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CSU receives A for effort

Melina Perez Staff Writer

The growth of inflation has outrun the increase of faculty salaries for the third time in four years.

The report was based on an overall national average of salary reports. Although full-time faculty salaries rose 3.8 percent for the 2007-2008 academic school year, inflation surged it, increasing 4.1 percent.

According to Dr. John W. Cort, AAUP Crede for research and public policy, full-time faculty members earned an approximate average of $74,900 for the 2007-2008 academic year. The employment of part-time and non-tenured faculty members has become a recent trend due to the ability of part-time professors teaching multiple classes to make more salary.

Universities do this to save money that would otherwise be spent on full-time professors. Contingent faculty and non-tenured faculty employment tripled over the last three decades with the trend at the University of Southern California permanent faculty staff increased 17 percent.

This is a common feature reported by public universities, AAUP said. Increase in non-tenured, faculty members has caused permanent staff’s salary to suffer, according to the AAUP.

The real concern that universities will have is that they will not be able to attract the faculty to teach.

The decrease in faculty salary affects all professors.

CSU trends plummet

Melina Perez Staff Writer

Money allocation finds discrepancy in salaries

Salaries and driver’s license numbers and pieces of personal identification are personal gains.

Theft Resource Center (ITRC) staff members are a major breach occurring most often (Nick de Leon/Chronicle).

Know who’s in your wallet

Felice Dedio Staff Writer

Identity theft has increased and students are a major target.

According to the ITRC, lost or stolen wallets, laptops, or other computer storage devices, backup tape, pirated music and improperly discarded paper documents thrown out by individuals or businesses can cause identity theft.

What should one do in the event that a wallet has been lost or a computer has been breached?

The return of the item does not guarantee that cards were not copied, so one should make it as if the items were stolen, the ITRC says.

Report the crime to your local law enforcement agency, give them a list of the items that were lost and request a copy of the police report. If the situation evolves into identity theft, contact the three major credit reporting agencies by telephone for credit or fraud alerts.

The average college graduate working full-time pays $51,900, 78 percent more than what full-time students make (Melina Perez/Chronicle).
DREAM Act could lead many hopeful students to apply for financial aid for higher education

Dafne Solano
Staff Writer

A bout 65,000 students would graduate from U.S. high schools this year and have a limited future when it comes to higher education. Among these students are future leaders, home vessels, future doctors, future service members, and much more. These students are the children of parents who lack legal immigration status and who were originally brought here by their parents at a young age, most of whom have grown up in the American school system alongside American-born peers pursuing dreams of higher education.

The California DREAM Act, also known as SB 1301, introduced by Senator Gilbert Cedillo, stands for Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors. This bill would allow for both U.S. citizens and undocumented students to apply for student financial aid administered by campus at the California Community Colleges, California State University and the University of California if passed.

Under this act, these students would also be eligible to receive grants, scholarships, loans and be able to participate in work study programs. Furthermore, the act would require the student to have attended a California high school for three or more years, have graduated from a California high school or attended an accredited institution of higher education in California. Undocumented immigrants have a difficult time affording college since they are currently ineligible for federal grants or loans and are unable to work legally. "Not only do we not have the money to afford college because we are unable to work normal jobs, but we still also have to afford the commuter and/or housing if we get into a school that is far from home," explained a CSUSB student who asked to remain anonymous because of immigration status.

The California DREAM Act would help that exceptional students who are plagued by these barriers be able to receive the opportunity to further their education.

This DREAM Act is not the first attempt by members of the Senate or House to facilitate higher education for undocumented students. The California DREAM Act (S.R. 744) and the American Dream Education Act (H.R. 3299) introduced in March 2007, but have yet to be debated in Congress. In 2006, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the majority-approved California Senate Bill 1460, which was similar to the recently introduced DREAM Act sponsored by Cedillo.

Giving the right to receive grants, loans, scholarships and work study will not exempt undocumented students from having to compete with legal citizens for additional financial aid. The same rules would pertain to undocumented students when applying for aid.

"They would not be given special treatment and will have to deal with the same necessity and as above average performance in academics in order to receive financial assistance. For those worried about this affects taxpayers and the student of California, Senator Cedillo is weighing to change the measure to address concerns about its financial impacts, according to information on Cedillo's website. "It would be a great thing for all of us who struggle because of the odds against us," said the aforementioned student.

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The champion at Gumme a break

Daniel Aguilar Staff Writer

relief has arrived for those at CSUSB that Center and Pride Center sponsored their开荒 annual Stress Break on May 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Santos Student Union (SSU) dining room. Stress Break provided CSUSB students and faculty an opportunity to reduce their stress through a variety of ways as they enter into the halfway point in the quarter.

"I think it's really great that they care about the student's well-being," said CSUSB student Jessica Moniz from the Women's Center. Student writer Debi Reizer from Henna Art as they sit on pillows.

Students had the choice from a collection of Henna body art styles provided by Reizer. "I am a fan of tattoos but I never got one because of the needle. That is why I got the Henna tattoo because there is no pain and it's so different," said CSUSB student Sally Sorts, as Henna artist Lauren passed a floral design on her hand.

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So the left and right of the hand mainstream tall black curtains were inner- round tables with Tart Card ready.

"The readings are always fall, so this year I made sure to be one of the first to sign up," said CSUSB student Thomas Schneider. "My expe- rience with the Tarot Card reader was very insightful. I knew the an- swers but I wanted a confirmation on them."

Debi Reizer from Henna Art, an Inland Empire Henna body art business for 15 years, could be seen under an elegant canopy in the center of the room. Reizer provided patrons with free Henna art as they sat on pillows.

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Take cover, it's your skin

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Staff Writer

Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer and more than 1 million new cases are diagnosed a year, according to the CSUSB Health Center's brochure. "Take Cover. It's YOUR skin!"

The Health Center is making this Melanoma Awareness Month. From May 5-7, The Health Center had a table in the Student Union and outside by the Library.

They also had the Wellness Limo drive around campus to pass out flares and brochures on melanoma.

Like most forms of cancer, melanomas can be treated and taken care of. However, if diagnosed and not treated right away it can spread fast and may not be treatable.

The cancer starts in the melanocytes, which are the cells that give skin its color.

These cells also protect the skin from UV rays.

Clouds don't protect the deeper layers of skin from receiving ultraviolet rays (UV rays), according to melanoma.com.

When the melanocytes are exposed to the sun they may run.

However, when they receive too many UV rays, they begin to grow abnormally and this is the cause of melanomas.

Generally, the first signs of the cancer are in an existing mole that may change shape, color and size. Melanoma may also appear as a new mole.

One way to decipher if a mole may be cancerous is to use the ABCD rule.

A is asymmetry where half the mole is different than the other half.

B is border irregularity where the mole may have a jagged edge.

C is color where the mole has different shades of brown, black, red and blue.

D is diameter where the mole is bigger than a pencil eraser, according to the brochure.

Some ways to be protected from getting melanoma is to avoid sun exposure between 10 a.m to 4 p.m. This is the time when the sun is the brightest and gives off the most UV rays.

When exposed to the sun, and sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.

This will block harmful rays from your body and should be reapplied often to keep up the defenses.

When outside, protective clothing should be worn such as wide-rimmed hats and UV-blocking sunglasses.

Also, be sure to do full body inspections at least every three months.

Melanomas may also appear as a new mole. The Health Center also has a flyer called "Body Mole Map" that students can record existing moles locations, color and size so the chart can be referenced back to every inspection.

Treatment options from melanoma start with surgery. The mole and surrounding tissue are removed.

Elaine Burkholder drives around informing students of Melanoma month (Kimberly Knak/Chronicle).

The lymph nodes are usually tested to make sure that the cancer has not spread.

Surgery can help if the cancer is caught early. However, if the cancer is more advanced, treatments such as chemotherapy, radiation therapy and immunotherapy can be referenced back to every inspection.

The Health Center would be happy to help with any questions on melanoma.

They can be contacted by phone at 909-537-5241 or online at healthcenter.csusb.edu.

Some other helpful sites to find more information about melanoma are The Skin Cancer Foundation at www.skincancer.org and American Academy of Dermatology at www.aad.org.

Health insurance: pay more get less

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Staff Writer

In less than a decade, $103 out of every dollar produced in America will be spent on health care, according to the huffingtonpost.com.

The United States spent $2 trillion a year on health care, which is 18 percent of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and twice as much as any other nation.

Yet, the U.S. ranks 45th in life expectancy and 57th on performance of national health systems, according to a World Health Organization report.

Health care costs in the U.S. are already the highest per person in the world and it is predicted to nearly double by 2016, to $4.3 trillion, or 20 percent of the GDP.

Since many people get health care as a one-time fringe benefit, relatively few are aware of what it actually costs: about $12,000 a year on average for family coverage and $4,900 annually for an individual plan, according to the L.A. Times.

Both Democratic and Republican candidates promote a goal of making medical insurance more available and more affordable for more Americans.

Some college students are not well informed about the presidential candidates plans.

"I haven't heard a lot about the health plans that all the candidates are offering," said CSUSB Senior Nicholas Moll.

"It makes it hard to decide which one is better."

Sen. John McCain wants a system of health care in which "every one" can afford and acquire the treatment and preventative care they need.

McCain says he would give individuals more freedom of choice by letting individuals buy health insurance policies and offering tax credits to help them pay for such coverage.

The specifics can be sort of mind-bending, but on the very broad choices, McCain emphasizes a vision where all workers, individuals get more choices in the marketplace and are less reliant on employees and government," said Robert Blendon of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Both Sen. Obama and Sen. Clinton offer universal health care and I think it is a good idea since most people don't have coverage," said CSUSB Junior Briana Ovando.

Clinton's plan calls for a mandatory government-run health care system.

Sen. Barack Obama's health care plan also features a government-run system, but will only mandate coverage for children.

"My plan begins by covering your money and health insurance coverage are at stake in the upcoming election (Courtesy of michigan.gov)."

"McCain's plan will probably cover 20 million or so of the uninsured, he estimated, whereas Obama's would be somewhere in the middle."

However, the presidential candidates' health plans could, over a period of years, decimate employer-based coverage for approximately 66 percent of Americans that are currently covered by employer-provided health insurance, according to the L.A. Times.
Steve Morel
Staff Writer

Iron Man smashed the competition in box office sales. In an opening weekend "Iron Man" pulled in $58.9 million domestically. It also grossed $197 million worldwide just five days after its release.

Robert Downey, Jr. plays Tony Stark, an eccentric young billionaire and owner of Stark Industries, the world's biggest weapons manufacturer.

At first, Stark doesn't seem to care about much other than having a good time and making money. That all changes after he is kid-napped in Afghanistan.

Stark is forced to build one of his weapons for a terrorist group. He uses his weapons in the hands of these terrorists and is dis-gusted with himself.

To escape, he builds an armed suit with weapons instead of building what he was supposed to. Although he escapes, his cap-tor finds his original suit and uses it to his advantage.

Once he arrives home, Stark announces his company will no longer make weapons, which upsets many, including his business top executive, Obadiah Stan, played by Jeff Bridges.

To rid the world of its weapons and those who use them for evil, Stark builds a better ver-sion of the suit to destroy them.

He soon finds out that the weapons are secretly sold to terrorists through his company. Stark has to fight against friends and his own creations to protect the world from his weapons getting into the wrong hands.

The special effects in this movie were very good. Unlike most movies where nothing but CGI (computer generated images) is used, Downey actually wore the blue suit.

This makes the movie have an authentic feel to it. Like most movies, there was a big emphasis on Tony Stark, his assistant Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow) without her, his life would fall apart.

Iron Man creator Stan Lee makes his small Mar-vil film come true.

Like always, it's not an important role, but he fun to look for Be sure to stay after the credits for a cameo by Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury, head of S.H.I.E.L.D.

He is the one that is seen seeing more of Iron Man in the fu-ture. "Iron Man" has been a huge success from Marvel Studios and will be breaking a box office "Iron-clad" record.

To enjoy this movie, one does not need to be a comic book fan or know much about Iron Man, but it wouldn't hurt to do some research.

"Iron Man" is in theaters now (Courtesy of www.ironmanblog.com).

Pictured above: DJ Sng and rapper Art (Courtesy of www.artsom­phere.com).)

Victoria Garcia
Staff Writer

With their straight forward album title, "When Life Gives You Lemons, Paint That S--t Gold," the rap duo Atmosphere express their personal lyrics and perso-nal growth.

After 11 years of putting on their underground hip-hop act, these artists from Minneapolis have become a long-lasting and com-mercially successful rap duo in the industry.

Rapper Slug (Sam Daley) and DJ Producer Ant (Anthony Davis), have released six albums and 11 Sad Chemo non-styles.

Atmosphere has performed in sold-out crowds everywhere from venues in their hometown to larger venues across the world.

"When Life Gives You Lemons, Paint That S--t Gold," is based on fictional narratives that describe problems in society.

"This time around I really did force myself to try and write these stories as if I was writing a book or short stories and just trying to fig-ure out how to put them into music," said Slug in a recent MTV interview.

An interesting characteristic that Slug uses for his musical storytelling is when he rap about a girl named "Lucy." He began using the name because of his ex-girlfriend, who is the mother of his son.

It eventually developed into being a name that described women in general. On "Douche," he states that "Lucy is hip-hop, it's been said and buried, buried as a metaphor."

In the song, "Douchet," we hear of the experience a young girl has as she grows up to be a stripper and gets pregnant at 18.

She has to work hard and leave her baby with her mom, a common meta-for in society.

Another descriptive track on the album is "Shadows Know," which becomes touching to listen to as it talks about parents who don't care for their children and what their children experience.

"When Life Gives You Lemons, Paint That S--t Gold," is in stores now.
A group of students join together by the soccer field every Monday and Tuesday to meditate, in hopes that they will inspire world peace (Elsa Escarcega/Chonicle).

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**Meditating for peace**

**Elsa Escarcega**

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One vote per voter

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Staff Writer
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reservation of the right to vote is an important and crucial element to the democratic process. However, enacting the right to only vote once is even more important.

As of now, there are seven states which require an ID to vote. Several attempts were made to appeal to the law, saying that it infringes upon American’s basic right — the right to vote.

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Staff Writer

Robert Gramer

In April, the Court ruled in favor of the law, saying that it infringes upon American’s basic right — the right to vote. This has caused an uproar in the liberal community, because they claim the law was republican-inspired. Liberals are saying that the law targets voters who are old or poor, because these voters are less likely to show up to the polls to prove identity.

Supreme Court Justice David Souter has said the law “permits to impose nontrivial burdens on the voting rights of tens of thousands of the state’s citizens.” Surely voter fraud is a bigger and more thorough national issue than asking that voters have an ID to vote.

Most would agree that having to suffer through two terms of a president who won the election because of voter fraud is much more of a burden, as in the case of the 2000 Presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Remember the controversy that ballots that were all in favor of Bush, which won him the election? It has been alleged that President Lyndon Johnson stole the election in 1964 due to voter fraud.

Robert A. Caro’s book, “The Power of The People,” sheds more light on why the law is being imposed. It alleges that there is a threat of widespread voter fraud. Most employers require that you show photo ID and a social security card to prove that you are a citizen and employable. Why should voting for state and national elections be any different? It is completely unacceptable to have stricter laws preventing theft with credit cards than to prevent voter fraud and identity theft when participating in presidential elections.

People are up in arms because they think their rights are being reéviewed, but voting is not a right, it is a privilege. Ask any convicted felon and they’ll tell you that they don’t have the vote because that privilege has been taken away.

These new laws do not bring round cops without IDs as fools or revolve their voting privileges, they are simply asking them to prove their identity and this is not too much to ask in a democracy.

Providing ID to vote must become mandatory to avoid voter fraud (Copyright of caglecartoons.com).

Blog on your soap box
Robert Gramer
Staff Writer

I couldn’t believe what I had just read. I had to say something about this.

I’m sure you’ve heard about blogging but have you really taken the time to learn what it is and why you should be doing it?

Most blogs contain an online record of comments, usually related to a news story or video, but some just serve as online diaries. There are many types of blogs: artlogs (collections of art), blogs (video blogs) and photlogs (collections of photos), just to name a few.

In the world of communications, blogs help communicate the way people feel, both negative and positive.

Blogs began to appear on Bulletin Board Systems (BBS) earlier on. The term "blog" was coined by Peter Merholz in 1999 who took the word “Weblog” and coined it in 1997. Blogging today has really become popular and most website buzzing has blogging ability built right in.

The power of blogs became apparent in 2002 in the political arena. U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, at a speech honoring Senator Strom Thurmond, said that our country would have been better off if Thurmond had won the presidency, because he was the person who did. In the end, Lott stepped down as majority leader.

When writing for a blog, it is good to know some of the rules and terms that bloggers use. When you become great at it you will be known as a "blogger," someone who has blogs with an expert or personal attitude. If you are someone that is always blogging on sites the news expressed, you will be known as a "meme.

You might get caught in a "blogstorm," that is when a blog has a huge amount of responses or questions about it. If you find a subject that someone has caught up on, you might give them an "RT" which stands for "Retweet" which is saying thanks to the source when you obtained the information from.

There aren’t any official rules, but if you write personal and confidential information you may face legal problems. It is not smart to write about your employer because some employers have found blog postings inappropriate and have fired employees.

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3. Don’t write about personal and confidential information.

4. Don’t write about your employer.

5. Don’t post images or videos without permission.

6. Don’t post personal information without permission.

7. Don’t post anything that is inappropriate.

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Freyja Berg has rewritten the record book during her career at CSUSB. (Courtesy of Robert Whitfield)

Berg is best
Scott Heaton
Op/Ed & Health Science Editor

The best water polo player ever to come through CSUSB finished her senior year leading the nation in scoring with 112 goals. Freyja Berg has rewritten the record book during her career at CSUSB, becoming an NCAA Division II All-American water polo player ever to come through CSUSB. She is truly a complete athlete, as Berg was so excited she pushed him in the pool after a 2009 loss to the tournament’s only unbeaten team. By making it to the NCAA tournament finals, they managed to extend their chapter in the history books.

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COYOTES SHORTSTOP Tayler Wilson and the softball team are ready for the challenge of their first trip to the post-season (Justin Delos Reyes /Chronicle).

Three-peat
Felisha McLaughlin
Staff Writer

The Coyote men's golf team has qualified for the NCAA Division II Championship for the third consecutive year. CSUSB earned the NCAA West/Northeast Super Regional tourney spot with a score of 881 for three rounds.

The team took first place at Adobe Creek Golf Club, which is a 6,890-yard, par-72 course. Senior Clayton Curiel said he was able to finish in the tournament’s third and final day with a one-over-par 73.

His score helped ensure the Coyotes’ spot in the final top four at the tournament’s end.

Curiel’s score was a comparative difference to his average (78).

"I knew I needed to play my best, but had some newfound confidence. I guess, or maybe because I didn’t want my senior year of golf to end pointless," Curiel said. He finished with three birdies in the last five holes, which is something I have never done.

Visualizing success is a new method Clayton said he would take away from this tournament.

"Something I did that really helped was being able to play my best, take a step back, close my eyes and take a deep breath and actually picture what I wanted the shot to look like," Curiel said. "I did it and it worked as I did it to again." The Coyotes were ranked fourth going into the last day of the tournament after beating Cal State Stanislaus in a playoff to get into the NCAA Division II Championship.

Sophomore Gene Webster was one shot away from the course record the second day of the tournament.

He was able to shoot an eight and five birdies to finish up at a five-under-par 67.

Curiel said that all the players and coach Thomas Mainez, Jr., contributed to the Coyotes success.

"Everyone stepped up. Every player had some sort of at least two of out the three rounds. One shots two under par, another made a long birdie putt on the last hole of regulation," Curiel said. "It was all surreal how everything came together."

Seven days before the NCAA West/Northeast Super Regional tournament, assistant athletic director Mike Murphy said third baseman Taylor Wilson if the team was ready to shock the world. Wilson smiled and said the two words that Murphy was hoping to hear.

"We’re ready," said Wilson. Four days later, the No. 3 seed Coyotes won in the NCAA tournament championship game against the No. 2 seed Cal State Stanislaus in 20 minutes.

11 innings, the Coyotes narrowly edged the CSUSB history books with a 4-1 victory over the tournament’s only unbeaten team. By making it to the NCAA tournament finals, they managed to extend their chapter in the history books.

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The 2008 Coyote softball team is one of the best overall squads in the history of the CSUSB program.

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Taylor Wilson and the softball team are ready for the challenge of their first trip to the post-season (Justin Delos Reyes /Chronicle).

This year’s team is one of the best in school history.

"This is our best hitting and defensive team since 2002," said Murphy. "We’re in better all phases of the game."

Much of the team’s success can be attributed to the productivity among the players. Murphy said that although the players vary in academic class, there are six seniors, five juniors, two sophomores and five freshmen — they have a tight bond that translates over the field.

Fullback Priscilla Curiel, whom Duncan recruited, racks in the top five on the team in slugging (.500), runs scored (58), hits (111), RBIs (56) and home runs (11). She was also the only freshman in the conference to make the all-CSUSB first team.

"She was a great addition to the team," said Murphy. Murphy said that a strong group of incoming freshmen for the 2009 season will help the Coyotes advance to the tournament again.

Regardless of the regional outcome, we’re going to be real tough next year," Murphy said. "We will compete again in ’09 without a doubt.

Ready to shock ‘em
Justin Delos Reyes
Staff Writer

It wasn’t before the NCAA West/Northeast Super Regional tournament team, through Arcata, Calif. for the NCAA championship tournament, assistant athletic director Mike Murphy said third baseman Taylor Wilson if the team was ready to shock the world.

Wilson smiled and said the two words that Murphy was hoping to hear.

"We’re ready," said Wilson. Four days later, the No. 3 seed Coyotes won in the NCAA tournament championship game against the No. 2 seed Cal State Stanislaus in 20 minutes.

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Taylor Wilson and the softball team are ready for the challenge of their first trip to the post-season (Justin Delos Reyes/Chronicle).

Three-peat
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CSUSB earned the NCAA West/Northeast Super Regional tourney spot with a score of 881 for three rounds. The tournament took first place at Adobe Creek Golf Club, which is a 6,890-yard, par-72 course.

Senior Clayton Curiel was able to finish in the tournament’s third and final day with a one-over-par 73.

His score helped ensure the Coyote’s spot in the final top four at the tournament’s end.

Curiel’s score was a comparative difference to his average (78).

"I felt confident in myself and had some newfound confidence. I guess, or maybe because I didn’t want my senior year of golf to end pointless," Curiel said. "I finished with three birdies in the last five holes, which is something I have never done.

Visualizing success is a new method Clayton said he would take away from this tournament.

"Something I did that really helped was before I hit any shot, I would take a step back, close my eyes and take a deep breath and actually picture what I wanted the shot to look like," Curiel said. "I did it and it worked as I did it to again."

The Coyotes were ranked fourth going into the last day of the tournament after beating Cal State Stanislaus in a playoff to get into the NCAA Division II Championship.

Senior Clayton Curiel said that all the players and coach Thomas Mainez, Jr., contributed to the Coyotes success.

"Everyone stepped up. Every player had some sort of at least two of out the three rounds. One shots two under par, another made a long birdie putt on the last hole of regulation," Curiel said. "It was all surreal how everything came together."

Senior William Clayton and the men’s golf team have qualified for the NCAA Championship for the third year in a row (Courtesy of Robert Whitfield).