Trump’s first week as President

By Arturo Brooks
Staff Writer

President Donald J. Trump and former President Barack H. Obama carried out a peaceful transfer of power, which was witnessed by not only America but the entire world during the Inaugural Address on Jan. 20.

Throughout Trump’s speech many things were said. Trump mentioned how Americans must come together, how we bleed the same blood, how color doesn’t matter and that we are all patriots.

“Take me as your President, and I will lead you to victory,” Trump said.

Trump criticized politicians during his speech, stating that they are all talk and no action, and saying that they are constantly complaining.

Even though Trump took a shot at politicians, Rep. AgUILar of the 31st district has some concerns about our Commander in Chief.

“While I respect the office of the presidency, I harbor deep concerns about the man who has assumed the position. Donald Trump spent eighteen months normalizing racism and sexism,” stated Aguilar.

“He called Mexicans rapists and criminals, proposed unconstitutional bans and registries for Muslim Americans, bragged about sexually assaulting women, mocked Americans with disabilities, and the list goes on,” added Aguilar.

In the closing statements of Trump’s Inaugural Address he stated, “Together we will make America strong again. We will make America wealthy again. We will make America proud again. We will make America safe again. And yes, we will make America great again.”

A student on campus, who wishes to remain anonymous, due to the amount of

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**Women’s March in Los Angeles**

Activists and protesters gathered in the streets of downtown Los Angeles to take part in the historic Women’s March on Jan. 21. Los Angeles was just one of many cities around the country which, in fact, was the largest of all demonstrations in Washington D.C. 

The march started from Pershing Square and would have lead up to City Hall but due to the amount of protesters, the march split up and took over many blocks in the City of Angels.

According to the Women’s March LA organizational Facebook page, over 750,000 people attended.

“Women’s reproductive rights, immigration, LGBTQ support and human rights were some of the many issues heard by thousands of people walking,” said Rusteza Ros Gutiérrez.

“It is imperative that people send a loud, clear, and unmistakable message,” she continued.

**CBBriefs**

**Jan. 23**

Mini bites off his roommate’s ear

*The Washington Post*

Mini, a 20-year-old man, bites off a portion of his roommate’s ear during a fight on Monday in a dormitory in the University of California, Berkeley.

**Jan. 26**

Shaila Lalladore arrested at anti-Trump protest

*The Daily Californian*

Shaila Lalladore, 23, was arrested for resisting an officer after a protest outside of the Nike’s headquarter in Los Angeles.

**Jan. 25**

Sacramento’s hit still hurts Minnesotans
due to Women’s March on Washington speech

*The Daily Californian*

 Sacrifice in California’s game against Minnesota was due to the Women’s March on Washington speech of Rep. Pete Aguilar.

**Jan. 27**

Kyle Soliz beloved for his passion regarding politics due to Instagram post

*The Daily Californian*

Kyle Soliz, 21, is known for his passion regarding politics due to his Instagram post.

**Betsy DeVos**

Secretary of Education nominee

*The Daily Californian*

The Senate committee decision for Betsy DeVos’s nomination for Secretary of Education on Tuesday, Jan. 17, before the Senate committee regarding her nomination for Secretary of Education. The Senate committee was televised and also made available online by the Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-Span).

The Senate of Education is responsible for among other duties—oversaw educational policies, managing Federal Aid and distributing millions in Pell Grants. All of these are directly related to federally-funded schools, including CSUSB.

Here is a brief look into the Senate’s concerns on whether DeVos is qualified for the position based on how she answered the questions from the committee members.

“Should we make public colleges and universities tuition-free? In January, Senator Bernie Sanders asked DeVos, ‘So, that every family in America, regardless of its economic situation, will have the ability to have their kids get a higher education?’” DeVos did not directly respond to the question; she instead replied, “We can have a discussion about how we make higher education more affordable for young people. And I would look forward to that opportunity if confirmed.”

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**HAT HAS BETTER CABINET CHOICES**

**Top Has Better Cabinet Choices**

**Cabinet Members**

Janet Yellen

Janet Yellen is the current Secretary of the Treasury and was Secretary of the Treasury when the Affordable Care Act was enacted.

She would be better to keep the economy on track.

**Steven Mnuchin**

Steven Mnuchin is the current Treasury Secretary and was previously appointed by President Obama.

He would be better to stay in his current role.

**John Kelly**

John Kelly is a retired Marine general and was previously appointed by President Obama.

He would be better to stay in his current role.

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Students discuss graduation plans

**By Almera Nunez**

Staff Writer

Although college is supposed to be a four year plan intended for all students, not every student agrees. Some students see college as a process that every student has to go through at their own pace in order to advance.

“The process of graduating is everything you’ve done to get you to this,” stated student Jackie Barajas.

“If you work hard you put in five years, the long hours of studying, the stress, and everything else that comes with it,” added student Zachary Green.

Other students consider requirements that must be fulfilled as a determining factor in one’s graduation plan.

“Before you start taking classes for your major you have to go through a process of taking the general education classes,” said student Joshua Barajas.

“There are a lot of classes that you have to take before you can even start talking about graduating,” added Flores.

At a four year university, students have a set timeline to graduate. Some students say that timeline was put into place because some students take longer to graduate. Especially when it already had my “graduation date” before I started taking classes. I just had to figure out my concentration,” stated student Maria Cachas.

“College is a process […] it’s a doable process in four years if you take it year by year, not four years at a time,” stated Marin Cachas.

For instance, some students may change their major to suit what fits them best. They have to take before you can even start to advance.

“Students set goals to graduate within 4 years, there is also a degree of flexibility placed on them to graduate within what can be considered an ideal time frame.

“If there wasn’t this big amount of societal pressure to graduate in four years then I wouldn’t have pushed myself as hard to finish in four years. The bad thing about it is this is the potential hurdle across the four year process,” stated student Justin Barajas.

“We have to have clear goals set for people and you can’t go outside those goals, it’s usually unacceptable, but if you push yourself to exceed those goals you are socially acceptable,” said student Joshua Flores.

The fact of the matter is each student determines their own graduation timeline.

**Big band brings jazz**

**By Shannon Parker**

Staff Writer

Little Mountain Big Band ruffled the air with funk and Chicago times during their first concert this past Saturday at the Student Recreation Center Library in San Bernardino.

On Thursday, Winokur band director explained in detail about the types of genre the band covers and how their style sets them apart from other musical groups.

“Our range from jazz composer and boos to rhythm and blues to soul and even some original music. We’re concentrated on music that’s not typical of a big band. […] No one has that particular arrangement we do,” explained Winokur.

Winokur added that he was part of a music group in Redlands for a year. “I started band and said ‘how come we don’t have a big band? There’s enough of us here that play this type of music that we should have a jazz big band’” everyone was like ‘yeah, that’s a great idea, you should make it happen’. So here I am,” said Winokur.

“This is our fourth year […] We started band because we were all new, we’ve become our own thing,” he continued.

If you’re wondering how the band came up with their name, Winokur explained that “we named ourselves after the lovely mountain that catches fire.”

“Winokur has a running joke of the mountain that catches fire.” Little Mountain Big Band—“we’re on fire!” which his fellow band members playfully hate.

The band kicks off the show with “Money Man Money” by Jazzy V and “Lolita V,” the program coordinator answered. Why Little Mountain Big Band were contracted to perform.

“Well, I know the head of this band, Robert Winokur, and he suggested performing here and I thought it was a great idea. I’m always on the lookout for different programs,” said Linda V, who has taught at CSUSB for an extensive six years.”

“Our mission at the library is to have entertainment and education for people […] To bring the community together, to get people to come to the library, who might not normally come over to see that we have all kinds of things happening and the people who are regular to the library, we give them something extra,” concluded V.

“Mostly it’s worthwhile is that there are musical moments on stage and [in the] rehearsal room where everything sounds right and feels good […] this really warms falling […] said saxophonist Dr. Marcus Willshure.

“Like, everyone of your problems are melted away. You’re with the band in the moment. […] happy and free,” continued Willshure.

Willshure further explained that composing music and rehearsals are challenging, but ultimately, the finished product is worth it. They will be performing on campus April 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm on exact location still in the works.

Learn more about Little Mountain Big Band on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/littlemountainbigband

Trump signs executive order

**By Alexander Douglas**

Staff Writer

Trump is set to sign an executive order titled “Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Attacks by Foreign Nationals” that will ban visas from seven different countries that include Syria, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. These countries are explicitly listed In Divison O, Title II, Section 203 of the 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Israel and Syria are said to be the sponsors of terrorism while Libya, Somalia, and Yemen are “areas of concern,” according to the Department of Homeland Security.

With this order there may be temporary bans on visas that will last 90 days. This could affect the various people of the community that come from these various countries who have family in these various countries.

Family members would not be able to enter the country to visit due to the order. Professionals and staff were sent a warning to tell their students from these countries not to leave the country or they might not be able to re-enter the country.

They would also grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis allowing the country to consider the student’s case and circumstances that they are leaving from their country.

The government would also stop protecting legal immigrants who have been in the US since childhood.

Generation Now helps SB

**By Kathleen Ramirez**

Staff Writer

It is our moral obligation as citizens of San Bernardino to help guide the younger generation to become more involved with political activism and civic engagement. This is just what San Bernardino’s Generation Now group is about.

Once small but now expanding, Generation Now has taken it upon itself to help improve the quality of life in the city by mixing its members’ love of the arts with their love of politics.

“We want to empower people from the community, we want to help them and wanted to make these happen,” said Christian Flores, a member from Generation Now.

“When you get involved with what is happening in the community that’s when you really learn and make the most difference, our goal is to shift the culture and make the youth aware of all the different facets available to them.” added Flores.

Flores organizes “e-slam” shows, a local street brew, Brew Rebellion, encouraging competitive games to become involved.

Plus, there is financial incentive.

This group originally started in 2012 and after the city declared bankruptcy more people from the community wanted to get involved to help rebuild the city.

Flores noted that they currently have 10 to 15 active members and about half actively take on projects and the others members play supportive roles.

Not only does this group stress the importance of voting, they host political cartoon drawing nights for art lovers. They also help find the homeless and take part in cleaning up our local parks.

One of the park they cleaned up, Sonoma Park, now has over 20 minutes painted on the walls thanks to Generation Now’s co-founder Michael Segura.

“I am starting to see more updates with them recently, they are expanding fast and I think they are making a better collect then the city government is,” said student Sunny Tanaka.

It is because this group has had such success with getting the younger generation involved that similar groups in Washington in particular have become impressed and decided to model their programs after Generation Now.

One major characteristic that sets Generation Now apart from other groups, is that they focus on getting the youth involved with political engagement locally where they can make a difference, rather than on a global scale.

“I have lived here my whole life and thought this is definitely something I want to be a part of,” said student Fabian Torres.

“Generation Now had being with CSUSB and they came into one of my classes and talked to us about what they were doing,” continued Torres.

Join Generation Now for their upcoming Farmers Market Event, taking place on Feb. 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Court Square Street for some tasty Mexican food.
Let it snow in CSUSB

By Nyllis Vernon
Multimedia Editor

The campus was a bit chilly last week during the annual Winter Snow Day, presented by ASI and the Recreation and Wellness Center (Rec Center).

Snow was spread out in front of Palm library for visitors to play, with sled and snowboard.

Many vendors were in attendance during the event such as Carl’s Jr., Mountain High and Active Rideshop, who were giving away prizes for hitting cutouts of celebrities with snowballs.

Medical student Diana Aguas heard about the event this morning and brought her son out to the Snow Day.

“She is really cute that she put all this snow out here for people to play on. My son is having a lot of fun,” said Aguas.

The event was open to the public and encouraged parents to bring their families out to enjoy the snow day filled with music, food and games.

The event was a great way for everyone to forget about the bad weather that we experienced and to have some fun while the sun was out.

Snowball fights, snowmen builds and event a few falls from guests were all welcomed during the day’s Snow Day.

“I love the snow so this was really fun that the school would put this together. I fell a few times but hey, the snow was there to catch me,” said freshman Cassandra Vargas.

“I really liked the environment but it’s getting a bit colder out here now that the sun just went down,” said Biology major Justin Castro.

“It might be time to head home before I end up getting sick,” continued Castro.

Women belong in the resistance

By Brittanie Gutierrez
Staff Writer

I have always been passionate about women’s rights. I’ve always wanted to let people know that my rights were not for negotiation.

I never imagined marching next to others with the same emotions, fears and hopes. So when Women’s March Los Angeles was formulating, I knew I wanted to take part of it.

Being a woman devasted and afraid of the future of my rights. I deemed it vital that I went to this march; it was not an option— I had to go.

The morning of the march, I knew nothing but good things were going to happen.

After the first stop on the Metrolink, I knew this movement was going to be big; the train had reached maximum capacity with excited activists filling every seat and standing area.

Once we were in Los Angeles, advertisements were given to all marchers to stand on their respective groups. Women, men, children, grandparents, wives, husbands—everyone had a reason to march, whether it was for Planned Parenthood, women’s rights or immigration.

It was peaceful and gave me hope I never felt before in my life. I felt blessed,” said protester Rebecca Loura.

As I sat on the train back home and thought back at the last couple of hours, a sudden roars of emotions overcome my entire being and I began to cry.

The march fueled the flame in me to fight harder for my rights, my mother’s rights, for more, equal, racial and ethnic minorities. I marched for the rights of my friends, for women not only in the United States but around the world.

It made me realize that even with all the negativity around us every day, hope was a force that united everyone, determination for change and progress.

“My rights are for the taking—my rights are my own. Women’s rights are in fact human rights.

As I sit and think about what I took part in, my grandmother’s words keep running through my mind.

“With will and determination, you can accomplish anything.”

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A heated panel discussion, “Truth, Lies and Bullshit,” led by faculty members took place on Jan. 25, in an effort to seek out factual truths and current narratives.

The panel consisted of psychology professors Dr. Matthew Davidson, Dr. Chris Natscha and Chairman of Philosophy Dr. Tony Ray. The Peace Room in the Lower Commons, served as a safe place where many members of the Island Empire voiced their concerns about President Donald Trump.

The panel began with Ray defining the meanings of truth, lies and the differentiation between lying and bullshitting.

“It started out with really simple explanations which is great because there is a difference between bullshit and lies. It’s an easy concept to understand and thought that was very interesting,” voiced Michelle Terrazas.

Dr. Matthew Davidson discussed some facts regarding Trump and Clinton. Davidson mentioned that according to PolitiFact, Clinton had 26 percent of the time during her campaign.

Political Media also reported that Trump lied about 70 percent, yet some in the public still believed him.

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Time has been spent, blood has been shed and walls have been torn down in order for groups such as those who support women’s rights, the LGBTQIA community and many others are distraught about what the next four years will bring.

The panel discussion created a safe and respectful atmosphere for those to gain in-depth knowledge about politics and learn resourceful information.

“Nothing to be afraid of, just getting yourself out there and expressing your mind,” said Roy.

“I felt like a lot of students are afraid of engaging in these things,” added Terrazas.

Roy finished off the discussion by stating that students should continue to do their part as spokespeople and supporters so that we can remain involved and to stop bullying and discrimination.

“Everyday is a new day to question your own opinions and should be encouraged to share them,” said Combs.

“I think it was interesting that we could come together as Coyotes to discuss something that people are very opinionated about and do it without people getting upset,” said Wesley Lockhart.

The panel discussion encouraged students to engage in public events, allowing them to view the world in a different light.

While exploring, one can earn the education to expand their cultural knowledge.

“Travel the world,” said Zeron.

“I would experience living in a foreign country and I think that the cost of traveling is going to put people away from home and be taken out of your comfort zone,” said Combs.

The exquisiteness of creativity allows students to view the world through a different lense.

“Some of the recommendations dishes that will have you wanting more.”

“I go as often as I can, ever since I found the place,” said Ricardo, the owner.

Dishes at Combi Kitchen are nothing short of exceptional, the food is freshly made and the coffee is just as exceptional as the food.

By Clarissa Gonzalez
Half-Way

Enjoying a meal while sitting at a counter with music playing in the background can transport you to another time—possibly another life.

It can almost feel as if you are in a movie, watching for a stranger in a trench coat or a troubled person with a can of cigarettes to walk and twist the plot of the story you are currently living. Located at 13818 8th street in San Bernardino, California, there is a little place called DJ Coffee Shop, currently owned by Tony Tolentino.

The Combine Kitchen (Combi) in Rancho Cucamonga, a place where coffee lovers, meat eaters, vegans and vegetarians can come together in one.

The goal at Combi is simple, “introduce the community to great coffee and great food at the same time,” in the same place; and they do just that.

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Students have an opportunity to create anonymous love letters in the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU). The Osher Adult Re-Entry Center (OARC) started collecting letters from students on Jan. 23rd and are to be dispersed all over the campus after Valentine’s Day.

“There are two ways you can get involved with the Love Letters campaign,” said OARC employee Asia La Pham. The first way is you can nominate someone, either a student or faculty employer at CSUSB, who could use an extra dose of encouragement.

The love letters will be scattered across campus locations; ranging from classrooms to even rented out library rooms.

At the OARC, students can receive more than 40 letters but there are only two weeks left.

“We have a cute stationary, pens and papers. You’ll just basically write positive messages and what we do throughout the week is take the bundles of letters and we hand them around campus,” added Pham. Student Bethany Wattimena discussed her thoughts to me in a simple question.

“Why not make a love letter?” asked Wattimena.

When one visits the OARC, it offers an opportunity to finally create a positive impact in someone’s life through a loving act of kindness.

“Everyone in the world, at some point in their life, goes through something tough. There is really no escaping it, so it’s just best if you can give it a positive thought to remember that they have a choice in how they go about that situation,” said student Dominque Edison.

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The OARC will provide art supplies for anyone interested in crafting an anonymous love letter.

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The first way is you can nominate someone, either a student or faculty employer at CSUSB, who could use an extra dose of encouragement.

The love letters will be scattered across campus locations; ranging from classrooms to even rented out library rooms.

So far, the OARC has received more than 40 letters but there are only two weeks left.

“We have a cute stationary, pens and papers. You’ll just basically write positive messages and what we do throughout the week is take the bundles of letters and we hand them around campus,” added Pham. Student Bethany Wattimena discussed her thoughts to me in a simple question.

“Why not make a love letter?” asked Wattimena.

When one visits the OARC, it offers an opportunity to finally create a positive impact in someone’s life through a loving act of kindness.

“Everyone in the world, at some point in their life, goes through something tough. There is really no escaping it, so it’s just best if you can give it a positive thought to remember that they have a choice in how they go about that situation,” said student Dominque Edison.

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Since President Donald Trump has come into office, social media usage concerning political content has skyrocketed. Many have used social media as a way to express their opinions about the New 8. Additionally, social media users have opportunities to participate in discussions and share their perspectives. Not only have social media users been able to share their thoughts and opinions, but also to connect with others who share similar interests.

On November 8, 2016, the election was held and Trump emerged as the winner. This election was a significant event in American history, and its aftermath has been closely watched by millions around the world. The impact of Trump's victory has been felt in many areas, including social media.

In the weeks and months following the election, social media usage has continued to increase. The use of hashtags such as #Trump and #Maga have become popular, and many users have used these hashtags to express their support or opposition to Trump. Additionally, many users have shared videos and photos related to the election, including footage from the inauguration. The inauguration was a significant event in American history, and many users have used social media to share their thoughts and reactions to this event.

After the inauguration, social media usage continued to increase. Many users have shared videos and photos related to the new administration, including footage from various events and appearances. Many users have used social media to share their support or opposition to the new administration. The use of hashtags such as #Trump and #Maga have continued to be popular, and many users have shared videos and photos related to the new administration.

In conclusion, social media has become an important tool for expressing political opinions and participating in discussions about political events. The use of social media has continued to increase since the election, and it is likely to continue to be a significant part of political discourse in the future.
From soccer to bodybuilding

By Breeze Rivers

With a healthy, star-crossed frame, Amanda Lopez, former women’s soccer player will compete in the John Lindsey body physique bikini competition. On April 8, CSUSB’s very own undergraduate student-athlete will travel to Calver City to face some of the most physically fit and muscular women from all over the world. After retiring from her soccer career at CSUSB, Lopez was determined to keep it in her lifestyle.

“I enjoy lifting and I like to be active, so I just thought why not do an individual sport where I can be competitive?” explained Lopez.

In the John Lindsey body physique competition, the competitors are strictly judged on appearance. The judges will look for correct posture, competitor’s muscular tone and how they stand. Just 10 weeks out, Lopez is doing all she can to prepare.

Lopez currently works with coach John Vigil, a Vegan-based mentor who provides her with nutrition and workout plans. Vigil is proud of how far Lopez has come thus far. He loves seeing her progress and how lean and muscular she can get.

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“Just 10 weeks out, Lopez is doing all she can to prepare. Lopez meal preps twice a week to make sure she can eat at least six to seven times a day, while balancing school, homework and getting hours in at the gym. Her diet includes things like oatmeal, egg whites, ground turkey, Brussels sprouts and sweet potatoes. Every morning at 3:30 a.m. she heads to the Rac Center on campus to get in a hour long workout. She manages to do this six times a week.

“The way I eat, it doesn’t give me much energy so it makes the workouts harder, but it really comes down to mindset,” said Lopez.

Lopez has made not only physical but financial sacrifices as well to be able to compete.

“It’s not cheap, the coach, the food, the supplements, the protein, gym fees cost hundreds of dollars,” Lopez said.

She demonstrates immense discipline by following an extremely strict diet that requires her to measure all the food she eats on a scale.

“You’re the most dedicated person to fitness that I know,” said Paige Kang, a close friend of Lopez.

“Even when we go out to eat, she won’t give into getting an unhealthy item no matter how good it may sound to her,” added Kang.

Meal preparation, often referred to as “meal prepping,” is the process of planning and preparing meals for a period of time usually longer than 24 hours. Lopez meal prep twice a week to make sure she can eat at least six to seven times a day, while balancing school, homework and getting hours in at the gym.

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Student Sydney Jordan, a close friend of Lopez, added, “She always makes sure to take time out of her day to hit the gym no matter how busy her days are.”

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Superbowl LI predictions

By Tyler Vanderlist

The stage is set for Super Bowl 51 in Houston. Many students will be watching the Atlanta Falcons face off against the New England Patriots in what will be a battle between two of the best quarterbacks in the National Football League (NFL).

Quarterback Matt Ryan and the Falcons beat the Green Bay Packers 44-21 in what was an impressive showing for this Atlanta team on Jan. 22.

The Falcons have shown all year that they have one of the most potent offenses, but in this game, the defense stood out by shutting down the red-hot red hot New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. The Patriots and their star quarterback Tom Brady took down the Pittsburgh Steelers 36-17 on Jan. 22, proving why this team has been one of the best teams not only this year, but in the last decade.

This is new territory for the Falcons, as it is just the second time Atlanta has been in the Super Bowl in the franchise’s 51 year history. If they can win the game, it will be their first Super Bowl victory.

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Supporting athletes on their game days is something that can be a decisive factor between victory or defeat.

Student support so far has been very timid when it comes to game days, which perhaps affects some of the athletes’ performance levels. Men’s and women’s soccer both advanced to the playoffs this past season after both performing better than expected.

Women’s volleyball had another outstanding season, winning the conference and making the regional semi-finals. As a whole, our athletes are trying to get the backing of the students to come down to watch the games and support the “Yotes.

“Fans showing up to the game is always a bonus, because not only does it put pressure on the opposition, but it motivates us more throughout the game,” mentioned men’s soccer player Nic Turkington.

Attending men’s soccer games is free for fans who have their Coyote ID. This helps the team with their home advantage.

“It helps create a better playing atmosphere, and it can give the players an extra lift to see games out till the end of the game,” said Ross McGuigan, of men’s soccer.

When the home team has fans supporting them at games, it is intimidating for the away team—it could potentially be the difference of a win or loss.

When it comes to sports, athletes want to play in front of as many people as possible because it makes the game and overall atmosphere more exciting.

“It helps the team stay positive and motivated. To know that despite winning or losing, the team has a loyal fan base is vital to a team’s success,” said Alyssa Campa, of women’s soccer.

No matter what is happening in the game, fans help bring passion to the game. It encourages players to never give up and reminds them that they are not just playing for themselves but the university, too.

Junior women’s soccer captain Nicki Argentieri stated, “It helps the team because it shows we are important also. It also gives us another purpose to win not only for ourselves but the fans too.”

Athletes for CSUSB have all agreed that they want to see more fans supporting all of the sports offered.

They are looking to improve CSUSB’s Athletic Department by increasing their teams win ratio, through an increase of support. Teams playing in the near future include men’s and women’s basketball and baseball.

If you know some of the players on the team and don’t actually attend the school, you are able to speak to them to ask for free tickets to the game.

If one is not a CSUSB student, faculty or staff but would like to attend a game, free tickets may be available.

If you can support any of these games, it’s time to cheer on our Coyote athletes.

Men’s and women’s basketball have their next home game on Feb. 3 and 4. While baseball will have their opening weekend against Dixie State on Feb. 3, 4 and 5.

Baseball to start season at home

By Lauren Jennings
Sports Editor

The Coyote baseball team, which got its start in 1987, is about to start its 31st season this year.

The team has had its ups and downs throughout the years, as all teams do, but this year’s team is ready to pick up from where they left off last year.

They ended last season by losing two games in the CCAA championships, so the team is looking for redemption and a shot at the CCAA title.

“I truly believe this team can make another appearance in the CCAA conference tournament,” said current head coach David Martinez.

“The top six teams out of 12 make it, so if our team keeps making the strides it is making, we have a chance,” added Martinez.

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“This fall, we all became very close and we know how good we can be,” said infielder Jordan Simon.

Keeping score wasn’t important for these games, but the team members learned a lot about themselves and the team.

“The future is bright with this team and I am excited to watch them compete everyday,” said former second baseman and new coach, Grant Buchanan.

“The young freshman and older, more mature seniors collaborate very well with one another,” continued Buchanan.

When the team wasn’t playing fall games, they were practicing and have been doing so ever since.

They practice several times a week, with only inclement weather keeping them from the diamond.

With so much practice, the team is bound to look good when they open the season in just a few days.

However, there is always room for improvement.

“I would really like to improve on our pitching,” said Martinez.

Individuals of the team can say the same as well.

“I really want to utilize my speed and play the game to my ability and not get ahead of myself,” said Simon.

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Catcher Dominic Coomea dives back to second base during an exhibition game against Riverside Community College.

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