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The Student Body Speaks?

Referendum: School prepares for tuition hikes and more construction as measure passes by a majority of the minority of students that voted.

By Chris Walenta
Executive Editor

On Feb. 28 and again on Mar. 1 Cal State San Bernardino left the vote up to the student body as to a potential raise in tuition fees in order to upgrade particular campus locations. The vote passed and starting in the Fall, student tuition fees will go up $43 per quarter.

According to Helga Kray, the Executive Director of the Student Union, the turnout in the referendum was "the highest voter turn out for a referendum vote in school history." A total of 1768 people voted with 1285 students voting for the referendum and 483 people voting against. Initially the numbers would show that the majority of the students approved the referendum. But a closer look will show that only a little more than 10% of the students eligible to vote, voted. According to the Office of Institutional Research, the total number of students registered for the winter quarter, meaning they were eligible to vote, was 15,047.

The referendum will become official in the next couple of days. On Mar. 8 the Campus Fee Advisory Committee will meet to approve the referendum and give their recommendation to President Karnig. President Karnig will then pass a letter of approval to the Chancellor of the University.

According to Kray, "we are waiting for the process and it is a formality that the referendum will be passed."

Students pay for the pie but will they get a piece?

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Zapatistas March for Rights

Chiapas: Indigenous peoples of Mexico struggle against effects of globalization, seek retribution

A war in Mexico is waged between the federal government and the indigenous people, mostly of Mayan decent, of Chiapas, the southern-most state. The people rose up in arms and rallied to defend their traditional way of life, their communal lands, their right to independence, their right to maintain their cultural standards and practices, including their right to continue to speak their native tongues even with the encroachment of the Spanish language, against the outside forces that want to strip them of these rights. The never-ending struggle against the nation-state, that caters like a whore to its pimp-like US

Locked Doors Opened on Cal State Residents

Burglaries: Cal State dorm residents fed up with theft.

Recently, Cal State dorm residents have fallen victim to a series of robberies. Although robberies are nothing new, the way these crimes were executed have authorities eyes raised and residents feeling like potential targets.

Approximately six thefts were reported from Jan. 26-28. All incidents occurred in the middle of the night, while residents where sleeping and dormitory doors were locked. According to Detective Applegate of the university police, "It looks like a key was used" because "there was no forced entry."

Two of the victim's, Adan Garcia and Ryan Sentz who live in Badger, were robbed on a Friday morning between 2:30 and 4:30. When they went to sleep the door was closed and locked, but when Ryan woke up to open a window, he noticed the door was open. It wasn't until that morning before class they noticed several items were gone.

Among the things stolen were a watch, a social security card, credit cards, check cards, money and other personal paper work. Police are following several leads on false credit card purchases. Unfortunately there are no hard leads because it is hard for the merchants to place a face with the customers who bought the cards.

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In Brief

China Strengthens Military

China announced this week that they will increase military spending by nearly 18 percent this year. The decision has been earmarked as a reaction to US intervention in Taiwan.

"I hope the U.S. will come to a sober-minded understanding of the serious dangers involved," said Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan. China has warned Washington against providing high-tech arms to the island, labeling the trade as dangerous to U.S.-China ties.

President George W. Bush has also commented on increasing the military in order to keep the might and strength of the western World. Could a arms race and cold war with China be in our future?

Suspicious Plane Crash

The blast that gutted a Thai Airways airplane minutes before Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was to board came from beneath his assigned seat, his security advisor said Sunday. Thaksin said it could have been an inside job to assassinate him.

Thaksin’s security advisor, said, "the source of the explosion came from where the Prime Minister was supposed to be seated.

School Explosion Kills 41

An explosion wrecked four classrooms at an elementary school in eastern China on Tuesday, killing 41 people and injuring 27 others. The dead included children and their teachers.

Rescuers spent hours digging through the rubble of the two-story school in the village of Fang Lin in Jiangxi province.

By 6 p.m. - some seven hours after the blast-29 bodies had been found, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said. It said 27 injured people were being treated in hospital.

Asked whether all the dead were children, a local government official said, "Not all of them."

Campus Solicits Student Input

CSUSB is participating in a CSU system-wide survey of student satisfaction. Data from these surveys will help each campus determine the importance and quality of the services provided to students.

The concept of "one-stop shopping" for student counter services in the UH lobby, online access to registration, grad checks, degree audit reports, and financial aid emerged as a result of these findings.

Instructors in various classes will conduct these surveys early in the spring quarter. Your participation is critical to us in determining improvement of our campus services.

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Buffalo Soldier, in the War for America

Soldiers: Campus visit sheds new light, but darkens reputation of university

By John J. Eddy
News Editor

Buffalo soldiers are not dreadlock rastas. At the Cross-Cultural center last week, Trooper Frederick Jones and Trooper Curtis James from the LA chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers were on campus to share their experiences with the students.

"I can’t believe the apathy of the university," Trooper Frederick Jones said, disappointed at the audience consisting of only five students. Despite the low attendance, Jones went on with his lecture.

The Buffalo Soldiers originated following the civil war with the creation of four black peacetime regiments. The Shiyan Indians named the Calvary the Buffalo Soldiers in 1870 who believed the black soldiers fought strong like a cornered buffalo.

The Buffalo Soldiers remained as a fighting unit up until the Korean War when they were infiltrated with infantry support. Their horses were taken away and replaced with Jeeps and trucks that carried ammunition to the front lines.

During World War II, the Buffalo Soldiers guarded the American-Mexican border, wary of a German influenced attack on US soil. The Buffalo Soldiers were the first US border patrol, replaced after WW2 by permanent border patrol and customs officials.

In 1992, the Buffalo Soldiers were honored at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the first home of the 10th Calvary of Buffalo Soldiers. The Ceremony was highlighted by Colin Powell who dedicated a bronze statue to the, "free fighting spirit and honor of the Buffalo Soldier."

Trooper Jones emphasized the importance of the Buffalo Soldiers in their every day duties of protecting the Frontiers of the US after the Civil War, and by protecting the newly formed postal service, the pony express. The Men who served as Buffalo Soldiers yearned to be respected as men of dignity, and integrity, bringing honor and respect to their community and people. With 23 congressional medals of honor received by Buffalo Soldiers, they set a positive example for future generations.

For those interested in viewing artifacts from the Buffalo Soldiers, the Gene Autry Museum currently has a display open to the public. The Museum is located in the Griffith Park area.
Parking Services: offers tips for the Spring Quarter

By George Galeener Staff Writer

You paid your tuition and parking fee for next quarter, but you find that you still haven't received the parking permit at only a few days before classes are to start. Flipping through the pages of your checkbook record frantically, you're relieved to see that you did remember to include the $36 fee when calculating your registration payment. Now what?

"All you have to do is go to the Bursar's office and pick it up," says Patti Jo Foye of Cal State's parking services. "Because parking services, a division of public information like this is routinely offered by parking services, and they're just a phone call away for those who need help with their parking needs. They also offered a few tips to students in preparing for spring quarter.

"Our main goal is to serve our students," said Carisa Barnes, operations supervisor for parking services, a division of public safety. If you've ever gone to your car only to discover that your battery is dead, it's parking services that will be there in a flash with a no-cost battery jump to save the day. Students who've locked their car keys inside their vehicle also get a helping hand from parking services, Barnes said.

Many students might be surprised to learn that their parking fees are channeled right back into the well-being of the parking program. Fees are used to maintain information centers, repair and maintain parking lot grounds, construct new lots and pay for parking personnel. Students will also be interested to know when they might expect permits to be mailed for the spring quarter.

The last day paid parking permits will be mailed as March 23. The envelope will include the permit, a list of parking regulations and a pamphlet entitled "FAQs" (frequently asked questions). Quarterly permits may be purchased after this date at either of the two Bursar's offices located at Sierra and Cartsa Barnes, operations supervisor for parking services, a division of public information centers, repair and maintain parking lot grounds, construct new lots and pay for parking personnel. Students will also be interested to know when they might expect permits to be mailed for the spring quarter.

"Thanks for the direction!"
Alpha Delta Pi Swings to Raise Money

By Desiree Hunter
Staff Writer

Ask most people what activity they would like to do for 24 hours straight and it probably won’t be swinging, but from noon Feb. 28 to noon Mar. 1, the answer was exactly that for 30 members of Alpha Delta Pi.

Braving falling rain and biting wind, members of the Cal State sorority took turns swinging in a swing-a-thon to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. The house offers low-cost room, board and meals to families of children with cancer who are patients at the nearby Loma Linda Medical Center.

Junior Becky Leiby became the group’s public relations chair two weeks ago and was one of the main organizers of the event. “We try to have a philanthropy event once a quarter,” she said. “It’s just a good money raiser and people are pretty good about giving money to it.” Alpha Delta Pi’s hope was to raise $1500, but they won’t know if they reached their goal until next week.

With no more protection than blankets, sleeping bags and a few tents, the girls stayed outside in the quad as rain gave way to cold winds. Though all of the 30 members who signed up to participate swung during their given time, only about 10 people stayed the full 24 hours; “It got way too cold,” Leiby said.

Plans are already being made for next year’s event, which they hope will include more radio stations and possibly some food vendors, she said.

Members of the Sigma Chi fraternity pitched in by building the 11-ft. swing that was used. “They’ve always been there for us and we like to help other people out,” said Mark Nazzal, vice president. The fraternity is no stranger to raising money for organizations; “Sigma Chi has sold balloons, auctioned off members and sponsored a run-a-thon to raise money for the Children’s Miracle Network,” he said.

Sigma Chi member Donnie Evans was instrumental in the building process. “The swing took about fifty hours to build,” he said. “It’s really enforced,” Evans said of the swing, “we do this for a good charity and a good cause.”

The group helps out the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda often, donating things like napkins and paper plates and sometimes making dinner for families who are staying there, “I love the fact that what I’m doing goes to a good cause,” said Leiby.

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A Letter From The California Faculty Association

Dear Students:

Recently you may have noticed some of your professors wearing stickers that state “Face The Facts” and wondered what that was all about. Or, you might have overheard faculty talking among themselves about “imposition” and been puzzled. I hope this short letter from the faculty union (CFA) will explain what has been happening.

Last Spring and this Fall the faculty union has been engaged with Chancellor Reed and the CSU Board of Trustees in a process known as “reopener bargaining.” In this process the CFA and the Chancellor have been negotiating over faculty salaries. Unfortunately the bargaining process failed to reach an agreement and at the end of the January the Chancellor unilaterally imposed salary terms on the faculty (thus the talk of imposition). By doing this, Chancellor Reed became the first public employer to impose salary conditions two years in a row on the same group of employees. He did this even though the findings of a neutral mediator had supported very nearly all the arguments and positions of the faculty union (thus the “Face The Facts” stickers).

The CFA wants to let students at CSUSB know that we will continue to struggle for faculty working conditions that provide a framework through which our members—your professors—can provide you with a quality education. Although we will conduct this struggle vigorously, we will not let it jeopardize your education.

This Spring we will begin the process of bargaining a new faculty employment contract. As we do so we will keep students informed through letters like this one and open meetings on campus. We look forward to the support of students and their families as we fight for the future of the CSU. Thank you.

Tom Meisenhelder
President, CSUSB CFA

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Is there Anybody out There?

Cal State: Students voice their opinion with silence as the ASI passes the Referendum quietly by 11.7 percent of the student population.

By John J. Eddy
News Editor

In an election year that saw two presidential candidates fighting over a few hundred votes, we, the students of Cal State San Bernardino are confronted with an even bigger issue that affects each and everyone of us financially.

With very little publicity, the two most advertised polling booths (both located next to the Student Union on the day of elections), and stormy weather, the ASI’s Referendum proposal passed by a majority of Cal State students, or did it? The referendum was victorious by 802 votes, deemed a landslide by ASI. Yet I beg to differ...

The true majority of Cal State students voiced their opinion by not voting at all. Out of the 15,047 eligible student voters’ only 1768 people voted, 11.7% of the student population to be exact. Of that 11.7% of voters, 3% voted against the referendum.

Is this acceptable? Am I the only one who sees discrepancies within the electoral process decided on by ASI? Did ASI really only want to target students who mingle in the Student Union area, avoiding the majority of students who come to school after or before work, concentrating their time in one building and to get home to their families?

Or were the 13,000 students who did not vote just not concerned about the extra cash they will now have to fork over this upcoming Fall quarter? Sitting here behind my desk, in the basement of the University Hall I feel unconnected with the student population. How can I voice the concerns of students when I have no communication with them? All I can do is call things as I see them, and to me the entire referendum process, publicity and actual voting discriminated against the majority of the student populace, having much like a high school class election that depends on popularity to fuel the contest.

I need to hear from the people; I want to hear from both sides. I am for progress and expansion, but I am not ready to accept it at any cost! My money will now be used to build Cal State of the future, a future that none of us will witness unless we are on the 10-year graduation plan. Cal State San Bernardino will be opening up its floodgates in the upcoming years, expanding its student population to over 20,000, yet we here and now have decided to pay the expensive bill for the incoming future freshman. Why isn’t the money that will be generated from the expanding student population enough to fund the building expansions and ASI improvements?

It is too late for us now, or perhaps not. It depends on the consensus of the students. President Karnig and the Cal State Board of Directors have not approved the referendum, which will be decided on in their next meeting. For those who disagree with the Referendum, and for the process in which it was handled, there is still time to voice your disgruntled opinions.

As a student population, young and old, returning and incoming, need to organize and take back what is unequivocally ours. We have forgot our rights and our duties. We have let ASI run free without keeping our own student representatives in check. We must ensure equality at the polls for future elections and referendums, to palpitate the liberty and end the injustice. Yes we were all eligible to vote, but ASI did not make the election available to all. Write me, one voice, one paper can not make changes alone, yet if we organize into a unit we can.

If you have any comments, contact me at onelove15@hotmail.com with all of your comments. Let’s build a student consensus. (909) 880-5289

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Bela Fleck Goes “Outbound” With His Friends

By Matt Schoenmann
A&E Editor

Over the many years that they have been together Bela Fleck and the Flecktones have solidified itself as one of the premiere bands in the world.

Recently, the band released its first Sony Music release, “Outbound.” This album features an all-star cast of guests including John Medeski (of the free-form jazz band Medeski, Martin and Wood), Adrian Belew (of progressive rock group King Crimson), vocalist Shawn Colvin, horn player Paul McCandless and Jon Anderson (of the rock band, Yes).

Simply by glancing at the guest list it is easily observed how many styles of music the Flecktones touch upon. The band’s diversity can also be noticed just by looking at the band’s core members.

Fleck plays acoustic and electric banjos. In his youth, he quickly became known as one of the premiere banjo players in the world. Fleck has performed with a wide array of artists in his career, such as Bruce Hornsby and Trey Anastasio, and is the only musician to be nominated for Grammy Awards in jazz, bluegrass, pop, country, composition, spoken word, Christian and world music categories.

Bela Fleck and the Flecktones also changed the way in which the Academy thinks of contemporary jazz by taking home the Grammy for best contemporary jazz album at this year’s awards.

Victor Wooten is simply put, one of the most awesome bass players to ever have stepped foot on this planet. Just like the rest of the Flecktones, Wooten has his own successful solo career. Last year, Wooten released Yin Yang, his third solo album. The only bass player to win Bass Player Magazine’s Bass player of the year award, Wooten has won it on three separate occasions.

It was in 1989 when Fleck recruited Wooten and his brother, only known as Future Man, to form the rhythm section of his new jazz band. Future Man is a master percussionist who has created his own instruments. His main instrument is what is called a synthaxe drumitar. It would take far too much time to explain the complete workings of the drumitar, so it only can be said that it is something of a mix between a guitar and a piano ran through a MIDI machine in order to create whatever sound Future Man dreams up.

The final piece to this puzzle was completed just a few years ago when sax player Jeff Coffin began touring with the Flecktones. Coffin is an up and coming performer whom began capturing the hearts of the fans by playing two saxophones at once with one in each hand.

“Outbound” is not the first album in which Fleck has used guest performers, but it is the first time that he has used so many different performers on different tracks. Throughout the album, a number of different instruments are used to convey different textures on a track. Remarkably there never seems to be any clutter or confusion during the musicians interplay.

Much of the album seems to be composed specifically for different instruments, yet there still seems to be enough room for all the musicians to show their individuality.

Wooten shines on “Earth Jam,” the one track in which his name appears first in the song credits. Midway through the jam, Wooten begins thrashing his fretboard in no way that any electric bassist can. He has an unmatched ability to keep the rhythm and then turn it up a notch and leave you wondering how his hands can move so fast.

“Outbound” is sure to be pleasing to the funk fans that like Wooten, the jazz fans who like Coffin, bluegrass fans who like Fleck and everybody who enjoys the experimentation of Future Man.

Bela Fleck and the Flecktones will play the Wiltern Theatre in Hollywood on April 6. The band will be touring in support of “Outbound.”
Jazz, Man... Dig It

By John J. Eddy
News Editor

I love musicians because they are modest. In front of a fresh crowd of college students and local patrons of the Fanatics Sports Bar and Grill, the Cal State Jazz band played smooth melodies that inebriated the audience like a pint of Guinness.

The concert at Fanatics was a warm-up for the big show here on campus March 4 at 7:00pm. They played a three hour set which included Bessy's Blues to open up the night, and the crowd pleasing Watermelon Man which ended the night on a natural high. Sitting in the audience, I became enthralled by the rhythms and free form solos, which flowed out of Omar Reza's Trumpet.

Clayton Connolly, pianist and harmonica master, surprised and excited the crowd with his harmonica during the last song of the night. There wasn't a pair of hands idle after his performance.

Robert Randell and Rian Webb worked harmoniously together on the trombone, taking the melody to another level. Ann LeBlanc, who played flute and saxophone, took me out of my conscious thought during her two-minute saxophone solo. The notes seemed to glide around the room cyclically. I was even more amazed when Ann revealed to me that she had only been playing the saxophone for two months.

The rhythm and percussion was solid for all three sets with both David Prodo and Joaquin Hernandez switching off on drums. Each with their own pervasive styles held the harmony together for the entire band. James Malachowski balanced the rhythm and melody with his solid guitar work, and rocking solos.

No band could survive without its bassist, and Brian Harringa gave a bold, far-out performance that included four bass solos. Playing a stand-up bass, I was amazed at how fast and furious his hands worked the strings and plucked the cords. Yet after the performance, he wasn't satisfied.

A person's worst critic is himself, and so it is for the Cal State Jazz Band. Even though they weren't extremely satisfied with their performance, the audience was, and isn't that what really counts during a concert? There were various times, sitting there in the darkened room, listening to the music, that I lost track of reality and slipped into the uncharted depths of my unconscious, led by the pulsating beats and intoxicating melodies.

The Cal State Jazz Band, led by instructor Ray Briggs, will be playing Fanatics Friday March 16 and here at Cal State Wednesday March 21. Anyone looking for some culture and a night of great music should readily attend.
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invaders, instigated the only choice that the indigenous people of Chiapas had. To organize an armed resistance and call upon the revolutionary spirit to fight off this overwhelming enemy that can only be dealt with by force.

Thus, the creation of the EZLN, the Ejercito Zapatista de Liberacion Nacional, or more affectionately known among the people as the Zapatistas, had been forged with the fire of oppression by the Eurocentric government of Mexico that submits willfully like a dog to its master the United States of America. The Zapatista movement is the response to the crimes against humanity committed, first by the Spaniards and now today by "globalization" that threatens not only the traditional ways of life of the indigenous peoples of Mexico but also the indigenous peoples all over their world. Although the war was officially declared on January 1, 1994 the bloody clash between a Euro centric government and the native inhabitants can be traced back in history to the early 16th century when a force of murderous, thuggish, and barbaric Spanish soldiers, led by Hernan Cortes, invaded the shores of Anahuac (the name for Mexico in pre-Columbian times) in 1519. Since the arrival of those first Europeans on Anahuac soil, unthinkable atrocities have been committed on the indigenous inhabitants at the hands of, initially the Spaniards, then the Críollos after the so-called declaration of independence from Spain in 1821, and today a government that continues the ugly and brutal legacy of neo-colonization. Rape, enslavement, war, murder, and disease were and are just a few of the horrifying contributing acts of colonization unleashed by the men of Castile. Today, colonization continues but now it has been labeled with a new euphemized term called "globalization" as illustrated before.

With the illegal passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement in the US senate, a "free trade" and a "free market" meant a cultural death sentence for the last autonomous and affluent indigenous communities of Mexico. Big US corporations were now allowed to seize up ancestral communal lands, privatize them, and use the land to their economic advantage. Whether it meant exploiting the land for precious resources, targeting the land for new Euro-American tourist traps, or to build huge sweatshop-style factories that dumped cancer-causing pollutants into the air and into the water, it was all for the corporate elite's financial gain no matter how much damage and death would follow. The corporations fattened their own pockets with profits they made off the exploitation of stolen lands from the people, to impose cheap labor while in the mean time fabricating the illusion that US corporations "are providing jobs" and "stimulating economic growth."

The people of Chiapas could take no more abuse and rose up to fight the US-supported Mexican government. Embarking on a hopeful event on New Year's day, 1994, a large force of Mayas, led by Subcomandante Marcos, emerged from the shadows of silence to seize and control a handful of local government municipal offices, demanding Indigenous rights for all that had been abused both politically and socioeconomically. There has been an uneasy peace since 1996 when peace talks were supposed to begin. Instead, the government unleashed its paramilitary killers on innocent villagers of Acteal, massacring 45 people including elders, women and children; infants were yanked from their mothers arms and hacked to a bloody mess with machetes before the horrified, on-looking villagers. The paramilitaries were motivated by the blood money of their former leader and president Zedillo Ponce de Leon. President Vincent Fox has now inherited the war and the Mexican government, which must answer to the atrocities committed upon the peoples of Chiapas and the entire indigenous population of Mexico.

On Feb. 25 of this year, the Zapatista movement, along with several indigenous tlacatecames, or commanders, including subcomandante Marcos, commenced a two week march from San Cristobal de Las Casas, Chiapas, to Mexico City to meet with Fox and discuss the demands that the indents people of all Anahuac deserve. The governments days are numbered as the original inhabitants of Anahuac are now rising above the ashes of colonization to throw off their oppressors once and for all and re-establish the political and socioeconomic glory of Mexico Profundo, or a Mexico where indigenous will thrive and never be extinguished. Mexicah Taihui. Mexicah Tihui Taronchan. Mexicah Playacana! In nicamichac ale isipohui. El idioma Nahualti; unos de estos verdes dias, idioma de los Mexicanos, del Mexico.

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Housing services has had all the locks on the outside of dorms changed and have put the word out about the robberies. Police have increased patrol by walking through the dorm complexes several times a day. In addition residents have been encouraged to look doors and hide valuables. Despite these changes, some dorm residents still feel like potential targets because locks on rooms were not changed. Their fear is increased with the knowledge that entrance into one of the halls is easily obtained. One resi­dent said, "I don't feel safe, it is too easy for people to break in."

Another resident, Gilbert Frasquillo said, "It sucks because you have to take everything with you. Anyone can have access to your room. It's an uncomfortable feeling." Many residents declined statement on the events at all. Police would appreciate any in­formation or leads. The number for university police is 880-515 or to directly speak with Detective Applegate, the number is 880-5164. Until the suspect is caught, residents are encouraged to con­tinue to look their doors, hide their valuable and watch out for suspi­cious people.
Events Calendar

Friday, 9
DREAMCAST WEEKLY
STUDENT UNION GAMEROOM
x 2195

Sunday, 11
SUNDAY NIGHT CATHOLIC ON-CAMPUS
7:30 PM - 9:15 PM
STUDENT UNION FIRST LOUNGE
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Monday, 12
ENGLISH WRITING WORKSHOP
INSTRUCTED BY PROF. MARCIE WEBB
4 PM - 9 PM
STUDENT UNION ADULT RE-ENTRY CENTER
x 2503

Tuesday, 13
ASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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12 NOON - 2 PM
STUDENT UNION ADULT RE-ENTRY CENTER
x 2503

ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ASB Board meets 12 noon - 2 pm
STUDENT UNION GAMEROOM
x 3942

AI$ LOAN COUNSELING WORKSHOP
2 PM - 4 PM
STUDENT UNION EVENTS CENTER A
x 5160

Wednesday, 14
KAPPA DELTA SHARROCK PROJECT
FUNDRAISER
8 AM - 5 PM
STUDENT UNION FIREPLACE LOUNGE

St. Patrick’s Day

March 9 - 16

Thursday, 15
DREAMCAST WEEKLY
2 PM - 5 PM
STUDENT UNION GAMEROOM
x 2195

ENGLISH WRITING WORKSHOP
INSTRUCTED BY PROF. MARCIE WEBB
4 PM - 9 PM
STUDENT UNION ADULT RE-ENTRY CENTER
x 2503

Friday, 16
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This Week in Coyotes Athletics

By Lance Cook
Sports Editor

Baseball
First Baseman Matt Swaydan drilled two home runs, including the game winner in the bottom of the seventh inning of the nightcap to give Cal State, San Bernardi- no a doubleheader sweep over UC Davis, 16-6 and 2-1, Saturday at Fiscalini Field.

The wins enabled the Coyotes to take three of four games from the Aggies and improve to 7-3 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association and 9-6-1 overall.

Swayden, hitting just .149 with one homer and six RBI entering the weekend series, was 7 for 15 in the four games, hit four homers, drove in eight runs and scored six himself.

Coyotes pitching continued to be impressive. Starting pitcher Charles Rohr benefited from an eight-run explosion by the Coyotes in Saturday's first game. Although he walked eight, Rohr managed to get out of repeated jams in a 16-6 Cal State romp, allowing only one run in his five innings on the mound. UC Davis stranded 15 runners in the game.

Rene Leon, Robert Galvan and Ryan Simpson joined Swaydan in the homer parade as the Coyotes pounded out 14 hits. Tim Stein pitched four innings of relief for the Coyotes to preserve the victory.

Swaydan's heroics in the second game started in the fifth inning when he spoiled the Aggies' Julio Marquez bid for a shutout with a solo blast over the leftfield wall that tied the game at 1-1. The Aggies had taken a 1-0 lead in the second on a solo homer by Patrick Ojeil off Coyotes starter Joel Porres. In the bottom of the seventh, Swaydan hammered Marquez' second pitch over the right center field wall to win the game, 2-1. Porres pitched a complete game four hitter for the Coyotes, earning his third win of the season. He came into the game with the team's lowest earned run average (2.70).

UC Davis' record dropped to 3-6 and the Aggies overall record dipped to 4-11.

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Tennis
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New Strike Zone for MLB

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Raul Mondesi watched a fastball whiz past his chest during a spring training game this past week, and kept the bat on his shoulder. Why shouldn't he, for years Major League Baseball umpires have been calling that pitch a ball. The pitch was called a strike by home plate umpire, Dan Iassogna, much to the amazement of Mondesi. However, according to baseball official’s, strikes and balls will be called a lot differently in the 2001 season.

After months of talk and a week of demonstrations, the start of the exhibition season Thursday provided the first real look at the strike zone baseball intends to enforce this season.

The new strike zone will be from the batters chest to their knees, a far cry from mid waist to knees, like has been the zone for so many years. Umpires have been told to take away the couple of extra inches the pitchers often got on the outside and inside of the 17-inch plate. This doesn’t seem like adequate compensation for the chest high strike, the pitch getting the most beef from batters in spring training.

In the first exhibition game between the San Francisco Giants and the Chicago Cubs, the first pitch of the game was a very high strike thrown by San Francisco’s Livan Hernandez to Eric Young of the Cubs. Umpire Kerwin Danley called it a strike, then took off his mask for a good-natured argument with Young, both of which were laughing about the situation.

The humorous argument may not be so humorous when the regular season, or even post season roll around and this strike zone is enforced. This puts the major league hitters in a very tough situation. They will be facing 95+ mph fastballs, chest high, followed by 72 mph changeup’s knee high.

It’s safe to say that if these zone’s are indeed enforced, batting averages, home runs, and runs per game will be on a steep decline. This is apparently what baseball official’s want, more pitchers duels, and close low scoring contests.

“That was pretty ridiculous,” said Pittsburgh Pirate batter Jason Kendall about a chest high fastball that was called a strike against him. “It was by my chest. It was a ball, but it shows they’re really going to do it. I’ll take striking out if our pitcher gets that pitch.”

For those of you who are not baseball fans; let me just say there is a 6' 10" pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks who throws a 98+ mph fastball, by the name of Randy Johnson. If he will be allowed to throw fastballs at chest level for strikes, we might as well give him the Cy Young award now, and tell hitters to not even bother going up to the plate.

It will be a tough adjustment for the players and umpires, and if spring training is any indication of how the season will go, it’s going to be a bumpy road.
Regionals Will Be Held in Washington

By Lance Cook
Sports Editor

The Cal State, San Bernardino men's basketball team got two victories to end the regular season, but didn't get the loss from Western Washington that they needed in order to host the West Regional Tournament. The two wins, along with a Western Washington loss would have given the Coyotes home court for the regional playoffs.

Instead, the Coyotes (19-3 in the CCAA, 23-3 overall) finished first in the CCAA division, second in the west region behind Washington, and eighth in the nation, entering the post season. The Coyotes will start their playoff run on Thursday in Washington. On Friday night, the Coyotes traveled to San Diego to play the UC San Diego Tritons, and almost let a big lead slip away, holding on for an 85-76 victory.

It was an adventure simply getting to Saturday night's game for the Coyotes. The game was in Phoenix against Grand Canyon University, and the team was supposed to leave for Phoenix at 10 a.m. on a Southwest Airlines flight. The plane was delayed about two hours because of a medical emergency that forced it back to Sacramento, where it departed from. The Coyotes didn't land in Phoenix until about 2:20 p.m. local time and missed their shoot-around. The late arrival didn't affect the Coyotes, who won in dominating fashion, 79-55.

Against UC San Diego, the Coyotes started strong shooting a blistering 57.7 percent from the field for the first half. The Coyotes built their lead to as high as 22 points, at 64-42, on junior forward Brady Bennett's field goal in the low post and forward Ernie Burries 15 jumper.

The Coyotes would go to sleep with the big lead, and wake up with 4:20 left to play, only up eight points. The Tritons were able to get back in the game thanks to the Coyotes field percentage dipping below 40 percent, and their ability to knock down the three point shot. Triton guard, Nick Christensen had a game high 23 points and made five three pointers.

The Coyotes got stingy, and wouldn't allow the Tritons to get any closer, but Coyote head coach Larry Reynolds had this to say about the teams inability to finish: "I don't know if it's a (lack of) maturity, but the guys want to relax and the coaches know how dangerous San Diego is at the three. We're a little tired and they want to relax and have fun."

Brady Bennett led the way for the Coyotes with 15 points off the bench. At halftime of the Grand Canyon game, the Coyotes were only up 34-33, and seemed to be thinking more about what the Washington score was than on the task at hand. They weren't executing their offensive plays and had no aggression on the defensive end.

Whatever Reynolds said to the team at halftime worked because the Coyotes came out with a lot more energy in the second half, outscoring Grand Canyon 45-22 en route to the victory. The Coyote team was a bit depressed after hearing that Western Washington University had won their game against Seattle Pacific, 89-82, and would be getting the number one seed. All was not lost however, because the Coyotes still have a first round bye.

Women's Season Ends on a Positive Note

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It took two over time periods to decide the final game of the year for the Cal State, San Bernardino women's basketball team but the Coyotes were able to squeak out the 82-80 victory Saturday night at Grand Canyon University.

The game went back and forth, with both teams hitting clutch shots and free throws. Sharee Brown hit two free throws in double-overtime to lift the Coyotes to the two-point lead with just seconds remaining.

Grand Canyon junior forward, Janet Glasby then took a desperation shot from well behind the arc, but missed the attempt.

Brown and teammate senior guard Monique Nolan, like they have done so many times this year, led the Coyotes in scoring, each with 20 points. Junior center Chelsea Carter added 18 points and nine rebounds for the Coyotes.

The Coyotes finished the year, 12-10 in the CCAA and 17-10 overall. There is a lot of potential for next year's team with some key players returning.

Some of those returnees include, junior forward Sharee Brown, who was one of the top scorers and emotional leaders for the Coyotes, as well as junior center Chelsea Carter, who will most likely enter a starters role next season.