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U.S. to keep troops in Iraq

Christine Garcia
Staff Writer

Almost 4,000 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war on March 20, 2003. Ambassador Ryan Croker, President Bush's top diplomat in Iraq, announced on Feb. 1, that the U.S. plans to keep combat troops in Iraq into 2009.

Croker told the AP that 2009 is seen as the tipping point for establishing Iraq's long-term security and did not suggest a deadline for a full withdrawal. The Iraq war is an ongoing conflict that began on March 20, 2003. If carried out, these plans will bring the war into its fifth year.

Croker said American combat troops will be reduced at least into 2009 to battle a resilient al-Qaida and still-vibrant insurgency. Carrying out any war must have a nationwide effort. As a result, many troops will be overspent. Adrian Burch, a 19-year-old Fortuna resident, is a member of the National Guard, who received orders that his unit will be deployed to Iraq in 2009.

"Even though I'll be serving the country, I'm not looking forward to being away from my friends, my family and my girlfriend for 18 months," Sanderlin said.

The results of the upcoming presidential elections may influence whether the U.S. will remain in Iraq.

Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Barack Obama, D-Ill., have said they would withdraw forces quickly if elected to the presidency. Obama claims that he would bring all combat forces home within 16 months. Clinton has not set a deadline but says she wants to bring most troops home inside of one year, according to the AP.

Either Clinton or Obama will become the Democratic nominee. Republican frontrunner Sen. John McCain of Arizona, said he would essentially continue Bush's strategy of bringing troops home Continued on Pg. 2.

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Adrian Sanchez, 19, is being deployed to Iraq in 2009.

Magdalene Lumpkin

Expensive tuition increases student debt before venturing into the real world.

Every student should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), so they can receive financial aid from the government. There is no deadline for the FAFSA, but there is a priority date of Feb. 1, 2009. FAFSAs that are submitted by the priority deadline are processed for federal financial aid first. Scholarships will be considered for the greatest number of financial aid applicants.

"Meeting the March 3 deadline is important to ensure that students will have the largest array of financial options," said Allison Jones, CSUSB assistant vice chancellor for student academic support. The priority deadline for the FAFSA is essential because of the first come first serve basis by which funds are awarded to students.

"Every student is guaranteed federal financial aid, some sort of assistance. It may not be the money people see, but there are also subsidized and unsubsidized loans that are offered," said Kristina Rocha, a CSUSB financial aid representative.

There are four types of financial aid programs that help students in need.

1. Loans
2. Scholarships
3. Work-study
4. Subsidized loans

These are all available and offered to all students who are enrolled in college.

There are four steps that will tell you if you are eligible to receive a financial aid package. All students can verify those steps at csusb.edu.

The first step is making an estimate of financial aid eligibility. Next students should fill the FAFSA form online.

Students should also understand the four types of financial aid and how and when funds are disbursed.

Application data can be transferred from the common aid website to the online FAFSA application.

Students must request their campuses to send a verified grade point average to the California Student Aid Commission by March 3 to be considered for the Cal Grant, which is another source of financial aid according to csusb.edu.

As soon as students get their Student Aid Reports (SARs) they should be looking for any corrections that need to be made on the FAFSA online form and then wait for the financial aid office to contact them regarding aid award.

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Staff Writer

College graduates expect to have a professional job once they complete their education. But recent job trends might make this difficult.

In 2007, hiring managers and those planning to recruit 79 percent of recent college graduates according to CareerBuilder.com. The odds just got worse.

In January 200, the unemployment rate in the United States was 4.5 percent. Today, it has increased to 4.7 percent, according to the Department of Labor.

For the state of California the unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in December 2006 and 5 percent in December 2007, according to the Employment Development Department (EDD) of the California Department of Industrial Relations. The state has 922,000 of the 21,000,000 jobs that were unemployed. This means the unemployment rate was 6.8 percent in Riverside County, according to the EDD.

"The recent job trend will affect all of the sectors we are graduating," CSUSB Senior Admissions and Recruitment Coordinator, Rose Del Real said. "I want to be able to tell people that it will be okay after 6 months, but that doesn't happen, just not enough opportunity," Del Real said.

"We are constantly providing job services as we always provided such as unemployment insurance and the Job Corps," Kevin Callari at the career counseling office at CSUSB says. "We extended the hours of operation in numerous, locations across California."

"We have five offices in San Bernardino County that offer job help," he added. "There is online links at our website where you can find postings for all of California."

"The deficit today is at 1.2 percent of GDP, (GDP) which is lower than the range we are used to," according to others, we have told the American people that by keeping the law we are not only working for the country, but also working for Congress so we can be fiscally responsible and we can head toward balance," President George W. Bush said.

"After 22 consecutive months of job creation, we lost 17,000 jobs. The unemployment rate went down, but nevertheless, a serious matter that is for the first time in 51 months that we didn't create jobs," Bush added.

"The government usually likes to wait until a problem has escalated before they try to solve," CSUSB Junior Carlos Lopez said. "If President Bush's administration would work with this job, it's not enough for us. We can get money within our consumers' hands, the more jobs, a growing income, will get back -- recover from the recession."

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California's unemployment rate increased to 5.9 percent in Dec. 2007, according to the EDD.

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Staff Writer

A record number of students applied for the California State University (CSU) system for fall 2008.

CSU received 154,488 undergraduate applications as of Jan. 29. The increase represents up to 68,000 more applicants than last year, according to CSU public affairs.

CSU enrollment has grown by an average of 2.3 percent for the past seven years, and it was estimated that the CSU would not grow by another approximately 16,000 students in academic year 2008-09."

"Student enrollment jumps from Fall 2007 to First time Freshman," said CSUSB President Paul Browning. According to Browning, over the next year, first-time freshmen applications have increased by 1,280 applicants.

Lower division transfer-appli cations dropped by 560 applicants. Upper division transfer and post-baccalaureates/graduates stayed roughly the same as last year, about 1,298 applications.

Seven campuses including Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Sacramento State, Cal State Bakersfield, Cal State San Bernardino, Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Long Beach have met the application deadline from Feb. 1 to March 20.

"Those campuses typically take a rougher road and have experienced enrollment goals and usually allow students to enroll throughout the summer," Browning said. mining, said that many are affected by terms of employment in this state budget cut.

"Any increase in student enrollment at the current rate is not beneficial to only the university, but all of the state," Browning said. "We have cut back and cut back and..."

The CSU continually reaches a point that the current state provides $2,000 per month for the state's underfunded communities. The state budget cut has led to an existing increase of 12 percent in Latinos and 6.5 percent in African-Americans. CSU is the future that is set to prioritize certain ethnic groups that are the future of our environment and become more attractive," Browning added.

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CSUSB comments on presidential candidates

Shantal Anderson
Staff Writer

Being politically involved, diverse and the ability to communicate well with others was the deciding factor for four students who were chosen to represent CSUSB live on ABC's Super Tuesday's national news.

CSUSB was one of the seven schools to be chosen randomly for an ABC news program where students will have the opportunity to comment on the issues that matter the most to themselves.

The coverage appeared on a special edition of ABC's "News Now," which aired specifically for Super Tuesday's elections.

Reporters Sam Donohew and Lauren Marquette co-hosted the program live from New York.

Some of the other schools to participate in the same event across the nation were Arizona State University, University of New Hampshire, University of Tennessee and Towson University.

The students participating in the broadcasting were: Anderson, 21-year-old, a sophomore majoring in Mass Communications. Amoswai, 21-year-old, a senior majoring in Biology, Hale, 23-year-old, a junior majoring in political science, and Lehmkühl, 22-year-old, a senior majoring in psychology.

Each of the participants represented four out of the five presidential candidates by wearing their political party's shirt color.

On the democratic side with blue shirts, Shantal Anderson favored Hillary Clinton and Colin Hale favored Barack Obama.

On the republican side with red shirts, Jordan Arnswald favored Mitt Romney and Jan Lehmkühl favored John McCain.

Two Republican and two Democrat students were asked to join other students nationwide to give their input on issues that affected them.

The participants commented on governmental policies that they would want next year's President of the United States to address which seems to be the year's slogan for many of the Presidential candidates.

Unlike the other six schools, the program broadcasted live from CSUSB's Local Matters television broadcasting offices.

The executive producer from ABC in New York, gave CSUSB the instruments for their set design, lighting equipment, sound, and the captivating apparel of the four participants.

The students participating in the event were: Anderson, a sophomore representing her individual candidate for Super Tuesday.

Amoswai, 21-year-old, a senior majoring in Biology, Hale, 23-year-old, a junior majoring in political science, and Lehmkühl, 22-year-old, a senior majoring in psychology.

From left to right: CSUSB Republicans Jordan Amoswai and Jan Lehmkühl, and Democrats Shantal Anderson and Colin Hale representing their individuals candidates for Super Tuesday.

The participants arrived at the station at 7 p.m. to receive their microphone check and seating arrangements as they waited in anticipation.

Nerves, anxiety and excitement ran through all four of the participants as they waited for a set to go signal from New York.

Two hours later, the director gave the set up for the camera signal to be turned on at 9 p.m. when Hillary was announced the democratic winner of California. For two hours, the participants were able to watch the election coverage from an internet link alone.

The executive producer mentioned it would be a good idea to stay up to date with the coverage due to the likelihood that some of the poll questionnaires may alter from the past 10 minutes of the evening's coverage.

Mentioned by Lehmkühl, who supports McCain, her feedback on the outcome in California with Hillary winning the democratic vote.

"It's definitely exciting, it's good for her, I'm glad that she's doing well," Lehmkühl said. "I actually favor her more than Obama on the democratic side." Lehmkühl, who considers herself more of a liberal republican, was even more ecstatic to hear McCain won three minutes after the coverage ended.

CSUSB Democrats Shantal Anderson and Colin Hale.

Sexual responsibilities week

Donna Parrish/Staff Writer

This Valentine's Day, the Student Health Advisors Committee (SHAC) urges CSUSB students to become sexually aware and responsible.

"Sexual Responsibilities Week kicks off on Feb. 11 with the "Big Beat" in front of the Santa Maria Student Union's (SMSU) Student Health Center.

The bed is intended to draw attention to Sexual Responsibility Week and safer sex.

Kara Ann Gonzalez, Ruth Pang and Lindsey Rosson from the SHACs will drive a decorated golf cart, dubbed the "Wellness Limousine," around campus selling condoms and giving away informational pamphlets on sexual infections and safer sex practices.

A table set up for the entire week inside the SSMU near Starbucks will provide informational pamphlets with cinnamon heart candy, The Free Sponge, Red Rose and Matchbook condoms for students.

Representatives from the Student Health Center (SHC) will also be on hand to provide well-informed advice that students might have throughout the week.

"And The Beat Goes On..."

Nick De Leon
Campus News Editor

Nearly 39 percent of all female deaths in America occur from Cardiovascular Disease (CVD), which includes coronary heart disease (CHD), stroke and other cardiovascular diseases, according to statistics from the American Heart Association.

February is Heart Health Month, and in an effort to promote general heart health, the Student Health Center (SHC) presents "And the Beat Goes On..." a day to promote heart health for men and women.

The main attraction of the event is a fashion show presented by Alpha Phi and their "heart thanks," and will be held on Feb. 14 in the Santa Maria Student Union (SMSU) Event Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Kinesiology department who will provide health risk assessments and Zumba will be also be on hand to provide well-informed advice that students might have throughout the week.

More information, contact Elaine Burkholder, SHC Health Services Assistant, at (909) 537-3291.

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Alise Keys was heavily favored to win in the newest Grammy Awards.

Imagining the Grammys with out the collectors is like imagining dinner without the bread. In the end, the impossible almost became reality this year. The writers' strike caused the status of the Grammy Awards show to be up in the air for several months.

The Writers Guild of America (WGA) declared a strike on November 2007. The WGA and its members are still striking in hopes that better financial contractual terms can be reached.

The write's strike already caused the elaborate Golden Globe awards ceremony to downsize to a mere press conference. This is proof that the WGA really means business.

In order to make the Grammys possible, professional writers were virtually hired on a freelance basis. They were basically given one day to write and perform at the Grammys. As long as they show up, they'll be able to write the Grammys, but if they don't show up, they're out.

If professional writers did not write for the Grammy's presenters would have to add their specialties. This would eliminate the writer's ability to provide their specialties. This would eliminate the writer's ability to provide their specialties. This would eliminate the writer's ability to provide their specialties. This would eliminate the writer's ability to provide their specialties. This would eliminate the writer's ability to provide their specialties. This would eliminate the writer's ability to provide their specialties. This would eliminate the writer's ability to provide their specialties.

The Grammy Awards will continue, as scheduled, and the writers will be writing.

"Professional musicians face many of the same issues that we do concerning fair compensation for the use of their work in new media," the WGA representatives said. It is for this reason that the WGA has given permission for its writers to write for the Grammy Awards.

Tanya Tumakaya Staff Writer

"27" is the typical chick flick appeal with its crazy and full-on vocals with the music being vacuity on face and heavy... it's a lot more upbeat than "The Poison," a lot more aggressive, according to the band members.

I can agree with the statement that the CD is aggressive, but sometimes that aggressiveness becomes too much for the listener to handle.

The CD starts with the title track "27." "27" for sounding like something from an Averaged Sevenfold CD.

The musicianship on the CD is quite good overall. However, all the members of the band try too much on each of the songs.

The guitar riffs from Pug are overshadowing and the amount of bass drums used by James drown out Tuck's vocals.

Eventually you wait for the punch in the song where the music breaks down and you can get a simple melodic interpretation of what they've been singing for the first two minutes.

The studio CD version doesn't have much catchy song that really stood out to me.

The track "Hearts Burned into Fire" blends very well and works nicely with the vocals.

The vocals throughout the rest of the songs however, sounded strained.

Second bullet misses album target

alien Whithead Staff Writer

Bullet for My Valentine, the Wales-based band of Matthew Tuck, Michael Paget, Michael Thomas, and Jameson James has just released their second album, "Scream Aim Fire."

Tuck describes this CD as "realistically heavy metal... truly... church obsession and full-on vocals with the music being vacuity on face and heavy... it's a lot more upbeat than "The Poison," a lot more aggressive, according to the band members.

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According to the bands website, Tuck underwent tricon surgery in 2006 which may be the reason that the vocals seemed forced.

With the one exception of "Hearts Burned into Fire," the 11 track CD starts to feel repetitious with the sixth track.

The songs all seem to have the too fast and too heavy guitar fuel and fry's all start sounding the same.

As mentioned a majority of the songs sound like Averaged Sevenfold, but it also seems like the band is also trying to sound like Metallica.

For more information about Bullet for My Valentine visit their myspace.com/ bulletformyvalentine.

The 4 members of Bullet for My Valentine in their new record.
Protesters change U.S. race relations

Nikolas Hanold
Staff Writer

"The New York Times" failed to report the spark that rank white Americans on Feb. 1, 1960 in Greensboro, NC. The four freshmen from the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University who sat down at Woolworth's while on the way to work were unaware of the significant impact that would change history. The four were Ezell Blair Jr., David Richmond, Franklin McCain and Joseph McNeil. Blair noted that the group, "spent a lot of time discussing the segregated situations we were exposed to... it just didn't seem right that we would have to walk two miles to town, buy notebook paper and toothpaste in a national chain store, and then not be able to get a bite to eat and a cup of coffee, alone the course," according to Jack Newfield, who wrote, "A Public Minority" in 1966.

The night before, the four freshmen filmed a dream while discussing the problem of segregation. According to Blair, McNeil suggested that they should stop talking and do something. They didn't tell anyone of their plan.

On Feb. 1, 1960, the quartet entered the F.W. Woolworth Company store on North Elm Street in the core of Greensboro. They each purchased toothpaste and coffee, then sat down at the lunch counter to order lunch. It seemed the manager of the Woolworth intended on increasing the lunch counter's stringent white-only policy. The individuals requested four cups of coffee from the white waiters.

"I'm sorry but we don't serve colored here," she respectfully informed them. The manager followed by relaying service as well. The four young men lingered in the lunch counter, pleasant service, but still not seated. At around 5:30 p.m.

The next day, 16 other North Carolina A&T undergraduates joined the history makers at the lunch counter after being denied service, they returned the day after with 50 students. Among them were a few white co-eds from Woman's College in Greensboro. By the fifth day of the sit-in, the students were still refused service and were tased by white high school kids carrying Confederate flags.

Police greeted them with tear gas bombs and fire hoses. The group that ignited the violation of 42nd Street by whites over six visits could never imagine what an impact this would have on our society.

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The original four: Where are they now?

Emil Blair Jr.

He changed his name to Jibreel Khazan in 1968. Khazan married Lorraine Francis Giorgi of New Bedford and had three children. One of the children is a graduate of A&T. He has worked as a special education teacher and special education.

Franklin McCain

McCain graduated from A&T in 1963 and then attended graduate school. He married Betty Davis in 1964 and had four sons. He is now a student of the University of Greensboro, VA, where he has been on various boards and has worked in making changes in political, educational, civic and spiritual life in the Charlotte area.

The four men were Ezell Blair Jr., David Richmond, Franklin McCain and Joseph McNeil. Blair noted that the group, "spent a lot of time discussing the segregated situations we were exposed to... it just didn't seem right that we would have to walk two miles to town, buy notebook paper and toothpaste in a national chain store, and then not be able to get a bite to eat and a cup of coffee, alone the course," according to Jack Newfield, who wrote, "A Public Minority" in 1966.

The night before, the four freshmen filmed a dream while discussing the problem of segregation. According to Blair, McNeil suggested that they should stop talking and do something. They didn't tell anyone of their plan.

On Feb. 1, 1960, the quartet entered the F.W. Woolworth Company store on North Elm Street in the core of Greensboro. They each purchased toothpaste and coffee, then sat down at the lunch counter to order lunch. It seemed the manager of the Woolworth intended on increasing the lunch counter's stringent white-only policy. The individuals requested four cups of coffee from the white waiters.

"I'm sorry but we don't serve colored here," she respectfully informed them. The manager followed by relaying service as well. The four young men lingered in the lunch counter, pleasant service, but still not seated. At around 5:30 p.m.

The next day, 16 other North Carolina A&T undergraduates joined the history makers at the lunch counter after being denied service, they returned the day after with 50 students. Among them were a few white co-eds from Woman's College in Greensboro. By the fifth day of the sit-in, the students were still refused service and were tased by white high school kids carrying Confederate flags.

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Voting is freedom

David Richards
Staff Writer

I didn’t vote in this past week’s election. I decided not to, but wake-up call will get to it later. Between classes, I told myself, but then there was all that homework to do, and lunch, and so I never did vote. It’s not that big a deal, I told myself initially. I’m registered as an independent, so I wasn’t going to get to choose Hillary or Obama or Mitt, John or the other guy. It is a big deal though.

I don’t mean that I’moused out on the numerous propositions about gambling that always seem to be on any California ballot. It’s important to me as a symptom of my being a part of my citizenship, of my being a part of this country. It’s important to me as a symptom of my being a part of California. I was out there and that bol of my citizenship, of my being across the world. When Americans don’t vote, don’t participate in their system of peacefully making decisions for their country, America is diminished.

Millions of Americans are overseas and they all had a chance to have their voice heard through absentee ballots. A young woman in one of my classes voted absentee, though she was born, in the U.S., and could have gone to the polls this past week, had she chosen to. However, she voted several weeks ago. She participated.

I know that voting absentee was a possibility, but my not getting to the polls on Tuesday hadn’t occurred to me. I like voting. I like waiting in line with my neighbors. I like the little curtained booth. I like getting the sticker.

I like everything about it, and yet, I did not vote. I did not participate, and so diminished myself in the eyes of all those who have fought to provide me with this right. I diminished my state in the eyes of a country that does not see California’s greatness. I diminished my country in a world where many of its citizens need to see that people deserve freedom and that governments work best when it is directly accountable to its citizens.

I apologize to you, my fellow Californians, for not voting.

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Student fees well spent

Scott Sanderson
Staff Writer

Student tuition helps pay for new “Student Health 101” and expanded Student health programs, which is money well spent. The total quarterly fee of $54.50 at CSUSB and $68.50 in other campuses. “Student Health 101” exist CSUSB $13,000 for this year’s 12 issue newsletter was done by Carro V. Carrio, CSUSB wellness Coordinator, from the student health center.

According to Dan Wolman, who runs and owns the Student Health Center, “The newsletter is designed to help students make good choices about health and other problems that might happen while at school.” He gave a few examples like how to help students credit and how to help students achieve their full potential.

Wolman explained that there is a student advising board of 1,000 students across the country that help write and choose what might go into the newsletter. This month’s “issues of Student Health 101” covers stories about eating, what’s hot for spring break, how many of your classmates are doing drugs and feeling fine.

“We believe it is a valuable resource in your health and wellness decisions here on campus,” said Carri. “Each issue is packed with important info from students like yourself, helping you to make better choice of the decisions you make during your college years.”

Along with “Student Health 101” the Health Center was able to exceed their evening hours because of budget increases.

I was contacted on March 23 about student health 101 and sent it to my boss Patricia Smith,” said Carri. “The newsletter will run until Jan. 2009.”

Carri has been working one day a week since a year ago and is now a full time employee at CSUSB. He went to school at Loma Linda University and has a Masters in health education.

Carri has 24 years of experience from the Riverside Department of Health. He was born in Cuba and is now also working with CSUSB’s Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) which is helping smoking on campus.

The new money that has been given to the Student Health Center is helping CSUSB students by extending hours, more doctors and nurses for students, and new online-instructional newsletters. The choice to make Carri a full time employee was also a great decision because he has had tons of experience in the field of health promotions and has chosen a great online newsletter, “Student Health 101.”

“Student Health 101” is a new way to get our good information about health related to school. It is also a great way to interact with other students from other participating schools.

“Student Health 101” is great information for students to know, is information that will help students through their college life, socially and personally.

Additional information about the Student Health Center or the new “Student Health 101” newsletter can be found at csusb.edu by contacting the Student Health Center at 909-537-5241.

When it comes to American politics, many believe if you don’t vote, don’t talk. So VOTE!

“NOW I HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMPLAIN.”

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Baseball claims four victories
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Staff Writer

Despite leading the league in strikeouts, the Coyotes baseball team has managed to achieve success in their first four games. The Coyotes proved to be victorious in their season opener, against Cal Baptist, and went on to win the 2009 season opener for both teams, the Coyotes pulled ahead of the good result. They moved on to defeat the Toros 2-1. As anticipated, pitching proved to be imperative for the Coyotes. Matt Long went seven strong innings, striking out six and walking one. He allowed one hit. Michael Lel, junior, relieved Long in the eighth. Senior pitcher Wes Madsen closed out the game, getting the save.

The men's baseball team features at the beginning of practice to four games, the pitchers have only allowed 20 hits. David McCarty, junior, made his debut as a Coyote, relieving Kevin Wilson in the seventh. He pitched two hitless innings to close out the game.

"I want to put the team in good position," said McCarty. "I'm here for them, not just for me. For all of us to do well, I have to do well, too. It's a team concept."

The Coyotes are off to a good start in the CSUSB Sports

Prepares for fitness
Andrea Dubois holds up a couple of prizes being given away.

Softball plays hard
Edelino Romero Lopez
Staff Writer

The Coyotes softball team is reaching the ball. Despite their record at 2-3-1, they are still putting up big numbers offensively. They have scored 31 runs in their first six games. That is exactly why they aren't worried on their record at all.

"Our record does not define who we are at all," said Head Coach Tanya Duncan. "We don't even look at the record right now."

Although the team is off to a slow start, her team will achieve its goal, finishing at the top three in their conference, and win 40 games.

"I feel really good about our team. We work hard, and I'm not worried at all because we are crushing the ball," Duncan said.

The Coyotes have been successful.

The team is averaging over five runs a game. They have gotten plenty of recognition from senior Jaime Low, and freshman Priscilla Curran.

"Last year we set the (11-4) in the first year of the tournament."

As for Curran, Duncan said she has come along. "As a freshman she hits in the three spots in the line-up, starts in right field and is hitting nearly 500 on the season."

Her pitching is starting to come around.

As both of them get on a roll together, there will be a streak of victories around the corner.

Duncan explained that her pitchers need to minimize the walks. When other teams get free passes, they usually turn into runs. Duncan said she has a solid defense.

She just need to make the routine plays, and they’ll be fine, she said.

The Coyotes’ losses have only been by one or two runs. The team attitude is positive according to Duncan. They’re doing great. Their team chemistry is really good and their record is no indication of what kind of team they are.

Duncan pointed out that senior Nicole Camarena has become a great leader.

“She is great behind the plate and is doing a great job leading the team,” said Duncan.

Before each practice the Coyotes huddle and says what they need to work on. They each explain their own individual goals or particular things they want to fix. After they all have spoken, they remind each other of the team goal of 40 wins.

They are focused and determined to reach their goal, Duncan said.

The Coyotes travel to Phoenix, Arizona to play in the Division II Sports Lead Off Classic, they will play Feb. 14 and 15. The tournament consists of 28 teams from around the country.

Coach Duncan believes her team will do well in the tournament.

She is confident that no pitching can stop their offense, but now it is up to their pitching and defense to stop the other teams offense.

The Coyotes first home game will be on Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. against Vanguard University.

Defense delivers results
Scott Heaton
Staff Writer

CSUSB men’s basketball head coach after their victory in causing turnovers and contesting every shot that opponents take, but there appears to be a price.

This style of defense is high-energy and requires the Coyotes to trap and double-team everyone that touches the ball. There is only one person standing around on the defensive end of the court.

“Our defense is as good as it has ever been," said Oliver.

Because of the increased pressure at such a high level of energy requires Oliver to subside his players in and out of the game at an unusually high rate.

Oliver has devised a defensive game plan that is featuring teams, but can hinder the rhythm of his own team’s offense.

Currently he has an 11 players on the team that average more than 1 minute a game.

During their first home game, four of the five starters were in and out of the game before the first 5 minutes of the game.

The Coyotes are now being rotated in and out of the game so quickly have a hard time getting into a rhythm and blocking out a former player.

"We’re not getting open shots but we’re not hitting them right now," said Oliver in an interview two weeks ago.

Players not only have a hard time getting into a rhythm, but they “feel as if they are unable to see the ball at such a short period of time and sometimes turn the ball over being too aggressive, a former player said.

“Also we need to limit turnovers."

The Coyotes average 13.9 turnovers, and are shooting 45.9 from the field which ranks seventh in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA).

One can argue with the results of Oliver’s strategy, as CSUSB’s overall team (16-4, 9-3) is in first place and ranked second in the conference.

The games against Cal Poly Pomona and the frustrating opponents as the Coyotes lead the CCAA in league with major categories: scoring defense (61.7), blocks (18-5) and steals per game (10.79).

Yet, this game plan hurt the team when they played Cal Poly Pomona a few weeks ago.

The game went overtime and the Coyotes needed a three pointer to be the game and send it into double-overtime.

Earlier in the game freshman forward Joel Oliver hit two big three-pointers, but didn’t play much after that and Oliver put him in with 20 seconds left in the game.

Oliver drew up a play so the sharpshooter could hit the game winning shot. Kinney, who had been sitting on the bench for the last half of the game, was at the free throw line. The Coyotes lost the game.

During the loss, the team has enjoyed success this year, especially in the early minutes of the game.

For CDCSB Sports heads this weekend to play two CCAA conference games against Cal State and Cal State Stanislaus.

The games will be played at Ciuccio Arena at 7:30 p.m.