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For the first time, scientists from the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have observed ripples in the fabric of spacetime called gravitational waves, confirming a major prediction of Albert Einstein’s 1915 general theory of relativity.

The gravitational waves were spotted by two Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) detectors located in Livingston, La. and Hanford, Wash, according to the LIGO discovery press release.

LIGO Scientific Collaboration, is a group of more than 1000 scientists who have joined in search for gravitational waves. They have concluded that the waves were produced during the final fraction of a second of the merger of two black holes to produce a single, more massive black hole 1.3 billion years ago, according to the LIGO discovery press release.

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The Department of Music and Voice presented “The Seven Deadly Sins” Feb. 5 and Feb. 13 in the Performing Arts Recital Hall on the campus, as well as The Vine Theatre at the Bernardo Winery in San Diego.

Director Stacey Fraser, of the CSUSB Opera Theatre, presented Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht’s sung ballet, which struck a dramatic punch amongst the audience with their invoking stage presence.

The story shows us the toll the prohibition era took as it compromises the life of Anna, who holds an internal divide preventing her to accumulate wealth for her family.

Having been a part of the opera herself, Fraser provides a stunning performance followed by her opera theatre students and fellow colleague Faith Jensen-Ismay.

I attended the event held in The Vine Theatre, a small venue fitted with 48 seats, where the light fixtures aimed towards all corners, putting each actor in their own spotlight.

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The Zika virus outbreak, originating in Brazil, has spread to more than 30 countries.

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Internet tax banned

Seven states are now permanently banned from taxing residents for Internet access.

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Aliso Canyon gas leak plugged up

By KYLE RICHARDSON
Staff Writer

Finally, after 4 months, the methane gas leak at Aliso Canyon has been plugged by work crews. Estimated numbers showed that since the start of the leak up to January, the leak had spewed more greenhouse gases than 440,000 cars emit in a year, according to the LA Times.

The gas leak that many did not know about, has been releasing methane gas into our atmosphere since Nov. 26. “The well is no longer leaking,” said Jimmie Cho, senior vice president of gas operations and system integrity for Southern California Gas Co., to the LA Times.

The methane gas was released into the air, schools within 5 miles of Aliso Canyon were all given air filters for each classroom and office, according to PR Newswire.

Southwestern California Gas Co. will work with the regulating agency, the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources to confirm that the well leak is permanently stopped, according to PR Newswire.

As the leak has been plugged, there is still no answer for how the leak initially started. The total number of households relocated due to the Aliso Canyon gas leak was 4,645, and a little over 1,700 of these households have returned home, according to PR Newswire.

Southern California Gas Co. Aliso Canyon gas storage at Porter Ranch provides gas to homes and companies all across Southern California; approximately 20,000 square miles throughout central and Southern California, from Visalia to the Mexican border.

The gas leak was plugged, it was filled with a mud-like compound.

Concrete will soon be pumped into it for the final step to fully seal off the well, according to the LA Times.

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Internet free of taxes

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The Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act (ITFA) was passed by the Senate on Feb. 11.

“I was a big win for those of us who’ve been fighting to preserve net neutrality but we’re going to have to stay vigil- ant on this,” said Senator Al Franken of Minnesota.

While Congress has known about the ITFA, some members of the general public were not aware of its existence.

“I didn’t even know they tax the Internet before. I don’t think it’s fair to tax Internet use. How can anyone measure the usage of it?” said student Angelica Gau- batz.

“The only thing I can think about being treated the same,” said Franken.

“Over 4 million Americans submitted comments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), more than double the number of comments that have ever been submitted to the FCC on any other issue. Vast, majority for continuing net neutrality,” added Franken.

Seven states currently taxing Internet use are: Hawaii, New Mexico, North Da- kota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas and Wis- consin, making a combined $563 million yearly on the tax, according to US News.

The bill passed with a vote of 75-20 in favor of the ban, according to ABC News.

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By JENNIFER MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

Gov. Jerry Brown is planning to move forward with his goal of reducing California’s petroleum use in half by 2030, according to the LA Times.

Last month, Gov. Brown submitted a budget to the California State Legislature that proposed spending a third of the state’s cap-and-trade funds, which is approximately $1 billion, according to the LA Times.

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Meanwhile, scientists look to determine its connection to birth defects and a vaccine.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the potential link between the virus and neurological disorders, microcephaly and Guillain-Barré syndrome, can be confirmed within weeks.

Microcephaly is a birth defect that causes infants to be born with abnormally small heads and developmental issues. Guillain-Barré syndrome, is a neurological disorder that causes paralysis.

As stated by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), symptoms for the virus include: fever, rash, muscle and joint pain, headache, and red eyes.

“It seems indeed that the link with Zika (and microcephaly) is becoming more and more probable, so I think that we need a few more weeks and a few more studies to have this straight,” stated Marie-Paule Kieny, WHO assistant director-general for health systems and innovation, at a news briefing in Geneva.

The Brazil health ministry issued a report of 4,314 possible microcephaly cases in Brazil on Feb. 12.

Of those, 462 cases were confirmed and 41 showed traces of the Zika virus in the mother or child, according to Reuters.

More than 30,000 Zika virus cases were reported in Colombia, according to Reuters.

Of those cases, 5,000 were pregnant women.

In a week, the total reported cases of Zika infections increased by 23 percent and 57.8 percent for pregnant women, as reported by Reuters.

Scientists from the U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH) and the Indian biotechnology firm, Bharat Biotech, are the leading candidates for developing a vaccine, according to Reuters.

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Health and Human Services Secretary

The WHO reported that the vaccines would take a minimum of 18 months to begin clinical trials.

Reuters reported the NIH vaccine to be similar to the West Nile vaccine, while Bharat Biotech is scheduled to begin pre-clinical trials on animals.

Recently named Brazil’s most wanted criminal, the Aedes mosquito is known to carry the Zika Virus.

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The virus resides in Africa and the Asia-Pacific, before making its way to Latin America in early 2015.

Blood transmissions and sexual transmission are also possibilities, although mosquito bites are the most common form of transmitting the Zika virus.

Earlier this month, a man in Dallas, Texas contracted the Zika virus after having sexual contact with his partner who recently returned from Venezuela.

“Now that we know Zika virus can be transmitted through sex, this increases our awareness campaign in educating the public about protecting themselves and others,” stated Zachary Thompson, director of Dallas County Health and Human Services, in a statement to the CDC.

People are encouraged to take precaution by practicing safe sex and that pregnant women should refrain from traveling to a region with a Zika outbreak.

Reuters reported two cases of Zika infections through blood transfusions in Brazil earlier this month.

American Red Cross has asked that anyone who has been to Latin America in the last 28 days not donate blood.

According to CBS News, Zika has been detected in saliva, breast milk and urine samples, although the CDC has not confirmed these as ways of transmission.

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By CRISTAL NORMAN
Staff Writer

Boy buys flower for every girl at school (Feb. 14)
A 17-year-old boy spent $450 in order to purchase a carnation for every girl at Sky View High School in Utah on Valentine’s Day.
“I would feel so special if I went to that school and received a flower from someone I didn’t know,” said CHS senior student Jessica Hernandez.

Hayden Godfrey worked as a dishwasher ‘and cook at different fast food restaurants in order to purchase 900 carnations for girls at his school.

New Orleans haunted mansion for sale (Feb. 12)
A New Orleans 1857 Magnolia Mansion home, rumored to be filled with ghosts, is up for sale, according to wfa.com.

James H. Calhoun designed the mansion for Alexander Harris, who died of yellow fever 11 years after the home was built; and the next owner John Henry Magnin died after being struck by lightning.

“In a city famous for its fabulous food, art and ghost stories, New Orleans also has some of the most colorful homes in the world,” according to TopTenRealEstateDeals.com.

New York Judge arrested for getting hit in her whip (Feb. 15)
A New York judge was arrested on her way to court for drinking and driving, according to KFLY News.

Judge Leticia Astacio was on her way “overseas criminal arraignments” in court, when she was involved in a car accident at 8 a.m. on Interstate 490.

Officers tried to give Astacio a breathalyzer test, but she then refused and was taken to jail and released the following day with her court day in March.

Penguins stranded (Feb. 15)
Approximately 150,000 penguins have died after being stranded on an iceberg for six years in Antarctica, according to CNN News.
The animals had to walk 40 miles or more to find food leaving them landlocked.
The Rhode Island sized iceberg cut off the penguins’ food supply and majorly changed the landscape of their home.

Unicorn hair the new black (Feb. 11)
The latest hair trend for 2016 looks a little like a unicorn horn coming out from your head, but that’s what’s in this year, according to Cosmopolitan Magazine.
The trend used to be a rainbow hue of colors within your hair, but this year the hairstyle has a “literal sense” to where girls are shaping their hair to look like a unicorn horn.
The new statement has hit social media sites and unicorn hair has received 82,160 posts, according to inquisitr.com.

Never forget to pay your student loan debt (Feb. 15)
The U.S. Marshals service in Houston is now arresting residents for student loan debt, according to Fox News.

Houston resident, Paul Aker was greeted by cops and arrested for his $1,500 student loan from 1987.
Aker was taken to court where he had to agree to and sign a payment plan for a loan that he took out 29 years ago.

Brown cuts down on oil

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...and constantly mentioning it since.
“Oil is the heart of modern prosperity, and yet it has the destructive impact that it’s going to undermine that prosperity very quickly,” said Brown at a news conference.
“So we have to move off it.”

Brown’s administration says cutting petroleum use in vehicles is a crucial part of its climate change strategy because transportation accounts for an estimated 40 percent of California’s greenhouse gas emissions, according to arb.ca.gov.
The Air Resources Board said that going on with Brown’s goal will require Cali- forni ans to decrease the number of miles they travel every year, continue improve- ments in vehicle fuel efficiency, and invest in fuel sources with lower carbon content.
This new budget proposal depends heavily on mass transit, proposing to add an extra $400 million of discretionary cap-and-trade funds, according to the LA Times.
An additional $500 million would go toward consumer rebates for electric ve- hicles and low-carbon fuels.
These proposed increments in spend- ing are a combination of new cap-and-trade dollars and money left over from stalled negotiations in Sacramento from 2015, according to the LA Times.
California’s clean transportation poli- cies will save over $8 billion on health care costs due to fewer asthma attacks, cardiac hospitalizations, and premature deaths from poor air quality, according to focus.senate.ca.gov.

“If the governor is going to push these expenditures forward, he will need to dem- onstrate to the legislature, and the people of California, how proposed spending can dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emis- sions,” stated The Western States Petro- leum Association in a statement.

Democrats have argued that voting for this budget proposal could hurt low-in- come and commuter-reliant communities, according to the LA Times.

Any action that Gov. Brown takes toward his proposal remains at risk of being dismantled once he leaves office in 2018, according to arb.ca.gov.

“I do remain of the strong belief that [defining petroleum targets] statutorily is the best way to do it,” said Senate Presi- dent Pro Tem Kevin de Leon.
Kathryn Phillips of Sierra Club Cali- fornia applauded the governor for finding a way around the political stalemate to work toward cutting gasoline use now, according to the LA Times.

“The administration is pressing for- ward with what they can do at this point, but everything they’re doing is essentially consistent with that goal,” said Phillips.

New Supreme Court Judge needed

By CHEARA HUNT
New Editor

A few Supreme Justices are refusing to look at the nominees President Obama is nominating for a new supreme court judge after the recent death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.
Obama vowed on Tuesday to name an “indisputably” qualified Supreme Court nominee and lashed out at Republicans who he said demanded a strict interpretation of the Constitution—except regarding his right to propose a new jus- tice, according to CNN News.

On Tuesday, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) said that the Senate “might” actually grant a hearing for Obama’s Supreme Court nominee, even though Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pledged not to hold a vote.
Johnson told radio host John Howard that while he probably wouldn’t vote yes on Obama’s nominee, he’s open to a vote either way, according to thinkprogress.org.

Republicans would need to lose two votes on the Senate Judiciary Committee in order for Democrats to overcome the committee hurdle, because a 10-10 tie vote results in a failure to report the nomination, according to thefederalist.com.

“This is the Supreme Court and it’s going to get some attention. We have to ask ourselves as a society, a fundamental question, are we able to still make this democracy work when it’s supposed to, when our founders envisioned it?” Obama asked in a press conference in Rancho Mirage, California.
Obama stopped short of ticking his hand in terms of who he would nominate. When asked whether his com- mencements should be interpreted as suggesting a moderate, Obama said, “You shouldn’t assume anything about the qualifications of the nominee other than that they’re well qualified,” according to USA Today.

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President Obama wants to suggest a new supreme court judge to replace the judge that had just recently died.

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CSU professors deserve raise

There are 23,000 California State University (CSU) educators that have been fighting for a salary increase, and I believe they deserve it.

By MICHAEL ISBERTO
Staff Writer

F
ight for Five,” is the slogan the California Faculty Association (CFA) is using for their cause to fight for a 5 percent general salary increase for all faculty.

The CFA is an association representing many of our CSU educators.

Their website states, “We are a union of 23,000 professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors and coaches who teach in the California State University system. In classrooms on the 23 CSU campuses, CFA members work hard to teach our students the critical-thinking skills, the technical know-how and the cultural insights they need to be thoughtful, productive and artistic participants in our society.”

The CSU system is offering an increase of 2 percent to educators instead of the proposed 5 percent the CFA is asking for.

But the union is standing strong, and have not accepted the terms. Members of the union have already voted to strike and walk out of classrooms in April.

If your favorite professor walked out of the classroom, would you follow him or her out the door? How important do you regard your education?

It is not breaking news. I think everyone knows that educators are underpaid.

I have heard it throughout my academic career and it is the most common excuse I hear from my classmates. People warned me not to do it because it does not pay well. But if most people are aware of this, why haven’t things changed?

The education system is important to everyone. We are all looking to better ourselves and get a respectable job after we finish school.

But that’s the thing: we all need to go through school, learning from professors who feel unappreciated, and this has to change.

I think it has to start at the top. It seems as though administrators are living the good life while the rest of the faculty are struggling.

The LA Times reported, “More than half of CSU faculty make less than $38,000 in gross earnings.”

The Chancellor of CSU and the presidents are all making an average of $300,388.29 a year plus benefits since 2014, according to Transparent California.

So, while some of our favorite professors are taking second jobs, and living off food stamps, there’s a chance we may see CSU administrators in fancy new sports cars.

I’m not saying they need to be paid the same, but I believe the income gap between administrators and faculty should be narrowed from what it currently is.

People talk about the disappearance of the middle class, that soon the world will only see very rich people and very poor people.

It’s scary to think that it’s happening in our education system as well.

They need to give the professors what they deserve. If this matter is not settled and my professor walks out of the classroom in April—so will I.

Classroom is no place for phones

By STEFFANIE MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

Would you put your cell phone down if by doing so you could potentially improve your GPA?

As college students, it seems impossible for us to go throughout the day without checking our phones multiple times.

I’ve seen it in all my classes; the students who sit in the back pretending to look at the professor, meanwhile they expertly text, or surf through their Instagram feeds without getting caught.

Richard Murphy and Louis-Philippe Beland, two economics professors at Louisiana State University, measured the impact of mobile phones on student performance.

They surveyed 91 schools in four English cities before and after strict cellphone policies were implemented. “We found the impact of banning phones for these students equivalent to an additional hour a week in school, or to increasing the school year by five days,” said Murphy.

According to the results, low achieving students benefited most from the cellphone bans.

Their test scores increased by 14.23 percent.

It’s an issue that dates all the way back to grade school, hiding our cellphones from our teacher thinking we’re fooling them by putting it on our lap.

But back then, teachers would simply confiscate our devices.

Now as adults, the consequences aren’t as effective due to potential disputes.

Most classes I’ve had clearly state on the syllabus that cellphone use is not allowed during class time.

However, there’s always that handful that don’t seem to care.

Many students think that because their cellphones aren’t using their cellphones, I personally don’t think it is their responsibility to do so.

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Clean water essential
By RACHEL RUNDENGAHN Staff Writer

Water is of major importance to all living things. Seventy percent of the human body is made up of water. So you can imagine just how important water is not only for our health, but also our overall well-being. Some of you might read this and think that these facts are common knowledge—facts we should have known in grade school.

However, the crisis in Flint, Mich., has shown just how incapable Michigan officials were in understanding the importance of water. Residents of Flint, Mich, drank, cooked, and bathed with lead-contaminated water for the past two years. For months, critics of Flint could not get anyone to pay attention to the problems with their water supply.

“As a Flint citizen and as one of the activists who fought to raise awareness regarding quality in Flint, I witnessed firsthand a reluctance to address citizen concerns,” said Laura L. Sullivan, professor of Mechanical Engineering at Kettering University, Michigan.

This crisis has been going on for two years, and it’s barely getting the media attention it deserves. The reason behind this disaster was due to a financial strategy that would supposedly help the city’s budget. But screw making decisions off of financial concerns when people’s health are at risk.

“As problems worsened, people from the community began attending city hall meetings and events with jugs of brown water,” added Regan.

Excuse my language, but how the hell does that make any sense?

This makes me question the veracity of this crisis.

Was the decision really made to stabilize the city’s budget, or did race and poverty factor into this water crisis?

“Between 2009 and 2013, some 41.5 percent of Flint’s residents lived below the poverty line, compared to just 16.8 percent of the rest of the state,” stated MSNBC national reporter Trymaine Lee.

“Flint Michigan with impure water,” added Regan.

Hidden in my opinion.

“People who are in the community trying to make sure things are okay, will be the ones who actually care,” said Regan.

“Zika is a virus called Zika (just like Ebola and the swine flu) is coming to take us all away—or that’s what the media is telling us. However, I disagree. The media is only using this virus as a means of getting traffic on their website because in fact, the virus is not a big deal—at ALL—at least in the U.S.”

Within the past month there have been a total of 52 Zika virus cases in the U.S., all of them are from people traveling in areas of Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

There have not been a single case yet of someone acquiring it locally in the U.S.; so as long as you do not take a family vacation, you will be okay.

Zika is an RNA virus related to the West Nile, yellow fever, and dengue viruses, and caused by the bite of the Aedes mosquito, according to Dr. Peter Jay Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Furthermore, there is something different about Zika compared to the other terrifying viruses that were not a threat at all to the U.S.

Common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes), according to the CDC.

If you think about it, those are not severe symptoms at all. Especially since people usually do not just get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they are rarely, if ever, due to the Zika virus, according to the CDC.

Pregnant women who have the Zika virus can transmit it to their unborn children, causing birth defects.

“We are seeing illness when it strikes women who are pregnant and it’s producing a horrific effect of Microcephaly,” said Hotez.

Hotez continued, “We don’t know when in pregnancy the consequences are greatest.”

Microcephaly may cause mental retardation, as well as delays in speech, movement, and growth, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Now, don’t worry. I know this sounds very alarming, and you are probably thinking you must check if you have it before you and your significant other try to be adventurous.

Relax, take a chill pill. Remember, there has not been a single reported Zika virus being locally borne in the U.S. The 52 cases are by means of traveling to the areas outside the U.S. that have it, according to the CDC.

The virus was first discovered in 1947 in a rhesus macaque in the Zika forest in Uganda, according to Dr. Jennifer J. Brown in genetics at the State University of New York and senior editor at Everyday Health. The virus has been known for more than 50 years and only now getting coverage.

“This is a ‘real’ state of emergency with this one,” said Hotez.

One could argue that there is currently no cure available, but just like Ebola, there wasn’t until the U.S. actually had an interest in even making a cure due to it hitting U.S. citizens in my opinion.

Sincere love imperative for growth
By SERENA GOMEZ Staff Writer

“I love you,” the three words and eight letters that so many people yearn to hear. Love to many is an emotion and to others a state of mind that every human strives to have and is afraid to lose.

However, what they fail to realize is that there are two different types of love: healthy and unhealthy.

A healthy love is filled with support, faith, and care. An unhealthy love is the exact opposite; it is consumed by jealousy, control, and obsessiveness—it is tainted.

“On average, 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States,” according to the Center for Disease Control.

“When someone says ‘they’ve fallen in love with you,’ it can be hard to tell if they love you in a healthy way, or if their love is tainted,” stated psychologist Kevin D. G. Grant.

There are some relationships where a significant other will give gifts to make up for something they did when they hurt their partner.

Some relationships are based on one person’s wants and needs rather than reciprocity. Do not mistake control for care.

If someone truly cares they will trust you to be your own individual self and will not force you to do things you do not want to do.

It is imperative to be strong by letting go of obsessive and abusive relationships.

It is hard to differentiate between healthy and unhealthy love. It is even harder to leave someone you have been with and known for so long, but you need to think about yourself first.

Instead of looking for another to love or be in a relationship with, focus on yourself as an individual.

One could argue that love is a means to an end, and why they feel as if their only purpose in life is to have a significant other. It does not matter who the other person is or how much you know about them.

When it comes to love, millennials seem to look for the wrong aspects of a relationship.

I believe in thinking about how compatible they are with another person, the majority think about what kind of car does the other have? Or do they have abs? Will we look cute together when taking pictures?

Just refer to the many dating apps available.

Why are most of them filled with male models and better bodies?

Thriving in a healthy, loving relationship is what makes living in this world filled with happiness, as well as love and happiness.

Healthy love is such a beautiful emotion. There is one person in this world that could honestly say they would never want to be alone.

“Healthy love is a choice. It is something you give as a gift. It has conditions that shape the self and strengthen the other,” stated licensed marriage and family therapist John Kim.

Everyone wants to know that there is someone in this world that truly cares about them and who they are.

Love is a good feeling to have, just be careful who you end up with.

“Everyone is patient, love is kind, love meant slowly losing your mind,” stated Kevin Doyle in my favorite movie “27 Dresses.”

Do not go crazy over a person that does not want you for your true self. Be with the one that would not change who you are, but want to complement their individuality with yours.
Warm waters force sea lions ashore

By CHRIS CAUHAPÉ

Once upon a time, a team of Sea World San Diego rescuers entered a restaurant in La Jolla, CA, to rescue a sea lion pup that had climbed 43 steps to enter a La Jolla business.

Two weeks later, the team captured an emaciated, malnourished and dehydrated female sea lion pup at an upscale La Jolla eatery.

The animal had found its way into The Marine Room restaurant and spent the night in a cozy dining booth.

Sea World rescuers said that the 20 pound, eight-month-old sea lion was 20 to 30 pounds under normal weight. The fact that the animal was dehydrated is no surprise, because although members of their particular zoological family can hydrate themselves by drinking seawater, their main source of hydration comes from their diet. Eastern Pacific Ocean sea lion prey consists of northern anchovy, Pacific sardine, market squid, rock fish, and Pacific hake. All of those fish species prefer cool ocean water for their habitat.

When the El Niño condition exists as it does this year, coastal California water temperatures are raised which causes food fish to seek colder water. Colder water is found either too far from the coast for mother seals or at depths, which are beyond the diving limits of these carnivores.

The sea lion population is always hard hit by this weather phenomenon. The birthrate for sea lions in 1983, which was a particularly strong El Niño year, was 60 percent lower than the 1982 figure. The species is not in danger. The peak California sea lion population has remained around 300,000 through many El Niño episodes.

El Niño is a highly unpredictable climate condition that is a result of a “warmer than usual” band of water that runs perpendicular to the coast of Chile. When El Niño occurs it effects weather conditions all across the world.

In the U.S., El Niño generally causes warm and dry winters in the northern states and cool, wet winters in the southern part of the country including California.

La Niña is the condition that exists when this band has “cooler than usual waters,” which causes cold wet winters in the northern states and warm dry winters in the southern part of the country.

El Niño or La Niña conditions occur every two to seven years. El Niño episodes occur more often than their counterparts, and may last up to two years which is twice as long as the La Niña endures, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration El Niño webpage.

Photo courtesy of Howard Gaudin

A sea lion pup was found lounging in a restaurant booth in La Jolla, CA.
Features

Racial Ambiguity

Have you ever been asked, “What are you?” Have you ever wondered about someone’s mysterious ethnic background?

There are times we cannot pinpoint someone’s race by their physical appearance. We call this “racial ambiguity.”

“Someone that is racially ambiguous does not possess the stereotypical physical attributes of his or her supposed racial category. It is the physical features that one notices first when thinking about someone’s race, and is used to determine that person’s racial identity,” as defined by Cindy Veronica Vargas in the study, “What Are You? A Study Of Racial Ambiguity.”

“Skin color, hair texture, facial features are racial markers that people utilize when trying to identify race,” continued Vargas. Though we should not base someone’s physical traits in order to determine his or her racial background, we do it as part of our nature.

For example, we associate curly hair, full lips, and dark skin with Black people. Asians, on the other hand, are stereotyped as having slanted eyes, straight black hair, and “yellow” skin.

Some people might associate racial ambiguity with stereotyping; however, they are not entirely the same. Stereotypes mainly concern thoughts and behavior; while racial ambiguity is solely associated with physical appearances.

Stereotypes usually come from the person classifying others, while racially ambiguous is someone on the receiving end of the classification—a noun, an ownership. There are mixed feelings and opinions in regards to those whom are racially ambiguous. For the most part, most racially ambiguous people see their “differences” as an awesome thing.

Nora Turriago, a Colombian-Italian blogger, shared her experiences and opinions of being racially ambiguous in the article, “How To Know You Are Racially Ambigious.”

In her blog, Turriago stated that she enjoys people guessing her ethnicity.

“The reason why it’s so fun? Because you’re racially ambiguous, that’s why! Based on the answers I’ve received from this guessing game, I now know that I can pass for Native American, Cambodian, Brazilian, Middle Eastern, African American…Oh, and white with a “nice tan.” Pretty cool, huh!” stated Turriago.

“The best part is that with all these various possible ethnicities, it’s a guaranteed fact that the racially ambiguous were destined for travel! We blend; people, it’s what we do, so please respect our craft,” continued Turriago. Though Turriago makes part of the group who embraces being racially ambiguous, there are others who view it as a not-so-good thing.

“You get called exotic, but somehow it seems like racism or talking about animals in captivity than a compliment,” stated Muslim-Jewish writer, Naima Karp, in the article, “18 Struggles of Being Racially Ambiguous.”

While there are people who embrace being racially ambiguous and others who do not, there are others who are still debating how they feel about it. They find themselves stuck between the “awesomeness” and the struggle behind the concept.

“I am Mexican-American, but I usually get asked if I am Middle Eastern. I love it. I think Middle Eastern women are beautiful,” said student Jana Martinez.

“However, this one time in particular, a man at my job out of the blue asked me to ‘tell my people to stop terrorizing our country.’ It was the rudest, most weirdest thing I have ever encountered,” continued Martinez.

“Breaking the mold and not fitting into any particular physical stereotype is something that should be embraced. Those who ask, ‘What are you?’ mean no harm. They are usually just curious.”

Empty shelves, empty stomachs
Student food insecurity

By MARIA DE LOURDES CAMPOS
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The “hunger kit” includes water, food, and snacks. Hunger kits are provided for students in need, to help the students get through their day without feeling hungry.

“A study revealed that over the past 30 days, 43% of college students said that they couldn’t afford to eat a well balanced meal, while another 22% stated that they couldn’t afford food at the time they were hungry,” as indicated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

These statistics may be shocking, but well balanced meals and diets can be outside many students’ budgets.

Going to the supermarket to pick up a few apples may seem like a cheap expense, but eating right can be more expensive than expected.

If opting for meals that are cheap, like fast food, be aware. The dollar menu may satisfy hunger, but processed food can have little to no nutritional value.

“48 percent of college students have had some form of food insecurity.”

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

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California will soon be one of two states that grants women access to birth control over the counter, without a prescription. This change is said to be made in April 2016. Some students argue that if men are able to go to local drugstore and pick up condoms, why can’t women go to their local drugstore to pick up other forms of birth control contraceptives.

“If birth control does the same things that condoms do, then I don’t see why it is such a big deal for women to have easier access to it,” said student Jimmy Gonzales.

Up until this point, birth control has been prescribed by a doctor or specialist. Soon, in the state of California, birth control will be available to women over the age of 18 at local pharmacies. The patch, the ring, and the pill are all said to be available once this takes place.

California and Oregon are the first two states to allow for pills to be sold over the counter. For some, going to the doctor is a task of its own. Finding a child sitter, taking time off work or school, scheduling an appointment, and paying are all factors that come into play when going to the doctors, not to mention actually taking the initiative of attending your appointment.

Now women will be able to go to their local pharmacy and a pharmacist would simply inform them of the risks and let them be on their way.

“I do recognize that doctors provide us with more information, but for most of us it’s a matter of showing up,” said student Bridget Eriksen.

“Times are changing and this is something that needs to be accessible for everyone,” said Sarah McBane, President of the California Pharmacists Assn. and a professor at UC San Diego to the LA Times.

“In the state of California, 4 out of ten residents are living in or near poverty, according to the Public Policy Institute of California,” said Joanna Menar.

Students on campus said that this is a great step in the California health care system. As always, before beginning a new health care regime, it is important to talk to your physician and learn the risks associated, according to the CDC.

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Consumers may go to great lengths in order to obtain paler skin. They may be influenced by colourism, but this form of beauty can come with a heavy cost.

"With the recent increase in knowledge about sun damage and the risks therein, it’s becoming more and more fashionable to embrace your natural skin tone," according to Refinery29.

"Skin lightening potions are remark-ably popular in India, where nearly 61 percent of all skin-care products contain lightening agents, the Caribbean, China, Latin America, and among African-Americans," stated by afritorial.com.

Similar to India, China, Latin America, and other countries, in South Korea female and male celebrities alike seem to have very bright skin.

If one of the more famous celebri-ties uses a skin cream for brightening, the brightening cream becomes very popular.

Due to lots of people who want to get more bright and white skin, there are many products for obtaining bright and white skin. BB cream and CC cream originated in South Korea.

"The sensation of this cream in Ko-rean began in the early 2000’s as having a whitener, hydrated and radiant skin... is considered the true sign of beauty," according to FG Magazine.

BB and CC cream is one of the most popular products for getting brighter, whiter, and more radiant skin.

Etude House, Shiseido, Sulwhasoo, Laneige, DeJart, Kiehl’s, and many other popular cosmetic companies make a range of skin bleaching products, such as masks and peels, but are misleadingly referred to as ‘brightening products.’

Brightening products are marketed worldwide, reaching a broad group of consumers.

The harmful effects of colourism can lead to underpresentation of darker skin colors in media and biased beauty standards.

Even though the preference for pale skin evolved from colourism, people should embrace their diversity and all skin colors.
Kanye West dominated Valentine’s week with his album release, Saturday Night Live (SNL) performance, fashion show, and unenviable controversy.

West performed “Highlights” and “Ultra Light Beam” on SNL Feb. 13 alongside guest performers; Young Thug, Chance the Rapper, El DeBarge, and Kelly Price. After performing the hip-hop gospel crossover “Ultra Light Beam,” West announced his album “The Life of Pablo” (T.L.O.P) is officially available through Tidal.com.

“My album will never never never be on Apple. And it will never be for sale... You can only get it on Tidal,” tweeted West on Feb. 15.

The album, which West described on Twitter as a gospel album, will stream for one full week before a wider release.

Days before he announced he will live stream Yeezus Season 3 collection and play the full album “The Life of Pablo” at Madison Square Garden (MSG), he also confirmed that Tidal subscribers will exclusively be able to view all of the madness at MSG in theaters around the world.

West continuously teased fans with surprise singles, snippets, and four title changes throughout the end of 2015 to present day, in a series of Twitter posts.

Within a four month span of Feb. through May, it was switched from “So Help Me Go,” “Swish,” and “Waves,” before becoming “T.L.O.P.”

West also released his single “Real Friends” and a snippet of “No More Parties in L.A” on SoundCloud and posted a picture of a handwritten list of the “official” 17 track list.

Finding a West song on my playlist would be unlikely; however, his performance of “Ultra Light Beam” on SNL may change that. The song starts with a little girl’s voice saying, “We don’t want no Devil in this house/We want the Lord.”

The SNL stage gave a spiritual feeling with a colorful ceiling grid above a gospel choir dressed in white, while West sang. The movements from the choir consisted of folding hands and bowing heads like in pray formation, as well as holding hands out to prayer over West. My take on the song is summarized in the lyric, “I’m trying to keep my faith but I’m looking for more, somewhere I can feel safe.”

Essentially asking God for peace and trying to keep faith while living in a world where devil resides nearby.

With its deep lyrics and spiritual influence, it easily became my favorite song in the album.

West, being no stranger to starting controversy, sparked some major issues this week as well. West reignited the flames of the infamous 2009 MTV Music Award incident where West interrupted Taylor Swift’s acceptance speech for “Best Female Video.”

As “Famous” played during the fashion show, many were furious of one line that read: “I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex/ Why? I made that bitch famous.”

West said he obtained Swift’s blessings; although, Swift’s representatives said that is untrue.

Through his mishaps, many fans still believe West’s creative mind is brilliant.

“If understand why people don’t understand Kanye, I don’t always either, but as far as an artist he has a madness to his method and you never know what your going to get,” said student Abel Berdusco.

In the course of one week, West managed to stay on top of entertainment news with his fashion show, performance, album and Twitter rants.
Adrian Gamboa: Aspires for greatness

By ESTEFANIA TORRES
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Adrian Gamboa, also known as AG, has the key that leads to stronger success. The aspiring rapper realized his talent for writing music in middle school when he created verses on MySpace. However, it wasn’t until high school that he decided to take things a bit more seriously and compose his own music.

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Deadpool gets approved after six years

By Jacob Collins

“Deadpool” hit the box office on Feb. 12, setting the record for the biggest Friday opening and, opening weekend for an R-rated movie. A longtime favorite character of comic book readers finally has his own movie after the monstrosity that was “X-Men Origins: Wolverine.”

The movie isn’t the typical superhero movie that Marvel fans are used to. Unlike other characters on the silver screen, Deadpool is an anti-hero. While he isn’t an evil character, he certainly isn’t a goody two-shoes either. The casting for the movie was excellent. Ryan Reynolds was perfect as “Deadpool,” I can’t see another actor doing a better job as him. It’s like Robert Downey Jr. and Kevin Hart know that Philly was having a bad year when it comes to thinking of Sisqo. They teamed up to perform the “Thong Song” on the show’s “Mash-up Monday” series. It started off with Panic!‘s lead singer Brendon Urie and his own version of Sisqo’s 1999 hit album “Undead the Dragon.” He was then joined by the singer himself.

The mash up was something unexpected, but the two acts definitely got great feedback from the audience who happily danced along to the performance. Drake received key to the city

Rapper Drake now has the key to his hometown, Toronto.

Toronto’s Mayor John Tory presented him with the key on Feb. 12. The ceremony took place at the NBA All-Star celebrity game.

“This is one of the greatest moments of my life, if not the greatest,” Drake said. “We have something extremely special in this place. I will never stop loving this city. I will never stop representing this city.”

He definitely defends his city. Before receiving the key, he let actor Kevin Hart know that Philly was having a bad year when it comes to thinking of Toronto. Hart replied, “We have something extremely special in this place. I will never stop loving this city. I will never stop representing this city.”

No Doubt without Gwen Stefani

No Doubt is getting back together without their former female lead singer Gwen Stefani. According to a report from Billboard, AFI’s lead singer Davey Havok will be filling in for Stefani. Their sources said the group already has an album they’ve made and it’s ready to go.

It’s uncertain what No Doubt will bring without Gwen, but it’s sure to be something different without her beautiful voice.
Acto Latino host third annual plays

By ANDREA JIMENEZ

The theater was filled with supporters, who were ready to experience this amazing interpretation of Luis Valdez’s famous plays. “La Quinta Temporada” and “Los Vendidos” were brought to life in the San Manuel Student Union theater on Feb. 12 by CSUSB’s “Grupo De Estudiantes Acto Latino Universitario.” The purpose is not only to inform minorities about the “National Farm Workers Association” brought about by activist Cesar Chavez, but to encourage them to fulfill the dream that he fought for, with hard labor.

I arrived a few minutes late, as I was ushered to my seat the chant: “La raza unida sera vencida,” quickly arouse in the audience, bringing forward an empowering atmosphere. Everyone seemed to connect with the characters and the stories of struggle for underpaid laborers, who work day by day in hopes to make ends meet.

The costumes were very detailed and fit every character perfectly. I did not expect a Mexican Elsa to pop up,” said student, Wendy Zavalza, after seeing Mayra Godinez Davila dance her way on to the stage in a long, blue dress and white braided wig, interpreting the winter. The mustache’s, boots and sombrero’s are only a few of the many creative props that gave the play that extra Mexican ambiance.

“I wish I would’ve worn a mustache and brought my dancing boots!” Exclaimed Daniel Cuebas, who was sitting next to me. I am sure that just like Daniel, more than a few had to fight the urge to get up on stage and dance along with the cast, as they formed a conga line and wobbled their way into the next scene accompanied by what should be the Mexican anthem, “La Bamba.”

The second play, “Los Vendidos,” although extremely humorous, connected me to my Mexican roots the most. Sophomore, Jasmine Velazquez, seemed to agree with me. “I literally felt like ‘Pancha la Honesta’ could be one of my aunts from Mexico,” she said jokingly. “Pancha La Honesta,” a brutally honest sales associate who sold cheap Mexican laborers to prestigious Americans, was played by Izel Viramontes, this character’s charisma was my favorite, Viramontes engaged and brought this character to life in a magnificent way.

Throughout the plays, it was evident that this cast worked together not only to form a connection with the audience, but to make sure that the bond between them was also as strong. At the end of the show Edgar Salazar, who played the role of “El narco” in “Los Vendidos” apologized for stuttering while reciting his lines.

“It was hard to keep myself together, since the stories I told during my monologue, were personal anecdotes,” he said. This brought emotion to the audience, a few stood up to speak and congratulated the cast on the wonderful job. I had the privilege to interview CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales, who was sitting among the audience.

“Both plays were great, their performances came from their heart, their stories were real, I was blown away, I just thought they were exceptional,” said President Morales, proudly.

“Follow your dreams, don’t forget where you came from, we have to be proud and give back to our community,” continued Morales. I would definitely recommend these plays to anyone who wants to gain inspiration and motivation with a little laugh.

An era of prohibition and sin

By ARTHUR MEDRANO

“Anna was somewhat desperate to get out of the small town in Mississippi to experience the rest of the world for a better chance at fortune,” said student Miguel Rivera. As having watched the performance myself, it brought the emotions of every person in attendance and exhibits an astounding perspective of prohibition era history documented from our past.

“Anna was consumed by her lust in an attempt to do the right thing, but with all the wrong reasons. The men were her outside conscience in revealing to her the sins of the path she’s taken,” continued Rivera. The stage was set, venue seating fit for a small group compared to the school’s recital hall, I was able to admire the intimacy between the actors as they were taken back in time watching the performance as it was intended to be written.

Lights turned dim as Anna 1 and Anna 2 entered, played by Fraser and Jensen-Ismay. The atmosphere played with the venture they would take as luggage—dismay and bickering revealed the hard times faced for many when seeking a better life as America crumbled. Financial crisis took its toll on the women while their travels across the nation, encountering the sins in each city, such as gluttony, envy and greed, would tear away in their hopes for a better life.

The San Diego-based dance company Mojalet Dance Collective and the Lotusflower New Music Project collaborated the same night to bring opera and dance as suspense and revelation do in this folkloric.

The opera was a beautiful harmony between artists and music that was supported by live performances, featuring percussion and piano.

For those who admire ingenuity in the craft, theater is combining many art forms created for audiences to interpret the life, nature, and aesthetics from the writer to the script as found in “The Seven Deadly Sins.” I hope to see many more performances by Fraser and the CSUSB Opera Theatre in support for the innovative reality I experienced from being in the audience—a retreat away from home and a captivating story we would leave for only our dreams to play through.
Track team off to second year

By KIARA PAUL
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With the new season quickly approaching, Coyote Track and Field have been preparing for their best possible season.

Coyote Track and Field kicks off their season Feb. 27 in Claremont, California. Track and field have multiple events that take place throughout day long competitions. The team is timed or measured based on which event they take place in. There are two ranks that the women are able to score in, the “A” or “B” ranks.

Last season, Coyotes statistics averaged; the highest placer in every category came in slightly below or just above the “B” ranking. The Coyote Chronicle broke down each section to shine a little light on the Coyotes who ranked the best for CSUSB in their inaugural season.

For the 100 Meters, the top five women for Coyote Track and Field were Sa’Cora Goodin with 13.05 seconds, Chinwe Nwankwo with 13.46 seconds, Witley Simpson with 13.75 seconds, Cecilia Patino with 13.96 seconds and Jayln McDermott with 14.14 seconds.

The “A” ranking for the 100 Meters was 11.56 seconds and the “B” ranking was 12.04 seconds, Goodin was only one second away from being in the “B” rank.

The 200 Meters, Goodin ranked first again, her time was 27.01 seconds, about 3 seconds after the “B” rank.

Sabrina Sewell followed close behind at 27.15 seconds, Simpson came in with 28.12 seconds, Jade Turner ranked fourth with 28.25 seconds and McDermott ranked again in fifth with 28.54 seconds.

For the 400 Meters, Sewell came in first and topped the Coyotes chart with 62.94 seconds, McDermott followed with 63.82 seconds. Ana Avalos came in with 65.32 seconds, Sierra Marrero with 68.76 seconds, and Turner close behind Marrero with 68.96 seconds.

Marrero stated, “All the returning teammates have improved and we have some fast recruits, this year more of us should make it to the finals.” Eveyln De La Luz came in on top for both the 5,000 Meters and 10,000 Meters. Her time for the 5,000 Meters was 30 seconds past the “B” rank; she came in at 17 minutes 50 seconds. She did much better on the 10,000 Meters, but she missed the “B” rank by 2 seconds. Goodin also topped the Coyotes charts for high jump and long jump.

Kassandra Rico-Alvarez and Heidi Felberg placed at the top three for discus. Rico-Alvarez was about 40 meters away from being the “B” rank, her discus throw at the distance of 104 meters. Felberg placed first for Shot Put as well, her distance at 31 meters.

Most of the women who placed highest in the Coyote stats were only off by a small amount to be in the “B” rank.

“The coach has been working on a bond between all the team members, he wants all the women on the team cheering on other team members at their events,” said Shernaman.

She also shared the training and practice the team has been partaking in.

“We practice distance running at least six days a week and lift weights to build strength Monday and Wednesday, I personally practice the hurdles every Tuesday and Thursday,” said Shernaman.
Catcher Jessica Brown dominates

By LAUREN JENNINGS

The Coyotes softball team split their four game series against the Cal State East Bay Pioneers, winning two games and losing two. Games one and two of the series took place on Feb. 12.

In game one of the series, the Coyotes were shutout and only managed to get two hits over six innings.

Designated hitter Caitlyn Olan and shortstop/second baseman Taylor Ancona recorded the only hits of the game.

The Pioneers, however, scored one run in the third inning on a sacrifice fly, one in the fifth on an error, and six in the sixth, giving them eight runs total.

The Pioneers scored their six runs on a two RBI double, a single, a double steal of second and home, and another RBI double.

Cassandra Williams took the loss after pitching one inning.

The Coyotes were again shutout 8-0.

In game two, the Coyotes scored three more runs in the top of third.

Catcher Jessica Brown hit a solo home run to left field.

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Archived photo: Catcher Jessica Brown hits an RBI triple and Monica Maddox hit an RBI single.

Archived photo: Pitcher Cassandra Williams minValue 15 against East Bay and earns wins number five and six.
CSUSB Women bounce back

By ABDIEL AGUAYO
Staff Writer

Coyote women’s basketball wins the weekend! After losing five straight games, giving the team a record of 10-10, the Coyotes won two games in a row. One against Stanislaus State Warriors and the other against Chico State Wildcats. Both games were won by more than 10 points.

With three games left in the regular season, the Coyotes have a good chance at heading into the CCAA tournament on a high note. On Feb. 12, the Stanislaus State Coyotes came to visit the Coussoulis Arena to play the Coyotes.

The Coyotes and the Warriors would have a close and hard fight through most of the game. After the close competition in the first half, the Coyotes would only be ahead by four points. In the second half, both Stanislaus and San Bernardino would score 20 points each. The score was still close at 50 to 54 in favor of CSUSB.

However, the story would change dramatically in favor of the Coyotes.

At the 7:37 mark, the Warriors Cassidy Sanders-Curry would make a 3-point shot, which closed the lead to 60-59 in the Coyotes favor.

The Warriors would only make one more basket for the rest of the night.

The next time the Warriors did make a basket, it would be almost 7 minutes later.

By then, the Coyotes had already scored 15 more points.

With 49 seconds left, Stanislaus State would make a jump shot, 12 seconds later the Coyotes would make one of their own.

That would be the last basket made to end the game with the Coyotes winning 77-61.

Four Coyotes had double digit points. Two seniors on the team lead by example scoring more than 20 points each. Alexcia Mack led with 23 and Chelsea Ainsworth had 21 points. They had help by two others, Brianna Harden finished with 12 points and Chelsea Barnes had 10.

The Coyotes shot 60 percent from the free throw line, taking advantage of the opportunities by making 9 out of 10.

Spot on shooting in the second-half helped pull the Coyotes ahead, making 60 percent of their shots and an even more impressive 75 percent of their three point attempts.

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The Coyotes would be out-scored through a large part of the game.

Once again, the Coyotes would rally together in the end. Down by eight points, it would take the Coyotes just over four minutes to take the lead back from the Wildcats and keep it the rest of the game.

At the 5:59 mark, Barnes made a jump shot to put the Coyotes up by one. She normally also had 18 points for the night, along with Adriana Brodie.

This would seal a victory for the Coyotes with a final score of 68 - 57. With this win, the Coyotes improve their record to 12 and 10 overall.

Men’s basketball splits at home

By KAILA MORALES
Staff Writer

CSUSB Men’s Basketball gave their all against conference leader, Chico State Wildcats on Feb. 13.

The game went back and forth as there was a total of 13 lead changes and 11 ties throughout the game. The Coyotes never allowed the Wildcats to be up more than four points during regulation.

However, after a strong second half from the Coyotes, the Wildcats were unable to pull through, scoring the first 10 points in OT to defeat the Coyotes 91-79.

Senior Juan Martinez was CSUSB’s leading scorer with a total of 19 points against the Wildcats.

Sophomore Darryl Adigwu earned 12 points and led the team with eight rebounds.

“We played really hard, and had a good game as a team, we just couldn’t make shots in overtime, I think I played okay, but I definitely could of done better defensively toward the end of regulation,” said Adigwu.

The first half started with a layup by Senior Keith Smith with the assist to Junior Everett Turner.

The Coyotes took their first lead 7-4 with Adigwu’s 3-pointer, but it was answered right back with a 3-pointer by Wildcat Corey Silverstrom.

At 10:26, Smith’s layup was able to gain the Coyotes a three point lead, making the score 15-18.

With five minutes left and the Coyotes down by four points, they were able to get three turnovers, two of the three to Turner, and the other to Senior Zeke DeBlase.

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