cold. Washington officials advise parents to get flu vaccines and warn residents that flu season peaks in Jan. and Feb.

Man walks out of hospital with artificial heart (Jan. 13)

Stan Larkin, a 24-year-old, became the first man to walk out of a Michigan hospital with an artificial heart. The SynCardia Total Artificial Heart is connected to two tubes in Larkin’s chest that attach to a compressor carried in his backpack.

Larkin was diagnosed with anthyphomagitic right ventricular dysplasia when he was 16 years old. The disorder affects both sides of his heart. According to usatoday.com, Larkin shares the disorder with his younger brother.

Chicago Strip Club Awarded For Efforts To Improve Neighborhood (Jan. 15)

Admiral Theater, a Chicago strip club, was one of only six the recipients of the “Block Star Business Award” for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics STEM program.

The grant was awarded to the Latino Education and Advocacy Days (LEAD) program, the Cal State Project to Promote Coastal Sage Scrub Conservation and Environmental Education Program.

The STEM program is for those students whose majors are in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The STEM program is designed to help students excel and gives them the tools needed to be successful, according to a Public Affairs article on the CSUSB website.

Since 2000, SCE has awarded $80,000 from Southern California Edison (SCE) for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics STEM program.
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Letter from the editor:

By GREG AVETISYAN
Executive Editor

We couldn’t be more excited for the start of the winter quarter here at the Coyote Chronicle. Please take the time to turn the page and read the articles within our five sections; News, Opinions, Features, Arts and Entertainment, and Sports.

Within each section there are multiple articles which contain stories ranging from restaurant reviews, local news and player profiles, to just name a few. We work as a team to reveal the issues that affect our students and staff while still celebrating the positive steps we all take as Coyotes.

We are honored to share our work with all of you and are always looking for feedback from the campus.

We appreciate all the support and are excited to hear from our readers.
GEAR UP receives financial support

By JORGE CAMPOS
Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Education awarded funds to the CSUSB Gain Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

The grant provides $14.2 million, which will be used for tutoring, mentoring, college visits, and workshops for middle and high school students.

Olivia Guerrero, Interim Assistant Director of Upward Bound, said “GEAR UP helps the community by decreasing the rate of drop outs and creating more positions for college seniors to work in the GEAR UP program.”

The GEAR UP is also working with the San Bernardino Unified School District to provide services for eight middle and six high schools.

GEAR UP has helped low income middle and high school students attend college by providing six-year grants to states and partnerships.

In the past, GEAR UP strived to help middle school students get on the right track to success and is now being awarded a total of $82 million from the U.S. Department of Education.

A year of funding for CSUSB’s program will consist of a grant of over $2 million, with an additional $14.2 million to be given to 41 GEAR UP programs across the country, according to Guerrero.

Shuttle between campuses saves students time and money

By MARVIN GARCIA
Staff Writer

The CSUSB shuttle program has implemented a commuting resource for students on both the Palm Desert Campus (PDC) and the main campus.

The shuttle not only gives students the opportunity to attend both campuses, but also as means for affordable transportation.

The shuttle started as a pilot program intended to help students gain more access to the variety of programs and services provided on both campuses, such as the John M. Pfau Library and involvement in campus activities, groups, and events.

Sharon Brown-Welty, Dean of the PDC, stated this initiative came after CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales met with students during the 2013 Fall quarter who expressed their interest in having a shuttle that could grant them such conveniences.

The program has also been convenient for university staff, who use the shuttle to attend meetings on both campuses.

“It is a great way to contribute to students’ learning. It has been a real good resource for us,” said CSUSB graduate student Tony Zalsedo.

To determine the shuttle’s operating schedule, the Parking and Transportation Services Department distributed a survey to all students on both campuses that consisted of different options and asked about why they would use the service.

Based on feedback, it was decided slight changes would be made to the original schedule to better meet student needs.

However, Alondra Solin said she likes the fact there is a commuting service, but preferred the previous schedule over the current one.

“During the program’s conception, there was no position as long as it was guaranteed that the conditions of transportation were appropriate for students. These included having a large enough van, the correct timing of drop-offs and pick-ups, and the students take advantage of this service. It has made it better for me to take classes on the main campus because the PDC doesn’t offer the ones in my major,” said student Omar Fernandez.

“While students in Palm Desert struggle to get 12 units, I can easily take 16 here,” said student Tony Zalsedo.

Overall, students take the shuttle agree that they wish for the program to be kept and remain functional for future quarters.

The shuttle operates weekly from Monday-Friday.

The first shuttle leaves from PDC to CSUSB at 6:50 a.m.-8:20 P.M. and at 3:30 P.M.-5:00 P.M.; the CSUSB to PDC shuttle leaves at 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and at 6:10 p.m.-7:40 p.m.

The world responds to Paris shooting

• The younger of the two brothers who killed 12 people in Paris last week most likely used his older brother’s passport in 2011 to travel to Yemen, where he received training and $20,000 from Al Qaeda’s affiliate, presumably to finance attacks when he returned home from France. - The New York Times

• The Jewish school in the Paris district of Montrouge, where gunman Amedy Coulibaly shot dead a police officer, harbours “a very strong presumption” that the establishment was his real target, the director said on Monday. - The Guardian

• After drawings of the Islamic prophet Muhammad led to killings at French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, a major European nation is facing renewed claims for an end to its own ban on blasphemcy. - The Washington Post

• A prosecutor says the shooting of a jogger in a Paris suburb on the same day as the Charlie Hebdo massacre has been linked to the gunman who killed a female police officer and four hostages at a kosher grocery. - The Chicago Tribune

• Up to 1.6 million are estimated to have taken to the streets of the French capital. More than 40 world leaders joined the start of the Paris march, linking arms in an act of solidarity. - BBC World News

STEM program granted funds by So Cal Edison

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$334,050 in scholarships to the CSUSB campus.

According to Tammy Tumbling, SCE Director of Philanthropy and Community Investment, the company has given nearly $45 million to programs related to STEM.

SCE also supports the University’s Palm Desert Campus, awarding $59,920 in grants to it so since 2005.

“Our philosophy of giving is that all people should have opportunities to do well. Together, Edison International and CSUSB hope to promote the inclusion of underrepresented students in the STEM fields,” said Tumbling.

“This is truly wonderful news. We’re grateful to SCE Edison International for their generous support of our STEM programs and educational outreach programs,” said CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales.

Moraless and his team understand the importance of having more students graduate with majors in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and ultimately enter the workforce in STEM-related fields.

The students of the STEM program and the Cal State Project to Promote Coastal Sage Scrub Conservation and Environmental Education program are happy about the positive news, according to Public Affairs articles on the CSUSB website.

In order to promote the Coastal Sage Scrub Conservation and Environmental Education Program, $25,000 of the SCE grant will go to the project.

In April 2011, Coastal Sage scrub Conservation and Environmental Education is a program that provides research for a habitat preserve program at an unmarked trail at the base of the CSUSB Murillo Family Observatory.

Students in the program are hoping for more modern devices.

“I feel confident with the funds that were given to the programs. We will now have better tools to help us succeed in the program,” said student Jose Sanchez.

The vision of this program is to have students from grades five to 12 v less to learn the fundamentals of habitat conservation and restoration.

“I would like my younger brother to take advantage of such a grand program,” said Marisela Vargas, Coastal Sage Scrub Conservation program member.

The funding will also be used for the LEAD program, which is entering its sixth year.

LEAD holds a yearly conference focusing on educational issues affecting Latinos at the national, regional and local levels.

“I’m Latino and I feel the LEAD program is the best program that I’ve experience since attending Cal State San Bernardino,” said student Paul Diaz.

The funds will be used to further advance and improve the programs already in place.

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Campus difficulties

By ESSENCE DENNIS
Staff Writer

CSUSB has approximately 20,000 students, so there is bound to be some conflict. There are some issues that need to be addressed if we are to build solidarity amongst our campus community. These issues range from freshmen who are upset with how the food is prepared in the Commons to seniors who are complaining that it is difficult for them to meet other students.

FORMALDEHYDE KEY INGREDIENT IN E-CIGARETTES

By DOMINIC INDOLOINO
Staff Writer

Formaldehyde, an ingredient found in embalming fluid, is also reported to be present in cigarette smoke. Presently, electronic cigarettes generate $1.5 billion a year, but Bloomberg Industries predicts that electronic cigarette sales could surpass those of tobacco, an industry already producing a market of half a trillion dollars collectively.

Electronic cigarettes have been on the market since 2004, and are now facing FDA legislation. A study in 2014 for the BioMed Central journal could not link negative effects to e-cigs "at a level that would warrant attention."

Acrolein, used as a chemical precursor, and formaldehyde are found in the nicotine solution of all electronic cigarettes. Both of these ingredients are toxic to health, but the World Health Organization (WHO) allows them in small doses.

The BMC journal, however, does not give electronic cigarettes a full pass of approval. Igor Burstyn, the journal’s author, states that only exposures to the glycerin and propylene glycol (both approved by the FDA) in e-cigarettes should warrant attention, and that these exposures only affect users and not bystanders.

Even with this evidence, I think all smokers should consider the fume exuding from the vape pen. I am a fan of most scents that electronic cigarettes have to offer, but when I smell fifteen kinds of berry in one place, the stench is overwhelming. Users should exercise empathy and think of those around them.

If health risks of smoking electronic cigarettes are lower than those of traditional tobacco cigarettes, there should not be this much backlash from the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and American Lung Association.

Matt Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, states that the concern is that electronic cigarettes would "re-glamorize" smoking cigarettes. "The flavors," beamed CSUSB senior Rodger Donner.

Regarding his concern about addiction to electronic cigarettes, he replied, "Not at all, cigarettes gave me that already. If anything this (gesturing to his pen) helps. I always buy the low nicotine levels and sometimes even the zero percents."

Expecting to find only supporters of electronic cigarettes, I was surprised when I asked the opinion of another student. "I will never touch the stuff," Michael Charles said as he unwrapped his new package of Camel cigarettes. "The waste produced from a single disposable e-cig is way too much." He let the plastic wrapping from his carton fall to the floor and walked away without further comment.

In the end, we all choose our own poison. Regulation will come to the new electronic cigarette products; so, my advice is smoke if you got them.
Transgender community needs more support

By ANGIE BURKHART
Staff Writer

It’s time to accept the transgender community and their right to express their identity.

The term “transgender” is often misconstrued, in my opinion, because quite frankly, people don’t understand the true definition.

I believe the confusion lies in differentiating between sex and gender.

While most people believe being transgender involves sexual preference, it has far more to do with identity.

While sex refers to whether one is male or female, gender is constructed by society and falls back on one’s measure of femininity versus masculinity.

We should never reject things simply because we don’t understand them.

I believe what many have forgotten is that discrimination goes beyond age or the color of one’s skin.

“If we are striving for equality, we have to take into consideration all of the groups of people who face discrimination, one of which is transgender people,” stated Chaffey College student Ryan Fisher in an e-mail.

With the exception of Leelah Alcorn, it is rare to hear much of the tragedies associated with society’s neglect of transgenders.

For those unfamiliar with the story, Alcorn, from Kings Mills, Cincinnati, formerly known as Joshua Alcorn, was a transgender teenager who committed suicide after years of rejection from her own parents.

“The life I would have lived isn’t worth living...because I am transgender,” wrote Alcorn in a suicide note, which was shared on her Tumblr blog.

How can we be satisfied with the state of our society when a teenager chooses not to live because they are ostracized for their gender identity?

I can assure you she is not the first transgender to face discrimination and alienation.

In a study conducted by the National Center for Transgender Equality and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, researchers found that 6,456 gender non-conforming and transgender individuals report facing discrimination at home, in the workplace, in school, and in the general public sphere.

We need to exercise transgender acceptance for the same reason we accept variation of age, skin color, and sex: everyone deserves to be treated equally.

“I believe anyone of any sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, mental/physical ability deserves the same place in society as the rest of us,” stated University of Redlands student Marie Muratalla via e-mail.

If we blissfully allow individuals the freedom of speech and religion, there is no excuse for rejecting a person whose sole purpose is to feel comfortable in their own skin.

The acceptance of transgender individuals begins close to home, with parents and caretakers.

Parents and caretakers need to question society’s beliefs about gender norms, and ask themselves who has the right to determine their child’s identity.

I think there is nothing worse than mourning the loss of your child and knowing you may have been able to prevent their suicide.

Fighting transgender discrimination goes far beyond the home, however; changes can be made within institutions as well.

Raul Maldonado is a student assistant at the CSUSB Pride Center who suggests that tackling transgender discrimination within institutions can start with “gender neutral restrooms, and nationwide bans on transgender conversion therapy.”

By recognizing the need for transgender acceptance, I believe we are taking the first step towards achieving equality.

Through familiarizing ourselves with the stries of the transgender community, we can provide a healthy support system.

Freedom of speech should not be silenced

Charlie Hebdo attack raises questions about expression

By JACOB COLLINS
Staff Writer

The attack on Charlie Hebdo is a blatant attack on free speech rights by threatening to bomb and kill anyone who criticizes the Islamic religion.

It appears to be working, considering almost all western publications refuse to republish the cartoons out of fear of retaliation.

The offices of Charlie Hebdo, a satirical magazine in Paris, France, was attacked by Islamic terrorists on Jan. 7th.

Ten employees at Charlie Hebdo and two police officers were killed in the attack and three suspects were captured or killed by French police a few days later.

One suspect, the girlfriend of one of the terrorists, is still at large according to French authorities.

A branch of Al-Qaeda in Yemen has claimed responsibility for this savage attack, reports CNN.

It’s not the first time this has happened before either.

In the past Charlie Hebdo was the victim of a firebombing in 2011 after changing their name to “Charia Hebdo” in one issue, referencing the Muslim Sharia law and inviting the Muslim prophet Muhammad to guest-edit the issue.

Many have been quick to label Charlie Hebdo as a “racist” publication, but in reality the satirical magazine has poked fun at almost everyone and anyone ranging from Christians and Jews to Buddhists.

Islam is a belief system and not a race. The cartoons are not making fun of Arabic people, they are criticizing a belief system and branding a publication as racist in attempt to silence it is an affront to a free and open society, I believe.

Islamic law condemns any artistic rendering of the prophet Muhammad, which is fine for people of the Islamic faith.

However, the moment you start forcing your faith upon others, especially with violence, it is not correct in any way.

The Catholic church, which has been mocked by Charlie Hebdo in the past, has taken the stance that religion should be exempt from freedom of speech.

On Thursday, Jan. 15, Pope Francis said, “If my good friend Dr. Gasparri says a curse word against my mother, he can expect a punch, it’s normal. You cannot provoke. You cannot insult the faith of others. You cannot make fun of the faith of others.”

I believe religion like all other ideas should be open to mockery and criticism. Without it how would we have a truly free society and be able to view things as they really are and not how others want us to view them?
Pizza 90 is an unique pizzeria that offers traditional thin crust pizza, giving customers a taste of Italy. The restaurant is new, but already gaining a reputation for their authentic Italian-style pizzas and delicacies such as desserts and salads. The employees in the establishment are welcoming and lively, greeting the customer promptly as they enter the restaurant, generating a more relaxed experience.

“We are very fun and energetic at all times,” said Dominique Franklin, Public Relations for Pizza 90.

The restaurant is located at the Tyler Galleria in Riverside.

As soon as I walked into the restaurant, I was overwhelmed with all the delectable smells around me, filling the air with fresh baked bread and melted mozzarella.

The decor is modern chic, consisting of wood furniture and ceiling lights that dim the room.

“All of our pizzas are made with fresh and natural ingredients everyday,” assures Franklin. “We don’t even have a freezer in the back. Our dough is made fresh as well.”

Pizza 90’s goal is to create a more authentic Italian flavor with the fire oven. The ingredients included tomatoes, dough, cheese, and Calabria chilies flown overseas from Italy.

When ordering, the customer has the option to either build your own pizza or choose one of their handmade classics.

“We are the only Neapolitan pizzeria in Riverside,” said Franklin.

I decided to go with the “build your own” option. I was given the option of a red, white or green pizza, with the addition of two toppings.

My pizza of choice was the green pizza, which included Fior Di Latte (mozzarella) and pesto sauce with an assortment of zucchini, egg plant, and calabria chilies as my choice of toppings.

Pizzailos, the pizza chefs, carefully crafted my customized pizza right before my eyes.

Capable of reaching 900 degrees, the pizzeria maintains a unique image with a huge golden oven that cooks your pizza in just 90 seconds.

The Pizzailos painted the dough, brushing the green sauce with a ladle. The taste was mouth-watering with delicious flavor. Di-giorno who?

The addition of generous toppings gave the pizza the seasoning for a perfect flavor. The price to build your own pizza is $8.45, whereas Neapolitan classics range from $5 to $13.

Needless to say, I was very pleased with the quality and quantity of my food.

If you are not in the mood for pizza or have a sweet tooth like me, they have a variety of dessert options such as the Nutella pizza or the cannoli.

They also offer craft beer and wine for no more than $5.50.

Pizza 90 is, without a doubt, on the rise to success. The only current location is in Riverside at the Tyler Galleria Mall, but the company has a store preparing to open this coming February in Irvine.

The pizzeria is offering CSUSB students 10 percent off their order when they bring in the newspaper.

If you are craving authentic Italian Pizza, baked in a fire oven right before your eyes. I recommend stopping by Pizza 90.

As stated on their website, “You’ll think you’ve died and gone to Italy.”

By Camillia Dababneh
Staff Writer
San Bernardino is the most difficult city in the nation to find employment, according to the consumer financial site WalletHub.

Moreno Valley followed in second place.

WalletHub gathered 150 of the most populated cities in the country, using Job market standing and comparing Socio-economic environments from each city to conclude their findings. They focused on job opportunities, employment growth, unemployment rate for various education levels, as well as median annual income.

San Bernardino also ranks fifth for holding the highest unemployment rate for people with a Bachelors degree or higher, according to WalletHub.

I interviewed four students attending Cal State San Bernardino who are expecting to graduate this spring, and asked for their opinion on the matter.

“It is scary as a "paper town"; a paper town is a fictional vicinity usually used by map companies to avoid copyright infringement from other companies, or in this case to create a story.

Quentin is enamored with his idea of Margo; she is everything Quentin could imagine—intelligent, funny, daring, and surprising, particularly when she sneaks into his bedroom at midnight, inviting him on a quest.

After a night of adventure, predominantly fish and blue spray paint-themed, Margo delivers Quentin—mostly—safe home, leaving him hoping for something more from his unconventional life.

Margo runs away and Quentin discovers what he believes are clues to Margo’s whereabouts, and with the help of his friends, the journey for Margo begins.

No one quite knows what they are getting into when they leave. They only know they might not be the same when they come back.

"Paper Towns" breathes its own unique iridescence only possible from Green, yet at the same time, seems to be more in-tune with his popular novel “Looking for Alaska.” The two stories compare brilliantly, both featuring boys ready to grasp everything out of life—beautiful girls, even lovelier mysteries, and the same feeling of opening eyes throughout the novel.

Green never ceases to take everyday occurrences and turn them into something that brings the reader to an introspective, soul moving experience.

"Paper Towns", while filled with thought-provoking questions and statements, leaves the reader wanting a bit more for all the effort that was put into the undertaking by the characters.

"It’s a different story after about 80 pages, when it becomes a young adult mystery of incredibly low stakes. But its got one of the best road trip narratives I’ve ever read," stated student Mark Thayer.

While the ending is understandable, if not a little surprising, it does not deliver quite as well as Green’s later works.

“I love any story with a good road trip in it, and this one is no exception, but the end kind of pissed me off,” stated student Aimee Cor- nelison.

Whether the reader agrees with Green and his ending for Margo, Q, and their favorite mis-guided or not, one thing is for certain: the book is worth a read.

You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, and you’ll fall in love with the adventure and the mystery surrounding a paper town. The movie adaptation, direct-ed by Jake Schreiber, while Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber are penned to write the screenplay, is scheduled to be released June 5 of this year.
Body modifications have become a common practice in today’s culture; one in five Americans have tattoos, according to Fox News.

Dr. Brian Elzweig and Dr. Donna K. Peeples, professors from Texas A&M University, published an article highlighting the legal process of hiring and employing people with altered appearances.

Some companies prefer to stick to their traditional hiring practices, and will deny employment to those with visible modifications.

Many employees argued that some alterations may be due to class or religion, and used the first amendment as support for their claim. However, there are not any designated legal protections.

While discrimination in the workplace is illegal, asking an employee to cover a tattoo or piercing is completely within the rights of the employer.

Body modifications are not restricted to just tattoos and piercings, however. Body modification is best defined as deliberately alternating one’s physical appearance. So if you have ears pierced, hair dyed, or even cosmetic surgery, you are considered a part of the body modification culture.

So what’s the big deal? There seems to be negative stereotypes surrounding body modification, and it might affect prospects of being hired in certain professions.

Student Amanda Perez began teaching studio art at a high school in Long Beach and shared her experience working with tattoos and piercings.

“I was asked to remove my ear gauges, facial piercings and cover as many tattoos as possible,” said Perez.

When asked if it affected her performance, Perez said, “No, they’re old enough to know it’s a form of art and don’t get encouraged to get any themselves. I actually like that they ask about them, it’s like telling a story.”

When shown pictures of the Stalking Cat, a man transformed himself into a cat by sharpening his teeth, receiving lip injections, and tiger striped tattoos across his face.

Student Katharine Hall said she would not hire Stalking Cat, simply because “he would scare people.” However, when shown a picture of a young lady with a nose ring and blue hair, she said “I’d hire her, everyone looks like that nowadays.”

Some people with more extreme modifications such as the Stalking Cat, Zombie Boy, and Richie the Barber, have committed to a lifestyle as famous Internet personalities.

Richie the Barber has modified his lifestyle to become a well-known barber and clown.

The clown adorns silicone implants in his eyebrows, face tattooed blue with a red, permanent smile, and of course, the matching red nose.

As a child, Richie the Barber—his legal name—became intrigued with clowns after visiting the Ringley Bros. show with his grandfather. He also developed a passion for cutting hair, growing up with his grandfather, who was also a barber.

Recently, Richie the Barber volunteered to entertain and provide free haircuts for troops in the military. In addition to cutting hair at Bolt Barbers, Richie continues to spread joy around the greater Los Angeles area.

Body modifications, including tattoos, piercings, and hair coloring seem to be more accepted in society, as well as in the workforce, but there are still issues that need to be addressed.

Body modifications include alterations to one’s natural appearance including hair coloring, piercings, stretchers, teeth sharpening, forked tongues, lip injections, and plastic surgery.
Imitation Game don’t play

By Nadia Ahmad
Staff Writer

“The Imitation Game,” is nominated for eight Academy Awards. It is a very compelling film and well worth your money.

The film is based on the true story of Alan Turing, a mathematician who was hired to crack crack the enigma code used by Hitler and the Germans used during World War II. This may not sound like an appealing story to those who aren’t computer science or engineering majors, but trust me when I say the film has a variety of aspects that makes it enjoyable to all audiences, especially college students.

“The Imitation Game” contains enough battle scenes for action lovers with a few plot twists thrown in to keep the audience on the edge of their seats. Turing is played by Benedict Cumberbatch, who is nominated for the Academy Award for “Best Actor” for his role in the film. Cumberbatch is mostly known for his roles in films and television shows, such as “Sherlock” and “Star Trek: Into Darkness.”

Student Tanner Score said, “He did a really good job of acting like a weird, babbling genius.” I, personally, thought that he really brought the character to life and was amazed by his ability to deliver such emotion in his performance. “I think he has a real shot at winning that Oscar,” said student Deanna Bragg.

I was fascinated to learn so much about Turing’s advances in technology as well as the revelations of his personal life. Turing was the inventor of “turing machines,” which led to the formation of computers. The film focuses on the character’s personal life as well. The film focuses, in part, on Turing growing up and being bullied for a majority of his time in school.

Because of his past, Turing is very reluctant to work with the other mathematicians hired to crack the enigma code. Turing eventually takes charge of the operation and hires Joan Clarke, played by Keira Knightley, who teaches Turing that cracking the code will be much easier if he is friendly and open to working with the others.

Knightley’s character also experiences adversity within the film. Clarke is the only woman on this top secret operation and is forced to prove to Turing and her fellow colleagues that she is just as smart and driven as they are.

Knightley is also nominated for an Academy Award for her acting in the film. I have always been a fan of Knightley and in my opinion, she delivered a great performance of a woman struggling to work in a “man’s world.”

I think it’s important for students to watch this film because it holds more than just an entertainment purpose. The film brings to life the importance of asking for help to achieve tasks that would be impossible to accomplish on your own.

Turing also teaches us that not everything goes our way at first, but it is important to keep trying. In my opinion, the film is well deserving of its eight Oscar nominations.

I am excited to see how many awards it will bring home.

Festival season approaches

By Alejandro Cardenas
Staff Writer

With big events coming in the near future, it’s time for Coyotes to get into the music mood. Coachella, Stagecoach, Beyond Wonderland, Crush, and Epicenter are happening at local Southern California venues.

Music festivals like these are the perfect place for students to unwind from the building stress of schoolwork and essays. “I go to festivals for the experience and the positive vibes,” said Ayde Rico.

There’s nothing quite like meeting up with your friends, dressing up in your favorite festival gear and dancing the night away to the music of your favorite artists alongside thousands of other fans who are there for the love of music.”

The Empire Polo Club in Indio will host the famous Coachella Music Festival, presented by Goldenvoice, which will once again expect almost 100,000 attendees, as stated by the Los Angeles Times.

The festival will be held over the span of two weekends, starting on April 10 and features artists from numerous genres that could make it the most unforgettable music festival of the year.

Headliners for this desert festival include rock gods AC/DC, superstar Jack White, and rapper Drake.

April will be a busy month for the city of Indio.

Stagecoach Music Festival will also take place at the Empire Polo Club fields, this time with thousands of country music fans.

The festival will take place from April 24 to 26, and will feature superstars Tim McGraw, Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton, as well as the legendary ZZ Top. The famous promotion group Insomniac will also be busy this year, bringing two different music festivals to San Bernardino in just two months.

Downtown San Bernardino’s National Orange Show Events Center will host Crush, an electronic music event set on Valentine’s Day. A two-day electronic music festival centered around the characters and environment of Lewis Carroll’s “Alice in Wonderland.”

The lineup for Beyond has yet to be announced, but Insomniac has confirmed that this year’s event will once again include overnight camping and numerous activities to keep fans entertained until the sun rises.

March 14 will be an exciting day for rock and hip-hop fans attending the Epicenter Festival at the historic Forum of Inglewood.

Rock bands Korn and Limp Bizkit will be performing at the Epicenter Festival, alongside hip-hop group House of

For those who have never been to a music festival, 2015 could be the perfect year for a new experience.
Arts & Entertainment

G-Eazy gets lost in Pomona

G-Eazy, who introduced himself as Gerald Earl or G, descended from the stage with his opening song “Downtown Love” at the Fox Theater on Jan 2.

The 24 years-young rapper kept his James Dean like silhouette to perfection, dressed in all black with zippered-knee pants. With a floppy comb over, G had his signature mic stand, full of un-clipped bras while performing “Far Alone” featuring his inspiration, rapper E-40.

Hours prior to the concert, I survived a 10-minute phone interview with G, which included a cold pair of hands and a few fan-girl moments. I complimented his newest song releases, “I Might” and “Why Thank You”, also asking him how he sped through creating great tracks.

“Thank you, I had made ‘Why, Thank You’, a week or two before I put it out, I was in L.A. and had a session with Hit Boy and that was the first beat he played me,” he added. “As soon as I heard those words, the samples and strings are so epic and big and so notorious, and I just heard, ‘feeling better then I ever felt, feeling better then ever felt why thank you’”

G also reveals the artistic but mysterious side within his hit single, “Let’s Get Lost”. The video features long-time girlfriend Devon Baldwin, a night where the girl in town wants to get a little lost.

His personal drive and dedication becomes vivid when watching his classic black and white music videos.

“I constantly work to be better at my craft..a lot of times ideas come intuitively, I just mumble words and stuff just comes together,” explained G.

From sold out shows to touring around the world, I was left with a good experience of what G-Eazy represents, keeping his promise of just scratching the surface of his journey and continuing to remain humble.

I summed up the interview with a rapid-fire game where he had to pick one interest that he enjoyed doing more.

Q: With such artistic content, would you consider yourself a visionary artist?

A: “Absolutely, both of my parents are visionary artists and teach fine art, but growing I went to a lot of museums, played a lot of music at a young age and encouraged anything creative, music was the medium that I fell in love with.”

Q: What would you say is the most exciting song to play?

A: “I’m actually pretty excited to play that one ( Why, Thank You). First time I ever performed it. I’m not nervous, I’m excited. Touring so many years it becomes muscle memory at this point.

Q: Make her dinner or make reservations?

A: “Make dinner.” — What’s your go-to-dinner? — “Um, (giggles) I’m not much of a cook (giggles). If I’m cookin it’s like mac n’ cheese, I’m a mac n’ cheese aficionado”— What’s the best mac n cheese you’ve had? — “Actually my manager’s sister cooks a crazy mac n’ cheese.”

Q: Do you Geek out when your songs play on the radio or play it cool?

A: “I’ve only heard my song play on the radio a couple times, I still geek out. It’s still new to me.”

You’re so big though!

“Ah, but I don’t listen to the radio much I guess, or they just don’t play it when I’m listening.” If you geek out when they play it, cool.

Q: Clean surrounding or sh*t everywhere?

A: clean surrounding, helps me be in a good place.
Bringing beauty to the psycho

By BREE REYES
Staff Writer

Fall Out Boy has managed to keep their lyrical talents and instrumental expertise, officially shedding their rock/hardcore vibes for the synthesized and pop/techno scene in their new album, “American Beauty/American Psycho.”

The new album has elements from their previous album, “Save Rock & Roll,” such as the theatrical introduction to “Centuries,” with the powerful thrumming of a piano and a Roman or gladiator battle-themed music video to aid in the dramatizations.

Powerful lyrics such as, “You’re second hand smoke, second hand smoke/I breathe you in, but honey I don’t know what you’re doing to me,” in the song “Irresistible” metaphorically and cleverly present the effects of a toxic relationship.

Various songs like “Uma Thurman” (my personal favorite) presents a creative side of Fall Out Boy that is excellingly new, with a sample of the “The Munsters” TV show theme driving the chorus, producing a Quentin Tarantino movie vibe.

“To me, Uma Thurman and Winona Ryder, they were these women in pop culture who were quickly, but that made me only crush on them harder,” stated songwriter and bassist Pete Wentz on the Fall Out Boy website.

Wentz continued, “Rather than going with the traditional Uma Thurman role, we thought a lot about Kill Bill and how her character was, and this kind of resilience and this violence, but there’s something that’s authentic about it (like a woman taking revenge or being empowered), so that’s what the chorus of the song’s about, and the verses are what you would do to try and capture this woman’s affection.”

The band is transcending genres in “American Beauty/American Psycho” and how I could see them one day and the way I want to.”

Overall, Fall Out Boy put forth a solid effort with a catchy, upbeat, and lyrically powerful album that is sure to be a favorite.

Underground challenges the concept of hip-hop

By JAYNENE MORENO
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Hip-hop has changed with time and is still continuing to change.

While some enjoy listening to mainstream hip-hop, others are choosing to listen to what isn’t getting played every day. While some enjoy listening to mainstream hip-hop, others are choosing to listen to underground hip-hop, which isn’t as widely heard are now considered to fall under the underground category because they aren’t played as often as they used to.

This includes artists such as Wu-Tang Clan, Biggie Smalls, and A Tribe Called Quest.

Crazy in Love Beyoncé fans, who highly anticipated the superstar’s new album and could not wait to get their hands on it, were let down when Target refused to sell her album in their store.

Target refuses to sell Beyoncé’s album.

Students also disagree with Target’s decision.

CSUSB student Jaripez Mendoza said, “I disagree with Target not selling Beyoncé’s album because the whole point is to sell, if they’re concerned about not making sales then just buy fewer CD’s. They can still make a profit. Now they buy music just online.”

In this new digital age, there is so much competition between stores and iTunes because the music business is not the same as it was.

Stores feel threaten and believe they need to revolt.

We can now look to the Internet to buy and download music at the click of a mouse.

A few years ago, before digital music was popular, people would excitedly walk into a store, such as Target and buy the newest album from their favorite artist.

Beyoncé reported to Huffington Post, “I felt like I don’t want anybody to give the message when my record is coming out. I just want this to come out when it’s ready and from me to my fans.”

Beyoncé wasn’t pleased by Target’s decision because she ended up selling 828,773 copies over the weekend, according to Billboard.

I wouldn’t be surprised when the album is finally on the Billboard charts without Target’s help.
Taylor Swift, 25-year old, singer and songwriter, helped one of her loyal fans pay back her student loans. Swift was extra generous this Christmas.

Not only did Swift hit her fans with “Swiftmas” this December, by personalizing gifts and delivering them herself, but she surprised a loyal fan Rebekah Bortnicker with the ultimate gift.

On Jan. 11, Bortnicker received a package in the mail to her house via FedEx from Swift, which contained a check written out to her name for $1,989 in hopes that it would help her pay back her student loans.

The check was one of the many things that came in the box. Pictures of Swift painting the picture for Bortnicker were also included in the package as proof that Swift painted the picture and wrote the letter herself.

“I heard about what Taylor did. It kind of makes me want to reach out to her and ask her for help with paying back my student loans. I think it’s great that Taylor helps her fans like that. As a student, I know that any help would most definitely be more than appreciated,” said student Sana Haddad.

Bortnicker posted on her social networks thanking Swift an unbelievable amount of times and Swift reposted the posts onto her Tumblr for her followers to see.

“I found it clever that Taylor Swift made the check out for $1,989 to go with her new album,” said student Lilian Gutierrrez.

“Maybe it was for publicity but I still think it was a nice gesture for Swift to help one of her fans with their student debt in a creative way that benefits both her and Bortnicker.

Not too long ago, Swift took all of her music off Spotify because she wanted her fans to purchase her music. This raises the question, did she do it for publicity or does she really care?

“Yeah, it’s the title of her newest album, but if you got money like she does why wouldn’t you just send one of your most loyal fans the whole amount to finish paying back her loan,” said student Adrian Carlos.

After all, Swift’s gesture was a thoughtful one. Which one of us wouldn’t want any type of amount to go toward the loans we have to pay back?

Anything counts.
Coyote women’s basketball on fire

By NATHANIEL LASTRAPES
Staff Writer

The Coyotes defeated the CSU Monterey Bay Otters 75-53 in a blowout victory on Thursday night at the Coussoulis Arena extending their winning streak to three games. Their second longest of the season, and improving their overall record to 10-3.

The Coyotes jumped to a quick start as they took the lead early from the tip-off, and never looked back, dominating the Otters for the entire game.

CSUSB junior Briana Harden led the Coyotes in scoring, with 18 points and also had seven rebounds.

“They’ve gotten 20 more shots than us, so we need to do a better job keeping them off the boards in the second half,” coach Jimenez said. “We just have to continue to play defense,” coach Jimenez added. “Our defense is always going to be our staple, and it will continue to be a way to keep us in games, so people have got to be ready to make shots.”

The Coyotes are currently in fifth place in the conference, with fourth place in reach, trailing UC San Diego by just one game.

If the Coyotes win their next game against Cal State East Bay and then defeat UC San Diego in the following game, they will be tied for fourth place in the conference, with third place in their sights.

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Men's basketball beat Otters

By JACQUES LEE

Coyote men's basketball fought long and hard to get a solid win in Thursday night’s game against Cal State Monterey Bay. The game had a slow start but the Coyotes were able to keep the intensity up.

They went into the second half looking for victory. The Coyotes shot at 36 percent from the field during the first half but that percentage increased to 43 percent in the second half. This led to 40 percent shooting average. The Coyotes had a close win with a score of 69-66.

The Coyotes were led by junior Guard Jacob Thomas. Thomas led the team by scoring 19 points, three steals and one assist.

“I know I played a big role in us winning and if I'm not successful it’s hard for us to be successful, so I just try and keep my head in the game, and my team sets me up for great shots and great looks so I just have to knock them down,” said Thomas.

Senior Guard Isaiah Morton had a good run as well with 13 points.

Senior Guard Taylor Statham was also one of the lead scorers. Sophomore Everett Turner was able to score during some key points in the game.

The Coyotes also got some serious help on defense from seniors Abdi Faras and Tevin Harris. Faras came up with five blocks, while Harris finished the game with three.

However, the great performance that produced a win was still a bit overshadowed at one staggering statistic. The team turned the ball over 20 times and had a tough time trying to figure out how to keep their opponent from keeping up.

The Otters went on a 15-8 run late in the game that pulled them within three points of the Coyotes.

“We matched their intensity in the second half but still didn’t rebound the ball very well, but we matched their intensity a little better than we did in the first, but our execution down the stretch was terrible-too many turnovers and too many defensive breakdowns,” said Head Coach Jeff Oliver.

Oliver is thankful for the loyal Coyote crowd that came to support the team. “It always helps, I don’t think we have lost here yet, so far so good. It’s good that the students are getting back into school. I hope that the crowds keep getting bigger and bigger,” said Oliver.

This win tonight maps a two game losing streak and puts the Coyotes at a 5-7 overall record with a record of 5-4 in conference play.

It was a long game, but definitively a good one.
New year, new you
Exploring new ways to accomplish your weight loss resolution

By EMANUEL VALADEZ
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In 2014, the most popular New Year’s resolution was losing weight, according to the Journal of Clinical Psychology from the University of Scranton.

The journal also states that only eight percent of those people actually lost weight.

Some of the most popular weight loss programs were Weight Watchers and the myfitnesspal mobile app.

Weight Watchers is a weight loss program where users keep track of their daily meals by using a point system. Users are given a limit of points, which they are not to exceed by the end of the day to meet their weight loss goal. The program is customized to the user’s height, weight, and age in order to lose weight more effectively.

There are many delicious and healthy recipes to fulfill hunger, and cravings.

Subscribers are granted access to 24/7 virtual coaches, as well as attending in-person meetings with other users. These meetings are designed to help offer moral support to those participating in the program.

Subscriber Jennifer Hudson lost 80 pounds in four years. “My experience with Weight Watchers has truly been life changing. I am grateful for what I have learned throughout the process and will always take it with me,” said Hudson.

Angela Marinilli Pinto, an assistant professor of psychology at Baruch College at the City University of New York, did a study that showed a group of people using Weight Watchers lost more weight than a group of people on a hospital-based weight loss program.

The Health Management Resources (HMR) diet is another weight-loss plan like Weight Watchers. It is a 12 week long program.

For the first four weeks, the users follows a strict meal plan shipped to their home.

For the following eight weeks, the users is occasionally given meals while being able to eat your own choice of healthy foods.

Exercise is also strongly encouraged, however it is not heavily enforced.

Technology has changed the way we look at fitness.

There are so many apps available now that help users track their eating habits, this app makes it more convenient and assessable.

So that when you are on the go they are still able to see the choices that would be healthier for them.

A nice feature of the app is the bar code scanner; so if the snack has a bar code, it can be scanned with a phone and it is automatically logged in a daily food journal.

The app gives you nutritional guidance and it keeps track of all daily exercises.

Lisa Esposito from health.usnews.com, states that the HMR Diet is three times more effective than meal replacement plans and traditional diets.

Although weight management is something that many struggle with, having the encouragement and support of people that are in the same situation makes all of the difference.

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Break the bad habits and turn your life around.

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Starting and keeping a New Year’s resolution for weight loss is something that many struggle with although there are resources to help you with cravings as well as giving you a few laughs to make the process entertaining.