California Faculty Association (CFA) Trustees were presented with a “Sustainability Plan” by CSU schools at a conference in Long Beach this past week and immediately rejected the proposal, according to the CFA.

The proposal focuses on increasing reliance in private funding and student tuition instead of public support to pay for CSU professors and faculty salary increases, according to calfac.org.

“It is time that the trustees examine their budget as a moral document, one that should put our core mission of instruction at the center, keep tuition as low as possible to ensure access to the people of California, and pay faculty a decent wage that allows us to fulfill this core mission,” stated CFA Bargaining Team Chair and Sociology Professor Kevin Wehr in a news release.

The sustainability plan was a result of trying to consider how to manage the cost, revenue, and resources of the CSU’s in the most effective way, according to the CFA.

“Adding these proposed fees year after year on top of the huge increases already imposed since 2000 would be unfair to CSU students and counterproductive to the CSU’s mission of access and affordability,” said former president of CFA Lillian Taiz.

Student tuition won’t increase this year or next, but annual fee increases will cause inflation in later years.

By Crystal Norman

SODEXO gives back

The DEN (Delivering Emergency Nourishment), CSUSB’s Food Pantry, received a $1,219.95 donation from Sodexo on Jan. 13.

According to news.csusb.edu, the donation was 20 percent of the sales made from Sodexo’s grand opening event at the CSUSB Commons on Sept. 30, 2015.

The CSUSB Dining Services and Sodexo approached The DEN, seeking ways to help contribute and help with the needs of students. CSUSB is among eight other CSU campuses that now operate student food pantries, according to sacbee.com.

“About 91 percent of San Bernardino city students are on free or reduced lunch, so when they come here [CSUSB], it shouldn’t be a surprise that they don’t have lunch,” said Diane Pedolske, director of the Office of Community Engagement.

The DEN is located in the Faculty Office Building Room 227, and is available to all CSUSB students who are in need of assistance. The food pantry offers CSUSB students weekly bags, day packs, hygiene kits and gift cards. All donations are welcome and can be given in the form of cash, canned food, and hygiene products.

By Jennifer Martinez
Men and women will get equal pay

By Kyle Richardson

President Barack Obama proposed a new rule to help create equal pay for men and women in the workplace, after the seventh anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

A topic that isn’t a spit-bucket debate, equal pay, has always been a hot commodity in the United States history.

Today, women in the United States, on average, are paid on average 79 cents to a man’s dollar according to the Associated Press.

“As a society, we must acknowledge that women are just as important,” said CSUSB student, Katherine Vargas, a junior.

“It’s a big deal that women are still getting paid less than men,” said CSUSB senior, Sean Egle.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was the first bill that Obama had signed back in January of 2009. This bill was named after Lilly Ledbetter who back in 2007 took her case to the Supreme Court, when she found out that her employer was paying her less than the men at her workplace for the same job.

Women have taken change in the workplace for years. Many students acknowledged the fact that Lilly Ledbetter is a leading candidate to the next President of The United States.

“The more women come into power, the more the issues arise, and with Hillary Clinton as a former state’s attorney, she will be able to make sure bills such as Lilly’s gets passed,” said CSUSM junior, Sean Egle.

“A woman is pushing for President of The United States in this upcoming election, that glass ceiling myth which is determined, women should be able to do anything that a man does,” said CSUSM junior, Sean Egle.

“No, I don’t think there should be a difference in the pay just because you are a woman, gender shouldn’t be a factor in how much you paycheck comes out,” added Harris. In the United States, the average median for full-time women workers year around is $35,000 while a man’s median, for the same criteria, is $50,000, according to whitehouse.gov.

According to whitehouse.gov, the proposed rules by the president and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) would mandate with the Department of Labor to annually collect summarizations from companies with at least 100 employees.

The data collected would be divided by gender, race, and ethnicity.

The proposal rule expands on a previously published rule by Department of Labor, which would have only applied to federal contractors, according to CNN.

This would result in data from 63 million employees in the U.S., according to whitehouse.gov.

September 2017 looks to be the first release of the new rule, which will be finalized or adopted.

At the White House press conference about the proposal rule, Obama commented on the situation.

“This is a good start, but a lot of work left to close the pay gap between men and women and ensure that no woman ever face the kind of discrimination that Lilly faced,” said Obama.

Grade rates addressed

By Elle Carlos

Chancellor Timothy White discussed upcoming goals for the 2016-17 academic year on Jan. 26, at his State of the CSU address.

White focused on the need for CSUs to close the achievement gap, the rate between white and minority student graduates.

“I am acknowledging that empowering historically underserved, low income, first-generation and English-as-a-second-language communities demands more of our time, attention and resources,” said White.

“Having a strong foundation in place will help students be successful in the future,” said White.

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“Let’s face it, if we have to go the box (the cellphone prison) which sits up on the podium every day as a visual reminder, it’s quite an inconvenient and disruptive thing that students have to do,” said White.

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“Cellphones distract students

By Elle Carlos

Cellphone students spend one-fifth of their time in the classroom on their cellphones or other electronic devices, according to a study conducted at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

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“If I see it, if I hear it, it goes in the box (the cellphone prison) which sits up on the podium every day as a visual reminder. It (cellphones) glows in there and it stays there unti l the end of the class. At the end of class they can come pick it up,” said Fryxell. “I warn people that if it goes off while it’s in there, I can answer it if I want to. And I can say whatever excuse to me as the appropriate thing to do.”

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CC Briefs:

Spending more on weed than snacks (Feb. 2)

Americans have spent more money on legal marijuana than on Cheetos and Doritos combined in 2015. A total of $5.4 billion was spent on legal marijuana, which does not account for sales of illegal marijuana, while $4.9 billion was spent on Doritos, Cheetos, and Fritos combined. The total includes over $1 billion in legal marijuana sales in California, $1 billion in Colorado, and half a billion dollars in sales in Washington State, according to The Denver Post. Despite the numbers, investors are still weary of the federal restrictions in which marijuana is still 100 percent illegal. Marijuana business stocks were down 44 percent in 2015, according to ArcView.

Elon Musk plans to get to Mars (Jan. 29)

Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla Motors, said he plans to reveal plans for a new rocket that would take astronauts to Mars by 2025. The new rocket, which Musk dubbed the "Mars Colonial Transport," will be separate from the current Falcon and Dragon series, which are currently being tested by SpaceX for missions to the International Space Station, according to an article on IFL Science. The projected date of 2025 will be 10 years ahead of NASA's own plans to get astronauts to Mars by 2035.

Nestlé admits slavery in Thailand (Feb. 1)

Nestlé, along with Cargill and Archer Daniels Midland, face legal action for the alleged use of child slave labor in cocoa farming in the Ivory Coast. Last November, Nestlé admitted that they found forced labor in its supply chains in Thailand towards the production of its Fancy Food cat food brand, according to The Guardian. This puts the company in position where they are fighting the allegations of child slave labor in one area while at the same time, disclosing slavery in another part of the world.

Date rape drug treats severe depression (Feb. 1)

Ketamine, a drug that is medically used as an anesthetic in emergency rooms, has shown to have a 75 percent effectiveness towards treatment in patients with severe depression. Studies have shown that a low dose of ketamine produces a rapid antidepressant effect and puts a quick end to suicidal thoughts, while traditional antidepressants and mood stabilizers can take weeks or months, according to an article on The Washington Post. However, even low doses of the drug can cause intense hallucinations, with patients reporting a kind of lucid dream state. Ketamine is also known as a date rape drug.

Smokers in Italy hit with new fines (Feb. 2)

Italy passed a new law, which could make smokers face fines up to 500 euros ($600) if they light a cigarette in a car with a child or pregnant woman present. The smoking bans also extend to offices, restaurants, theaters and other public places as part of a new initiative from the government to dissuade young people from taking up the habit, according to the Associated Press. An estimated 70,000 to 83,000 deaths a year are attributed to tobacco smoke in Italy.

Gene editing gets the go-ahead (Feb. 1)

UK scientists have been approved by the fertility regulator to genetically modify human embryos. This has caused a controversy among people who believe this will set the stage for "designer babies." However, it is still illegal to implant modified embryos in women, according to an article on BBC News. This authorization was just for research purposes.

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Gender wage gap needs reform

By STEFFANIE MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

The fact the gender wage gap is still an ongoing issue is a sad reality of 2016. On average, women not only earn less than men but they also must work longer for the same amount of pay.

In the United States, women are paid 79 cents for every dollar paid to men, according to the National Partnership for Women & Families. Women of color earn even less; they earn 55 to 64 cents to the dollar white men get.

“Women are not getting the fair shot that we believe every single American deserves,” stated President Barack Obama on the seventh anniversary of signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

The Fair Pay Act ensures that those affected by unlawful pay discrimination are able to state their right in a court of law.

This act was signed back in 2009, so why is the gender gap issue still not resolved?

Much has changed since then; there are countless numbers of women doing the same jobs as men, yet their pay does not reflect that.

This past week Obama discussed the new rules that come as part of the Fair Pay Act—rules that will be expected to take effect September of this year.

Companies with more than 100 workers have to provide the government with data of employees’ salaries broken down by sex and race.

It is an exciting move considering it will give transparency to the gender pay gap issue, giving insight into which companies are part of the problem.

However, not everyone is behind the Fair Pay Act.

It is not surprising that some companies would be against this act, considering it would allow their employees the opportunity to file a law suit against them if they feel discriminated against in terms of unequal pay.

Unequal pay can be difficult to talk about.

If one finds out that their coworkers earn more or less than you, it can become an uncomfortable situation.

However, some women in the workforce are simply lacking awareness about unfair pay wages.

How can you fight against discrimination if you are not aware of it?

There are many theories as to why the gender wage gap exists.

Those theories include: men being more aggressive in terms of moving up, women taking maternity leave, lack of women in certain job fields, among other things.

Regardless of those theories mentioned, women making 55 to 79 cents in comparison to the dollar a man is unacceptable.

Moving forward with the Fair Pay Act will not only give the public perspective of what’s going on, but hopefully encourage companies to hire more women in areas that are lacking, and minimize the wage gap.

As a full time female employee working for a company who puts women in the forefront, I have hope that when I enter the workforce in regards to my career the wage gap will not be a problem.

There’s no reason why a woman should not be getting paid the same amount of money as a man.

I want to encourage women who are personally affected by the wage gap to feel empowered and speak up.

The government is taking small steps in the right direction, but who better to tackle this issue than women who are actually experiencing it?
The media exploits violence

By NICHOLAS WHITT
Staff Writer

Violence has always been a serious affliction of humanity. And now the media exploits the incidents of violence, which makes us hypersensitive to such situations. Media may incite people to behave a certain way but in terms of causing violent behaviors, that is our own doing.

“If they [media] were a major cause of problems in society we’d know by now. But the evidence just isn’t there,” said Christopher Ferguson of Stetson University in an interview with CBS News.

The media does not have control on humanity’s reaction, nor does it affect whether individuals will be influenced by them. Instead, it highlights violence happening around us, making us less ignorant about where we reside.

There is an average of 293,000 instances (victims age 12 or older) of sexual assault each year according to rainn.org.

Organizations like Family Watchdog inform us about perpetrators who have sexually assaulted people; this information is openly available to the public.

“Almost 40 years, after, the mainstream press made date rape the issue of the moment; women are still highly likely to be sexually assaulted by an acquaintance such as a date; little changed, it seems, from the media spotlight, however distorted it was,” said Paul L. Thomas, associate professor from Furman University.

Media allows viewers the opportunity to receive factual information, instead of talking ignorantly out of their hat.

Police brutality is a controversial topic in the media. Especially now since people have the ability to record unfortunate wrongfull incidents of police brutality.

In the first 24 days of 2015, police in the U.S. fatally shot more people than police did in England and Wales combined, over the past 24 years, according to The Guardian.

Police authorities are supposed to be keepers of peace—without media this concept would still be true in people’s eyes.

Police officers in 2015, according to the findings in a study by The Guardian study, recorded a final tally of 1,134 deaths at the hands of law enforcement officers this year.

However, there are many incidents covered by media outlets that have negatively affected societal views, causing people to form seemingly ignorant opinions about violence.

“The media is exploiting the terrible death of 17-year-old Trayvon by convincing the man who shot him, George Zimmerman, of wrongdoing said Bill O’Reilly, mentor, according to News Max Media. Police brutality is never normally thought as justice done correctly, but Zimmerman, who never had police training, killed Martin and was portrayed by media as righteous for shooting the 17-year-old.

This event sparked controversy across the U.S., with people protesting about the incident.

Media in reality does have the ability to adversely influence individuals to react accordingly to how they see fit, but only depending on how impactful the event may be.

Furthermore, media can also have a somewhat positive influence on how viewers see certain situations.

“With inadequate government controls, the media was now able to publish uncensored pictures and videos showing the brutality of the war in Vietnam and, thus, vastly influenced American public opinion in unprecedented proportion,” according to the vietnamwar.info.

The media had a large enough influence over the U.S. to make the final decision for them on why they pulled out of the war.

The reason for this is not because of people following the media like mindless robots, but because they found out the truth, which never could have been known without the media.

Media is essential for society to become less ignorant about the world and become involved with how certain lives are affected.

It is a powerful tool, allowing for control over individuals will; but that depends on if those individuals do not have enough knowledge to maintain informed.

Rejection should not lead to violence

By RACHEL RUNDENGAN
Staff Writer

It is not a mystery nor is it a secret that being rejected sucks. I can safely say that everyone has at least been rejected 10 times, by the age of five.

As we grow older though, rejection becomes a little bit more intense and we begin to notice just how much damage a rejection can cause.

There have been too many incidences of violence against women due to the outcome of rejection.

“More than 40 percent of women worldwide experience some form of street harassment in their lifetime,” stated Lauren McEwen, a writer for the Washington Post.

“One out of every six women in the U.S. have been the victim of completed or attempted rape, and almost three out of every 10 women have been the victim of physical assault, rape, or stalking at the hands of an intimate partner,” continued McEwen.

A simple “no” from a woman could backfire and take her on a ride of foul text messages, a solid punch in the face and the pain worse.

You might read this and think how dramatic this all sounds but this is the truth.

A woman raped and beaten, a woman slammed on the ground, a woman attacked with acid, a woman stabbed to death, these are all real life cases of violence that some women experience after they reject the sexual and relational advances of men.

“When a man interacts with a woman, his greatest fear is sexual rejection and humiliation,” stated Tucker Max and Geoffrey Miller, writers of thoughtcatalyst.com.

“This causes him to spend as much time and energy on defensive strategies to protect against rejection as he does on mating strategies to attract women,” continued Max and Miller.

As a result, rejection can really ruin a person’s self-esteem—even if it meant well, we have the tendency of blaming ourselves for the things we lack, making the pain worse.

According to British novelist Graeme Shimmin, being unable to deal with rejection is not a male or female trait, it is a human trait.

“MRI studies show that the same areas of the brain become activated when we experience rejection as when we experience physical pain—this is why rejection hurts so much (neurologically speaking),” stated Guy Winch, psychologist and author of Emotional First Aid.

So if the feeling of rejection is equivalent to getting punched in the throat and slapped in the face, it’s only natural that one would react as badly.

I am not in any way defending these assaults against women.

I just want to emphasize the pain and anger that may come with being rejected, so we can better understand the aggression that occurs from a simple “no.”

It is unfair for a woman to have to worry about rejecting a man’s sexual advances.

“This places too much responsibility for women,” said Dr. Liliana Gallegos.

We shouldn’t have to intently think about the outcome if we refuse to comply with a guy and his approach.

“We have to be actively educated,” concluded Gallegos.

These ladies of violence against women can be prevented by expression of compassion, applying the golden rule, and withholding retaliation from rejection.

To the man who has physically hurt a woman after she rejected you, put yourself in her shoes and ask yourself, how wonderful it is to be beaten, attacked, and punished for refusing to do something you just don’t want to do?

Ask yourself how punishing a woman for saying no if you makes you a man. And if that’s not enough, then I suppose you were never really one.

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Psychologist and author Guy Winch
Valentine's Day survival guide

By ERENDY TORRES  Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and do you know what that means? Bingo—you guessed it: first dates, roses, chocolates, teddy bears, and potential new relationships.

The ratio of single men in their 20's to single women in their 20's is 1.2 to 1, according to the website Statistic Brain Research Institute. You will not be part of either of those ratios. Having a successful Valentine's date is the goal—we need to avoid disasters at all cost.

According to Jessica Gall, author of “The First Date,” having a successful Valentine's date is the biggest deal breaker.

Keeping the conversation going. When you're miserable, people feel sorry for you. Not only that, they often feel obscenely guilty, as if your misery might somehow be their fault," stated Cloe Madanes in the article, “The 14 Habits of Highly Miserable People.”

Maintain eye contact. “When the cute animals act like humans in the videos, they relieve my worries. The cute animals' actions makes people happy and smile. They help people to relieve stress,” said student Kyee Moon.

Do not mention your ex or bring your sex life into the conversation. “If you talk him up, it sounds like you’re not over him,” added Lombardi.

Do not talk about how miserable you are. “When you’re miserable, people feel sorry for you. Not only that, they often feel obscenely guilty, as if your misery might somehow be their fault,” stated Cloe Madanes in the article, “The 14 Habits of Highly Miserable People.”

Be yourself. “When the cute animals act like humans in the videos, they really look like babies and humans in the videos. The puppy or a cat watch cute animal videos, their puppies or cats immediately come to mind.”

When I am irritated or annoyed about something, watching the cute animal videos makes me happy and helps me relieve stress," said student Jaejun Ka.

The cute animals’ actions makes people happy and smile. They help people to relieve their stress, because the actions are funny.

"When conducting a task that’s stressful, people actually experienced less stress when their pets were with them than when a supportive friend or even their spouse was present," according to Elizabeth Scott, M.S., a Stress Management Expert.

Watching cute animal videos is not a waste of time– it is time well spent.

“The time that it takes to watch the cute animal videos is not a waste of time to me, because when I watch the cute animal videos, I am happy.”

Soojin Moon  Student
Millennial struggles

By MARIA DE LOURDES CAMPOS
Staff Writer

In today's society, there may be many young adults who were born into a time that doesn’t quite exist in today’s world. Millennials are often referred to as “digital natives” because they grew up with the internet, social media, and smartphones. However, this generation also faces unique challenges, particularly when it comes to financial stability and living independently.

Many millennials struggle to find stable employment and sustainable jobs, which can lead to the decision to live with their parents. According to the Census Bureau, the rate of young adults living in the United States, who are not in college or military service, and are living with their parents has increased. This is due to the high cost of living and the difficulty of finding affordable housing.

The lack of resources and job opportunities can also contribute to the struggle. Many millennials are forced to live with their parents because they are unable to afford the expenses of living on their own. A recent study found that the median income for millennials is significantly lower than that of baby boomers, who were the previous generation to face similar challenges.

In addition to financial struggles, millennials also face challenges related to mental health. The high cost of living and lack of resources can contribute to feelings of stress and anxiety. This is particularly concerning when considering that mental health issues are on the rise in younger populations.

Despite these challenges, millennials are known for their determination and resilience. They are often described as socially conscious and are willing to take action to address the issues they face. The generation has been particularly vocal in advocating for causes such as climate change and social justice.

In conclusion, millennials face a variety of challenges that can affect their ability to live independently and achieve financial stability. However, they have shown a willingness to work towards solutions and are making strides in addressing these issues. With a combination of hard work, determination, and a supportive community, millennials have the potential to overcome these challenges and create a better future for themselves and future generations.
A$AP Rocky has been changing the hip hop scene since he was first noticed rapping around New York with the A$AP Mob. While he has been breaking barriers down in the music scene, he has also made a pretty interesting impact on the world of fashion.

The same man who showed up to his appearance on 106 & Park wearing a dress, Rocky is officially setting the standards for the future world of modern day fashion.

Growing up in the streets of New York, he wore the common name brands of the time. Rocawear, South Pole, and Ecko were just some of the brands he was known to rock as he was coming up.

Since becoming famous, he has ditched the urban wear and ventured into the side of high fashion. He is now known to be walking down the streets of New York City, wearing designers such as Raf Simons, Rick Owens, Alexander Wang, and Versace.

Through these designers, Rocky is testing society’s view on gender appropriate attire, modern day culture, and artistic expression.

However, Rocky takes pride in not being a fashion designer, referring to himself as a trendsetter or “ghetto hipster,” as stated in an interview with Forbes. He has recently collaborated with Guess in their new line Guess Original. The debut collection is for men and women, focusing on denim such as acid wash frayed shorts, bomber jackets, and overalls. When it comes to his style of fashion it’s all based on individuality, his fashion can be viewed as a way of expressing his individual thoughts, likes and dislikes.

In fact, he has no desire in becoming a fashion role model of any kind, even though it is apparent that he has become one, as stated in a GQ interview.

Rocky is not your typical hip hop icon, being that he is not afraid to step outside the typical “rap star” style of fashion as can be heard in his songs “Fashion Killa” and “Peso.”

“I think that ASAP Rocky is very trendy, I like his style. I would say he’s in a category by himself fashion-wise. His style is a reflection of his music, and they both fit him,” stated student A’shae Brown.

Rocky’s “ghetto hipster” appeal has led him to a few collaborations with some of his favorite designers, like a limited edition collection of sweaters and t-shirts with Raf Simons 1995, as well as a series of black winged Adidas sneakers with Jeremy Scott, released in Fall 2013.

Rocky also has a possible collaboration with Balenciaga’s creative director Alexander Wang, which is in the planning stages.

“He’s for sure going to have his fans supporting him and individuals who like his sense of fashion,” stated Brown.

Not afraid to show creativity with a pair of skinny jeans, an expensive silk scarf, marijuana covered boxers, a blazer, and a pair of Adidas, Rocky is definitely pushing the boundaries and making a huge impact on the youth of today.
Rihanna ups the "ANTI" game

By JANEME NIMEXO
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International pop and R&B singing sensation, Rihanna, has filled her fans with much anticipation these past four years. In an interview with Entertainment Tonight back in November 2012, Rihanna announced her new album coming in January 2013, but sadly the news was false. “I'm really excited about the music that I have, but I can't wait for people to hear it,” said Rihanna during the interview and the fans were left wondering if there would ever be another album from her. Rihanna surprised fans by releasing another album, which is the anti-album, on January 28th. This album, which is called Anti, is being praised by many critics and fans alike.

The album is a collection of twelve songs that range from pop to R&B. The songs are all about Rihanna’s personal life and how she is dealing with her breakup with Chris Brown. The album opens with “Toxic,” which is a pop song about Rihanna’s ex-boyfriend, Chris Brown. The song is about how she is enjoying her life without him and how she is not going to let him control her anymore. The song is very catchy and has a strong beat, which makes it a great song to listen to.

The second song on the album is “Kiss It Better,” which is an R&B song about Rihanna’s new love interest. The song is very soothing and has a relaxing beat, which makes it a great song to listen to. The third song on the album is “Anti,” which is the title track of the album. The song is about Rihanna’s anti attitude and how she is not going to let anyone control her anymore. The song is very empowering and has a strong beat, which makes it a great song to listen to.

The album continues with songs like “FourFiveSeconds,” “Bitch Better Have My Money,” and “American Oxygen.” Each song has a different feel and is about different things. For example, “FourFiveSeconds” is about Rihanna’s breakup with Chris Brown, while “Bitch Better Have My Money” is about Rihanna’s love interest, which is former CUP boy, Snoop Dogg.

The album is available on most music streaming services and is a must listen for any Rihanna fan. The album is a great representation of Rihanna’s anti attitude and her desire to be in control of her life. The album is a great mix of pop and R&B and is sure to please any fan of Rihanna’s.
Sundance Film Festival concluded with “Birth of a Nation,” setting a new record, while Netflix and Amazon became the biggest buyers.

One of the most talked about films presented at Sundance 2016 was “The Birth of a Nation,” which won the U.S Grand Jury Prize: Drama and Audience Awards: U.S. Dramatic, and has already created buzz on as being an Oscar contender for next year.

The film written, directed, and starred by first time filmmaker Nate Parker, which shares the title with D.W. Griffith’s 1915 “The Birth of a Nation.” The two films have nothing in common.

Parker’s film focuses on the slave rebellion Nat Turner lead during the harsh 1830s. Griffiths’ controversial film, however, focuses on the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and depicts African-Americans as illiterate rapists.

“When it comes to what happened here, so many things have been sanitized that we don’t know the truth from the lies,” said Parker in an interview with The Hollywood Reporter.

Parker’s film broke the record for biggest purchase in Sundance history after choosing Fox Searchlight’s $17.5 million bid as opposed to Netflix’s offer of $20 million, most likely due to Fox Searchlight’s larger film distribution.

Although Netflix lost the bid for “Birth of a Nation,” both Netflix and Amazon dominated the festival, obtaining six films each. Netflix’s largest purchase was $7 million for “The Fundamentals of Caring,” starring Paul Rudd and Selena Gomez.

The film focuses on Ben (Rudd), an unemployed father, who becomes the caregiver of a teen with muscular dystrophy, while mourning the death of his son, and embarks on a road trip where he meets a runaway (Gomez), and a pregnant woman, Peaches (Megan Ferguson).

Netflix’s other purchases included “Tallulah,” starring Ellen Page (“Juno”) as a free-spirited traveler who takes a baby from a negligent mother and passes the baby off as her own with the help of her ex-boyfriend’s mother, played by Allison Janney (“The Help”).

Amazon went home with the second biggest deal with Kenneth Lonergan’s drama “Manchester by the Sea,” for $10 million. Deemed a must-see by many attendees, the film focuses on Casey Affleck’s character who travels to his hometown after his brother’s death and learns he must become the guardian of his teen-age nephew, played by Lucas Hedges (“Moonrise Kingdom”).

Another film acquired by Amazon included Clay Tweel’s “Gleason,” which follows the story of ex. NFL player Steve Gleason who was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis at age 34.

Last year, Amazon had walked away without purchasing a single film, while Netflix acquired one documentary; this year, however, we can assume that the future of independent movies is gearing towards streaming companies.

When asked her opinion how this might affect movies, student Jasmine Turner said, “Honestly, I think attendance will start to decrease in theaters because these streaming companies make things easier and cheaper for audiences.”

Through the fierce bidding of the streaming companies, many films valued were raised, including the Directing Award: U.S. Dramatic winner “Swift Army Knife,” starring Daniel Radcliffe as a corpse with a continuous flatulence problem and Paul Dano as someone stranded on an island who uses Radcliffe’s body to escape the island.

Other buzzed about films included the fraternity-hazing drama “Goat,” starring singer Nick Jonas and John Krasinski’s family drama “The Hollars,” starring Anna Kendrick and John Krasinski.

With Sundance films’ rising controversy towards other corporate companies, it is harder to consider that this might be the end all, be all of film festivals.
Women’s basketball falls on the road

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Coyote women’s basketball now have three more losses to add to their record.

The trio of losses began on Jan. 28 when the Coyotes headed to Pomona to face off with the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos.

The Coyotes field goal percentage was 24 percent in this game against the Broncos, which was significantly lower than their average field goal percentage of 38 percent.

The Coyotes did have a higher three point field goal percentage of 33 percent, when they typically average around 27 percent.

The Coyotes had a tough start as the Broncos were up by 10 in the first quarter.

Coyote Chelsea Austin made a three-pointer and nearly seconds later, Chelsea Barnes followed up with a jump shot, bringing the score to 10-5.

The Coyotes stepping up their game within the second quarter, both teams tied 23-23 at half time. The Coyotes would not tie with the Broncos again until the beginning of the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter was a struggle for the lead, but the Broncos came out with the win, 52-45.

The Coyotes headed up north for their next game against the Humboldt State Lumberjacks.

The Lumberjacks beat the Coyotes 80-73, after a battle over four quarters and a period of overtime.

The Coyote’s field goal percentage was higher than average this game, at 43 percent.

The first quarter began with the Coyotes in the lead, but the Lumberjacks quickly caught up.

The Lumberjacks held the lead the entire first quarter and ended it in the lead by one point.

The Coyotes and Lumberjacks were neck-and-neck the entire game.

By the end of the third quarter, it looked like the Lumberjacks had the game when they were up by 13 points.

At the end of the fourth quarter the Coyotes finally caught up to the Lumberjacks.

Coyote Brianna Harden completed a jump shot, which brought the Coyotes up by two points.

With only 21 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Lumberjacks’ Kiana Brown completed a layup, the Lumberjacks and Coyotes were tied 68-68.

Five minutes were added to the clock for overtime, Harden made a jump shot, which brought the Coyotes up by two points. Coyote Adriana Brodie then added three more points to the score board, which put the Coyotes in the lead.

The Lumberjacks quickly caught up when Harden fouled Jacks’ Amanda Kunst. Kunst made both free throws and tied up the game again.

The Lumberjacks kept their momentum and racked up the points, winning the game in overtime, 80-73.

The final game the Coyotes played was against the Point Loma Sea Lions.

Barnes was the point leader in the game against the Sea Lions, with 20 points.

The Coyotes were a bit under their average field goals percentage, coming in at 34 percent.

The Coyotes put up a tough fight, while the Sea Lions held the lead for three quarters. The Coyotes finally tied up the game when Alexcia Mack made two free throws after Sea Lion Madison West fouled her.

The Coyotes and Sea Lions played, matching each other score for score.

Tied up once again in the fourth quarter, Coyotes fouled the Sea Lions which gave the Sea Lions the opportunity for free throws.

Sea Lion Sydney Tonack, stepped up to the free-throw line and made both shots. Once the Sea Lions gained the lead they did not stop with the points.

The fourth quarter ended with the Sea Lions’ win by 11 points. Sea Lions beat the Coyotes 67-56.

The Coyotes return home Feb. 12 and 13 to take on the Stanislaus State Warriors and Chico State Wildcats.
Zeke DeBlase attempts to block the Humboldt's Malik Morgan's shot, so he is forced to pass the ball to a teammate.

The team is very competitive and there is a lot of talent here," said Martinez. "There’s definitely a sense of unity with the team which is going to make them successful," he added. Martinez is looking forward to the upcoming season.

In the first game RHP Tyler Wells was able to strike out 12 of the first 16 batters he faced over six innings. Wells was the first pitcher of the season to be selected by the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) as the Baseball Pitcher of the Week for his pitching against the Seawolves.

Wells shared his thoughts about the upcoming season. "The team is doing a great job and every game is a learning process," said Wells. The Coyotes started the second game by scoring two runs in the top of the first. The Seawolves answered back with two runs in the first and one in the second.

Grant Buchanan doubled home Dillon Fair in the top of the fifth to tie the score at 3-3. The second game was only played up until the bottom of the sixth as it was called on account of darkness, with the score tied 3-3.

The game continued the following day, with the Coyotes incorporating a strong defense and even better at-bats.

In the seventh, Buchanan got his second hit of the game after driving in Austin Lindgren, who tied the game at 4-4. The Coyotes blew the game open in the eighth when they scored three unearned runs on a hit by a Seawolves runner, making the final score 7-4.

The first home game of the season for the Coyotes will be a doubleheader against the University of California, San Diego on Feb. 27. The first game is at 11 a.m. However, if you can’t wait to see the Coyotes play, they will be playing an exhibition game against the KT Wiz (Korean Collegiate Baseball League) on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.

The Coyotes continued to score one run after the other, in the fourth inning. Ramiro Rosales hit a solo home run in the bottom of the fifth. The Coyotes ended the fourth inning with a score of 5-1 and continued to stay on top.

Junior Cassandra Williams allowed no runs walking out seven batters in the five innings that she pitched against the Lakers. Cuilan Smith hit a double to left center, bringing in Cassandra to start the scoring in the bottom of the fifth.

Shortly after, Smith scored a run thanks to a fielders choice by Brown, who later scored on a bunt hit.

Brown got the last two RBIs in the game in the bottom of the sixth, when she hit a two run home run in left field, bringing in Ashley and putting the Coyotes up by five runs.

In game two, the Lakers Allison Wall started the top of the first inning by hitting an RBI ground-rule double that helped the Lakers take an early lead.

The Coyotes made sure to fire back, and Kaylee Gemelll hit her fifth home run of the season.

The game was called in the bottom of the seventh due to darkness, giving the Lakers the win.

The Coyotes ended the doubleheader with a 12-7 win. At the top of the seventh the Coyotes managed to keep the Lakers at seven runs, leading the game by nine, and making it a mercy rule game. With the win, the Coyotes moved to 12-3 overall and 2-1 in CCAA play.

Pitcher Williams ready to record an out on the mound. Jessica Brown behind the plate, ready for the pitch.

Coyotes lounge in the dugout, cheering on their teammates as they walk. The Coyotes hit a total of two home runs, three doubles and one triple in the opening series against Mercyhurst to open up their season with a 2-1 win.