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and the winners are...

Joshua Gutierrez Staff Writer

Anthony Conley won prizes for the second straight year. While Joseph Minter claimed his prize for the first time. Vice President in the 2007 Associated Students Incorporated Elections. Joining Conley and Minter is Ashley Beagle in Vice President of University Affairs. Bough won in a close race at the best student Rohit Dixit by a margin of 153 votes. Amanda Sears replaces Mario Valenzuela as the new Vice President of Finance.

Animal lovers cash in

Andrew Barlick Staff Writer

An annual scholarship offer- nation assistance to students of any major who do not want to work and are working with pets. The Campbell Family Scholarship will, for the second consecutive year, cover and support outstanding under- graduates students this fall.

The Banfield Charitable Trust, a Department of the Banfield 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 assis- tance to students who demonstrate a commitment to upholding 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 finan- tial opportunity for students for their continued learning." Banfield Charitable Trust, a non-profit organization founded in 2001, now supports the CSUSM community.

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

Adriana Vargas Chronicle 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 calcula- tion 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, Roseann Ruiz said. "This implementation is a great tool for students to aid them in their budgeting, she added."

One negative effect of this implementation is potential dis- couragement of applying for finan- cial aid, Ruiz said. "Her main concern is that if students utilize this tool and are told that they may be discouraged to apply to the future."

Despite this possible negative outcome, there is a positive side to the implementation-being that it will forecast what a student may be eligible for and hence allow stu- dents and parents to plan ahead of time according to Ruiz.

Adriana Vargas/Chronicle

FAFSA made easy for the future

Students spend more years in school

Melanie Hunter Chronicle Staff Writer

College graduates generally have higher incomes after gradua- tion 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 profuse 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 16 units, go home and do homework and that's it," Jonathan Higgins said.

According to the Census Bureau, over half of adult school graduates earn an average of $1.2 million. University's associate degree holders earn about $1.9 million; and bachelor's degree holders come about $2.1 million.

"We are losing a lot of students and work with animal organizations to promote animal knowledge," Banfield Banfield team members' requests for a way to take Banfield’s vision of "teaching pets and family beyond the walls of the hospital." In addition to providing prov- en care to animals in need, the Banfield Charitable Trust also supports educational programs about 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 as the family's veterinary inde­ cise. By the early 1990's Banfield became one of the leading private veterinary practices in the nation. An applicant's ability, charac- ter, 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 pro- gram," Jennifer Minter, a student interested in the scholarship, said. "I have a love for animals and am interested in this type of work with them, but not a science field." Jennifer is an international communications major at CSUSM and works as an animal secre- tary/park teaching visiting schools about pets.

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

In the past, textbook publishers were not required to tell faculty the price of textbooks (faculty) is not the same person who purchases textbooks (students)." The Chronicle states that each publisher of college textbooks will make available to students 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 for students. The average student spends $900 per year on textbooks, which makes up 20 percent of their tuition and fees at a four year public institution, stated in report published by the California Student Public Interest Research Group (PIRG).

In the past, textbook publishers have been considered to be one of the main factors contributing to the high cost of college textbooks. However, the new bill aims to address this issue by requiring textbook publishers to provide information about the cost of textbooks to faculties. This will help students to make more informed decisions when purchasing textbooks.

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Fire consumes the southland

from the second floor patio of University Hall last Tuesday. A brush fire that consumed almost 300 acres of San Bernardino's 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 Miramonte Drive and Grandis Vista Avenue and quickly raged up Little Mountain due to the dry, hot and windy conditions. Around 60 horses 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 to sbsun.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 got attention from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The fire started Tuesday afternoon in the Hollywood Hills.

Griffith Park's Dana's View garden and the Canyons Reservoir area were destroyed by the blaze whose damage is estimated at $50 million according to LA Times. The Los Angeles Zoo also took precautionary measures and moved all of their animals indoors to safety.

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

A blaze that consumed around 400 acres of greasewood occurred south of Corral in Temescal Canyon. This fire was also sparked around 5 p.m. Tuesday evening due to the dry season and extreme wind conditions.

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

On Monday night a 125-acre brush fire on a remote section of Orange County's larger fire was also sparked around 5 p.m. Tuesday evening due to the dry season and extreme wind conditions. No structures were damaged and no injuries were reported.

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Voices on the clothesline

Jennifer Minter
Staff Writer

A woman is beaten in the U.S. every 15 seconds, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. "One in every three families experience domestic violence," Dolores Montoya said.

T-shirts were displayed at the Student Manual Student Union to honor survivors and victims of domestic violence. The Clothesline Project, put on by the Women's Resource 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 innocence, but not my voice! You are not my brother anymore!"

"The T-shirts become an outlet to their dealing with these 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 bringing awareness and not as a coping mechanism for the others," Montoya said.

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

Women who mask their abuser as a result of battered Woman Syndrome often face higher penalties than men who kill their partners. Kill 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 convicted are often sentenced to longer prison terms than men, according to the Free Press. "To show how the issue is taken lightly, for every one domestic violence woman shelters, there are three animal shelters," Montoya said.

The shirts displayed acted as a voice for some who had been muzzled for so long. They also showed the strength survivors have. "I was able to overcome the hard times because I know my worth! There's more to life than the bad times," another shirt read. 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 50-132.
Coconuts for cars

Matt Faucher  Staff Writer

With gas prices dramatically rising, alternative fuel sources are looking better and better.

"Drugs among Americans is on the rise, however, the number of people who seek treatment remains low.

Most - 15 percent of U.S. adults have or have become addicted to drugs at some point in their life, according to results published by ABC News. The number of men who abuse drugs is almost twice that of women. Drug abuse was more common with men at 13.8 percent compared to women who only had 7.3 percent.

But of 8 percent of drug abusing, only 37.9 percent became addicted and sought treatment, according to a study released by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

"We're concerned because treatment rates are too low despite the availability of effective interventions, NIDA director Nora Volkow said.

It was found that the most prominent 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 Service Administration (SAMHSAs) survey points to a huge gap," said Dr. Terry Cline of SPSA. "Among individuals when up or alcohol dependent or drug who have not received treatment, more than 94 percent do need of they need treatment."

The study also found that drug abuse was most likely to report in the white community rather than minorities.

This study was based on face-to-face interviews with more than 45,000 U.S. adults ages 1 year and older by the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC).

The NESARC constitutes the largest sample to date on the co-occurrence of primary disorders among U.S. adults, said Dr. Bridget C. Grant of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). "Because of the disorders so commonly co-occur with alcohol and substance abuse, the NESARC provides rich information on the similarities and differences between these addictions," Grant said.

"This is a myth that drugs are mostly a problem of minorities and that would just not be true," Dr. William Compton of the National Institute of Health (NIH) said.

Of all abused drugs, the study showed that marijuana was the most commonly used. Cocaine and benzodiazepines were abused less, than 9 percent but marijuana was abused about 85 percent.

The study also indicates that there is a correlation between drug abuse and co-occurring mental illness, involving 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 NIH.

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 disease," Volkow said.

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

Coconut oil is a bit more torquey, because it burns slower," said Mr. Deamer, a 52-year-old Australian-born motor mechanic.

"Normally, I'd have to shift 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 us becoming a global regularity, Loren Fauchre of Revelation has his opinion be known, "They're going to have to grow a lot of coconuts," Fauchre said. "It can run it might work for small island communities but on a global scale, to go enough to fuel the large nations would be a huge change."

A CSUSB student gives some insight as to how a typical 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.
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 Kico as he likes to be called, co-produced PVC-I, an independent documentary film with Frank Ramirez and Mani Davis, along with director Spion-Stathopoulos.

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 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 Columbia woman whose family is unable to pay a ransom. She is forced to wear a bomb fastened around her neck and made to go from her farm into the city in a sort of terrorism 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.

"From 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; Merida Urquia, Daniel Paez and Alberto Somoza played the leading roles while the rest were individuals from Columbia.

A Cal-State Norridge student, Stathopoulos is considered with high regard by Velardo. "I helped the lead man without pay," said Velardo.

The film is still in film school, "but it is in film school," Velardo added.

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Mr. Kico Velardo co-produced a film that's up for an award at the Cannes Film Festival.

Spiderman 3 wins big at the box office

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Campus News Editor

Spiderman spun his web and reaped $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 hype of fans awaiting its release?" It's mostly enjoyable," Colin Cooper, critic at Minneapolis Star Tribune said.

"But a limping effort compared with the first two. The trilogy hobbles to a finish when it should have soared," Cooper said.


"It isn't until Peter Parker is attacked by a bonding spider-like insect, that literally falls out of the sky that he lets loose and grows himself from all of his web. Thus, the dark suit emerges. We follow Parker through his transformation into a superhero and macho man undertaking. This isn't the Spiderman we've known to grow and love. This side of the character is a bit odd, but nonetheless, entertaining. The soundtrack of the movie is symphonic and truly flows with the movie. One hardly notices it, but underneath are practically singing of emotion in one's ears. The special effects expert, Wilco's eye view of Spiderman's web creates the city from being hurled off a building and saving Mary Jane from being suspended in a cab.

New York City was the perfect setting for the film, giving characters enough space to move around while providing a dark background in the action scene. In no other city can one imagine a suited man being saved by a model of honor for saving the police chiefs daughter from a monster shooting gun-wielding.

Rumored $200 million to make, movies like Spiderman 3 are definitely meant to be seen on the big screen.

Spiderman 3 is a winner, if even for the special effects alone.
Ampama Kemp  
Staff Writer

A surprise proposal was made at CSUSB’s Theater Arts Department’s improvisational “Playback Theater” that took place on campus May 6th in the Performing Arts Building.

There are many stories in a person’s life and the “Playback Theater” encouraged people to share these personal stories.

One story that will remain memorable to this performance was a marriage proposal from cast member Peter Fitzpatrick to fiancée Paula Curci. 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 asks Curci to marry him. Getting flashbacks as my story was told, “You think I’m gonna say yes,” Curci said. “You will use body art, movement and six people to tell your story.”

The girls were given fifteen minutes to prepare and were told that Carrie Rosenborg, entertainment director of Seventeen Magazine, will be judging their performance. The winner of last week’s challenge was Renee who picked Joan to share her personal story. In the latest episode of ANTM, the girls were given the task of evaluating Dionne’s performance. Working with Dionne is one of the most frustrating experiences,” Manuel said.

Dionne’s striking pose was not enough for the judges of ANTM. America’s Next Top Model airs every Wednesday on the CW.

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Dionne was the tenth girl to be eliminated during the eighth cycle of America’s Next Top Model (ANTM). The 20-year-old college student is originally from Montgomery, Alabama.

In the latest episode of ANTM, the girls had to choose between sending and killing a model. The girls were given the task of evaluating Dionne’s performance. Working with Dionne is one of the most frustrating experiences,” Manuel said. “Dionne is a beautiful spirit but as soon as Dionne steps in front of the camera she starts to look controlling and mean.”

As the show came to an end, Dionne was given the task of evaluating the other girls. She was asked to choose which of the girls she thought was the most Top Model potential in this competition.” Tyra Banks asked Dionne. “I think I’m gonna say Jaz,” Dionne said.

During an interview Dionne admitted that she regrets not answering Tyra Banks’s question differently. Dionne believes that if she had Tyra she had the most potential she would still be in the competition.

Dionne and Natasha were the bottom two last week. Doctor was sent home because she lacked the ability to soften her facial expressions. “You gotta take the training whirls off cause they are still on,” Banks said. “We gave you all the goods. Now, it is up to you to leave the competition and take everything that we taught you so that you can be on a photo shoot and not be nervous on everybody to tell you exactly what to do.”

She revealed that the wants to continue being a model. She is also planning on pursing modeling.

Moreover Dionne said that in the future she would like to go back to school to become a doctor.

Three girls remain in the hopes of becoming ANTM. America’s Next Top Model airs every Wednesday on the CW.
Hand in hand

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 sent out 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 informed its members that the event is 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.

"I feel that holding hands and facing first hand (quit 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.

Tahour commented that she knows quite a few people who participated despite the fact that visible participation for the event was almost nonexistent.

Tahour explained the lack of visibility by speculating that students who did participate did so inside of campus buildings as they walked from class to class.

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For more information regarding the Pride Center and their upcoming events, please visit its website at http://studentunion.csusb.edu/programs_and_centers/pubs.htm.
**Exploring and exposing diversity**

_Cultural Studies_ features Kristy Dean, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, who presented her research on social flexibility, identity and communication at a panel on May 8, 2007.

Dean, along with some of the professors brought the class to the border of Tijuana and recruit students for the field. Eastern food and refreshments were served at a 40 minute break.

Those attending were provided with a vegetarian alternative. There was chicken, rice pilaf, and a selection of salads.

The event was opened by Mary Feng, Ethnic Studies Coordinator and professor of Communication Studies.

"Our goal is to expose stu­dents and also faculty to diversity and original research, from profes­sors on the campus," Feng said.

First presenter Nathan Carter, assistant professor of Communication Studies moderated the event.

The program included a panel on social flexibility, identity and diversity, from 10:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

The first one to present her research was Kristy Daun, as­istant professor of psychology.

Daun presented her work, "American Iranian and American Arab academic identity and social, cultural and political messages." Once her presentation was over one audience member asked, "What type of questions were asked in your survey?"

"We asked things like how often do you interact with people of other races?" Daun answered.

Aliyah Mutahabo, assistant professor of Communication Studies, spoke on "The Internet as an alternative forum of expression and source of information for Arab American." Along with the audience, the speech was viewed on a video cent­ ralized within the room.

"Khalil Bad Sehba" that provid­ed some evidence for the marginal­ization of Arabs in U.S. movies. Mutahabo spoke of the poten­tial power people have with fas­cists of the internet such as YouTube and My Space.

The next professor to present her research was Pearlie Rose S. Bahk, assistant professor of Art History.

Her work is entitled "Translating the Vex Populi: A Filipina American Artist in Los Angeles." Bahk’s speech was so powerful that Elton Silva entitled, "A glorious history, a golden legacy.

Bhatia spoke of the contro­versy surrounding the mural in L.A. Angeles.

"The last research presented was "American Iranian and American National Identity" by David Yaghoubian, assistant pro­fessor of History.

Professor Yaghoubian spoke on his family history.

He told us what it meant to be "third-generation," meaning American Iranian and American. He presented very old pictures of his family, including one of his grandparents as orphaned children.

Somehow in the middle of the studies roundtable a professor and his class were being shown to be a part of the discussion panel. Some Western food and refreshments were served at a 40 minute break.

What is occurring in the Middle Eastern region is based on two fundamental elements. These elements are national and international factors and are being influenced by the contemporary global economy, political and social changes.
Billboard speaks to few, angers many

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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 wise but twisted tones of a man and woman. Close inspection would reveal the bold slogan previously stated. The billboard caused quite an uproar of residents and neighbors, a sensation that would probably say this advertisement is an ingenious marketing ploy, and right he might be. However, moving away from the fact that it drew in a significant increase in calls and consultations for FGA, this advertisement is purely the root of the problem.

Due to our society's light-heartedness about something as serious as marriage, we have found ourselves in a recurring cycle, treating marriage as an easily broken bond. The average businessman would probably say this advertisement is not only faulty ethics passed on their profession, as advertised. But one can only hope that the laughter is due to its silliness and not an accurate assessment of today's attitude toward marriage.

One week later, the billboard was taken down due to an improper permit filed with the city but the age and its impact remain. We still do not treat marriage seriously. We have taken marriage for granted for far too long, and little respect is so long overdue. For the media is to blame. Maybe it's faulty ethics passed down by our parents. Whatever the case, it is never too late to make changes on our own.

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Nancy Simpson, of it, which makes it very difficult director at Anderson. She will start Thursday, May to leave such great been an absolutely wonderful NCAA Division II and, in some Simpson has supervised the evolution from ordinary to competitive in Coyote athletic program - Anderson University in Anderson, S.C. Now, she is taking that approach and her expertise to - do' Seeking a university that she has titles under her tenure. This past season. However, Simpson is ready The 11 Coyote athletic teams - women and four men - have consistently produced collective grade point averages at or just below 3.0 in recent years and some have earned scholastic All-America status. Simpson said that "winning grades, winning games and a winning image" has been her priority throughout her career and "we’ve done that," she added. "It’s a balance of the results we have achieved here at Cal State San Bernardino in recent years and some other entities on campus, along with other entities on campus, staff, starting in the leadership of that program," Simpson said. "I am also fortunate that this opportunity to be close to my family in Georgia," Simpson said. Simpson graduated from Berry College in Georgia, where she was a four-year letter winner in volleyball and basketball and MVP of her national championship basketball team in 1976. She earned her master's degree from University of Southern Mississippi, where she also served as an assistant basketball coach and tennis coach before coming to California to work at UC Riverside. "I will truly miss my Coyote family. I think 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.
Kristen Angon
Staff Writer

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

"It feels really good to be a part of the first personal post-season record," Coach Tony Mainez Jr. said.

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

"With high expectations coming into the regionals, that was the first time ever," Mainez 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 Championships with confidence and not to mention the honor of a huge boost for the tournament. "A huge confidence booster," Mainez said.

The team made such a huge impact as well how the team played as a whole, according to Mainez.

Mainez said "The golfers’ 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. "This hurt many of the other teams, but it seemed that driving the ball off the fairway was crucial," Mainez said.

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

"But one thing our men’s golf team has learned in each season is to adjust to elevation changes, climate and the difference in every course," Mainez said.

Each of these things really helped us, but I would not mention in this region, in the regionals, when the team really stepped up and pulled ahead.

"The second round was what did it for us. It gave us a 10 shot lead into the final round, and everyone’s scores were under par," said Mainez.

Sophomore Joe Alldis, an extra boost by shooting a 69 in the second round.

"Alldis were beyond their usual score and really gave the team a comfortable cushion," Mainez said.

Another player that did exceptionally well was freshman Gabe Webster.

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

"I think we have the potential to win Nationals," said Mainez.

"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 Mendocino/Almaden, Michigan.

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CSUSB golf player, Joe Alldis.

Line up of the coyote all-stars

Apurima Hue
Staff Writer

Two CSUSB softball players were placed on the All-California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Senior shortstop and outfielder Krista Hernandez from Rancho Cucamonga and senior outfielder Michelle Callejon from Camarillo were named on the first team. Senior catcher Crystal Fraijo from Ixwich was named to the second team. Junior second baseman Jamie Lowe from Nana 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, earned second-team honors in 2005 and was an 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 on-base percentage.

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 scored, 36 doubles, 7 triples, 14 home runs, 128 RBIs (tied) (RBI) and a career slugging percentage of 0.480.

Hernandez stole 46 bases in 55 attempts, a career mark for 84 percent and placed overall on-base percentage of .425 in 249 games over that span.

Crystal Fraijo has been the Coyotes’ starting catcher in softball for four seasons over 2004 and has a career batting average of .297, hitting .336 with 12 doubles, nine home runs 43 RBIs and a slugging percentage of .403. She struck out only eight times in 146 at bats and was placed second in the CCAA in throwing runners out trying to steal and led the team in runs scored with 12 doubles, nine home runs 43 RBIs and a slugging percentage of .403. She struck out only eight times in 146 at bats and was placed second in the CCAA in throwing runners out trying to steal and led the team in runs scored with 12 doubles, nine home runs 43 RBIs and a slugging percentage of .403.

She tied a Coyotes single-game RBI record with six against Cal State Bakersfield (CSUB). In her four-year career behind the plate, Crystal Fraijo those out 67 runners trying to steal.

Michelle Callejon Camarillo hit .367 for the Coyotes this season with 10 doubles–14 home runs, four doubles and 22 RBIs.

She was second in the CCAA in runs scored with 41, setting a single-season record in the process.

Caldere led the team and was selected as the CCAA in stolen bases with 28. He had an on-base percentage of .449. Caldeire ranked among the top 10 in the CCAA in eight different categories.

In just her two years at CSUSB, she produced an overall batting average of .348 with 19 doubles, four triples, seven home runs and 39 RBIs. At unusually high total, she made only three errors in 18 chances for a .992 fielding percentage and compiled 10 assists.

Jamie Lowe who is a transfer from Cal Baptist University (CBU) batted .376 with 12 doubles, one triple, four home runs and 31 RBIs while playing a solid second base for the Coyotes, making just six errors in 213 chances (.989 field percentage). Lowe ranked a No. 3 in the CCAA in walks with 29. She batted .337 in 36 CCAA games.

In addition, Natalie Gelofly of Humboldt State University (HSU) was selected to most valuable player of the year.

Nicole Martinez of University of California, San Diego (UCSD) was named Freshman of the year.

Men’s Baseball

Coyote pitcher, Ward Munich, who will be returning next season for the CSUSB baseball team, The "Yes will be losing nine of their seniors who will be graduating this year; Anthony Russo, Josie Robertson, Croxton, Patrick Walker, Nick Hammer, James Sterre, Tim Montoya, Blake Craig and Tony Herr.

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

The big issue this season was inconsistency play, according to Parnell.

Throughout the season the Coyotes did not perform as well as they should have when facing less-potent teams.

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"Losing the entire team doesn’t affect us," Parnell said. "College baseball losing all those seniors as a big deal. We always lose a lot of them."

Most of the pitching staff is returning next season; Randy, who will lose one starter and two relief pitchers.

The Coyotes are getting some home players for next season, over the entire starting lineup.

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