Despite Gov. Schwarzenegger’s budget revision, student tuition fees will increase 10 percent and will affect part-time employees like Kevin Dreyer (Melina Perez/Chronicle).

Governor eases burden

Shantal Anderson Staff Writer

Gov. Schwarzenegger’s revised budget marks an attempt to appease angry students by reducing the cuts to education.

The system is still short $288 million in funding, including $114 million in mandatory cost in­currence, which creates a problem due to the lack of general funds, according to the CSU.

According to the Governor’s revised budget, the proposed $144.3 billion state budget will close a $1.3 billion gap by cutting programs and selling lottery bonds and existing state tax.

Among the proposed programs to be cut will be state parks and recreation, health services and social work.

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CSUSB teams dominate

Justin DeLo Reyes Staff Writer

CSUSB’s System Analysis and Model United Nations teams recently won big on behalf of Cal State San Bernardino. Students on CSUSB’s System Analysis team won first place at the 12th annual Information Technology Competition on May 3, at Cal Poly Pomona.

The ten percent fee increase will hit students like Monique Salvy, working two jobs to pay for school (Melina Perez/Chronicle).

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Hikes and cuts devastate Board raises fees

Melina Perez Staff Writer

Say less when it comes to university tuition fees. Students at Cal State San Bernardino paid the price for the newly intro­duced 10 percent tuition fee increase.

With a vote of 15 to 3, this CSU Board of Trustees voted to raise student fees again. The approved tuition increase comes in re­sponse to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s $396 million in proposed budget cuts for the CSU.

The CSU Board of Trustees met May 14 to discuss the under­graduate students’ $276 fee increase that will be effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

According to the CSU, the tuition increase would generate $110 million in revenue.

The tuition increase affects undergraduate students, teacher’s credential and graduate students.

Teacher’s credential student fees will increase by $324 and graduate student fees by $432.

Lower income students are exempt from the tuition fee increase.

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Ex-program director, Ochoa-Fernandez dies

Shantal Anderson Staff Writer

A professor, director and dedicated wife passed away Sunday.

May 11—Recently married, Elza M. Ochoa-Fer­nandez passed away after being held in hospital for several weeks due to illness.

The Bogotá, Colombia native served as director of Cal State San Bernardino’s Interna­tional Center and was co-director of the university’s international business.

She was born in Bogotá and came to the United States to study languages at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma.

According to Schwarzeneg­ger’s plan all bond-based re­venue lottery revenue will augment the lottery to help pay off state bonds. Schwarzenegger’s read­block is the approved vote from Sen­ators in the November elections.

His plan is seen as well fit since the revision gives California a $1.8 billion boost.

CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed commended the Governor’s strong commitment to education and the restoration of funds in his budget revision. Reed also lauded

The tuition will increase 10 percent come fall.

The $144.3 billion state budget still remains to be adopted in Nov­ember, the CSU Board of Trustees voted to increase annual student fees effective full of the 2008-09 school year.

Tuition for undergraduate students increased $276, teacher’s credential students increased $324 and graduate student fees again. The $342 increase that will become effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

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Students from the University of California, CSU and community colleges will meet yearly on May 10 in printed deep budget cuts, fee increases, and declining state funding, according to the California State Student Association (CSSA). 

The CSSA fees will also continue to be the lowest in the nation even with the increase, according to the CSSA. Graduate student increases and retain 63 percent and will generate $357 million for the CSU. The undergraduate non- university fee will go up by $2722 to $5084 per year. Revenues from the fee increase will run up more debt and take longer to enter the workforce when they are needed as nurses, teachers, engineers and professionals of all kinds," Tate said.

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WRC raise awareness of violence against women

Daniel Aguilar
Staff Writer

A more shirt brought tears to some stu­dents. "All of these shirts are very emotional. It made me cry, especially when I saw the children aboard by their fathers," said CSUSB student Andy Cagigal, one student who was emotionally moved by the display.

The Clothesline Project (CLP) is a program that addresses violence against women. CLP provides an opportunity for women to express their emotions through a shirt. The shirt is then hung on a clothesline as their testimony, according to clothesline-project.org.

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) sponsored CLP at CSUSB once again for one week from May 12-16. Roughly 160 shirts were on display outside the Adult Re-Entry Center of the Santos Manuel Student Union.

"We sponsor this event every year in honor to the survivors and vic­tims, not to both the men," said Do­lores Montoya, graduate assistant for the WRC. "It is a society prob­lem that needs to be talked about because men also go through abuse; it’s just not as common as it is for women. We’re not here to attack the men, but both men and women." Throughout the week, thou­sands of students walked through the Student Union and saw the homemade shirts that served to rep­resent testimonies filled by both sur­vivors and victims of abuse.

"It’s really interesting, what they have to say," said CSUSB stu­dent Jose Cudlar. "They wanted to express their emotions and this gives them the chance to do that, to send a message to stop all of this vi­olence."

Chavez circled around the clotheline making the different shirts with her friend Denise Perez. "This is a release of their emo­tions and expressions. The hurt they went through is unimaginable," said Perez. "Society has condi­tioned men to be rough. Men go through this too, but society would probably look down on a man who was abused by his wife or girl­friend. We need to be open-minded to the message that this affects both men and women.

Some people walked by the clotheline as if it didn’t rattle while others froze in their steps and read the messages of the survivors and victims that ranged from forgive­ness to remembrance of those who did not survive.

"It’s really touching and sad. It gives you hope to get your voice out and to know that some people have gone through this and sur­vived," said CSUSB student Sarah Tilley. "That they are brave enough to speak and communication through the shirt is amazing because there are a lot of people who want to ig­nore that this ever happened to them."

CSUSB student Marcel Videz pointed out one shirt that grabbed her attention. The shirt read, "Let’s Tell Ourselves," which included messages such as, "If only I had made him so angry," or, "I didn’t love him...."

"If it damages you physically, how can it not damage you even more emotionally?" Videz asked. "Abuse has a ripple effect because it not only affects you but your par­ents, siblings, relatives and friends. They don’t want to see you get hurt either.

The WRC provided all the ma­terials needed to make a shirt. The WRC accepted shirts from both woman and survivor survivors and victims of abuse as well as from parents, siblings, relatives, and any­one who would like to make a shirt in memory of the victims and sur­vivors.

"This year we were only able to get up a limited amount of shirts because the clotheline was not big enough to hold every shirt we had," said Montoya.

Montoya said, "I look forward to helping make this event happen next year because there is much to be said and no words need to be spoken."

CSUSB students reading shirts created to commemorate victims of violence (Daniel Aguilar/Chronicle).

Every howl counts

ASI election ballot declares winner

Daniel Aguilar
Staff Writer

O ver a thousand "Let’s Love" CSUSB students, 1,671 to be exact, voted for the leaders that will re­present the interests, needs, and con­cerns for over 17,000 CSUSB students.

CSUSB’s new Associated Stu­dent, Inc. (ASI) presidential election was from May 22-25, 2008, and in the Palm Desert Campus is David Petronio.

The vice president of the Student Union (SUPB) was counted after all the ballots were in. The Capitol Union was David Petronio, with 38 percent of the votes and 40 percent of the votes. Petronio said, "It’s really interesting, what they have to say," said CSUSB stu­dent Jose Cudlar. "They wanted to express their emotions and this gives them the chance to do that, to send a message to stop all of this vi­olence."

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ExactL 1,671 student votes were counted after the ASI elections (Daniel Aguilar/Chronicle).

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CSUSB students had a good time at the ice-cream social. "I liked that it was an event to encourage all CSUSB students to a little more involved with can­dies and come out and the school," said CSUSB student Sandra Greer.

SUPB will be sponsoring more ice-cream socials every Tuesday be­tween 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Bay.
New class to combat obesity

Kimberly Knaa
Staff Writer

In America, 32.9 percent of adults are obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The health center will be offering a two-unit health science course to help students lose weight through exercise, a good nutrition plan and stress management.

The program will be offered only to those who have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or more. Students will also be required to exercise three times a week, sign up for class, and eat a variety of fruits and vegetables, and meet with an instructor once a week to check progress and talk about any concerns. Students will also be working with an online nutrition program.

The class is eight weeks long, but will not be offered in the class schedule for fall quarter.

To sign up for the class, students will need to go to the health center to pick up a flyer and fill out an application.

Drugs abuse is on the rise

Elva Casas
Staff Writer

Prescription drug abuse by teens has increased from 400,000 to 2 million over the last 15 years, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The highest rate of illicit drug use was among women (11.25 who account for about 41 percent of all drug users, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

The most common prescription drugs being abused are tranquilizers, painkillers and stimulants, which are the drug of choice 85 percent of the time. Those prescription drugs can have minor to severe effects on a person’s central nerves system and can lead to addiction.

“My family has had problems with prescription drugs. My cousin injured his back at work and he was prescribed pain killers,” said CSUSB Sophomore Karina Murillo. “He became dependent on the pills and when he was not being prescribed them he would get them from other people.”

“Millions of Americans benefit from the tremendous scientific achievements represented by modern pharmaceutical products,” said John Wolters, Director of National Drug Control Policy. “When abused, some prescription drugs can be an addictive and dangerous as illegal street drugs.”

In 2007, 2.4 percent of 8th graders, 7.2 percent of 9th graders and 9.6 percent of 12th graders had abused Vicodin, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Youth who use other drugs are more likely to abuse prescription medications, say a study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. About 63 percent of youth who have used prescription drugs non-medically in the past year had also used marijuana in the past year, compared with 17 percent of youth who had not abused prescription drugs in the past year, according to NIDA.

Men and women have roughly similar rates of non-medical use of prescription drugs. An exception is found among 12 to 17-year-olds.

This age group, young women are more likely than young men to abuse psychotherapeutic drugs.

Women are 55 percent more likely to be prescribed narcotic and anti-anxiety drugs. "Health care providers, pharmacists and family should be alert to the potential for prescription drug misuse among adolescents," said Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt. "The potential for prescription drug misuse broadly, and especially in one's circle of friends, in particular, is a very important issue when they suspect it. People need to be encouraged to ask for help for drug problems if and when they need it," said Mueller. "His addiction did make my family members and I aware of the potential problem there are with prescription drugs."

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Condoms aren't the only option anymore

Martin Mares
Staff Writer

Crying babies and dirty diapers may be the last thing you've done during a final exam.

College students tend to worry about other pressing financial obligations. However, the additional cost of raising a child today should be alarming enough to make any­one's heart beat faster.

Safe sex and abor­tion have been preached to us at all since at least the '60s. The dangers of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are always brought to our atten­tion. While in college, students are sexually active. The idea of abstinence is usually not thought of.

Besides the infamous male condoms, there are other forms of contraception. Birth control pills have been around for about 40 years. Taking a pill everyday may not be accommodable for all. But with the hectic schedules of students, it can be easy to forget to take the pill.

"You should always have your contraceptive on you, at all times. It's a good reminder," said Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt. "They may keep a little left over for your daughter or in your medicine cabinet, where they can use it when they need it."

Take the ring to lower risk of pregnancy, so­ef­fects are usually minimal. Of course, no one wants to talk about sex.

"Do you know how much more difficult it is for you to talk about sex?" said CSUSB senior Gabriel Navas, who decided to get a vasectomy at 18. "It is the best thing I have done."
UK’s

Estelle is coming to America

The British native singer’s collaboration with proven hip-hop successes is a hit on the Billboard charts.

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Melanie Hunter Assistant A&E Editor

...up alongside Lauryn Hill and Erykah Badu, Estelle is making her way to America. The British singer released her sophomore album, “Shine,” on April 1.

The album includes 12 tracks of hip-hop, pop, soul and raggae. “Shine” includes collaborations with Kanye West, Westfield John, John Legend, Mark Ronson, Cee-Lo of Gnarls Barkley and Swizz Beatz.

“American Boy,” featuring Kanye West, hit number one on the UK singles chart on March 23 and is slowly making its way up to America’s charts. 

...This is an up-beat dance number that Estelle and her crew are heard in night clubs.

The song’s chorus is by none other than legendary Snoop Dogg, “American Boy,” is slowly climbing the rhythm. Top 40 Chart.

The song is the album’s lead-off single, and sounds nothing like the music currently on the radio, which is probably the reason for its hit-like appeal since the American pop charts.

Estelle’s album “Shine” is in stores now (Courtesy of Home School Records).

Nevertheless, the song is fun lyrically and illustrates a relaxed mood. Her created the very Giorgio-Moderne-style song for “American Boy.”

The best track on the album is “Come On,” an example of a mixed genre song that actually works.

Her voice sounds fitting for the typical R&B track, but with the reggae beat drops, it makes the song that much more enjoyable.

The lyrics explain her desire for her guy to go over and see what he can do to improve their relationship.

This song, Estelle explains she does bring a scrutinizing look. “But you told me lies/you made me give my heart away; but now I know the games you play/so I’m through with you.”

Her thick British accent comes embracing over the familiar reggae tune.

According to Billboard, “Shine” is number six on the Top R&B/hip-hop albums chart.

“Shine” is far from a mainstream pop/hip-hop album.

The album is creative and original with various influential sounds.

During an interview with “Rolling Stone,” Estelle said her previous record label was asking her to do silly things.

After departing from her previous record label, Estelle kept in touch with Legend after working with him on her first album, “Records,” which is distributed by Atlantic.

While Estelle’s voice doesn’t have the raw, yet soothing tone of Hill’s or the roughness of her, her album is still fresh in its own unique way.
Dr. Larry Burgess spoke to students about preserving California's history (Gabrielle Mays/Chronicle).

Burgess is a graduate from the University of Redlands. One day he was approached by Abraham Lincoln defending emancipation. The letter was written over 140 years ago and led him on a path to valuable history. Burgess' main concern is the preservation of history in a digital world. The history of California is very popular among collectors. "Many things we see today in our museums were donated from people," Burgess said. "If we didn't have donors, we wouldn't have a collection of history." Another concern for Burgess was that people today threw away things about they save.

He brought up a time when two sanitation workers brought in a trash that they threw away. "People forget that man's trash is another's treasure," Burgess said. "Local history is an ongoing process and it's so important," Burgess said. "People forget they're making it a trash can and to value history.

Some students found it hard to really express themselves.

CSUSB's Centering Poetic Reasons (CPR) gave over twenty students the chance to express how they lift, ranging from poems to playing the piano. For Dr. Larry Burgess, director of Redlands' A.K. Smiley Library, spoke on the challenges and success stories of saving local history.

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After some students had expressed themselves through rap, Miss C. C. "Lady Poet," went on stage and performed a love poem about understanding and respecting each other. Captain Blackbird, the voice of the event with his own rap presence, his repetitive phrase, "That's just my swag," had everyone off their seat.

One of the performances that everyone really liked was when Mark Anaya played the piano. "Give me an iPod with any song, and I can play it on the piano," said Mike. Thepoetry styles and subjects were very diverse..." The show began with a tap by CPR student Mike One, whose lyrics came from Whitney Houston's "Heartbreak Hotel." Mike One's performance really got the crowd singing along.

Soon after, Sequel and Black Rose performed a duet performance, as Sequel rallied the crowd to chant, "I love you!"
Apple not so golden

Robert Gramer
Staff Writer

E ver the apple, Williamarton's
fell out an apple from his ear with a sin-
dle shot.
At CSUSB, we award the Golden Apple to teachers of dis-
integrated student. I took a bite into the Golden Apple award and regulations that fell out.
red was seen first, ex-
cept for one thing that caught my eye.
Section 3.24 states that nomi-
nation shall have been full-time in-
classroom experience in a university for at least six years and have contributed to the nature of the institution.
I was upset. Some of the best teachers I've had at CSUSB are part-timers. Without their help,
our educational experience would not have been so spectacular.
According to a CAGLOffice of
institutional Research report, in the fall of 2007 there were 467 full-time instructors and 546 part-time
instructors. This means that about 55 per-
cent of instructors are eliminated from even being eligible for the apple.
I don't want to take away from the full-time instructors who have won the award.
I'm sure they have been ex-
ceptional.
Regardless, I know unques-
tionably and with absolute fact that there are plenty of amazing part-
time faculty members.
They should be eligible for
some award, not the Golden Apple.
There must be some way that the committee decides on all this can come up with a more in-
clusive yardstick since it is appar-
tent that part-time teachers make up a majority of the faculty.
It may be in the higher education circles and academia that fellow instructors might be deserving.

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Parents to blame, not marketing

Lauren Padia
Staff Writer

The rate of childhood obesity is climbing and parents are finding"every excuse possible to take blame off of themselves.
Codominance has thus been directed towards corporations. Some argue for instance that it is uneth-
ical for cereal companies to target children when marketers know that their snack product is unhealthy and will make children
fat.
I beg to differ. Sure, it is true that there are large amounts of sugar and min-
cro nutrients in children's cereals and snacks.
The companies have even cer-
nally involved漫画 characters to make their food more attractive and tempting for children. For ex-
ample, Tony the Tiger sells Frosted Flakes, Burt the Bee Honey Nut Cheerios, the Trix Rabbit, Lucky the Leprechaun, Count Chocula or Snap, Crackle and Pop
each sell different brands of cereal.
Many of promotional characters is-
stangling.
Even the Flintstones have made appearances for Frothy Peb-
lils.
Such animated characters don't
just promote cereals, they sell all sorts of snacks.
"Having Chester sells Chester for instance.
If snack and cereal cartoon char-
acters were to start their own country, Ronald McDonald would be king.
This face is recognized by 98 percent of children worldwide, ac-
Obviously the use of cartoon
characters to sell cereal or snacks
does not appeal to adults.
Cereal and snack companies know this type of marketing will catch children's eyes and make
them want to buy their product, or have their parents buy it for them.
But here is the catch - chil-
dren are not the only ones buying the food. Parents.
While children may not say what types of foods are healthiest, most adults do.
The argument that cereal and snack companies are at fault for making unhealthy products
and targeting them to kids is a cop-
op out on the parent's part.
It is easier for parents to give in to their children's whims and buy latt-
ely foods than it is for them to deal with tantrums.
If parents were more in-tune to what is best for their kids, they would be reading food labels and
developing for themselves exactly what they should or should not feed their children.
With the current popularity of all-natural, organic, trans-fat-free and healthier diets, one would have to be the living ad
nerds on Pluto to be unfamiliar about the ingredients of fast foods.
Try to ban sugary foods that are intentionally targeted to young children takes the responsibility
for children's obesity away from par-
ents and puts blame on a third-
party.
Another contributing factor to childhood obesity is the laze that seems to so common among today's youth.
Most adults will tell you that after-school activities "back in the day" meant sports like baseball and football with other neighborhood
kids.
Try un-gluining most children from their computer games or X-
box today and it is bound to be a struggle.
If parents would be bigger ad-
vocates of vigorous leisure activi-
ties, rather than throw their children in front of a TV, that box of Lucky Charms or bug of Chester might have a chance of being burned off
and not stored at all.
There are many practices of poor parenting that contribute to childhood obesity, and unless the CEO of Fortland Flakes is the one who
love food, diet and exercise, parents, have no excuse.
The child's inability to eat a
proper diet and lack of exercise is lethal.
This can be seen in the rising rate of obesity and diabetes in chil-
In the U.S.
Fatties are being taught dur-
ing childhood, and parents are the ones setting the examples and stand-
dards for their children's health.
Marketers are targeting a spe-
ted group of people, but at the end of the day, it is the indi-
vidual consumers who control what they consume.
Parents have the power to make an informed decision and simply say no.

Parents try to put the blame on target marketing for their children's obesity, but they are at fault (Courtesy of cagal cartoons.com)

Robert Gramer takes a bite out of the Golden Apple award that leaves out half of the University's fac-
ulty (Courtesy of Eric Thompson)

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Love of the game

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Senior softball player Nicole Camarena has never looked beyond a championship trophy above her head. Nor has she been given a championship ring to commemorate her success. But trophies, medals, plaques and rings do not determine the heart of a softball player or the love she has for the game.

When the Coyotes lost to Humboldt State in the 2008 NCAA Division II West Region softball tournament, Camarena was left peace even though it was the final game of her collegiate career.

"I don't have a CIF ring or any other championships like some of my teammates," said Camarena. "Making it to the regional is all I ever wanted." Camarena said she will never forget the day she and her teammates discovered they had won a spot in the West Region tournament.

A few hours after playing in the last CIAA championship game to Areana, Cali, the girls received a call from their coach Tony Duncan while they walked to a nearby Dollar Tree store.

"Coach called and said 'We're in!' and everybody started screaming in front of the Dollar Tree," said Camarena. "Then the team started crying and I began to cry because I felt so accomplished that we made it." Camarena has dedicated her life to softball, so her team of joy came as no surprise.

She was inspired to play softball at the age of seven after watching her older brother, Eric, play baseball for Hesperia Christian.

From the age of 14 to 19, Camarena played travel ball for Joe Storme's High Desert Heat team. Storme encouraged Camarena to play softball at the collegiate level.

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She recorded 14 home runs, 58 hits, 49 RBIs and 33 runs scored for the season. According to Camarena, she and her teammates had to work hard to gain respect from the CCAA and her peers at CSUSB.

"We've always been overlooked," said Camarena. "I said that if we put in the work the team would play for us." Camarena was a workaholic in practice and a fearless competitor on the field. She said she never felt vulnerable in the batter's box or as a catcher behind the plate.

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Golf's pursuit of championship

S hophomore Gene Webster Jr. matched his opening round of 69 Thursday to move into one shot of the lead at the 2008 NCAA Division II National Golf Championship on a warm, humid day at Memorial Park Golf Course.

Webster's second straight 69 came while playing in the same threesome with 36-hole co-leader Jude Estaquio of Florida Southern who came back to earth with a 74 Thursday after a stellar 63 on Wednesday. Estaquio and Nicole Florida's Kyle Scott are tied at 137 - three under par for the tournament.

Meanwhile, the Coyotes improved their Wednesday score by one shot on Thursday but lost ground in the team standings, slipping from 14th to 15th with a 36-hole total of 577, 18 strokes behind the second round leader - Georgia College and State University.

CSUSB can make up some ground in a hurry on Friday if the team performs well since they are only eight shots out of seventh spot and 18 shots off of fourth place.

The 72-hole tournament over the 7,509-yard course that hosted the PGA Tour's Phoenix Open for 12 years from 1991 to 1993 ends on Saturday.

"We'll battle back," said Scott Heap, a graduate of Arroyo

The Coyotes are tied at 137 - seven over par. Bagwell played steady golf, parring all the holes except one and falling into a tie for third place on the front, but made a string of three straight bogeys at the fourth, fifth and sixth holes.

Sophomore Joe Alladi slipped from 74 to 77 on Thursday to place 94th at 151. Senior Bill Cayn shot his second consecutive 80 for a two-round total of 166. His final score is dropped in team scoring to collegiate golf.

The weather in Houston calls for continued cloudiness with possible thunderstorms activity on Friday and high humidity.

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Not only can students get a job at CSUSB, they will be certified in CPR if necessary and maintaining first aid. It is not reserved only for students who have already given up their college education.

"Life guarders are vital. Compensation is $150 - $200, and be 2.0 or higher, and be able to swim 50 yards in 40 seconds," said Dr. Cosma.

"Not only can students get a job at CSUSB, but they can also continue to develop their CPR skills and swim skills," said Dr. Cosma.

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