**Guerrilla Girls go bananas**

The Guerrilla Girls have come to CSUSB to display, challenge, and discuss the role of gender and inequality within the fine arts. They do not use their real names. Instead, they use names of dead artists to protect their continued on Community. Pg. 13

By Janet Martinez & Samantha Flores
Staff Writers

“*A Conversation with the Guerilla Girls*” was held on April 13, 2017 in the Coussoulis Arena to discuss gender equality.

**Comic Books & Culture**

By Monica Rosales
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Comic Books & Culture was hosted at CSUSB on April 19, sharing the knowledge of the major influences culture brings into our society and much more.

More than 20 students attended the event to hear the stories about talent and culture that guest speakers, Javier Hernandez and Bernyce Talley, had to share.

“A painter paints whatever they want, I feel a comic is the same thing, it is an expression of me,” said Hernandez, a self-published author, and award-winning creator of comic book and film “El Muerto.”

Hernandez started off the event describing his strong influences growing up.

He talked about how his culture allowed him to connect with so many comic books like “Fantastic 4” and “Spider-Man” because they all had characteristics he was very familiar with when he was young.

Both Hernandez and Talley stories expressed the multiple ways culture molds us into who we are and how we should use those characteristics to express ourselves.

Talley shared her background of being raised by strong black women and how comic book characters like Storm opened her eyes.

“That’s when I learned about Storm. I couldn’t wait for the opening show segment to see her flying out there,” said Talley. “She had these traits that made me want to be her.”

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**Gun violence in California**

By Saeed Villanueva
Staff Writer

People are split on the issue of gun control in California after the recent shooting at North Park elementary.

The recent school shooting in which a teacher and an 8-year-old child lost their lives is just another incident in which gun violence has affected the community.

The perpetrator, Codric Charles Anderson, used a high caliber revolver and had a history of domestic abuse, weapons arrest, and drug possession, according to police reports.

According to state law, any person who has had a prior misdemeanor charge receives a 10-year ban from purchasing a gun and a lifetime ban for convicted felons.

California is one of the more strict states when it comes to gun laws and has been a heavily discussed topic of debate.

State law only allows licensed California firearms dealers who possess a valid Certificate of Eligibility to sell firearms as well as requiring a 10 day waiting period to obtain their gun.

During the 10 day waiting period, an eligibility background check is conducted to make sure that the purchaser is not prohibited from lawfully possessing firearms.

This raises questions on how a person who had a criminal history had a gun at his disposal.

“Criminals don’t follow laws. If someone wants to do something they are going to find a way to do it no matter what,” said Peter, a local gun shop owner, who requested that his identity remains undisclosed.

Gun shop owners in the area believe it is unfair that we have these rigorous laws, despite the ongoing firearm violence in the city.

They often see the violence as a product of culture rather than what the laws are.

“Too strict, why can’t I have the same laws as everyone else? You should be able to have the right to protect yourself, look at Chicago they have some of the biggest gun related deaths yet they have strict laws too,” said Peter.

Owners who feel like California laws are too strict often point to other states as examples of how the rules should be here.

One example is Arizona, one of the most lenient states when it comes to gun laws. There is no waiting period, background check or license required to purchase a gun.

“It’s way too strict here, look at how quick it is in Arizona, there are no loops or boundaries. It shouldn’t be this difficult to purchase a weapon,” said George, a gun salesman from a local outdoors store, who requested his identity remain undisclosed.

Advocates for stricter laws feel the issue go beyond what the current laws are.

“I believe the media tends to bring up the issue only when tragedies happen yet every other day they fail to address the topic at all,” said student Connie Mejia.

“It only leaves us to think Continued on News. Pg. 2

**Just one more drink**

By Janet Curiel
Staff Writer

To check the pulse on campus views, we asked students to weigh in anonymously for their views on drunk driving.

If they had ever drunk at least one drink then driven; two out of three said no, with one saying yes.

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**Relationship Advice**

New advice column addresses domestic violence.

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Two former Coyote players discuss minor league baseball.

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**Snooping through texts**

Students discuss honesty and communication in relationships.

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United Airlines gets dragged down

By Shamece Ahmad

United Airlines has taken a large amount of criticism and backlash in the week since a passenger was forcibly removed from United Airlines flight 3411 due to an overbooking situation. Three United Airlines employees dragged Dr. David Dao off his flight after refusing to give up his seat on the overbooked flight, which needed extra seats for employees who were making their way to another airport in Louisville, on April 11. Dao suffered a broken nose, two broken front teeth, and a bloodied mouth in the incident, prompting fellow passengers to record videos of the event and publish it throughout the internet.

The CEO of United Airlines, Oscar Munoz, initially defended his employees in his initial press release, stating that “our employees followed established procedures for dealing with situations like this.” This response led to further outrage in the community. As a result of this incident, United Airlines’ stock portfolio has dropped 1 percent in the week since, which is equivalent to roughly $255 million in values of market cap, according to Forbes. Dao’s family and friends alike have shared their frustrations with the way United Airlines has handled the situation and the fallout of the incident. “I cannot believe they would treat a paying customer like that,” said seasoned passenger, Tony Pickett. “I understand they have rules, but you cannot just drag somebody off a plane like that for nothing.”

Pickett said that he will no longer be flying with United Airlines at all, even though he travels often to the East Coast. “It is absolutely gross and humiliating to everyone involved,” said student Bobby Gage. “The response from the CEO was even worse because he didn’t even sound apologetic.” The tone that United Airlines was giving off in response to the occurrence irritated Gage. “That poor guy is going to make millions off of them, as he should,” said Gage. “Another customer, Michael Tobin, spoke out about the context of the situation. ‘It’s one thing if the passenger did something wrong, or sat somewhere he wasn’t supposed to,’ Tobin said. “But the whole reason the guy was dragged out was because United overbooked their flight and made a mistake, and that’s the biggest issue I have with it.”

Tobin himself didn’t fly with United Airlines often to begin with, so it hasn’t changed his flight patterns much, as he will continue to fly outside of their realm. After everything, United Airlines has taken a big hit in their public relations department, and they will need to do a lot to refurbish their image. Though even this has gotten off to a rough start. Just a few days later, another incident occurred on a United Airlines flight, as a scorpion fell from an overhead bin onto a man and stung him. A couple flying to their wedding werebooted from their flight in response to another customer occupying their seats, on April 18.

United Airlines has some damage control to perform if they want their sales back.
By Emily Anne Espinosa
News & Politics Editor
Community Editor

April 18, 2017

Germany
Bombing on Borussia Dortmund bus is suspected to be an attack for orchestrated for monetary profit.

April 20, 2017

France
Days before the upcoming election, a suspected terrorist attack takes place on Champ Elysees, the most iconic boulevard in Paris. “The timing of the attack itself is significant in that this will help to ensure the group is a centerpiece of political discussion in France,” said Michael S Smith, terrorism analyst.

April 21, 2017

United Kingdom
First 24-hour coal-free peri-
od in the UK since the Industrial Revolution. “A decade ago, a day without coal would have been unimaginable, and in 10 years’ time our energy system will have radically transformed again,” said Hannah Martin, head of energy at Greenpeace UK.

April 21, 2017

Venenzuela
Eight people are electrocuted to death that occurred during a looting incident amidst violent protests against President Nicolas Maduro. “People starting looting the businesses and yelling that they were hungry and that they want the government out,” said Daniela Alvarado, a witness.

World Briefs

By Daniel Urenda
Staff Writer

Last week, President Donald Trump signed a bill allowing states to withhold money from Planned Parenthood. Though some see it as a controversial event, defending Planned Parenthood was one of the several promises Trump made during his campaign for the presidency. The bill was signed last Thursday and will allow states to withhold federal funding from clinics that offer abortions. Due to Vice President Mike Pence’s tie-breaking vote, the bill was able to get through the Senate to President Trump. The signing of the bill was closed to the press. The ceremony was only attended by a few people, including leaders of the Susan B. Anthony List, an anti-abortion women’s group. The passing of this legislation effectively reverses a rule Barrack Obama issued shortly before his presidency ended, which had barred states from withholding federal funds from health clinics that provided abortions. This is the twelfth time Trump has used the 1966 Congres

able Parenthood bill passes through president

By Daniel Urenda

The bill allows states to withhold federal funding from clinics. The bill does not directly fund Planned Parenthood and only allows states to decide whether or not to withhold funding, certain states may suffer more than others. “It’s gonna impact a lot of people, especially outside of California,” said Honn-Alex. According to her, there are many states in the country with as little as one clinic offering abortion services. When asked what they thought of the bill, students seemed confident that the legality of abortion in California was not in immediate danger. Some, however, were concerned what this would mean for women outside of the state. “Just hope that the more conservative states don’t take away their funding, what they do is really important,” said Crystal Gonzales, student. Even before the signing of this bill, Planned Parenthood and abortion clinics across the U.S. have been facing a variety of difficulties. “More clinics are closing than opening,” stated Honn-Al-

e, as she explained that Planned Parenthood workers usually make no money and do what they do purely out of altruism. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America condemned the bill as being the latest attack on women’s health by Congress. This was in refer-
cence to the recent global gag rule issued by Trump, as well as the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice, Neil Gorsuch. Back in March, the White House told Planned Parenthood that their funding would not be cut if they discontinued their abortion services. They, however, refused the deal.

Politics

Taxation Exemption on Necessities ties

A revised bill to end the taxation on feminine products and diapers is presented to California Legislature, adding to the feminist movement conversation.

By Britannie Gutierrez
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Assembly Bill 479 (AB-479), an updated version of Assembly Bill 1561 (AB-1561), is the bill that strives to end the taxation of feminine products such as sanitary pads, and feminine cups, as well as diapers. “It would make feminine products a lot cheaper for fam-
ilies who can’t afford it,” said student Osbaldo Rubio.

The bill, which would be enacted on January 1, 2018 if passed, would exempt the taxation on any products “de-
scribed, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or package for use of infants, children, or adults,” and feminine products used during menstruation, according to AB-479. A fear many assembly members have is how would Californi-
a make up the difference for the tax taken off these products. The bill also proposes imposing a higher tax on alcohol. “On and after January 1, 2018, at 2:01 a.m., on all distilled spirits of proof strength or less, an additional excise surtax of one dollar and twenty cents ($1.20) per wine gallon and at a proportionate rate for any other quanti-
ty,” according to AB-479.

For alcohol with a high-

er-proof strength, it would be raised $2.60. “I think it could be a good step deter people from wanting to use alcohol,” continued Rubio. “If the demand is high enough, people are still going to pay for it,” said Lead Student As-
sistant in the Women’s Resource Center (WRC), Irene Tobias. This is not the first time that a bill of this nature has been pre-
sented to the California Legislature or in the U.S. In fact, Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed AB-1561 back in Septem-
ber 2016, which proposed almost the exact same requirements as AB-479. “Each of these bills creates a new tax break or expands an existing tax break. In total, these bills would reduce revenues by about $380 million through 2017-18,” ac-
cording to a veto letter from the Office of the Governor and Gov. Jerry Brown.

Nationally, women’s rights have been a hot topic. President Donald Trump signed a bill to defund Planned Parenthood, a resource for women’s health on April 18. “I’ve noticed Jerry Brown sometimes lags a little bit on certain issues and then once na-
tionally they seem important, he tends to support them,” continued Tobias. Will this new decision sway the decision of Gov. Brown? Will the influence of other

states joining the “not taxing feminine products” movement change his mind? “Everything is in a tight spot, money is tight. the more money you can save is better,” continued Rubio. In a city like San Bernardi-
no, where most of the population are part of low-income families, adding taxes on necessities adds up to daily expenses, and often sacrifices have to be made. “There’s a lot of people who don’t have access to them and they have to get them from here, or the Den, or Recs Sports has some,” said Tobias. A few one or two dollars doesn’t seem like much, real-
ly adds up,” continued Tobias.
Industry recruiters bestow knowledge

In January of 2017 CSUSB campus began to promote what I would come to know as the event that gave me life.

By Nicholas Linares
Staff Writer

As soon as I saw the companies that would be attending, I knew it was a moment of history that I could not miss. On April 18th entertainment industry recruiters gave students advice on employer desires, qualifications and a map to success. Companies such as Defy Media, Walt Disney, Hulu, Somniac, Lionsgate, Live Nation, SADA Systems and Ticketmaster graced the campus with their presence and knowledge on what it takes to make it in entertainment.

A panel discussion opened the event with the introduction of each representative and how they got their current position in a quickly evolving world of media and technology.

Defy Media “Insert name” spoke about his previous career as an artist and talent manager, and the ambition he grew and upheld to get ahead in the world of entertainment.

The lives of the panel members and company culture all became one. As a business owner and entrepreneur, I instantly recognized the hustle mentality each recruiter on the panel attained. It begins with a lifestyle of passion and desire to do something extraordinary and be a part of something bigger than yourself.

Researching specific positions you desire and the jobs posted by the companies you favor was a common topic among all speakers. Ericka “Name”, of Insomniac Events mentioned that the only reason she obtained the position she currently held was because of her “love for the company, countless volunteer hours and networking.”

This resonates true for any career you will have, especially entertainment. Without a network to tap into and a promising work ethic, a fulfilling career in entertainment may be unwelcoming.

As the panel moved forward, an audience full of questions began to line the walls as I expressed my gratitude with the panel giving them a brief explanation of my journey as company founder and product developer. Live Nations’ Sean “Name”, CSUSB alumni, gave me some advice on working with Artist Nation, a Live Nation sub-group, as an assistant artist manager.

A perfect way to reach such a position would involve working as an artist transporter at events, ensuring the musicians arrive to their rooms and stage on time.

Towards the end of the event, panel members stood proudly at their seats while hundreds of students swarmed into the event with the worldwide web, but in turn, we’ve forgotten how to talk about issues like domestic violence with the people closest to us.

On April 10, 2017, in San Bernardino, a man entered his estranged wife’s North Park Elementary School classroom and opened fire, finally shooting her and an 8-year-old student. Before taking his own life in what police reported to be a domestic dispute. This tragedy hits hard for the city of San Bernardino whose community is still reeling from the December 2015 shooting that resulted in 14 dead, but unlike 2015, this incident was not a random act of terrorism, but a calculated case of domestic violence.

Dialogue surrounding the incident highlighted issues like gun control laws and school security, but even major media outlets skirted around details relating to domestic violence.

It is unsettling to wonder what different outcomes could have been at play if the stigma surrounding domestic violence did not overpower the severity and reality of its consequences.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, domestic violence not only crosses those who are abused but also has a substantial effect on the community at large.

The April 10 shooting affected not only 500 students, and the small team of teachers and staff of the North Park Elementary School, but also affected Cajon High School and CSUSB, which provided support to the elementary school.

CSUSB has 20,000 students in total enrollment, and according to the U.S. Department of Justice, one in five college students will experience domestic violence.

Statistically speaking, there are several lives on our campuses that may literally depend on having a healthy conversation about the unhealthy parts of our lives.

What tough conversations are we not having?
Players make comebacks after “retiring”

By Tyler Vanderelst
Staff Writer

Marshawn Lynch is making waves in the National Football League after deciding to come out of retirement to play for the Oakland Raiders.

After retiring at the end of the 2015 season with the Seattle Seahawks, Lynch is now among the likes of Brett Favre and Michael Jordan. Both had previously retired but then made multiple comeback attempts.

Lynch would be a great boost for a young team on the rise.

"The Raiders not only gain a talented runner, but they will gain a leader in the locker room who has experience as well," said Summers.

Raiders fan, Josh Summers, would like to see Lynch on his favorite team.

"If Marshawn comes to the Raiders there is no way they won’t win the Super Bowl this year," said Summers.

Lynch is not the only player to attempt a comeback after retiring.

Jordan retired in 1993 from the Chicago Bulls to pursue a career in baseball. He played baseball in 1994 for the Birmingham Barons, a minor league team for the Chicago White Sox.

After struggling, he returned to basketball in 1995, rejoining the Bulls and leading them to another three championships. This is arguably the most famous case of a player retiring and then making a comeback, probably because of the success that followed. However, Jordan retired again and made yet again another comeback with the Washington Wizards.

This comeback was not as legendary as his first because he was unable to make the playoffs in his two years with the Wizards.

He was, however, still able to average over 20 points a game, which is very impressive for a 38-year-old.

The multiple comebacks no doubt helped solidify Jordan’s case for being the greatest basketball player to ever do it. He was also able to make a lot more money than if he would have stayed retired.

Trent Terry believes Jordan came back to play rather than for the money.

“He came back because he missed winning and wanted to continue his legacy,” said Terry. “I don’t think he even thought about the money.”

Another famous set of comebacks comes from Hall of Fame quarterback Favre. He is well-known by many for retiring because it seemed like every year after the season he was contemplating retirement.

Favre first officially retired in 2008 with the Green Bay Packers, and then came out of retirement the next year and played one season with the New York Jets.

He then retired after that season, and came back again and played two seasons for the Minnesota Vikings.

Favre’s first season with the Vikings was a success as it was his best season as a quarterback throwing for 33 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. But in his final season, when he officially retired was probably his worst season which is a big reason as to why he stayed retired.

A lot of different thoughts go into why athletes retire.

The main reason is age. After playing a sport for so many seasons, it takes it toll on the athlete’s body. Other athletes are forced to retire because of injuries they have sustained.

This is why Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers retired last year.

His body had gone through so much and endured multiple injuries that he just didn’t see himself competing again.

Lynch would also like to see Jordan out of retirement to pursue other things like starting a family, trying out different career fields or they just don’t see themselves playing professionally anymore.

"As Bryant said in his retirement speech, ‘my heart can take the pounding, my mind can handle the grind, but my body knows it’s time to say goodbye.’"
Violence in sports

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In sports there are many instances of violence happening on and off the field. Violence happens in every sport, however, some of the most known instances happen in football.

Football is known to be one of the most violent sports. Players in this sport are running around and hitting each other to protect their teammates and keep their opponents from scoring.

In football, there are plenty of instances where two or more players get into a physical altercation on the field. This normally happens when a player feels an opponent wronged him or one of his teammates.

One of the more memorable fights happened in 2010, when Houston Texans wide receiver Andre Johnson and Tennessee Titans cornerback Cortland Finnegan got into a fight in the middle of a play.

The two had been going at it all day, and the play before the fight Johnson pushed Finnegan causing his helmet to come off.

The next play the two were pushing each other and pulling each other’s helmets off before throwing a few punches at each other.

Because tensions run high in a very physical sport like football, many interactions end with other teammates involved so they can protect their teammate.

With the case above, almost every player from both teams started pushing and shoving each other as well.

Some people enjoy watching the action of a fight while others think it takes away from the game itself.

“I personally like when a little fight happens,” said fan, Willy Hicks. “Because it shows the intensity the players have and how bad they want to win.”

Sadly, there are plenty of instances of football players acting out violently in their homes or in public.

One story that some may remember is when ex-Ravens running back Ray Rice punched his former fiancée in an elevator, knocking her out cold. The video was released on the Internet and caused an uproar in the media and the public.

This was just one instance of many that were being brought up in the NFL, and to show they weren’t going to tolerate this they kicked Rice out of the league.

This was an extreme case. Most players get suspended a few games, but the NFL wanted to make a point out of Rice that they will not tolerate this behavior.

“I think the NFL made the right call by kicking Rice out of the league, because they do not want to be known for domestic violence anymore,” said fan, Michael Castonguay.

There are instances in almost every sport of players getting into fights. Even sports like NASCAR have times when two racers get into fights because they feel like another driver wronged them.

Also in baseball, you have times when players get into fights that sometimes clear the team’s benches.

In most cases in baseball fights occur because a pitch thrown by the pitcher hit the batter. The batter will rush the mound to fight the pitcher and this normally causes teammates to get involved as well.

But in one case last year, Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Jose Bautista and Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor got into a fight on the bases.

Bautista was running to second base, sliding in to try and prevent a double play, which Odor did not like. When Bautista got up, Odor pushed him back and punched him in the face, knocking Bautista back to the ground.

Fans sometimes look forward to the on-field scuffles as they are few and far in between, but just because they like them, doesn’t mean it’s right for the players to participate.
Fiscalini: Home to Coyotes & History

By Gabriel Ramos
Contributing Writer

The fact that the school has a baseball team off campus is a fact that many aren’t aware of. Most students know that the Crosswinds Arena is home to our volleyball and basketball teams. The Coyote Premier Field hosts our soccer teams and the Coyote Softball Park is for the softball team.

Fiscalini Field has served as Cal State San Bernardino’s baseball field for quite some time now. It was built back in 1934 and opened in 1936. Multiple Major League Baseball teams used the facility for their spring training games upon its opening. It was formerly known as Perris Hill Park Ball Field, but was renamed in 1993 after John Fiscalini.

Fiscalini Field was formerly used by the San Bernardino Spirit (1987-1995), Pioneers (1946-1947) and Stars (1941).

The 3,600 seat facility was also used in the film “Stolen Home,” starring Jodie Foster and Mark Harmon.

The field belongs to the City of San Bernardino who provides maintenance for every year. “That’s what we train people and win a championship,” Wells mentioned that the routine in the pros differs a lot from college.

Fiscalini Field is located about 6 miles from campus, which makes it about a 15-20-minute drive to get there. The players and coaches drive out to it every day, which can be a hassle. Practice usually goes from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with multiple games scheduled for the weekend.

“It sucks sometimes because I have to hurry to Fisci after class and if I have a 6 p.m. class that day, then I have to leave practice early and hurry back to class while trying to get food, shower and get ready all in between,” said outfielder Jordan Simon.

Othercons that come with having an off-campus field is that it’s in a public park, which means there’s a risk of theft, dirtiness, etc.

The field may have some negatives, but it is a unique place to play and watch a game.

“Not many kids get the opportunity that they have, so no matter what field they play on or what team they play for, they should be glad that they still have the opportunity to play the game they love,” Martinez continued.

The season’s almost over, but the Coyotes could still use support in their last few home games at Fiscalini.

Wells & Ouellette begin new season

By Gabriel Ramos
Contributing Writer

The start of Minor League Baseball means it’s time for former Coyotes Tyler Wells and Will Ouellette to head back to the pitcher’s mound for their newly assigned teams. However, before Wells and Ouellette traveled to their 2017 team destinations, they participated in Spring Training in Florida.

Wells was a starting pitcher for the Coyotes for three years. The Minnesota Twins drafted him in the 15th round of the 2016 Major League Baseball Draft. Wells was assigned to the rookie-level Elizabethton Twins, where he racked up five wins and two losses while posting a 3.23 earned run average (ERA). He made 10 appearances all starts. He also had a complete game shutout during his time with the Elizabethton Twins.

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He attended his first Spring Training this February in Fort Myers, Florida and was assigned to the class A Cedar RapidsKERNELS of the Midwest League. He’s had two starts this season, as of April 13, earning a win and striking out 14. Wells mentioned that the routine in the pros differs a lot from college.

“It’s a job now,” said Wells. “We don’t have any outside distraction from getting better every day, it’s all baseball.”

When comparing the minors and majors, not much can really differ as they’re all the same organization but with minor league players playing with one goal in mind, to make it to the big league club.

“My expectations are just to be more consistent, walk less people and win a championship,” said Wells. “That’s what we train for every year.”

Ouellette, who served the Coyotes as the starting shortstop and closer during his senior season was signed as a free agent by the Toronto Blue Jays.

He was assigned to the Gulf Coast League Blue Jays last season, where he appeared in 13 games and had a 3.22 ERA. He had three save opportunities in which he excelled and collected all three. Like Wells, Ouellette attended his first spring training this year and was assigned to extended Spring Training for now. In hopes of being promoted to the next level, he continues to work hard, doing what he can to reach his goal.

“My expectations are to continue to get my body into better shape,” said Ouellette. “I’m looking to be promoted to a full season team before extended spring training season ends.”

A minor league player looks forward to moving up in the farm system as quickly as possible so they have their chance at making it to the big league club.

They work hard on and off the field whether that means watching a video or living in the gym. They live with one goal in mind: to be promoted.

“If not promoted to a full season team, I’d love to be back in Vancouver, which is our short season A team,” said Ouellette.

With the minor league season just getting underway, Wells and Ouellette have plenty of time to make the adjustments they want to make and reach their goals this season.
ASI holds garden party

By Diara Fowler
Staff Writer

Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) wanted to bring awareness about Earth Week by deciding to hold its very first ever Garden Party on campus on April 18, the event took place in front of the library lawn.

According to Earth Day Network, Gaylord Nelson was the first founder of Earth Day on April 22, 1970. The idea was to spread consciousness about air and water pollution by forcing environmental protection onto the national political agenda. During the very first Earth Day back in 1970, over 20 million Americans took the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate a healthy environment coast to coast. This event gave students the opportunity to decorate their own clay pot and plant their choice of either a herb or flower while socializing with other Yotes.

"We have provided students with pots, the students can then decorate the pot and we have then provided them with soil. We also provided seeds and they will get to take them home when finished," said Helen Martinez, Santos Manuel Student Union member.

This fun filled activity was not only one of a kind but informational as well. Volunteers gathered on the school grounds with a few other members such as the recycling team, Red Cross, and others to educate and help spread the word trying to get students to engage in more of a sustainable environment.

"Sustainability has a lot to do with keeping your carbon footprint as small as possible such as growing food, recycling and buying a reusable bottle that just has a filter," said student Eloise Amendt.

The theme of the Garden Party was to just have fun and let loose; the turnout was a success.

"We got these little pots and a lot of stuff to decorate them and make it fun and not just, here’s your pot and that’s it. It’s cool because you get to take these home when you’re done," said volunteer Andrew Barrera. Students gathered on the library lawn with friends and other classmates to decorate their own clay pot by using glitter and vibrant 3-D colored paints to personalize pots and make them stand out.

"It is important to promote an Eco-friendly environment especially here within campus grounds," said Martinez.

As the party progressed more students began to join in on the fun, expressing their vision and inspirations onto the mini plant pots.

After the pots were fully decorated with paints, glitter and other accessories they were then provided soil for the plant of their choosing.

A member of the team would then take you to where the soil was located and put the appropriate amount of soil into your choice of a flower seed or a herb.

I have plants. I actually just got into gardening at home. I have what’s known as the celosia plant otherwise known as the jealous plant. It’s Red and Orange it is very bright it’s very cool and fun I like it," stated student Angie Teran. As CSUSB celebrates sustainability week on campus, we are reminded that anyone can make a difference in our planet by becoming more Eco-friendly.

Minors with technology

"...On average, sexting began in the fifth grade, pornography consumption began when children turned eight and pornography addiction began around age 11."

By Kimberly Orozco
Contributing Writer

As technology develops, children are being exposed at a much younger age to smartphones and tablets which can ultimately expose them to the harm we try to protect them from.

In the last decade cell phones and tablets have become easily accessible and more common in every household and parents now face the question, "what age is appropriate to give my child a phone or tablet?"

According to Influence Central, 2016 research shows that children around the age 10 through 12 receive their first smartphone.

Technology is becoming an essential part of our everyday lives, even for adolescents. Influence Central research also shows 39 percent of children get a social media account at 11 years old and 11 percent had a social media account when they were younger than 10.

"It’s upsetting to me that parents don’t realize 10-year-old children should be protected from social media and online predators," said Claudia Moore, elementary school aid and mother of two. "Handing them a device makes it easier to know where they are but it also exposes them to great dangers via the web."

Children with access to smartphones and tablets also have accessibility to communicating with the outside world, which can create issues containing cyberbullying, cat fishing and sexting.

"For a long time I wanted a cellphone or at least an iPad because all the kids in my class had at least one," said Alyssa Menchaca, age 14. "They always talked through Kik, a texting app, but when I finally got one on my birthday I started getting random messages from one girl who kept saying mean things."

According to the Cyberbullying Research Center, approximately 43 percent of the students experience cyberbullying during their lifetime, and 15 percent of students are reported of cyberbullying others. Another concern with cellphones and tablets is children engaging in sexual nature via text messages and social media.

According to a study by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, in 2008, 39 percent of teenagers have admitted to receiving and sending text messages of a sexual nature, such as nude or seminude photos, lewd messages and provocative videos.

"...Even though I got a phone at age 13, my parents had many restrictions and I resented them so much for not allowing me to have privacy," said Amanda Napoli.

"But it saved me from a lot of dumb mistakes and now I understand the reason behind their madness," continued Napoli. A survey conducted by Ms. Weinberger, author of "The Boogeyman Exists: And He’s in Your Child’s Back Pocket," said that after surveying 76,000 children, on average, sexting began in the fifth grade, pornography consumption began when children turned eight and pornography addiction began around age 11.

Although smartphones and tablets undoubtedly bring benefits, they also bring destruction for children since many of them are still developing their prefrontal cortex, a part of the brain that controls impulses. Parents need to be aware of the age they decide to give their child a phone so they can manage supervision and restrictions.

In order to help monitor the child’s text and application downloads, the guardian can use either Apple’s parental controls or Android app Qustodio.

"As a parent, our nature is to protect our kids and now it’s not just the outside world we should solely be concerned about," said Nicole Moore, mother of four.

"Keeping our children safe is a priority and although they won’t like it then, someday they’ll learn it was in their best interest."
Snooping through texts

By Jason Samp
Staff Writer

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Confronting your partner over such concerns is the best way to solve problems. Address your concerns and get the information you need without being the one who violates the fragile aspect of trust in a relationship.

Also, consulting friends, family, or even a professional for advice you can avoid the desire to snoop.

While you might brush this off as a light, temporary problem, snooping can have long-term effects on a relationship.

“Once an abuser has isolated their partner from their loved ones, it is much easier to control them and more difficult for the victims to ask for help or leave the relationship,” concluded Wood.

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Date night on a budget

By Chennel Booker
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Date night does not have to cost a fortune, as there are many fun and inexpensive ways to have a memorable time without breaking the bank.

As college students, most of us can understand the saying “the struggle is real,” however, there are some inexpensive date ideas that you can enjoy without worrying about your bank account.

Although dinner and a movie can sound expensive, you can avoid paying a $12 movie ticket and invent creative ways to make dinner and a movie affordable and even more fun!

For example, if you don’t have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free, have Netflix or Hulu already, you can start a three day trial for free.

In addition, the app store offers a lot of fun games you and your partner can play together games such as Fruit Ninja, The Game of Life, Monopoly, Scrabble and many more.

Whether you decide to stay in, play board games or download an app, you and your partner can always grab some lemonade and take this date to your local park!

The fourth date idea is to put on your bathing suits, grab some towels and pack your lunch and head to the beach for a refreshing and relaxing day near the ocean!

You and your partner can grab a beach ball and toss it around, have a sand castle building competition or take a refreshing dip in the ocean.

You can end the night off at a local burger place to enjoy an inexpensive meal.

The fifth and final date idea is to visit your local public library.

There are many hidden gems in the public library, you and your partner can each pick out the most interesting looking book and take turns reading a random page or chapter from the book.

You can end the night by enjoying milkshakes from your local burger joint!

A cheap date night can consist of “Ticket To Ride” and dinner.

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Loving your partner comes with trust, and when you invade their privacy you break that trust.
International Market Night

By Arthur Medrano
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The International Market Night is one of the premier events held each year at CSUSB, which draws crowds with music, diverse cuisines, entertainment and artwork from various ethnic cultures. With over 100 market-goers had the entire day to sample dishes from several different countries as they walked around the library lawn. Across the field, flags were showcasing the diverse cultures in attendance while the DJ played music spanning Spanish Pop to Bollywood.

As an annual event, the crowds seem to grow in size with students, faculty and the public being able to attend this free event. “[This] event that promotes diversity, cultural awareness and just a way to celebrate the ethnic demographics here in San Bernardino,” said Center for Global Management Chief Programming Officer, Daniel Perez.

Getting to study the importance of cultures helps open your mind into new ideas and learn to value our society beyond the boundaries we have set up. The event holds a special place for Perez because his heritage comes from a biracial background of Filipino and Mexican.

“A lot of these booths that come here are family run. They are sharing their food with us, and they are sharing their culture with us,” said Perez. Market nights such as these provide great environments for students to come with their family or learn about their friend’s heritage, as well as their own.

Mablambayan collaborated their artistic styles to create an art piece that features a rendition of the late Bob Marley in portrait form and the other half depicting the diversity of cultures found here among campus.

“Helping bridge the gap among our community helps change our attitudes about other countries and learn that in diversity, we can integrate their values and creativity within our daily lives,” continued Cedillo.

Overall, the event proved to be a success with the vendors and the attendees walking away with greater cultural knowledge than with what they entered in with.

American Advertising Federation Club

By Monica Rosales
Contributing Writer

Students have the opportunity to network and gain a position in their future careers through the new, the American Advertising Federation (AAF).

The AAF is an organization that includes members across all disciplines representing all facets of the advertising industry.

Students consider this club to be long overdue, due to the fact that the American Marketing association (AMA) and Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) have established chapters on campus.

“My reasoning to start the club came with the assistance of Tori Qualls (recent Marketing student), as both of us became inspired by the possibilities of success with the association with Coyote Advertising,” said President Mario Perez.

“My experience as the VP of Finance within the AMA club made for a natural leader to help start up the AAF chapter,” continued Perez.

A year ago, the AMA chapter within CSUSB was non-existent, lost in its previous leadership with no intention to continue.

Jacob Poore, Program Manager of Coyote Advertising program and instructor in the CSUSB Department of Communication, has stepped up to become faculty advisor.

With Poore, Perez, and eight other board members, the club has now grown to over 40 members.

“This organization can do so much to propel a student’s knowledge, network and experience in the field of advertising,” said Poore.

“The programs and resources offered by AAF are fantastic ways for students to gain experience, be recognized, network, and prepare for careers in advertising,” he continued.

American Advertising Federation Club

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At a young age, Talley saw how culture can be looked at in such a positive way but noticed that it was still not being shown and selling in comic books the way one would like.

“Growing up, I didn’t have a lot of influences in black comic books and my first comic was white because I thought that’s what everyone was looking at,” said Talley.

As she advanced in school, she noticed that culture should be a primary factor in her work and how she should not conform because of what society thinks.

“I focused on comics that showed the black experience, and I worked on strong pieces that are still influenced in my comics today,” continued Talley.

Both guest speakers spoke of their amazing work, and also showed multiple comics they have worked on and new work that will soon to be published.

“Culture is important because it shows a truth to society in a whole new form of way and comic books are so popular and diverse, they can express so much more,” said student Geneview Angelo.

Throughout the event, students like Angelo eagerly listened and asked questions about the multiple prospects of entering into the field.

Culture played a big factor in the event because it showed a new side of the field many students weren’t aware of.

“I’ve always been interested in culture and how it has influenced society,” said Alfred Jovani Rodriguez. “Culture influences and bringing that to the full front has always been in my interest in all media, especially where there is a lack of representation.”

Comic books are much more than superheroes, sometimes, as Hernandez would say, they are a representation of you and your culture.
Localpalooza at Brew Rebellion

By Nicholas Linares
Staff Writer

A legendary day of craft beer, music and vendors came alive on April 15 at Brew Rebellion in San Bernardino.

Local bands, Syndicates, kicked off the festival with a bang as people indulged on craft beer and endless amounts of food.

With an enticing $10 all ages pass, the brewery brought out several hundred people to experience the local beers, businesses and music.

Musicians such as Firing All Cylinders, Sangre and From Zero to Hero commenced from all over Southern California for the very first Localpalooza.

Host Dirty D of Dirty Radio gave away raffle tickets, merchandise and announced local bands as they set the stage for a day of alternative rock.

“The lineup is awesome and the tacos are amazing,” Dirty D commented.

Food options for the day consisted of carne asada and chicken tacos, nachos, hot links and hot dogs from two local food vendors based out of the Inland Empire.

Brew Rebellion served over 10 beers on tap and dozens of bottled small batch brews ranging from their Mixed Berry Wheat Ale to a Cinnamon Toast Crunch Milk Stout.

“Today is perfect, it’s sunny and everything I need is right here,” said 23 year old attendee, Michael Draxon.

Vendors such as California Care Group and Blue Mountain Collective showed their support and educated the community on hemp and cannabis-related products and how they can be used to combat their ailments such as rheumatoid arthritis and high blood pressure.

Several products were mentioned in the forms of oils, herbs, capsules and edibles. All which contain CBD or THC, the known molecules for the event. She also said that the people to the event.

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Ortiz hopes that the campus will make more opportunities to DJ. He would be happy to give more to a school that had given him a lot.

Live music played all through the night as people conversed, ate and enjoyed the tremendous amount of effort put into these small batches of craft beer.

Sacred Silence, a System of a Down tribute band brought the crowd to life as they reimagined some of the most popular songs known by the 90s legends.

“I had no idea this event was going to be like this, the only time I have seen an event like this in San Bernardino is at the Orange Show,” replied 32-year-old Marcus Dominguez.

Brew Rebellion can be found on 3rd street at the San Bernardino Airport hosting weekly events, a large variety of live music genres and game nights for friends and family.

Dirty Radio can be downloaded in the app store and streamed as an online rock and roll music station 24 hours a day, giving away free concert tickets, updating listeners on shows and giving resurgence to the local band spotlight.

The event may not have been packed out, but showed strong signs of community and indicated a big desire for Dirty Radio to host the next Localpalooza in April 2018.

As the clock struck midnight the music came to an end and vendors packed up, giving a successful end to new beginnings for Dirty Radio.

Halloween in Spring: ABC Dance

By Robert Klimper
Staff Writer

A few people may know that an ABC Dance usually stands for anything but clothes, which usually involves wearing outfits that are made from various materials.

The CSUSB ABC Dance shares its name with this, but at CSUSB it stands for anything but casual.

The event brought the night alive on April 15 at Brew Rebellion in San Bernardino.

The CSUSB Program Board held ABC Dance, a Halloween event in the spring.

“We thought [ABC Dance] was something different, something we haven’t done before, we wanted to give it a theme and we had never done an ABC Dance,” said Leslie Delgadillo, Program Board Student Assistant.

Delgadillo said that a co-worker who liked the original type of ABC Dance gave the name for the event. She also said that the dance was also given this name in the hopes of bringing in more people to the event.

“The event was free for CSUSB students and any guests that they wanted to bring. They had free water and glow sticks for participants at the dance.”

“People requested something different from the start to the end of the week and when it comes to dances I am all for it,” said Denisse Kollock, a second-year student at CSUSB who along with her friend Jessica White, a third-year friend at CSUSB, were in matching cat ear outfits.

Even though the ABC Dance was advertised as a somewhat Halloween in spring, it was not necessary for students to wear costumes, though a few did.

This was the first year that the ABC Dance had been held, and it saw a decent turn it out in terms of students.

“In actual big events, this was my first event and you know just promoting it and seeing the flyers I was pumped [that] this was something I was going to be apart of,” said Cristian Ortiz, who provided music at the event under his DJ name DJ Swift.

Ortiz, as well as being a DJ, is a student at CSUSB and a member of Output DJ’s Club on campus. He has had a long-time interest in music and has always had a dream of being able to DJ and provide the music for an event at CSUSB.

At the ABC Dance, Ortiz kept people pumped with music from the start to the end of the dance, despite occasional technical issues.

“[DJ Swift] tries to connect you with different types of music, it makes you remember the past, the present...I like to mix new things and old things and just make people happy,” said Ortiz.

Ortiz hopes that the campus will give him more events, and more opportunities to DJ. He would be happy to give more to a school that had given him a lot.

Though the ABC Dance has passed, students that would be looking for a free fun event should keep a lookout for other CSUSB Program Board events like the ABC Dance.
Comedy night at Post 710

By Blair Hernandez Staff Writer

The San Bernardino American Legion at Post 710 hosted a comedy show for an audience of local veterans for a night of remembrance, on April 14.

The comedy event was presented by Angel Wilson, who found it a unique group of individuals and believed the diversity between the comedians hosted by MC Tito Flores.

Wilson decided to book the celebration, to give back to the community of San Bernadino by donating a spectacular comedy event.

As Flores glided across the floor to the theme song “Sauveme,” he opened with “Where are all my Latinos at?”

The crowd all of sudden came to a screeching halt, but soon after, chuckles from the crowd gathered in Flores’ favor as he presented the lineup.

“I don’t know if you can tell by my size but I’m half white, I have a face of a toddler but a body of a serial killer in the back of a milk carton,” said Armando Torres as he turned his face back to the crowd.

“They should make a perfume for me called Voluptuous Armando,” continued Torres.

MC Tito presented the next comedian, Chelsey Blakeley, as the lights dimmed with good music from DJ Mystery.

“You know those type of girls, the ones you see stumbling over themselves when they walk into the bar and their weave gets caught on a bar stool. Well, I have control over my liquor,” said Blakely during her set.

Blakeley was the only female comedian performing at Post 710 on Friday night, Blakely indeed was the most favored among the audience.

“Most of us grew up with each other. I was born in Oklahoma, migrated over the states at a very young age and my father is a veteran,” said Margo, a volunteer and bartender at Post 710.

Margo said she enjoyed the communal atmosphere at Post 710.

“The whole show was wonderful. We are few post that unites with Los Angeles, San Diego and Arizona. Whenever there is a tragedy in the community we support each other by conducting fundraisers, scholarship funds and Christmas parties for the children to give back to the community,” explained Margo.

Writer and producer Anthony Stone spoke about his comedic influences. “I’ve always been an Eddie Murphy fan but it was his “Delirious” set that set the tone for my career,” said Stone.

“As a kid, I watched a lot of Richard Pryor movies. I viewed the world differently by looking from the outside in but being on stage you have to open yourself,” said comedian Ezekiel Echevarria.

Lastly, Marcus Fuggins aka “Fifty Shades of Fudge” performed. Fuggins explained that his name came to him by happenstance. “It popped in my head when I was pulling into the parking lot,” he said.

Fuggins began performing comedy when he was challenged by a stranger.

“It was a year ago at open mic night at La Mascote’s lounge in Indiana. A random lady come up to me and bet $50 that I didn’t have the guts to perform. At first I was nervous but knowing my crazy ass I took the plunge and killed it!” said Fudge. When the event slowly settled the members of the American Legion Post 710 San Bernardino left satisfied with joyful memories and laughs that fulfilled a night of remembrance.

Kung Fu Kenny returns with “DAMN.”

By Yesica Gonzalez Staff Writer

Hip-Hop artist Kendrick Lamar’s new album “DAMN.” was just released on Friday, April 14. Lamar’s album was very different from other artists that usually focus on this type of field and I found it to be enjoyable.

“DAMN.” would most likely be suitable for young adults and any hip-hop lover out there.

The album has 14 tracks that each have various ranges of beats and melody that distinguishes from each other. This is Lamar’s fourth hip-hop album and has been receiving various reviews from many online and magazine sources. The lights dimmed magazine, has rated a nine out of ten stars and has considered it to be a “master storyteller.”

Musician Trammell, a contributing writer for Pitchfork, reviewed the album to stating many praises for Lamar.

“A widespread masterpiece of rap, full of expensive beats, furious rhymes, and peerless storytelling about Kendrick’s destiny in America,” said Trammell.

Lamar has a few contributing artists on in the album such as Rihanna, Zacari and the rock band, U2. Rolling Stone magazine has rated up to five out of five stars.

“Lamar’s gift is not just that he can say why he’s the best, but also that he articulate how this responsibility feels,” wrote Christopher R. Weingarten in his article review.

The album is focused on uprising political situations, self-examination and enthusiastic beats.

“Kendrick Lamar moves from uplift to beast mode on dazzling ‘DAMN.’” Weingarten continued.

Kendrick Lamar is a well-known hip-hop recording artist, song writer that was born in Compton, California.

He first started under the stage moniker K-Dot, where he produced only one mix tape that gained attention from the record label Top Dawg Entertainment. (TDE)

He started to blossom in success by 2010 after dropping his retail album “Overly Dedicated.” Lamar has received countless awards over his long period of a career that includes seven Grammy Awards. Time magazine even named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2016.

The album’s lead single is “HUMBLE.” and was released on March 30.

This song is one of the best ones in the album that I believe has all the requirements that a great lead single should have.

Along with the music video that was produced for the song, it set the perfect scenes for the mood of it.

The music video was released on March 20 and has since then gotten more that 82 million views on YouTube. This song debuted to the number two spot on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 and has become to be one of Lamar’s top charting single.

A few songs on the album such as “ELEMENT.” is electric, with fast rhythm lyrics that can blow anyone’s mind. One of the other best tracks is “DNA.” that produces a sense of flow in finding one’s self-identity.

I give this new album a good rating of four out of five stars due to the unique, upbeat harmony that distinguished from other hip-hop albums. I would recommend this album to hip-hop fans and anyone that loves Kendrick Lamar.

If I can’t get myself together, & I’m not feeling it’s you then i’m just not gonna stay with you

I was the first

When the music video was released on March 20, Lamar appeared in a white t-shirt, jeans and boots while walking through a field with a knife in his hand.

Keep it a hundred, I’d rather you trust me than to love me

Keep it a whole hundred: don’t got you, I got nothin'“ LOVE. by Kendrick Lamar

The album has gotten positive reviews since its release.

There were plenty good vibes and laughs from local veterans.
Facilities Planning and Management is currently working toward fixing the restroom signs on campus. The estimated completion date is spring 2017, according to csusb.edu.

In 2016, California voted to change the restroom policy for all genders to be able to use the same or a neutral restroom. The restrooms in all businesses such as this university need to be "single user restrooms." Here on campus, the laws are being followed with the project already underway.

"It has been on top of it as well as welcoming of the idea," said Raul Maldonado, Pride Center Graduate Assistant. "The campus is making the effort to be really inclusive."

For students, the positive effects will outweigh the negative.

Some may argue that they feel unsafe with the university following protocol going as far as to say that it is "creepy and not safe," said student Kevin Wallace.

Students chimed in on the issue.

"Does not affect them," said student Stephanie Miller.

"Not a big deal," said student Mathew Robles.

"It’s no problem and completely fine," said Destinee Smith.

"They are already single stall. You are just changing the name. It is already equipped for all people," said student Silvana Johanshu.

However, everyone will be able to use any restroom they may choose.

By allowing this choice, students will no longer have to go out of the way to use a designated restroom.

Inside the San Manuel Student Union (SMSU), there is already a gender-free bathroom which was available to all students.

The SMSU had also run a week trial of gender inclusive bathrooms instituted by the Pride Center in which students were free to choose which restroom they wanted.

For this trial, two restrooms in the SMSU were designated "gender neutral" and were given new signage for the week.

"The multimast restrooms caused the biggest uproar," said Maldonado. "That is the one that really upset people."

Unlike single stall bathroomsthat will become all gender at CSUSB.

"When we changed the signage on the restroom over by the food court, crickets," said Maldonado.

Currently, on campus there are gender neutral bathrooms located in other locations.

One is located inside the CSUSB Recreation & Wellness Center.

Another pair of gender neutral bathrooms are located near the pool at Serrano Village.

According to California Legislative Information, [Restrooms] shall be identified as all-gender toilet facilities by signage."

By spring quarter 2017 the signage outside the restrooms on campus should be up to California Code.


gender neutral bathrooms

By Jordan Ortega & Courtney Wilkins
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We should instead include the women who have been unimportant matter in our society and how it is displayed and learned throughout American schooling.

Once hearing this, and recognizing that this is true, it made me wonder why certain things in life are so biased," said student Melissa Johnson.

The interrogating speech left many with the knowledge of the unequal system that many undermine.

"There is no better place to make trouble than a college campus, which provides encouragement to stand up for what one believes," said Kollwitz.

They spoke to students in forensics communication professor Amy Wassing’s Gender, Race, & Media classroom and had the opportunity to discuss issues with them.

They analyzed Barbies as an example for discussion of and what she represents.

"The ability to make connections to concepts that are discussed in our classrooms makes this a special experience for our fellow students," said ASI Vice President Quinn Kochman.

The Guerrilla Girls have made these issues more accessible and understandable to students studying feminism.

"In the text, we are just skimming the surface of feminism, but what the Guerrilla Girls brought to our classroom serves as an application to the students that this is happening in real life," said Wassing. After the event, the Guerrilla Girls met at the university for a meet and greet with the attendees.

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Gender neutral bathrooms allow all genders to have access.

By Sierra Marrero
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Why can’t we renovate old buildings as homeless shelters?

During an investigation exploring the adversities of San Bernardino’s homeless population, questions have been raised as to why vacant San Bernardino buildings are not renovated into homeless shelters.

There are so many unused buildings in downtown San Bernardino, I just don’t know why they can’t use them," says Cierra, a homeless woman who often resides near Seccombe Park. “If it were up to me, I’d put them to use, like, the Carousel Mall, ain’t nobody using it.”

Cierra explains that it is often hard to get into shelters because there is often a waiting list for people to be approved.

While certain qualifications do exist, there is an agreement among officials who work at homeless shelters that more rooms and housing need to be implemented.

“When you have only two shelters for a homeless population that reaches throughout the entire San Bernardino County, it just is not enough," said Salvation Army Spokesperson Carl Dameron.

Dameron further mentions that overcrowding is usually an issue because some people may not feel safe, and when the clients do not feel safe, they are on flight or flight mode, and issues between individuals can easily arise.

“[... Many times my stuff got stolen and I just let it go because some people love to fight," says Cierra. “I didn’t feel comfortable being in the housing because it was too many personalities to deal with so I left thinking other places would offer more security, but no.”

An in-depth report by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, “No Safe Place,” found that, “In some places, the gap between available space and human need is significant, leaving hundreds or, in some cases, thousands of people with no choice but to struggle for survival in outdoor, public places.”

So why can’t the City of San Bernardino implement more shelters out of the vacant buildings in the inner city of San Bernardino, like the Carousel Mall, as Cierra questioned.

Well, according to the Title V program, which is part of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the federal government requires that empty or underused properties that it owns be made available to homeless advocacy organizations.

Ultimately, these buildings can be used if the Department of Health and Human Services approves the application from the owners.
Adopting for love

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It is important to note though that these pets have a past in an entirely different environment.

"Her previous owner just used her for breeding," Ornelas said. "So she wasn't really socialized to be around other dogs when I got her. She's not aggressive at all, just really hyper around other dogs."

Often, shelter pets are already trained, making it a bit easier for their new owners. By adopting a puppy or kitten you want from a shelter, you will not be supporting puppy mills or animal breeders.

Above all, adopting a pet from your local animal shelter or rescue group will give you a new, loving member of the family who will forever love and appreciate you.

City shelters have open door policy, which means they accept all abandoned, stray, abused and hurt animals.

For this reason, shelters remain overcrowded, with many adoptable pets looking for a home. Most shelters have websites where the public can browse through photos of the pets currently held at the facility. Shelters are open for public viewing of the animals as well.

After paying a small adoption fee and medical expenses, including the price of spay and neutering, and a visit to the vet, a pet can then go home with its new owner.

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Adoption is a gift for both the new pet owner and the pet as well.

If you are thinking of adding a pet into your life, adoption is a great option to consider.

By adopting a pet from a shelter or rescue group, you can save a life. About 2.7 million adoptable dogs and cats are euthanized in the United States each year, according to the Humane Society. Many pets come into shelters, and not enough people consider adoption when looking for a pet.

Adopting a pet not only saves the life of your loving new pet, it opens up space at the shelter for another animal that needs refuge.

The number of abandoned and unwanted littered dramatically reduces as adoption increases.

"Adopting guarantees that there won’t be more animals put into a situation where they are unwanted and end up in a shelter," said Oscar Perez, San Bernardino Animal Control Manager. "Every animal that leaves here must be spayed and neutered."

Student Joey Ornelas, who welcomed his pit bull Emma into his life just three weeks ago, described meeting her and just knowing she was "the one."

Emma, like so many other animals in shelters, was happy, healthy, and ready for her new home.

Ioey Orlenas, went to the San Bernardino Animal Control and ended up adopting a new friend, Emma.

Common Cents: saving and giving

Local thrift shop provides clothing to community.

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A local thrift shop has customers from all over stopping by to shop and save money, while giving back to the community as well. On all the low-priced items and spruced up clothing they have to offer. The Assistance League of Victor Valley Thrift Shop or otherwise known as Common Cents, located in Apple Valley, California is the place to find deals on second-hand items and used clothes that have been examined for defects, washed and dried before sale.

The store was buzzing with shoppers as the sound of hangers filled the room. About 2.7 million adoptable dogs and cats are euthanized in the United States each year, according to the Humane Society. Many pets come into shelters, and not enough people consider adoption when looking for a pet.

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After careful consideration, if you feel you are ready to add a new furry member to your family, contact your local pet shelter or rescue group to begin the adoption process.
CSUSB students have a critical decision to make if they decide to drop out or take a gap year.

If taking a gap year many students do so to get some real world experience.

“The latest so far is 85 percent of students are continuing their studies,” said Muriel Lopez, Director of Institutional Research.

Only 15 percent of CSUSB students actually drop out or take a “leave of absence” at CSUSB.

Now students have the option of delaying their education to live their lives.

“I took this last year off [to work on helping survivors of domestic violence],” said student Asia.

Taking a “leave of absence” is not considered dropping out for CSUSB students. Instead it just a way of finding out if you are in the right field.

“Leave of absence” means that the student will take a break from their studies. Instead of deciding to drop out they decide to take a break.

Previously, it was a gap year to travel and see the world. Today it is useful for students to rest and recharge from the rigors coursework.

Then when they choose to return to university, they are recharged and well-rested.

Now it is almost a necessity to take time off for many students to achieve their dream careers. Some of the reasons that students make the decision to take some time off are the following:

- rising cost of attending college
- injury or illness
- prospective job opportunities.

For example, working either part time or full time is a necessity for students to pay for books and housing which financial aid does not cover.

However, not every student has financial struggles as reason for leaving. The fact that it is typically the cheaper alternative than a private institution.

The four-year graduation rate is not that is not typical at CSUSB. The norm here is to graduate in about six years.

55 percent of students have a six-year graduation rate (currently), according to csusb.edu.

Dealing with family struggles such as death of a loved one or injury is a concern that many students deal with when they decide to take a break.

“My mom was getting older so I decided to come back to this area,” said Tamara Holder, Osher Adult Re-Entry Center Coordinator.

Dealing with familial struggles such as death of a loved one or injury are also possible reasons.

Another huge reason for students to take a gap year are job opportunities.

“She offered me an internship to work with rebirth homes,” said student Asia. “I built safe houses for battered women.”

Working in their career choice prior to completing their education helps students.

Even some people decide to take time off to live life and will decide that they want to return to their studies.

“Weigh out the pros and cons,” said Holder.

Some students return when they have the opportunity to return.

“I had no rent, mortgage, bill. I had to take advantage of this opportunity,” said Holder.

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Stress may lead to students taking breaks from school.

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We've all had terrible dates and have hoped to never to see that person again. In case you needed a reminder of just how terrible people can be, here is the worst thing your sign is most likely to say on a first date.

Aries: “Do you mind if my friend stops by?”

Taurus: “Are you gonna finish that?”

Gemini: “I was worried you were a catfish.”

Cancer: “I love you.”

Leo: “Do you want me to put a CD on? I’ve got Nickelback.”

Virgo: “Monogamy isn’t realistic.”

Libra: “I’m sorry, but is the dog from your profile picture joining us at all tonight?”

Scorpio: “So I paid for this drink and that’s not OK. You’re lucky I’m still here.”

Sagittarius: “Listen to my song on SoundCloud?”

Capricorn: “Be honest. Can you believe I’m still single?”

Aquarius: “You have really elegant knees.”

Pisces: “Wanna see how hard I can rev my Prius?”

Hope you enjoyed yours. If not, there’s always next week.

Mistakes

By Sharon Luisjean
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How many times do you make the same mistake? You always do everything wrong. You’re not any better than anybody here. You don’t even have a good face to represent.

I turn left, People constantly bringing me down. No, don’t do that they say. You might not make it. You’ll just mess up. They don’t want someone like you. You’re nobody.

And then...

I turn right, The people have already brought me down. Why, didn’t you do anything they say with loud remarks. You could have made it like others. You wouldn’t know if you didn’t try. They might have wanted someone like you. You could have been somebody.

Why did I listen to them? Now I have nothing to show for myself.

Express yourself.
Share your work with us. Visit UH 037 or email mariam.betlemidze@csusb.edu