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CSUSB grad offers words of wisdom
Melissa Balderrama
Staff Writer

You can either wait for opportu­

nity to come knocking or you can
create your own opportunity. Entre­
preneurship is about sear­
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business, said Martena Wilson,
successful entrepreneurs, espe­
cially CSUSB alumni, to the cam­
pus to share their own experiences
with students, faculty and commu­

cy members.
The series is sponsored by the
Inland Empire Center for
Entrepreneurship (IECE).

You have to believe in
your own ideas

The IECE is located in the
College of Business and Public
Administration here at CSUSB.
Wilson received her MBA in
Entrepreneurship from CSUSB in
2005.

She was on campus last

Wednesday and offered tips for
becoming a great entrepreneur.

"It's not so much the ideas
of a business, but it's the idea of
what you see as an opportunity in
your business," Wilson said.

She is the co-founder and
owner of Inland Yoga Centers in
Riverside.

Wilson has been an entre­
preneur for a number of years and
continues to be involved in a vari­
ety of business endeavors.

"I could've sold myself

working for someone else," Wilson
said. "I couldn't let some­
one else decide how much was
worth to me hardly just born."

She has successfully de­
volved from businesses and is work­
ing on three other projects.

Wilson is also Vice-President of
the non-profit organization
Empire Recovery Services, which
provides a temporary shelter living
environment for men and women
recovering from substance abuse.

In 1996 Wilson herself was home­
less for six months. She knows what
the importance of giving back to the
community.

"Give back to the community
because that comes back to you

today," Wilson said.

Inland Yoga Center also
donates money to the community.

Wilson said, "MONEY can't be your
only motivation. You might make a
lot of money, but in the end what
are you going to look back on?"

Wilson strongly encourages every­

one to start a business at least for
the experience.

"Just jump off the cliff and do
it because if you don't someone
else will," Wilson said. "You have
to believe in your own ideas and
you can, really do whatever you

want."

Dr. Michael Still, director of the
IECE and the Entrepreneurship
Program, agrees with Wilson and
credits her for some of the new
ideas within the program.

"Every student in the MBA
program now has to start a busi­
ness and experience entrepreneur­
ship first hand," Still said.

The seed was planted by Martena
and another student. She expected
the opportunity to come knocking
but, "I wanted something that I
could say I was a part of, I wanted
something on top of all the other
things I've been involved in," Wilson
said in an interview.

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White house hopefuls file in

Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut; former Senator John Edwards of North Carolina; former Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska; representative Donna Koss of Ohio; Senator Barack Obama of Illinois; Philip Webster of Bing III of Montana and Lawrence Douglas Leftinger of Kansas.

Both Wesley Clark, candidate from the 2004 election and Al Sharpton have expressed interest in joining the race but have not confirmed their candidacy at this time, according to a report released by New York Daily News. Although Al Gore has been widely discussed as a possible candidate, he has not said on a number of occasions that he is not interested.

"I have no intention to run for president. I can't imagine in any circumstance to run for officer again," he said, despite rumors that he would announce his candidacy during the 76th Annual Academy Awards on Feb 25.

Candidates for the Republican Party include Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas, John H. Cox of Illinois; former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, representative Duncan Hunter of California; Senator John McCain of Arizona; former Governor Mitt Romney of Massachusetts; Michael Bloomberg of New York; Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia has expressed the wish to be a paid intern teacher while you complete the program.

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High school outreach

Nicholas Moli Staff Writer

For junior and middle school students, the time to start thinking about college is now. CSUSB will host its annual "College: Making it Happen" event on Wednesday, March 14, at the university's Santos Manuel Student Union. Given the low college-going rate among students who live in the Inland Empire, this is the time when parents and students need to begin thinking about where and when they want to attend college, said CSUSB's associate director of admissions and student recruitment Cynthia Olivo. The event is designed to inform parents, teachers and counselors about the requirements needed to enter college. The main goal of the event is to curb the common assumption that college is not expensive and is not within reach for families because high tuition and book fees. "College is very affordable in comparison to other state school systems," said Olivo. "Research indicates that students who are exposed to college requirements, by the seventh grade are more likely to complete the college requirements. Olivo fears that waiting until high school to inform the students may be too late since students begin taking the required classes needed to enter the CSU or UC system in the ninth grade.

Representatives from the CSU and UC systems, as well as from private and community colleges will be at the event to present information and answer questions regarding college admission requirements, financial aid and college fees. It will also include workshops in English and Spanish.

The California Education Roundtable (CERT) provides all the materials for CSUSB to host the event. CERT will provide a $50 incentive value that will showcase how several California families struggled to put their kids through college but were successful in making higher education a reality, according to the release.

It is vital that parents attend so that they can guide their children towards college education said Olivo. "I can tell the program helps them cash or check and specify that their donation go to the "Friends of John Futch Textbook Endowment" fund.

These interested in more information about contributing to the textbook endowment can call (909) 537-7669.

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Textbook Endowment

fundraising to help expand the fund. He wants to make sure that every student has a chance to get all the books they need. To Futch, this is only the beginning. "It's $5 here and $5 there that's going to make this thing grow," Futch said. "I'm going to keep giving and do what I can to help." Students can apply for the textbook endowment through the financial aid department or by filling out the online scholarship form at http://financial.csusb.edu. It is open to any major and you need at least a 2.0 GPA. CSUSB employees can donate to the fund through payroll deductions. Anyone else interested in giving can make out a check to the CSUSB Foundation or go to the Foundation in person and give them cash or check and specify that their donation go to the "Friends of John Futch Textbook Endowment" fund.

For more information on the "College: Making it Happen" event, contact CSUSB's Admissions and Student Recruitment office at (909) 537-7668.

The "College: Making it Happen" event is designed to inform parents, teachers and counselors about the requirements needed to enter college. After the event, asking people to visit the CERT website. CERT is comprised of chief executive officers of the educational sectors and the state's long-range planning and coordinating agency.

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Email events@csusb.edu to make reservations for the event.

John Futch, retired director of the Cross Cultural Center, developed the fund to help students.

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An Evening with Gloria Steinem

Feminist Leader

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Tuesday, March 13

Smosu Events Center

Lecture: 7 to 8:50pm & Book Signing: 8:50 to 9:50pm

California State University San Bernardino

Center for Multicultural Student Services

http://www.scssb.csusb.edu/centers/student-services
Students found out just how “fat and ugly” their mothers were last Tuesday in the Staff Union.

The second annual “Snap Back” contest was sponsored by the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) to help commemorate Black History Month. Five students from CSUSB and UCR competed for $200 by trading humorous insults with one another. Jason Burke, of CSUSB, won the competition in the final round that almost turned physical.

The jokes exchanged between the two individuals stopped when Moreira revealed Burke’s list of pre-written jokes. “I mean they were funny; I just think the audience overreacted,” Moreira said. “I think my jokes were funnier because they were original.”

After Moreira took the lead of jokes from Burke’s vest pocket Burke started to confront Moreira. This confrontation earned SAAB officials to intervene and stop the event.

“Most jokes came from other people,” Burke said. “I have to give credit where credit is due.” SAAB officials allowed the duo to exchange more jokes just to decide who the victor would be. Burke won the competition when he proclaimed that "I only did it for the prize.” Burke said. “If this was judged fairly I wouldn’t have been disappointed in the first round.”

The second annual Snap Back Round put Burke up against Moreira for the $200 grand prize with the runoff-up winning two tickets to the Improv Comedy Club.

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The final ruling took place members of the African American Fraternities Alpha Psi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi participated in multiple group dances to end the event.

According to wikipedia.com, snap is sometimes used to describe a personal insult.

The snap "back" meant to respond to someone who just insulted you and refer to people playing "the dozen.

Wikipedia states that "the dozen" is an African American oral tradition in which two people go head-to-head in a contest of often good-natured, often ribald "thumb-talk.'

Each put-down or "snap" the one and whole debate might be humiliating a skilled player may turn matters despite the decision.

CSUSB and UCR students watch as contestants from both schools engage in a battle of wits.

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Donate your bone marrow

CSUSB Students were given the opportunity to make a difference and possibly save a life by registering to be a bone marrow donor.

On Feb. 26, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) held a bone marrow drive at Prospect Park D behind the Student Health Center. The drive, which took place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., was completely free for students to join the donor registry which is a process that usually costs anywhere from $52 to $125.

Billy Collier of the NMDP Southern California Office hosted the event with the help of two student assistants, Alfonso Avila and Lani Barnes.

The process was simple and painless. Students were given clipboards with information about being a donor and the required paperwork needed to sign up.

Next they were asked to provide a sample of their cheek cells for tissue typing and then they were given a donor card.

Now all they have to do is wait for a match. This process can take many years to complete.

Bone marrow is the soft fatty tissue found inside bones in our body. A transplant is needed in people with diseases like leukemia or aplastic anemia who no longer have healthy bone marrow.

For many of these patients this is the only hope they have of beating these fatal diseases of the blood.

Every year about 30,000 children and adults are diagnosed with life-threatening diseases that can be cured with a bone marrow transplant.

Of these, only about 30 percent will find a match in their family and the remaining 70 percent must search for a match, according to NMDP.

The National Marrow Donor Program currently has the largest and most diverse list of volunteer donors in the world with 6 million.

Dispite such high numbers of donor the registry, NMDP are regularly searching for more people to sign up. Especially people who identify themselves as American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic, or other Pacific Islander, or multiracial.

"Because tissue types are inherited the most likely match is with someone from the same racial or ethnic group," stated the NMDP website.

If you missed the drive but are interested in signing up to be a donor you can register at the NMDP website, www.marrow.org, but here you will be required to pay the cost of the tissue-typing.

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Celsius is a new energy drink hoping to substitute for coffee, and other caffeinated beverages.

Insolia releases some high-heeled pain

"I am HEARTBROKEN to report that, yes, I didn't feel much better. I did feel a little awkward, and, yeah, maybe, in terms of the few women still wearing heels, HBN just does not feel right up there with other energy drinks that can raise the metabolic rate ... can elevate hypertension, it can aggravate irregular heartbeats, and [with] people with diabetes it can actually raise the blood glucose levels temporarily!" 

Thomas Johnston, a CSUSB junior and a regular when it comes to downing energy drinks, said he was introduced to Insolia at a Goodwill in December, I wore very high heels for over eight hours. 

Today we are on the market.

Celsius, two degrees above coffee

Those who can't live a day without Starbucks coffee, Celsius or Red Bull, have been given aseparch, no-earth alternative if they choose to accept it. Celsius wins, of the 2005 Best New Beverage Award, is a metabolism-missing, 10-calorie energy drink with ingredients such as Green Tea, Cinnamon, B Vitamins and Vitamin C.

Manufacturers claim that Celsius raises men's metabolism about 12 percent for up to three hours after consumption. The result is a "sustained increase in energy and extra calories burned," according to the drink's website. However, the creators of Celsius make it clear that this drink is not to be thought of as a magical weight-loss drink, but rather a substitute for avoid consumers of energy drinks, coffee and soda. And even though Celsius has no caffeine, no sugar, no artificial preservatives and no high fructose corn syrup, it does have the equivalent caffeine of about two cups of coffee.

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Coyote radio howling worldwide

Kim Velasquez
Staff Writer

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Daniel Ottunga
News Editor

Kathleen, a hairstylist from Brooklyn, NY, was the first girl eliminated during the eight cycle premieres of the CW Network’s hit reality series America’s Next Top Model (ANTM).

The pool of contestants now stands at 12 after her elimination. The first episode of ANTM aired last week on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007 at 8 p.m. As usual, the show furnished viewers with gory modeling advice for a big break in the modeling industry.

By the end of the season premiere, Tyra Banks had 15 finalists to choose from, but the competition began with thousands of contestants from different states.

By one, each of them stood before Banks and her panel of judges hoping to make enough of an impression to make it on the show. Most of them did not make it known.

After the field was narrowed down to 15 hopefuls, the photos and pants were sent to their first photo shoot with photographer Nige Barker. In addition of photo shoots, Tyra Manuel assigned each of the contestants a particular view point they were supposed to convey in a photo shoot.

Kathleen was supposed to convey "anti-fur" sentiment in her photograph, but she had a difficult time during the shoot.

"I had some help from Banks and her panel of judges to make it on the show," Kathleen said.

"I liked being on the show. I enjoyed everything from the start to the finish. I enjoyed making friends and meeting new people," Kathleen said.

"When asked if she regretted trying out for ANTM, Kathleen responded, "I have no regrets about doing the show. I enjoyed myself. I enjoyed every bit of the show."

"The most memorable moment on the show was the Goodwill runway competition. "I felt the challenges. The Goodwill one was my favorite," Kathleen said.

"Overall it was an amazing experience. Tyra was very nice. She’s really pretty. The other judges were cool. I learned a lot on the show. I plan to continue modeling and working hard," Kathleen concluded.

Kathleen, is the first contestant eliminated from America’s Next Top Model.
Nomadic experience

Ashley Thomas
Staff Writer

Young Americans lack basic knowledge of foreign countries, cultures and international matters, according to Global Nomads Group. This group, as well as Semester at Sea, seeks to expand youth awareness of other cultures.

During the fall of 2005, Global Nomads Group and Semester at Sea presented CURRENTS, an international education program using American youth with their peers around the world via videoconferencing and the Internet, to discuss the most pressing global issues of the time and work together to help solve them.

The Institute for Shipboard Education exists out of the recognition that, as an increasingly interdependent world, there is a vital need to advance the exchange of knowledge and understanding between cultures.

The Institute is dedicated to combining academic excellence with challenging experiential programming.

The Global Nomads Group's purpose is to foster dialogue and understanding among the world's youth.

GNG offers programs that deepen young people's understanding of foreign cultures, and spark their interest in the world and its people.

The programs offer students a taste of foreign places that they might never have the opportunity to visit on their own, bringing Global Nomads Group students the opportunity to become informed and culturally aware world citizens.

The Global Nomads Group programs aim to increase collaboration and dialogue between students of different cultures and nationalities, highlight critical world issues and to provide an educational framework in which students can become active leaders in their own education.

DeAnna Yslas
Staff Writer

Classic stories and childhood fantasies have been told in many different versions by many different cultures. The CSUSB Theater Arts Department is performing a play based on a Greek fairy tale that takes place in a modern day California. The performance was called "Electricidad.""Electricidad,” which is one of the best-known fairy tales, is based on a story from the French called "Vendarmant," and our modern 300-year-old tale is the French "Cendrillon" by Charles Perrault.

Although these stories differ, they usually include an evil stepmother and step-siblings, a doomed father or father, a gathering such as a ball, a chance meeting with a person of high status, a lost article and a search that ends with success.

The Egyptian Cinderella story is about a Greek slave girl living in Egypt who is teased by the servants about her coloring. One of her new-gold slippers is carried to the pharaoh's court and he finds her after searching for the slipper's owner.

The Theater Arts Department is taking a story that has been changed through different cultures, just as Cinderella was. "Electricidad," by playwright Lois Provenzano was first performed in Athens in 300 B.C. In this myth, the character Electrica and her brother murdered their mother Cyrenaica for murdering their father. "Electricidad" is based on a Greek fairy tale that bas been translated into an L.A. barrio.

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"I was taken by the play's combination of humor and heart and by its rich characterization," Provenzano said. "My only concern was that I was very Anglo director attacking a piece that is so culturally specific." Provenzano had his cast, which consisted of all but one Hispanic student, contact their immediate and extended families or acquaintances to research and get an insight into Latina gang life.

"The Theater Arts Department features different types of plays, but chose this one when they read about it in "American Theater Magazine." From these they decided to use it, considering our school's diverse and largely Hispanic-fattened campus.

Aieder's stirring language highlights both the tragedy and the comedy of life with an ethos of "Spanglish," mixing Spanish and American slang.

The play is disturbing, heart-breaking and full of laughter; audiences only, warm the Theater Arts Department webpage.

"Electricidad" will be showing March 9, 10, 11, 10 and 11 at 8:00 p.m. and March 11 and 12 at 2:00 p.m. The tickets are available at the Performing Arts box office for $5 for students, $8 for seniors, $10 for the general public.

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English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher is based in a southern California barrio where the character Electricidad finds herself. Electricidad’s brother, Clinecilia, is a former rodeo queen, and Electricidad is a modern take on a classic Greek tragedy.

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Asian-American spotlight

Clarissa Zamora
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The CSUSB program “Asian Roundtable” held its third annual event on March 1. The Asian Roundtable program promotes awareness of Asian-American culture and studies, and spotlights campus scholars who have disciplinary specialties in the area. The program also aims to support the development of a program in Asian studies at CSUSB.

Philosophy and religion, Vietnamese-American culture and doing business in Asia are three topics to be presented and discussed at this event.

Linda Yeh Vo, who attended high school in San Bernadino and is now a professor in the department of Asian-American studies at the University of California, Irvine, was one of the speakers.

Four sessions followed the Welcome Remarks spoken by Preston Lopez Fernandez and Erik Vargus, Dean of College of Arts and Letters, both at CSUSB.

Session one was titled “Religious Tolerance” and discussed two of the world’s major religions, Buddhism and Buddhism. Wars between countries and disputes between two or more ethnic groups in many countries have started mainly due to different religious values and beliefs.

Exemples were presented of tolerance and harmony in two countries, Nepal and Thailand, whose citizens have embraced the beauty of both religions.

Session two was “The Value of Buddhist Methodology for Contemporary American College Students.”

Buddhist methodology offers students more than information about beliefs from an ancient religion in the East, and it is often considered more than a religion. Rather, Buddhism offers students a methodology for understanding themselves and opportunities to overcome pervasive cultural distortions.

“Defining Trans-National Asian-American Connections, Ethnic Communities and Networks,” examined how larger structural factors affect the formation of trans-national Asian-American communities.

This is especially true with newer communities such as the Vietnamese-American ones. These trans-national connections are complicated by issues like generational differences as well as differenten in class, gender and citizenship status.

The fourth session was titled “Doing Business in Asia.” Many American companies have benefited from Chinese economic growth, as evidenced by rapid and sustained increases in U.S. exports to China.

Some of the more important issues related to doing business in China were covered, including an overview of the Chinese market, political and economic environments, selling U.S. products and services, leading sectors for U.S. and also discussed were export and investment, trade regulations and standards, trade and project financing and business travel.

For more information on the Asian Roundtable, contact the university’s public affairs office at (909) 537-8000.

Radical Moments in Women’s History

4000 - 3500 B.C.
According to Sumerian legend, the goddess Tiamat created the universe.

2700 B.C.
Merit Pah was the earliest recorded female doctor.

2640 B.C.
The Ming dynasty, empress of China, is credited with developing the process for removing thread from the cocoon of the silk worm.

51 B.C.
Cleopatra VII is queen of Egypt.

6-1000 A.D.
Japanese author Murasaki Shikibu writes The Tale of Genji, generally considered the world’s first novel.

1429
Joan of Arc liberated Orleans, France, from English rule. She is burned at the stake in 1431.

1492
Queen Isabella approves the expedition to America led by Christopher Columbus; they land in the Bahamas.

1718
Mary Montagu introduced smallpox vaccine to England.

1762
Catherine the Great became ruler of Russia.

1792
Mary Wollstonecraft’s A Vindication of the Rights of Women is published.

1843
Siddhartha Truth lectured about suffrage and abolition.

Anything but a drag

Jesse Sandevo
Staff Writer

“Winter Wonderland” was the first-ever drag ball at CSUSB, held Thursday March 1. This event was presented by the Pride Center in order to bring entertainment to the campus community as well as to show part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) culture.

The drag performances were set to be his party will essentially run from 9 p.m. until midnight.

According to glbtq.com, the performance of female impersonators has come to be associated particularly with the LGBT community. This is why the Pride Center decided to make this a big event and invite everyone, not only those who are gay, to bring people together.

“A drag queen is somebody who gets out, puts on an outfit together, puts on makeup together by themselves, their act, their dance and picks up a song that they are going to do,” drag performer Mayhem said. “Then she goes out and does it at front of a whole bunch of people who are looking very carefully at every single detail, shoes, hair, dress, makeup performance.”

During the party’s initial phases, Rosenberg was very specific that she did not want anyone that was a bad performer.

“All the people that are coming are excellent performers, they really know how to entertain and they have awesome costumes and numbers to show,” Rosenberg said. “So everyone can anticipate a great show.”

Winter Wonderland promised to be a wild night of drag and dance.

Rosenberg said it would be a dirty night, with everyone getting “a little crazy.”

Party poppers will be given out at the entrance, and food and refreshments provided for everyone between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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Many other college campuses host the same kind of event every year. University of California, Riverside does it for several years in a row, calling it a “Dragtacular.”

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**Mercenaries, and the Americans who love them**

Cheryl del Rosario
Bay View

Another controversial issue can now be added to the war in Iraq: mercenaries. Private security forces working under government contracts can be considered a double-edged sword. These private security forces are called mercenaries because they fight and protect for money and not for patriotic reasons. At the forefront of this issue is a company called Blackwater, one of the most prominent mercenary firms.

Blackwater is a private security force with up to 20,000 members that are contracted out by the U.S. government to perform military duties as a supplement to the available American soldiers in the Middle East.

The company has many skeptics because they favor Republican politicians and have contributed to many Republican campaigns.

The Bush administration has paid $20 million to the international firm June 2004, which is $10 million dollars over the budget the State

department allocated for their Worldwide Personal Protective Service Program.

Blackwater has been operating in the Middle East since the U.S. military overthrew the Taliban government from power in Afghanistan.

The company has also done security work domestically. After hurricane Katrina, the government hired Blackwater to do security work in the city of New Orleans. Currently, Blackwater agents are hired to prevent antigovernment demonstrations in Iraq including all three ambulances during the occupation.

In March of 2004, however, four members of the Blackwater security force were killed after their envoy was ambushed by insurgents in Najaf. Three of the four agents killed at the insurgers were found hanging from a bridge that crossed the Euphrates River.

This event drew much criticism against Blackwater and a lawsuit by the families of the four agents filed against Blackwater citing that the company provided insufficient protection.


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**'Unhooked' on 'hooking up'**

Michelle Graham  Staff Writer

Laura Stapp, author of "Unhooked: How Young Women Pursue Sex, Delay Love and Lose at Both" demonstrates what happenings with relationships, how we get here and what can be done about it.

With college societies full of meaningless relationships, casual sex and hooking up, it is about time we took some intervention took place. Our generation expects instant gratification. It is no wonder we think about sex and the unbridled, cell phones, Blackberries and instant technology that this trend has taken over in the field that we used to know as dating.

"Some women wonder why they seem to be incapable of having a meaningful relationship with a man; the truth is that they haven't learned how. 'Hooking up is the most common way young people relate intimately with each other,'" according to Stapp. This book talks what most young women have gone through and truly puts it into perspective.

One aspect the book addresses is how young women are accepting that young men do not have to work on any kind of long-standing relationship. Standards have been lowered and sexual expectations have been raised. Chapter one is "Unhooked" quotes a girl saying, "The girls made all the effort. The guys didn't have to do anything."

Stapp discovers that the second phrase known as "hooking up" is not strictly defined. She finds that "hooking up" can mean anything from a kiss to sexual intercourse.

Stapp points out that a few decades ago, "With some exceptions, intercourse took place within a relationship that, at least on the young woman's part, implied some degree of commitment, and it followed several earlier stages of commitment." Throughout Stapp's research she finds that the falsification "hooking up" brings at the moment is replaced by feelings of regret later.

The "Reformation movement" included women having the ability to have a sexual appetite, available birth control and lowered abortion laws among other things. According to Stapp, "Feminism is undeniably a driving force behind the phenomenon of 'hooking up.'"

Stapp said, "In earlier decades, a woman's worth was determined by forming a husband and children. By the '70s, most viable leaders of the women's movement were saying that living yourself and the, pre-defined goal. Marriage equaled slavery; living another equalized bondage; and flirtation equaled game-playing. Wanting a man for anything other than pleasure meant that you had sold out to the patriarchal culture."

I agree that it is essential to truly love yourself before falling in love with another person. Stepp illustrates how a certain succession and exhilaration that started off as a positive thing got taken to an extreme, and lead to the death of others.

According to Stapp, "Feminists such as Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem made Americans aware of the sexual double standard and gave women permission to rethink what they wanted out of sex and relationships, including marriage."

"A girl can ask a Truman in her purse on a Saturday night, but there is no such device to protect her heart," Stepp advises.

William Callahan, a psychology professor at Harvard University said, "Girls who 'hook up' are too quick to believe that they can simply decide not to get hurt. Most girls have tried to impress it in their minds that knowing that "hooking up" with a particular guy will not leave them with any expectations."

The idea of experiencing pleasure for just one night is enticing, but it's too fast, sexual encounters with strangers pose a greater risk to the kind of passion we can create as a couple in love.

Remember, women have the power to negotiate the terms of any lovers' encounter, and Stepp would want us to strongly read this. This book captures what every female goes through sexually. I highly recommend it to every college woman. It provides so many thoughts on this issue. For me, it made me realize just how nice it would be to meet a gentleman, and feel respected and desired all at the same time.

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**'Unhooked' starts girls' sex education**

Michelle Graham/Chronicle

CSU/USF student Daniele Gonzalez spoke with Michelle Graham about the message in "Unhooked.

Teenagers savagely murder homeless Americans

Carolyn Graham
Staff Writer

There is a disturbing trend that is on the rise in America. Teenagers are killing homeless people on the street, just for sport.

Last year alone there were 132 attacks and 20 murders against the homeless according to the National Coalition for the Homeless.

The media is entitled to take some of the blame for much of the violence that is being inflicted by the youth of today.

We are living in an "anything goes" type of society which we feel can be very dangerous.

"Movies, music, video games and other types of media are influencing the youth, but that’s only part of the problem. Parents need to be held accountable for the actions of their kids."

Parents need to teach their children the difference between right and wrong.

The sad thing about it is that in some cases you have parents that are dangerously irresponsible.

Bob Rees was a homeless man who never did expect to see the hands of teenagers. He was already living a life of severe poverty on the streets, yet what happened next was nothing short of barbaric.

The teenagers first started to throw sticks and leaves at Bauer. They then proceeded to kick and pelt him in the face. They even used a baseball bat and a lead pipe on him.

One of the teenagers even snitched on his friends on Bauer and cut him with a knife. To top that off, after they killed him they went to McDonald's to grab a bite to eat.

CNN interviewed the teenagers responsible for this homeles crime. "It all started off as a game," Nathan Moore said. One of the teenagers, with the name Andrew Stoodles, told the police that the "boys" hinted him of playing a violent video game.

This is a sorry attempt of trying to put the blame on someone other than you. Nonetheless, this teenager is clearly disturbed. What type of kids, violating individuals would do such a thing?

CNN interviewed Michael Stoops, the executive director of the Washington-based National Coalition for the Homeless.

"It's disturbing to know that young people would literally kick someone when they're already due on their life," Stoops said.

"We recognize that this isn't every teenager, but for some this passas as entertainment.

Criminologists refer to these types of markers as "gangs.

Some teens have even videotaped themselves committing the act.

While the attack on Bauer happened in Wisconsin, attacks on the homeless by teens is on the rise everywhere. Six attacks occurred in Florida in 2006 alone. This is by no means an isolated incident.

According to the group, they are living in a time where individuals feel like they can do anything with little fear of any repercussion. According to Stoops, "We need to teach them to think what it means to think before you kick."

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Polo scores one flat win

Priscilla Cooper
Staff Writer

The Coyotes Women Water Polo team continued with another long weekend. The team is now 4-8 for the season. During this three-game weekend, the Coyotes came out with one win.

The team faced three competition, all which came from three different divisions. Their hardest match came from Cal State Bakersfield, who is now ranked number 11 in the nation. For the first match of the weekend the Coyotes lost against Cal State Northridge, 13-4. "My priorities start with my family, school and golf. In order for me to enjoy competition I have to get some golf in there," said Webster.

The next game was against Cal State Northridge, 9-7 and ended winning streak. The second game also started after both teams with the score 1-0 after three innings. In the fourth inning the Coyotes scored two more runs to give them the lead 3-0. The next two innings belonged to the Coyotes who scored five runs and gave them the lead going into the finalinning.

In the final inning CSUSB was able to score six runs and hold CSUSB to only two, which gave them the win 9-7 and ended their winning streak.

In the second double header it was Cal State who won both games. The Coyotes won the first game 8-3 and the second game by a score of 6-3.

CSUSB Senior, Brad Covington, came up big in the first game going three for four at the plate. Even with his stellar performance, it was not enough to overcome the Wildcats.

The second game left where the first one ended. The Coyotes came out strong and seem to plummet towards the end causing them to lose the game.
A loss will only make the Coyotes stronger

Roberta Cortes Ruiz

The Coyotes have most losses for their doubles matches. Leuthold and Co-Captain Sherry Leuthold played against Cal Poly with a score of 4-6, 6-4, and the tiebreaker was 6-10.

The losses have only made the team stronger," Coach Langley said. "We know that we need to work harder on being more consistent during the matches and building our stamina."

Although the team has not had the best start this season they are not letting that effect the way they play.

The Coyotes are playing harder than ever before and those matches are only making the team better according to Langley.

"If the girls the famous quote 'you can't beat us, until you compete against the best'. So, we are playing tougher teams to make us better and a more well-rounded team," Langley said.

The team has room for improvement and that is what they are doing. Taking their weaknesses from previous games and practicing to not make the same errors.

"The team who makes the fewest errors is probably going to win," Langley said.

Coyote Daron Fernandez making a request of a senior teammate, Langley said. "I know that he has noticed that the team will do well in their first set but then drop in the second.

"They are getting tired and not focusing on their strokes in the second set as well as the first. Maybe I am working them too hard," Langley stated.

There are still nine games left in the tennis season. The team has plenty of games to prove to everyone that they can really do.

"We are looking forward to seeing some more wins. I expect the girls to play well against Bakersfield, Sonoma State, and Cal Poly Pomona," Langley said. "They have always been playing them the second time around because we know what to expect."}

Robert Whitehead/CSCUSB

The Coyotes have now won 20 of more games in a season eight of the last nine games. Although the Coyotes are No.1 in the CCAA to date (15-7) in games, No. 3 in field goal percentage (49.2) and 3-point field goal percentage (37.3), No. 4 in scoring defense (70.8), but the weak link is defend the three-point (CUSSB is last in the CCAA, allowing opponents to shoot 39 percent from long range).

The win was fueled with Michelle Calderon on third and Lindsay Calderon at bat. While at bat she was walked, making Michelle Calderon to walk in the third RBI of the game. The next score came when senior Jamie Lowe hit a single in the right field and advanced to second on a ground steal. She then stole third and scored on a hit by senior Lindsay Caldwell.

In the first game, the Coyotes came out with RBIs made by Dahl and senior Megan Spano to take an early lead in the second inning. In the third the Coyotes scored three runs to lead the Otters 5-0. Dahl hit a homerun with two on bases.

The next homestand of the game came from junior Nicole Cannata, in the fourth inning. In the same inning Lowe hit a homerun with one on base. A total of three RBIs were scored during the game, leading the Coyotes to victory in game one.

The Coyotes lost the second game 4-3.

In the second inning, the Coyotes had a 3-1 lead before Cal State Monterey Bay Ottters tied it up 3-3.

During game two, the Coyotes took the lead early in the first inning when senior Michelle Calderon led off with a solo shot. The win was fueled with Michelle Calderon on third and Lindsay Calderon at bat. While at bat she was walked, making Michelle Calderon to walk in the third RBI of the game. The next score came when senior Jamie Lowe hit a single in the right field and advanced to second on a ground steal. She then stole third and scored on a hit by senior Lindsay Caldwell.