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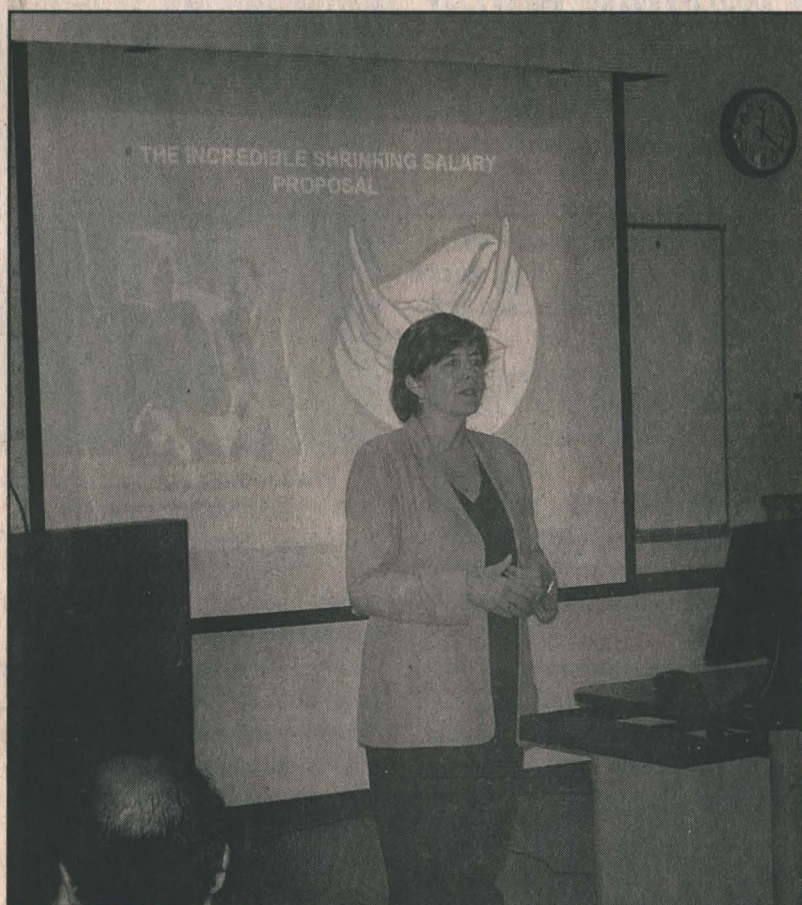
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English Department professor and CFA bargaining team member Susan Meisenhelder addresses faculty at a CFA meeting on Oct. 12, 2006.

Impasse declared in CFA contract \$\$\$ negotiations

Shane Olguin
Staff Writer

A stalemate in contract negotiations between the California Faculty Association (CFA) and the CSU Board of Trustees has led the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) to declare a state of impasse in the negotiations.

Contract negotiations between the CFA and CSU have been going on for over 18 months. The current

state of impasse was declared on Sept. 29, 2006.

According to Tom Meisenhelder, president of the CFA's CSUSB chapter, the main issues in the contract negotiations deal primarily with the compensation and salaries of CSU faculty.

"What we think is an adequate salary and what the [CSU] chancellor has proposed is very differ-

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Smaller classrooms contingent on Prop 1D

Ryan Hobbs
Staff Writer

An influx of nearly \$13 million could be in the future for CSUSB.

Bond measure 1D, if passed, would provide funds for state of the art equipment in the education, physical, and biological science buildings.

According to the CSUSB Alumni Association, the bond measure would also help reduce overcrowding. It would replace electrical, plumbing, and ventilation systems in older buildings, and provide better access for disabled students.

The official name of the bill is the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006.

The proposition will appear on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The College of Education stands to receive more than \$2.4 million for equipment in the new College of Education building.

The structure is currently under construction. Upon completion in April 2008, the 130,000 square-foot building will be outfitted with state of the art equipment in the classrooms and laboratories, according to the CSUSB Alumni Association.

The College of Education is enthusiastic and aware of the importance of this bond measure.

"This would provide us the opportunity to have smart class-

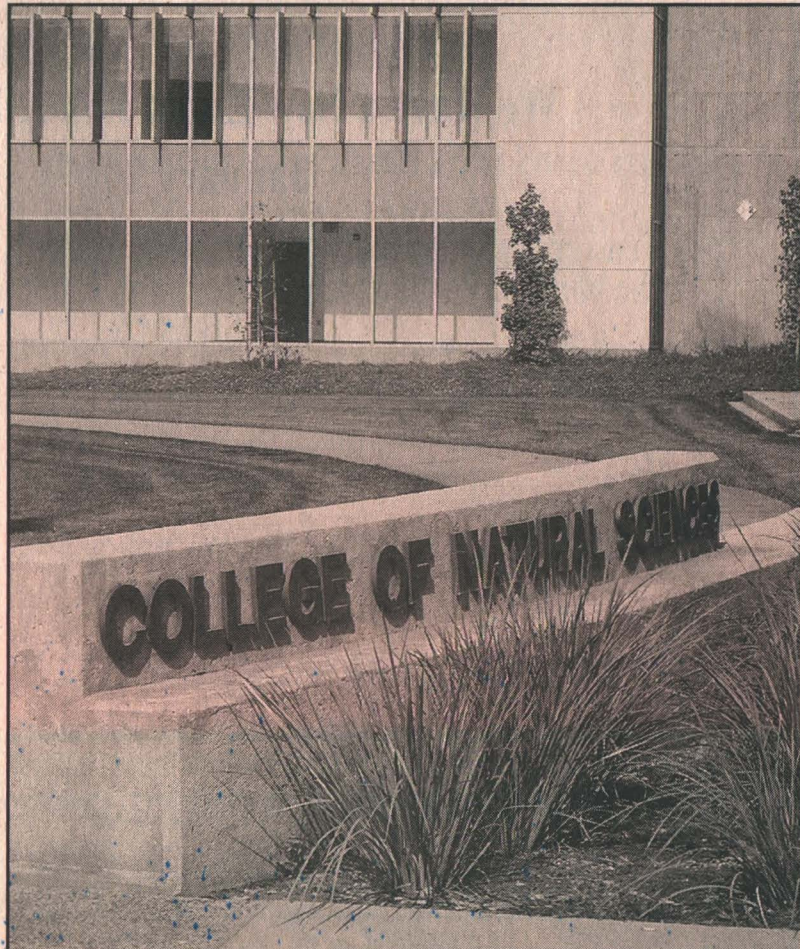
rooms and for more high-tech learning at CSUSB. It will help us better train teachers for our local school districts, which is a major area of need," said Carolyn Eggleston, Associate Dean of the College of Education.

Eggleston added, "The high-tech and smart classrooms will

also help us attract the best graduate students for our doctoral program in educational administration, which will be offered beginning in the fall of 2007."

The physical and biological sciences buildings stand to receive

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Ryan Hobbs/Chronicle

Supporters of Proposition 1D say a Yes vote would provide funding to improve classroom facilities.

Election day draws closer, how will you vote?

Elizabeth Saucedo
Staff Writer

With the Nov. 7, 2006 general elections close at hand, it is imperative that the public be aware of propositions on the ballot, as well as the impact some of these measures will have on CSUSB.

There are 13 propositions on the ballot that could change state laws. These propositions range from issues concerning transportation, education, sex crimes, abortion, cigarette and oil taxes, as well as property rights.

The following information was taken from the Easy Voter Guide and the California General Election Official Voter Information Guide.

Proposition 1A concerns transportation funds. California currently has a 6% sales tax on gasoline which raises money for the state government.

Gasoline sales tax prior to 2002 was used for education, health and social services, and

prisons. It was then changed in 2002 for transportation, with the exception of a state budget emergency.

From 2003-2005, this money was used to help balance the state budget, not transportation.

If the measure is passed, 1A would ensure that gasoline sales tax is used solely for transportation, and state lawmakers would have less flexibility when balancing the state budget.

Proposition 1B addresses transportation bonds. Money is currently used from state and local taxes and federal funds for transportation infrastructure such as highways, transit, and rail.

1B would allow the state government to sell \$19.9 billion in bonds to fund transportation repairs, improvements, and expansion.

Those against 1B say that these bonds will only make the state budget worse, while those in favor say it would allow investment in transportation projects

without raising taxes.

Proposition 1C is a housing bond that would allow the government to sell \$2.85 billion in bonds to aid urban area housing projects, farm worker housing, homeless shelters, and assistance for renters and low-income homebuyers.

Proposition 1D addresses bonds for school and college buildings which would allow the state government to sell \$10.4 billion in bonds to build and improve education facilities.

Community colleges and public universities would receive \$3.1 billion, while K-12 schools would receive \$7.3 billion.

Proposition 1E is a flood control bond. 1E would allow the state government to sell \$4.1 billion in bonds to repair levees in the Central Valley and fund flood safety projects throughout California.

Proposition 83 would increase punishments and restrictions for those convicted of sex crimes. Prison terms would increase and extend paroles, registered sex

offenders would not be allowed to live near parks or schools, while felony offenders would be elec-

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Courtesy of

www.McPherson2006.com

California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson visited CSUSB on Oct. 4, 2006.

Flu season with us again

Rodolfo Segura Jr.
Staff Writer

Fall is in the air and with it, the flu virus.

Fortunately, the flu vaccine is also back, and ready to fight the disease that kills 36,000 Americans every year, according to the MSN Health and Fitness website.

The MSN Health and Fitness website states that children from 23 months to five years are vulnerable and easy targets for the flu.

The site recommends that Children get flu shots. Infants from six months to 23 months need one as well.

Those 50 years of age or older are also vulnerable, and the site recommends that they receive flu shots as well.

The MSN Health and Fitness website also recommends that anyone with asthma, diabetes, heart disease or HIV, or even health-care professionals, caregivers and people who have household contact with individuals get the flu shot.

The flu can cause respiratory infections and asthma.

According to the MSN Health and Fitness website, air passages in the lungs "overreact to various allergens and irritants, including viruses."

The lungs then secrete substances that promote inflammation.

"Because airway inflammation is one of the basic characteristics of asthma, this reaction can be bad news.

Compounding the problem, viruses can replicate themselves more extensively in lungs affected

by asthma than in healthy lungs," states the website.

The website recommends that people avoid close contact with other individuals who are infected. It also names washing hands often as an important precaution.

Studies show, according to the website, that flu viruses can live on surfaces for two to eight hours.

Touching the eyes, nose, or mouth can transmit the flu if hands are contaminated, because germs spread easily in those areas.

CSUSB will have the flu vaccine ready for students by mid-

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October marks breast cancer awareness month

Frank Beatty
Staff Writer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and cancer can strike at any place and at any time.

There will be 214,640 new cases of breast cancer this year in the United States, according to estimates by the American Cancer Society (ACS), and 41,430 deaths from that cancer.

The ACS also says that women have a one in eight chance of having breast cancer. Even after reducing the risk factors, there is a one in 33 chance of dying from that cancer.

Regular exercise and a balanced diet can reduce the risk of contracting cancer, but sometimes exercise and diet are not enough to protect against breast cancer.

There are members of the CSUSB community impacted by breast cancer.

One example is Margaret Doane, an instructor at CSUSB for 31 years, who helped start the Judy Killgore Staff Scholarship.

The scholarship was founded in memory of former secretary to the English Department, Judy Killgore. Killgore, according to a CSUSB English Department online newsletter, died on Feb. 4, 1995.

Killgore was diagnosed with breast cancer around 1990.

She was athletic, robust and loved life. She played soccer and

softball with a passion and according to her sister Peggy Kindschy of the CSUSB Office of Records, Registrations and Evaluations, her opponents were sometimes afraid when she came up to bat.

Killgore was the center of action in the English Department at Cal State San Bernardino, and no one expected her to die of cancer.

Her friends at the university were heartbroken and overflowed her funeral service.

Killgore's friends and family endowed the Judy Killgore Staff Scholarship fund with \$10,000 and

think of Judy when the award is made each year.

Clinical exams and information are available in the Student Health Center, according to Elaine Burkholder.

These services have been paid for by students' registration fees.

Mammograms can also be referred at a discount to outside clinics, said Burkholder.

"Young women who come to college are so busy," Family Nurse Practitioner Kathi Cole said. They say "it won't happen to me."

Early detection of cancer is vital and no one is immune.



Frank Beatty/Chronicle

Elaine Burkholder welcomes Diane Umland to the CSUSB Student Health Center. Clinical exams and information about breast cancer are available in the Student Health Center.

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**Teacher contract
impasse again**

ent," Meisenhelder said. According to a CFA fact sheet, salary and compensation increases for administration personnel in the CSU system was 19 percent in 2005, as opposed to a 3.5 percent increase for faculty members.

The CFA has requested general salary increases ranging from 4 to 6.5 percent through fiscal year 2010, in addition to a 2.65 percent service salary increase for personnel who meet certain eligibility requirements and other compensations.

Eventually this service salary increase would be extended to all faculty members after this fiscal year.

In a meeting held by the CFA for faculty members on Oct. 12, 2006, CFA officials said the CSU system has approximately \$196 million in new money from the state legislature it can utilize.

"We feel they have the money to fund our requests," said Susan Meisenhelder, a CSUSB English Department professor and CFA bargaining team member.

The CSU's proposal would offer a lower general salary increase in exchange for the same service salary increase requested by the CFA.

According to the CFA, the reduced salary increases by the CSU barely addresses cost of living increases.

PERB announces a state of impasse in labor disputes when a stalemate in negotiations occurs and no further benefit through negotiations can be had.

A third-party mediator is then appointed to make the determination of whether or not a situation requires further mediation.

A fact-finding process occurs if the mediator deems it necessary and a resulting public report about the negotiations is released.

All parties involved in the dispute are encouraged to use the fact-finding results for a basis of

further negotiations. If a decision still cannot be reached, the CSU Board of Trustees can then impose terms.

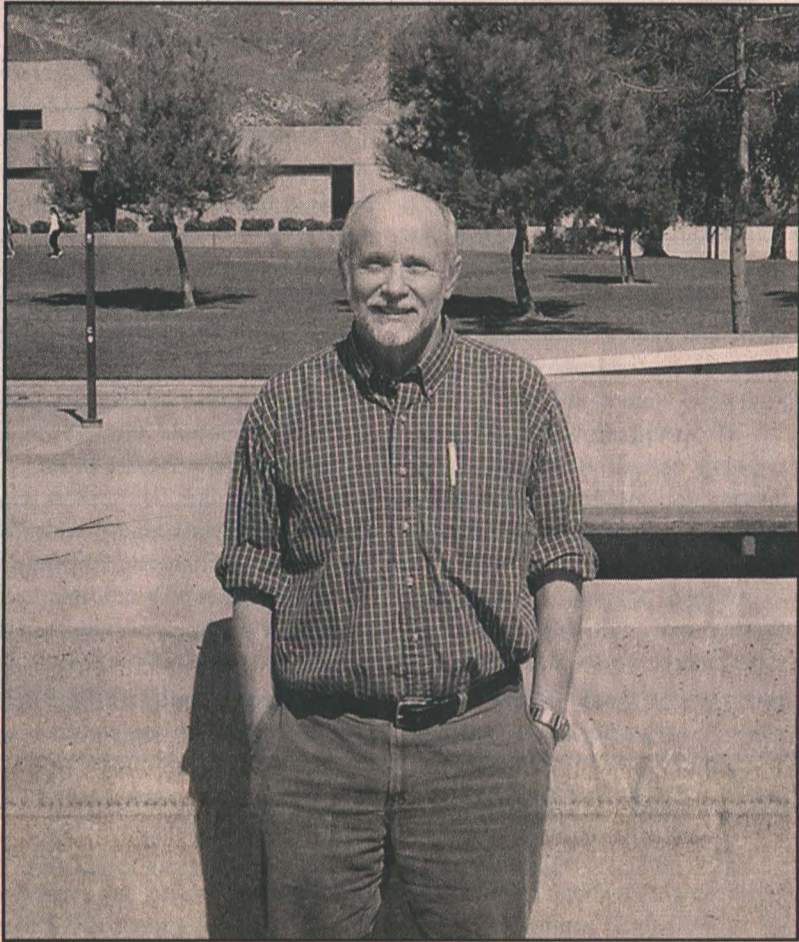
"Legally the Board can impose terms and conditions of employment," said Associate Provost for Academic Personnel J. Paul Vicknair.

"The process is really broken at this point," said Meisenhelder. Faculty can then exercise a job action, which can include a strike. According to the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations act, the terms of the current contract would be extended while both parties are in impasse.

For the most part, Meisenhelder said that CSUSB staff supports the CFA's work to fight for better compensation.

Faculty members hope that the CFA uses some creative thinking in order to avoid a strike.

"We wouldn't want [to strike] unless we were convinced there was no other way to make progress," Meisenhelder said.



Shane Olguin/Chronicle

"What we think is an adequate salary and what the [CSU] chancellor has proposed is very different," President of the CFA's CSUSB chapter, Tom Meisenhelder.

"The longer we stay in bargaining the more difficult the economic process is for faculty."

No one is entirely sure how much of an impact a strike would make on the day-to-day operations of the campus should a strike occur.

"We're going into an area where we have very little experience," said Vicknair. "We've not really seen that in the CSU. It doesn't happen too often in higher education."

The closest the CSU faculty has come to a strike was after the last round of contract bargaining in 2001.

The CFA was given strike sanctions by its members but a resolution to the contract dispute was reached prior to a strike, according to Meisenhelder.

The CFA represents all instructional staff, librarians, counselors, and coaches.

Approximately 70 percent of full-time staff at CSUSB are members of the CFA.

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CSUSB to gain from a Yes vote on Proposition 1D

over \$1.5 million in equipment for the buildings that are currently under renovation.

The cost for the building renovation was covered by the passing of an earlier bond measure.

According to Dr. James Ferrari, Biology Department Associate Chair, "This money will be used to provide computers in each class instead of having just one computer lab which will enhance the learning experience. It will also allow our students and

professors to have a much higher capacity to collect data and do statistical analysis in the classroom setting."

Dr. Ferrari added, "This new equipment will allow for the greater ability to do research by both our professor's and our students."

One of the most important aspects of the bond measure for CSUSB students is that it will help reduce overcrowding in classes.

Proponents of 1D advocate

that the bill is fiscally responsible and that it is essential for our schools to continue to attract students and adequately educate them, according to the official Proposition 1D summary.

Detractors of the bond measure feel that it is unnecessary to make future generations pay for the costs of this measure.

There is also concern that the money may not be spent appropriately, according to the official Proposition 1D summary.

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Measures on the election ballot

tronically monitored for the rest of their lives.

Proposition 84 would allow the state government to sell \$5.4 billion in bonds for safer drinking water, park improvements, environmental protection and flood control.

Proposition 85 would change the California Constitution to require doctors to notify a parent or guardian 48 hours before performing an abortion on a minor.

Proposition 86 would add a state tobacco tax of \$2.60 per pack of cigarettes. The new tax money could be used for health programs and hospitals.

Proposition 87 would create a \$4 billion program to promote clean energy, funded by a new tax on oil.

The program would promote vehicles that use less gasoline and more efficient ways to use energy.

Proposition 88 would create a new state tax of \$50 on every property for certain K-12 educational programs.

Elderly and disabled homeowners would be excluded from

the tax. Proposition 89 would provide public funding for political campaigns.

Funding would result from raising the state income tax on corporations by 0.2% which would raise over \$200 million each year.

Property rights are addressed in proposition 90. If passed, Prop 90 would change the California Constitution so that state and local government cannot force the sale of private property for private use.

Property owners would also be paid for any major economic losses from laws that reduce property value.

California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson visited CSUSB on Oct. 4, to address the importance of students voting, as well as to provide a demonstration of the voting system used in San Bernardino County.

"We had a lot of distinguished guests on hand for the presentation, and we hope to host another event with local candidates for a question and answer open forum before the election," said Angelica



Elizabeth Saucedo/Chronicle
ASI Executive Vice President
Angelica Jones

Jones, Executive Vice President of Associated Students, Inc.

"A lot of students feel their vote doesn't count," Jones said. "They don't understand that one vote could change whether something gets passed or someone gets elected into office."

October 23, 2006 is the deadline to register to vote and Nov. 7, 2006 is Election Day.

CSUSB will host an early voter program from October 23-26 where polls will be available on campus for students to vote.

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Flu Season

November for approximately ten dollars per student, according to the CSUSB Health Center.

The San Bernardino Public Health Department is also hosting

a series of flu shot drives for five dollars per shot.

The first drive will be located at 1411 South Riverside Ave. at the Rialto Senior Center on Monday October 16, from 9-11am.

The second drive will be on Wednesday Oct. 18, at 100 Redlands Mall from 9-11 a.m.

Incident Reports

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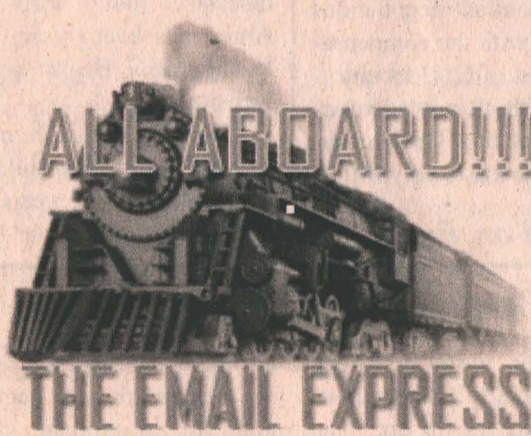
At approximately 8:05 a.m. a parking officer notified officers over the radio that he observed a male, who he believed was highly intoxicated, walking eastbound 1500 block of Northpark Blvd. Officers contacted the male in the new construction site, "Northpark Homes" and determined that the individual, non-affiliated with the university, was under the influence of an alcoholic and was a danger. Subject was arrested and booked into the San Bernardino County Jail.

Corrections

In the Oct. 9, 2006 issue, the Chronicle incorrectly listed the title of Leo Connolly on page 2. He is an Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

The National Panhellenic Council (NPC) is the governing body over 26 international sororities which includes: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Phi, Kappa Delta, and Zeta Tau Alpha on campus. Very similar in name is the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC), home to historically African American sororities and fraternities such as: Omega Psi Phi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and Phi Beta Sigma. In addition, Omega Psi Phi and Zeta Phi Beta are fraternities.

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Howl heard 'round Student Union Students had a night of food, fun and a good time at CSUSB's 'Karaoke Night'

Alexandria Gales
Staff Writer



Megan Jager/Guest Photographer
Students enjoy a night of karaoke at CSUSB Student Union.

Food, beverages and live entertainment is what you can expect at CSUSB's Karaoke Night.

Associated Students Inc. (ASI) puts on the event every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Santos Manuel Student Pub.

"It is a great way for students to gather together and create unity on campus," said Vice President of University Affairs Teddie Rodriguez.

During the gala affair Teddy displayed her talents for the modest crowd who sang along.

"I will keep singing all night long if you guys don't join in," Rodriguez threatened.

ASI President Anthony Conley attended the event and joined Rodriguez on stage singing, "I believe I can Fly," by R-Kelly. The crowd enjoyed the playful performance and clapped while enjoying beverages and food from Taco Bell.

First-timers at the event weren't at all reserved.

"It is my first time but it is very entertaining," said sophomore Shellane McMillen. "I think I will come back next time in a costume and sing a song by Whitney Houston."

The evening started out very upbeat and mellowed down as student Jeremy Vasquez took the stage. The crowd was overcome with excitement as Vasquez serenaded the young ladies in the

crowd to his favorite melody by Ludacris.

"It's hot in here, the lights are low and that is a bad combination," says Vasquez of his choice of music. "So I think I'll sing 'Splash Waterfalls'."

Vasquez's serenade was the highlight of the evening. The roar of clapping and cheering was payment enough for his well-received performance.

"I think I will become a regular here and even one day make my

way to American Idol," Vasquez said of his future in karaoke. The fun didn't stop after Vasquez' performance but was just the beginning of the spectacular night that lasted until the crowd seemed to be stricken with laryngitis.

"This is karaoke with no jokey!," said Joe Delgado, a Human Communication major.

Karaoke Night is offered every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Santos Manuel Student Union Taco Bell Lounge.

Many hot topics for women's forum

Brenda Hernandez
Staff Writer

Are you a B.I.T.C.H. or would you like to be one?

If so, come and join the B.I.T.C.H. discussion forum sponsored by the Women's Resource Center.

Bring Interesting Topics Conversations & Happenings (B.I.T.C.H.) is a discussion group for women of all ages.

Here, women can come together to discuss issues such as body image, domestic violence and any other current events that interests its participants.

"Come check it out," said Dolores Montoya. "I want people to know that we don't bitch about men. It is more of a discussion group and we discuss current issues."

According to the Women's Resource Center, it is good for women to unite and express their feelings.

Anyone, including men, can express feelings on topics not only about women, but also about issues concerning world wide events like the massacre in Pennsylvania, to the acceptance of the body image in society.

An upcoming B.I.T.C.H. forum will show "Beyond Killing Us Softly" a discussion based on the concerning negative depiction in advertisement.

"This movie is educational because death is a serious manner and trying to meet society standard of body image we are killing ourselves softly," said Sandy Naranjo, an assistant at the Women's Resource Center.

"Do you really think is worth it to killing yourself to meet socie-

ty?" said Naranjo.

The Women's Resource Center is an on-campus facility that supports women and provides services to develop self-confidence within the community.

The Women's Resource Center not only offers B.I.T.C.H. but it also offers movie nights, books reviews, music reviews, and movie reviews.

They also provide free scanners, pencils and condoms to those who visit their office.

The discussion groups meet every Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Santos Manuel Student Union room 112.

For more information on the B.I.T.C.H. program contact Dolores Montoya at the Women's Resource Center SMSU-112 or (909) 537-5940.



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B.I.T.C.H. offers discussions.



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Dolores Montoya works at the Women's Resource Center.

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Credit card companies target students

Britt Price
Staff Writer

According to a report released by the Government Accountability Office last Wednesday, credit card late fee payments have skyrocketed from an average of \$13 in 1995, to an astounding \$34.

In accordance with these rising numbers, the report revealed that card issuers have not done a good job of informing the consumer of their fee policies and penalties.

The report investigated the fees, interest rates and disclosure practices of 28 major credit card companies. Results concluded that company's disclosures were often written in confusing and misleading language with pertinent information buried within the text, or written in small typefaces.

Also according to the report, fees such as a \$5 to \$15 charge to pay credit card bills over the phone are often undisclosed, and consumers may be charged with as many as three different interest rates for different transactions.

After conducting their study,

the GAO interviewed 112 consumers and results indicated many failed to understand key aspects of their cards, including when they would be charged for late payments or what actions could cause issuers to raise rates.

According to Bill Hardekopf, CEO of LowCards.com, a consumer credit card information Web site, as college students we are heavily targeted. We are potentially lifelong customers who will spend, spend, spend.

He's right, according to a study published by the student loan outfit Nellie Mae. The study states that the average freshman carries over \$1,500 worth of credit card debt, and nearly double that amount by graduation.

What can we do to protect ourselves from this epidemic of economic warfare? According to David Ellis, who writes in CNNMoney.com's Credit Card Tips for College Kids, therefore, a few key things.

Find a card with as good rate as you can get. Keep an eye on the annual percentage rate being mindful of the fact that you may

not be able to pay off the balance in full every month.

Avoid annual fees. If you're able to find a company that is willing to give you a low interest rate while avoiding an annual fee, why pay extra money?

Keep it to one card. More than one card leaves room for more debt.

Take care with rewards cards. Points are earned based on the amount of money spent; therefore it is enticing to spend more money.

Spend for emergencies, not expenses and pay on time.

Just say no to cash advances. This is a common trap for students to fall into; although the idea is inviting, the rates around these offers are astounding.

If things get really bad, try to talk to your credit card company; they won't forgive your debt, but they might lower your minimum payment and drop the interest rate a point or two.

Another great solution as students to the threat of credit card bondage is using a debit card instead which typically allows for more realistic budgeting.



Britt Price/Chronicle

Credit Card Companies want nothing more than to lure unsuspecting, students into huge debt.

The Cal State Community Counseling Center offers confidential one-on-one counseling serving individuals on campus or the community for personal or emotional problems. For more information, please contact the Community Counseling Center at (909) 537-5569



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Andrew Z. Fire (left) and Craig C. Mello won the nobel prize for their discovery of RNA interference.

Mello and Fire, DNA doctors win Nobel Prize

Erin O'Toole
Multicultural Section Editor

The discovery of a fundamental mechanism for controlling the flow of genetic information has earned two U.S. scientists the 2006 Nobel Prize in the physiology or medicine category.

Andrew Z. Fire, of the Stanford University School of Medicine and Craig C. Mello, of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, initially published their findings on a type of gene silencing in the journal Nature in 1998.

The mechanism they identified, called RNA interference, is currently used in several areas of science as a method to study gene function. Researchers hope to use gene silencing by RNA interference to treat a broad spectrum of diseases in the future.

"Gene silencing is an example of using 'molecular scissors' at the most advanced level," said researcher Cedric Raoul in a release on ScienceDaily.com.

Some scientists believe gene-based therapy could provide the

cure for many previously incurable diseases such as diabetes, cancer and ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Scientists in Switzerland have used RNA interference in mice to silence a mutated gene that causes ALS, substantially delaying the progression of the highly debilitating muscle disease.

Although such advanced medical uses may be a long way off, Mello is thrilled about how the discovery may impact many areas of science now.

"I'm very excited now in thinking in terms of the role of this type of silencing in evolutionary change, rather than simply as something involved in regulating gene expression," he told Adam Smith, the editor-in-chief of Nobelprize.org.

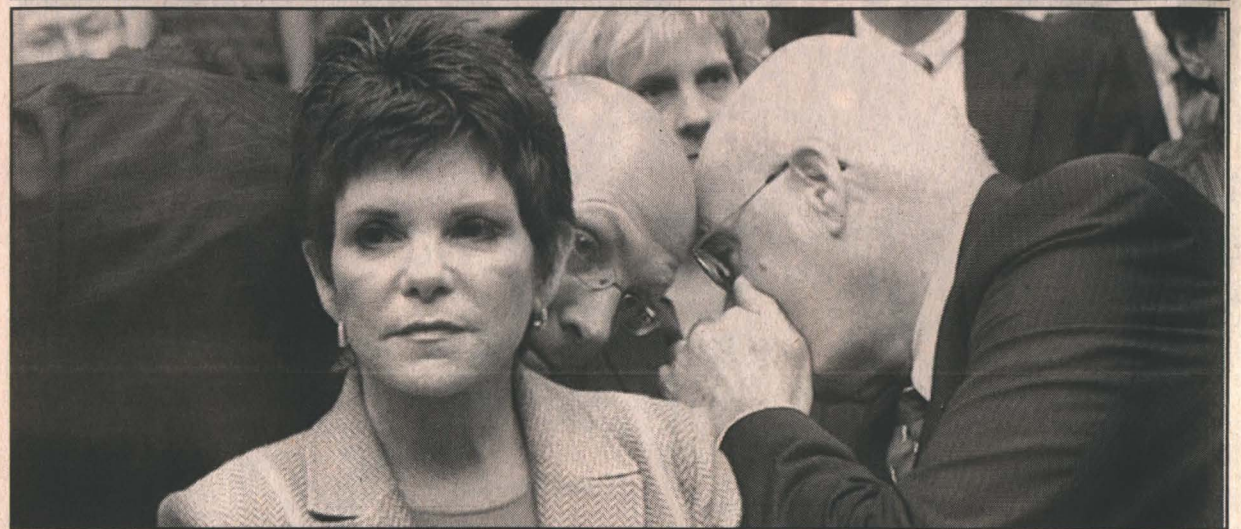
To understand how the RNA interference process works, it is helpful to recall some of the basic terms involved. A genome is basically all the DNA in an organism including its genes, which are arranged on the strands of DNA in a unique order. Genes are small pieces of DNA and are the basic units of heredity. RNA is a single

strand of DNA molecules.

The primary function of genes is to carry information for making each of the proteins required by all organisms.

Fire and Mello were experimenting with a double-stranded RNA molecule when they noticed some peculiar results. When they injected a worm with the double-stranded RNA, they noticed a reaction that mimicked movements that had been observed in worms lacking a particular muscle-protein gene. They reasoned that the double-stranded RNA molecule had in effect cancelled out the gene. In a series of experiments, Fire and Mello learned that this RNA interference is specific for the gene whose code matches that of the injected RNA molecule, and that the RNA interference can spread to other cells and could even be inherited.

One of the most immediate benefits of gene silencing with RNA interference may not be as a therapeutic approach in itself, but rather as a tool to further research into new therapies and treatments, according to Fire.



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Patricia Dunn with her attorney at a House Subcommittee hearing on September 28, 2006.

Dunn, Former Hewlett Packard CEO facing charges

Kevin Lyons
Staff Writer

Former Hewlett Packard chairman Patricia C. Dunn and four others were booked and then released October 5, a day after being charged with felonies for their roles in a spying scandal involving the multimillion dollar company Hewlett Packard.

All five were charged with four felonies under California statutes. Each count carries a maximum prison sentence of three years and a maximum fine of \$25,000. They were accused of participating in a long-running HP surveillance operation, dating back to 2005, using a practice referred to as pretexting.

Pretexting involves the use of false pretenses to gain access to personal phone records and other private information.

In this case, Hp had hired three private investigators whose job it was to uncover a leak within the company. They hacked into several forms of communications, wrongfully used computer data, displayed identify theft, and acted under false pretenses to obtain

confidential information from phone companies, including billing records of more than a dozen people.

According to court papers filed on October 4, the telephone, fax, and cell phone accounts of more than 24 people were accessed in the probing of HP. Investigators of HP reviewed 33 months of phone records and about 1,750 calls from 520 telephone numbers.

Not only did these investigators rely on pretexting to conduct their operation, they also spied on board members, journalists and their family members at home and at conferences. They even conducted a sting operation on a reporter.

Eventually all fingers pointed to 66-year-old George (Jay) Keyworth, a former science advisor to President Reagan and the longest serving HP director. Newsweek reported that he told the board, "I would have told you all about this. Why didn't you just ask?"

This statement was delivered at a meeting on May 18, at HP headquarters in Palo Alto,

California shortly after Dunn had publicly revealed the identity of the leaker.

Unfortunately, a day after being charged with fraud and conspiracy, Dunn, 53, learned from her doctor that her advanced ovarian cancer had recurred and she needed to undergo chemotherapy. A source told the Washington Post that this would be Dunn's third battle with cancer in recent years.

Friends of Dunn said she has always been concerned with maintaining rules and ethics, making her indictment ironic to many who worked with her. Rich Koppes, an attorney and former counsel of the California Public Employee's Retirement System, told the Washington Post, "She's so ethical. The fact that this happened is beyond belief."

According to the Washington Post, Dunn was asked by the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee if it was correct that pretexting had been used in 2005. At first Dunn admitted that to be the case, then her attorney whispered something to her, and immediately she changed her statement to, "I don't know."

Fans Carey'd away All the right tools

Ali Xavier Gonzalez
A & E Editor

Mariah Carey took fans at her Oct. 4 show on a musical joyride, as she belted her way through some of the biggest songs in her almost 20 year career.

"The Adventures of Mimi, The Voice, The Hits, The Tour," was chock full of hits and infamous Carey vocal acrobatics.

The wardrobe-challenged singer opened her set at the San Diego Sports Arena with the first single off of her 6 times platinum comeback album "The Emancipation of Mimi." "It's Like That" blared through the arena as fans jumped out of their seats for Carey's grand entrance.

The singer took to the stage in a black bikini top and shorts that your 4 year old sister could have probably fit in. Tanned and in good physical shape Carey danced through the arms of her dancers as she sang, "It's my night, no stress, no fears, I'm leaving it all behind." "It's Like That" was followed by an arsenal of other hits including "Dreamlover," "Heartbreaker," and "My All."

The multi-octave voiced singer was in fine vocal form throughout the night changing from a low-key register, which she showcased in "It's Like That," to her climactic high-notes as she did in "Vision of Love."

Carey rotated between performing on the front stage, and a smaller one located in the middle of the arena, which allowed for more interaction with her adoring fans.

There were no big set-changes



Courtesy of www.mariahcarey.com

Mariah Carey belts her way through some of her biggest songs.

nor was there a stage flooded with dancers. Aside from the lit up "Mimi" sign which she danced in front of during "Shake it Off," the stage rarely entailed anything other than Carey showcasing her voice.

Her diva moments were entertaining rather than annoying, like when she asked that the spotlight return to her after giving a shout out to her disc jockey.

Michelle Green, a longtime Carey fan said of the concert, "She was excellent; absolutely excellent. My only concern is the wardrobe she wore might have been inappropriate for some of the youngsters in the audience."

Aside from an overabundance of time spent off-stage, and one too many songs performed by background singer and friend Trey Lorenz, Carey's concert was a truly remarkable event filled with talent, hits, and a good time for all.

However, none of this was supposed to happen. An artist whose career sizzled during the 90's and fizzled thereafter, the industry was skeptical about Carey's latest outing.

After the "Glitter" disaster Carey was counted out. Besides less than stellar concert sales, the diva's once glistening 5-octave voice has sounded damaged and tattered on a slew of TV performances. For many, Carey should have been prepping for a stint as a Las Vegas lounge act.

If its one thing Carey's a pro at, it's making a hit. And she's got 17 of them behind only the Beatles that have all gone to number one to prove it.

The successes of Carey's last album "The Emancipation of Mimi" as well as that of her enthralling live concert are further testaments of a truly talented and gifted singer/songwriter.

Michelle Graham
Staff Writer

CSUSB bass player Erin O'Toole knows how to rock! Her group, Protostarr, has what it takes to put you in the mood.

Their music is layered and rich. The sound is calming yet provoking. The rhythm has a beat that is dark and ornate.

O'Toole said, "If I were in a new relationship, I'd want to make out to these songs!" I would have to agree with her. After reviewing Protostarr's "accretion disks" CD, I understood what she meant!

O'Toole described it as "the kind of music you listen to with dim lights and chill."

Protostarr currently has two cds out, although they are in the process of making a new one. O'Toole said she is excited about it and they have been working on it for a while now.

Protostarr will be playing at The Vibe in Riverside for the I.E. Showcase October 19th! They won last year at Morongo's Key Club for "Best Electric Rock" at the Inland Empire Music Awards. Protostarr also won at the Southern California Music Awards!

The "Flakey Actress EP" cd has a tune more from the 60's. The sound is upbeat and funky. My dad compared it to some of the bands from the British invasion like the Kinks and the Beatles.

The "accretion disks" cd is the more complex of the two cds. It has a more extensive variation of

sounds within the songs.

The beat shows off their diverse style with deep-dark beats as well as with a lighthearted flow.

Although there are only three performers in Protostarr, at times the music has so much depth it sounds like there is an entire orchestra behind them.

O'Toole got involved with the two other members, Jonathan Payne (lead vocals, guitar, synthesizing, programming), and MC logo (drums, vocals, assorted monologues) several years ago.

She was already friends with the two guys and one night she watched a performance in L.A. She saw them and thought "They need a bass player! I'll play!" O'Toole saw this as a chance to join in on all the fun! The men agreed; now she plays bass and does a few vocals.

One of O'Toole's influences is Tina Weymouth from the 70's sensation The Talking Heads. Her all-time-favorite bass player is Adam Clayton from U2. O'Toole also admires D'Arcy from the Smashing Pumpkins.

The group mostly plays in L.A., although they are working on playing more locally at places like The Vault in Redlands.

The IEMA's will be held Jan. 26 2007. Protostarr will be performing at the event this year. O'Toole said she "loves performing in front of large audiences, it is a little scary though."

Along with being the bass



Michelle Graham/Chronicle
O'Toole is ready to rock out.

player for Protostarr, O'Toole, is also the senior producer for the radio station KVCR, and an editor for the CSUSB Chronicle.

One of O'Toole's aspirations is to get a record deal in Europe.

If you would like to find out more about Protostarr's upcoming events, music or performances then check out their myspace page at www.myspace.com/protostarr or their official website located at www.protostarr.com.

O'Toole's main focus is to keep having fun and making great music with her great group.

Same script, different cast



Courtesy of www.movieweb.com

Dane Cook, Jessica Simpson and Dax Shepard star in the funny comedy "Employee of the Month."

Oliver Mejia
Staff Writer

Ready for a good laugh? "Employee of the Month," featuring Dane Cook should provide just that.

In the film by the producers of "Wedding Crashers," Cook provides many hilarious over-done moments with Dax Shepard, Jessica Simpson, and featuring

Efren Ramirez.

Cook plays Zack Bradley, box boy at Super Club, who is in competition with Vince Downey (Dax Shepard), head cashier, for the employee of the month award.

When Zack finds out that the new cashier Amy (Jessica Simpson) only dates "employee of the month" employees, he decides to take it upon himself to become the employee of the month.

I have heard many times that Cook is a really funny comedian, but I have not actually seen one of his stand-up shows or movies.

He was funny in this film, but it was not as over-the-top as I thought it would be.

Cook did well in carrying the movie and his acting was well executed, just not what I had expected in his humor. This was much softer.

For some reason I was expecting vulgar humor. Cook had help through his three buddies, Russell (Harland Williams), Iqbal (Brian George), and Lon (Andy Dick) who were also part of the comic relief in the movie.

It would just not have been the same without them, but I caught myself laughing the most when Jorge (Efren Ramirez) was on screen.

He took most of the beating throughout the film. Throughout the whole movie Cook's character called him "Jorgay," rather than his real name, Jorge.

Of course we all know Efren from his role as Pedro in "Napoleon Dynamite."

Dax Shepard played his role as the overconfident, 17-month employee of the month very well. His confidence on-screen showed up while he was trying to get the girl from Cook's character.

Of course, much of it was overacted, but it's expected in this type of comedy film.

Jessica Simpson, on the other hand, is not a good actress at all. She was basically put in this film to look pretty and show off her chest, and that is what she did.

Her cleavage got more attention in the film than she did, with some of the jokes in the movie coming from it. The expressions and reactions of Simpson did not compare to other actors in the film. So many of these types of movie have been done and it is getting kind of old. All the plots revolve around, guy sees girl, guy wants girl, guy competes for girl, guy gets girl.

The movie itself is funny overall, with a few over-done/acted parts; but that is to be expected from these types of comedies. Many times I found myself thinking that this can not really happen, but then I remember that it is just a movie.

I do not recommend going to the theater and spending \$8 to watch this flick, but rather wait until it comes out on DVD.

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Teach in Mexico at ITEC

Bilingual Cross-Cultural language and Academic Development credential program new way to learn

Mayra Saldana
Staff Writer

Graduate students can earn credit toward their degree and teaching credit while studying in Querétaro, Mexico.

The Bilingual Cross-Cultural language and Academic Development (BCLAD) credential program is offered to graduate students.

Those who would like the experience and an understanding of a contemporary multicultural classroom which includes not only coursework given by a professor, should consider the program.

Students in the program will also have an opportunity to participate and observe private schools in Querétaro, Mexico.

Upon completion of the program in Mexico, students are awarded recommendations to the students' campus for the BCLAD credential by the International Teacher Education Council (ITEC).

Basic components that BCLAD consists of are: linguistic developments in Spanish, which includes at least one intermediate Spanish course; methodology and practice in classrooms; and a captivation in the Mexican culture.

Not only is the program set in Mexico, but students also will take courses in San Diego as well.

The year long program goes as follows: during the summer session, students will be in San Diego participating in an orientation,

along with an introduction to the courses.

In the fall semester, students will be in Querétaro, with coursework from the Spanish language and understandings of the Latin American culture.

During this session, students will have a chance to work with schools in Querétaro.

In the spring semester, students continue their coursework and then get assigned to schools for student teaching, not only in private schools, but in indigenous communities as well.

The final session is held in San Diego, where students will obtain specific coursework until the end of the school year.

Barbra Flores, the bilingual program coordinator and professor, said that the program is a great opportunity for students to have a different point of view on how a culture is educated and taught, and also how students can identify with their own experiences.

"This is a very intense program, and students have to work hard. But it is a great experience that graduate students should really consider and apply for," she said.

In order to apply to the Mexico credential program, students must be admitted to an ITEC-affiliated campus; which include CSU Bakersfield, CSU Fresno, CSU Fullerton, CSU Hayward, CSU Long Beach, CSU Sacramento, CSU San Bernardino, San Diego State University, San

Jose State University, Sonoma State University, and CSU Stanislaus.

The program is open to all majors and not only directed to Education majors. Anyone is permitted to apply.

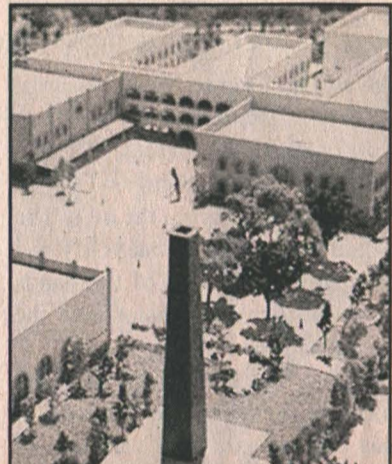
Any BA will do but you must have passed the CBEST & CSET for multiple subjects & have passed Spanish 415 or equivalent course.

The application deadline for the program is March 1, 2007.

If you qualify for financial aid at CSUSB, then it can be applied to the year abroad with the international program.

You can also apply for a number of grants, loans and scholarships.

For more information, contact Dr. Nena Torrez of the Elementary and Bilingual education at 909) 537- 7321 or Barbara Flores at 909) 537- 5622.



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Help stop domestic violence

Jennifer Veal
Staff Writer

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is defined by the American Psychological Association as "the use of repeated and coercive acts by one partner, in an intimate, dating or marriage relationship, against the other in order to unfairly gain power and control."

Misty Jardine of Yucaipa Outreach will discuss the characteristics of an abuser, explain how people may end up in violent relationships and describe the impact domestic violence has on children. Jardine will talk about what domestic violence is. Yucaipa Outreach is the domestic violence division of San Bernardino Sexual Assault services.

This discussion will take place at a Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop on October 25, which will be hosted by the Women's Resource Center.

Officer Helen Delgado of the University Police Department will speak more from a Law Enforcement perspective on domestic violence.

Delgado will provide information as to who to report to, how law enforcement officials respond to domestic violence and the resources that are available to victims and or witnesses.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month was first observed in 1987. According to the National Coalition against Domestic Violence, the intent is to connect



Jennifer Veal/Chronicle
Cheryl Stebbings and Dolores Montoya of the CSUSB Women's Resource Center hope to help end violence against women

women's advocates across the nation.

People working to end violence against women and children use the month to spread information and raise awareness about domestic violence.

Members of the Women's Resource Center will wear purple ribbons throughout the month.

The purple ribbon is described by the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, Ohio as a unifying symbol of courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending domestic violence.

"The purpose of the event is to

educate the campus community about the issue of domestic violence and also to provide resources or support to anyone who is currently in, or has a loved one in, a violent relationship," said Cheryl Stebbings of the resource center.

"Hopefully some people attending the event will be inspired to get involved and volunteer to work with domestic violence victims."

Women ages 19 to 29 report the highest rates of intimate violence, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report; Violence against Women: Estimates from the Redesigned Survey, 1995.

The WRC has in the past hosted several events dealing with the issue of domestic violence. Some of the events include the Clothesline Project and a fundraising walk-a-thon for Option House, a local domestic shelter and self-defense classes for beginners and intermediates.


Events for the month of October include National Young Women's Week of Action Love Your Body Day.

More events will take place this year during the spring quarter. Spring quarter has traditionally been the quarter that the Women's Resource Center focuses on domestic violence awareness.

The Domestic Violence Workshop will be held in the Santos Manuel Student Union in Event Center (room A) from 12 to 2 p.m. Contact the Women's Resource Center at 909-537-7203. The office is located on the first floor of the student union.



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Cheryl Stebbings, Event Coordinator of the CSUSB Women's Resource Center. CSUSB will hold several events in the month of October to educate young women to protect themselves



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Woman for Prez *Educators with a license to kill*

Clarissa Zamora
Staff Writer

We are less than a month away before voting starts in the United States, which makes me wonder, when are we ever going to have a woman for president?

Do we believe that women cannot control, stabilize, or run the United States?

Hillary Clinton might have a really good chance in the next presidential election in 2008. In fact, as of October 2, 2006 59 percent of those polled say Clinton will be president and 31 percent say "no way," according to Rasmussen Reports.com.

This site also states that 43 percent of Americans view the former first lady as politically liberal. Another 30 percent say she's a moderate and 10 percent see her as conservative.

Another candidate could be Condoleezza Rice, who is Secretary of State, and the former assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, commonly referred to as the National Security Advisor, where she had served since January, 2001.

Rice is the first African American woman, second African American (after Powell), and second woman (after Madeleine Albright) to serve as Secretary of State. Rice is a very educated lady and has earned many degrees. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Denver in 1974; her master's from the University of Notre Dame in 1975; and her Ph.D. from the graduate school of International Studies at the

University of Denver in 1981. She is outgoing, educated, and a driven young lady that I believe would be a strong leader of our Country.

I think a woman can be a successful president because, for example, "stay at home moms" cook for an entire family, clean, take care of children, and more are starting school or going back to get a B.A or Masters degree. Men do the same, so what's the difference?

Our Constitution guarantees that all mankind is created equal. Women show just as much capability in the classroom as men, and have shown to be just as competent in the workplace.

Women are fair, can cooperate with the government, make good choices and compose effective speeches.

Many people say, "Well what

about their kids?" Think about it. Men have just as much responsibility for their children as women do.

Women have made major scientific discoveries. Rosalind Franklin, for example, discovered the basic structure of the cell molecule.

Women serve as CEO's for major companies. Janet L. Robinson is C.E.O. of The New York Times and Meg Whitman climbed the corporate ladder at eBay.

Women also serve as presidents at Universities such as Susan Hockfield at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

So, why can't women serve as President of U.S? It is time for our country to stand behind our potential women leaders?



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Jill Marie Kay
Staff Writer

Columbine High School; 12 students and one teacher shot dead. Four dead in a Pennsylvania school shooting. Santee High School in California; 15 injured and two shot dead. These are the type of headlines that have been consuming our television and newspaper reports. Frank Lasse, Wisconsin's state representative, has come up with a plan of action that will attempt to eliminate the problem that our nation's schools seem to be facing.

Lasse plans to introduce a measure that would allow teachers, principals, administrators and other school personnel to carry concealed weapons. The measure would not require the person to carry a weapon if they choose not to, and if they did choose to do so, they would be required to go through strict training before being allowed to carry the weapon.

"Israel and Thailand have well trained teachers carrying weapons and keeping their children safe from harm. It can work here too," Lasse said in a statement given to MSNBC.

"Any chance is better than no

chance at all. Plus, you don't have to arm all the teachers, administrators and personnel, just some. And you don't have to make it publicly known who is and is not carrying a weapon," wrote one blogger, whose screen name is california tanker, on freethoughtforum.com. Not knowing who is and who is not carrying weapons only further encourages Lasse's argument about making one think twice before acting violently.

Although there are fair arguments to be said on the side of Lasse's proposed measure, there are still many who feel that it would only be asking for more trouble in our classrooms and schools.

"When I am making a decision on where to send my kids to school, there are a lot of factors that go into it. I don't think a teacher's marksmanship scores should be one of them," said Paul Helmke, president of the Bradley Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, in an interview with ABC news, in response to Lasse's proposal.

Director of public safety for the Milwaukee public school system Peter Pochowski's main concern was about the chance of the

weapon getting in the wrong hands.

"Just taking a course and shooting some bullets down a range every six months does not adequately prepare you for the potential of having that gun taken from you...these high school students are bigger than they've ever been, we've seen them take guns away from police officers who are trained in how to retain their weapons," said Pochowski in a statement given to abcnews.com.

"There should be alternate means," said Nelson Lantow, a parent and California resident. "Violence in schools is at an all time high; why would we want to add to that by giving teachers guns?"

I agree that something needs to be done, but placing guns in schools after we have fought so hard to keep them out is not the answer. Are we not trying to prevent people from getting shot and killed?

There are just too many "what ifs" in play if we make this risky maneuver a reality. It just seems that placing guns in school to keep guns out of school completely contradicts what we are striving to accomplish in the first place.



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Educators and parents alike laud administrators in districts where school uniforms are standard.

School uniforms fitting well

Aaron Diaz
Staff Writer

With the outbreak of violence and school shootings that have erupted across the country, I think it's time to take another look at school uniforms.

Those who opposed implementing uniforms said that it went against our First Amendment right. Who can dictate what we can and cannot wear when we live in a country that prides the idea of freedom and equality?

There also was the thought that enforcing uniforms left little room for children to express their creativity and uniqueness. Those opposed to the idea said children would be forced to become cookie cutter personalities because of the clothes they wear.

One reason why uniforms were supported was because it was thought they lessened violence in schools. However, a study by the University of Notre Dame found there was no evidence supporting this idea. In fact the ND study said

uniforms caused more unrest within a student body.

Supporters that embrace student uniforms say that they give children a chance to focus more on studies than the latest fashion fad. If everyone was wearing identical clothes, then children would not be preoccupied with things other than school work as much.

Wearing uniforms leaves little room for creativity with clothing, but that is not to say that children cannot express themselves with other outlets. Supporting musical programs, theater, and art seem more beneficial in providing the youth with a creative outlet.

Implementation of school uniforms might not effect enrollment in gangs but it would act as a way to cut down violence in school. Wearing neutral colors would lessen opposing gangs noticing rivals, which would lessen gang violence in school.

Would uniforms have stopped the recent shootings from ever happening? We cannot predict what type of violence one person

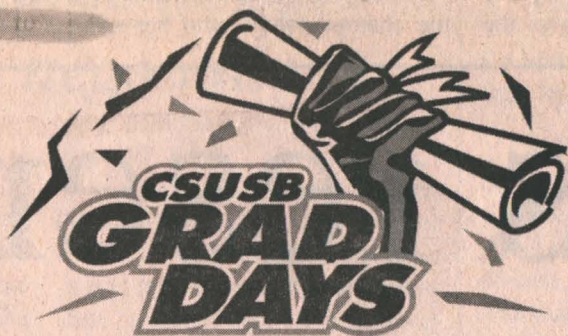
will engage in. However, uniforms have been found to be useful in many of our schools.

June Million, the public relations director for the National Association of Elementary School Principals, relates to Cherry Hill Elementary School in Baltimore, MD as a success in the implementation of uniforms. After the children adopted a uniform policy, the school experienced fewer fights and higher test scores.

The Long Beach schools, which instituted other school safety policies along with uniforms, reported dramatic improvements in discipline, fewer suspensions, and increased achievement. Parents, there, feel their children are less vulnerable to gang attacks.

Our nation is low on the academic scale compared to other countries around the world. I'd say any little bit helps.

Fewer distractions could lead to an overall improvement in our children's educational experience. Let's put 'em on. Wear whatever you want on the weekend.



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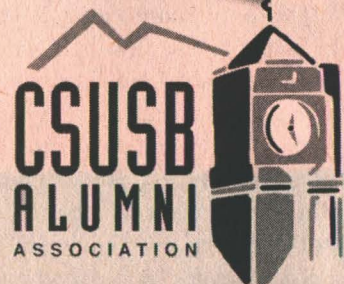
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Coyote Locker Room

Name: Shawna Alvarez

In A Nutshell: Alvarez is a CSUSB freshman on the women's cross-country team who enjoys hiking, swimming, and (of course) running.

She competed in track and cross-country throughout high school, and was team captain for both teams.

Age: 18

Hometown: 29 Palms

High School: 29 Palm High School

Major: Undeclared

Role Model: My boyfriend's mother, Teresa Turbyfill

Why?: "She's worked hard to follow her passion in nursing, and has wonderful dedication to life and her family."

Favorite Athlete: Marion Jones

Why?: "One, because she is a runner, and two, because she has become successful doing what she loves. She is an older woman who was still at the top of her game, even at the Olympics."

Most Memorable Sports Moment: When she broke her high school record for 800 meters. "I didn't think I had broken it at first, but when I found out it felt amazing."

Pregame Rituals/Superstitions: "A special back stretch that totally relaxes me and clears my mind for what I have to do."

Average Time for 5,000 meters: 20 minutes, 38 seconds

Best Time So Far: 20 minutes, 14 seconds

Other Sports Played: Track

Honors Attained: Will To Win Award (junior year of high school), Runner of the Year (senior year of high school)

Best Part of Being a Coyote:

"The unity that we have. We cheer each other on, and everyone's fun to be around...we're very unified."

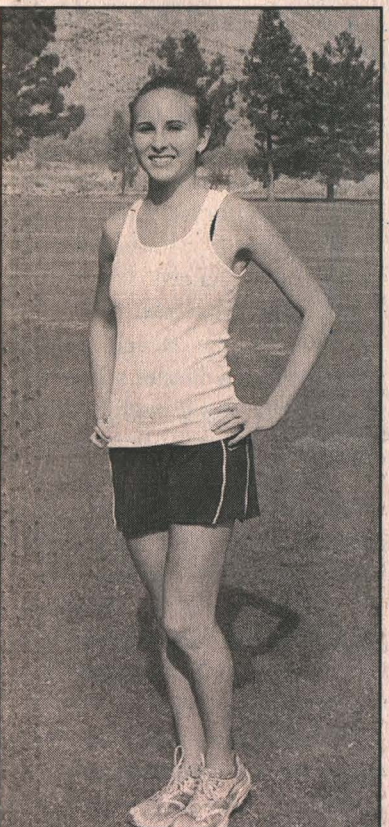
What Can the Team Work On: Moving up in placing

Future Goals: "Setting a new school record, and choosing a career I can be passionate about."

Most Influential Person:

Boyfriend Tyler Rohn. "He is always pushing me to do my best, even if I'm too tired or don't feel like it. He's pursuing his passion for music, and when I feel lost or confused, I look to him as an example, because he does everything he can to achieve his own goals."

As told to
Chrysta Wong
Staff Writer



Chrysta Wong/Chronicle
Freshman Shawna Alvarez.

V-ball digs victory

Chrysta Wong
Staff Writer

The CSUSB women's volleyball team scored a double victory Wednesday night when they not only beat Cal Poly Pomona 3-1, but also broke their own record of 17 wins in a row, set back in 2002.

This year's team is well-established as a top contender, not only for regionals but for nationals as well.

"I look at our season in terms of realistic chances...we're good enough, and the field is wide open. I see a team that can realistically win," said Head Coach Kim Cherniss.

The team itself is confident about its position as well.

"This is the year of the Coyotes," added Lisa Dogonyaro, senior outside hitter. "We've just stayed focused on one goal at a time, kept progressing and worked our way up."

The team's success, Cherniss said, comes from a combination of heart and skills.

"We have strong offensive firepower and ball control this year," she said, "but more importantly, we've got amazing chemistry. It's one of those intangibles crucial in making a winning team."

Junior and right side hitter Katie Kinser agrees that the players need each other. "We constantly remind each other of our goals, and we're friends first, on and off the court."

Cherniss credits good chemistry to solid recruitment, and takes the time every year to build a strong foundation.

"It was always very important to me to recruit the type of people that represent the university in a positive manner. I wanted good people, not just good athletes - after that, the winning came easy."

Even with a record of 18 wins, the team acknowledges that there is still much to work on.

"No team is perfect," said Dogonyaro, "and every day we need to practice and improve our strengths and weaknesses."

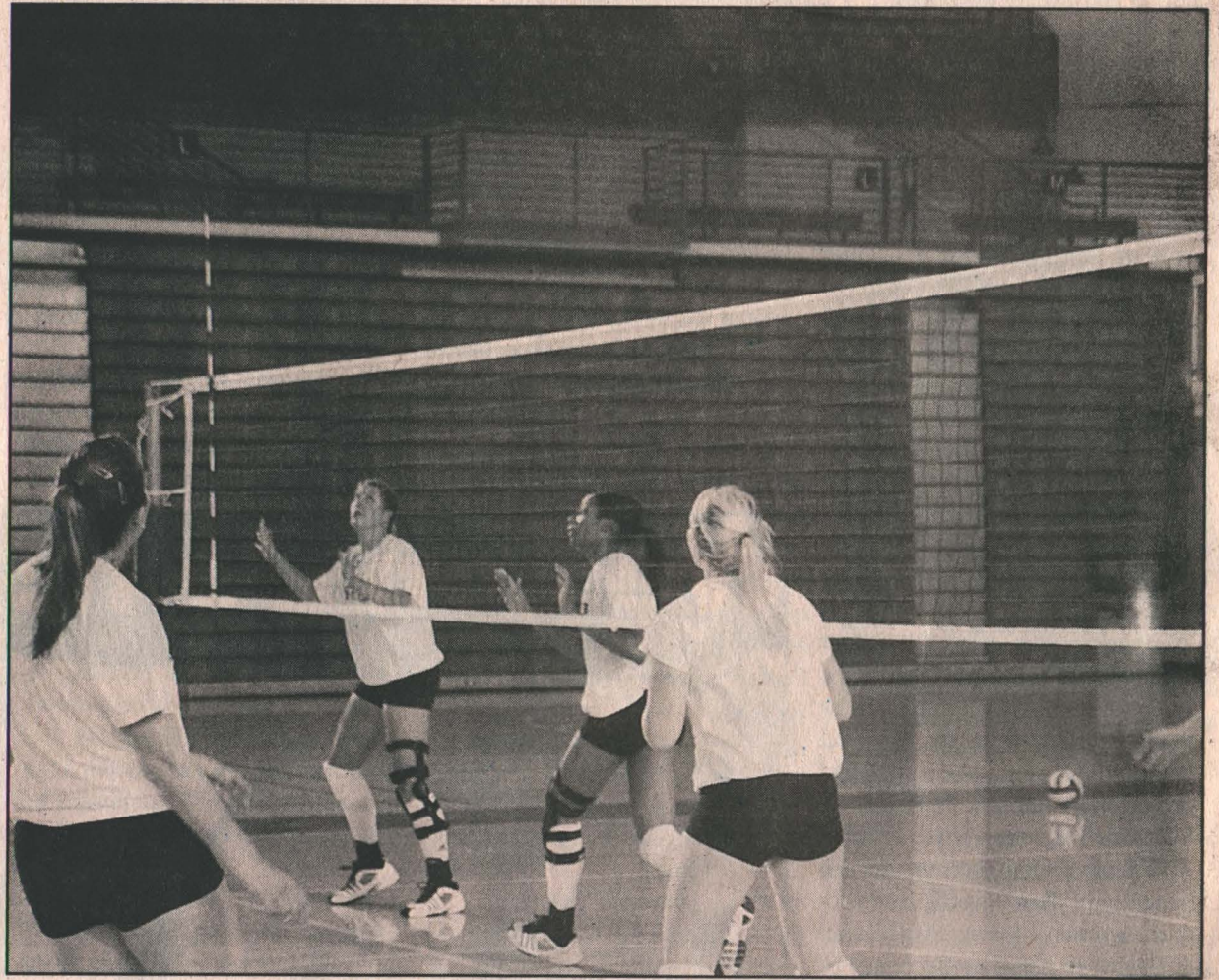
The team has certainly worked hard enough on their weaknesses; they are currently undefeated in the division, and refusing to succumb to the pressure.

"The undefeated thing is just a nice feather in our cap," said Cherniss, "but it is nowhere near our goals of conference, then regional, then national championships."

Junior and middle blocker Ashley Sodergren agrees that her teammates are not letting the pressure affect how they play.

"We're just confident in ourselves, and we trust ourselves. That will help us in the long run," she said.

As the season continues, the Coyotes will soon have to face the teams that Cherniss considers the teams to beat: UC San Diego on October 21st and Cal State LA on



Jaen-Paul LaBrada/Chronicle

Women's volleyball have been practicing heart and soul, day and night to keep their eighteen straight wins on the map for the season. With six games left until the NCAA Pacific Regionals the lady coyotes have a lot to look forward to.

November 1st. Outside of the conference, she has her eye on BYU Hawaii and Seattle Pacific University. For now, though, it's just "business as usual", according to Cherniss.

"I think we're moving at the

right pace to be our best...we're the best we've been so far and we're just getting better. This team knows their priorities."

Dogonyaro has confidence that this year's team will make it to the championships, and her main

priority seems to be her teammates.

"The best part of being on this team is being around each other," she said.

"Oh yeah, the winning is pretty good, too," said Dogonyaro.

Soccer kicks reserves



Jason Palmer/Chronicle

The Lady Coyote's soccer team getting ready to block a kick.

Aaron Garcia
Staff Writer

The final home games of the women's soccer team ended in disappointment as the Coyotes lost 0-5 to both the University of

California San Diego Tritons and Cal State University of Dominguez Hills Toros.

The Tritons, ranked No. 1 in the Far West Region poll, and the Toros, ranked seventh, provided heavy competition for the Coyotes.

Winless in their previous 12 games, the Coyotes tried to use their final home games as a springboard to finish the season.

On Oct. 6, Cal State Dominguez Hills came to Coyote Premier Field to face the Coyotes. The Coyotes provided little resistance as they lost 0-5.

The Toros had five different players score goals as they outshot the Coyotes 18-8. Only two of the shots were shots on goal for the Coyotes.

Two first half goals by the Toros proved too much to overcome for the Coyotes.

The Toros went on to score three more goals in the second half.

Freshman Laura Lyons and sophomore Shawna-Rei Kam split time at the goalkeeper position, collecting two and three saves respectively for the Coyotes.

The Coyotes had three more

corner kicks than the Toros but were unable to capitalize on the opportunities.

The Coyotes record dropped to 1-12-1 overall and 0-10-1 in conference play.

On Oct. 8, the Coyotes had an opportunity to redeem themselves against the top-rated UC San Diego Tritons.

The first half was promising for the Coyotes as they were able to minimize damage, allowing only one goal.

Led by senior midfielder Kelly Cochran, the Tritons stormed ahead in the second half, scoring four goals.

Three of the four goals, two by Cochran, were knotted within the first 20 minutes of the second half.

The Coyotes, unable to mount any type of comeback, finished the weekend shut-out for the second time straight.

One of the bright spots for the Coyotes was junior midfielder Lindsey Jordan.

The team's leader in points this year, although unable to score a goal in the second game, stayed aggressive and had a game-high five shots in the match against the Tritons.

The second loss of the weekend dropped the Coyotes record to 1-13-1 overall and 0-11-1 in conference and the Tritons improved to 12-1-2 overall and 9-1-2 in conference.

There are four more games remaining for the Coyotes to try and get their first conference win.

It will not be an easy task since their final games are all on the road, and two of the four teams are ranked in the top 10 in the Far West Region Poll.

The Coyotes are going through their worst season since 1988, according to Coyote Online.

Blood, sweat and a W

Courtesy of
Coyote Online

Cal State San Bernardino benefited from an "own goal" off the foot of a UC San Diego defender just six minutes into the match and then played solid defense to defeat the Tritons, 1-0, Sunday in a CCAA conference men's soccer match before over 400 fans at Coyote Premier Field.

The victory improved the Coyotes to 5-8-2 overall and 4-6-2 in the CCAA and snapped a four-match losing streak.

The Tritons are now 6-7-2 overall and 4-6-2 in the CCAA as

well. On a day when the 1991 Coyotes soccer team was honored on the 15th anniversary of its CCAA championship, the Coyotes were tenacious on defense, allowing just six shots on goal by the Tritons in 90 minutes.

The win in the final home match of the season allowed the Coyotes to post a winning record on their home turf at 5-4-1.

Both teams will have to put up some victories in their final four matches of the regular season to have a shot at the post-season.

Coyotes goalie Lucas Pepi was called on to make two saves, both in the first half with Mark Moreira and Jonathan Sawyer just

missing on their attempts.

Tritons goalie Joshua Vasquez stopped four Coyotes shots on frame in the match.

The only score came at the 6:15 mark in the first half when Coyotes forward Lorenzo Loson's crossing pass inside the 18 was unintentionally deflected into the Tritons net by UCSD defender Justin Tannenhaus as he tried to cut off the pass.

The Coyotes hit the road next weekend to face North Division leader Sonoma State on Friday and take on Humboldt State in Arcata on Sunday. CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO 1, UC SAN DIEGO 0.



Courtesy of Samantha Ramia

The men's soccer team pumping each other up to keep the good defense going into the second half.