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CSUSB students and staff gathered on Nov. 8 to discuss the causes and effects of the explosive Occupy Wall Street movement.

The event entitled “Why Occupy,” was presented by CSUSB Economics Department Chair Mayo Toruno and Economics Professor Eric Nilsson.

“Why Occupy?” opened with the discussion of what Toruno and Nilsson believe are some of the key factors that contributed to the protest.

Some of the factors mentioned include the government’s response to the recession, federal bailouts to large corporations, the 47 million people in the U.S. living below the poverty line and the 14 million people in the U.S. who are unemployed.

“The Occupy Wall Street movement is the people’s reaction to injustice,” said Toruno.

Many asked questions about what Toruno called the most spontaneous uprising since the 1960s. According to Toruno, the Occupy movement is the first of its kind.

In the past, unions would not be in support of such a protest, however, there are many unions that now stand behind the movement.

The Occupy Wall Street movement initially started in Zuccotti Park, also known as Liberty Park, in New York City with 2,000 people present. The purpose of the protest was to target economic inequality and corporate greed.

Social media has played a large part in the spread of the movement.

“The use of social networks and technology help to explain the explosion,” said Toruno.

Students discussed how through Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr, supporters of the movement can help contribute to its expansion.

According to OccupyTogether.org there are currently 2,633 occupy movements taking place worldwide.

The discussion of who is to blame for the recession revolved around federal bailouts to large corporations.

“Wall Street got us into this mess and then got bailed [out],” said Toruno. “However, if they didn’t bail out Wall Street things would have gotten worse,” he continued.

Students expressed mixed opinions on who is to blame. According to some, bailing Wall Street will not get anything done.

“Targeting Wall Street will not do anything,” said student Erika Thomas. “The politicians are who we should target,” she continued.

Others believe the movement is correctly directed at Wall Street.

“Wall Street has the politicians in their pockets. Of course they’re to blame,” said student Felix Sanchez.

Whether or not Wall Street is to blame for our country’s current situation is uncertain. The question is what will result from the Wall Street movement.

Both Nilsson and Toruno are not sure.

“I don’t know where it will go, I hope it ripples things up and brings about policies that eliminate poverty,” said Toruno.

Members of the California Faculty Association (CFA) held an informational picket at CSUSB Nov. 9 as part of an ongoing labor contract dispute with CSU executives.

A CFA conference call took place on Monday, Nov. 7, where it was revealed 93 percent of CFA members statewide had voted to support a strike.

The CFA board voted to authorize a one-day strike Thursday, Nov. 17, at CSU Dominguez Hills and CSU East Bay.

Though not part of the strike, the picket at CSUSB drew attention to the CFA’s grievances.

The picketers moved throughout the campus chanting against CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed and the system’s negotiation practices.

The CFA board made it clear during the conference call that they are striking over Reed’s refusal to uphold his agreement in 2007 about faculty raises for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years.

Marx says Reed wants to add more online classes, basically managed by the Chancellor’s office.

Marx refers the CSU online program as the 24th campus.

The motivation for online classes is for profit and it would change the quality of campus education if faculty were not behind the classes, according to Marx.

Some CSUSB faculty will be supporting the Nov. 17 strike at CSU Dominguez Hills.

Marx explained some may take a personal holiday, give students outside class assignments, have others teach their class or utilize Blackboard for their classes.

“There is a whole menu of options in lieu of canceling their classes. We will be back after 4 p.m. for those classes in the
Faculty association protests for bargaining rights

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evening,” Marx said.

According to Marx, the reason for the strike is clearly the unpaid wages, however, there is a larger cancer in the system, the top one percent of management being in control and a lack of faculty governance.

“As reported from the CFA website, “The strike is symptomatic of much bigger problems, not just the issues we are striking over.””

A Students for Quality Education (SQE) flier states, “while 99 percent of the CSU suffers, the top one percent is getting richer.”

SQE will be speaking out in front of the Pfau Library Nov. 16. The faculty and students are “linked” explained Marx.

However, some students are not in agreement with the faculty’s motives.

“They already have jobs, what about us?” said Greg Brown.

Other students answered the CFA members’ chant “Whose university? Our university!”

“I pay tuition,” they replied repetitively.

Marx, in a former interview with the Coyote Chronicle said, “There were 607 salary raises (worth $6.5 million) awarded in the last two years to administrators while, 10,000 courses were cut and over 2,500 faculty lost work.”

Marx went on to explain in that interview, the 2011-2012 CSU budget is over $200 million more than it was in the faculty contract negotiated back in the 2007-2008 school year.

March added recently, “There’s no question, a strike is implemented. Are you ready?”

Reed has yet to comment on the informational pickets that will take place across the CSU campuses.

Recognition for warriors

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assistance to student veterans on campus. Rincon believes there is a large military presence on campus and for that reason, CSUSB should have the right resources to provide all the help needed.

“California is the home to the nation’s largest population of veterans and as of Fall 2011 there are 347 registered veterans at CSUSB,” Rincon explained.

Rincon believes that there are many people on campus who are willing to help veterans, and for that reason, CSUSB is considered a veteran-friendly campus. He announced that CSUSB President Dr. Albert K. Karnig has recently approved to establish a new veterans center on campus. The proposed center will provide help to student veterans.

Currently, there is a task group that consists of 23 staff and faculty members who get together every month to discuss different ways to help student veterans, according to Rincon. This group is now working on the new veteran’s center that will be established on campus; there is no prospective completion date at this point.

Rincon believes this annual ceremony is “important for CSUSB to pause for this very special moment and reflect on the heroes who sacrifice their lives for our freedom.”

Major Mary Scott, who is a part of the CSUSB Army ROTC, spoke about the history of Veterans Day and reminded the audience about the meaning of the national holiday. She cited the U.S. Center of Military Services when explaining its history. Scott said in November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.

This occurred shortly after World War I had officially ended and its purpose was for the nation to pause and pay tribute to both the dead and alive who had served. Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in the U.S. after World War II.

Scott also explained that the moment of silence is held every Nov. 11 on the eleventh hour for two minutes to remember those who, she believes, have paid the ultimate price in the name of liberty.
Student Union to finish year off strong

By KENNY JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) holds numerous events that welcome students, faculty and community members. It’s a place where you can go to eat, mingle, watch television or simply study.

“The SMSU is a great place to get information for events and just to hang out with fellow friends,” said student Tytytana Owens.

The events that the SMSU produces include everything from workshops to help students manage money to class study sessions, to a wide array of seminars with expert guest speakers.

“Stop Putting Your Life on Hold” is an upcoming event that can be useful for students that need help getting through tough times.

Health Educator and Wellness Coordinator Carlos Carrio will offer tips on how to reduce self-induced stress that can immobilize people from taking action and accomplishing goals.

The event will be held in the Sky Box (SU-210) on Nov. 16.

The holiday season is right around the corner, the closest being Thanksgiving, and the SMSU Program Board is gearing up to provide free food Nov. 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The first 200 students will be able to partake in the feast, but if you come in after those initial attendees, you can still bring a canned food item or a new toy to be entered into a raffle.

After you fill your face with free food, there will be an event that will help provide knowledge on how to eat healthy for the upcoming holidays.

The event is entitled “Healthy Holiday Eating.” The event will be held in the FourPlex (SU-217) on Nov. 23 from 12-1 p.m.

Hosted by Dorothy Chen-Maynard, the discussion will include how to make smart, healthy decisions you won’t regret during such a tempting time of the year.

Within the SMSU there is also the Pride Center.

The Pride Center educates about and advocates for LG-BTQQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Ally) rights and produces many events, two of which are being held this month.

The first event will be held on Nov. 22 from 12-2 p.m. in the Pride Center.

The second event will be held Nov. 29 from 12-2 p.m. in the Pride Center and is called “Bad Romance.”

This event focuses on domestic abuse in queer relationships.

There will also be an event that provides students with packets filled with the proper materials to help them get through finals week.

“The packets are very helpful. They give you Scantrons and pencils, the most important tools for finals,” said student Kameo Cline.

These are just the remaining events for the month of November. The SMSU holds many events throughout the school year. For more information on events held in the SMSU students can visit studentunion.csusb.edu.
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Medical marijuana dispensaries raided

Three dispensaries in San Bernardino County were raided following an undercover DEA investigation

Pro: Drop the pot, CA

By NICOLE MALDONADO  Staff Writer

Six medicinal marijuana properties in Colton were raided Nov. 2 for allegedly selling marijuana to the general public. What else is new?

Some say the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) was just doing its job; others believe the organization misused its position.

I believe the DEA was completely in the right for raiding these establishments because they need to be exclusively serving patients that truly need the marijuana for their health conditions.

According to the Justice Department’s web site, a main responsibility of the DEA is the “enforcement of the provisions of the Controlled Substances Act as they pertain to the manufacture, distribution, and dispensing of legally produced controlled substances.”

The reason for the raids in Colton, Moreno Valley and Upland were due to the fact that undercover agents with no medical conditions were able to buy medical marijuana with fake recommendations.

The investigation conducted was within perfect compliance with the DEA’s job authority. The DEA was doing its job to make sure the dispensaries were doing what they are designed to do — provide patients that have real medical conditions with medical marijuana.

These dispensaries, however, were not providing marijuana properly. Think about the FDA and health inspections in places where you eat every day. The FDA does its job to make sure the restaurants are following the rules. Good thing for these inspections because highly doubt anyone of us would go to a place to eat with a rating any less than an “A.”

Might I repeat, the DEA was doing its job. You don’t always get a heads up that the health inspector is coming.

We constantly hear of dispensaries being shut down all over the place. To avoid all this headache and raiding, dispensaries should be eliminated altogether.

I believe all patients, who need medical marijuana for health purposes, should only go to a doctor’s office in order to prescribe medical marijuana that can be filled at medically certified pharmacies.

If they do this, the likelihood of people who want to use marijuana for non-medical reasons will diminish because they will not be able to receive it. Therefore, this may eliminate the need for dispensaries, which as of now, are being abused by these individuals.

If there were real pharmacies such as Kaiser that could issue medical marijuana to patients who need it, there wouldn’t be such an excessive number of dispensaries in one city.

For example, one search on weed maps.com will find over 50 dispensaries scattered throughout the greater L.A. Empire.

If the only legal way to obtain medical marijuana for real health needs would be through a doctor’s prescription, dispensaries would disappear and the DEA could focus on more drug problems on the streets, to prevent crime.

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Con: Keep CA 420 friendly

By LOUIS PENNA  Opinion Editor

Medical marijuana dispensaries do not openly sell their products to the public. The investigation that led to the raiding of six local properties related to the distribution of medical marijuana was conducted on botched premises.

Undercover Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) agents made fake requests to buy marijuana from a collective owned by Aaron Sandersky. The raid was justified on the fact that neither of these agents had any health conditions, yet they were able to buy marijuana.

Sandersky said he checked the license and a record of the dispensary on their recommendations as protocol. According to the DEA’s reasoning, a dispensary worker should be able to evaluate a patient’s condition upon adulthood.

“How do you see cancer? My dad died from a brain tumor and so didn’t see it until he died. If he’d seen a doctor to find out things,” said Sandersky. Numerous studies conducted by the University of California Center for Medicinal Cannabis found that cannabis has been considered the “first line treatment” for neuropathic pain associated with diabetes, HIV/AIDS, cancer and other debilitating conditions.

The deceitful and mismanaged DEA was trying to catch the dispensary in a lie they never told. Prop 215 requires the clinic that issues the medical marijuana license as the one responsible for evaluating whether or not a patient will medically benefit from marijuana.

Whether or not the DEA agrees with it, marijuana helps treat those that are terminally and disabled by their illnesses. The real crime is the federal government taking medication away from these patients.

The proponent writer suggests that only doctors should be able to prescribe medical marijuana and so have those prescriptions filled by pharmacies just as with regular medication. This approach would be controlled by the same people that she defends, the federal government.

The DEA could never pass marijuana as a proper drug to be openly prescribed to American patients. Excluding the FDA, what health insurance company would approve the use of marijuana to any patient? Private insurance companies denies policies to frightening acts on the American public.

The martial of marijuana still stands. It is a question that bypasses the unbias truth of marijuana can defeat narrow-mindedness.

The truth is that marijuana has been falsely, propagated as harmful throughout American history. In prohibition in 1937 is partially credited to businessman William Randolph Hearst’s campaign to outlaw hemp, an industrial cannabis crop.

Hearst helped run a racist driven scare campaign that showed Mexicans and blacks smoking marijuana whilst committing horrendous acts on the American public. Enter the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937: it saved Hearst’s timber industry and solidified cannabis as a wicked, devilish substance ever since.

Ironically, America’s first marijuana laws were mandatory “must grow” orders for every farmer to grow Indian hemp or face jail time.

Greed, government and ignorance slowly crept over the lives.

I challenge readers to genuinely challenge their culturally programmed perception of marijuana through investigative research as thejudgments have been misshaped from those that benefit from the suppression of this miraculous substance.

In God We Trust: a motto and an attitude

By SUANNA GUTIERREZ  Staff Writer

The House of Representatives passed a bill last week to reaffirm the nation’s motto as the phrase “In God We Trust.”

While this sparks many topics to debate, it is a bill that I can support through the constant bate, it is a bill that I can support through the constant

The word “God” in the nation’s motto doesn’t define any particular deity or supernatural power, it refers to the notion that people in general have their own beliefs as to how we came into being and how or not to live our lives.

In my opinion, the motto strongly refers to the thought that no matter what divine power you have faith in, deity, or lack of belief in an intelligent creator, we as a nation can individually use our personal beliefs as a moral compass to navigate our country in a manner that benefits the greater good.

I feel that the use of the word “God” was not intended to exclude any group which does not claim a belief in a God or creator.

If we believe each human is equal by nature, then each man’s thought and faith must be equal too.

The framers made it a point to separate church and state in order to serve as the validity of establishing true equality among the people of the U.S., and our nation’s motto embodies that.

Even though I feel the motto is a pivotal aspect of the nation’s foundation, it’s hard to deny that it doesn’t stir up other topics like gender and gay equality or the progression of science and its understanding.

Such topics are dividing to the American people, and while it may be hard to sift through or discuss, they are conflicts that the framers never wanted us to avoid.

It is a reminder to the American people to be made up of many, not one. If there are constant competing interest it eliminates majority factions and ultimately opposes it.

As a nation we cannot continue to make law or practice legislative power if the very foundations that grant the power have been cast aside.

The recent reaffirming legislation may seem like a counterproductive distraction from job bills, health care, Occupy Wall Street, fast and furious and solyndra energy disasters, but it’s a reminder of the nation’s motto that bind us together and make us uniquely American.
I can haz nootral internetz?

By VICKI COLBERT  Staff Writer

I imagine having to call and ask your mobile service provider every time you wanted to use your Facebook application on your smart phone. This would drive the average smart phone user insane if it were not for a net neutrality bill.

Earlier in his presidency, Barack Obama, his administration and the FCC, this is actually a long-term accomplishment and advantage for all Internet users. Many people have struggled with this new term “net neutrality” and have little knowledge of its actual meaning. Hardly any CSUSB students knew what the net neutrality bill is.

I bet they would find out if their ISP refused or altered access to researching, watching videos and social media web sites. Net neutrality, also known as Internet neutrality or network neutrality, is open Internet traffic among all ISPs. To be more specific, “Net neutrality advocates no restrictions by ISPs and governments on content, sites, platforms, the kinds of equipment that may be attached, and the modes of communication,” according to the International Business Times.

In short, net neutrality prevents ISPs from prioritizing the flow of content and essentially introducing capitalism to the world wide web. “With net neutrality, the network’s only job is to move data — not to pick and choose which data to privilege with better service,” stated by the Free Press, a non-profit media organization. ISPs favor regulation of Internet traffic and access because it essentially eliminates competition of other leading Internet service providers.

But are the Internet companies really looking out for the consumer’s best interest? Internet has been and should always remain an open forum for information and entertainment. Furthermore, ISPs, especially ones in conjunction with mobile service providers, should not block any data or alter Internet connection speeds because consumers pay on average two hundred or more dollars for these smart phones along with a data plan. The basis for even having a smart phone is mainly to access the Internet. Even more so, wireless and Ethernet Internet is not cheap. I can’t imagine hard working, well deserving consumers paying for Internet access that is partially accessible. That’s a rip off.

Competition is healthy but greed is pushing the limits of the American consumers. Without the net neutrality laws that will be implemented later this month, corporations would have continued to practice the worst kinds of capitalism.

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Net neutrality saved the web

By VICKI COLBERT  Staff Writer

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“Bieber baby” needs a daddy

By CHRIS JOHNSON  Staff Writer

Justin Bieber is being credited with the honor of baby-daddy of a three-month old boy he supposedly helped conceive with a then 19-year-old girl. Mariah Yeater, 20, has filed a paternity suit against Bieber claiming she was impregnated by him backstage at an L.A. concert last year, according to L.A. Weekly. Bieber dismisses this claim and says he doesn’t even know the woman.

The age of Bieber and Yeater should be taken into account when determining the outcome of the paternity suit. The age of consent in this case also suggests the age in which you’re capable of raising a child. So should the age of consent be lowered? This is a sticky situation that both teenagers are in, as they can end up facing a lifetime of regret.

Yeater was 19 at the time of the supposed love affair, and I am sure being a fan of his, she knew of his age. “Bieber Fever” is no excuse and should not come into play in court. We all know it takes two and that Bieber should definitely take responsibility and be held accountable for his actions if she turns out to be telling the truth. If Yeater is indeed telling the truth with this accusation is a move of desperation, poor judgment and lack of planning.

She runs the risk of facing up to a year in jail and possibly losing custody of her son or worse if Bieber isn’t the father.

What she should have done is grab a piece of Bieber’s hair during their love connection and pay a doctor under the table to run a DNA test. If Bieber is the father, then promise the doctor more money if they keep their mouth shut.

Of course there are more devious ways to play the game, but Yeater obviously chose the basic plan over the premium. As for Bieber if things start to heat up he is sure to have his best team of lawyers on the case, and worst case scenario he will have to pop open that checkbook linked to his youth checking account and own up to his responsibility as a parent.

However my sympathy does go out to the three-month-old boy caught up in the middle of all this.

This is the main reason I feel that age of consent should not be lowered from 18. Babies are being raised by teenagers that still have a lot of growing up to do.

Kids who want to have sex will do just that, but for those kids that obey the law, lowering the age will only raise the rate of teenage pregnancy, stress on the parents, and the growing epidemic of 36-year-old grandmothers, and 54-year-old great-grandmothers.

Kids are sure to happen I feel society would be running the risk of lowering the importance of the parent-child relationship, and instead it will be replaced by a father and mother, or a father and son arguing over who gets to go out tonight.
How to (fashionably) make it in business

Coyote Review: Romeo and Juliet
Classic love story meets gritty future in CSUSB’s fall play

By CAROLINA McCARTHY
Staff Writer

CSUSB’s annual Fashion Show was held in the Santos Manuel Student Union this past Tuesday Nov. 8. This eye-opening event is thrown by the Career Center every year to give students an insight into what is considered appropriate attire for the workplace.

Groups of CSUSB students proudly walked the catwalk in front of a professional table of judges to see if their attire was worthy of a career. The judges stepped up their critiques of the models, dressed to the nines, from heels and fitted skirts to attire less ‘professional.’ After the models walked the stage, the judges began their critiques.

“First opinions are everything,” the judges said. They stressed that when going for an interview, one must show confidence. An interview, one must show confidence. Dress for the job you aspire to have,” stressed the importance of clean shoes. The last category the participants modeled for the judges was the “Casual Friday” category. These participants strolled down the runway in attire ranging from tennis shoes and jeans to slacks and blouses.

The judges quickly reminded the group that even though it is “Casual Friday” the attire should still maintain a positive reflection of the company. They also stressed the importance of clean shoes. A final tip the panel made at the end of the runway was that for eight hours, which immediately eliminated high heels.

The two leads, Niko Rabbitt as Romeo and Hannah Lake as Juliet, were great. You could feel the passion between them. Although everyone in the audience knew how the story was going to end, there was a sense of hopefulness to their performances. The other actors did a good job as well, namely Britney Glover as Juliet’s faithful and motherly nurse. She was the perfect foil to Kiersten Olsen’s prim and proper Lady Capulet, and it was fun to see them play off of each other.

Brandon Allen, who played the mighty Prince Escalus, commanded each scene he was in with his powerful and masterful delivery. The best acting job, however, had to go to Troy Sloan, who played Mercutio. Sloan masterfully inhabited the spirit of Romeo’s playful right-hand man, and it definitely looked like he was having the time of his life on stage.

Overall, the play was very impressive and a must-see for the Cal State crowd. If you are up for an exciting and futuristic spin on this eminent Shakespeare classic, then I suggest you watch it.

The play runs from Nov. 11 to Nov. 20. For more information, please visit theatre.csusb.edu.

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Midnight Madness calls gamers to duty

The midnight release of “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3” had Coyote gamers clamoring for more

By NIGEL HAMBLIN

Millions of gamers, including many at CSUSB, went online and played “Modern Warfare 3” (MW3) for the first time on Nov. 8 at midnight.

The second annual Midnight Madness event was held at the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) gamers’ lounge, giving students the opportunity to play the game for free at lunch, as well as providing refreshments, snacks, and a raffle for prizes.

A moderate turnout and a relatively calm and quiet atmosphere made for a low-key event but a fun experience nonetheless.

For the first half hour, students warmed up their fingers and reflexes by playing a few rounds of “Black Ops,” while other students passed the time listening to music and playing pool.

When the three copies of MW3 arrived, Midnight Madness officially began. Rotating in between multiplayer matches, each pair of gamers had about 10 minutes of game time before passing on to their controllers to the next pair.

Two systems went straight to the multiplayer menu, while one console played the new Spec Ops Survival mode where two players team up against a horde of enemies.

“I like it because it’s closely related to ‘Modern Warfare 2,’” said student Nick Harb. “It’s nice to be one of the first people playing the game.”

Many students often said the game was just like MW2 in terms of graphics and gameplay, but the comments were mostly positive.

“The maps look way better than MW2,” said Eduardo Calbera. “It was kind of hard to aim when shooting because of the weapon sway.”

Weapon sway is something that wasn’t seen often in previous titles, making weapons easier to use. The fact that it’s more present in MW3 makes guns more challenging to master.

One of the guns they brought back for MW3 is the MP5, which one student used to earn a triple kill.

Although most of the comments about the game were positive, there were some students who didn’t quite enjoy the game as much.

“I like ‘Black Ops’ more because of the variety of weapons,” said Nestor Ca-

Hollywood experiences a childish conquest

By BECKY MONREAL

Donald Glover can best be described as a quadruple threat.

He is in the process of conquering the worlds of comedy, writing, acting, and rapping.

Many know him from the hit comedy show Community, but Glover debuted in the television business way before it even aired. He used to write for the Emmy winning show 30 Rock before he landed the role of a lovable jock on Community.

So why leave a job writing for a comedy show that was sweeping every program award that it was nominated for? “It was time for me to spread my wings,” said Glover in an interview with the Village Voice.

While Glover joined the comedic team behind Community, he also decided that it was time for him to work on another hip hop album.

Under the name Childish Gambino, Glover is releasing his fourth album, Camp, on Nov. 15.

Glover is known for his honest music in which he typically refers to himself as a “nerdy emo with a fro.”

Through his music, Glover will take his listeners back to a time when all he wanted to do was fit in at school.

As an African-American kid growing up in an suburban neighborhood, Glover suffered from stereotypes and tried to break himself free from them.

“They say there’s no place in hip-hop if you’re in the suburbs,” said Glover.

“Kanye is a suburban kid. The struggle is finding your place.”

Yet finding his place is exactly what Glover did. He started writing stand up comedy material and would land a job writing for 30 Rock before he even graduated from New York University.

However, writing comedic material for a hit television show was not the only job that Glover wanted. He wanted to put his words into music and branch off into the music world.

Inspired by the Wu-Tang Clan, Glover created the alias ‘Childish Gambino’ and started writing his own music for his first album.

Four albums later, Glover is still writing his own music and selling out every arena that he books.

With the success from his third album, C Ludacris, Glover did a tour with 23 stops across America and most of his gigs were sold out hours after tickets went on sale.

In addition to all of this, Glover also produced comedy sketches for YouTube videos with his group called Derrick Comedy. The videos became so popular that the group even produced the movie “Mystery Team” in 2009.

Camp is widely expected to receive the same kind of universal acclaim as his previous works.

Glover has also said he has no desire to slow down. He is currently working on writing a screenplay and setting up tour dates for Camp.

“If one day I can be a neo-Michael Jackson, I want that,” said Glover. “I don’t know if it is possible for someone to be that big anymore, but I want that.”
Local band Exact Opposites has the unstoppable willpower to be successful in a competitive industry. CSUSB alumnus Mark Moxon and student Taurean Wright have been focusing on writing poetic lyrics and striving to reach fans everywhere with their music since they started in 2007. Moxon performs under the name “Mecanism,” Wright calls himself “I Fit the Description” and DJ Joe Rubio goes by “Jae Rawkwell.”

Their new album, *The Learning Experience*, includes tracks that impel the mind of listeners to be conscious of the world around them. “The name ‘Mecanism’ is portrayed as an intricate piece of music, as well as life,” said Moxon. “The persona of ‘I Fit the Description’ describes [Wright] as a person as well as the music he writes,” Moxon continued. The group says they tend to forge their own lyrical path. “We want to stay away from the typical subjects in hip-hop such as money, cars and women,” said Moxon. Their music is instead about being conscious of the messages music can send.

Exact Opposites’ lyrics have multiple underlying messages with the common objective of expression. In “Say This, Say That” the chorus, “Say this, say that / I’m gunna keep spittin’ til my teeth turn black.” “One of our goals is to never stop pursuing our dream of music, no matter what happens,” said Moxon.

One of the defining aspects of the band is its desire to think outside of the box musically. “I don’t want to be confined to the box of hip-hop,” said Moxon, pointing to genres that have influenced them such as blues, rock and classical. “It’s our ultimate dream to have a successful career in the music industry and have writing and recording be our main source of financial income,” he said. “In the future we hope to receive a record deal with Rhymesayers Entertainment.”

Rhymesayers Entertainment has represented such legendary hip-hop acts as Atmosphere, Brother Ali, and MF Doom. The band plans to release more mix tapes as well as one to three albums per year. Exact Opposites has played concerts at famous venues such as the Roxy and Whisky A Go Go in Los Angeles. Exact Opposites will be having an album release show at the Date Shed in Indio on November 19. Other artists scheduled to perform include The Gooneez & The Fratellez, who are both from Blythe, California.

“Everything to nothing inspires us to write and perform,” said Wright when asked about the group’s inspiration.

For more information go to their official website at ExactOpposities.com, on Facebook or on Twitter @EOMusic.
The mystery of the hijab was unveiled to the student body last week when over 130 students participated in the Hijab Challenge.

In this case curiosity didn’t kill the cat; students were eager to learn more about hijabs, Muslims and the Islam religion. Questions were encouraged and a wealth of knowledge was ready to be shared.

A hijab is a headscarf worn by Muslim women who practice Islam. Although the hijab is for both men and women, it is primarily worn by women. Men have a version of a “mental hijab” where they practice dressing and thinking modestly.

In the Arabic language “hijab” means curtain or cover, so it is not only limited to a headscarf but is also associated with modest clothing.

CSUSB Muslim Student Association (MSA) challenged the student body last week on Tuesday, Nov. 8 in the Hijab Challenge. The event was hosted to primarily bring awareness about wearing hijabs, and the controversial issues that surround it. For women they offered headscarves whereas for the men they were encouraged to wear green or purple which are the colors of Islam and non-violence.

I was one of the eager students and partook in the challenge. I wanted to wear the hijab to see what it was like to live the life of Muslim women. What better way to speak on wearing a hijab then to actually wear one myself.

The task was not easy; I had to convince myself that I was secure enough to wear the hijab. Just the thought of what looks I might get from complete strangers makes me hesitant.

A quick 20 minutes after wearing it I had a glimpse into what these women go through on a daily basis. I could not believe that a scarf wrapped around my head would make people so uncomfortable. Overall, I experienced a lack of direct eye contact or confused staring.

For women who wear a hijab those brief awkward moments are insignificant. Many MSA members expressed that when you believe in something so much it doesn’t really matter how others are going to behave in relation to what they are wearing.

“You are not only skin deep, it goes deeper than that. We want people to see us for our intelligence and personalities rather than a sex object,” said Yasmeen Hantuli, Vice President of MSA.

Hantuli made it clear that to wear a hijab has nothing to do with oppression but more with valuing oneself and God.

The key point that MSA wants people to know, is the wearing of a hijab is a personal choice. Yes, for some it is about an obligation to religion, but in the end it comes down to choice.

There is no specified age or occurrence in one’s life that is the determining factor in wearing the hijab. It’s more about a personal security, spirituality and relationship with God.

“I woke up one morning thinking what is the point in waiting, I’m ready to wear it and don’t want to go without it. Although it is an obligation, I want to wear it,” said Manal Mueseif, MSA member.

After an overwhelming turn out for the challenge the MSA held a panel to get feedback from their participants.

They opened up discussion for students to share their experiences. They also showed a video that was taken when students returned the hijab’s on challenge day.

Overall, feedback was positive and the challenge was a success. According to members of MSA this will not be the last of hijab challenge days.

For more information on the MSA or any questions visit MSAcoyotes.com.
College is a time of growth, freedom and the occasional party. College may have its perks but when it comes to drinking and partying there are many downfalls when students abuse this privilege. We should all familiarize ourselves with them.

Binge drinking, drunk driving and alcohol poisoning, among other things, can lead to death and are just a few of the many irresponsible actions of students and others. However, they’re all things that we can stop. It is possible to drink and can help us prevent these hazards.

According to collegedrinkingprevention.gov, academic impairment, memory loss, injuries, fatalities and unprotected sex are all serious consequences of drinking irresponsibly.

“Drinking has definitely impacted my life. I recently lost a friend to drinking and it’s hard to think that you just saw that person that night and the next morning they’re gone. It makes you realize how life can be taken way too soon and so unexpectedly,” said student Melissa Sanchez.

We all need to take it upon ourselves to drink responsibly as well as pass on what we’ve learned to others so we can prevent unfortunate events like this from happening in the future. Just like Sanchez, I’ve lost a friend to drunk driving and it’s something that can be avoided. We’re not invincible and that’s a fact we need to face.

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Don’t become another statistic for these tragic accidents. be smart and drink responsibly. Remember, you are not only putting your life in danger; others lives are in danger as well.

In closing, Chen-Maynard says, “It takes something like this to impact your actions and it’s something I know I won’t take the risk of ever doing. It’s scary that it takes something like this to impact the way we think about drinking.”

Veterans await your support

They are dedicated to organize, document and preserve the history of war veterans. This is done by collecting audio and video tapes, letters, photographs, etc.

For more information about these programs please visit the website at VA.gov.

For those who may not be able to spare time at a VA hospital, the CNN web site suggests to write letters of support, donate simple things, help the homeless or merely just say thank you when you see a veteran.

The CNN suggests you stay away from controversial subjects in your letters. If you need help the website offers guidelines. Incredibly, large parts of the homeless population are veterans.

Some veterans with psychological problems refuse any help the VA has to offer and wind up on the streets.

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans web site states, “107,000 veterans are homeless on any given night.”

The United Service Organizations (USO) is a civilian non-profit organization dedicated to providing support to the public to our active military personnel, according to its mission statement. It relies solely on support from individuals and foundations.

The USO website also lists various ways to show your support for the military. Some suggestions are as simple as donating to its cause or hosting fundraisers. You can help by suggesting to your employer or local business to lend their hand to charity. All donations are tax deductible.

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Kwame’s consistency: basketball

By BRITTANY FILIPPINI  Staff Writer

CSUSB men’s basketball team may have lost against UCLA on Nov. 6, but that is not hampering CSUSB’s Kwame Alexander’s hopes of winning a championship this season.

Confident in their potential success in the upcoming season has ballooned after the close contest with UCLA.

“We are pretty close, especially after playing UCLA; we know how to come together,” said Alexander.

He has high hopes for his future, including hopefully playing for the NBA. Alexander says he wants to continue a basketball career at CSUSB, pursue opportunities overseas after graduation and work hard toward reaching the ultimate goal of making it to the NBA.

Alexander’s childhood was full of inconsistencies as he often found himself constantly moving across the country. He was born in La Mirada, CA, but has lived all over the U.S.

“My favorite place I lived was Tennessee. What I loved so much about it was the tall mountains,” said Alexander.

Even though he has moved around all his life, sports has managed to remain a constant part of Alexander’s life. He stayed busy when he was younger by playing basketball, football, baseball and tennis.

“Basketball has been a part of my life since I was three years old,” said Alexander.

Alexander has faced hardships in his life including keeping his grades up, the lack of time he is able to spend with his family and constantly moving from state to state.

“I use my free time wisely by studying and getting tutored. I always make the time for family and friends,” said Alexander.

Also, he explained that he has had to overcome injuries and mental obstacles due to basketball as well.

“I overcame them by pushing through and concentrating on the positive and overall picture,” said Alexander.

He said his best moment playing basketball here at CSUSB is when he got a double-double at home against Cal Poly Pomona.

Alexander hopes to graduate with a degree in anthropology in the spring of 2013 and wants to take a few things along with him.

“I plan on taking with me communication, hard work, respect and dedication. Those four things are essential to become successful in life,” said Alexander.

Many people who see him may be intimidated by his large stature, his seemingly angry expressions or even the long dreads he sports.

Overall however, Alexander considers himself to be friendly and extremely charismatic.

That is, until he steps on the court of course.

When that happens, he becomes that intimidating force we’ve all come to fear and at the same time admire.
Penn State University had no other option than to dismiss the legendary Joe Paterno from his position of head football coach for the Nittany Lions. I do not want to demonize Paterno because by all accounts, before this fiasco at least, he was an incredibly generous and genuine man that cared about the university, his players and his coaches.

It’s a shame how some sports writers vehemently attacked Paterno for this because Jerry Sandusky is the real culprit here. There is no doubt about that. Sandusky is the villain in this case as he terrorized, abused and raped at least eight young boys causing irremovable harm on their lives forever.

So Paterno should not be used as the scapegoat for this entire scandal because he was not the major villain in the exploitation of the boys who had innocence stripped from them. But, he still needed to be held responsible for the part he did play, or better said, the part he didn’t play as a whistle blower.

Paterno was given information, however vague it was, that one of his coaches that he worked with on a daily basis was possibly having inappropriate relationship with a child. It is not a matter of semantics in this situation. It does not matter whether Paterno was told the kids were “fooling around” or if he was told directly that Sandusky was raping the boy. The fact was, an assistant coach was seen in the shower with a young boy. The situation demanded more than the men he worked with on a daily basis could have helped. In fact, the situation absolutely demanded more from Paterno. He did next to nothing.

Paterno had to do. But it should not be overlooked that Paterno was, without a doubt, the most powerful person on the Penn State campus. It will not, by any means, make up for what happened to these now men earlier in their lives.

Their lives will always be marred by what happened to them at the hands of a Penn State University coach. And that is the hardest part of this story. The fact that these victims are being forgotten as the entire nation is focusing on Paterno’s firing.

These eight men, whose lives have forever been changed, have been overlooked just as they were overlooked by the entire Penn State staff. The victims and what happened to them is bigger than football, bigger than the entire Penn State staff.

Do not demonize Paterno, but also do not celebrate him in the face of these victims. Here’s looking at you Penn State students.

This week in Sports History:

November 15, 1988
Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Kirk Gibson wins National League MVP Award

November 16, 1962
Wilt Chamberlain of the NBA’s San Francisco Warriors scores 73 points vs New York Knicks

November 19, 1989
USA national soccer team beats Trinidad, 1-0 qualifying for 1990 world soccer cup finals. It was the 1st qualification since 1950 for the U.S.
The Coyote volleyball team has made this a season to remember. They have gone undefeated so far this season, with a 24-0 record and a home winning streak of 55 games. The Coyotes recently clinched their sixth straight CCAA title, which was their ninth in the last 11 years. The team clinched the title with their 3-0 win over No. 23, Sonoma State.

Cherniss looks to continue winning tradition

By EILEEN GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

The clinch only tells half the story of the remarkable season the Coyotes have had thus far. The girls have yet to lose a single game, having won 24 consecutive games. “Not the goal! We just want to win every time,” said coach Kim Cherniss when asked about the undefeated season. Associate head coach, Danny Scott agreed. “Having an undefeated season is not the goal. The goal is to win a championship,” said Scott.

An undefeated record does not affect the more experienced players according to Cherniss. “It’s easier for the less experienced players to get caught up in the hype, but it has no bearing on tomorrow,” said Cherniss.

If the Coyotes continue their streak, it will be a historic undefeated season. If they have felt the pressure, they surely haven’t shown it. Cherniss is doing something right in leading her team to some amazing results. She said she encourages her team to believe they can do anything. The idea of success has also been instilled in the team. “We have an expectation of success,” said Cherniss.

For the first time since 2008, the Coyotes find themselves in the top spot of the conference. They were ranked No. 1 by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). The Coyotes even beat their own CCAA hitting percentage record which they set in 2008. The team raised the bar from .306 to .523 percent.

The season has witnessed many one-sided victories courtesy of the Coyotes. Sonoma State, Chico State, Humboldt State, CSU Stanislaus, CSU LA, CSU Dominguez Hills and CSU East Bay are among the teams that fell to the Coyotes in three sets.

“Winning in three versus winning in five is a small shift. Volleyball is a game of momentum. Winning in three is not as significant,” said Cherniss.

Nothing seems to phase the this team. In September, the team faced three teams in four days and did not falter. The team has been strong throughout the season and the results definitely have begun to show.

Megan Johnson, a senior middle blocker, has previously said, “stats reflect upon good teamwork.”

“We have girls from every walk of life. The team is very diverse, which makes it richer. We have great chemistry and extreme level of trust,” said Cherniss. The team is full of star players, from good liberos (defensive players), consisten setters and aggressive hitters.

Senior Samantha Middleborn has been recognized four times this season as the CCAA’s Volleyball Player of the Week. In 2010, Middleborn was named AVCA and Daktronics Player of the Year and has an incredible list of honors. “Middleborn’s a goddess. She’s 6-foot, 2-inches and has a reach of 10 feet,” said Cherniss.

The Coyotes can lose the next three home games and still earn the title, but Cherniss does not want her team to slack off and take their eyes off the prize. “We want to win. We want to beat our opponents,” said Cherniss.

With that winning attitude, it’s no wonder why the team looks to achieve continuous success. Despite their winning ways this season, the girls are not satisfied.

The perception of perfection is intriguing, but the girls aren’t just looking to complete a perfect regular season. Instead, they are looking to win the required amount of games that will crown them as champions. Students have been spoiled by the recent success of this dynamic squad. The girls have been spoiled by their success as well and will fight relentlessly to bring a banner home.

The NCAA II West Regional tournament begins Nov. 17, and the National Championship begins Dec. 1.
Men's basketball expect a "big" season

By AARON HUGHES
Staff Writer

With a large height advantage in their favor, men's basketball is looking to have a successful season. By AARON HUGHES

Men's basketball's height advantage can give a team, even the rowdy Brains, problems.

Saluting our distinguished athlete veterans

By ASHLYNE MACAN
Staff Writer

Certain athletes have served our country. Whether through military service, through the sports they play, but by taking part in the military as well. For thus, we salute them as veterans. There are a few standout, when we think about veteran athletes. Professional athletes such as Bob Feller, Yogi Berra, Warren Spahn, David Robinson, Hank Greenberg, Jackie Robinson and Stan Musial top the list. Joe Feller was a pitcher for the Cleveland Indians from 1936 to 1956. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. Feller volunteered his services on Dec. 9, 1941, just two days after the Pearl Harbor attacks.

Yogi Berra served in World War II as a gunman on a boat that pulsed into Normandy just two days after D-day.

Berra was one of the greatest catchers for the New York Yankees and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1972.

Roger Staubach played as a quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys from 1969 to 1979, and was a Heisman Trophy winner in college for the United States Naval Academy. Staubach served a tour in Vietnam as a supply corps officer until 1963.

Pat Tillman played professional football for the Arizona Cardinals as a defensive back before leaving to join the Army Rangers in 2002.

Tillman was killed April 22, 2004 in the mountains of Afghanistan as a result of friendly fire.

Ted Williams played baseball for the Boston Red Sox from 1939 to 1942 and then again from 1946 to 1960. Williams served in World War II and the Korean War as a naval aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Warren Spahn debuted with the Boston Braves in 1947, played for the Milwaukee Braves from 1946 to 1964, for the New York Mets in 1965, and for the San Francisco Giants in 1965 as well. Spahn served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

David Robinson was a center for the San Antonio Spurs.

Robinson served as an officer in the U.S. Navy before playing basketball professionally, however.

He was known around the NBA as "The Admiral" and was well respected and admired by his peers around the league.

Hank Greenberg played baseball and started as a first baseman for the Detroit Tigers in 1930.

Greenberg was the first American League baseball player to be drafted into the military.

He was respectfully discharged two days before the Pearl Harbor attacks and then reenlisted into the U.S. Army Air Force, a predecessor to the U.S. Air Force, shortly after.

Jackie Robinson, who is famous for being the first African-American Major League Baseball player, debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947 as a second baseman.

He served in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant in World War II.

Stan Musial served in the U.S. Navy in 1945.

Musial played as the first baseman and outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinal's from 1941 to 1963.

Famous athletes have also been well-respected military men who go above and beyond for their country.

We salute them for all their commendable efforts and for not only serving as astounding athletes, but also for serving our country in its time of crisis.

They were there when we needed them the most, and that is why we will always remember our athlete veterans.