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An attempted sexual assault at CSUSB’s Pfau Library was reported by a student to University Police on Wednesday, March 4, at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The attempted assault occurred in the Library’s north stairwell. The victim was able to resist the suspect, who fled the scene.

Vice President for Administration and Finance, Douglas R. Freer, released a statement describing the suspect: a “Hispanic male, approximately 7-inches to 5-foot-8-inches tall, and was reported to be wearing a, “black shirt, tan cargo shorts, black socks and carried a red backpack,” according to the e-mail sent by Freer.

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By SHANE BURRELL & MARILYN RODRIGUEZ
Sports Editor and Managing Editor

Instructors don’t get CSU support
The California Faculty Association (CFA) has released the first document in their “Race to the Bottom” series, exposing how the Cal State University (CSU) system has failed to support its instructors.

The “Race to the Bottom” series is a compilation of evidence by the CFA documenting the lack of wage increases for CSU instructors in the last 10 years. The mission of the CSU, as stated in the California Master Plan for Higher Education, is to provide quality education to every student. The CFA said that CSU has failed to complete this mission by neglecting the faculty.

“I’ve had to work extra, teaching two courses every semester has failed to invest in their faculty. For example, over the last 10 years, the average faculty salary on each UC campus has increased. At UC San Francisco, the average faculty salary between 2004 and 2013 has risen to $16,000 while at San Francisco State, the average faculty salary has lost $9,000, according to calfac.org.

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By TANIYA HARWELL
Staff Writer

And the professor of the year is...

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CSUSB Director of Executive Affairs, Pamela D. Langford, received the 2015 Woman of the Year Award for the 40th Assembly District on Feb. 20.

“For me, this honor represents the support and confidence of my mentors and supervisors who, over the years guided me, helped me appreciate the rewards of hard work, and gave me real opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed, and yes, sometimes fall,” stated Langford.

Langford, a CSUSB alumna herself, has been an active faculty member for more than 30 years, starting as the Alumni Association director. Langford’s endeavors included gathering a $400,000 scholarship fundraiser that helped create an alumni scholar program to recruit and retain worthy students in the Inland Empire.

She collaborated with different groups to secure a $2.4 million Department of Education Title V grant to increase career-readiness for CSUSB STEM field study students. CSUSB President Tomás Morales was a primary supporter in Langford’s nomination by praising her contributions to the university’s growth, which has resulted in impacting developments such as establishing community and governmental connections between San Bernardino County leaders and House Representatives in Washington D.C. “Ms. Langford’s support of our student body is long standing and deep. She takes a keen interest in our students’ educational careers, both curricular and co-curricular, and serves as an advisor to the Sigma Chi fraternity who has a strong commitment to community service and leadership as well as academic achievement,” stated Morales in his letter of nomination. Langford expressed how it has been a great pleasure to serve under Morales in making a positive difference for the university and its students, and learn from a leader who is so well-respected in our region and at the national level.

CSUSB ASI President Alfredo Barcenas also expressed his support for Langford’s nomination by emphasizing on the good reputation she has earned among students throughout her 30 years of service, for she has touched the lives of thousands of students under her mentorship and passed her belief that higher education is vital for a better future. Jim Comell, Sigma Chi’s fraternity chapter advisor, also upheld Langford’s nomination and remarked how her commitment and mentorship set a strong foundation to the fraternity in terms of strong leadership and community involvement.

“I cannot imagine a more rewarding job than mine. Advocating for our students and university comes easily and naturally to me. I wish for all of the students and former students I have known, and those I haven’t, careers that are as fulfilling and meaningful as mine has been at Cal State San Bernardino,” stated Langford.

CSUSB has received nearly $1 million dollars from the United States Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration.

The RSA grant will provide RSA Scholarships which will pay for student tuition. There is an application process to become an RSA Scholar. According to the CSUSB Public Affairs, the $1 million dollars grant will be disbursed over a five-year period.

“The grant’s purpose is to train graduates to work with people with disabilities in becoming more self-sufficient through independent living skills and/or placement into gainful employment,” said Margaret Cooney, principal investigator and professor, and in the CSUSB College of Education’s Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation and Counseling. Cooney also said the grant will not only help students financially but will also help, the number of students who graduate.

The rehabilitation counseling program is nationally accredited by the Council of Rehabilitation Education.

When I asked Cooney about the program and the benefits of joining the program, she said one of the benefits of having a degree in rehabilitation is that you could work in any state.

“The rehabilitation counseling program also will offer a bilingual rehabilitation counseling experience. The purpose for having a bilingual experience is that there is a demand in the rehabilitation profession for counselors to have the skills to speak and work with Hispanic clients,” stated the rehabilitation counseling program website.

According to Cooney, each student who has been an RSA Scholar will have a scholarship by working in a non-profit community organizations or a state or federal agency. If you are interested in knowing more about the Rehabilitation Counseling Program there will be upcoming information meetings, on March 19 and April 21, from 5p.m. - 6p.m. in the College of Education room 120.

In addition there will be an Information meeting about how to apply for the RSA Scholarships which will pay for tuition and careers in rehabilitation on March 12, from 5p.m. - 5:45p.m in College of Education room 117.

Students interested in knowing more about the Rehabilitation Counseling Master's program may contact Dr. McReynolds at (909) 537-5453 or emcreyo@csusb.edu. Information regarding the grant may be received by contacting Cooney at (909) 537-5662 or mcooney@csusb.edu.
The Affordable Health Care Act has created a projected boom in the health care industry.

“The Affordable Health Care Act has extended health care insurance to individuals who never had it before,” said Michelle King, program administrator of Professional and Continuing Education (PCE). “More people have access to visit a health care professional.”

Recognizing the constantly growing health service industry, CSUSB’s College of Extended Learning (CEL) has expanded its health care courses from being taught exclusively online, to on-campus as well. CEL now offers new on-campus courses for several health care programs.

“With the online courses, we felt we could reach a broader audience. Students from Florida to Hawaii are enrolled,” said Michelle King, program administrator of Professional and Continuing Education (PCE). “Anyone can take these online courses.”

The CEL certificate website states, “The College of Extended Learning offers on-campus and online continuing education certificate programs and courses designed to help you advance your career, or provide you with the work skills necessary to acquire professional positions in many in-demand occupations.”

In creating new on-campus courses, King, her staff, and partners wanted to target the Inland Empire.

“Unemployment rates are high. We’re working with the Workforce Investment Board to provide opportunities for the displaced worker or transitioning adult. Adding a different modality, face-to-face programs have enhanced the online programs,” said King.

There are many benefits of earning a certificate, which include new job opportunities, higher pay, and job security.

“We earn a certificate? A certificate narrows your focus and allows you to meet and measure competency in a certain area,” said King.

King handles the administrative part of the program, but states it’s a team effort to decide what programs are available through various program proposals.

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Professional and Continuing Education administrator

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Course health care program expands

By JOCELYN COLBERT
Staff Writer

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summer for the last 18 years to make ends meet,” said Dr. Darell Engen, a CSU San Marcos.

Engen explained that when professors have to take on extra work students are not getting the most out of their learning experience, saying professors “can’t prioritize the quality of teaching.”

Engen said professors are losing the time needed to create new and engaging lectures, meet one-on-one with students, and give students feedback needed to succeed.

The average salary for a CSU faculty member is $55,000 per year, according to campus data.

“This pushes us out of middle class,” said Dr. Jennifer Eagan, a CSU East Bay professor and CFA chapter president.

Eagan said this discrepancy in wages from UC to CSU started before the financial crisis of 2008.

The paper includes an in-depth examination of the wages for CSU faculty and compares it to other California universities, which includes fire fighter, car sales representative, and truck driver. All of which make more than or equal to the average wage of a CSU faculty member, most of whom have advanced degrees.

Most UCs raised tuition prices in hopes of attracting new staff, CSU’s have used their budgets to fund technology and new buildings, according to Engen.

The CFA does not think, however, that the recent fees hike is the answer to this problem.

The association expects that by publishing the papers, university officials will take a deeper look at key budgeting decisions being made.

“We hope [the chancellor] will be more reasonable or understanding,” said Taiz.

High rates of sexual assault among incoming college students

By DAVID DEAN
Staff Writer

EverFi Inc., a technology company has reported they have discovered high sexual assault rates among incoming college students.

On Feb. 25, 2015, the company stated that, according to a national student survey of incoming female college students, many women were sexually assaulted.

“Three percent of incoming female college students reported that they were sexually assaulted before they arrived at college,” with another three percent reporting an assault within just their first four to six weeks on campus,” stated the press release.

The website states that the first few weeks are a high-risk period for students who have been previously sexually assaulted.

The percentages are based on a sample set of 50,000 students within 400 institutions of the critical assessments in history, according to EverFi Inc.

EverFi Inc.’s chief executive officer (CEO) Tom Davidson, has made it his top priority to assist schools to understand the critical component of what the student voice is showing.

“Every campus is under incredible pressure to address this difficult issue,” said Davidson.

“We’re helping hundreds of campuses understand the critical component of student voice so they can incorporate programming that addresses the unique needs of their campus,” continued Davidson.

Based on the responses of students who participated in the survey, 65 percent of them fall in the category of a “healthy profile” and 35 percent fall in the category of an “unhealthy profile.” Students who are considered “unhealthy profile” tend to engage in more high-risk alcohol use.

EverFi Inc. partners with over 700 higher education institutions to bring its innovative student wellness learning platform to students across the country.

“Over 33 percent of all incoming college freshmen utilize EverFi Inc. student wellness courses on the sexual assault prevention, alcohol abuse prevention and financial wellness,” stated the EverFi Inc. website.

Davidson pointed out an action plan to assist all campuses, stating if all campuses empower the critical quantity of students with healthy attitudes and behaviors, then victims could have a positive approach.

According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), women with prior sexual assault history are at greater risk of being sexually assaulted multiple times due to the preexistence of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

“PTSD could give the victim the appearance of vulnerability in dangerous situations and affect the ability of the victim to defend themselves,” stated the CDC website.

The website states the aftermath these women suffer from include alexithymia, dissociation and suicidal thoughts.

In efforts to help sexual assault victims, EverFi Inc. has integrated their Haven course in over 550 higher education institutions. This course meets the requirements of the federal Title IX and Clery Act.

Tom Long is Professor of the year

By MARYLIN RODRIGUEZ
Managing Editor

On Tuesday, March 3, Tom Long, CSUSB associate professor of history, was ambushed during his Historical Documents Lecture and awarded the Golden Apple Award.

For the CSUSB community, the Golden Apple Award is also known as the Outstanding Professor of the year award, according to the San Bernardino Sun.

The decision of who becomes the professor of the year is solely up to students and alumni who nominate the professor by writing recommendations.

Every year, there is a traditional ambush where the CSUSB president interrupts the professor’s class to present him with the award. This has been a tradition since 1983.

Along with the award, Long will also receive a $2,000 educational grant and will be recognized further at a recognition ceremony that takes place in the end of the academic school year.

CSU fails to raise wages

By JORGE CAMPOS
Staff Writer

An American force has fought its first actual encounter against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) when an attack was made by tribal forces in an attempt to remove U.S. forces from their base, according to SHAFAQ News, which provides daily news in Iraq.

U.S. troops have entered with its Iraqi partner attacking to Colonel Salam Naziri, against ISIS and clashed with them for more than two hours, according to SHAFAQ News.

Obama requested congressional authorization for limited use of American armed forces to defeat an Islamic terrorist army. He declared that the congressional passage of the measure makes the U.S. the strongest in the fight and, while it may be difficult, the terrorist group is going to lose, according to CNN.

Obama sent congress a proposed resolution to authorize the use of the U.S. military to prevent a ISIS, according to The New York Times.

Obama explained that the draft resolution would grant him the authority to mobilize ground combat operations in limited circumstances to take military actions against ISIS leadership, according to CNN.

The U.S. military opened hubs around the region and enabled them to storm in and surprise the ISIS fighters, stated Sheikh Mahmud Nimravi, a tribal leader in the region.

“We have made progress in al-Dohra area, in which ISIS has withdrawn from the villages beyond, after the battles which involved a private American force,” stated Nimravi.
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Students should remain optimistic

By ANGIE BURKHART  Staff Writer

Today, college students face more challenges than those of previous generations due to tuition increases, yet some continue to remain optimistic about their futures.

According to reporter Niraj Chokshi of The Washington Post, “the West saw tuition and fees for four-year public school education rise by 86 percent over the past decade—more than in any other region.”

The continuous increases in college tuition and fees over the years is not only alarming, but has had a domino effect, causing the percent of working students to increase along with it.

“A new U.S. Census Report determined that 71 percent of the nation’s 19.7 million college undergraduates were working in 2011. Of that number, one in five undergrads were working at least 35 hours a week year round,” stated higher-ed journalist Lynn O’Shaughnessy.

Some students have to work while enrolled in classes, as many of them are working just to afford college, due to lack of assistance with tuition from their parents.

According to reporter Tyler Kingkade of The Huffington Post, “fewer parents are chipping in to pay for college, dropping their contribution to education costs by 35 percent from 2010 to 2012.”

CSUSB student Malari Zarate, for example, stated, “I work full-time to stay afloat, and attend school full-time also.”

Despite the sense of negativity I believe has come over higher education due to high costs, student debt, and unemployment rates, some students, such as myself, have remain optimistic.

As an individual who grew up impoverished, I often doubted my ability to obtain a college degree, because I simply couldn’t afford it.

Then I came across a few words of encouragement that have since resonated with me.

Former UCLA Basketball Coach, John Wooden, said that “ability is a poor man’s wealth.”

It was then that I realized, although it wouldn’t be easy financially, I had ability, and therefore, the power to control the direction of my future; these words have driven me through my college education.

I am not the only student who has remained positive about college education.

Former CSUSB student, Brittany Terrazas, stated, “Regardless of the financial burden I faced in my college career, I was always confident in my ability to be successful after graduation.”

But is this sort of optimism far fetched or unreasonable? I would argue that this sort of optimism is not only valid, but has benefits for those who maintain it.

If you have ever heard of the self-fulfilling prophecy, you may be able to predict where I am headed with this.

“Believing a goal is attainable motivates us to get closer to our dreams. Because of the power of optimism, enhancing graduates’ faith in the American dream by presenting them with rare examples of proof is just what the doctor ordered,” stated neuroscientist Tali Sharot, guest contributor for The New York Times.

Sharot added that “cautious optimism may be the most useful message to communicate to graduates - believe you can fly, with a parachute attached, and you will soar like an eagle.”

Tipping today has become an overserved social obligation.

By JACOB COLLINS  Assistant Online Editor

Tipping is a cancer that has infested our culture and shows no sign of going into remission.

It relies on social force to get patrons to pay additional money beyond the listed service price.

Tipping should be replaced by employers who pay their employees a living wage instead of relying on patrons to do that for them.

This would lead to better financial stability for their employees and stop the social extortion of money from patrons.

“When we tip, we are essentially buying the right to avoid disapproval and guilt -- a uniquely first-world problem,” stated Hunter Stuart in a Huffington Post article.

Many claim that tipping is to reward employees for providing good service, however, this argument is ridiculous.

Employees should provide good service because they have a job and want to get paid regardless of being tipped. Try telling your boss that you didn’t work hard enough because you didn’t get extra pay on top of what you are already paid.

A study in the Journal of Socio-economics conducted by Michael Lynn and Michael McCall found that “tipping was not significantly related to servers’ or third-parties’ evaluations of the service.”

Tipping encourages a culture where we demand or expect more; more money, more possessions, more everything. Even worse, some restaurant owners pay their staff below minimum wage and literally rely on patrons to pay their staff at least minimum wage.

“Federal minimum wage laws allow servers to be paid just $2.13 per hour as long as the rest is made up in tips, ensuring the more customers tip, the less restaurant owners need to pay,” according to theconversation.com.

This is bad, for both the patrons and the employees whose wages are always in a state of flux with virtually no stability.

Many servers, or others who rely on tips to live, instead of their hourly wage because of cheap employers, are always in financial uncertainty, wondering just how much or how little money they will make the next week.

The situation tipping has created is already bad enough, but to make it even more abysmal there is research that shows tipping often isn’t influenced by the employee’s performance, but rather factors such as race and gender.

“For white servers, tips increased from 16.8 percent of the bill size when service was rated less than perfect to 23.4 percent of bill size when service was given a perfect rating,” according to theconversation.com.

“According to Lynn and McCall’s study, tipping should be collectively ousted from our culture and replaced by employers who pay their employees a proper wage.

When going to a restaurant, no one should be socially extorted into paying additional money for a service they have already paid for.

The Washington Post

The West saw tuition and fees for four-year public school education rise by 86 percent over the past decade—more than in any other region.”

Students should remain optimistic about social, personal and financial insecurities despite the uncertainty that arises after college. Higher level education is necessary for success.
Black women should embrace their hair

By ESSENCE DENNIS  Staff Writer

Black women should be proud of their natural hair and should not feel compelled, forced, or ashamed into altering their hair to fit what they believe is “the norm.”

Two-strand twists, box braids, bantu knots—these are some of the things that African-American women can do with their hair. That community has numerous negative notions that black hair is unkempt, dirty, and unprofessional.

“Black women get crap for their hair about everything. If they wear it in braids, weave, or cut it off, there is always someone that has to say something. Just let her live,” said fourth-year Celeste Youngblood.

In my opinion, learning to love natural hair for black women is something that must be learned.

We are taught as children that convenience is key, meaning styles that are easy to manage likeperms or braids. Perms are a way of chemically straightening curly hair in order for the hair to be seen as more manageable.

Braids are simple and can be worn for long periods of time to give the hair a break from manipulation. I’ve worn both hairstyles and have experienced what each hair does but ultimately, I went back to my natural hair instead of dealing with a chemically-altered hair texture.

This article is not about bashing women with relaxed or permed hair.

Black women, from a small age, are shown images of people on television with bone straight hair and even black hair being seen as strong and dominance can be found within the collegiate rugby.

A study on machismo, misogyny, and homophobia cultures,” wrote researchers Kenneth B. Muir and Seitz collected data over a four-year period about machismo, or exaggerated heterosexual, masculinity, as well as the people who populate collegiate and non-collegiate male athletic sub-

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Muir and Seitz collected data over a four-year period examining deviant behaviors of active and non-active male collegiate rugby players in the southeast region of the United States.

They observed, recorded, and assessed strong reoccurring instances of homophobic language and/or behavior, misogynistic ideologies, and heterosexual assertion of masculinity.

It is no surprise then that male-dominated sports often disregard and exclude underrepresented members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) community.

Although professional sports have made advancements in accepting gay athletes in the NFL with Michael Sam, and in the NBA with Jason Collins, there is still an unspoken preference for all athletes that are coming from collegiate sports to be straight.

Sam with his excellent collegiate career in football as a defensive linemen has shown that he would not only come from the media, but from some of the team members he has played with on the Dallas Cowboys, as well as the St. Louis Rams.

Unfortunately, Sam wasn’t able to make either of the teams this past NFL season because of results in training; this shows how no matter your skills or experience you face discrimination from the media as well as players on the team.

Collegiate athletes also could face this same fear in trying to come out of the closet.

Lesbian—and those perceived to be lesbian—athletes are exposed to a different kind of discrimination.

In 2006, former Penn State Lady Lion player Jennifer Harris filed a federal lawsuit against former head coach Rene Portland for discrimination based on her race and perceived sexual orientation.

During her 27-year tenure, Portland was notorious for her controversial anti-gay recruitment and character, not their gender or sexual identity.

Gay collegiate athletes not only have the fear of not being able to further their careers in whichever sport they wish to pursue, but also have the fear of coming out of the closet and changing their personal and social lives completely.

In the 2012 Campus Pride LGBTQ National Collegiate Report, 39 percent of LGBTQ athletes have felt harassed because of their sexual identity.

Family life for some of these players, whether male or female, have been completely engulfed by the sports they play.

When that family dynamic is changed with the confession of their sexuality, all relationships with their families change, either for the better or, unfortunately, for the worst.

Although family dynamics are always something that is very important for collegiate players, their social lives are also important, if not more.

The people that make up the social lives the young black girls learn to love themselves and their hair without fear of rejection from society.

Queer athletes deserve recognition

By SHANE BURRELL & LOYDIE BURMAH  Sport and Opinions Editors

Queer collegiate athletes can risk their professional careers by coming out.

Queer college athletes have a higher risk of risking their professional sports careers by coming out due to the lack of support from the professional sports community.

Coming out is an ongoing process, and for the queer athlete revealing one’s true identity does not stop in the locker room.

“Homophobia is a salient theme within both collegiate and non-collegiate male athletic sub-cultures,” wrote researchers Kenneth B. Muir and Trina Seitz in their participant-observational study on machismo, misogyny, and homophobia within collegiate rugby.

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Participants share their personal stories and experiences.

The CSUSB Women’s Resource Center talk vaginas in their production, “The Vagina Monologues” in the SMSU Theatre.

The Women’s Resource Center aims to provide a supportive environment for all women on campus. The Center is a place where they celebrate and respect diversity and encourage women through their services and programs.

Felicia De La Isla, a student office assistant and actor in the show said, “It’s a play that directly empowers women, making them feel comfortable with talking about their bodies, and this is what the Women’s Resource Center is all about.”

“The Vagina Monologues”, written by Eve Ensler, is a book that is an expansion of a play that was originally written in 1991.

The purpose of the book is to break down the walls of the shame and secrecy that comes with the use of the word “vagina.”

Staff, students, and volunteers took to the stage to portray the characters of real women’s experiences. The women come from different backgrounds, nationalities, countries, and have different stories. The monologues show the violence perpetrated against those who have vaginas.

The show begins, as red spot lights shine on three women, who start the show off with an introduction. The women discuss the names people use to describe vaginas because in society these words are used to belittle, cover up, and even exploit the word “vagina.”

The actors mentioned words like peaches, pipi, and tamale.

One woman’s monologue was called “My Angry Vagina”, where she discussed the uncomfortable experiences of vaginal exams and tampons.

“My Do they flash the light up there, like they’re Nancy Drew,” said Flor Vargas, one of the actors.

The audience cheered and laughed at her sassiness and strong humor.

Other performances consisted of serious topics such as vagina mutilation, rape, and a woman’s appearance.

“My short skirt isn’t a reason for rape,” said Marie Tovar. “My short skirt doesn’t mean I’m stupid.”

Tovar did a great job in her performance and in her message about how just because a woman dresses cute for herself, that doesn’t make her a slut or stupid.

“It’s good to hear women speak up and fight back,” said attendee Dale Napoleon.

Other attendees found the show interesting, funny, and informative.

“It was really informative and I got to hear different perspectives,” said Maria Garcia, a CSUSB student.

I asked some of the actors about the message they took away from their character or how could they relate to their character.

“I felt like I related to my character, when it came to the exams, they humiliate you,” said Flor Vargas. “The character allowed me to vent and I feel the character is empowering.”

The coordinator of The Women’s Resource Center also wanted the audience to take a message away from the show.

“We hope women feel empowered to share their stories and hopefully both women and men understand the diverse experiences women face,” said Janet Honn-Alex, the Women’s Resource Center coordinator.

This year’s proceeds will go to the non-profit organization, Option House, which is a shelter for battered women and their children in San Bernardino.

If you missed out on this great show, come out and support the Women’s Resource Center’s next event, Sex trafficking: Here at Home? on May 7.

“My short skirt isn’t a reason for rape, my short skirt doesn’t mean I’m stupid.”

Marie Tovar

Nimoy will “live long and prosper” in our hearts

By IVANNA CARLOS

Leonard Nimoy, best known as Spock, died at 83.

Nimoy, born in Boston, Massachusetts, on March 26, 1931, was pronounced dead in his Los Angeles home on Feb. 27. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, caused by his smoking, was the cause of his death. It is a shame that Nimoy didn’t quit smoking soon enough.

Not only was Nimoy an American actor but also a film director, poet, singer-songwriter, and photographer.

Nimoy started his career when he was eight years old when he acted in a play and continued acting throughout his high school years. He made his official debut in 1951 at 20 years old, with a minor part in “Queen For a Day,” leading to another part in “Rhubarb" as a baseball player.

What led him to “Star Trek” was his part in “Zombies of the Stratosphere” as Narwhal.

“Star Trek”, which premiered on NBC on Sept. 8, 1966 made Nimoy the star he is today, but, unfortunately was cut after three seasons due to low ratings.

In 2009, Star Trek was revived with a whole new cast fortunately Nimoy got to make an appearance as an older version of Spock, which later led to him appearing in “Star Trek: Into Darkness” as Spock Prime in 2013.

His two autobiographies “I Am Not Spock”, published in 1975 and “I Am Spock”, published in 1995, described to us how Nimoy felt a connection with Spock.

In between acting and publishing, Nimoy was teaching method acting at his own studio.

“Star Trek”, one of television’s most successful series, won Nimoy three Emmy nominations and helped launch his career as a director and a writer.

“William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy acted well together because they balanced each other out throughout the series. I enjoyed watching Leonard Nimoy act because to me he understood the role he was supposed to play,” said student Cameron Khoury.

“Leonard portrayed his character very well even in the most recent “Star Trek” film. I can’t picture anyone else playing Mr. Spock,” continued Khoury.

Nimoy will never be forgotten and will forever live long and prosper in our hearts as Spock.
Less is more" when it comes to CSUSB student’s Spring fashion

By DALAL MUSEITEF
Asst. Features Editor

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He opted for his full attire from PacSun, which consisted of easy-to-work with colors and layers that fit cohesively to his “Yeezus” inspired look. "However, Argueta doesn’t consider his style the “Yeezus” look. He morphs his own splash of originality by adding a mesh jacket by the brand, Beentrill, which collaborated with Diamond Supply Co to design it, also a green-sleeved long shirt that enhanced his simplistic look. Although, I caught him on an off day, Argueta knew the depths of what he wore, even down to his shoes. He completes his look with a clean cut pair of Native Apollo Moc shoes that elaborated his edgy side with a natural touch. These minimalist pieces consist of simplistic styles that coordinate to a perfection without attempting to pull off the ‘try-too-hard’ look.

Fashion Week inspired outfits for less than $20 at thrift store

By JAYNENE MORENO
Staff Writer

Fashion Week 2015 was hosted in New York, London, Milan, and Paris and showcased brands such as Chanel, Dolce and Gabbana, and Kanye West x Adidas Originals Collection.

The collections are sure to inspire fashionistas looking to make a statement. Although the collections shown on the runway are expensive for the average Joe, Fashion Week does inspire new looks for a less expensive price.

My assignment was to complete a $20 thrift store challenge to try and recreate some of these Fashion Week extravagant outfits.

I accepted the challenge and I headed to Eco Thrift on E. Street in San Bernardino.

The clothing items were practically new and priced at a ridiculously low price.

Surprisingly, the Fashion Week inspired outfits I created were a steal, not even adding up to $10.

A floral print dress that closely resembled a Dolce and Gabbana’s Fall dress was tagged at only $5.98 in the thrift store. I happened to find one shown on Fashion Week at your local thrift store.

Chand used pastel pink blazers paired with skirts in their Spring collection. A two-piece outfit I found at the thrift store strongly resembled the Chanel look and was priced at $3.98. A full inspired look from Dolce and Gabbana, including shoes, was a little under $16.

This look consisted of a black skirt stretching a little past the knees with a button up blazer and flats to match. I recreated the look using a black dress priced at $3.98 with a similar black button up blazer priced at $9.98 and to finish it off, black flats priced at 99 cents.

Many were excited about Kanye’s collaboration with Adidas. "I followed Kanye’s line during New York's Fashion Week,” said Brandon Sanchez, a second-year CSUSB student.

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Though Sanchez was excited about Kanye’s collaboration with Adidas, he also shared a song from his ‘So Help Me God’ album. "I happened to find a Kanye-inspired look that I was able to recreate. The look was based off an over-sized men’s green crew neck that was featured in his collection. I found a similar crew neck priced at $3.98 in the thrift store. Although my challenge was fun to complete, most people don’t necessarily shop based on what they see in these Fashion Week collections. “I don’t think I follow trends. I wear what I like, and I believe that just because you want to wear something someone else is wearing doesn’t mean you’re following a trend,” said Saul Sandoval, second-year student.

Whether you follow these fashionable looks or stick to your own look, thrift store shopping can definitely be said to be a convenient way to splurge when shopping on a budget.
Bringing back the dead

By ALEJANDRO CARDENAS
Staff Writer

“The Lazarus Effect” looked promising but failed to bring life back to Hollywood’s dull but profitable mainstream horror genre. On my way to see “The Lazarus Effect,” expectations weren’t too high. Horror movies have been disappointing lately and after watching the trailers, I expected a generic modern day recreation of the classic Frankenstein story line.

What managed to get my attention was the cast members. “The Lazarus Effect” brought the striking Olivia Wilde and Mark Duplass for the leading roles, along with the multi-talented, Donald Glover, also known as rapper Childish Gambino.

So far, “The Lazarus Effect”’s $3.3 million budget has brought in $12 million, ranking fifth in the box office.

With this list of decent actors and a strong opening weekend, I thought I would be in for an adequate horror movie. If it ended up being another mindless slasher film, it would have been alright because I never expected anything more than that.

The film revolved around a group of scientists who are experimenting with a serum that would bring the dead back to life in the hopes of giving doctors more time to work with patients. The movie started off really good. By introducing themes of life and death, the risks we take with technology, the struggles of relationships, and the infamous science versus religion debate, “The Lazarus Effect” appeared to be going in the right direction.

But after a very promising start, the second half of the movie turned into a lazy recycled slasher film that left me completely disappointed. About halfway through the film, Wilde’s character dies and Duplass makes the decision to bring his girlfriend back to life, but she comes back acting very strange.

At this point, you assume she’s evil and assumptions are proved true as she flies around killing people and crushing things with her demon powers for what felt like hours. I could have literally walked away from the theater right after they brought her back to life and been much happier with the movie.

What left me the most disappointed was that the producers ruined what was actually a good start to a movie.

That’s where they screwed up because the beginning of the film raised my expectations, that were slowly killed during the second half of the film.

Overall, “The Lazarus Effect” starts with lots of promises, leaving you hopeful that it might have a little more to it than the usual horror film.

Unfortunately, it ends up being another teenage piggy bank robbing movie that at the very least meets expectations from the main stream horror genre.

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CSUSB Snapchat busted

By MACKENZIE VIERA
Staff Writer

CSUSB students expose themselves in explicit photos on Snapchat.

Snapchat is a video and photo messaging application that allows users to record or take pictures to send to a controlled list of recipients. “Snapchats” are visible for a specified time the user determines and cannot be accessed after being viewed.

Many campuses have self-titled accounts but the school administration is not affiliated with those accounts. Students anonymously developed these accounts and asked users to send footage that may contain nudity, sexual activity, and drug usage.

Photos and videos are then uploaded to a public feed for others to view.

“I followed one last quarter,” said student Katharine Hall. “I remember seeing a girl giving oral sex in what looked like the Pfau Library and I thought ‘Wow, this is wild.’”

When asked how Hall initially encountered the account, she claimed she was directed through word of mouth. “Every time I’d see something crazy or funny, I’d ask my friends if they’ve seen it,” Hall continued. “If they didn’t, they immediately began to follow.”

CSUSB’s Snapchat account has had footage of students smoking marijuana in campus parking lots, having sex, and taking ecstasy.

Due to many cases of sexual harassment and cyber bullying, some states such as New Jersey, have made it illegal to send nude photos.

Although some photos are revealing, others can be humorous. “It’s not all bad!” student Ashley Bell. “I’ve seen people falling asleep in class, people poking fun at the horrible food they sell here, and people getting drunk at the pub riding skateboards. Other social media accounts also sharing student life include Instagram and Tumblr. To minimize these accounts posting illegal content, Snapchat introduced a new feature, Campus Story.

Campus Story allows students to post a live central feed only while they are physically on campus. The feature was first experimented with Our Story, which allows users to post about a particular event or area they are in.

Campus Story is currently only available for the University of Southern California, Pennsylvania State University, University of Texas at Austin, and University of California, Los Angeles.

Coyotes want to be millionaires

By ANNA GONZALES
Staff Writer

Seventy percent of millennials remain confident they will one day become millionaires, according to a recent poll performed by Fusion.

Millenials are defined as individuals born in the 1980s or the 1990s, according to Merriam-Webster. This may be an alarming statistic due to reports published by Fusion stating, “that 28 million people between the ages of 18 and 34 neither go to school nor earn more than $10,000 per year.”

Fusion also reported that 40 percent of the young people polled still live at home with their parents, 97 percent of them were sure they would own a home at some point in their life.

Seventy Coyotes were surveyed with the same questions asked in the Fusion poll to gain insight on the study’s findings in relation to our campus.

According to the Coyote Chronicle poll, 36 percent of students believe they will reach millionaire status during their lifetime, 43 percent believed they would not, and 21 percent were unsure.

“I have the know-how and determination to succeed,” stated an anonymous Coyote.

Student Janneth Vilan was hesitant about the possibility of becoming a millionaire because she was unsure about how to become one.

Close to three quarters of the students who believed they were going to become millionaires were employed.

William Cudney is one of the 32 percent who are currently unemployed, but believe they will become a millionaire.

Not having employment while attending school “has drastically increased the value of [his] academic career,” said Cudney.

When asked if the students felt a college degree was worth the expense, an overwhelming 83 percent said yes.

Victor Garcia felt that a college degree is worth the expense but understands it is difficult to assume that it is a worthwhile pursuit for everyone because the reasons for earning a degree vary between students.

“I think [Generation X] put a lot of pressure on younger generations by exaggerating the amount of work it takes to be successful,” stated Diana Sifuentes via email.

“Ever since grade school, I was told that I had to go to college to be successful, and even though I essentially followed this ‘path of success,’ I find everyday that this path is not for everyone,” added Sifuentes.

Sifuentes said that the college path is not for everyone, which is not a problem at all because people can still find success. She said it merely becomes a question of how one defines success.

Student Cesar Marin defines success as “reaching a point where you are being fulfilled by completing and working on your chosen endeavors.”

When asked if millennials are disillusioned by the idea of reaching a millionaire status, student Giacomo Thillet said, “If they made it this far in college and they’ve worked hard enough, they have fair reason to have those aspirations of [becoming a millionaire].”
Spring breakers, if you are not the party type, you can still do something fun with friends and family close by that won’t burn a hole in your pocket.

Geocaching is an inexpensive, fun “apptivity” to enjoy during Spring break.

Created on May 2, 2000, Geocaching is the world’s largest scavenger hunt.

There are several types of caches and they can be found anywhere from a photo on a computer to a hidden container in a park.

“Geocaching is a very productive activity. I think that it would bring you closer to not only your clique, but to Mother Nature as well,” said student Adriana Hoeffer.

Caching has never been more accurate and intuitive since the new release of their app, now available for Android, and Window devices.

The best feature is the GPS guide that pin-points the location of the hidden cache.

Currently, there are 2,568,393 active caches around the world, including some even hidden on the CSUSB campus.

Palm Springs is a great place to go on Spring Break, even if it’s for a day trip.

For outdoor lovers, I suggest going camping, hiking, or even both if you are considering to stay for more than a single day.

Many people love to go hiking, not only to see the beautiful scenery, but to ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway up the mountain to see a greater view of the area.

Before the tramway was renovated, originally, you would only be able to see the view from the sides.

Now, you have the opportunity to see a 360-degree view as you ascend.

After a great hike and you’re feeling a bit hungry, why not relax and dine at 8,500 feet? There are two restaurants—one fancy, the other a café—and a bar huddled together.

Los Angeles beaches or the city itself, is a great place to appreciate Spring break because there is so much to do.

In the city, you can go to the famous Grammy Museum, California Science Center, Los Angeles County museum of Art, The Griffith Observatory, and many more.

Several students suggested going to Santa Monica beach to hang out, play carnival games at the pier, or crash at Venice beach, sitting on your puma-Swap-meet blanket to view the sun set.

“I’ve only been to Venice a few times but I think it is a clean beautiful beach, which offers great shopping and places to eat. The drive definitely beats the terrible Santa Monica traffic,” said student Brittany Burdick.

Big Bear is a great way to prolong your winter love during Spring. Staying in Big Bear during Spring break is a good time to just chill and relax, but there are so many activities to do in the man-made snow.

You have opportunity to go skiing, snowboarding, tobogganing, fishing, or relive classic penny arcade games, such as Galaga and Centipede.

No matter what you decide to do during Spring Break, remember there are always geocaches near to explore, carnival prizes to win on the pier, and that Big Bear snow.

By SELINA CERDA
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Comfy, casual, and cute—three things every girl wants to achieve in a perfect Spring outfit.

Whether you are spending your day running errands or at the beach, these Spring must-haves will surely make you look super cute with that laid back look.

Early 70s chic is wiggling its way back into the fashion scene with unforgettable palazzo pants.

“I love that they are making a come back because I have always secretly loved them,” said student and fashion enthusiast Amanda Tamimi. “They are so comfortable and they come in all kinds of prints.”

These pants are loose, and light weight, which may be perfect for those warm California days and breezy nights.

Palazzo pants can be dressed down for a day full of relaxation or dressed up for a night on the town with your friends, whichever it may be, they can match up perfectly with almost any top. “You can wear them with anything from big t-shirts to cute crop tops,” added Tamimi.

That’s right, crop tops are still in style, ladies! Why wouldn’t they be? They can be styled with almost anything!

“Almost every girl owns something highwaisted, and what better way to show off your bottoms than with a crop top,” said Tamimi.

They come in all different lengths, so if you don’t want to show too much skin, you don’t have to. For girls who enjoy a more relaxed and breezy feel, a nice flowing swing top is the way to go.

“They are perfect for Spring,” said Tamimi. “They have a relaxed look to them, yet they’re so cute.”

Rompers are a personal favorite of mine and every girl should own one. “It’s already a cute outfit within itself so it’s perfect!” said Tamimi.

You don’t know comfort until you slip into one of these bad boys. They can be worn with any type of footwear like sandals, heels, and booties.

A romper will make a perfect addition to your clothes family. What’s the best way to bring these outfits all together? Well, a floppy hat, of course! “A great accessory for Spring is a floppy hat,” said Tamimi. “They are perfect for almost every season and can really pull an outfit together.”

A floppy hat can be the cherry-on-top for any outfit—whether dressing or casual. Floppy hats can even turn a bad hair day to an awesome hat day!

“They are a classy way to not do your hair, but still look fab,” said student Priscilla Medina.

A must-have for any warm, sunny Spring day is a pair of sunglasses that accessorize perfectly with many outfits for multiple occasions.

Besides the obvious that they are super cute, they may benefit you in the long run by protecting your eyes from getting wrinkles and hide those pesky dark-circles under your eyes—put some cucumbers on those suckas.

“They can make you look fab and help you ignore awkward situations,” said Medina.

Now, go out and have the best Spring break of your lives and look cute, but more importantly be comfortable and be yourself.
Player of the week:

Jake Meloche
By JUSTIN SANDOVAL
Assistant Sports Editor

Jake Meloche, a dual-sport athlete at CSUSB playing baseball and golf, is a Michigan native. Meloche later moved to Coronado, California where his passion for both sports blossomed.

Meloche played four years of baseball at Coronado High School, and played on the golf team his senior year.

A business major in the classroom, Meloche is taking care of nothing but business on the baseball mound and the golf course.

A pitcher for Coyote baseball, Meloche injured his elbow and will not be able to pitch this season.

A Coyote athlete nonetheless, Meloche decided to give a shot at the Division II level.

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Meloche did not disappoint; he finished second best on the team, finishing T13 alongside fellow Coyote Justin “Smooth” Sandoval.

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Track/Field and Running
By EMMANUEL VALADEZ
Staff Writer

Women’s track and field is leaving a mark this 2015 season here at CSUSB, with their first meet in CSUSB history.

Coach Jacolyn Parnell, an established track team for the school, several athletes ran in the school’s cross country team during the fall season.

Therefore the athletes, who wanted to participate in track during the spring season, had to participate individually in track and field competitions around the state.

This made it very difficult for the athletes because they had to cover their own competition and travel fees.

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The Coyotes led the board in free throws and three-pointers but the Lumberjacks outscored the Coyotes 41-32 during the first half.

Three minutes into overtime, Coyote Tevin Harris made a layup, bringing the score tight at 76-79.

Coyotes still trailed the Lumberjacks by five seconds later.

Senior Taylor Statham led all scorers.

The Coyotes started the second half with the ball, but just five seconds later turned it over.

Partially through the second half, the Coyotes still trailed the Lumberjacks by three points, substantially cutting the deficit.

With six minutes left in the game, the Coyotes took the lead 64-62 and held the lead until just seconds before the end of regulation time, when the Lumberjacks tied the score 74 all.

At the end of the second half, the Coyotes outscored the Lumberjacks 42-33 during that half but still had to face overtime.

The Coyotes held the board in field goals and three pointers, but the Lumberjacks out shot the Coyotes on free throws.

In the beginning of the five-minute overtime period, the Lumberjacks possessed the ball, and just 12 seconds in took the lead with a free throw shot by Calvin Young.

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With 17.2 seconds left in overtime, the Coyotes trailed 88-85, just a three point game.

The overtime period ended in a victory for the Lumberjacks, with a score of 92-87.

The Lumberjacks outplayed the Coyotes with total 48-28 rebounds, 22-8 offensive rebounds, and 20-27 defensive rebounds, leading to the defeat of the Coyotes by five points.

Senior Isaiah Morton’s dynamic performance in the second half kept the Coyotes in the game, keeping the score tight.

With only six points to his name at half time, Morton ended the game with 23 points, leading all scorers.

“We’re going to play every play like its the last,” said Morton.

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The Coyote women's basketball team started off the 2015 California Collegiate Athletics Association (CCAA) Tournament with a bang!
The Coyotes played the first game of the tournament against the University of California, San Diego Tritons on Thursday, March 5 at the Stockton Arena in Stockton, California.
The women came into the game with a 14-8 record, ranked fifth in the CCAA Conference trailing the Tritons, who are ranked fourth with a record of 16-6.
The Coyotes helped their cause by dominating on the line and scoring a fifth of their points by free throws.
The game started off rough for the Tritons as they were days after the Tritons lost to California.
In the first three minutes of the game, the Tritons were fouled and hit both of her free throws to give the Coyotes a pivotal 45-43 lead.
Harden came up again with a huge three-pointer with 10:50 left, giving the Coyotes a 52-47 lead, and from there the Coyotes never looked back.
The Coyotes kept their lead and only let the Tritons tie the game once at 52 all.
In the final minutes of the game, the Coyotes were able to get ahead from the Tritons and go on a 19-2 run to finish off their great win.
The win was a team effort as the Coyotes had three players score in double digits.

Baseball loses four in a row

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It was a rough weekend for Coyote baseball. The team lost four-straight games in their back-to-back double-headers against the Cal State Monterey Bay Otters, extending their losing streak to seven games.
Cal State Monterey Bay currently holds the best record in the conference and after sweeping the Coyotes in their series this weekend, have extended their hot winning streak to 10 games.
It has been a long season thus far for the Coyotes, who are 3-14, but right-handed pitcher Dylan Mitchell is confident the team can turn the season around.
"Playoffs are definitely still in reach. It's still very early in the season, so there's still that possibility," said Mitchell.
The Coyotes have been struggling this season with their last win coming back on Feb. 19 versus the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos.
Friday's double-header was a long afternoon for the Coyotes, losing their first game 2-13, followed by a 5-10 loss in the second game.
Right-handed pitcher Tyler Wells suffered the first loss, and junior Tyler Sloan was credited with the loss for the following game.
Saturday afternoon was no different for the Coyotes as they lost both games in the double-header against the Otters.
The final two games of their back-to-back double-headers proved to be more competitive, as the Coyotes fell 2-7, and then lost a nail-biter 7-8.
Senior Tyler Rahier and junior Daniel Diaz received the two losses on Saturday afternoon, but it is not just pitching that the Coyotes are struggling with.
Coyotes have been struggling getting runs on the board early all season. "Our hitting needs to get out of the gate a little bit faster to give us pitcher confidence, you know, that we can have run support behind us," said Mitchell.
Getting early runs on the board has been a problem for the Coyotes this season and can negatively influence the psyche of the pitchers. It is much easier for a pitcher to go on the mound with confidence when they know that they have a lead to work with.
It is easy for a team in any sport to get down on themselves and develop a losing mentality when things are not going well in a season like the Coyotes are currently having.
On this current seven-game losing streak, their longest of the season, Mitchell said, "A lot of guys are doubting themselves."
The California Collegiate Athletics Association (CCAA) Conference Tournament is holding their 2015 Division II tournament in Stockton, California. This tournament will give the qualifying teams a chance to claim the title of Division II champions of California. Although the tournament is in Stockton, teams from all over the state will be competing, from the UC San Diego Tritons to the Humboldt State Lumberjacks.

Both men’s and women’s basketball teams will compete in the tournament. “The CCAA Basketball Tournament is coming back to northern California for just the third time,” said Commissioner of the CCAA Mike Matthews. Many fans as well as families will be going to Stockton to spectate of the tournament, explained Matthews.

Matthews also continued to give thanks to the participation of all of the vendors who are helping to make the event happen, one in which is Visit Stockton, led by Wes Rhea their CEO. “Visit Stockton is proud to partner with CCAA to bring these four championship events to Stockton. We have a long history hosting successful collegiate events and we look forward to welcoming the athletes and families to our city,” expressed Rhea.

Despite the last two consecutive years the CCAA tournament was held in Ontario, California at the Citizen’s Banks Arena, the committee made the choice move to bring the event to Stockton. The first round of games will happen on March 5, while the semi-finals will be held on March 6, and the finals on March 7.

Each team has presented themselves to be worthy of competing in this tournament but only the best will be able to win the title as CCAA Champions.

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The California Collegiate Athletics Association is holding their basketball championship tournament in Stockton, California, where teams from all over the state will be able to come and compete for the championship title.