SB 277 makes vaccinations mandatory

By CHERAE HUNT
Staff Writer

California grade school children must now be vaccinated to attend class as a result of an amended bill.

"Since 2000, 142 Californians have suffered severe adverse reactions, resulting in 46 deaths of California citizens. Children under the age of 11 months suffered 52.82 percent of these adverse reactions," according to sb277.org.

Parents have protested, claiming the Bill is keeping children from their right to an education.

"The law prohibits the governing authority of a school or other institution from unconditionally admitting any person as a pupil of any public or private elementary or secondary school, childcare center, nursery school, family day care home, or development center, unless prior to his or her admission to that institution he or she has been fully immunized against various diseases, including measles, mumps, and pertussis, subject to any specific age criteria," according to the Bill released by the Senate on Feb. 19, 2015.

"I'm all for it. As a biologist, I know how vaccines work," said CSUSB Professor Tomasz Owerkowicz.

The passing of Senate Bill 277 will result in all grade school children to be vaccinated in order to attend school. The amendment is due to the measles outbreak.

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Race relations in California

By ALEXANDER DOUGLAS | Staff Writer

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Unemployment rate decreases

By DANIELA RUEDA
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The government is concerned about the safety of the students, said student David Higgins. No one wants the children to get exposed to something that could harm everyone, stated student Briana Brancato. Medical waivers will only be permitted to children who have health problems. I absolutely think that some residents of California believe that God does not want their bodies or the bodies of their babies injected with neo-totumics, heavy metals, animal tissues, genetically modified organisms, live or attenuated viruses, cleansing agents, stabilizers, preservatives, etc., according to the website, sb277.org, who is opposed to vaccines, according to the Judicial Committee where a child to something that can harm them," stated student Tom Benson. We’re still running 2.4 percent higher than the national average.

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There was a delayed vote by the Senate because they had doubts that the lack of students getting a vaccination would deprive them of their education, according to CBS Sacramento. I feel like kids should get vaccinated because the disease could potentially harm someone. Now it sounds a bit ludicrous because if the student doesn’t get the vaccine we can’t go to school but I think the government is just concerned about the safety of the students," stated student David Higgins. I think students in grade school should be vaccinated because of the safety of other children and the children themselves to be immune to viruses, stated student Elizabeth Meza. Religion is one of the reasons, among others, that some parents do not want to get their children vaccinated. In addition to fetal tissue, some residents of California believe that God does not want their bodies or the bodies of their babies injected with neo-totumics, heavy metals, animal tissues, genetically modified organisms, live or attenuated viruses, cleansing agents, stabilizers, preservatives, etc., according to the website, sb277.org, who is opposed to the implementation of the Bill. I have younger siblings. Parents need to be more open-minded before making health choices that could harm everyone, stated student Briana Brancato.

ASI elections fast approaching

By JORGE CAMPOS
Staff Writer

The Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) elections have begun. The purpose of the ASI elections is to elect leaders who will serve on the ASI Board of Directors. All elected representatives serve a one-year term, according to ASI. CSUSB has prioritized and serves the students who support across campus, and their presence is evident in many of the committees on which they serve. According to the application for ASI executive positions, the requirements to be eligible to run for an executive position are: Candidates must be in good standing with the university with no current or pending disciplinary action or record with judicial affairs and/or the department of housing and residential life. No ASI member can be a candidate for more than one office. All applicants must be involved with ASI directly or prove previous collegiate leadership experience for a minimum of two quarters or one semester to be considered eligible to run for a position with the ASI. Candidates must complete a petition, obtain 400 student signatures, and write a 100-word essay explaining why they want to run for the position. The executive officers of ASI run the program and oversee ASI operations, holding the responsibility of responsibly appointing members to various committees and positions. The winners of the elections for executive positions will be announced on Friday, May 8.

Unemployment rate decreases

The unemployment rate in San Bernardino and Los Angeles County has decreased to its lowest level in seven years. The Inland Empire added 4,760 jobs in March and 53,400 over the year at an annual rate of 4.2 percent. The two-county region’s jobless rate fell to 6.5 percent last month, the Employment Development Department (EDD) reported. California employers improved their hiring pace in March with 39,800 new jobs last month, the state EDD reported California added 481,900 jobs at an annual rate of 3.1 percent, according to the Sun. Karen Villarreal, a communications major, said she was impressed with the increase in jobs. Being a student and working on my bachelor’s and hearing about the increase in jobs gives me a better feeling that there will be jobs available when I graduate,” said Villarreal. Villarreal feels relieved that our economy is not only recovering but expanding. “Our economy is heading towards a better direction and with a better economy, we can have an easier lifestyle since the recession because we will have more jobs,” said Villarreal. New job opportunities will benefit students who have graduated or are graduating in the next few years.

Maribel Casillas, a business major, said she feels hopeful because there will be more business opportunities available. I’m hopeful because it certifies that we will have more jobs available to us and it shows that the economy is improving,” said Casillas. Data shows that the average U.S. household income in 2013 was $52,000, which is down from $56,400 before the Great Recession, according to John Husing, chief economist for the Inland Empire Economic Partnership. September data will not be available until later this month, Husing said. “What it’s telling you is the gap (between the national unemployment rate and the Inland Empire rate) has narrowed, but it’s still running 2.4 percent higher than the national average.” Husing said the new difference points to the fact that the Inland Empire economy has yet to fully recover, though he said he believes full recovery should come sometime in 2016.

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Agent of Change spurs controversy

By ERIKA FLORES
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The Agent of Change is a mandatory one-hour online student training program that allows students to gain awareness about sexual assault and how to prevent it. There have been mixed feelings from students who have completed this training.

“I thought it was lengthy and I don’t like that it was made mandatory,” however I liked that it was interactive,” said student Carlos Esparza, business major.

By completing it, CSUSB students will avoid having a hold put on their account and might be able to help someone if needed.

CSUSB is not the only school that has enforced awareness for sexual assault this way, there are universities all across the country that implement this program.

Under the division of Student Affairs is the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development who is imposing the mandatory training.

“Agent of Change was endorsed by the White House Task Force Sexual Violence in Higher Education. All colleges and universities must provide training on sexual violence to all students,” stated Cristina Martin, director of Title IX and Gender Equity.

The training program is meant to provide students with scenarios that require your attention and is not something students can simply skim through.

“Agent of Change uses evidence-informed strategies in its curriculum that is interactive and helps to challenge cultural norms. Overall, it helps to teach the player best ways on how to learn, develop and practice skills to prevent violence before it happens,” said Esparza.

This makes participation necessary, which can make a difference in the level of awareness that is essential for student success.

“Yes, in addition to the agent of change there are commercials that I have seen that have made a difference in my awareness,” said Esparza.

At the end of April and through May the Title IX and Gender Equity office will also be holding workshops for students that are experiencing some difficulty completing the online program.

As students it is important to be knowledgeable about what to do in sexual assault circumstances.

This results in statistics from a 2014 report released by “The White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault” showed that one out of five students are victims of sexual assault throughout their college careers.

Bestcolleges.com “estimates that 95% of U.S. campus rapes go unreported. The problem of under-reporting reflects an extreme need for increased campus prevention and support systems.”

That 95 percent is the reason for Agent of Change.

“Sexual assault has always been an issue, there should be more awareness for it and should even be something that is implemented in younger students even in high school,” said Esparza.

Title IX & Gender Equity wants to support students

By CECILIA GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

Title IX was produced to protect students and allow a helpful network of educated individuals in supporting victims of sexual discrimination, harassment and violence.

Title IX was first enacted in 1972 to promote gender equality in athletic law and has since grown to incorporate discrimination on the basis of sex in all aspects of education, and its jurisdiction on and off campus.

This means if a student is sexually assaulted off-campus, they are still protected under Title IX.

The Obama Administration has created a White House Task Force to extinguish violence on college campuses. This is the main goal for all Title IX coordinators, and they do so by implementing outreach, prevention, training, support and events.

There are actually several upcoming events taking place on campus.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month and CSUSB’s Director and Title IX Coordinator, Cristina Martin, gathered the Title IX website at titleix.csusb.edu for more information or to file a claim.

Defeating sexual violence is an ongoing battle. With education and knowledge we can all help make a difference.
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We need to care about elections

By BRITTANIE GUTIERREZ Staff Writer

Elections are right around the corner and campaigns will soon be popping up all across the U.S. In my opinion, we, as young adults, and voters need to care; this is our country and we decide whether to make positive changes or let a selfish politician decide what we need.

“Honestly, I only know who’s running because of history class,” said student Cameron Leach.

Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton is making her second attempt at presidency. She has years of political experience from being Secretary of State, senator, delegate for United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, and as the First Lady of former President Bill Clinton.

“I’m excited Hillary Clinton is running. Women are great presidents in other countries,” said De La Vega.

“Women are going to vote for her just because she is a woman,” said student Jeanna Irshaid.

Texas senator Ted Cruz, who is from the Republican Party, is also back for a second run. His change would be to bring back “No Child Left Behind”, which former President George W. Bush passed during his presidency.

To have young adults take interest in politics, we need to make politics approachable.

As student Theodore Baylis said, “We need more transparency.”

We are the ones who have a voice and the power to make change. I identify as a Democrat and have done my research to know that I want to vote for Hillary Clinton.

The more I talk to people, the more I find out that not everyone wants what political party they identify with. However, when I ask if they are passionate about certain issues, Pandora’s box opens.

Voters know what they want but seemingly are unsure of who can get the job done.

Media influences every aspect of our lives and candidates take advantage of this in both negative and positive ways.

The first thing I see on campaign pages are “Follow us on Instagram and Twitter” and “Like us on Facebook.”

I have seen ads with celebrities telling me to vote because “it’s the right thing to do.”

Commentaries and ads only show candidates attacking their opponent instead of giving the audience facts about their own campaigns.

We see countless stories of corrupt politicians or scandals centered around previous lives.

It is done for a reason: to hide the real issues.

In the next couple of months leading up to the 2016 elections, we will see young adults spark interest in only one candidate because they will be overlooked.

“People don’t look for information, they stick to what they know. That creates biases,” said student Yvonne Leong.

When it comes time to vote, young adults would not have had time to read about every issue or candidate due to work, school, or family and end up voting for the most familiar name that has a positive connotation.

I know we are all busy or not interested, but elections are coming and big changes will be made.

Summer school value

By DAVON DEAN Staff Writer

When it comes to attending summer school, most students are hesitant to sign up for classes due to how much it costs.

In my opinion, it is very important for each student to explore and understand what he or she is paying to get through college.

I believe students should not have to dwell on the price of college, but on the outcome and how it will benefit them in the future.

Student Alicia Garcia pointed out how expensive it is to attend summer courses.

“Not only are we paying $220 per unit, but also having to add $225 for mandatory campus fees; [and] I don’t even know what are mandatory campus fees,” said Garcia.

I completed an on campus survey on how many students attended summer school in the past and if they were planning to attend this year and if not, why?

From the ten students in the survey, most had not attended summer school at CSUSB in the past. Amanda Rossi, a student who has not attended summer school claimed it was due to not having the funds for the classes.

Another student brought up the issue with summer classes being too long.

Rossi said she wishes the length of summer classes were the same as the other academic quarters.

According to the survey, a number of students are not attending summer school because of how inconvenient the times are and the amount it costs to attend.

Students should re-evaluate and enroll in upcoming summer classes because there are several perks with taking classes in the summer.

For one, there are more high-demand courses being offered over the summer than ever before, and students that take advantage of this are that much closer towards graduating.

CSUSB is encouraging all students to attend this summer. According to a financial aid poster, “This summer at CSUSB, students will have amazing opportunities to get ahead FAST!”

More so, students that received financial aid could advance sooner to the next class level (e.g., freshmen to sophomore).

Most students, like myself, who are so close to graduating or just need one more class should take up this offer.

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Campus free speech essential

By KASSANDRA GARCIA Staff Writer

The First Amendment remains in full force, but college institutions continue to limit the freedom of speech through permits, designated speech zones and “inclusive” language campaigns.

In my opinion, college campuses should promote freedom of speech with no restrictions.

According to Press-Telegram, a Cal Poly Pomona student is suing his school for this exact reason.

Nicolas Tomas, an animal-rights activist, felt his First Amendment rights were being violated when he was confined to a designated speech zone while trying to inform fellow students on important issues.

The restrictions cause students to not want to freely express themselves.

“Why is there always that fear of [the] government might do,” said student Sabrina Henry.

According to FIRE, out of 427 colleges and universities around the country, 59 percent of the people from these institutions believed that their First Amendment rights were being violated.

The situation like mentioned are unconstitutional because freedom of speech is being shut down and replaced with censorship.

The handbook of free speech states that our free speech rights are protected but under all the “ reassurance” there is misconception. It also states that the “California free speech clause is more definitive and inclusive than the First Amendment.”

“I like the use of ‘definitive’ and ‘inclusive’. Isn’t that something that is definitive, precise? Whereas something that is ‘inclusive’ is actually quite broad. It’s like saying ‘let’s act like we’re giving them freedom of speech but only not really,’” said student Dustin Gutierrez.

I would like to walk outside the university buildings having people yell about their ideas and points of view.

I would enjoy it because it opens us up to things we normally are not interested in hearing about.

To be fair, it is important to not abuse this freedom of speech with slander or hate speech.

If my freedom of speech is said to be protected, I should not be afraid of getting in trouble. Am I? Most likely, because freedom of speech is not protected in college institutions.
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Have you ever been told you look mad, intimidating, or need to smile more often? If so, it’s possible you are suffering from a facial expression some people call resting bitch face (RBF). RBF can be explained as an emotionally neutral facial expression, in which you naturally appear smug or angry, without meaning to.

A resting bitch face may keep you from developing smile wrinkles, but it has the potential to negatively shape what people think of you. As mtv.com so frankly put it, “nothing screams ‘don’t mess with me’ quite like a resting bitch face does.”

Some people have made light of this term, adding humor, and recognizing some of the benefits of RBF. If you’re looking for a more positive outlook on your RBF, here are a few things to consider: solicitors on campus are less likely to hound you with flyers, you may be less prone to smile wrinkles, and you probably have a very effective poker face.

On the other hand, RBF has the ability to dictate the way others see you, and often in a negative way. “I think it’s a bad thing,” stated student Fausto Orozco, “It makes people not want to approach them since they may have a preconceived notion that this person may not want to talk at the moment for whatever reason.”

We tend to judge people based on their nonverbal communication, and in this case, RBF can communicate to others that you are mean or pretentious. If you think this only affects women, you guessed wrong, men suffer from this unintentional expression as well. “RBF is definitely not exclusive to women. My boyfriend has been a victim to RBF several times because he has a stern expression whenever he’s in a neutral mood,” stated student Diana Sifuentes. Odd thing is, RBF tends to be a pro for men, and a con for women.

CBC.ca stated that “women find men less attractive when they smile, compared to when they take on swaggering or brooding poses,” while the opposite is true for men, who prefer a woman with a smile. RBF also tends to be an American problem, considering our cultural tendency to smile almost all the time. According to press.umich.edu, “Americans smile a lot, and talk easily to strangers,” so you can imagine why RBF can give American outsiders the impression that you are unapproachable.

In contrast to many other cultures, RBF is perfectly normal. According to Elle.com, “grinning is generally considered a sign of weakness, or even in Paris, where no one is trained to punctuate one’s speech with a smile,”

So, if you’ve been told you have RBF, don’t fret; consider looking beyond the masks we put on for each other—and if that doesn’t work—just move to Moscow or Paris, where RBF is the norm.
"Is the American Dream dead?"

By PAULINE FONTANAUD
Staff Writer

“All men are created equal!” with the right to “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

This statement from the Declaration of Independence created the roots of the American Dream. But this concept was really made popular by James Truslow Adams in his book “Epic of America,” published in 1931. 

“That dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement,” stated Adams.

But what is today’s definition of the American Dream according to students?

“I define the American Dream as a dream that can be possible only if one applies themselves. It just means there are opportunities,” stated Shoichi Lijima. “The dream is the idea that any American or any immigrant can live freely, work for what they own, and be treated respectfully within the community to which they contribute,” stated Mark Martinez.

“Personally, I define the American Dream as whatever leads a person to last- ing happiness. It’s not the same for everyone,” stated Mark Martinez. “It’s clear the dream progresses and changes throughout the years alongside the economic and social issues of the country. “The American Dream is just a generation’s way of dealing with the most pressing problem in their lives,” stated Martinez. The classic post-war dream was having a family and material prosperity. It was the idea of “living in a suburban house in a middle-class neighborhood with 2.5 kids, a spouse, and a dog,” stated Martinez.

“The classic American Dream, in a modern-context, represents a nostalgic fantasy that doesn’t belong to my generation,” added Martinez. “For my generation, we’ll probably consider the American Dream to be getting a college degree and living happily-ever-after with a nation-crashing student debt,” added Martinez. For some other people, the concept of the American Dream is more global. “It’s a pretty deep notion of individuality within society while still pursuing personal endeavors,” stated Castro. It’s also an attitude towards life’s twists and turns. It’s believing you can become anything you want with hard work. “I was taught to think this way, to have an attitude that I could be me without the constraints of whatever situation I was born into,” stated Castro.

I asked some students if they believe the dream has changed. “I think it changed more to something from a goal to an actual dream,” stated Lijima. “Without a doubt, the classic American Dream is dead. I’ve seen it die through my parents and grandparents. It’s changed, 100%,” stated Martinez. I’ve only been here four months, so I might be wrong, but I don’t think the American Dream exists anymore. When I see, for example, the cost of education here, I wonder how anyone can think this country is based on equality. I come from a country where it’s the complete opposite. Higher education is free in France; it’s a right that everyone has. While not everyone still believes in the American Dream, I do believe in working hard to achieve your goals, and not just in America.
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Star Wars Returns after 15 years

By TIFFANY MOYES
Staff Writer

For the first time in 15 years, Star Wars Celebration came to Southern California. Thousands of Star Wars fans from around the world flocked to Anaheim to take part in a four-day-long event. Since day one of the celebration, fans would know exactly what to expect when J.J. Abrams, the director of the new “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” film, premiered the new teaser trailer for the highly anticipated film. “The crowd was in a frenzy! I saw many shedding tears of joy after seeing the trailer. It was like their old friend had returned home!” said attendee Kyle Field.

The fan excitement did not stop there. Everyday there was something new being introduced for fans to get excited about. After an amazing first day, the highly anticipated video game, “Star Wars Battlefront”, took center stage, with the animated television show, “Star Wars Rebels”, taking day three.

At the closing ceremony on day four of the celebration, fans were treated with one final parting gift. The first exclusive look at “Star Wars Anthology: Rogue One”, the first of many new films revolving around the Star Wars Universe. The Star Wars Celebration began in 1999 with the first convention held in Denver, Colorado.

Each year, it grew bigger than the year before with more people being drawn towards the event. This year, the event was hosted at the Anaheim Convention Center, which was barely large enough to hold the tremendous fan base.

The Convention Center was packed close to capacity, with tickets selling out weeks in advance. The floor was filled with many replica sets of famous scenes from the Star Wars films, along with memorabilia and fan club booths.

Of the many fan clubs present, the famous 501st Star Wars Fan Club put on the biggest show for fans, setting up large group photos of fans dressed as their favorite characters. Many did not expect the massive crowds of people that filled the convention center floor.

Fans waited in lines for panels and exclusive experiences for more than two hours, with some waits even lasting up to five hours.

“It’s all overwhelming, at first, but once you get the hang of it you kinda get used to it,” said famous Youtuber, Justin Scarred, from the “Live Fast Die Poor” channel.

Outside of the Convention Center, food trucks filled up the plaza, ready to feed the thousands of fans in attendance.

Across the street, The Disney parks, also joined in on the Star Wars fun, as some Disneyland stores sold exclusive and limited edition items only to be found and sold during the Star Wars Celebration Weekend.

The next Star Wars Celebration was announced to be taking place in London next year. Tickets are already on sale and VIP tickets are sold out.

It is not known when the Celebration will return to U.S. soil, or even back to Southern California, but many fans have high hopes.

Tyler drops the “Cherry Bomb”

By ITZAYANA JIMENEZ
Staff Writer

Notorious for his bluntness, inappropriate slander, and controversial lyrics, Los Angeles native Tyler, the Creator, released his fourth studio album “Cherry Bomb.”

To his fans he is real, self-assured, and funny. Tyler the front man of Collective, Odd Future (OF). The OF crew is extremely diverse, having artists ranging from hip-hop to rock.

Tyler released this album on April 13. He performed the first two singles from the album for the first time at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.

According to the Billboard 200 chart, in it’s first week out the album ranked at number four.

“Cherry Bomb” begins with the album’s second single “Deathcamp.” It’s a fast paced song inspired by Pharell Williams and Chad Hugo’s duo, “N.E.R.D.” The track makes you feel nostalgic and reminisce on the early 2000s.

“Deatcamp” also sets the tone for the rest of the album, showing how Tyler continues to experiment with his sound.

“Buffalo” is the second song on the album. In this song Tyler mentions the criticism he receives for using the word “nigger” and his encounter with the police in Austin, Texas.

According to USA Today, while on tour in Austin, Texas he was accused to have encouraged a riot and dangerous behavior. Tyler encouraged the crowd outside the show to break through the fences.

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**By RAPHAEL DUNN**

The new Jay-Z owned music streaming service “Tidal” has quickly become an afterthought after its brief appearance in the U.S. iPhone Top 20 download chart. “Unfriended” has quickly become an afterthought after its brief appearance in the U.S. iPhone Top 20 download chart.

Jay-Z purchased Aspiro, the company behind Tidal, for an estimated $56 million in a takeover bid despite objections from some shareholders. Tidal’s purpose is to be the first artist-owned music streaming service that will pay 75 percent of its revenue back to its artists compared to other services such as, Spotify and Pandora who only pay back 50 percent.

“We didn’t like the direction music was going and thought maybe we could get in and strike an honest blow,” stated Jay-Z in an article from The Guardian.

The company however is owned and supported by some of the biggest and wealthiest individuals in the music industry: Madonna, Nicki Minaj, and Deadmau5, to name a few.

Jay-Z is valued at $560 million and Madonna at $800 million, which makes it puzzling as to why these artists are trying to gain pity from listeners for a larger share of revenues for their music.

“They seem very greedy,” said student Veronica Mora. “Hopefully with all the money they get they can help out the poor.”

Tidal has also failed to impress fellow musicians who claim that the service will only benefit the “Madonnas and Jay-Zs” of the industry while smaller upcoming bands will not be a part of the 75 percent revenue return.

No explanation is given for this claim.

“I think they totally blew it by bringing out a bunch of millionaires and billionaires and propping them up on-stage and then having them all complain about not being paid,” said Death Cab for Cutie lead singer Ben Gibbard in a Daily Beast interview.

“Just because Jay-Z is a famous musician he expects all of his fans to pony up 10 bucks a month? Raw insan-ity,” said leading music critic Bob Lefsetz.

As of April 20, Tidal’s main rivals, Spotify and Pandora, are now in the top four positions on the iPhone revenue chart.

Tidal has its work cut out for them as the music-streaming industry will gain more competitors this year with Apple and YouTube both also launching streaming platforms.

**By JOSE ALVAREZ**

“Unfriended” is not your typical horror film. If you ask me, the movie was pretty decent. What’s unique about the film is that we, the audience, view it as if it were a Skype call.

The screenwriter, Nelson Greaves, used an unknown spirit that invades the Skype transmission.

The plot goes as follows: Laura Barns was a victim of cyber-bullying after a video was posted online of her passed out at a party.

After the embarrassing video was uploaded on YouTube, another video was posted of Barns ending her life by shooting herself.

The movie takes place completely inside the computer screen of the main character Blaire, we can only see what she is doing on her computer in real time.

Blaire and her boyfriend Mitch are having a Skype chat when they receive a group call from several of their friends.

When they answer the call they notice that someone else is in the chat with them but dismiss it as a glitch.

As the movie progresses they learn that the other call is not a glitch.

The spirit tries to play games with the characters that led her to her own death; they are instructed to not log off or they will pay for it with their lives.

I never feel that these kinds of movies are scary, they just have loud jump scares that keep you on edge,” said student Luciano Madrigal.

“The movie was surprisingly enjoyable to some degree, I would not mind watching it again with a friend,” Madrigal continued.

Overall the movie is different, considering the limitation of what you can see, but also very original incorporating the idea of spirits on the Internet.

It’s just nice to see a change from the typical horror films like “Annabelle”, “Ouija”, and “Paranormal Activity”.
Celebrities and major fashion industries have begun to develop gender-neutral clothing due to a shift of cultural values. Fashion allows everyone to express themselves and convey their identity through what they wear and Jaden Smith has done just that.

Sixteen-year-old Smith, son of actor Will Smith, donned some interesting fashion choices that has sparked the media when he attended weekend two of Coachella. In the duration of his time there, his clothing choices consisted of a big floppy hat, two dress-like tunics, and a red floral crown.

Smith’s style choice has received a lot of attention as well as praise. This is not the first time that Smith has stepped out in “feminine attire,” and is making a strong statement while doing so.

A few days prior to Coachella, he tweeted a photo of himself wearing a long black sweater dress with a white mesh tank top over it.

The caption for his photo read: “Went to TopShop to buy some Girl Clothes, I mean ‘clothes.’”

In 2013, Smith introduced his own gender-neutral skirts and tunics in his own clothing line, “MSFtS,” and has continued to show that fashion should be directed towards both genders.

Student Lindsey Chereke had nothing but good things to say about Smith and what he is advocating. “I love it, it’s brilliant. I am happy there’s an option for people who don’t identify with the binary female/male,” said Chereke. “It is nice to see someone advocating gender-neutrality.”

According to a report released in February by trendwatching.com, “People of all ages in all markets are constructing their own identities more freely than ever. As a result, consumption patterns are no longer defined by ‘traditional’ demographic segments such as age, gender, location, income, family status and more.”

While Smith represents a support for this change, gender-neutrality, overall, he seems to have taken a step forward in the fashion world.

Gender-neutral fashion has begun to appear more in department stores and is being seen less on the catwalk.

In the last year, Gucci, Prada, Givenchy, and YSL were among the top fashion houses that introduced gender-neutral collections.

Some of the more well-known clothing lines that target young adults, like H&M and American Apparel, are also supporters of this fashion style.

In March it was confirmed by American Apparel that in fall of this year they plan to introduce several gender-neutral pieces.

Cynthia Erland, American Apparel’s senior vice president of marketing, stated that gender-neutral clothes have long been a staple of its offerings, especially hoodies and jackets.

While society has always had the tendency to tell us that men and women need to dress a certain way, student Nancy Matias said, “I feel like fashion shouldn’t have a specific gender towards it.”

Everyone should be able to dress how they want and I think this is a step in the right direction towards gender equality.

Gender-neutral clothing is a reflection of how the fashion world is evolving to fuse together male and female styles without them belonging to specific genders.

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**Famous fashion goers join gender-neutral ranks**

By RACHEL MOLINA

Staff Writer

Jaden Smith rocks red floral crown and little black dress at Coachella

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Outdoor Programs Coordinator, Mark Oswood, has been busy preparing outdoor activities available to all CSUSB students. “We continue to offer trips that are popular with students and our leaders,” stated Oswood. “We are also looking to offer new activities based off recommendations we receive from our trip participants,” Oswood continued.

Warm weather brings fun outdoor activities put on by Rec Sports. Oswood is responsible for the Climbing Wall, Outdoors and Marketing programs for Rec Sports. He is an energetic, skilled outdoors-man, which makes him a good candidate for the job.

The Outdoor program has 29 upcoming activities. “On average our trips average 80 percent capacity and our program offers more trips than most other programs at schools our size,” stated Oswood. The trips include many activities from snorkeling and whale watching to baseball games and backpacking.

Most events do come at an additional cost, depending on the duration and travel of the trip. Rec Sports also offers service trips, where students trade service for the cost of the event. Students’ participation in service at local organizations, waives the cost of the trip. “Funding for TRACKS Trips is provided by ASI, the Office of Community Engagement, and Recreational Sports,” according to the Rec Sports website.

Students are only allowed to attend one service trip each calendar year, but all other events are unlimited and open to all students. The Outdoor program receives feedback and recommendations for new trips. “We ask all our trip participants to make suggestions of what Outdoors trips or programs we should offer,” Oswood stated. “We also seek suggestions from our trip leaders through our Facebook page,” stated Oswood.

The program not only takes recommendations off their Facebook page, they also take suggestions via e-mail. If you enjoy outdoor activities, check with Rec Sports to see what event you want to attend next.

CSUSB baseball has high hopes for season’s final games

By RICARDO MENDEZ Staff Writer

Coyote men’s baseball has had more than a rough season this year and has only a few games left to make something happen. The men’s baseball team hopes to end the season on a strong note and validate their efforts.

“Losing does play somewhat of a mental factor, but everyday is a new day and you need to give 100 percent effort,” stated sophomore Jake Meloche.

In the beginning of the season, the Coyotes started with a 3-18 record, eventually finishing the season with a record of 9-32.

Senior Matt LeVert finished it off and got the save against Sonoma. With six games left in the regular base-ball season, the team hopes to finish off strong with momentum heading towards next season. Injuries have not helped us as several key players will be inactive for the rest of the season, including Meloche.

“If I was not injured, I would have given my best effort on the mound for my team to win,” stated Meloche. Haglund stated the team needs to improve their fielding and hitting. In game one of the double-headers the Coyotes started with a 3-18 record, eventually finishing the game with two home runs, making the score 12-5. The second game of the double-header was much closer as the final score was 6-5, with a Coyote lead.

Junior Camden Haglund started off the game by facing 22 at bat. Senior Matt LeVert finished it off and got the save against Sonoma. With six games left in the regular base-ball season, the team hopes to finish off strong with momentum heading towards next season. Injuries have not helped us as several key players will be inactive for the rest of the season, including Meloche.

“If I was not injured, I would have given my best effort on the mound for my team to win,” stated Meloche. Haglund stated the team needs to improve on everything and hopes that the team just finishes with a win. The Coyotes will face Cal State Los Angeles in their next away game.
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Coyote softball defeats rival Dominguez Hills

By LAUREN JENNINGS
Staff Writer

 Coyotes softball took on rival CSU Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) Toros for the 42nd time this past weekend. CSUSB has won 45 percent of their games against the Toros.

The Coyotes played the Toros four times in 2008 and won two of the games, allowing them to split the series with Dominguez Hills. CSUSB and CSUDH faced off again later in the season when they played each other in the NCAA Western Regional Softball Tournament, which resulted in a loss for the Coyotes.

CSUDH took four of the six games they played against the Coyotes in 2009 and six of the eight games they played in 2010. The Coyotes turned the tables in 2011 as they won seven of eight games against the Toros, but the Toros defeated the Coyotes in the Tournament of Champions that year.

The Toros defeated the Coyotes three times, out of a four game series, in 2012 and 2013. CSUSB defeated the Toros in 2014, taking three of four games from them.

The Coyotes went into last weekend’s series against the Toros with a record of 23-21. The Toros had an opposite record of 21-23. CSUSB won both games in a double-header played on April 17, giving them an encouraging start to the next day’s double-header.

The Coyotes and Toros played the first game in a double-header on April 18, the third meeting between the two teams in the 2015 season. Coyote Thalia Ortiz managed to hit a two-run home run, however, the Coyotes fell behind with a final score of 2-6.

The Toros scored right off the bat, as sophomore Jazmyne Cortinas hit a lead-off home run to start the bottom of the first inning. Cortinas hit her second home run to start off the third inning, bringing the score to 2-0 in favor of the Toros. Toro’s senior, Carly Mitchell, followed the home run with a double and was brought home, along with Kaci McGinnis, on a three run home run by sophomore Analisa Nicholson. This brought the score to 5-0 in favor of CSUDH.

The Toros would add one more run in the bottom of the fourth inning after Mitchell hit a run batted in single (RBI), which brought senior Rachel Gulbrandsen to home plate.

The Coyotes got on the board in the top of the fifth, courtesy Ortiz’s two run home run, which brought freshman Kaylee Gemmell home after a two out base hit. Ortiz’s home run capped the scoring for the game.

The Toros then went on to beat the Coyotes in game two of the double-header with a final score of 6-9. The Coyotes finished the four-game weekend with a record of 23-23 while the Toros had a record of 23-25.

The lady Coyotes will play their final four regular season games against UC San Diego this weekend as they make a final push for a spot in the CCAA Championship.

The championships will take place in Stockton, Calif. from May 1 to May 3.

Make sure to keep hopes up for all of our players.