Animal lovers cash in

Andrew Burdick
Staff Writer

An annual scholarship dedication ceremony to students of any major who show interest in working with pets. The Campbell Family Scholarship will, for the second consecutive year, honor and support outstanding undergraduates students this fall.

The Starfield Charitable Trust, a department of the Banfield, The Pet Hospital, is offering the Campbell Family Scholarship to students who want to further their education in areas of study that will allow them to improve the lives of pets.

The scholarship’s purpose is to remove the financial barriers students face when furthering their education. "The Campbell Family Scholarship provides tuition assistance to students who demonstrate a commitment to uplifting the values we hold dear here at Banfield, improving the lives of Pets and their families," said Banfield Charitable Trust President & Board Chair, Sandy Campbell. "The Banfield Charitable Trust is proud to offer this financial opportunity to students for their continued learning." Banfield Charitable Trust, a nonprofit organization formed in 2003, now supports students with $1 million.

A CSUSB student tries out the new FAFSA4caster in the self help computer station in the Financial Aid department at University Hall.

Adriana Vargas
Staff Writer

The FAFSA4caster is a new online resource for students and families that will simplify the financial aid application process. It will provide instant calculation of a student's eligibility for aid, including grants, by providing an online estimate, according to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

"I think it's great," Financial Aid Associate Director, Rosanna Ruiz said. "This implementation is important because it will forecast what a student may be eligible for and hence allow students and parents to plan ahead according to Ruiz." One negative effect of this implementation is potential dis­ 

The role of President of the Board of Directors of Arts and Education in areas of study that will improve the lives of pets and their families," Banfield said. Jennifer Minter plans to use her intercultural communications major and works at an animal sanctuary/park teaching visiting schools about the family-pet bond. adidas?

Minter said. "This scholarship is important to me because I want to work with animals like family beyond the walls of the hospital. In addition to providing pre-professional care to animals in need, the Charitable Trust also supports educational outreach about caring for pets, veterinary education programs and programs based on the family-pet bond.

Banfield, The Pet Hospital, started in 1955 in Portland, Oregon where it became known for its veterinary medicine. By the early 1990s Banfield became one of the leaders in veterinary practice in the nation. An applicant's ability, character, motivation and desire to improve the lives of pets and their families is to be determined based on the student's application transcripts, test scores, letters of recommendation and an essay.

"I think it's a wonderful program," Jennifer Minter, a student interested in the scholarship, said. "I have a love for animals and an understanding of how to improve their lives, but not a science field."

Jennifer is an intercultural communications major at CSUSB and works at an animal sanctuary/park teaching visiting schools about the family-pet bond. Jennifer Burdick teacher and her love of animals to help promote conservation.

Students spend more years in school

Melanie Hunter
Staff Writer

College graduates generally have higher incomes after graduation in comparison to high school graduates, but it is now harder and more unlikely to graduate from a university in four years. A "four-year" college degree now takes five or six years for most full-time students coming directly from high schools into California's public universities, according to the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC). "Life in general is the reason why it takes more than four years. If you don't work, it's easy to take four or five years to get a degree," said Jacob Jonhson Higgins said. Jennifer is an intercultural communications major at CSUSB and works at an animal sanctuary/park teaching visiting schools about the family-pet bond. Jennifer Burdick teacher and her love of animals to help promote conservation.

The mile of President of the Board of Directors of Arts and Letters in a landlocked win. Students who fail the test by over a 90 percent margin will be required to repeat the process as an invigorating experience," ASI elections chair Jason Fredericksen said. "I am satisfied with the number of CSUSB students who turned out to represent their voice and encourage the CSUSB population to further their involvement on campus through the next election cycle," Fredericksen said.

"I also don't think they're aware of the implementation-being that it will forecast what a student may be eligible for and hence allow students and parents to plan ahead according to Ruiz." One negative effect of this implementation is potential disengagement of applying for financial aid, Ruiz said. However, "how it will affect student eligibility is unknown," she said.

"The new system will reduce the number of questions means perhaps eliminating the general application for everything," she said. "There have been many attempts in political circles to reduce the number of questions for students to answer for financial aid," said Ruiz. However, "eliminating questions means perhaps eliminating the general application for everything," she said. "The FAFSA Act" will create a pre-FAFSA to allow students and parents to apply for financial aid while the students are still in their junior year of high school. The legislation encourages communicating with the Internal Revenue Service to use information the government already has.

"The data demonstrates that Melanie Hunter/Chronicle

Adriana Vargas/Chronicle

A great tool for students to aid them in their budgeting, she said. The new system will reduce the time it takes to complete the FAFSA online since FAFSA4caster is coordinated with fafsa.ed.gov, meaning that the information filled out on FAFSA online will automatically populate half the fields in the FAFSA after using FAFSA4caster, according to CSAC.

"If this format is less cumbersome than it use to be," Ruiz said. However, "how it will affect student eligibility is unknown," she said.

FAFSA made easy for the future

A CUSUB student tries out the new FAFSA4caster in the self help computer station in the Financial Aid department at University Hall.

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ASI election results

and the winners are...

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Anthony Conley won presi­
dent for the second straight year. While Joseph Martinez claimed his spot as the new ASI Vice President in the 2007 Associate Students Inc. Elections. Joining Conley and Martinez is Ashley Biegh in Vice President of University Affairs.

Bough won in a close race as the best student Rohit Dixie by a margin of 15 votes.

Armando Sosa replaces Mario Valenga as the new Vice President of Finance.
Students get a break on books

Jasmine Hunter/Chronicle

A new bill is in the works requiring textbook publishers to tell faculty the price of all products they are selling. The bill has been previously passed in Washington and Connecticut, and is now being considered by California state legislators.

In the past, textbook publishers were not required to tell faculty the list of pricing during the conversations.

Dave Rosenberg, National Program Director of the Make Textbooks Affordable Campaign states, "The root of this problem lies in the way the textbook market is set up, in which the person who orders textbooks (faculty) is not the same person who purchases textbooks (students)."

The Connecticut bill states that each publisher of college textbooks will make available to the prospective purchaser the price of the product as well as the price which it will be made available to the store.

The extravagant cost of textbooks is yet another financial burden students face. According to the Connecticut General Assembly's Office of Legislative Research, the average student spends $900 per year on textbooks, which makes up 20 percent of tuition and fees at a four-year public institution, stated in report published by the California Student Public Interest Research Group (PSIG).

In 2006, 287 college professors participated in a survey conducted by the PSIG. In the survey, the professors identified three main areas of interest.

First, publishers are not adequately disclosing price information to faculty.

They said that when they use sales representatives to research books that they rarely or never volunteer the pricing information.

Second, publishers need to provide unbiased alternatives to bundled textbooks and disclose the availability of these alternatives.

Bundling refers to the practice of shrink-wrapping a textbook with additional materials such as CDs, pass-codes or workbooks.

Third, most professors often find new editions unnecessary.

Since new editions are on average 12-17 percent more expensive than previous editions, many professors are spending unnecessary money for very little educational gain.

"My books average about $50 a quarter," Eshil Oscar, a CSUSB senior, said.

Financial aid is quick and easy. In his case, since 83% of his was paid on February 23, 2007, he continued on Pg. 3.

CPEF study.

"For part-time students it's expensive because students are pre-occupied with trying to find time up with the money to even come to school," Junior America Video, said, "I work and go to school, taking five classes and it's really hard to keep up with everything, but hard to work to pay for school.

"Financial aid is not enough for me, so I have to work, because I have a car note and I have to buy food. On top of that, I'm also an RA, so I'm in no way possible to take more than 16 units with two jobs and get out of here in four years. People who can maintain more than a full load, usually don't have too much else going on in their fifth. But, I'm involved with a band on campus so it's a little harder," Higgins said.

The Commission also measured the success of transfer students from community-colleges. Students enrolled in community colleges have to complete two years of coursework before transferring to a four-year university.

Data on the success of students who transferred to the CSUSB system showed that 52 percent of these students graduate by their second year.

"I went to school at Buffalo State College in New York on a semester system, and I took five classes and had two part time jobs, but I still managed to get a 4.0, so I think it's completely possible to succeed. It was overwhelming at times, but it made me more organized and it made me learn how to manage my time," Stephanie Higgins stated.

In its evaluation of student success, the Commission noticed a number of CSU campuses demonstrating innovative leadership in improving student outcomes.

The Commission found that CSU Stanislaus was among the top 25 percent of colleges in national comparisons of freshman performance to a second year of college.

The Commission also found an additional effort at CSU Fullerton.

The CSU Fullerton (CSUF) Student Diversity Program (SDP) provides academic and social support to "弱势" students.

SDP students graduated at twice the rate of comparable CSUF students who lack the benefits of participating in such a program.

What also caused me to have to enter a fifth year was the fact that I didn't receive proper advising from my major's department to keep me on track. Yes, they gave me a class, but they didn't prepare me for the classes that are going to keep you going. Higgins added.

CSUSB requires students to complete capstone classes to fulfill general education requirements.

"Capstone classes that we have to take here are the problem. I have to wait about two more quarters before I can graduate. At my old school, we didn't have capstones," sophomore Elizabeth Bosch said.

"Capstones and the remedial

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More options when it comes to choosing textbooks allows professors to provide their students with cheaper textbooks.

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Fire consumes the southland

Little Mountain warns that this year's fire season could be very destructive.

The fire broke out around 5 p.m. on May 8 near Missionaire Drive and Grandview Avenue and quickly spread up Little Mountain due to the dry, hot and windy conditions. Around 60 homes were evacuated but besides an aluminum storage shed no structures were damaged.

"The potential is there for this to be one of the most severe fire seasons," said California Department of Forest and Fire Protection spokesman Bill Peters according toewn.com.

The blaze drew a response of close to 160 firefighters from San Bernardino and surrounding cities. The fire was contained around 10 p.m. and mostly extinguished by midnight.

The Little Mountain fire was not the only fire that brought concern about a dangerous fire season to Southern California residents.

Los Angeles Griffith Park fell victim to flames and put attention from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The fire started Tuesday afternoon in the Hollywood Hills.

Griffith Park's Dante's View garden and the Capistrano Basin area were destroyed by the blaze whose damage is estimated at $50 million according to the LA Times.

The Los Angeles Zoo also took preventative measures and moved all of their animals indoors to safety.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation but it is rumored to have started when a homeless man fell asleep while smoking a cigarette according to cbs2.com.

A fire that consumed around 400 acres of grassland occurred around the end of July south of Crest in Temescal Canyon. This fire was also sparked around 5 p.m. Tuesday evening east of Interstate 15.

One person suffered heat-related injuries, but was released at the scene according to Sheri Peterson, Riverside County Fire spokesman.

On Monday night a 125-acre brush fire on a remote section of Camp Pendleton's target practice area caused dangerous driving conditions on Interstate 5. No structures were damaged and no injuries were reported.

The San Bernardino Fire Department will hire 24 additional seasonal firefighters in response to the recent fire California Department of Forest and Fire Protection spokesman Bill Peters said according toewn.com.

Graduation

Continued:

The fires that scorched across Little Mountain and surrounding hills threatened many homes, around 60 homes were evacuated but only an aluminum storage shed was actually damaged.

Textbooks

Continued:

California legislators.

The bill omits prohibition on institutions, but requires publish­ers to provide a list of all prod­ucts, prices, revisions and inter­vals on market.

The original bill adds a sec­tion which encourages publishers to reduce the cost of course mate­rials to public institutions.

The new section prohibits these institutions from buying or selling textbooks, or allowing the sale of textbooks on campus, unless the publishers or distrib­utors have provided a full list of products, pricing, and the length of time each product will remain on the market.

The list must be published on the publisher's web site.

Assembly Bill 1548 was also filed on February 21, 2007 and is similar to Senate Bill 832.

It bars institutions from buy­ing or selling textbooks unless the publisher posts on its web site the price difference between bundled and unbundled textbooks.

They must also include a summary of changes in new editions, estimates of intended time on market, and compensa­tion offered for adapting the book.

Both of these bills are up for final review at the end of May 2007. This means that students may see an improve­ment as early as fall quarter 2007.

Animal Lovers

Scholarships

The scholarships are available to full-time students for one academic year and cover tuition and school fees only.

Scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year will be awarded around the end of July 2007. The completed applications are to be reviewed by the Trust no later than June 30, 2007.

Applicants must have gradu­ated from or be about to graduate from high school or its equivalent, or be a student at an accredited college, junior college, university or other educational institution.

Recipients of scholarships are selected from qualified applicants on an objective and nondiscrimi­nary basis, based upon qualifi­cation standards, regardless of the race, color, religion, sex or disability.

Those who are recipients of the Campbell Family Scholarship have the opportu­nity to resubmit an application each year, for up to four years, but they must reapply for the scholarship each academic year.

For more information visit at www.banfieldcharitabletrust.net.
Members of complete had boarded.

For the female sports, Kappa Delta won dodge ball and softball, Alpha Phi won volleyball and Alpha Delta won soccer. In the closest photo finish in Greek Week history for the men, Sigma Chi pulled off the championship by a five-point mar­

Men's tennis is commanded, is kidnapped from them by the sever­

Rusinc's Workers' Compensation Project, displays its works in the Student Union.

"It was even a shirt made by someone who was emotionally struck by the Domestic Violence Center, is a visual project made of
t-shirts that represent personal experiences of domestic violence. "The shirts were made by people who experienced, had a friend or family member experience domestic violence," Dolores Montoya, graduate assistant for the Women's Resource Center, said. "There was even a shirt made for Lucy Peterson by someone who was emotionally struck by the news.

The shirts ranged in messages of hope, rage, and disgust. One shirt read "You can't touch me anymore, I'm not afraid of speaking out, you took my inno­
cence, but not my voice! You are not my brother anymore!"

"The T-shirts become an outlet to their dealing with those issues, by displaying the shirts we can make an impact and make others aware of the issues," Montoya said.

Other shirts had a list of women killed as a result of violence from a man they knew. Four million women are physically abused by their husbands or live-in partners each year according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

"It is important for people who have had an experience with domestic violence to speak out and share their experiences so being aware and act as a coping mechanism for others," Montoya said.

"It will also allow bringing atten­tion to the legal issues surrounding domestic violence.

Woman who murder their abuser as a result of Battered Woman Syndrome often face higher penalties than men who kill their partners.

Rally statistics show that fewer men are charged with first or sec­ond-degree murder for killing a woman they have known as opposed to a woman who killed a man she knew.

Women who are youngest are often sentenced to longer prison terms than men, according to the Free Press.

"To show how the issue is taken lightly, for every domestic vio­
lence woman shelter, there are three animal shelters," Montoya said.

The t-shirts displayed as a tool for some who had been mated for so long. They also showed the strength survivors have.

"I was able to overcome the hard times because I know my world's not so much like the Bad Times' another shot read..

On May 23 the Women's Resource center will hold a poetry reading entitled, "Take Back the Night." Poems about personal or loved one's experience with rape or domestic violence will be read.

The Women's resource center offers services for anyone who may be dealing with a domestic violence or abuse situation. The office is located at 50-142.
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Coconuts for cars

Matt Faulkner
Staff Writer

Nearly three-quarters of U.S. adults have or have become addicted to drugs at some point in their lives, according to results released by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). "We're concerned because treatment rates are low despite the availability of effective interventions," NIDA director Nora Volkow said.

It was found that the most common drug abusers were younger people around the age of 20. Rates of drug abuse are generally higher among certain populations including men, 18 to 44 years old, and people who have never married. This is according to the May 2007 issue of Archives of General Psychology. "The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) survey points to a huge drug gap," said Dr. Terry Cline of SAMHSA. "Among individuals who use or are dependent on drugs who have not received treatment, more than 94 percent do not use any treatment." The study also found that marijuana was the most likely drug abused most likely reported to the white community rather than minorities.

This study was based on face-to-face interviews with more than 45,000 U.S. adults ages 12 years and older by the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC). The NESARC constitutes the largest study conducted on the co-occurrence of psychological disorders among U.S. adults, said Dr. Bridget F. Grant of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). "Because of these co-occurring disorders so commonly occur with alcohol use disorders, the NESARC provides rich information on the similarities and differences between these conditions," Grant said.

There's a myth that drugs are mostly a problem of minorities and that would just not be true," Dr. Wilson Compton of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) said. All these drug users, the study showed that marijuana was the most commonly used. "Cocaine and heroin were abused less often, than 9 percent but marijuana was abused 8.5 percent. The study also indicates that there is a correlation between drug abuse and co-occurring mental illness, including mood, anxiety disorders and personality disorders.

Of those who abuse drugs, the highest number of those who sought help had co-occurring psychiatric disorders, according to the NIDA. NIDA advises that people with a substance use disorder should also be evaluated for mental illness, and a person with a mental disorder should be evaluated for possible substance abuse.

We must encourage the public to view addiction as a brain disease that needs to be treated like any other chronic illness," Volkow said.

The study said that the onset of drug abuse and dependence typically occurs during late adolescence or early adulthood.

With gas prices dramatically rising, alternative fuel sources are looking better and better. "Coconut oil is a bit more expensive, because it smells awful," said Mr. Deacon, a 55-year-old Australian-born motor mechanic. "Normally, I’d have to shell down into first gear, but with coconut oil, I can keep it in second gear."

The article stated that this coconut fuel greatly benefits island nations who struggle to keep up with gas prices (such as Vanuatu or Papua New Guinea). As far as this becoming a global reality, Loren Faulkner of Riverside isn’t his opinion be known. "They’re going to have to grow a lot of coconuts," Faulkner said. "I can see how it might work" for small island communities but not on a global scale, to gross enough contrast to feel large nations would be huge switch. A CESU student gives some insight as to how typical a trip to the local gas station would be like if coconut oil were to be used. "It’s a funny idea because it seems to me that people might show up to the gas station with cups to drink the coconut oil rather than fuel their car."

Other countries such as Iran and some in Europe are interested in this diesel replacement.

If you would like to be a part of the Coyote Chronicle team of writers, just register for Comm- 243A this fall, and write on!
Alumnus' new film heading to Cannes

Samantha Clark
Staff Writer

One of CSUSB's own graduates may be heading to the Oscars. Craig Velardo, or Kizo as he likes to be called, co-produced PVC-I, an independent documentary film with Frank Ramirez and Marc Dutra, along with director Sipho Stathoulopoulos.

The film is not only up for a Golden Camera Award at the 2007 Cannes Film Festival but is also getting Oscar buzz.

Even some big name movie companies want a piece of the independent film including Sony Pictures Classics, Warner Bros., and Miramax. All three are in negotiation with the small film company to see who will bring this movie to theaters.

Graduating just five years ago from CSUSB, Velardo majored in Communications and TV production.

"I spent a lot of time next to the Chronicle office editing all of my projects," said Velardo when asked about his time spent at CSUSB.

The movie is based on an actual event about a Columbian woman whose family is unable to pay a ransom. She is forced to wear a bomb around her neck and made to go from her farm city in a sort of lottery act. She and her family struggle to break free in this frightening true story.

About six years ago, Velardo was in one of his classes and read a Newsweek article about a woman in Columbia who was forced to wear a bomb around her neck.

"After I read it, I thought, that's really sad," Velardo said.

As luck would have it he was presented with this film project which happened to be about the same story that he read about in Newsweek. He jumped on the chance to work on the film.

A unique twist to the making of this film is that it was made in one continuous shot without any cuts throughout the entire 85 minutes of film.

"For the time of the opening to the last shot, the film is never cut," said Velardo.

The film took four days to shoot in Columbia and each day they shot the entire movie straight through with only one take.

Out of a cast of 50 only three were professional theater actors. Marida Uriquia, Daniel Pass and Alberto Somoza played the leading roles while the rest were individuals from Columbia.

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Spiderman 3 wins big at the box office
Elizabeth Townsh
Chronicle News Editor

Spiderman spuns his web and tops in $151 million at Spiderman 3's first week of release.

Spiderman 3 was one of the most anticipated films of 2007, but did it live up to the lines of fans awaiting its release?

"We mostly enjoyed," Colleen Cover, critic at Minneapolis Star Tribune said.

"But a lingering effect compared with the first two. The villains the woefully fit when it should have soared," Cover said.

Not quite everyone agrees.

"The most impressive franchise since "Horrors,"" series AskMen.com

"The movie follows Peter Parker played by Toby Maguire as he battles inner demons, a complicated love life with Mary Jane, and the inner raping villains that plague him.

The movie introduces three new characters including new love interest Stacy, played by Bryce Dallas Howard, and new yarn photo journie Eddie Brock, played by Peter Green who takes the role of Spiderman's arch nemesis, Venom.

Harry Osborn, played by James Francis Peters in Parker's friend/story of inner turmoil. Film makers took Thomas Haden Church倒s his own punch to the edge for transformations into the Sinister in a freak physics experiment.

Peter Parker has become rather fond of the Jane and a wedding is in his future, or so he thinks.

Parker is all well dealing with the loss of his father and the supposed murder of Green's father, the Green Lantern.

It isn't until Parker is attacked by a bonding star thing in Venus that literally fall out of the sky that he lets loose into himself from all of his woes. Thus, the dark side emerges.

We follow Parkinson's transformation into the macho and macho-ness unknown. This isn't the Spiderman we've known to grow and love. This side of the character is a bit sad, but somehow less entertaining.

The soundtrack of the movie is symphonic and truly fits with the movie. One hardly notices it because the musicians are practically singing with instrument in one's ear.

The special effects capture a bird's eye view of Spiderman as he saves the city from biting bats and is happily saving Mary Jane from suspended taxi cab.

New York City was the perfect setting for the film, giving characters enough space to move around while providing a dynamic background in the action scene.

In no other city can one imagine a suited man being asked a model of honor for using the police chucks daughter for his modeling shot goes wrong.

Rammond $100 million in make, movies like Spiderman 3 are definitely meant to be seen in the big screen.

Spiderman 1 is a woman, if even for the special effects alone.
A surprise proposal was made at CSUSB's Theatre Arts Department's improvisational "Playback Theater" that took place on campus May 10th in the Performing Arts building. There are many stories in a person's life and the "Playback Theater" encouraged people to share those personal stories.

One story that will remain memorable to this performance is a marriage proposal from cast member Peter Fitzpatrick to girlfriend Paula Carris. As the show came to an end Fitzpatrick was telling a story of two people coming together and falling in love. With the cast members behind him unaware of the memorable experience that was about to happen, he got down on one knee and asked Carris to marry him.

Fitzpatrick was telling a story of marriage proposal from cast member Paula Carris. That moment, according to www.theatre.csusb.edu, "is an unforgettable moment that took place during the performance."

"Today your challenge is to create a story that best defines you," Calais said. "You will use body art, movement and your voice to tell your story." The girls were given fifteen minutes to prepare and were told that Carisa Rosenberg, entertainment director of Seventeen Magazine, will be judging their performance.

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Moreover Dionne said that in the future she would like to go back to school to become a dentist.
The simple act of holding hands may not be as straightforward as one might think. Nick De Leon / Chronicle

Nick De Leon / Staff Writer

"Same-Sex Hand Holding Day" on May 9, they called on same-sex individuals to join hands openly on campus for the entire day.

The Pride Center sponsored emails to those on their listserv before and after the event asking everyone on campus, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) or not, to "support the LGBT community by holding the hand of someone who is the same sex as you. Challenge the heterosexual norm and support diversity."

The Pride Center informal members that the event... in a great way to experience first hand one of the many struggles that LGBT individuals face everyday."

The idea for the event came from Pride Center Student Assistant Kristen Tahour, who first heard about a similar event that the University of Florida has as part of their annual week long "People Awareness Week" every January.

Tahour felt that the Pride Center should hold its own Same-Sex Hand Holding Day on the CSUSB campus and thus the idea was born.

"This day is about challenging the heterosexual norm and supporting the LGBT community," Tahour said.

"Holding hands hopes to show people the struggles that many LGBT individuals face everyday. Even holding hands with their same-sex partner can generate hostility towards them and this is to change that by allowing everyone, LGBT or straight, the chance to experience the struggle themselves," Tahour said.

Tahour added in regards to the importance of the day's event that "the goal should be met in order to ensure all people have the right to not be discriminated against." Tahour sat outside the SMSU with information about the Pride Center and provided ways for students to learn about the center and sign up for its email list. She also observed if there were any same-sex students publicly participating in the day's event.

Tahour commented that she knew quite a few people who participated despite the fact that visibility by specifying that students who did participate did so inside of campus buildings as they walked from class to class.

CRUSB students Sandy Narango and Minder Thind did however participate in the event and held hands discretely in the SMSU.

Various CSUSB students of the opposite sex were seen holding hands publicly on campus. Their holding hands did not raise any eyebrows nor catch anyone by surprise, while Tahour speculates that if the couple holding hands were same-sex, then attention would definitely be paid to it.

"If that holding hands and facing first hand (quite literally) the many struggles faced by LGBT individuals can help generate support for equality of all people," Tahour said.

Tahour provided her own observations of the level of unity felt in regards to the LGBT population and the straight population at CSUSB.

"I think that many people on campus do not realize just how large a LGBT population there is at this school," Tahour said.

It goes to show that holding hands does not seem to be so simple after all, considering the occurrences of same-sex students participating in hiding.

For more information regarding the Pride Center and their upcoming events, please visit its website at http://studentunion.csusb.edu/programs_and_services.php.

Kristen Tabour sits at a Pride Center informational table outside the Santos Manuel Student Union to help make students aware of the day's event.

CSUSB students Sandy Narango and Minder Thind did not participate in the event and held hands discreetly in the SMSU.

The act of holding hands may not be as straightforward as one might think. Nick De Leon / Chronicle

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Exploring and exposing diversity

Larry Palacios
Staff Writer

Getting mom the perfect gift for Mother's Day is a process. Most people are willing to drop a good chunk of change to make mom happy, so much money, in fact, that Mother's Day is the third largest revenue-generating holiday in the United States, behind the winter holidays and Valentine's Day. Diamonds, flowers, gift cards and chocolates are some of the best selling gifts on Mother's Day. Thanks to tech savvy mom, and Blackberry's and iPods are popular gifts.

The celebration of Mother's Day started nearly a century ago. A school teacher named Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother who passed away and had a great influence on her, just before they could resolve a feud. She began a movement to honor all mothers around the country. Her dedication paid off because Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May to be Mother's Day. Shortly after Mother's Day became a national holiday, the celebration continued to grow. Jarvis believed that the true meaning of this day was being sacrificed by the general public in a bid to make it a consumer event.

In the U.S., Mother's Day spending is expected to be at $15.73 billion this year, according to the National Retail Federation's 2007 Mother's Day Consumer Intentions and Actions survey conducted by BIGResearch.

"Considering that the U.S. Census estimates there are 125 million mothers in the United States, Mother's Day stands to become an economic boom for retailers who sell all types of products and services targeting moms," vice president Harvey Jones said. According to Jones, jewelry sales have been flat for the past five years, but this year retailers are increasing marketing efforts in order to remain competitive. Another area that is sure to be a fierce battle between competitors is the candy business. Sales are expected to increase this year, with Son's Candies, Russell Stover and others bottling out for your hard earned Mother's Day cash.

In the old days candy and flowers used to be enough for mom. However, things have changed and gifts are still gifts that are considered to be companion gifts. The Spa industry is one area that is rapidly growing. IHS ana­lyst expect this area to grow an average of 2.9 percent over the next five years. "As gift givers become more creative in their gift giving, including giving their mothers and grandmother certificates for a day at the spa or a health club, the industry category cannot help but grow," says John Deitch of "Mother's Day Sales." Jones said.

With so many moms there are many challenges, be it economic or environmental, changes that are there to be celebrated in Mother's Day. So, this year, a desire to make moms happy. Get her something that shows her you care. It does not have to be expensive, a simple card will do.

And whilst you thought about what to get mom, do not forget that Father's Day is just around the corner.

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Taking time to remember mom

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Billboard speaks to few, angers many

Dilfer Salomon
Staff Writer

It is no surprise that in modern society more than half of marriages end in divorce. In the second half of the 20th century alone, we have seen divorce rates increase at a steady pace but have done little to reverse the trend. Last week in the downtown area of Chicago, residents and neighbors were incensed over a billboard put up by FGA Law Firm which proclaimed “Life’s short... get a divorce.” At first glance of the billboard, one would catch racy half-streets of Chicago, residents and business owners in a lather. The average businessman would probably say this advertisement is an ignominious marketing ploy, and right he might be. However, moving away from the fact that it drew in a significant amount of attention, complaints for FGA, this advertisement is sheer heartlessness about something as serious as marriage, we have found divorce rates on their profession, as attorneys claimed the billboard was quite an example of complaints, not only from nearby business owners, but also from law practitioners in the area who expressed their disapproval for this particular jaw-dropping advertisement. The cost for both sides of the campaign in the past two elections, the race is on to win the most expensive election in American history. The advertisers in charge for FGA, this advertisement is sheer heartlessness about something as serious as marriage. We should not follow the example of Britney Spears’ two divorces, Elizabeth Taylor’s eight divorces and Larry King’s seven divorces. While divorce wasn’t invented in the United States, it is shameful to know that we have the third highest divorce rate in the world.

As members of society we should each do our part to restore faith in the institution of marriage. People need to realize that marriage is a union between two people for the purpose of joining their separate lives into one for the sake of love and family; it is not an agreement that should be entered into in hopes of achieving status, fame, or riches. Not to say that there is no novelty in the billboard put up by the Chicago law firm. It is understandable that some would get a chuckle out of the billboard. But one can only hope that the laughter is due to its silliness and not an accurate assessment of today’s attitude toward marriage. A week later, the billboard was taken down due to an improper permit filed with the city but the message and its impact remain. We still do not take marriage seriously. It is our expectation that the importance of this institution will someday regain its respect that is so long overdue.

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Presidential hype, a lot of baloney

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The presidential election is more than a year away, and to warn: the hype has already begun. Many names are in the spotlight, as this year’s election marks the first time since 1928 that there has been no incumbent president seeking re-election, nor a vice-president seeking re-election. The 2008 Elections saw 64 percent of U.S. citizens aged 18 and over voting, slightly more than the 60 percent in 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. For the 2008 elections, the race is on to rally support and funds for each of the Presidential hopefuls.

New-York Daily News reported that if the costs for both sides of the campaign in the past two elections are added together, they seem to have rivalled that of double in only eight years ($449.9 million in 1996, $649.5 million in 2000, and $1.03 billion in 2004). According to Michael Toner, chairman of the Federal Election Commission, next year’s election is poised to be “the most expensive election in American history.” It is still much too early to tell who will end up being our next president, but expect to be saturated with hype galore. According to BBC News, the Democratic party seems to have pulled the most funds to date. Hillary Clinton leads the pack with a reported $20 million already for the first quarter of 2007. Barack Obama, follows close behind with $25 million. This does not mean the Republican party is lacking, with Mitt Romney raising $21 million, a former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliano bringing in $15 million. What should we really be paying attention to? Keep in mind that all this money will be spent to reach you, the voter, and sway your opinion. The advertisers in charge of each campaign get paid to know what it takes to sway the public, and what to tell them to get them to believe in someone enough to cast a vote.

Sometimes when I see television news coverage on the election, I close my eyes and picture the person talking doing one of those late-night infomercials. Then I ask myself if I feel like I’m being manipulated into “making four easy payments of $19.99.” Many rosettes are available so we get un-hyped information.
Simpson ‘can-do’

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Nancy Simpson, CSUSB athletic director is moving on to Anderson University. She has accepted the position of athletic director at Cal State San Bernardino. Simpson has supervised the evolution of Coyote sports programs from amateur to competitive in NCAA Division II, in some cases, highly successful.

Since she took over as athletic director for the Coyotes in February 1995, the program has risen in status locally, regionally and nationally with major success and growing interest in the national and regional committees. Simpson has won six CCAA conference titles and has rebounded over the past two seasons with coach Don Parnell "to full-time status in the mid-1990s and the coaching staff has added numerous coaches to help the athletic department meet increased costs of operation and expand the number of full-time coaches and staff. Simpson has also rebounded from a losing record in the CCAA championship tournament over the past nine years, advancing to the Final Four this past season.

Nancy has managed the program to win a total of seven national championships in the CCAA championship tournament over the past nine years, advancing to the Final Four this past season.

Nancy Simpson, Coyote Sports take over their sports program, are equally important to me. It's a balance of success that I hope continues after I leave," Simpson said.

Simpson has been an active member of several on-campus committees as well as in CCAA conference and NCAA national and regional committees. Simpson has also been active in support of the San Bernardino community through service on the board of directors of Arrowhead United Way and the Convention and Visitors Bureau board.

Simpson graduated from Berry College in Georgia, where she was a four-year letter winner in volleyball and basketball and MVP of her national champion basketball team in 1979. She earned her master’s degree from University of Southern Mississippi, where she also served as an assistant basketball coach before moving to California to work at UC Riverside.

"I will truly miss my Coyote family. I thank the campus and the community for all of their support through the years," Simpson said.

Simpson and her husband, Wayne Simpson, who recently retired as a general contractor and custom home builder, have lived in the Victorville area for many years.

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that was easy?
Kristen Angon Staff Writer

The 2007, CSUSB men’s golf team has set a record by winning their first NCAA Division II West Regional championships. This is the school’s first title that has ever been out since the CSUSB men’s golf program was first created.

“It feels really good to be a part of the first personal best school record,” Coach Tom Mainzer said.

On May 6-9, the Coyotes were looking to do well enough to push them along into Nationals, and went above and beyond their expectations.

“Winning into the NCAA West/Northwest Super Regionals, was to finish in the top five,” Mainzer said.

Finishing in the top four would have given the golfers a secure spot in Nationals. Now the Coyotes are able to go into the Championship with the highest level of confidence, potentially advancing to the national level.

“Having made such a huge impact was how well the team played as a whole,” Mainzer said.

Mainzer said “The golfers are putting and short game seemed to be right on this tournament.”

Another factor that contributed to the CSUSB’s success was being able to capitalize on the other team’s mistakes.

There were high rough around the fairways, making it more difficult for the golfers to drive the ball.

“The ball was hitting the other girls,” Mainzer explained. “The ball being hit off the tee, so it was crucial to our success.”

“We are always playing on the road, which automatically sets us at a disadvantage to the other teams,” Mainzer said.

“But one thing our men’s golf team has learned this year is to adjust to elevation changes, climate and the difference in every course,” Mainzer said.

Each of these things really helped us out, but a lot in the conference.

“So many of us who have been here from the beginning,” Mainzer said. “The season was so great for us.”

The second round was what did it for us. We gave it a shot lead into the second round, and everyone’s scores were under par,” said Mainzer.

Sophomore Joe Aldin added an extra boost by shooting a 69 in the second round.

“All fours were behind us, and really gave the team a comfortable cushion lead,” Mainzer said.

Another player that did exceptionally well was Freshman Gene Webster.

It was Webster’s first year playing NCAA golf, and is already setting a name for himself.

Webster shot a 14-under-par 67 at Regions, and was named with five other titles.

So after beating the top five teams in the region, what’s next for the record winning golf team?

“I think we have the potential and talent to win Nationals,” said Mainzer.

“Our performance in this last tournament was excellent, and we definitely have the potential to place in the top three, if not win the entire championship.”

The NCAA Division II National Championships will be held May 20-25, at Mendosia-Altoona, Michigan.

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CSUSB golf player, Joe Aldin.

Baseball closes off

Kevin Manning/Chronicle

Coyote pitcher, Ward Munitch, who will be returning next season for the CSUSB baseball team. The “Yotes will be losing nine of their senior Class who will be graduating this year: Anthony Ross, Rod Robertson, Croxton, Patrick Walker, Nick Hammer, James Sinkes, Tim Montoya, Blaven Craig and Tony Harr.

“We are going to miss their leadership, and Thomas Bemifly to the team, the hitting was not a big deal. We always love that,” saidMainzer.

Most of the pitching staff is returning next year, with only one player, Blake Wiltz to the team, who will lose one starter and two relief pitchers.

The Coyotes are getting some key players back for next season, according to their men’s Golf, Gene Webster.

He was player of the year in his conference and made all-WSC first team.

Apparicio Huer Staff Writer

Two CSUSB softball players were placed on the All-California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Senior shortstop and outfielder Krista Hernandez from Rancho Carrizitos and senior outfielder Michelle Callejon from Camarillo were named on the first team. Senior catcher Crystal Fraijo from Irwindale was named to the second team.

Junior second baseman Jamie Lowe from Napa was an honorable mention.

Coyote softball player Krista Hernandez was honored for the fourth consecutive year. She was the CCAA Freshman of the year in 2004, named second-team honors in 2005 and was a honorable mention in 2006.

The 5-2 Hernandez hit .369 this season in 59 games and .375 in 24 CCAA contests. She ranked first in the CCAA in doubles, seventh in hitting, seventh in slugging percentage, sixth in total bases and seventh in runs.

Hernandez holds the Coyotes single-season records for home runs and walks and this year set career records in both with 41 home runs and 102 walks. Hernandez finished her CSUSB career with an overall batting average of .329 , 112 runs hit, .367 for the season, with 12 doubles, nine home runs and 39 RBIs. She was named to the second team in the CCAA in eight different categories.

In just her two years at CSUSB, she produced an overall batting average of .346 with 19 doubles, four triples, seven home runs and 39 RBIs. At unusually high total, she made only two errors in 15 chances for a 90% fielding percentage and compiled 61 assists.

Jamie Lowe is a transfer from Cal Baptist University (CBU) batted .372 with 11 doubles, one triple, four home runs and 31 RBIs while playing a solid second base for the Coyotes, making just six errors in 211 chances (91% field percentage). Lowe ranked a No.3 in the CCAA in walks with 28. She batted .372 in 36 CCAA games.

Addison, Natalie Golifty of Humboldt State University (HSU) was selected to most valuable player of the year.

Nicole Main of University of California, San Diego (UCSD) was named Freshman of the year. Michelle Saari of Sonoma State University (SSU) was named All-CCAA second team.

She is statistically harder than breaking a no-hitter according to Mainzer.

This was the third complete game Wilson has pitched with an 11-4 victory striking out 10 batters and allowing only seven hits.

“We did okay this season, except the middle part when we faced the top part of the conference,” said Mainzer.

Halfway through the season the Coyotes went up against Sonoma State who received the No.1 seed in the CCAA tournament, Cal State L.A., No.2 seed, Ohio State, No.3 and UC, No.4 seed, all teams giving the Coyotes trouble.

“The losses weren’t so bad after all,” said Mainzer. “Our college baseball losing all those seniors as a big deal. We always love that.”

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Senior Crystal Fraijo, CSUSB softball catcher who was named All- CCAA second team.

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