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Coyotes spring break to Costa Rica

By JANET CURIEL  |  Staff Writer

Students got the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica through the TRACKS Alternative Spring Break Program from March 26 to April 2.

The TRACKS program, which stands for travel, recreation, adventure, culture, knowledge & service, was established here at CSUSB in 2011 and embarked on its first international trip this spring.

The program is funded and provided by ASI, the Office of Community Engagement, Recreation and Wellness, and the Office of Student Engagement (OSE), with the fee for students varying from free day service trips to $500 for Costa Rica.

Of over 200 applicants, 18 students were selected through a process of group interviews and submission of written applications in the fall of 2015.

Some of the highlights of the trip included volunteering at Paraisina, Costa Rica to help protect and save sea turtles, cultural and recreational activities such as a zip line, canopy tour, whitewater rafting, kayaking, hiking and visiting a self-sustaining ranch to learn applicable techniques to lower our carbon footprint.

My favorite part of the trip was being able to connect with not only the people who were a part of the trip with me but being able to interact with the people from Costa Rica,” said student Jasmin Limon who attended the TRACKS trip.

“For many students, this is their first opportunity to experience travel, and get a first hand look at the impact of social justice, and the economy built around service,” said Shannon Stratton, the Program Supervisor of the OSE.

There are several past TRACKS trip participants who have gone on to do service after participating in the program, including two who joined the Peace Corps.

Kamal Preet, a senior graduating in June who attended the 2015 trip to Puerto Rico, is departing for the Peace Corps in July to Botswana, Southern Africa.

“I always had an interest in joining the Peace Corps, but the TRACKS program helped bring service back to the forefront as a priority after graduating,” said Preet.

Daisy Ramos, an alumnus who attended one of the first TRACKS trips to Big Bear, is currently in Costa Rica for the Peace Corps, and met up with the group for the last three days. Ramos praised the program for its impact on students and shared her experience with the group.

“TRACKS Costa Rica was such an amazing, yet humbling experience that I am so incredibly thankful to have been able to be a part of. I believe this volunteer service trip changed us all for the better, and I am amazed at the selflessness and the compassion of our TRACKS team. We all came together and made a difference in Costa Rica, this is something I will cherish forever,” said student Desiree Nicolai, who attended the trip this year.

I myself was fortunate enough to attend the Costa Rica trip, and am extremely grateful for the personal growth I experienced through service and the friends I made on the trip, and advise those who are interested to apply for upcoming trips.

Due to the low cost, TRACKS Alternative Breaks are limited to 1 per student during their attendance at CSUSB.

The next TRACKS program is for Puerto Rico in 2017, which will be accepting applications in the fall. For more information visit csusbrecsports.com.

“arabian Nights”

PDC Theatre Arts department hosts exceptional play

By FELIPE MONTANO  |  Staff Writer

Classes are still in session as it was announced that the CFA had reached a tentative agreement with the CSU board on April 8.

The CFA bargaining team was sent to negotiate the agreement and succeeded in establishing a 10 percent salary increase for tenure track faculty, as they are usually the division of faculty with higher responsibilities.

As part of the agreement, the minimum salary will be increased for tenure track faculty, and the CSU system and unless we cry, we don’t get the raise. CSUSB has one of the lowest salaries in the CSU system and unless we cry, we don’t get the raise.

Anissa Mata.

“I am glad that I won’t have to worry about this in the future. It is something that we will always have to worry about ‘money,’ but when you teach, it is not something to take lightly. You are empowering the next generation, and your pay should show it,” said future educator and student Anissa Mata.

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The agreement with the CFA and CSU is tentative and the CFA faculty has to vote to ratify the proposal.

The members of CFA will vote online between April 22-29 and the results will be announced May 3.

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A pub for a dry campus?

By MICHAEL ISBERTO
Staff Writer

The Blue Coyote Pub is one of many eateries on the CSUSB campus, and it is the only place where students can consume an alcoholic beverage. Should we still be considered a dry campus?

According to CSUSB’s Annual Safety Report, “CSUSB has adopted a ‘Dry Campus’ policy, including all university housing. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in university buildings or on CSUSB property is prohibited. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action leading to probation, possible eviction and prosecution.”

Students believe the only reason CSUSB states it is “dry” is to portray a good character status.

“I think it’s a dry campus because we don’t want to have a bad reputation,” said student Serena Gomez.

Although the report says ‘no exceptions,’ The Blue Coyote Pub is still a place where one can find students drinking a beer or two between classes.

“I think it is cool to have a pub on campus but not necessarily smart. Because I know people who go to class a little buzzed and it’s not very efficient,” said Gomez.

CSUSB’s Drug Information web page states alcohol as a substance that impairs judgment, and also slows reaction times.

“Alcohol misuse and abuse places you at increased risk for physical injury, under the influence, sexual assault and other violent behavior,” according to csusb.edu. “Misusing alcohol can also have a negative impact on academic success, work performance, friendships and family relationships.”

Although some students believe it is not smart to have a place to drink on campus, other students believe it is fine but only in moderation.

“I don’t think there’s anything bad with having a pub in school,” said Communication Studies student Erendy Torres.

“I personally like that we have options. It is up to us if we want to drink or not. I don’t think having a pub in school promotes drunkenness by any means,” added Torres.

A place like the pub gives students a place to relax from the stress.

“I think it’s OK for a pub to be on campus because it gives the students a place to relax with their friends and have a beer or two as well,” said student Adrian Alcantar.

“It’s cool to have a place on campus where we can be at school while it doesn’t feel like we are,” added Alcantar.

It is also clear to students that there is a drink limit at the pub as well. Students believe this will keep things controlled and safe for everyone on campus.

“We aren’t allowed to drink outside of the pub and there is a set limit of two drinks per student and the staff monitor what we drink,” said Alcantar.

By MICHAEL ISBERTO
Staff Writer

Students can go to the pub not only to enjoy an alcoholic beverage but also to eat and watch televised sporting events.
**FLIPPIN’ FOOD FOR FIFTEEN AN HOUR**

By NOEMI GARCIA

Staff Writer

It is believed that the raise in minimum wage “is a step in the right direction overall because we have become a part time society,” said student Kayla Tyndale. There is also a fear that once minimum wage rises, the cost of living and goods will rise with it, defeating the purpose.

“This might have been one of the reasons why it might have taken so long to get approved by the government. “Financial institution employees agree that it is hard to see their clients attempt to save, and shortly after they come back to pull that same money out because they need it to afford the cost of living,” said Yossi Kviatkovsky, in an article by the San Bernardino Sun.

“Making the point that the cost of products will rise as well to compensate the pay raise. “Uneducated, workers are going to be making almost as much as me, and I have a bachelors degree!” said Oscar Garcia, a graduate student from the University of Phoenix.

Although I am happy for others, I also believe that people with higher education should get their money’s worth,” said Garcia. When a professor, who holds a university degree, is earning just a few dollars more than someone who does not can cause resentment.

“Professors will feel under appreciated,” said student Laurence Bitumin.

“As of now, professors in Cal State system were about strike over a pay raise, they might want another raise to feel like they are “getting their money’s worth,” said Garcia.

“What is the point of being a student, especially if that student’s dreams are to become a professor? They can just drop out and work for fast food chains,” said Bitumin.

This is just part of the argument because the raise will affect the number of jobs that are available.

Employers are not going to be able to afford the payroll and ultimately a decline in available jobs, and the collection of taxes will become a challenge to the state, according to CNS news.

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**CUBriefs:**

By RACHEL RUNDENGAN

Staff Writer

**Meth in the form of Smarties Candy**

A middle school student found snorting meth that was packaged to resemble Smarties candy, according to CBS.

The pink pill was confiscated and tested positive for methamphetamine, after the student claimed it was candy.

The investigation is continuing, although the Police Department believes this to be an isolated incident.

The 14-year-old student faces a charge of being in possession of a controlled substance, according to CBS.

**Cliff hanging proposal**

A man was rescued from a cliff in California after proposing to his girlfriend.

Michael Banks, 27, was rescued by helicopter while attempting to climb down the 600-foot Morro Rock, off California’s Central Coast.

Banks was later charged with meth possession, after his girlfriend said yes, according to ABC.

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**Career Center, happy to help**

By RHEJEAN KING-JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The Career Center is a place with resources to help students succeed.

There are advantages through this center to help students and alumni find employment, internships and volunteer opportunities.

“The goal of the Career Center is to guide students and alumni to be career ready and land their dream jobs,” said Interim Director Sarai Maldonado.

Students with little to no experience can meet with an advisor and be led in the right direction.

Those with a lot of experience can also benefit in reaching their dream job.

The peer advisor and career counselors will assist student needs whether it’s through resume building or simply asking questions to help them find a job or internship that best suits them.

The chance to get one-on-one help can be really beneficial for those who need more guidance and for those applying for future career.

“I met with a peer advisor to get help applying for current and future jobs, along with resume critiquing and format adjust,” said student Devonte Holston.

Students can find career fair opportunities, jobs and internships specifically for you on the website.

“The website is user friendly by allowing you to modify searches narrowing down to the specific job you are most interested in,” said student Alexis Robles. Workshops are made to aid students in career developments, find a work environment they will enjoy and help them discover their career.

Workshops are also created to prepare students on how to develop a professional resume that will generate interviews.

“We want to help explore every option available,” said Peer Advisor Tyler Porteous.

The Career Center partners with other organizations such as SOAR, Alumni Affairs, Undergraduate Studies and the Office of Housing and Residential Life to bring awareness to students of the services provided to further their careers.

A great way to get experience in the job field prior to graduation would be internships, which the advisors can guide you.

“Being able to tap into the experiences of the counselor will help better my opportunities,” said student Amber Olson.

The Career Center also offers interview preparation so that you are interview ready and land your dream job.

“This center is generated to accompany you with your search, and apply for the job opportunities that interest you,” said Maldonado.

The Career Center staff inspires students and alumni to use their sources to help them discover their career, interpersonal skills and work ethic.

For one-on-one guidance lasting longer than 15 minutes, it would be best to make an appointment.

Walk-in sessions are available for 15 minutes Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Appointments can also be made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Career Center is located on the third floor of University Hall, room 329.

“I encourage students to come into the Career center to get early career advantages,” said Maldonado.
Opinions

CFA agreement not enough

By KYLE RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

It is finally a done deal. But is it a good one? The California Faculty Association (CFA) and California State University (CSU) officials have reached a “tentative agreement.”

The agreement came as a result after CFA members threatened to strike across CSU campuses. “This agreement represents a strong step forward for salary stability for the faculty and their families,” said CFA president Jennifer Eagan, according to CFA.

“We are happy about this fair agreement, and are delighted that we will be teaching and mentoring our students next week,” added Eagan.

In my opinion, the deal is a bad one for the CSU professors in the classrooms. It is not enough. The CSU’s original offer was a 4 percent raise through 2017, according to califac.org.

Educators should be held higher in rank as well as paid at a competitive market rate.

The tentative agreement is a total increase of 10.5 percent raise through 2017 dispersed throughout three different dates, starting with 5 percent on June 30, 2016, 2 percent on July 1, 2016 and the final 3.5 percent on July 1, 2017.

Those eligible for the increase are CSU faculty members, including tenured professors, lecturers, counselors, librarians, and coaches.

But is this tentative agreement enough of a raise for the people who are educating the students who are the future of this world? “I feel like the CFA settled,” said student Evan Peckels.

“But they have to secure what is theirs, there was probably few of their jobs security, while like other humans, they have families to feed,” added Peckels.

The faculty members who are educators should be held higher in rank as well as paid at a competitive market rate.

According to The Sacramento Bee, members of the CFA earn on average $45,000 annually before taxes and other deductions. Let us take a look into some of our own CSUSB administrators’ annual salaries.

According to The Sacramento Bee, Tony Morales, CSUSB president, made $380,000 in 2015. Now, let’s not get on Morales, he is the captain of the ship who has been steering CSUSB in the right direction since he has arrived.

But, let us look at his key lieutenants. Douglas Free, CSUSB’s Vice President-Chief Financial Officer, made $207,000 in 2015 according to The Sacramento Bee.

Cesar Portillo, Associate VP of Human Resources, made $170,000 in 2015 according to The Sacramento Bee.

I can only imagine how many rounds of golf $170,000 can buy a year.

But I do know that is a lot of student tuition. These are just two of the many administrators at CSUSB who make more than $45,000 annually.

Yet, these are not the people who are in the classroom educating the future.

There are many professors who must teach at multiple campuses, teaching multiple subjects, to try and barely reach the average annual income. How is that fair to these professors when the administrators are sitting pretty in their offices?

With all the tuition money that students pay to attend a university, we should not have to question why educators are being held out of secure jobs, and thousands of dollars.

These professors, who are educating the future of the nation who will contribute to society and private sectors, deserve to be paid more.

“I strongly believe that quality education is of vital importance to your generation. You guys are the future,” said Communication Studies Professor Donald Girard.

“Educators that provide a high quality of teaching necessary to a student’s future success should be paid at a high competitive market rate,” added Girard.

I myself, wish to be an educator and I question what my future may hold. I would owe everything I have learned to those who have educated me, as I can only hope that my future students would do the same.

But think about it; whether you look to pursue a future in athletics, photography, arts, marketing or cyber security, you must consider the economic reality of the professors who are educating you today.

They are prepping us for the future. They deserve more than they have been offered.

Are you ready for the “real world”?

By ISRAEL RAMIREZ
Staff Writer

Many students who obtain a degree do not necessarily know what to do with it. This can only mean they are not prepared for what we call the “real world.”

When I refer to the “real world,” I am speaking about the job industry and what it will take for us to compete with others in order to land a job after graduation.

As students, we must be prepared to perform our full potential.

“If I could go back and do something differently it would have to be networking with other individuals and attending school events in order to meet new faces who could later be an influence when attempting to obtain a job,” said library service specialist Manuel Veron.

Even when many students are nearing graduation, a substantial amount of those students are not ready to effectively compete in the real world.

We should prepare ourselves by meeting new people and forming friendships that can make an impact on our future when seeking a career.

Now, networking is a very important skill, but in order to meet new faces, one must also be able to communicate effectively.

Employers are more interested in finding a candidate who has the potential to help the company succeed through the exhibition of stellar communication,” according to Investopedia.com.

Having interpersonal communication skills show a person’s ability to work in a team efficiently—while netting to Investopedia.com to meet new faces, one must also be able to communicate and forming friendships that can make an impact on our future.

Over 1,000 CSU faculty members and their supporters marched to Chancellor Timothy White’s office on Nov. 17, 2015.

Students and new graduates lack proper skills to succeed after graduation. Working in an important aspect for one to succeed, it cannot be done without it. Students who excel in communication will find it easier to manage in the job industry after graduation, but that is not the only skill that students need in order to be prepared.

Equally important to effective communication is a student’s experience outside of school. An outstanding GPA would not be the only thing the job force seeks for in a resume.

I am not saying your grades are not important, I am saying that having experience outside of school will have a larger impact on your name.

“It’s also important to remember that employers are looking for skills, qualities, and experience that a GPA doesn’t always capture. To put it another way, your GPA may get you in the door, but it’s not going to close the deal,” stated educator Lawrese Brown of Noodle.com.

I know many individuals who had outstanding GPAs and are still without a job after graduation.

This does not necessarily prove that having good grades during your college career is worthless; it just shows how it will not always be the thing to move you forward.

“Relevant work experience is more important than college grades to prospective employers,” added Brown.

Work experience can demonstrate your different tasks and skills you performed to future employers. It is not easy to have these qualities. However, college is a place for you to make mistakes and put your skills into practice.

Making sure we are prepared with successful networking, effective communication, and work experience, will give us a head start as students and new graduates.

We all want jobs after graduation, but not all of us will be prepared to take on the challenge.

So buckle up ladies and gentlemen, you are soon to enter the “real world,” and I only hope that you are ready to face it.
**Opinions**

**WHAT FEMINISM REALLY MEANS**

By SHIRLEENA BAGGET

Staff Writer

I am a feminist. By making this declaration, I am saying that I believe and stand for the equal rights and representation for all, especially women.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, feminism is the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities; it is the theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes.

“Everyone benefits from feminism. We all have an obligation as human beings on this planet to advocate for equality,” said Coordinator of the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) Jarret Honn-Alex.

Feminism—its movement, its culture, and its definition has evolved over time.

In our society, feminism has taken on a different meaning and has been negatively represented.

Pop culture has influenced the idea that feminism is just about our right to be nipple-freeing, rough and tough, independent, and anti-men radicals.

An impressionable mind would believe that Amber Rose’s push for women to be able to dress sexy and not be slut-shamed is the extent of the movement—fortunately, it is not.

Personally, I think the confusion and ill-feelings many experience have a lot to do with the lack of knowledge of all that the big F-word has done for us.

Feminism in the past helped propel the advancement of equal voting rights for women.

The movement got women out the house and into the workforce and schools, made illegal abortions and the importance for birth control headline news, helped make sexual harassment intolerable at the workplace, and was a key player in the civil rights movement.

Men, our beloved feminists did not forget about you either.

They fought for you to have paid father bonding time, changed the definition of rape in our legal systems, broke the stereotypes of gender roles, and raised awareness of the psychological impacts of patriarchy.

You are probably thinking, “That’s in the past, what are those brazen and brawny, loud and obnoxious women doing now?”

One major concern is the Gender Wage Gap, which means ladies you are not getting paid the same as the man sitting next to you, performing the exact same workload as you, which is the reason behind April 12 Equal Pay Day.

The feminist movement can also be accredited with raising awareness about marriage inequality, classism, sexism, violence towards women, fair treatment of domestic workers, and gaining equal representation of both sexes in judicial and legislative offices.

Remember, feminism is not just a movement of women’s issues but fights, supports, and stands for all humans.

Luckily, CSUSB understands the importance of student engagement by embracing the WRC.

“If you want to learn more about feminism, or become a feminist, this is a great place to start,” said Graduate Assistant Marissa Wollard.

Each program and event the WRC holds are rooted in a passion to celebrate and empower women, embrace men, question beliefs, and advocate for equality for all.

There are many issues impacting society, and this is our time as millennials to be the change in the world we want to see.

I encourage you to do your research and educate yourself of the great F-word, and recognize because of feminism, you have the right to do so.

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**Internal benefits > physical gains**

By DESTINY GUZMAN

Staff Writer

Social media has distorted the way we choose to view and live a healthy lifestyle. It is being used to encourage our generation to make a positive change, but it comes with negative associations as well.

We see that motivation for leading a healthier lifestyle comes from wanting to look a certain way, and social media is a great influence for this trend.

“We people who want to look like others are definitely a huge contributor to this trend. I have a lot of friends that are wanting to get into fitness to look like someone specifically,” said student Erica Bice.

A healthier lifestyle has to be for yourself and not for others.

“If you work out for yourself, you’ll actually find it a little bit easier. If you do it for yourself, you’ll see growth,” said student Erica Bice.

A healthy lifestyle is not only about physical gains, but it is also about our emotional and mental health as well.

According to President’s Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (PCFSN), maintaining a healthy lifestyle will “improve sleep, decrease potential of becoming depressed, increase your energy and self-esteem, relieve stress, and increase your chances of living longer.”

We see nothing but posts of people’s external outcome, when in reality, we should be focusing on the internal benefits that will help us live a healthy life.

While surfing social media sites, I would find myself uncomfortable and unsatisfied with my own physical appearance.

As a result, I refrain from going onto those sites.
The Disney College Program is a paid internship that offers participants the opportunity to advance their strengths and interests, meet guests and cast members from around the world and take part in educational opportunities as part of the Disney company. Students get to choose if they would like to take part in the Disneyland or Walt Disney World Resort.

Once that decision is made, students go through a rigorous interview process that includes both telephone and online interviews. Although the process is time consuming, both fellow and former cast members have described it as a resume boosting and unforgettable experience.

Once accepted into the program, the internships get distributed all through out the parks. Students come from all around the world, each for different reasons from wanting to grow with the company, travel, and because they had heard from previous attendees what a great experience it was.

“I heard of this internship through my aunt she did the program 15 years ago. She told me it was one of the best experiences in her life that if she could she’d do it again,” stated Tina Derusso.

Derusso is a marketing psychology major from pennsylvania and hopes this will be her foot in the door to later on take on a professional role in the company.

“I’ve always wanted to work for Disney,” said Derusso.

As a current parade control she gets to interact with kids of all ages.

“The opportunity I’m getting here related to my future career plans because it’s a company I love that has values I support. Not only that a lot of the higher ups we have been introduced to had their career started being part of the college program,” said Derusso.

The coordinators of the program emphasize to the students once their accepted how important it is for them to start thinking of where they want to be with the company. Some of the program’s objectives, as stated on their website, are “for the student’s to demonstrate understanding of the specific line of business and how it is aligned with the overall objectives for The Walt Disney Company, increase understanding of specific lines of business by acquiring new knowledge or skills and to investigate career and professional development opportunities within The Walt Disney Company.”

The students are encouraged to take part in the activities and seminars offered throughout the course of their internship to reach these goals.

Part of the experience is their housing set up. If a student participates in the Orlando program, they have the chance to live in Disney provided housing. The selection can be made by students requesting to live with a friend who is also part of the program. Although it is not guaranteed, they can also choose “random” and be partnered up with strangers only criteria being they are of the same sex and either 18 to 20 or 21 and over.

That changed the dynamic of the situation for many who were not too sure about how they would adjust to the living situation but chose to embrace it as part of the experience.

“It really is what you make of it, I wouldn’t want to discourage anyone from giving the internship an opportunity. I would just tell them to keep in mind it is them who make the experience worth while,” said Bianca Gomez.

Gomez is a recent graduate from El Paso Texas, as a character performer she has admitted there are ups and downs to the internship but like any job the good interaction and people she has met outweighed anything else.

Student Jesy Amaro a current who is taking part in the program agrees with what she had to say, “It’s an incredible experience getting to be part of the magic they create, you get a behind the scenes look. I would recommend students to take part in it if they get the opportunity but also take into consideration how much energy and time it takes,” said Amaro.

Students from all over the world choose to participate in the program each year all for different reasons. Disney gives you the opportunity to work with a fortune 100 company while taking educational courses, working throughout their resorts, meeting people from around the world and earning college credit.

It is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and like any other internships the students will gain from it depending on what they choose to work towards.
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Career Extravaganza — Career Opportunities

By JOSHDIA AGUILAR Staff Writer

The Career Extravaganza, hosted by CSUSB on April 11, provide those who want to pursue their own career with a good place to start.

The event was held in the Santos Manino Student Union Event Center, which invited 76 employers and CSUSB students and alumni to meet, interview, and learn about new employers and opportunities.

The employers who were present at the event were divided into four sections: Corporate, Federal/State/Government, Non-Profit, and Education/School Districts. Edgar Perez, the Employer Relations Coordinator, along with CSUSB’s Career Center, explained the main goal of having the event for the students.

“Our main goal was to have a large number of employers here on campus that represent several areas of employment,” said Perez.

“And that they were actually readily hiring and interviewing students,” added Perez

The event had a recorded number of 520 students who attended the event according to Perez. The attendance and participation from the students made the event a success.

“We’re excited that the students came out to support the event and to have this many students and community people show up it was a great success for us,” said Perez.

“63 percent of the employers have communicated with us that they will be reaching out to the students they spoke with to extend second interviews,” continued Perez.

The event provides students with a great opportunity to engage and interact with the employers in their respective field of study.

“Based on what we are looking for employees who have a degree or are close to completing their degree, but we know that we are looking for different skill sets. Some employers are more looking at the potential they have, and some employers are more looking at the experience they will see from the students.”

“Basically right now we are looking for employees who have a degree or are close to completing their degree, but not limited to any particular field,” said Garcia.

“We need workers who are looking to branch out and not limit themselves,” continued Garcia.

The event was split between two floors of the SMSU, with Corporate, Non-Profit, and Education/School Districts in the event center and Federal/State/Government in the upstairs fourplex.

Many were moving quickly from each booth with excitement and others were not as quick to approach first. Kyle Collingwood, a Target recruiter, spoke about what he liked best from the students of CSUSB.

“A lot of the students showed a lot of passion and drive to get a career once they graduate with their degree,” said Collingwood.

The Career Extravaganza was very helpful for students to gain confidence in approaching and interacting with employers which could benefit them after graduation.

“I feel confident; the school has given us all of the tools and resources to be ready to enter into the workplace,” said Guadalupe Torres.

Don’t give up on the dream

By JACOB STRANGIS Staff Writer

Will students in college be swayed to settle for a job that is practical or pursue the dream career they feel connected to? Will income, increasing societal pressures and an unpredictable job market make them change their career paths completely?

“If you go living life by security, you’re not going to be happy,” said Chloe Coto, a student at Loma Lindus University.

“How much more likely you’re not going to be impacting people, and accept fear as a motivator,” continued Coto.

These are powerful words that will likely resonate with most students who truly do have a dream, but may possibly be torn between practicality and genuine desire. Some students, even though they are getting a degree, are not relying on it as much as many may assume.

“I’m going to school to get my dream job and I’m here more for the resources and experiences I get out of day to day interactions more than a piece of paper that I will get in the end,” said student Nick Linares.

It is refreshing to see that some students are willing to change their majors multiple times to figure out what they want to do.

“This is to avoid waking up one day, 10 years from now, unhappy and miserable with the decision they made, and instead wake up and genuinely be able to look at themselves in the mirror and be happy with who they are.

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“I switched my major to Sports and Recreation Management and I am going to have a much more enjoyable life,” said Updegraft.
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For three years of touring, according to The Lumineers’ website, “My favorite thing [about the album] is probably the tone [The Lumineers] create from all of their songs as well as their instruments and how they create emotion from just [their sound],” stated student Emilee Plau.

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The Arabian Nights

By CAROLYN SOLAR
Staff Writer

“The Arabian Nights” play, directed by Kathryn Ervin, made its way to the Palm Desert Campus for its final two performances on April 9 and 10.

The set was decorated with several carpets covering the floor, jeweled pillows, treasure chests, twinkling lights resembling the night sky, and yellow curtains to create the Arabian theme.

The play is about a young maiden, Scheherazade, who is forced into a marriage with the cruel ruler, Shahryar.

The heartbroken Shahryar has been known to kill his brides in an act of revenge after marrying each wife.

Scheherazade begins telling stories of love, lust, comedy and sacrifice to her husband in an attempt to save her own life. Scheherazade narrated the stories from the side of the stage while the acting was done before the audience.

References made to the Arabian culture, like religion, struck me the most; I noticed “Allah” being mentioned and even a reference to “Ramadan.”

The play stayed very true to the culture and the time frame. One story even mentioned the Quran and specific aspects to the holy book.

All of the characters played a significant role in the play and seemed to connect very well with one another.

Myranda Agueros (Scheherazade) and Kendall McGraw (Shahryar) did an amazing job at interacting with each other.

The story telling done by Agueros was both emotional and comical and both actors seemed to show passion in their roles.

One of the most memorable scenes for me took place in the first act, which features a man who falls in love with a woman and begs for her hand in marriage, only to find she is actually a hideous beast.

She is described as “bald and scabby,” with “one blind eye,” and “the most nauseating of all disgusts.” The man now wants to escape this marriage.

Some students in attendance were actually students who had never attended a CSUSB play before.

For student George Cornejo, this was the first of many theatre arts performances that he will be attending.

“I was actually surprised with how well the whole thing was put together. The set was really colorful and the costumes were great. This seemed very well planned and put together,” said Cornejo.

For others, any performance at the Palm Desert Campus is a pleasure.

“(At PDC) I feel like I don’t really play a part in the campus community, so to be able to attend events when they do come to our campus is always exciting,” said student Liz Gutierrez.

“They did an amazing job and I look forward to more performances in the future,” continued Gutierrez.

The next play is called “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying” and will make its way to the Barnes Theatre on June 3.

This play is said to be bigger and better than previous ones, and for the student price of $6, I would recommend that all my fellow ‘Yotes check out the Theatre Arts department online at theatre.csusb.edu for tickets to the next play.
MOVIE REVIEW

Okay plot-line meets great actor

By MISTY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

While “Demolition” was heartfelt and comforting, it was still very repetitive and predictable. I definitely wouldn’t see it again, or buy on DVD.

It’s obvious how the story-line of a man writing complaint letters to a vending machine company can easily get boring. Narrated by the main character Davis, played by Jake Gyllenhaal, the film is about a man who loses his wife, but hasn’t discovered an effective coping mechanism.

Luckily, Gyllenhaal delivered a great performance, making the movie very intimate. Without his brilliant and skilled acting, the movie would have been a total bust. “Demolition’s” characters had a lot of layers to them, to the average person they would be looked at as ordinary, but to those who have watched the film, you can see how extraordinary they truly are.

To play a man, who feels nothing initially and eventually unfolds into this monster of emotions, is not an easy thing to do. Davis destroys his precious house in to show how the tragic accident that Davis’s wife dies in, but from there, it had gotten kind of slow, making me just anticipate action.

Though I was not a big fan of the storyline, I do think that the acting in this movie could be seen as Oscar worthy. The cinematography was not original.

The film started with an initial bang, but getting to the climax of the film was a drag. We all have eventually had to deal with death at one point in time in our lives, making this movie easy to connect to.

From the beginning of the film you are in a thrown into the plot with no recollection of everything that has taken place beforehand.

We know about Davis’ wife dying but we do not know what happened beforehand until we have the opportunity to witness the deconstruction unfold before our eyes.

The actors in this movie overall did a phenomenal job, because the roles initially don’t seem complex; it takes skill to still be able to evoke emotions out of someone.

Judd Lewis, as a newcomer did an excellent job along with Naomi Watts in her supporting role, and Chris Cooper who plays the father-in-law.

The characters had a lot of depth, but because the plot was bland, it limited some of the potential of supporting roles. All in all, it was like watching a black and white film in color.

By DESTINY CARTER
Staff Writer

The cast and crew of “The Arabian Nights” did not anticipate the amount of preparation needed to properly execute their play. The Theatre Arts department concluded their 11th performance of the play “The Arabian Nights” at the Palm Desert Campus on April 10.

The play consisted of 16 talented cast members, most of whom have been with the theatre arts department for some time.

Bradley Peck is a senior on campus with “Arabian Nights” being his fifth play.

Peck found that the hardest part about being in the play was learning the Arabic culture.

Something they worked on all quarter was learning phrases, words, and proper dance styles.

“We had an Arabic professor (Nabila Land) who came in every week explaining what each Arabic word meant and the proper way to pronounce it. As well as show us how to properly move and dance,” stated the actor.

Freshman Chiyako Nelson found that the hardest part for her was getting the choreography down.

“Mostly due to spacing and that our choreographer couldn’t always be there was the hardest part for me,” said Chiyako.

When asked what his favorite scene was, Bradley said, “The perfidy of wives.”

This scene was where Bradley played the Jester and got cheated on by his wife who he was forced to marry.

“It’s my favorite because comedy is my specialty, my first line as the Jester allows me to... Continue online at CoyoteChronicle.net

Behind the Scenes with the Cast

By RAFAEL VELASQUEZ
Staff Writer

Police reviewed video of casino altercation

According to law enforcement, a surveillance video captured Mónley Crite fromton Vince Neil allegedly shoving a fan as she aggressively tried to get an autograph from him and Nicole-Las Cage as of April 11 at the Aria Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

As the fan approached them, Neil allegedly struck back, pushing her away from him, prompting a fight. The video provided law enforcement enough information to issue Neil a citation.

Star Wars star transfers from jail to hospital

“Star Wars” child actor Jake Lloyd, who appeared as young Anakin Skywalker, moved from a jail cell to a psychiatric ward as of April 10.

The Star Wars star was initially arrested after an erratic high speed chase that exceeded 100 mph in June 2015. He has been behind bars since June and there is still no word of his release.

Party’s over for Rick Ross

A judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by Rick Ross over an alleged ownership mistake in one of the lyrics in LMFAO’s 2010 “Party Rock Anthem” as of April 11. Ross alleged that LMFAO made a mistake by using his 2006 “Hustlin’” in one of their lyrics as “Everyday I’m Shufflin’,” according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The copyright infringement lawsuit was filed by an entertainment attorney who represented Ross.

New consoles coming, time for wallets to cry again.

E3 is coming in less than four months and rumors are starting to flutter the media. Gamestop COO Tony Bartel stated in an interview with investors around April 14, said, “We are very pleased to see the introduction of technology like virtual reality and new console launches, some of which seem imminent.”

The internet speculates Nintendo will be introducing their new consoles soon, but no direct info from Nintendo themselves.

Reebok introduces new creamy color shoe-line

XXI magazine announces Reebok’s new peachy, tangerine, and sky blue color shoes on April 15.

The show-line, The Club C 85, are currently available for only $75 a pair which seems imminent.”

Shoes are sold at local Reebok stores and Urban Outfitters worldwide.

Obama invites hip hop artists to the function

Musicians Ludacris, Common, Alicia Keys, DJ Khaled, and Nicki Minaj met with Obama to discuss a criminal justice reform. My Brother’s Keeper is an initiative, and the empowerment of disadvantaged young adults on April 15.

The Fader magazine displayed various artists’ social media accounts, showing the recognition that they each got from Obama. Other rappers included were Wale, Pusha-T, J. Cole, and Timbo.
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Ethan Chapman, CSUSB Baseball

Chapman continued to be the rising star on the Coyotes baseball team and played in countless games over his college career. The Coyote Chronicle wanted to know what it was like during his first stint in baseball past the collegiate level.

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**Sports**

**First on the track, first in our hearts**

By SHANNA SHERMANAN
Staff Writer

CSUSB Women’s Track and Field competed at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational on March 9. It was a rainy day, but that didn’t stop the Coyotes from taking the field. They had a successful day starting with the women’s 5000-meters “B” race, where athletes Cara Bonafede and Elizabeth “Lizard” Hernandez brought the Coyotes in with a great finish.

Bonafede finished fifth with a personal record (PR) of 19:22 and Hernandez followed shortly behind in seventh with 19:34, beating her previous record by 51 seconds. Field events began at 10:00 a.m. with pole vault, hammer throw and javelin.

In pole vault, Coyote Stacey Vanderpool vaulted 3.25-meters, earning a first place finish in her flight and a 12th place finish overall. Vanderpool also managed to break her highest vault by an inch. In hammer, Simone Everett threw 40.31-meters, a new best. Everett came into the meet motivated and ready to throw a 40.45. At 12:20, Pomona-Pitzer began the 100-meter dash where Sinclair Watson and Taylor Matthews took the two fastest times for the Coyotes. Watson ran in heat 2 and finished in fourth with 12.42 seconds and Matthews finished second in heat 3 with 12.64 seconds.

“Then I start thinking about my training and focus on everything I’ve trained for this moment,” said Watson.

According to Watson, she always feels good about her races as long as she “left everything on the track.” Her next goal is to run 11.9 seconds in the 100-meter and 24.8 seconds in the 200-meter. At 1:15, the open 400-meters went off where Coyotes Jacqueline Mota, Sierra Marrero, Rhi’sa Baker and Michelle Pineda fought for their NCAA Conference Qualifying mark. Mota placed second in heat 6, followed closely by Marrero and Baker. Coyote Pineda ran a personal best of 1:00.27, earning herself a first place finish in heat 7.

“None of the girls had times,” said Pineda, “so I didn’t know what to expect.” Pineda took off without any blocks and set out to catch all of the girls in front of her. Pineda is happy, but not content, and is looking to qualify for conference in her next 400 with a sub 60 second time.

Coyote Taylore Cantu finished the 1500 meter first for her team and 15th in her heat with a 4:49, one second off from her PR. Following Cantu, her teammate Alice Zayer placed seventh in heat 4 with a 5:01. Coyote Patricia “Patty” Cortez brought CSUSB in for a great finish by getting first in the 5K with a 17:31 beating her old PR by 8 seconds.

“I really didn’t expect to win,” said Cortez.

“It was really empowering because I felt very strong and confident in my training,” concluded Cortez.

**How sweet sweep it is**

Coyotes sweep 4 game series against Otters

By TAYLOR GLAZE
Staff Writer

The Coyote softball team swept their four-game series this weekend against the Cal State Monterey Bay Otters, bringing their total win streak to seven games in a row. The first game of the series started off rough when outfielder Morgan Ratliff was hit by a pitch, putting her on base. The first game of the series started off rough when outfielder Morgan Ratliff was hit by a pitch, putting her on base. The second game that afternoon, both teams showed up ready with strong offenses. Neither team scored in the first. The second game that afternoon, both teams showed up ready with strong offenses. Neither team scored in the first.

In the fifth inning, the Otters recorded their first run. Monica Maddox earned an RBI when she put down a sacrifice bunt. The last score of the inning was by Ratliff, with a single to the pitcher, allowing Williams to score, putting the Coyotes ahead 7-2.

In the fifth inning, the Otters recorded an RBI. They would also add two more runs in the sixth on a walk and an error by Coyote right fielder Monica Maddox. Going into the seventh inning, the score was 7-5 Coyotes. Williams would be the last to score on an unearned run for CSUSB. The Otters would also score one more with a single up the middle earning the last RBI of the game, but not for the win. The Coyotes won 8-6, earning them the two wins for day one of the series.

Day two of the weekend series started off slow for the Coyotes on top of a two-hour rain delay. The Otters kept them from scoring until the fourth inning while Monterey scored one in the first with a ground out to shortstop scoring an unearned run. In the second inning, they earned two RBI’s making the score 3-0 for the Otters going into the fourth.

CSUSB started the fourth inning with an earned run off of a walk. Maddox then earned three RBI’s when she smashed one out to left field. The Coyotes last run was brought in by Ratliff when she grounded out to second, driving Maddox home.

Coyotes stayed on fire into the fifth inning when with a wild pitch advanced a runner home. Jessica Brown singled one through the right side, earning her second RBI of the game. The final run of the game was an RBI earned by Williams, ending the third game of the series against another win for the Coyotes. The final score being 8-3.

The final game of the four-game series started out with both teams earning two runs in the first inning. The Otters would be held to the two for the rest of the game thanks to Coyote pitcher Amanda Ramirez, who threw six shutout innings, not offering any walks and had one strikeout.

The Coyotes scored three runs in the fifth on an Ashley Leffingwell single to left field along with a single up the middle by Olani and off of Briana Quintana’s sacrifice bunt. CSUSB finished the game with three more in the sixth when Leffingwell hit a three-run home run ending the weekend with a clean sweep of the series against Monterey at 8-2.