Firestorms sweep Southland

CSUSB in the wake of disaster

Nick De Leon
Staff Writer

The damages CSUSB sustained during its week-long closure have tentatively resulted in over $20,000 in costs with some invoices still to be totaled, according to reports from CSUSB Facilities Services.

The campus was closed from Oct. 22-26 due to damage from high winds and health risks from smoke and toxic air from the wildfires.

After CSUSB was imposed, concerns arose over how the evacuation of the campus was handled, what decisions led to the campus being closed for an entire week and what impact the lost time might have on returning students and faculty.

Evacuation of students, faculty and staff from campus on Oct. 22 served to trigger "unnecessary traffic snarls," according to CSUSB President Albert Karrig.

"We partially dealt with the evacuation issue beginning next January when we open the loop road around the university - with exits at Little Mountain (on the east side of campus) and Ash Street (on the west side)," President Karrig said. "In addition, we're likely to stagger the departure of staff from campus, as well as improve the manner in which we communicate the closure of classes."

The winds served as an obstacle until Wednesday, Oct. 24, when the decision was made by President Karrig to keep campus closed through Friday evening.

"The decision to cancel classes through Friday was rooted in the need to clear the campus of fallen trees, debris and trash, repair or re-route campus signs, to allow external air pollution to abate," Karrig said.

Karrig added that the need to check the campus was attributed, "especially to [changing] air filters, check air handlers, and test to assure that the interior air quality of all buildings met appropriate standards before there was a general return to campus.

Questions have arisen concerning the effect the week-long closure may have on the schedule for the remainder of the quarter.

One possibility that was rejected by both faculty and students was the extension of classes by a week.

"After consideration of a host of options, the decision has been made to continue the quarter in accord with its previously scheduled dates," Karrig said in an email to faculty.

Kevin Doyle, associate director for Facilities Services, said that a variety of departments within Facilities Services worked to clean up the campus by Oct. 26.

"Personnel coordinated removal of downed trees and branches and picked up trash and debris throughout campus paths, courtyards, door entrances and Student Housing areas," Doyle said. "They also cleaned all paths of travel and removed numerous unsafe impediments to accessibility."

"Hearing and Air Conditioning inspected and replaced building air ventilation filters, Phonovac equipment, and thoroughly cleaned and re-treatment the

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Kristal McGee
Staff Writer

Last week over 14,289 acres were consumed in the massive fires in San Bernardino County. In those 14,289 acres, over 4,000 acres and buildings were destroyed and 67 were damaged at a total cost of $24.1 million.

There were no fatalities and 5 people were injured in the fires of San Bernardino County.

"Evacuation for San Bernardino County was our priority, saving lives through fire, then ensuring the fires," Assistant Fire Chief Tim Sappok said.

Students at CSUSB were encouraged to evacuate along with other local communities near the campus.

"On Oct. 21, 2007 students were told they could evacuate. I continued to stay on Campus until Oct. 23, 2007 when my RA came to my apartment and asked if I wanted to evacuate, so I did," CSUSB student Jon Higgins said. The "Little mountain fire" at the University exit on the I-215 caused the school and access to surrounding areas to be closed. This is not the first time the school has been shut down due to fires.

In 2001, the fires actually reached the campus and students were evacuated.

"Old Fire" was eventually contained and controlled, "I remember the Old Fire was important and I wanted to be safe, rather than sorry," Higgins said.

The fires in San Bernardino County are contained and continue to burn. Highways 330 and 18 were closed for several days due to the fires and are now open to mountain access.

The National Orange Show was home for several evacuees for the last few days. Majors, Neuros Regional Park and Yucaipa Regional Park were homes for several families that had turned and recreational vehicles according to the San Bernardino County Operational Area.

Animal shelter was provided to several animals that were found and rescued. Financial assistance is available for pet owners through United Animal Nations (UAN), UAN is offering assistance grants of up to $500 to help victims of the fires in Southern California care for their pets.

Along with the fires in San Bernardino County, there were several fires in San Diego and a fire in Orange County.

In San Diego County, over 370,012 acres were consumed by the fire. Along with the acres, over 3,046 homes and buildings were destroyed and 367 were damaged with a total cost of $42.5 million in damage.

In Orange County, the fire consumed over 28,445 acres, destroyed 334 homes and damaged 264 with a total cost of $11.6 million in damage.

Within San Diego and Orange County there were over 187 people injured with two fatalities this date.

The fires have been contained.
Man shot, killed following high speed chase

Adriana Vargas
Staff Writer

A vehicle pursuit that began Oct. 28, 2010, resulted in a shootout and a man being killed.

On Oct. 28, shortly before 6 p.m., CSUSB Police (CPSUSB) and the San Bernardino Police Department (CSUSBPD) stopped a man in a pick-up truck north of the campus.

The man fled, leading Cal State police on a lengthy chase. After being asked by the police to stop, the man shot the police, killing one officer and wounding another.

The shooting took place in a wooded area near the campus. The suspect was later identified as a male in his early 20s.

The investigation is ongoing, and the CSUSBPD is working closely with the San Bernardino Police Department to find additional leads.

The CSUSBPD is remindering employees to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

CSUSBPD remains on schedule:

There has been much speculation about whether the quarter will be extended due to campus closure. After deliberation, the administration decided that the quarter will remain on schedule and not be extended.

CSUSBPD steps up

Coronel Gutierrez
Staff Writer

CSUSBPD's police department has been chosen as one of eight police agencies in the nation to test a new national law enforcement strategy.

The program aims to improve law enforcement's response and investigation capabilities by increasing the number of law enforcement agencies involved.

The program was implemented through a visit to the CSUSBPD's department and was chosen by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to test the new strategy.

The CSUSBPD is excited about the opportunity to test the new strategy and is working closely with the department to ensure the success of the program.

The CSUSBPD is remindering employees to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Funds for foster youth

Melanie Hunter
Staff Writer

The Foster Youth Program has been successful in its efforts to help keep children in foster care and provide them with the resources they need to succeed.

The program has been in existence since 2008 and has served 15 students to date.

The program is beneficial to those who are working towards attending college, as it provides financial assistance, guidance, and support.

The program is currently accepting applications for the fall semester.

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The fires that swept through the Southland burned more than 412,746 acres, destroying a total of 2,521 homes and buildings. It caused an estimated $77.2 million in damages. The high winds that facilitated the fires caused damages on campus. Before classes resumed, campus-wide roof inspections were conducted; custodial crews deep-cleaned all building interiors; temporary power lines were repaired; and replacements and readjustments were made for all windows and automatic doors and safety-related traffic signs that were damaged.
Alarm response etiquette

Leslie Sevillano  Staff Writer

During a campus emergency or evacuation, there are five things to do and means, an emergency evacuation campus re-opens.

1. Be kind and give a helping hand to those who need it such as classmates or professors. You may also bring medical assistance, use any campus transportation will be connected with the campus.

2. Follow directions given by those in charge.

3. Calmly evacuate your building when an emergency alarm sounds. Follow directions given by those in charge

4. Locate nearest means of exit.

5. If on campus, check your CSUSB e-mail for alerts. Stay off campus until further notice.

Communication will also be ways of letting students know about the situation at hand. You can help by sending out a text message, getting onto your mobile phone and calling your friends.

There are also emergency routes for passing along pertinent information on school closure.

Third, calmly evacuate your transportation and leave in a calm manner. You don't want to rush out and crash your car or hurt yourself or others. If you do not have transportation, then proceed to the nearest bus stop and they will assist you.

Outside transportation will most likely not be able to get on campus because roads will be closed to enter campus.

Just like when campus was closed because of the winds, communication will also be ways of letting students know about the situation at hand. You can help by sending out a text message, getting onto your mobile phone and calling your friends.

Fourth, if there is an immediate evacuation don't underestimate the alarms and orders given to you. Don't think that you still have time to relax with your friends on campus.

Fifth, after an evacuation you will not be able to return to campus until it is responded to, so be prepared to continuously check your e-mail for notifications.

If you do not have an e-mail address then you need to get one as soon as possible.

Do not come to campus and try to ask someone because everyone will be gone.

This should help us to remember things to do when there is an on campus evacuation and some things to do.

For more on CSUSB evacuation plans please visit http://safety.csusb.edu.

Pictured above is a photo captured by firefighter and CSUSB Junior Scott Nurybnor. Captured this photo on his camera phone when he fought this house fire in Running Springs.

The Roman Catholic Newman Ministry Club at CSUSB

History

The Campus Ministry Movement was established in the University setting since 1983. A group of members of the Newman Club at the University of Pennsylvania. This club had the same purpose and has been named after John Henry Cardinal Newman, who was the English leader in the nineteenth century intellectual renewal in the church and was later chosen as the great patron of artists and scientists in our country.

As you can see, campus ministry has been present for quite a while and will continue flourishing, I personally invite you to become part of the Newman Club. Just as these previous clubs are partners in coming together to share, grow, and practice our faith through our social gatherings, bible study, support groups, music opportunities, spiritual retreats and community service activities. Learn why we are so very into, and what better way to join a faith group and have the opportunity of meeting new friends!

Upcoming Events:

• Mass Celebration with Fr. Jerry Alcette
  Date: November 26th
  Where: East Campus (Lower Commons)
  Time: 10:00 AM
  HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATED

For more information contact:

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Yotes can help

Pablo Garcia  Staff Writer

The recent fire that devastates San Bernardino residents have also brought the community together. People have opened their hearts and wallets to help those devastated by the fire.

In one day, the American Red Cross raised $1.2 million from the surrounding community.

Thousands of people from San Bernardino County were evacuated to the Orange Show Fairgrounds. They left their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

"My grandparents were evicted from their home and they came to stay with us. I can only imagine how people who had to go Orange Show grounds felt," says Ricardo Chavez.

You are able to almost anyone on campus and we can help you in this hour of need by the American Red Cross.

In times of disaster, blood reserves are low.

The Red Cross provides a blood bank that can save thousands of lives each year. People visit any of its various locations in San Bernardino and Riverside counties to donate their blood.

Local businesses like Wells Fargo bank and the New Car Dealership Association have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Red Cross. Sometimes each of us are affected by the fire.

People can make donations at the nearest San Bernardino Red Cross which is located at 252 W. 5th St. in San Bernardino.

They can also be contacted by phone at 1-800-448-5555. Monetary donations can also be made online at www.redcross.org.

American Red Cross

Flames can’t stop our howl

Stephanie Salvador  Staff Writer

"I live in Redlands. We had one day but that was it. I felt like we were lucky. It was disappointing to lose a week off of school because these are always things that I want to get done in time and a week is a lot of time to lose. What struck me was how hard it was the first day back because you look at people and you just don't know what to say. The range is from people who have just had a week off, to people who have probably lost their homes to some people and some people were really bad for all those people that were affected.

Erik Mora CSUSB Junior

"It was a big inconvenience for me to drive here and leave right away. I was a little happy in a way that school was canceled but I was skeptical about it because I feel bad for all those people that were affected. It was nice to see some families come back to school just a week off of school but on the other end I feel bad."

Thomas Moody CSUSB Philosophy professor

"At first I was worried because I didn't know what was going to happen. I wasn’t sure if we were going to have to leave. On Tuesday morning at about 6:00 am people came and knocked on our doors and told me that we were having a voluntary evacuation. We had been told since Monday to have our things ready and packed in case we had to be evacuated. If you had to leave we had to be ready to go in fifteen minutes. I was able to return back to school on Tuesday night but then I was told that school was canceled for the rest of the week."

Teresa Ramirez CSUSB freshman

"Me and my brother were moving some extra stuff into my dorm. When we walked outside a guy approached me and said "Hey did you see that tree that fell and landed on a car?" My brother who was ahead of me looked to his left and said "He's dead." I was mad but I wasn’t shocked that this happened to my car and even a little embarrassed because there were a couple people that were standing in front and the car looking at what had happened. It felt like a rainy day because I couldn't go anywhere and it was almost a little depressing."

Evan Robledo CSUSB freshman

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Air quality remains a mystery

Melissa Levesque  Staff Writer

The winds have died down and the fires are contained but for some, worries about air conditions still linger.

Air quality was considered to be unhealthy for up to five days after the Southern California fires started according to Airnow, a government agency that works in accordance with the National Association of Clean Air Agencies.

At this point the air quality is central San Bernardino ranges from good to moderate. So what is there to worry about?

Surprisingly, not much.

"If there are no underlying health conditions, generally it (the smoke) is not a problem," CSUSB physician Dr. Shun Pai said. That is not to say that no one will be affected by the particulates left in the air after the fires are long gone.

"There is probably no long term significant damage on people who are normal," Dr. Pai said. "It is worse in people who are high risk."

High-risk individuals include children, elderly and people with pre-existing health conditions such as heart disease, asthma and allergies.

Air pollution poses a greater risk to children because they breathe in more air per pound than adults and their systems are more efficient at trapping pollutants.

"Because of this, air pollution can affect children up to nine times more harshly than adults," said Robert Rabin, director of Air Quality at the Regional Air Pollution Health Effects Laboratory. "This is important because asthma has become the number one chronic disease keeping kids out of school."

The most pollutant from the smoke comes from fine particles suspended in the air. These fine particles can irritate the respiratory system. Exposure to high concentrations can cause temporary headaches, shortness of breath, itchy eyes, runny noses and even bronchitis according to the Air Resources Board.

A concern that has been posed is whether the general public runs a higher risk of getting cancer or other long term health problems after exposure to wildfire smoke.

People who are exposed to toxic air pollutants at high concentrations for long periods of time have a slightly higher risk of cancer or other chronic health problems, according to the Air Resources Board.

In general the long term risk from short term smoke exposure is low.

"We have fantastic healing capacities," Dr. Pai said.

The remaining ash and particulates in the air are relative for some.

"We might have to breathe in a little ash but it's worse for other people...It's more about what happened, people that lost their homes have it much worse," CSUSB Freshman Regis said.

Don't stress over CBEST

The preparation for the GRE can feel overwhelming; especially if you're finishing your senior year.

Gabriel Lobato  Staff Writer

The testing that follows many undergraduate's education as they pursue graduate programs can be overwhelming and stressful. An entire future potentially rests on one test instead of years of schooling which seems a little unfair.

Everyone has heard of standardized graduate school testing like the GRE (Graduate Record Examination), and CBEST (California Basic Education Skills Test).

"People should at least briefly go over the material in preparation for the CBEST without much worry." Nertha Arroyo, a vice principal at Belvedere Elementary in Highland, CA said.

The CBEST covers reading, writing and mathematics requiring a score of 415 out of 800 or higher in each individual section or an overall score of 125 or higher.

An advantage to the CBEST is that no person has to pass all three sections in one sitting. People can go into the test looking to perform well in one section without stressing over the entire test.

According to Dr. Sang Nam, professor in the Special Education program, those who plan to take the CBEST should not worry too greatly because it is a basic standardized test.

"CBEST is a necessary test that fulfills a purpose and is valid," Dr. Nam said.

All the schooling an individual goes through is supposed to prepare them for the test without too much additional preparation.

The GRE has a general subject test that covers quantitative reasoning, verbal and analytical writing that are not meant to be at the basic level like the CBEST.

There are specific subject tests that the GRE gives out, such as mathematics and psychology. Law schools require the LSAT (Law School Admission Council) test and teachers also take the CSET (California Subject Examination for Teachers). These all require separate testing.

Some graduate schools may require a specific test but on an individual basis; people should research their particular school enough time in advance.

This will keep them away from any surprises.

People may compare these exams to the SAT but a person's future can be substantially set with a Master's degree and the potential to get an individual can be huge.

Other factors like a student's GPA and coursework can influence whether that student is accepted.

The GRE costs $140 compared to $41 for the CBEST as many people pass over the GRE because of the cost.

Resources are plentiful for preparation for any graduate school exam in the books as well as the internet.

Practise exams are always a good idea and are accessible easily through test websites and books such as the Princeton Review.

A definite advantage to students in education who take the CBEST is that there are many programs available to students who wish to attend.

Testing will always be stressful to some people but there are opportunities that will help people relax.

Melissa Levesque/Chronicle  CSUSB Freshman Regis shares her thoughts on the fires.
Universal's haunts provide a welcome "fire" distraction

Erika Ramirez Staff Writer

On Halloween night, Universal City Walk in Hollywood, Calif. allowed children to put on their costumes and go trick-or-treating around the shops and restaurants and escape the smoke and fire that has been affecting Southern California. According to USA Today, more than 100,000 people that were affected by the wild fires had to evacuate their homes.

Bazr Lightyear-Transformers Robots, the Little Mermaid, and the incredibles were just some of the costumers seen around the city walls. Children were not the only ones dressed up.

Mothers and fathers also dressed up to match their children.

"My sister's friends live in Arrowhead and they were forced to evacuate their home," Riverside resident Nick Ebat said. "We decided to go to Universal Studios to go trick-or-treating because I'd be a lot better for the kids, and it's something different to do to keep the kids' minds off not being able to go home." Ebat added.

Many people attended Universal Studios Hollywood Horror Nights to unwind and get their minds off the wild fires. Monsters and ghouls wielding chainsaws were among a few of the costumers featured at the horror nights even.

When first entering the park, thrill-seekers are wel­come by dancing zombie women, blood-covered mimes, and other such scary sights.

The makeup and special effects got more impressive as guests ventured into the park. Halloween Horror Nights has four mazes, each corre­sponding with a famous horror movie. Halloween killer such as Jason Voorhees, who kills babysitters, Freddy Krueger of Nightmare on Elm Street fame, Leatherface from The Texas Chainsaw Massacre and Chucky - the terror team ride takes park guests into the back lots of Universal Studios and allows them to walk around. Zombies, clowns and ghouls pop out at every corner when you'll continue down the path.

Park-goers are taken by surprise when water and hang­ing string crack up spectators.

"We got to see the plane crash from the movie War of the Worlds. It was pretty cool," Ebat said.

Not only does Halloween Horror Nights have mazes, they have designated scary zones where zombies, mon­sters, ghouls and devils come out of the smoke to scare unsuspecting individuals.

"The fires made the air quality bad and I found it hard to breathe because I have asth­ma," Los Angeles resident Melissa Salas said.

"It was easy to not think about thought because of the fires. It was a stress-reliever," Salas added.

Halloween Horror Nights had shows for people who weren't a big fan of the maze.

"Bill and Ted's Halloween Adventure, Slaughter World, Chucky's Thrash Emporium and Dirty Magic Tricks were just some of the entertainment pro­vided.

"The fires affected me much later than I had thought. Throughout the week I had bloodshot eyes, but then later I developed hay fever," Anaheim resident Ramit Sethia said.

"Halloween Horror Nights relieved a lot of stress because it was the one time where I didn't have to think about the fires, and could just focus on having fun," he added.

"It was nice that I had a chance to experience the museum for the first time. I was very successful," she added.

Spider webs and dim lights created a spooky atmosphere as guests walked through the museum's collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts.

The event kicked off with group tours throughout the museum.

Tour guide Tiffany Talavera took the groups to certain artifacts and explained the history of each piece.

Talavera's tour included artifacts like mumified pars of Egyptian rulers, Onasis, an Egyptian god, and Shabti tools.

"I gave three tours with about 12 people in each one," said Talavera. "The tours were designed to focus on the spooky objects the museum has.

Each tour lasted approxi­mately 20 minutes.

"I was glad to attend some­where that didn't have that typ­ical Halloween feeling of get­ting scared by people in masks," said guest Ryan Espinoza.

"The museum created an eerie feeling in itself just by offering kids and their parents a chance to walk around maz­es and other creepy art­ifacts," Espinoza added.

Guests were also offered the chance to win pictures of Ancient Egyptia n artifacts.

"The turnout was great and everyone thought the event was very successful," she said.

The museum hosted "Spooky Nights" for young and old

Monica Rangel Staff Writer

The Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum hosted its first annual "Spooky Nights" event from 8 to 10 p.m. on Halloween night.

The event allowed guests of all ages to participate in a walking tour of the museum, a scavenger hunt for Egyptian artifacts and a costume contest with a chance to win prizes.

"Spooky Nights" was organized by numerous employees of the museum who hope to hold the event next Halloween as well.

"It was our first annual event and our main purpose was to provide an alternative for trick-or-treating to parents and kids," said museum employee Andrew Callahan.

"The turnout was great and everyone thought the event was very successful," she added.

"It was nice that there was a tour and the tour guide knew a lot about the artifacts," said Fullerton. "It was such a beauti­ful museum."

The museum hours were extended due to the event, allowing many people to expe­rience the museum for the first time.

"It was our goal for people who can't attend our normal hours to be able to experience the museum as well," said Talavera. "It also gave more exposure to the museum."

"The museum employees were nervous of the outcome due to the fires since two of the three days of the event were canceled.

Approximately 65 people attended ranging in ages from 2 to 80.

"The Robert V. Fullerton Museum is the largest public display of Ancient Egyptian Artifacts west of the Mississippi River," said employee Adrienne Clinton.

These artifacts are perma­nent displays as the Robert V. Fullerton museum. The muse­um is located next to CSUSB's Visual Arts building.
Seinfeld swarms into your theater

Elizabeth Tomzik
Campus News Editor

Bears shouldn't be able to fly. Their fluffy little bodies make it seem aerodynamically impossible. Bears don't care, and neither does Jerry Seinfeld.

In this animated film, moviegoers can expect to be kept astounded as they are taken into the history world and taught a lesson that they'll never forget in true animated fashion.

Seinfeld stars in the latest Dreamworks animation, which is brought to the big screen by the makers of Black Tide. Seinfeld takes the lead role as honeybee Barry B. Benson. The yellow-and-black-swatter-clad honeybee thinks there's more to life than just making honey.

His adventures outside the hive prove him correct, but the evidence he finds of humans taking his beloved sweet goodness leaves him devastated.

A breast against the human race and the corporate ladder of success, Barry joins forces with friends Stuart Varnome (Renee Zellweger), and their adventures begin.

Little did they know that without the bee's production and the human's consumption of the honey, the world would take a turn into something that they could have never expected.

"Bee Movie" proves to be an explosion of color, as we first find ourselves in the sweet pastures of the hive and are led into Central Park in bloom.

Steven Sinai, the producer describes the feature in a "roller coaster" as you take Barry's view through the park and realize that you're seeing the world for the first time.

Followed by a treasure of beautiful music that fits the scenes perfectly. "Bee Movie" is unprecendented, which is hard to find in most children's animated films.

With Seinfeld's humor along the side the shared voices of Patrick Warburton (Family Guy) and Chris Rock, the film goes beyond the young and old alike.

Seinfeld was completely involved in the project. "Which isn't typical," explains Seinfeld, who says his kids are "crazy" about the new movie and jokes that his "not too sure why".

Jerry Seinfeld is known primarily from his days in the NBC sitcom, Seinfeld, as the eccentric comic who deals with the day to day dilemmas with his best friends.

Seinfeld questions the idea that his show was "the show about nothing," and instead challenges reporters saying that it was very much a plot driven show.

With one that, the show literally would have been nothing, Seinfeld said.

Whether or not you were a fan of Seinfeld in his sitcom, it can be certain that you'll receive at least a few chuckles from "Bee Movie."

"Bee Movie" is as sweet as honey.

Youngsters can rock with the big leaguers

Elizabeth Tomzik
Campus News Editor

Black Tide can rock just as hard as Black even though they are barely legal enough to buy cigaretes.

Having parents with a "GJo for lit" attitude, the band has had the support to take off beyond ever their biggest dreams.

After hearing the heavy hitting vocals of the lead singer Gabriell, you would never guess that he was only 14-years-old.

"I don't know what it's like to be old," Gabriel said.

For these teens, playing music is just what they do.

With a classic heavy metal sound, including the long hair and the hair spray, Black Tide will please metal fans.

Those who crave crash rock vocals will drift away in honey just got funny

Jerry Seinfeld and Renee Zellweger star in the newest Dreamworks picture about bee adventures.

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Dia De Los Muertos

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Student Writer

"Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is celebrated throughout the U.S. and Latin America during the first two days of November. All Saints Day is observed on Nov. 1 and All Souls Day on Nov. 2, which are all part of the Dia de los Muertos hol­i­nics where their tombs are, said Magdalen.

"All of the person's graves we are hugging isn't neat, we usually build their grave site also."

Although the Day of the Dead is celebrated mainly in Mexico, it is also celebrated worldwide in many Catholic countries. The Roman Catholic Church designated the Day of the Dead as an official holy day.

The theological idea is that those believers that have died have gone into purgatory. In Catholicism, purgatory is a term that is used to describe the holding place between heaven and hell.

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Raising awareness about Darfur tragedy

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The Enrichment through Art (ETA) committee presented "Darfur: Under the Scope" in the Student Union theatre on Nov. 1 to bring awareness to the tragedy in Darfur.

The event was meant to open eyes to the realities of injustice in foreign countries.

Grace Radinik, the representative for ETA, hopes the event will bring awareness to the Genocide in Darfur.

The short documentary "Darfur" was shown and a guest speaker talked about the issues facing the people in Darfur.

The organization was created to bring together a new generation of people in hopes that change will be made.

One vision is to spark an intellectual uprising, which will change the way that the youth view themselves in relation to the world. Along with this uprising comes a new sense of responsibility to help the Community, according to ETA.

Some students heard and read about the issues in Darfur, but did not really understand the situation.

"I had read about the issues in Darfur, but I never really took the time to understand what was going on," one event-goer said. This event opened my eyes and made me feel like I should do something about it," said Farrah Gallegos.

Darfur tragedy outlined for students

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The tragedy in Darfur, the western region of Sudan, has been raging for many years. The conflict reached its peak in 2003.

Unlike past conflicts, which have been caused by religion, the current tragedy is between ethnic groups.

The conflict is due to a number of factors. Darfur has experienced drought, which caused nomads to move to different areas to seek water.

In addition, the region is over-populated and different tribes are forced to live in tighter quarters.

The conflict has lead to the deaths of over 450,000 people, according to estimates by the United Nations.

However, the Sudanese government claims that just over 9,000 people have been killed.

The tragedy has displaced over 2.5 million people and 3.5 million people are sadly relying on international aid for supplies.

In Aug. 2006, the UN sent 17,000 troops to help the African Union peacekeeping force to ensure the safety of citizens.

The government has a plan for these fires and the state can measure the severity of the situation.

This year, the fire departments were spread thin across the region with the number of fires that hit the area, but evacuees could get assistance from other counties that did not have fire issues unlike Louisiana where the whole state was affected by the hurricane.

One other issue that has been mentioned is the response times by FEMA to this tragedy and the one in New Orleans. One reason for the different response times is that FEMA learned from their past mistakes and improved faster.

Also, it was easier to get supplies into California than it was into Louisiana.

"We have an infrastructure of a community that still exists," in California, Glenn Cannon FEMA's head of operations said in an article in the Orange County Register. "Power and gas are intact, and communications systems have not been knocked out as they were during Katrina. So, that's a very different environment to work in.

It allows for much greater coordination in this event than what was going on in Mississippi and Louisiana.
Disaster management

Joann Barsht Staff Writer

As wildfires spread through Southern California, emergency response teams looked to some origi­ nalities to organize and lead their efforts.

In emergency situations, such as the wildfires that engulled many cities throughout the state, it is important that a fail-safe plan be initiated to provide organization and direction to the hard-working people involved in the rescue efforts.

When situations cross county lines or multiple emergencies occur at the same time, who has the power to make the final deci­ sions as to who goes where and when?

Without a plan laid out in advance, a fast moving fire could wipe out homes in the time it could take to figure out who had the power to make decisions over each situation.

For this reason the United States has adopted a pre-designed organizational plan called the Incident Command System (ICS). The ICS was developed by the National Response Committee in the 1970s to manage rapidly mov­ ing wild fires.

An incident control plan is broken down into five manageable functions: incident commander, operations, planning, logistics and finance. Depending on the scale of the emergency, not all functions need to be put into action. Sometimes the damage or rescue efforts of an emergency won't be large enough to require all five.

The fluid nature of the plan allows for the ICS to be put into action in small emergency situa­ tions and can also provide struc­ ture to emergencies that reach a national level.

The ICS provides guidelines for management of emergency si­ tuations.

"As disasters become more complex, the person in charge hands the baton off to someone higher," intoned Padre Sion of Saint Matthew Church.

The way that is no confusion as to who is in charge. Fire chiefs are able to focus their efforts on containing the disasters instead of worrying about losing power over their jurisdiction.

Across the nation, almost all public safety personnel are trained in ICS guidelines. This allows first-responders to put the proper procedures into action.

It is very comforting to know that a plan like this is already composed and ready to be put into action as soon as it is needed.

A lot of time and energy could be wasted trying to determine the proper chain of command but, with the ICS, the guidelines are clear and therefore time can be spent doing what is really important - attending to the emergency.

The ICS responsible for the fires that engulfed much of southern California were declared a national emergency.

Although the damage was devastating to many communities throughout the Southland, the results could have been worse.

Resources were spread thin, but the organization of all the rescue crews allowed for the fires to be contained.

Hundreds of thousands of acres were burned, but the out­ come could have been catastrophic without the proper guidance of the ICS.

The comforting truth about insurance

Shane Ogilvie Chronicle

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Hypothetically, let us say Insurance Company A takes out a $10 million policy on an expensive house in hilly country. The risk of something happening to this house is high, as we have seen over the last few weeks with the devastat­ ing wildfires.

To both protect itself and help share the large risk that it might have to pay out on the policy, Insurance Company A takes out several policies on its own $10 million policy from other insur­ ance companies, known as reinsur­ ance agencies.

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Wildfires are not the only risks that insurance companies have to account for. According to the California Emergency Plan published in 2005, California is susceptible to other natural disas­ ters such as floods, agricultural emergen­ cies, landslides, drought, energy shortages and earthquakes.

With a long list of possible disasters to cover, it is easy to see why insurance companies need to assure themselves. If they did not, they would be liable for the billions of dollars of pays out on their own.

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Men’s soccer sets goals high

By Greg Cadena

Sophomore Adam Hartsu spoke about his team’s season expectations: “We are looking to get into the conference tournament because that is what we all want to do.”

The Tritons finished the season at a .500 record, as the Tritons moved into the fourth place spot in the conference. Kooiman believes that he did a great job of combining for both squads in previous years. This was a conclusion to the team’s most successful season since 2003.

The Tritons, who are ranked No. 17 in the nation, are losing a tight match with a score of 2-1 against Cal State Dominguez Hills. The Tritons are up against Sonoma this season, and the head coach has high goals set for next season high aspirations for his team’s 2007 season.

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Since Kooiman is now focusing on the men’s team he feels he can dedicate more time to recruiting.

He wants players who are going to stay in the system for four years. “I don’t want any one or done players,” said Kooiman.

Kooiman screened the educational opportunities at CSUSB to new recruits. Some people do not even know CSUSB exists which makes it a challenge for recruiting. Since he is involved with the Arsenal FC, a soccer club in Alta Loma, he can recruit from there, he said.

The Coyotes lost their second to last match of the season with a shut out of 8-0 against Cal State Dominguez Hills. The Toros are ranked No. 3 in the Far West Region and No. 17 in the nation.

While the team’s final game was held against Cal State L.A. having a tight match with a score of 1-0.

The Coyotes pushed their season-long straight losing seasons in CCAA play.

It became their fourth straight season with an overall losing season. The team is 6-20-4 in conference for the past two seasons.

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Anna Aguilar

Staff Writer

The Women’s Soccer team tied 0-0 in double overtime to Cal State San Diego on Friday night.

This was a conclusion to the team’s most successful season since 2003.

The team also played the Tritons, who are ranked No. 17 in the nation and No. 3 in the Far West Region.

The Coyotes went into their third match, only to reach a standstill. The Tritons ended up out shooting the Coyotes 21-5.

The match lasted for a total of 110 minutes.

They ended their season with a 5-9-9 record, or the Tritons moved on to become the CCAA conference champions.

The Coyotes suffered from a defensive back line comprised of junior Sophie Bruins and sophomore Ashley Salas and Lina Cardalis.

The goalkeepers for the team this season are Leslie Rhodes and Shaina-Rae Kain. The goalkeepers prevented the Tritons from scoring.

They all worked together to keep the Tritons from scoring.

Kam made a total of eight saves in the last 40 minutes and Rhodes had two saves during the first half of the game.

The Coyotes were up against one of the top seven teams in the MCAA Far West Region.

Their losses came at the hands of No. 7 Cal State L.A., with scores of 1-0 and a 3-0 shutout to Cal State Dominguez Hills, who are ranked No. 4.

The Coyotes’ four conference wins this season were the most since 2004 when the team won six of their CCAA matches. They have more wins than the last two seasons combined.

Jacqueline Reyes will be leaving the team this year when she graduates.
Sports

Fires no problem for volleyball

Curtis Miller

The volleyball team soundly defeated Cal Poly Pomona Wednesday night after losing their first two CCAA matches of the season over the weekend to UC San Diego.

The Coyotes had a full schedule last week as they faced two tough opponents in the Crosscull Arena. The game on Friday the 26th was one of the first events to happen on campus after the closure due to the fires.

In the game the Coyotes completed their second sweep of Cal State San Marcos this season.

Things seemed to be headed in the same direction on Saturday the 27th as the Coyotes were up two games to none on UC San Diego.

The Coyotes won the first two games, 30-23 and 30-17. The game took a turn for the worse as arch rival UC San Diego rolled back to win the next two games 30-25 and 30-27.

The UC San Diego Tritons then defeated the Coyotes 25-32 in the final deciding game. UC San Diego has some hard workers. They never give up. They swept Cal Poly out of the tourney putting up a good fight uniting until the last point. UC San Diego started the strong efforts of Rebecca Bailey and sophomore Sylvy Schima. Bailey had 19 kills and Schmidt had 16 kills and scored the winning point on Schmidt. Sara Hoffman was named CCAA volleyball player of the week for her efforts.

UC San Diego now has three consecutive players named player of the week. The team is picking up its momentum at the right time in the season as the Pacific Regional begins November 15th.

The Coyotes had strong performances in the game by Jessica Gr nhật, Shannee Dyer, Sara Hoffman, Rice, and Sara Hoffman. Canyon lost all 18 kills, made seven blocks and two dives, and saw its win streak end as the Coyotes flexed their muscle with a 470 hitting percentage.

Sara Hoffman continued to lead the Coyotes as she added another 53 against San Diego. Hoffman and Miller added 16 points for UC San Diego. The Coyotes swept UC San Diego over this season, in their first matchup. "This is a real rivalry," said Coach Cherniss. "They have a very good program and we always have great battles." The loss to UC San Diego was the Coyotes first loss at home since 2005 and their first to a Division II opponent this year.

The Coyotes rebounded from the loss on Halloween night as they swept Cal Poly Pomona on the road handing them their first home loss of the season. Cal Poly Pomona was ranked 24th nationally at the time of play.

The win gave the Coyotes their fifth conference title in the last eight seasons.

The Coyotes (22-2 overall and 14-1 in CCAA play) remain listed as the number one seed in the Pacific Region.

The team fell from being ranked second nationally in NCAA Division II play to fifth. The Coyotes have three games remaining before the Pacific Regional begins.

The women’s bracket consists of the top five Division II teams and the top division II program that lost to a CCAA team. The four teams playing in the men’s bracket are Cal State San Bernardino, Metropolitan State College, Montana State University - Billings and Kentucky Wesleyan College.

The women’s bracket consists of UC San Diego, Western Washington University, Colorado Christian College, and Augusta University, who participated in the East Coast Classic last year.

The teams participating in this event will be playing in hotels around the Anaheim area. The event will be the season wrap-up tournament celebration at the Disneyland Resort. A live, the CCAA is hosting a reception with an assortment of food and beverages and with coordinate seats for the CCAA vs. Montana State University men’s game.

The other games scheduled for the men’s CCAA Classic will be played on Friday, Nov. 2 at Kentucky Wesleyan College and Metro State on Sunday.

The women’s bracket consists of the same teams as last year with the 10 versus 7 seed, which is the same as last year.

The volleyball tournament is a single-elimination format. The four teams that make it to the finals will play for the CCAA title.

The CCAA volleyball tournament is being held at the CCAA site web. The tournament is being held on the CCAA site web.

The event will take place at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim.