Supreme Court upholds decision in favor of undocumented students

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The California Supreme Court ruled that undocumented students have the right to pay in-state tuition by ruling in favor of a state bill that affects 42,000 college students on Monday, Nov. 15.

The court unanimously voted and found the California Assembly Bill (AB) 540 put into practice in 2001 does not violate any state or federal laws.

“Without this law, it would be the end of my education,” said Leslie Duarte, an undocumented student from Riverside Community College.

The law has made it easy for Duarte’s family to afford tuition and given her the opportunity to go to college, she said. Undocumented students rely on this bill for affordable tuition, since they do not receive state or federal financial aid.

According to ABC 7 News, a group of out of state University of California students filed the lawsuit in 2005.

The lawsuit was placed because the students felt it was unfair for U.S. citizens to be charged out of state tuition fees, while illegal immigrants paid in-state tuition fees.

Michael Madrid, a CSUSB student, said he believes people who took the initiative to qualify under the law should have the right to in-state tuition. “I don’t agree with the out-of state tuition hike,” said Madrid. “[Out of state students] pay three times what we pay.”

The out-of-state students’ attorneys claim this bill costs taxpayers $208 million a year, as reported by ABC 7 News.

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Despite additional funding, the CSU makes 15% fee hike

By KATHERINE ORR
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A two-step tuition increase totaling 15 percent was approved Nov. 10 by the California State University (CSU) board of trustees. The tuition jump will be used to pay for increases in classes and enrollment. The trustees approved a five percent, or $105, increase that will go into affect as of the first of next year for the spring and winter terms. The trustees also approved a ten percent, or $444, increase that will go into effect in the fall of 2011.

Students might not be happy with the tuition increase, but senior Chelsea Thomas said, “I know that raising the tuition provides more money for the school.”

Student fees will be 242 percent higher than they were in 2002. The increase in tuition means that full-time undergraduate students will pay a total of $4,884 for the 2011-2012 school year.

The 2010-2011 California state budget provided $60.6 million for enrollment growth and restored $199 million to the CSU. This was the first increase in state funding in three years.

“While we appreciate the funding that we did receive in this year’s budget, the reality is our state support is roughly the same as it was five years ago and we have 25,000 more students,” said Dr. Benjamin F. Quillian, CSU executive vice chancellor for business and finance, in a press release.

“In addition, part of the funding we received - $106 million – was one-time federal stimulus money that is being used at the state’s direction to admit 30,000 more students.

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Firefighters donate $10,000

By ORLANDRIA BRAZIER
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San Bernardino firefighters donated $10,000 worth of food to a local church in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Around 30 on- and off-duty firefighters from the San Bernardino City Professional Firefighter Association local 891 were present at the fifth annual food drive at Mary’s Mercy Center Nov. 17.

“Everyone has a need and more than ever before the need has gone up. As the needs goes up our contribution goes up as well,” said Steve Brown, vice president of the association.

Firefighters and volunteers with a crew of church employees created an assembly line working diligently through the morning unloading and stocking boxes of stuffing, cans of cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, bottled water, and much more into the center’s storage facilities. The food will be served and given away at Mary’s Table, the center’s kitchen and distributed to people who are in need within the Inland Empire.

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Golden professor

This award does not come without tremen- dous achievement on Professor Texeira’s part. Texeira has a Bachelors and Masters Degree as well as Doctorate in Sociology all from UC Riverside. She has been a staff member since 1994 and has done much since joining the CSUSB community.

She has taught almost all levels of soci- ology as well as being an advisor for the So- ciology club, the Elimi- nating Bias Oppression Negativity & Ignorance (E.B.O.N.I.) club as well as the African Stud- ent Alliance. Texeira has also helped develop the sociology department’s internship program as well as sponsoring an average of eight students a year in an independent studies program. She also has been a mentor for the McNair Scholars program for eight McNair scholars, as well as being an active part of the advisory board for the program.

“Dr. Texeira stood out from the group of applicants because of her superlative instruction and significant application of teaching to the broader community,” said Janet Kotke the chair of the 2010-2011 Golden Apple Award nomination commit- tee.

There will be an award banquet in which Texeira will be honored along with three other staff members from CSUSB hosted by San Bernardino’s mayor, Pat Morris.

“I think that it’s more beneficial and makes it easier to communicate with everyone about a certain topic,” said CSUSB student Cassy Pugayo.

“I didn’t really think about whether or not it needed to be changed. But shar- ing things on Facebook will be easier,” Pugayo continued.

“I like everything about this,” said Ashish Sharma in response to Chai’s blog.

“Interesting feature, but it makes it impossible to organize large groups now. Please bring back the old groups feature and differentiate between ‘small groups’ and ‘large groups’,” said Kashif Pirzada. Other users were more upset over not having an option whether you are added to a group or not.

“That can ‘auto add you to a group’ be turned off yet? That’s a bit nonsense ... getting added to a group and then hav- ing to ‘opt-out’,” said Rob Teth from Si- mon Fraser University.

While the new groups feature may have been created to make communi- cating easier and enhance the Facebook experience, some are less than enthused.

“Old groups had much more features, and new group is unusable! Don’t change the good things,” said Miljen Chovan.

The other two changes were much smaller scale changes.

According to jsyk.com website, the download your information application allows users to save comments, wall posts, messages, and much more as a document.

The site also describes another new feature, dashboard, which will allow other users to see all of their applications and tools on one page.

All of these changes were done to make using Facebook more convenient for its 500 million active users, some may agree that they work and some may not, but for now all of the users must put up with the changes Zuckerberg propos- es to make.
More money means more student fees

These students will be on our campuses long after this one-time funding has been exhausted, and we have to ensure that we have the ongoing resources to support them.”

The tuition increase will allow the CSU to add approximately 3,000 courses for the winter and spring quarters. The course offerings could double next school year.

CSU proposed a 2011-2012 budget requests so that the legislature could “buy out” the tuition increase in the fall by adding enough funding to the university budget. If the funding is approved by the governor and the legislature, the CSU could overturn the tuition increase.

Asking the Legislature for added funds is not a guarantee of funding. The state’s chief budget analyst recently announced that California’s budget deficit could grow to $25 billion in the next 18 months.

The fee increase will allow more access for students. It will allow the CSU to admit more students and offer the resources to support them.

There will also be more financial aid available to those qualified. It could also mean less access for other students, especially those that aren’t qualified to receive financial aid.

One third of the revenue from the fee increases will be set aside for financial aid, according to the CSU. Approximately 180,000, half of all CSU undergraduates, will be fully covered for the tuition increases.

Those that do not qualify for financial aid could benefit from newly expanded federal tax credits available for family incomes up to $180,000, according to the CSU. The fee increase could cause students to take out more loans or even put a hold on their education. Some students are thinking about ways to save money to combat what they see as the added “strain” of the tuition increase.

“It’s ridiculous. It makes it more difficult to buy books, which is why I have considered renting or getting e-books from barnesandnoble.com,” said student Chelsea Thomas.

Undocumented get in-state tuition

Those opposed to the law say it encourages illegal immigration and reduces U.S. citizens’ opportunity to be admitted into a UC.

The California Supreme Court indicated that the law did not conflict with a federal ban on education benefits for illegal immigrants based on residency, according to the New York Times.

“Many constitutional observers think the law as written was correctly interpreted by the court,” said CSUSB a political science professor, Scot Zentner.

In addition, the court found the law to be beneficial to both undocumented students and U.S. citizens. AB 540 allows undocumented students and U.S. citizens from other states who have graduated from a California high school the opportunity to pay in-state tuition. According to a UC statement, during the 2008 and 2009 school year, 80 percent of the people who qualified under the law in UC schools were U.S. citizens and legal residents.

Students are required to attend three or more years in a California high school, graduate from a California high school or receive the equivalent general education diploma. Students who qualify under these requirements will receive a California residency status for tuition purposes only.

This status allows students to pay in-state tuition, but will not make them eligible for other benefits requiring California residency.

Undocumented students have to perform an additional requirement. Once a student registers or enrolls in one of the three California higher education systems, they must sign an affidavit with the college or university saying he or she will apply for legal residency when eligible.

“A lot of illegal students have been here their whole lives,” said Britney Nickolas a CSUSB student. “They have the grades and SATs scores to get into a UC, and they should also be able to get in-state tuition.”

The challenges to AB 540 are centered on the rights of states to enact laws that regulate illegal immigration, benefits to undocumented students, and education.

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Students exploited by unpaid internships

By ALLISON UPSTILL
Staff Writer

Students today are being exploited by the continuing practice of unpaid internships.

The reality is that it’s an inevitable part of “college experience.” If we want a job post-grad, we need the work experience. But how far should this be taken?

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In my opinion it’s the second and fourth item that are broken the most. The most important stipulation for student interest is “the benefit of the intern”, if the student intern is not getting something beneficial from the experience and is off cleaning or getting coffee for employees, then it is not the most beneficial. I would argue that it’s not that simple. Students are willing to accept these intern positions because, the reality is, if they can land the internship they are searching for, and the experience they are looking for, is they can land the internship they are going to take it.

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Most students nowadays have to work at least part time in addition to going to school, even more so to have those loans paid for. Are they at an even further disadvantage if they can’t work and in unpaid position to gain that much needed work experience?

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Professional athletes or just big screw ups?

By LOUIS PENNA
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There are some things I’ll never understand about some people in this world: I’ll never understand how we elected Bush to a second term, I’ll never understand how athletes that have the most qualified and brightest students around, and if these students’ innovative ideas and knowledge are being exploited I have a problem with that.

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But is this really what’s best for the student in the long run? I’m a prospective graduate this June, so this issue hits very close to home. I am in need of an internship to graduate. Paid internships are few and far between. But what options do I have to the contrary? The answer for me was finding an unpaid internship that offered me something at the completion.

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Is it stupidity? What is it that makes athletes so susceptible to scandal and unlawfulness? Tiger Woods, Brett Favre, Michael Vick, Ray Lewis, Adam “Pacman” Jones, Kobe Bryant, Ben Roethlisberger, the Minnesota Vikings, Gilbert Arenas, the list goes on all the way back to the 1919 Chicago White Sox; all of these famous professional athletes, acting very unprofessionally. Newton, if granted the same fate as former USC star Reggie Bush, would be a uniquely stupid situation. The one question I have is, why? You’re Cam frickin’ Newton! Sure $180,000 is nice to have for your pops, but c’mon! One more year and you could’ve been rolling in the big money, you’d spend 180k on Sunday afternoon trip to the local gun dealer which athletes are so fond of purchasing to threaten their teammates with (“cough” Gilbert Arenas).

Being a top ten draft prospect, Newton would be guaranteed upwards of $20 million on signing day, not to mention advertising contracts. At this point athletes must be wondering, “What should we do?”

What you should do is your damn jobs and keep your noses clean. Is it really that hard not to put yourself in unfavorable positions? Next time you think of texting your junk to a sideline reporter, have the sudden urge to fight dogs, or sexually harass someone, remember: You’re a professional athlete! Your life should be so amazing that you should be too busy playing with your gold encrusted pet tiger or visiting your own private island.

Sadly, fans are just as sick. It was just three years ago that NFL quarterback Michael Vick was sentenced to 23 months in prison for straight up murdering dogs. Today, he is celebrated as a potential MVP candidate for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Should these athletes be held to a higher standard than the rest of us? League officials sure seem to think so. Conduct codes and player policies are in place to remind them that they are professionals, and like it or not, are seen as role models to young people.
Beware Black Friday

How marketers get us to beat each other up and buy stuff we don’t need

By RUBEN REYNOSO
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As holidays quickly approach, they bring family cheer, great food, and the inevitable madness at the shopping-mall. Our consumer culture is often overwhelming.

Black Friday is the name given to the day after Thanksgiving. It is considered to be the start of the holiday shopping season, and, like the breaking of religious fasts, millions of people make up for lost time.

What makes shoppers camp out at big-box stores in the middle of the night? Why are more deaths reported each year as people are trampled and left behind?

Is the search simple for good presents and great savings, or are many people attracted to the glitter and the sales where the bags are attracted to light bulbs?

Who can blame us, after all, for falling in love with all the products we see on television? These things can slice and dice, are soft and cozy, can clean our floors, walk our pets, and check our e-mail. Fights in the checkout-lane are a small price to pay.

Benjamin Barber, author of “Consumed: How Markets Corrupt Children, Infantilize Adults, and Swallow Citizens Whole,” has warned shoppers of manipulation by companies.

“They’ve got to sell all this stuff, and they have to figure out how to get us to want it. So they take adults and they infantilize them. They dumb them down. They get us to want things.”

We fight. They profit.

“It’s time we understand that Black Friday is not something we do, it something being done to us,” says Barber.

We must resist the temptation to impulse buy. We must take back the holiday spirit from the money-hungry hands that profit from shopping-mall Santas.

To help fight the onslaught of sales, I might suggest to turn of the television or to toss out the Sunday-paper ads. This may be a bit extreme for some people, however. Let me suggest, then, the following baby steps to extinguish evil of retail.

Each time I go shopping, I judge my potential purchases by two laws: the wearing-off of impulse interest, and what I call the dollar-a-day principle.

Most purchases are done in the haze of emotional impulses. Shoppers are attracted to instant gratification. If you carry a product around with you in the store, the glow wears off, and you realize that the thing you couldn’t live without has become an empty trinket.

The dollar-a-day principle is a simple ruler to gauge the value of an expensive product. Most people, I imagine, would be happy to spend a dollar to use a big-screen television for a day, for example.

If the cost of the TV was $500, however, could you guarantee that you will happily use the product for 500 consecutive days? Will the product make you happy for as many days as dollars that the product costs?

Using these two guides, I have been able to plan my purchases, save money, and avoid being killed by early-morning mobs.

With only days left until the whole fiesta, I hope you too can survive Black Friday with no black eyes.

Students sound off on fee hikes

By COURTNEY POOLE
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Higher education just got higher.

The price of college is becoming ridiculous. What happened to the days when attending a university in your home state saved you money?

The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees voted last week to increase university fees by 15 percent. It is a two-part increase: a five percent increase effective winter/spring 2011, and another 10 percent increase for the 2011-2012 school year.

We should be encouraging young people to attend college, not discouraging higher education with steep tuition. Did anyone ever think maybe these fee increases will actually cause the CSU system to lose students to private colleges or force students to attend community college?

In an article in the Oregon Daily Emerald, Mohamed Jemmali brings up a compelling argument about the American school system. He says the college dropout rate in America is higher than in Europe, even though the European curriculum is harder, because the American college system discriminates against the poor since college education has become a privilege.

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The average college graduate today leaves school with $20,000 in debt. We pay the minimum payment every month and are stuck paying for the next ten years or more.

When did higher education equal higher debt? We will not succeed in today’s job market without a college degree, so it looks like debt is the necessary evil.
America shifts into gear with new top show

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Geeks, Games, and Gadgets

We take the hassle out of browsing the tech scene to bring you weekly news and our views on the wide world of phones, computers, TVs, games, and the Internet.

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The over the top automotive comedy of BBC’s Top Gear, has found its way to American shores on a new American edition of the same name, starring three new hosts and attempting to draw the same hype as the beloved original.

With the first show releasing this past Sunday, the show looks like it is in need of a tune up already, as it is clearly behind the British original in all areas of comedy and information, for now the only similarity are the shows funding for ridiculousness.

What to geek out or camp out about on Black Friday

The first customer to camp out for Black Friday were spotted outside a Best Buy on Wednesday Nov. 17, and as such were awarded with free iPad for being the “First Family of Black Friday” by the company.

If this is an indication of a doorbuster prize it might be worth your while to go camp out too. To view confirmed sales on Black Friday check out blackfriday.info.

As if Valve didn’t already do enough for us, DOTA 2 is announced

For awhile now we have heard rumors that DOTA would be receiving a sequel by beloved developer Valve, courtesy of their partnership with Activision-Blizzard.

The December issue of Game informer, proved the rumors true in an exclusive.

The massively addictive mod of Warcraft III, DOTA (or Defense of the Ancients) is an online multiplayer game in which players compete in 5 vs. 5 matches, involving intense planning, teamwork and practiced skill; whilst utilizing RTS and RPG elements.

Steve “Guin soo” Feak designed the original mod and has since left to create the equally free and addictive League of Legends; while the current version is updated by “Icefrog” (who declined to give his real name). Icefrog is now being put to work by Valve to create a stand-alone sequel to one of the most successful mods ever.

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Local fire department gives

“ We serve everybody here. We see more than 150 new homeless faces and lots of whole families; mother, father, and children come together during this time of year. Whoever has a need are more than welcome to come,” said Marsh Olguin, director of Mary’s Table.

Olguin says that with the food donated by the firefighters Mary’s Mercy Center will be able to serve anywhere from 350 to 500 meals this month.

They will cook about 30 to 35 turkeys this year along with ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, salad and other side dishes there at Mary’s Table. In addition to the prepared meals Mary’s Table will also be giving away bags of food every Wednesday.

Father Michael Barry, president of Mary’s Mercy Center Inc., says that it was the San Bernardino County firefighters who came to him five years ago asking if they could help out the church.

“It came together when they (firefighters) approached us. They wanted to help us. They wanted to help the people. So they coordinat- ed with Stater Brothers and began this annual event,” said Barry.

Barry says that he never imagined the food drive being as big as it is today. He credits the program’s success to the courageous firefighters and volunteers who not only donate clothes and food during the holiday seasons, but who give throughout the year.

“We get volunteers from all over; boys scouts, girl scouts, high schools, colleges, people from the community and the list goes on,” said Olguin. “Fraternities and sororities from Cal State San Bernardino, as well as the Cal State Homebound Bound program, volunteer and donate clothes and toys each year to us.”

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I play drums in a band called The Fling based out of Long Beach. We have recently released a record, titled When the Madhouses Appear. The Fling (from left to right: Justin Rudland, Justin Ivey, Dustin Lovelace, Graham Lovelace), are touring for their recent release “When The Madhouses Appear.”

Lucky for me, there is Internet connectivity at most venues so I can do school work between sound checks and sets. It gets hard at times when the rest of my bandmates are having fun with one another while I’ve got my face in a book and a laptop by my side.

School is an absolute priority with me and I want to exceed academically as much as professionally. So I decided to do whatever it takes to stay enrolled in Fall Quarter and go on this tour.

So far, tour has been absolutely amazing. The cities have been so cool to see. The weather is cold, but what do you expect in Wisconsin this time of year.

What drives me to keep doing this, is the crowds we play to every night. I do this for the conversations you have with people who have been standing outside in 20 degree weather just so that they can get a ticket to catch your 30 minute set.

Playing music is an experience I wish everyone could be exposed to. I can’t describe the feeling you have when you are playing on stage and you look out and see 1,000 people enjoying every note.

I feel at home when I play drums and I can’t believe that I get to do this for a living.

The road to this point was extremely difficult and grueling, but the payoff has been worth it. Every late night when you’ve had no sleep in days, every blown tire and every gear repair has brought me to where I am today.

There were times that I absolutely wanted to throw in the towel and tell myself that it was impossible to do this, but I’m glad I didn’t.

Consisting of three long stories and one short one, “Full Dark” is heavy-hitting and frighteningly real.

First up at bat is “1922,” a tale centered on a farmer refusing to leave his life in Hemingford Home, Nebraska (King fans will remember this fictional location from the author’s classic, “The Stand”). When a fortune that has always made Streeter jealous begins to fly out the window. Meanwhile Streeter’s own luck turns for the better.

“Full Dark” wraps up with is without question the best in the collection. “A Good Marriage” finds Darcy Anderson discovering a secret her husband has kept from her for more than two decades: he is a serial killer.

The comedy is left at the door with this one. The reader is plunged and submerged into the heart of a woman, who is both in love and repulsed by the monster that is her spouse. What’s most enthralling is that King shows he doesn’t require the paranormal event or supernatural monster to frighten his reader.

King states in the book’s afterword that this story was written after he read about Dennis Rader, the real life killer who murdered ten people between 1974 and 1991. King goes on to say he wanted to “explore the idea that it’s impossible to fully know even those we love the most.”

Without a doubt, King is best known for his long works, such his legendary “Dark Tower” series and last year’s mammoth “Under the Dome.”

But “Full Dark” shows his versatility and range as a writer, showing both his skill with short fiction, as well as proving he doesn’t need the standard horror technicals to get inside the reader’s head.

“Full Dark, No Stars” is currently available in hardcover at major booksellers, and for the Kindle and Nook.

Steven King’s latest collection of thrills goes fully dark

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Harry Potter gets darker and deeper as we near the end of the series of J.K. Rowling’s masterpiece novels. For the first time, the adventures of Harry Potter do not center around the magical school Hogwarts as in previous films, instead Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One has the plot developing across many locations in the wizarding and muggle world.

In the first of two parts, the film follows Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and his close friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) as they battle to stay alive in a world that has come to live in fear under the evil Lord Voldemort.

Fans of the books who were wondering how the epic conclusion would play out, would not be left wanting, as all the long and low points of the book hit just as precisely on screen as in print, leaving the audience cringing, dread- ing and wanting as the situation dictate.

In such a long-running series it is not often we get to see the progression of the characters through the growth of the actors and actresses themselves. Harry and friends are no longer kids, and the film’s darker attitude lends to the notion that the trio have grown into young adults.

However much a marvel the growth was, the humor we have come to know and love from the series returns, with the cued responses of Ron and Hermione, amongst others. Furthermore, the sense of reality and seriousness of the impending darkness conveys itself through the breath-taking sets and visuals displays in the movie.

All the special effects were well-placed and seemed magical rather than digital, effortlessly blending believability and wonder into the film.

The debut premier of ―Conan‖, the new TBS late-night talk show, attracted 4.16 million viewers, according to Nielsen ratings, which ranked over the dynamic NBC and CBS late-night headliners. Movie-goers who are looking to see a children’s film will find themselves out of place. Death, blood and sexual tension compound upon the wandering and sinking emotions of the characters to create a dramatic sense of doom and hopelessness, save for the consolation that Harry knows for a fact he can bring the world back to light, he just has to figure out how, for he can just as easily be crushed by the darkness.

Only one or two minor points of the movie raised a question in being true to the book, and some moments in which the romantic and sexual tension heightened proved awkward, but overall these distinctions helped to build the newer, older version of the characters and the story.

The movie ends on a cliff hanger, to the annoyance of the audience but to the credit of director David Yates, who timed the decision so perfectly in the movie so that it left the audience with the right amount of contentment but left us wanting more out of the second and final part to be released sometime next year.

Aside from focusing on the first part of the adventure, Harry, Ron and Hermione that finds on a journey away from friends and family in search of a way to defeat Lord Voldemort, the film also enjoys the occasional support of other amazing characters and equally talented actors.

Reprising his role as Severus Snape, the mistrusted, private and mysterious murderer and former professor of Harry, Alan Rickman continues to give audience chills with his cold performance as a Death Eater, yet at the same time, the subtle expressions of his character belie a deeper and unknown conflict within Snape.

Also returning from appearances are: Helena Bonham Carter as the murderous Death Eater Bellatrix Lestrang, Evanna Lynch as the quirky schoolmate Luna Lovegood, Robbie Coltrai as Harry’s busy guardian mum, Ralph Fiennes as the sinister and powerful Lord Voldemort, Tom Felton as Death Eater and rival Harry of Draco Malfoy, and David Wethew as one of Harry’s few remaining mentors Remus Lupin, amongst many others.

Also, a few new faces were woven into the screen as Harry crossed the path of Rufus Scrimgeour, the newly appointed Minister of Magic and Xenophilius Lovegood, the father of schoolmate Luna.

Rufus, played by Bill Nighty only had a few brief appearances in the movie, but delivered the opening scene of foreboding and darkness which helped to set the stage for the film, and none better could have been cast for the role of the tough yet defeated character of Rufus then Nighty.

As for the father of light-hearted and oddball Luna, Xenophilius is played by Rhys Ifans who does a masterful job costumed up as a wizarding jester and bard of sorts and helps to enlighten Harry and friends on the lore of the Deathly Hallows.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One looks to be a blockbuster hit with the amount of talent on set and the degree of drama that the film is set to. It will be a long wait to the sequel and final conclusion to the series, but it will have been made better by the masterful storytelling of Rowling and Yates’ screenplay in this set-up piece.

Coco’s Comeback

O’Brien finds a new home at TBS, funny as ever

By JENNIFER BAUGH

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Pull out your Team Coco shirts and fake red beards. Conan is back!

The debut premiere of “Conan‖, the new TBS late-night talk show, attracted 4.16 million viewers, according to the Nielsen ratings, which ranked over the dynamic NBC and CBS late-night headliners. NBC’s “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno‖ drew about 3.5 million while CBS’ “Late Show with David Letterman‖ held a near 3.4 million viewers that same night.

“Conan‖ also achieved a 3.29 million viewership in the late-night slot, promising to “make you laugh‖, according to Andy Richter, and a host of celebrity guests. But can you really expect anything less than instant public acclaim with TBS’ promotional push for the show, which involved a constant rotation of the American Express commercial of O’Brien creating his “handmade‖ curtains from India.

TBS also featured those contradicting promo showcasing the simplicity of O’Brien’s attempts of finding comfort in a chair and an explosive demonstration of O’Brien driving a 1969 Dodge Dart armed with fireworks and un-popped popcorn off a cliff with the ending line of “That was expensive‖.

The relentless streaming of YouTube videos and Twitter messages didn’t seem to hurt the show’s success either. In this announcement, O’Brien tweeted, “Hey Internet: I’m headed to your town on the Being Funny On Television Tour.‖ In this announcement, O’Brien tweeted, “Hey Internet: I’m headed to your town on the Being Funny On Television Tour.‖

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All that drama is enough to lure the curios, but you wonder whether you are one of those, don’t forget to check out tonight’s show, which features Jesse Eisenberg, from the box-office hit “The Social Network,” Veena Williams and musical guest The Decemberists.
Coyote Spotlight on holiday blockbusters

These Hollywood hits are sure to make a splash on the silver screen right in time for winter break

By CODY WILLIAMS
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Hoping to make a triumphant return from a controversy-filled hiatus, Rihanna releases her fifth album in five years.

Rihanna makes a “Loud” statement

By BRITTANY SHAW
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It’s been five years since Rihanna stepped foot onto the music scene, and now five years later, she’s hoping to keep momentum and build upon her success with her newest album, “Loud.”

“Loud” was released Nov. 16 through her record label Def Jam.

“I made sure not to let a down with my music,” she wrote to fans during a chat on RihannaDaily.com. “You guys are always defending me, so now you get some great songs to justify it.”

It’s seemed in the past that Rihanna has had a hard time making a well-rounded album, but she does know how to make some good hits.

Good Girls Gone Bad debuted with a pop album that showed the singer was edgy, with style and sound.

2005’s Music of the Sun, 2006’s A Girl Like Me, brought good music, but not every song was taken in by fans.

Rated R, which was another edgy hit, but she might have taken the edge too far.

Although Rihanna did bring “Rude Boy” to her playlist with her album Rated R, it seemed like many fans were disappointed with the overall album.

“Loud” may be her redeeming album.

Now you have an 11-track set which starts with “S&M” and ends with “Love the Way You Lie” featuring Eminem.

In between these two songs, we find pure genius.

USA Today proclaims “On her fifth album in five years, she is on a freaky, fiery, fun trip. The edgy music, which leans heavily towards dance and island sounds, fits well with her less than blissful romantic raps.”

The album also features star rappers Drake and Nicki Minaj.

The song “Cheers (Drink to That)” samples the song “I’m with You” by Avril Lavigne.

“Loud” is, at points, a powerful reminder of Rihanna’s skills before the 2009 Grammys incident changed how we read her music.

The minor-key moments are still her best.” “Only Girl (In the World)” re-creates the chill-y trance of “Disturbia” with a newly vigorous vocal performance, said the Los Angeles Times.

“Loud” is a reminder of Rihanna’s skills, bringing a rave-ready album following a Gothic revenge tale, which is both to re-claim Rihanna’s once known power, and a hasty move to put what the magazines say behind her and get back on the charts.

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

Here comes the third movie of a beloved book series: The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis. The Voyage of the Dawn Treader is the next book in sequence from Prince Caspian, however, there is some growing concern.

According to the official trailer, Narnia is in danger which isn’t implicitly indicated at the onset of the book. There is a danger that The Voyage of the Dawn Treader might stray farther from the book than the last one.

In the book, Prince Caspian sets sail in search of the seven lords of Narnia exiled by his uncle. The trailer does not uncover the catalyst for the plot but the special effects ring similar to the events of the book. Hopefully the plot will follow closely to the plot of the book. Furthering the special effects, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader is being made in 3D, which may prove to be an asset.

The Tourist

The Tourist stars Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie. For no apparent reason, a beautiful woman (Jolie) starts conversing with some random guy on a train (Depp). Suddenly they’re posing as husband and wife and people start shooting at him.

The Tourist is a movie based off of mistaken identity and looks to be an exciting action movie with hidden twists mixed with hot romance.

Rabbit Hole

A Lionsgate production, Rabbit Hole is falling under the drama genre starring Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart.

A husband and wife are receiving grief counseling because of their only child’s death. The official trailer for rabbit hole does exceedingly well in portraying the depressing mood. The tragedy creates a marital rift threatens to destroy the marriage.

However the Rabbit Hole movie trailer indicates a happy ending. The nature of this movie is to be a tear-jeker.

TRON Legacy

After close to 30 years, TRON is being remade. Remade movies are dangerous to produce because they’re to be compared to the original. Modern special effects are going to make the movie expensively effective; however the choice of words TRON Legacy suggests the creators are going to try to outdo the original plot or go on an abstract tangent and movies that attempt that often fail to be satisfactory to viewers. One factor that is sure to help is that TRON Legacy is being made in 3D. This is the perfect movie to be shown in 3D but it seems to confirms that special effects is the main focus of the movie. It is very probable that the incredible visual effects are to compensate for a weak plot.

Gulliver’s Travels

Jack Black stars in another comedy movie, and this time it is based on “Gulliver’s Travels” the 1726 novel by Jonathan Swift. The film is taking a new turn as Gulliver works in a mail room. A man Gulliver hires quickly surpasses him and threatens to terminate his job. Gulliver then plagiarizes something from the Internet and gets an offer from the travel editor, whom he likes, to investigate a news story involving the Bermuda Triangle. It is there that Black as Gulliver is taken prisoner by a host of “smaller” people, and thus ensues Gulliver’s misfortunes and endeavors. This movie combines Black’s style of humor with the prospect of a love story. The only drawback is that “Gulliver’s Travels” is being done in 3D and it doesn’t seem to have the pedigree to warrant 3D.

True Grit

A forgotten genre: the Western is making an appearance on the big screen. The original True Grit starred John Wayne and is now being replaced by Jeff Bridges. The official movie trailer features a young girl who goes on an adventure seeking to avenge her father’s death. The trailer’s tone was quiet and slow, which if that is an accurate representation of the film, will not make for as entertaining a movie as the Westerns we remember, but a deeper and slower film.

Wyclef’s new political EP

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often ranked as one of the most corrupt on the planet, resulting in a country that is by measures the poorest in the Western world,” said Jean.

Although Jean’s political views were pleasing to those in the U.S., advancement in the political race was cut short.

Out of the 24 proposed candidates, 15 were disqualified; Jean was one of them.

The commission did not comment on exactly why the musician was disqualified from the race, but they did respond that Jean is not a resident of Haiti.

Even though he currently resides in New York with his wife and daughter, he was born and raised in Haiti for the first nine years of his life. The requirement to be a resident of Haiti is to have lived there in the past five years consecutively.

In Jean’s blog, he responds to his disqualification and offers comfort to his supporters, “I want to assure my countrymen that I will continue to work for Haiti’s renewal; though the board has determined that I am not a resident of Haiti, home is where the heart is—and my heart has and will always be in Haiti.”

Jean returned to the states humble and even more persistent to help his native country through what he does best; creating music.

In his leaked song from the new album, “Election Time,” Jean sings: “If I was president, the first thing I would do is get all them people out of them tents,” referring to the cities of tents that hundreds of thousands of Haitians call home due to the devastating earthquake in Jan. 2010.

Jean has plans for a world tour “The Haitian Experience,” for summer of 2011.

The juxtaposition between music and politics are important in this day and age, and Jean has used that to his advantage; all the while breaking geographical barriers.

The album comes out in December, with a few songs leaked that will please anyone with an ear for democracy.

For more information on Jean’s upcoming new album, If I Were President: My Haitian Experience, or to learn more about his humanitarian efforts in Haiti, go to wyclefjean.wordpress.com

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Why Coyotes are thankful

By SHARONDA HARRIS
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CSUSB students and staff gave canned food and donated unwrapped toys during the third annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 17.

Students and staff shared what they are thankful for this holiday season.

“I’m grateful for today and the way it looks. When you are having a bad week a good day gives you hope,” said Brandon Powell.

“I’m not from the Inland Empire and my family is not around me so I’m thankful for my support system on-campus, and in San Bernardino.”

“I have my brothers, fraternity, and friends. We are not blood related, but we are family. We help each other reciprocally. And I’m thankful for my health, I have no ailments,” said Brase Gibson.

Michael Cox said, “I’m thankful to be able to smile everyday, I love to stay happy; sometimes we forget to enjoy life.”

“I’m thankful to be alive because living in this era a lot of kids get into trouble and die early. I’m also thankful for God and his passion in my life,” said Kenneth Mosely.

Cynthia Martinez said, “I’m thankful for being able to go to school, getting an education, and making my family proud.”

“I am thankful for my parents because they have taught me great morals and values, and that’s why I’m the woman I am,” said Hamminder Thind.

Nick Akingbm said, “I’m thankful for life, my family and so much in the world.”

“I’m thankful for my family because without them there’s no me, my heart and soul,” said Sidney Hall.

“I’m thankful for working ligaments, my legs and arms. Everybody doesn’t have the ability to walk,” said David Jefferson.

Nate Roth said, “I’m thankful for Jesus and my mother basically that’s what I’m about without the two I don’t know where I would be.”

Students aren’t the only ones who are thankful, CSUSB staff and faculty got into the holiday spirit, and other 167 of the things that they are thankful for.

“I’m thankful for the time I get to spend with my family, it is just for a minute because I have a hectic schedule,” said Tyler St. Jean, Program Board staff member.

Fabian Calzada of the Leadership & Development Staff said, “I’m thankful to come to this university and have a job on campus because a lot of people don’t have the opportunity to go to college.”

Rosemary Zometra, Program Board Coordinator said, “I’m thankful for my family because without them my life would be incomplete.”

Judi Cruz of the Osher Adult Re-Entry Center Coordinator shared, “I’m thankful for all the beautiful people around me. I’m thankful for the students and people who work to help others.

“I see how hard-earned their parents work and I am thankful I am able to give back to them and the community through my service and volunteer projects,” said Basheil Justice, Junior Financial Aid and Program aided staff member.

It’s important to remember what we are thankful for, and be grateful to the people who give us. Even though the holidays do tend to bring people together it shouldn’t be the only time we show our gratitude to each other.

Get in the know for the Big One

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California is well known as a region of high seismic risk; its history is marked by several earthquakes.

Within the next 30 years, scientists expect a massive shake down here in San Bernardino: the Big One.

The risk of an earthquake is real and there is nothing we can do to stop it. As the specialists can not predict it, we must be prepared.

According to Kelly Huston, assistant agency secretary for public and crisis communication at California’s Emergency Management Agency, while most Californians are aware that an earthquake may strike soon, some of them do not feel prepared enough for such an event.

This perception is shared by some students at CSUSB.

“I’ve never experienced it before so I don’t know what to expect. If it happens when I’m here, I will not really know what to do because earthquakes don’t happen frequently in Quebec,” said Stéphanie Gagné, an international student.

Waiting for the Big One, Californians must be ready. To reduce the damage, several actions must be planned before, during and after the earthquake.

Before an earthquake, everyone should inspect his or her home and imagine what might happen.

Southern California Earthquake Center authorities suggest to prepare a basic emergency kit. It should contain at least three days worth of essential supplies (blankets, non-perishable food, manual can-opener, bottles of water, flashlight, cash in small denominations).

Your emergency kit must also include photocopies of your personal documents (insurance policies, Social Security card, driver’s licence).

Unfortunately, as I was talking with students, it does not seem that everyone is as prepared as they should be.

“I’m very concerned about the possibility of the Big One, but seriously I do not have an emergency kit,” said Mark Delgado.

There are steps to stay safe.

Students take the time to help out by doing a good cause by donating canned food for the needy right in time for Thanksgiving.
There is no campus activity more stigmatized than Greek Life. From the notion of “buying one’s friends” to the idea that Greeks do nothing but party, drive, and have sex, there is no shortage of negative stereotypes about fraternities and sororities.

Most non-affiliated students hold at least one misconception about what it means to be Greek. But a little research reveals that most of these ideas simply aren’t true.

“A lot of people hear ‘Greek’ and think, ‘Oh, those guys are all about drinking and partying,” said Anthony Garcia, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon. “Yeah, there’s a lot of partying, just like with any college students. But there’s a whole lot more to being a Greek.”

Partying is only one aspect of Greek life. Fraternities and sororities also contribute a lot to their communities through philanthropic events, and most hold their members to high academic and behavioral standards.

In fact, while every chapter has members known for partying and crazy antics, many Greeks choose not to drink at all.

“Greeks organizations benefit their members by teaching us about leadership, time management, cooperation and give us far more real-world business and life experiences than college can offer,” said Asher Kalief, Con-sul of Sigma Chi.

In fact, these opportunities play a major role in many students’ decisions to go Greek.

The real-world benefits of being in a fraternity or sorority are very real.

According to Ecu.edu, almost all U.S. presidents and vice-presidents, 42 percent of U.S. senators, 40 percent of Supreme Court justices, and 30 percent of Fortune 500 executives are Greek – out of a mere 2 percent of the Ameri-can population.

“For me [the best thing about it] is the knowledge I have with me regarding her operations running, as well as allowing members other perks such as matching shirts, get-togethers, and other events. This is epitomized in Greek organizations, which provide members with clothing, dances, events, and other great perks.

The benefits of being Greek last long after members have graduated from college, and they far outweigh the fees chapters must pay to run their chapter.

Being Greek makes one feel a part of something so much larger than his- or herself, and larger even than one’s college campus.

If you hold these or other negative beliefs about fraternities or sororities, you should get to know members here on campus and learn more about Greek life firsthand.
An eating disorder can destroy your life. It can change the vision you have of yourself, in a way only a few people can understand.

Anorexia, for example, is a serious psychological disorder. It is characterized by a significantly reduced appetite and is a condition that goes beyond strict dieting.

The person with anorexia, most often a girl or young woman, initially begins dieting to lose weight. Over time, the weight loss becomes an obsession.

The drive to become thinner is powered by concerns about control and fears relating to body image. One person continues the endless cycle of restrictive eating, often to a point close to starvation. This becomes an obsession and often compared to an addiction to drugs.

One of the many reasons why young adults become easily obsessed with their weight is because of what they see in the media.

Magazines, television shows, movies, any of these forms of media almost always portray one kind of person. Young adults are often under a lot of pressure to fit into society’s standards. In some way, they are led to believe that if they are thin, they will be accepted.

Television shows like “Degrassi,” whose character Emma is anorexic, expose the real side of the problem. The storyline may start as a little shocking to audiences familiar with the character’s personality. Emma is a pretty, intelligent and popular student at Degrassi High School. Why would she have insecurities about her body? This is what makes the story so powerful, because it is the last thing people expect from the plot.

The writers show anorexia under realistic circumstances. Although people may be familiar with eating disorders and their consequences, most of its representation is not right.

Thankfully, the show moves far away from the mainstream idea that anorexia and bulimia simply reflect self-conscious teens. Rather, it displays it as the ugly disease that it truly is.

Many people need a role model to look up to. Unfortunately, too many of them chose fashion models or actresses as their role models.

There are also television shows about eating disorders. TLC’s “Freaky Eaters” is one of them. The show deals with people who have bizarre addictions to food in relation to an eating disorder.

Each episode is titled with the words “Addicted to ...” and whatever the food is.

In one of the episodes, a man realizes he needs professional help to break free from his pizza addiction. In another one, a woman is very defensive when confronted about her French fries addiction.

That is only some of the many addictions described through the episodes.

There are many myths concerning eating disorders. One is that you can’t always tell someone is anorexic by their appearance. Not all anorexics look like the extreme cases shown on talk shows. They look thin, but they do not have what society considers to be the “anorexic” look.

An eating disorder can be any type of unhealthy relation with food, but it can be treated.

People who seek help and get out of it feeling they have a second chance in life. There is always hope.
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You can enroll in Fred Gravatt’s ASL classes ASL 101 and ASL 102 now through MyCoyote for the Winter 2011 quarter

American Sign Language (ASL) is among the most commonly used languages in the United States, ranked third, outshined only by Spanish and English. And each year CSUSB students interested in the ASL program find themselves somewhere within the long list of students waiting to take ASL classes.

Those interested in ASL come from all walks of life; from people hoping to become teachers, to students wanting to learn for fun, or those looking for alternatives to other common languages while fulfilling language requirements.

After speaking with Fred Gravatt, CSUSB’s only part-time ASL instructor, I learned that ASL offers a wide range of benefits that extend beyond a better quality of life for people with hearing disabilities.

During our conversation Gravatt explained that there are plenty of jobs out there for people who know ASL and the growing need for interpreters is overwhelming. Sign language skills have been proven to be vital in the career of law enforcement. “It is important for police officers to be able to speak to deaf civilians,” said Gravatt, as a wrongly interpreted message could put someone in harm.

“Mothers are finding that sign language is a more effective way to communicate with their infants,” said Gravatt. “And children grow up with the advantages of being bilingual.”

It is ironic that a program that teaches one of the most commonly used languages appears to have been swept under the rug.

According to Gravatt there’s great need for program expansion at CSUSB but there are too few believers in the ASL market who are willing to provide the resources and funding necessary for the growth the program so desperately needs. “It is less of a money issue as it is that most people just don’t see the need,” said Gravatt.

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By MATT SHAW Staff Writer

Speaking out with open hands

American Sign Language (ASL) is among the most commonly used languages in the United States, ranked third, outshined only by Spanish and English. And each year CSUSB students interested in the ASL program find themselves somewhere within the long list of students waiting to take ASL classes.

Those interested in ASL come from all walks of life; from people hoping to become teachers, to students wanting to learn for fun, or those looking for alternatives to other common languages while fulfilling language requirements.

After speaking with Fred Gravatt, CSUSB’s only part-time ASL instructor, I learned that ASL offers a wide range of benefits that extend beyond a better quality of life for people with hearing disabilities.

During our conversation Gravatt explained that there are plenty of jobs out there for people who know ASL and the growing need for interpreters is overwhelming. Sign language skills have been proven to be vital in the career of law enforcement. “It is important for police officers to be able to speak to deaf civilians,” said Gravatt, as a wrongly interpreted message could put someone in harm.

“Mothers are finding that sign language is a more effective way to communicate with their infants,” said Gravatt. “And children grow up with the advantages of being bilingual.”

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The Latino Baseball History Project has launched a new exhibit that has been years in the making and has finally come to the John Pflau Library at CSUSB.  
The project opened a new exhibit titled “Legends of American Baseball: Jimmy ‘Chayo’ Rodriguez.”  
“It makes me happy and glad that people think about me as contributing something to the community in the area of sports,” said Rodriguez.  
The project launched at CSUSB in 2009, but began as a collaboration with Terry Cannon Executive Director of the Baseball Hall of Fame and Cesar Caballero, who was then an Associate Library Dean at California State University, Los Angeles in 2004.  
The feedback was amazing. Many Latino baseball players had great stories to tell and many artifacts to contribute to the exhibit.  
The project focuses on educating people on the Latino baseball movement. Latino baseball exploded in the Southern California culture in the early 1900s to the 1970s. Cannon and Caballero’s mission was to educate people on this amazing time in history.  
The exhibit honors the achievements of Mexican-American baseball players, both on and off the field.  
The exhibit contains artifacts and memorabilia from the project’s collection, and also photographs of the players. Display cases are filled with things such as jerseys, photographs, gloves, bats, baseball cards, paintings and many other unique things pertaining to Latino baseball history.  
An inaugural reception was held on Wednesday Nov. 17 in the library. The exhibit will be open through Dec. 22.  

Billy White is the key to SDSU’s team as they make a run for the championship.  

By CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ  
Staff Writer  

For the second straight year the NCAA men’s basketball began the year with a 24 hour marathon.  
Twenty one games spanned in the full 24 hour period while televised between ESPN, ESPN-U and ESPN 3. When the all day marathon ended, it wasn’t top ranked Duke University and Michigan State University that were the talk of the division; yet, it was the obscure upsets that made the headlines.  
Senior forward Billy White and his teammates of number 25 ranked San Diego State University (SDSU) entered the home court of the number 11 ranked Gonzaga University as underdogs and a low chance of victory.  
Thanks to the help of White who had 30 points and went 14-18 for his field-goal attempts, SDSU came up with the an upset to beat Gonzaga and move up in the rankings and keep their spot in the AP Top 25.  
“We know we had to come away with a win and let everybody in the world know that we can play with the best of them,” SDSU’s White told reporters.  
Number 16 ranked Butler University came into the brand new home of the Louisville University Cardinals also favored to win their match in the tip-off tournament. Louisville started off the game with a quick 8-0 run with key shots and plays from Cardinals players Mike Marra and Terrance Jennings.  
Butler never recovered. Louisville pulled the upset victory with an 88-73 to drop Butler in the rankings and with a record of 1-1.  
“We got out-played,” said Butler head coach Brad Stevens in the post game conference.  
“I think in every which way, we got out-played. We probably got, for whatever reason, caught up in the atmosphere. And [Louisville is] really good. Don’t let anybody else tell you they’re not. They’ve got 10 or 11 players who could play at a lot of places,” said Stevens.  
Though the upsets and shock losses were a bit peculiar, top seeds such as Duke and Michigan State held their high ranks close and let the nation know just how powerful their teams are.  
Fresh from their fourth national championship, Duke’s Blue Devils under head coach Mike Krzyzewski’s are already favored to win a championship again this season and have since humbled Miami University (Ohio) by a score of 79-45 to remain at the top of the all polls and rankings with a record of 2-0.  
Though losing some key players, they still have a justifiable shot to go back-to-back with another NCAA Championship.  
Kyle Singler and Andre Dawkins are prominent returns to the team and are now joined by Kyle Irving and Seth Curry (younger brother of NBA’s Stephen Curry) to solidify the lineup of Krzyzewski.  
Coach Tom Izzo’s Michigan State Spartans, ranked number two, came up victorious 82-73 to South Carolina University.  
Delvin Roe of Michigan State lead the team to a win with key numbers of 15 points, six assists, and five rebounds.  
As the season continues and all of the NCAA baseball teams have their eyes set on March, it is unsure to see what the rest of college hoops bring for the rest of the season.  
The wonderful thing of college basketball is that it can be anybody’s magical season. Now we sit back and enjoy, until March Madness comes around.
It is against NCAA rules for student athletes to receive incentives. But professional agents are making deals too good to ignore.

By J. LEVI BURNFIN
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Reggie Bush was one of the most exciting athletes to ever play college football but his off the field actions may have had the most impact on college football.

Bush was the first modern player to have allegedly received benefits that caused the NCAA to place severe sanctions on a major university.

In 2006, right before the NFL draft, allegations arose claiming Bush and his family received improper benefits, including a house he his parents lived in, while he was playing at the University of Southern California (USC).

NCAA athletes are prohibited from receiving financial or other incentives to play because of their status as amateurs. The allegations led to a four-year NCAA investigation that eventually led to several NCAA sanctions being levied against USC, including vacated wins in USC’s championship 2005 season, a two-year bowl ban for the football team in 2010 and 2011 and a loss of 10 scholarships per year for three years.

Bush also voluntarily returned the Heisman Trophy he won in 2005 after being declared ineligible and the Heisman committee to consider stripping Newton of the Heisman trophy.

In addition, USC sanctioned its own basketball program based on improper benefits received by basketball star O.J. Mayo while he was at USC.

USC vacated wins during the 2008-2009 season and withdrew from all post-season play in the 2009-2010 season. USC was the first major program, in the recent era of college football, to be investigated by the NCAA for violations regarding players receiving improper benefits but it is not the only program.

Prior to the 2010 NCAA football season, North Carolina came under investigation because of allegations involving players receiving improper benefits from an NFL agent.

Later, allegations arose claiming several players used the same tutor to plagiarize on school essays.

Fourteen players were suspended for at least one game and seven were suspended for the entire season.

Further sanctions may be handed down by the NCAA once the investigation is complete.

Auburn quarterback Cam Newton is under investigation involving allegations that his father or a man claiming he represented Newton, asked universities for money upwards of $100,000 for Newton’s enrollment into their school.

Newton is a major investigation right now because he is the front runner for this year’s Heisman and many voters have expressed worry of having another Bush situation where Newton is declared ineligible after winning the Heisman, causing the Heisman committee to consider stripping Newton of the Heisman trophy.

However, the investigation is not like-ly to be completed before the end of the season.

While USC’s, North Carolina’s and Cam Newton’s investigations were a major development in college athletics, the wide-spread nature of players receiving benefits was not public until a former NFL agent, Josh Luchs, released a semi-memoir titled “Confessions of a Former Agent,” detailing his involvement with several high college football stars in the 80s and 90s.

In his essay, Luchs describes paying several players while they were in college hoping the players would later sign with him before they entered the NFL.

Luchs considered it an investment. If he could pay players a couple thousand dollars while they are in college and they signed with him before they entered the NFL.

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Even after the laws passed, agents still paid players but they more often used middle-men so they would not be caught.

Carl Greenwood, Othello Henderson, Matt Soenksen, Chris Alexander, Bruce Walker, Jonathan Ogden and Singor Mboley confirmed their involvement in Luchs story.

The NCAA sanctions on USC and North Carolina were the first wave of major Universities being sanctioned for player benefits and they will not be the last.

College student-athletes have such a demand on their time that having a part-time job is out of the question.

The student-athletes must not only have a full class schedule, they attend daily practices, out of town games and team workouts.

A part-time job is not practical, especially during the season, so how are the athletes supposed to have enough money to enjoy simple things such as going to see a movie, buying a new video game or even paying for cellular service.

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The championship came down to CSUSB and Seattle Pacific University Saturday night. It was the match-up most had anticipated since SPU was seeded second right behind the Coyotes.

The Falcons kept giving the ‘Yotes a run for their money, taking small leads in the beginning of the sets, but CSUSB battled back every time with the crowd behind them. Even with the Falcon’s defense keeping them in the game, it was not enough to hold back the 15 powerful kills from Nicole Moore and CCAA Player of the year, Samantha Middleborn, had 10 kills of her own.

The Coyotes won the first two competitive sets, 25-22 and 25-22, but then laid down the hammer on SPU in the third set taking it 25-14.

Again the CSUSB crowd of 574 took out their keys and began chanting “Drive home safely,” to the opposing team, stating to the Falcons that it was indeed over and the game belonged to the Coyotes.

CSUSB now heads to Louisville, Ky. along with seven other teams that won their regional championship to fight it out for the ultimate collegiate prize of National Championship.

The Lady ‘Yotes will face off against Concordia University-St. Paul on Dec. 2. Unfortunately for the Coyotes, they are familiar with the Golden Bears from Minnesota. CU-St. Paul has beat CSUSB in the past two years to end their season.

The Coyotes will have their work cut out for them, but it will be rewarding if they bring home the school’s first National Championship.

CSUSB wins NCAA Western Regional Championship, advancing to Louisville, Kentucky

By JESUS ROMERO AND MONIQUE BELTRAN

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The team celebrating after their win over Seattle Pacific University in the championship game of the Western Regionals.

Jane Chafeh slams it past Seattle’s defenders to start a rally in the third set of the Western Regional’s Championship.