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CSUSB
Students for Quality Education rally against tuition hikes

By ERIC SANCHEZ
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CSUSB students gathered to protest rising tuition fees and voice their concerns over the quality of higher education in California on Nov. 16 in front of the Pasquin Library.

Representatives of Students for Quality Education (SQE) and community activists gave speeches on how they believe inequalities between university administration and students and are making it harder for students to obtain their college degrees.

The CSU Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition system-wide for next year by nine percent earlier that same day, according to the LA Times.

Along with the nine percent tuition increase, the board also included a request for Gov. Jerry Brown and the state legislature to restore $333 million to the CSU budget for the same school year.

“While there is still so much uncertainty in the state’s fiscal condition, we wanted to provide students and parents with as much notice as possible that tuition will go up in the fall. That said, we must all work with state leaders to restore the funding needed to maintain access and quality for CSU students,” CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed said in a release.

The CSU expressed that it is also pursuing ways to lighten the financial load on students who do not qualify for government aid.

“We recognize that increased tuition impacts many of our students in varying degrees, so we will be looking at financial aid options for students who have not to this point been eligible for full financial aid,” said Reed.

Community activist Adrian Murillo gave a speech at the Nov. 16 rally which likened California college students’ tuition woes to the motivations of the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Murillo spoke about how he believes students and all those oppressed by the big business mentality need to band together in solidarity in order for this country to become more equal.

“We live in an occupied country, misunderstood; justice will take millions of intricate moves,” said Murillo, ending his speech with the words of poet William Stafford.

Much attention at the rally focused on the future leadership of CSUSB, citing how current president Dr. Albert K. Karnig will be retiring at the end of this school year.

SQE member, Francisca Aguilar, believes that any signing bonus the new president would receive would be a bribe to go along with more fee raises.

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Occupy comes to SB streets

By MONICA GALLEGOS
Staff Writer

Rain and chilly weather didn’t stop the first assembly of Occupy San Bernardino in downtown San Bernardino on Nov. 17.

There was an estimated 40 protesters in attendance for the first occupation. The protesters were of all ages and included some children.

Protesters marched around the Bank of America and Wells Fargo on North D Street chanting, “Banks got bailed out, we got sold out.”

“We are protesting big banks and the irresponsibility of the government,” said protester Larry Garcia.

“We are encouraging people to pull their money from big banks and take their business to smaller and local institutions,” he added.

According to protesters, this was the first of many more occupations to take place in San Bernardino.

The facilitators of the protest believed it started off well.

Although the group at Occupy SB was smaller than some others, the message of the Occupy Movement was still conveyed.

“Although some were feeling cold and wet, including myself,” said protester Hector Guzman, “it was a good start. We are maintaining our presence at our camp and ready to act.”

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CSUSB selected for chapter operation

By KENNY JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Entrepreneurship Honor Society of Sigma Nu Tau has approved CSUSB as the third university in the United States to have an operating chapter of its honor society.

The initiation ceremony took place on Nov. 10 with 10 students and three faculty members inducted as the founding charter members at CSUSB.

“When looking for members we look for individuals who exhibit honor, integrity and strong entrepreneurial spirit along with the grade requirements,” said a Sigma Nu Tau rep. in a CSUSB press release.

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Starbucks menu gets juiced

The popular coffee chain buys out local juice company, Evolution Fresh

By STEPHANIE BARRERA
Staff Writer

Starbucks announced early last week that they will expand beyond coffee and introduce fruit drinks on their menu.

CSUSB has a Starbucks coffee shop on campus in the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU).

In their newsroom, Starbucks said they bought out Evolution Fresh, Inc. (EFI) a San Bernardino based juice company to begin their menu expansion.

Students at CSUSB have mixed feelings about Starbucks’ next big move; some believe it will interfere with the quality of service they are currently receiving.

Student Jennifer Truong said she is very excited to taste the new juice products Starbucks will launch.

As a health science major, Truong said she knows the importance of choosing healthier alternatives, and she believes a juice drink is a much healthier option than a coffee drink.

“The news makes me very happy and I cannot wait to try the new drinks they will offer,” she said.

Starbucks said by introducing EFI products they are “expanding healthier menu items that will deliver nutrition, on the go options consumers are seeking.”

Starbucks announced they are expanding their menu “as a part of its commitment to evolve and enhance the customer experience with innovated and wholesome products.”

“I am not happy or excited about the coffee shop on campus will expand beyond coffee and introduce juice products as early as mid 2012 beginning with stores on the West Coast,” said Sims.

According to the Starbucks newsroom, they will be selling juice products as early as mid 2012 beginning with stores on the West Coast.

“As a health science major, I cannot wait to try the new drinks they will offer,” she said.

I go to Starbucks for coffee at least three times a week and I love the service I receive there. I fear my coffee won’t taste as great and I won’t receive the same service after they expand their menu,” said Sims.

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The Press Enterprise reported that Starbucks bought the San Bernardino based company EFI for $30 million in cash.

The juice company is located on 1055 Cooley Avenue.

“Their website states that EFI has a philosophy of freshness and none of their products have preservatives. According to them, all of their products are high quality.

Starbucks announced they are using EFI products because they strive in serving nutritious, wholesome products.

Starbucks has not announced what stores on the West Coast will be serving the juice products first. Students will have to wait for a Starbucks’ announcement to know if the coffee shop on campus will expand their menu.

For more information about their products and expansion, students can visit www.starbucks.com.

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Students take action against hikes

The Chancellor’s office will begin looking for a replacement for Karnig in January, according to Black Voice News.

Along with this, Aguilar noted how she believes the new president may not have much choice in speaking out against tuition increases.

“They know if they talk they will lose their job,” she said.

At the rally, SQE members and supporters signed their names on a letter to be sent to Chancellor Reed and Lou Montville, chair of the Special Committee on Presidential Selection and Compensation for CSU, calling for a student voice in the selection of the new CSUSB president, a position currently filled only by appointment.

Aguilar left the soon-to-be-appointed president with one piece of advice: “Represent the students and not yourself.”

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CSU administrators express need for hike

By STEPHANIE PANIAGUA Staff Writer

Over $333 million has been restored to the CSU system to ease the effect of the already hun-

dreds of millions of dollars al-

ready cut by state legislators.

The CSU system has suffered a $650 million decrease in fund-

ing and faces an additional "trig-
ger cut" of $100 million, bring-

ing the grand sum to a whopping $750 million if the state does not

meet its projected tax revenue

next month, explained CSU As-

sistant Vice Chancellor Robert

Turnage during a teleconference

on Nov. 14.

On Nov. 16, the Board of

Trustees approved the CSU’s

proposal to restore $333 million to

offset the potential $750 mil-

lion cut CSU is facing, according to

CSU spokesperson Elizabeth

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During the teleconference, Turnage explained that the CSU

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This percentage does not only include low-income families but also middle-income families who make $70,000 or less.

Student Maryam Hassan re-

ported that she came to CSUSB to

save money her first year before

transferring to UCR.

“My dad is so surprised at

how much my education is cost-

ing me. It’s a shocker to him,”

said Hassan.

Hassan further reported that her father went to college and re-

ceived loans like her as well.

Even though Hassan’s fa-

ther is expensive he still encourages her to take out as many loans as she

needs because in the end it will be

worth it.

To read more on this and gain

a student’s opinion, see Pg. 5

CSUSB becomes third university selected to operate the Sigma Nu Tau Entrepreneur Honor Society Chapter

CSUSB entrepreneurship chapter

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The event was held in the upper commons as a J. Church, the

president and executive director of Sigma Nu Tau presented the

chart to CSUSB.

According to the same press release, the students who were in-

ducted were Johnny Bell from Moreno Valley; Cheng Chun-

Shen and Jose Navarette from San Bernardino; Alejandro Conse-

nos and Garrett Pronovost from Riverside; Ashley Patnode from

Highland; Yukasa Shida from Redlands; Edwin Stone from Vic-
torville; Tara Nicole Ventura from Yucaipa; and Rachel Wolf-

banger from Rancho Cucamonga.

The facility members who were inducted were Michael Stull, a

professor of entrepreneurship and director of the CSUSB Inland

Empire Center for Entrepreneurship; Monica Brule, director of

the Integrated Technology Transfer Network program; and Isaura

Flores, an assistant professor of entrepreneurship.

The benefits these inductees will inherit are long-term mem-

berships, congratulatory letters with Honor Society pins and dis-

counts from various companies.

Sigma Nu Tau Entrepreneurship Honor Society was estab-

lished at Plattsburgh State University in New York in 2009.

Sigma Nu Tau’s mission is to help encourage entrepre-

neurship and spread its studies and principles to upcoming students.

They strive to provide networking opportunities for students

to meet with other entrepreneurial professionals.

“We, as students, should get involved with opportunities like this [because] it will look good on our resumes post-graduation,” said student Deandre Lester.

In order for a college or university to be eligible for a chapter at their school, the institution would have to offer a major in entre-

prepreneurship, small business management or a related major with

an emphasis on entrepreneurship.

Once an institution petitions for and receives its charter, then

it can begin to induct students, faculty and entrepreneur members

into its chapter.

If interested in joining the Entrepreneurship Honor Society,

the undergraduate students have to be in their junior or senior

years and have a GPA of 3.2 or higher.

Graduate students can join if they have completed 50 percent

of their program and have a 3.5 or higher GPA.

For more information about the Sigma Nu Tau Entrepreneur-

ship and membership, students may can contact Mike Stull at

mstull@csusb.edu or Paul Kirwan at pkirwan@csusb.edu.

CSUSB's Associated Student Body has been placed on probation.

Students Incorporated (ASI) has took

action to have students' voices

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“Again, Finance being the highest priority, this will be implemented fall 2012. Tuition is expected to be raised by $498 per quarter.” said another anonymous protester. “But we’re going to stay until something is done.”

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Protests begin downtown

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According to the protesters, the city
does not put enough polls out, especially in the downtown’s poorest areas.

Also, the protesters believe that this is why lower income citizens aren’t able to have their opinions heard.

Among the citizens of San Bernardino were some protesters from other occupa-

tions in the Inland Empire to help get Oc-

cupy San Bernardino started.

“We have a few people from Occupy Redlands here with us to give their sup-

port,” said Guzman.

“This is our launch today, to get peo-

ple interested and hopefully after today we’ll get more people to show up and come together,” said an anonymous protester.

In their first general assembly, the protesters expressed ambitions of holding more occupations in San Bernardino for as long as they can.

General assemblies are the meetings during the occupations to decide on the next action for the protesters.

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Black Friday seems more reminiscent of the plague than the holiday season. The essential tools in preparation for the holidays seem to be a coffee in hand, coupons, ads, the family wish list and a prepared mentality to stand in line for hours.

What happened to tree lighting, baking cookies and more importantly Thanksgiving? The essence of the holidays has significantly shifted from moments to presents.

Black Friday isn’t solely responsible for the materialistic sentiments that have infiltrated the American celebration of the season, but it definitely seems to be a product of our lost ways.

The insanity that engulfs the inside of a store for Black Friday sales is stunning. It’s incredible to see hundreds of people standing in lines that literally wrap around store perimeters for deals that, though in this financial time help, are mediocre at best.

This year, as if it’s not enough to be opening stores at 4 a.m. the morning after Thanksgiving, Toys ‘R’ Us has taken action to one up all others by opening for door-buster savings at 10 p.m. on Thanksgiving night.

When did Thanksgiving become a bartering chip for companies and their holiday productivity? Beyond that greed, it’s disappointing to see that the most valuable assets to the companies are fully taken advantage of; their store employees.

I personally have been one of those employees responsible for a Black Friday door-busting deal in the early morning of Black Friday.

Every year, shoppers camp out to have a chance at getting a “door-busting” deal in the early morning of Black Friday.

CFA agenda not in student’s interest

By NICOLE MALDONADO

The CSUSB MARC Program (Minority Access to Research Careers) is seeking excellent undergraduate students who plan to continue their academic careers and gain a Ph.D. in research-based disciplines that have relevance to health such as psychology, biology, chemistry, etc.

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Black Friday darkens holiday spirit

By SUANNA GUTIERREZ

CSU teachers do not have the students’ best interest in mind if they spent Nov. 17 striking for the day at CSU East-Bay and Dominguez Hills.

If I were a student that attended either of those universities, I would have been upset that class was cancelled because of this event.

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I understand that protesting on the street is effective, however, the teachers should react in a way that benefits the students as well and not leave them behind in the classroom.

Another way of fighting back would be to get the students involved so they feel that their best interests are really taken to heart by their instructors.

However, we as students need to get more fired up about this issue and make our voice heard, because if it wasn’t for our teachers, we definitely would not have the advantage of learning.

I don’t believe the CFA members should be walking out of their classes for not receiving raises because the entire state is suffering. Forget pay raises, other state employees are getting hit with pay cuts and losing their jobs.

To me, not getting raises is nothing to cry about; something to take to the streets is actually getting a pay reduction or increase in tuition!

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By VICKI COLBERT
Staff Writer

The California State University Board of Trustees approved a nine percent tuition increase starting Fall 2012. How do the students at CSUSB feel being that they are directly affected by this hike? Two words: Pissed off.

The decision took place in Long Beach, totalling a vote of 9-6 in favor of raising 2012-13 tuition another $50. During the meeting many CSU students stood outside of the building chanting “We are the 99 percent.”

According to Trustee Robert Achtenberg, rejecting the tuition hike would mean less access for students.

“We have an obligation to make this institution run properly,” said Achtenberg. Others share the attitude that the nine percent hike is a necessity and is not the worst we have been hit with. Tuition costs remain the lowest of other state universities in California.

Third-year student Mima Castro disagrees. “I have to take more student loans out even though I wanted to keep my student loan debt to a minimum,” Castro said. “This hike is bullshit.”

As CSU students, it is our responsibility to understand how this new nine percent hike funded by students, loans and aid is directly helping each CSU institution “run properly.”

“The budget request includes nearly $155 million for five percent enrollment growth (about 20,000 students), $85 million for faculty and staff raises, $72 million for technology, maintenance and equipment upgrades and about $26 million for mandatory health, energy and other cost,” as reported in the LA Times.

Five percent enrollment growth also results in a five percent tuition revenue increase.

How is enrollment growth account- ing for $155 million in necessary budget increases when it brings in almost $6,000 per student? Something just doesn’t add up. As expected, many students are furious with the CSU budget cuts in addition to the nine percent hike.

Many of us do not comprehend the fact that our classes and resources are decreasing, but our tuition rates are going up each year, six consecutive years to be exact. The school is always doing renovation and construction,” said student Rozzelyn Russell. “I hope that’s not where my student loans are going to go.”

The CSU system is making it increas- ingly difficult for us to finish school, let alone try to make a comfortable living ev- ery time a new fee increase is instated.

Tuition increases discourage students from pursuing higher education without federal aid, scholarships or grants.

For many students who don’t receive any financial aid, like myself, tuition in- creases are huge burdens on the road to graduation and damage the will to finish school on time.

As far as the students who protested outside of the board meeting, they had ev- ery right to be upset. They represent all the students in the CSU system who are con- tinually getting screwed of the chance at a successful career and future.

For every dollar the CSU Board of Trustees charges its students, we should milk every campus resource and take full advantage of the money we put into our university.

We are fighting an uphill battle with the pricks who decide how our money is used.

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## Cows can’t be killed hastily

By CHRIS JOHNSON
Staff Writer

State and federal law clash again; this time it pertains to the care of potentially diseased animals in the case of the National Meat Association v. Harris.

The Supreme Court attempted to block a California law, Nov. 9 which requires immediate euthanizing of im- mobile animals to keep possibly infected meat out of the nation’s food system, ac- cording to The Sun.

According to the Federal Meat Inspec- tion Act, in agreement with the National Meat Association, “downer” animals are animals they can’t determine whether the animal is healthy enough to eat.

Should we immediately slaughter immobile animals or take the time neces- sary to determine if they are truly sick and disease-ridden?

We should take time to find out if the animals are truly sick.

I can relate to the humane point of view of having an ethical responsibility, to some extent, to spare animals that might be exhausted from the heat and travel or just lazy. I can also see that farmers want to abide by one law instead of being con- flicted with two opposing ones.

However, I feel that the real issue lies with the farmers wanting to save money and being able to maximize on their prof- its.

“Eating meat from an animal that is sick would probably be in poor judg- ment,” said student Rebecca Saraina.

“It’s probably not a big deal though because many animals that are grown for meat production are purposed with anti- biotics and we consume them as well through eating; if it’s profitable then it will happen, I wouldn’t eat it though.”

These animals are bred for the pur- pose of feeding America. Even though people sympathize with them it doesn’t change the fact that, sick or in good health, they are destined for one of two resting places; their fate lies in our stom- achs or cremation.

If I was a breeder of livestock and was told that a percentage of my animals must be killed due to their inactivity or inability to move around, I would be con- cerned with the hole that will burn in my pockets.

Is this a selfish way of thinking? Of course it is, but for the business these people are in; they need to maximize their production and minimize loss.

One way to make ends meet for all could be for the federal government to set a higher standard for meat; offering incentives and tax cuts for the best qual- ity meat producers, and penalties for the worse.

The incentive based program will lead to farmers paying less attention on where to cut corners and turn their atten- tion to finding more ways to improve the quality of their meat supply.

With another source of income com- ing in farmers can then be able to shift some focus away from profit gaining and more to reducing the hazardous effects meat production is having on our envi- ronment.

With the above in effect consumers will be able to worry less about what in- sects or mixed animal parts became a part of what they’re buying.

Be assured that the meat supply is in better health then before, and chow down knowing the only potential side-effects will be laziness and a long nap.

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## Shopping steals spirit of the season

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shift. While my family was celebrating Thanksgiving night, I was headed to bed to catch sleep before waking up at 2 a.m. to fight traffic and crowds for my 3 a.m. shift.

I didn’t necessarily feel as if my position of holding the “Lime Starts Here” sign was so essential to the store’s Black Friday function or that it was worth the time away from my family.

Even more frightening than the lost respect for family values, the public Black Friday craze has also proven fatal, killing three people in 2008. People have died and been trapped on for the sake of nothing more than an average sale on electronics and toys.

Deep discounts always make wallets feel fuller this time of year but “door bust- er” sales are not as exclusive as popularly assumed.

Most companies offer the same or very similar sales on the Internet that Fri- day morning. Many companies even have exclusive online sales and often offer free shipping.

I couldn’t tell you what was under- neath the tree for me two years ago let alone when I was seven years old, but I can tell you the loved ones I was blessed to see and the memories of those days will never leave me.

Prioritize your holiday lists this year, not with an Xbox or Barbie, but with your time.

You should give your time to those who you love and to those in need. Many people are not even able to afford any highly discounted item. It might be old fashioned, but it’s still what makes the holidays ones to remem- ber.
By ANTONIO SUAREZ  
Staff Writer

A group of 23 students from CSUSB recently attended an event in San Antonio, Texas celebrating the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities’ (HACU) 25th anniversary. The event was held Oct. 28 through Oct. 31. Its focus was to expose students to top Hispanic professionals in the private, government and corporate sectors.

HACU is a national organization that promotes the empowerment of Hispanic students by providing internships, scholarships and a myriad of other services in order to increase the number of Hispanic students that graduate and continue on to post baccalaureate education.

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The majority of us also think that ordering a salad would be the healthier choice but this is not always the case. Everything we add to the salad: dressing, croutons, etc. increases the calories.

Rodriguez’s ten steps to lowering HS dropouts

By RENEE ETCEBERRIA  
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Educators, students and alumni gather last week at Colton High School to hear CSUSB assistant professor’s plan towards high school dropout crisis.

According to Louie Rodriguez, statistics for incoming freshmen show that three out of 10 will drop out. For Latino and African American students it is five out of 10. Rodriguez expressed that this is not only an education crisis but a social crisis. Things happening outside of school are affecting what happens inside of school.

Although there are many contributing factors to the problem, it is through his proposed 10-point plan that he wants to make an impact.

A 10-year process and two years of research in local high schools has led him to the PRAXIS Project, Participatory Research Advocating for Excellence in Schools.

Along with CSUSB students and other educators, they focus on the dropout crisis among low income communities of color in the Inland Empire.

“This is a way to transform the way we do things in our institutions,” said Rodriguez as he showcased his plan.

Each of the 10 points were different but they all had a common theme, listen to the students and recognize how important the relationship is between student and teacher.

“Relationships can be the glue to learning,” said Rodriguez as he explained how relationships can build the bridge between students and curriculum.

Four of the points were focused on students and their vital voices that should be heard. In the words of Rodriguez, “listen up, share the power, get student feedback and acknowledge students not only in their existence but recognize their individuality.”

Along with recognizing students, getting them to participate can be a challenge. Rodriguez expressed the importance of teaching curriculum that is relevant to the students. Students will not only participate but become aware, which creates pride and connectedness.

The other six points dealt with community involvement, alumni and parents.

“We need to flood our schools with excellence,” said Rodriguez. It is through highlighting our alumni and teachers that students can see that they can also become a story of success.

Rodriguez expressed that this is more than just another program that needs to be implemented into high schools. He said it is about transforming the culture of an institution and in turn, transforming student outcomes.

For more information on the PRAXIS Project visit praxisinschools.com

Features

Giving back for the holidays

By KARA DEMENT  
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According to the San Bernardino County website, 50,000 people in the Inland Empire are in need of food each month with those numbers doubling around the holiday season.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, it’s hard to imagine days like these without the turkeys, gifts and joy that your family and friends bring.

However, for some San Bernardino residents, the sad reality is the aforementioned, however that is something we can all help to change.

Throughout the Inland Empire there are many ways that you can help others in need during the holiday season.

One opportunity comes by the way of the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC). According to sccounty.gov, CAPSBC has been developing programs that help meet the needs of low-income families in San Bernardino County. The CAPSBC Food Bank is one program that the organization has created.

Every year more than 1,500 people sign up to become a volunteer at the Food Bank to lend a helping hand to those in need living in the Inland Empire.

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Fast food fit choices: calorie loaded

By JHONISE HAMILTON  
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If you are like most college students in a rush, you probably eat fast food a few times a week.

When most of us are making our way to the drive-thru, we don’t have time to think about what is the most healthy restaurant let alone what is the most healthy meal choice when ordering. I’m here to give you some insight on this.

When generally looking for a fast food restaurant, we are thinking about what is closest to us and most convenient, what we have a taste for and the cost.

We rarely think about whether or not the items we are ordering are good for us until we have already eaten it.

The Chicken Selects Premium Southwest salad with crispy chicken has more calories than a double cheeseburger. While counting calories isn’t the only way to stay healthy or balance a diet (the best is a combination of diet and exercise), it’s a good practice to watch what you eat, especially for things you think are truly “healthy.”

The majority of us also think that ordering a salad would be the healthier choice but this is not always the case. Everything we add to the salad: dressing, croutons, etc. increases the calories.

For example, McDonald’s Premium Southwest salad with crispy chicken has more calories than a double cheeseburger.

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HACU takes over Texas, gets inspired

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities takes time out from their trip to San Antonio, Texas as they meet Hispanic professionals in the government and corporate sectors.

Ready to eat. Some people flock to fast food and it is not the best option.
Stepping into my dreams across the pond
A shared travel journal from abroad

By LINDA TRAN
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After a month and a half of being in the U.K. I wondered if this place would ever feel like home.
I spent a good few weeks inevitably comparing the differences between the U.K. and the U.S. I heard different accents and languages from all over the world.
California will always be home to me, but I’m happy to know that where I’m currently living feels “homey” enough.
Starting two nights in Amsterdam had me beat and the fact that it took 12 hours to travel there and back to Swansea revealed that all I wanted was to be back in Wales in my cozy room.
The trip was hosted by the university; they transported the class by coach and ferry. When we crossed the border from the U.K., we sailed to the border in France.
It took us five more hours to get to Amsterdam and we drove through France and Belgium on the way.
As long and exhausting as the coach ride was, it was worth it.
Don’t get me wrong, Amsterdam is beautiful and it was refreshing to visit a bigger city than Swansea. I heard different accents and languages from all over the world.
During the trip, I realized the difference in the way people speak and interact with each other.

Be smarter and look beyond the menu
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If given the option to choose, most of us would pick the chicken strips because we would assume that chicken is healthier than the Big Mac. But Burger King follows the trend as well with the majority of their burgers and double burgers or cheeseburgers.
A Veggie Burger is 110 calories, more than a cheese burger and 50 calories more than a double hamburger.
If you order from BK, there are more options to choose from.
A Tendergrill Chicken Sandwich from BK is 470 calories and an Original Chicken Sandwich is 630 calories.
Both sandwiches contain more calories than a Whopper Jr., a Single or Double Stacker and double burgers or cheese-burgers.
A Veggie Burger is 110 calories, more than a cheese burger and 50 calories more than a double hamburger.

CSUSB, helping reveal my Chicano culture

By R. ANTHONY DIAZ
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Many of us live our lives day to day with the same routines and ways of life, entraped as if we were in a coma.
This rang true with me all quarter. I had awakened and realized I was not an outcast in my educational journey.
For the first time in my life I had a professor who understood my culture and heritage. The puzzle pieces suddenly came together as I absorbed the knowledge and information professor Louie Rodriguez had to offer.
I thought I knew everything about segregation, the struggle for equality and sacrifices our ancestors made for us to have a better life. Raised in a Euro-centric curriculum we learn many things in our history such as Brown v. Board of Education, for years I thought Hispanics did not struggle for justice as much as African Americans did. I was wrong.

CSUSB, helping reveal my Chicano culture

As a Chicano, growing up in the United States was difficult, but finding intellectual and one of mine, Chicanoos gave me hope.

I found myself surrounded by some of the most intellectual and driven Chicanos in the Inland Empire. For a minute I was tense, and then the beauty of it all flowed through me rapidly as if a dam had been broken.
For years I never knew these people existed, and here they were all in one room.
As a Chicano, we have become consumed with media and the negative stereotypes that are portrayed. It drains the soul to the point that we simply accept and do little to change the ways the majority perceives us. As the event concluded, Dr. Rita Ramirez-Dean stood and began to speak. She said, “I heard my life here today. I have been in the school district for 38 years. We were punished for speaking Spanish.”

As Ramirez-Dean went on about her struggles, I found myself thinking of my grandparents and their struggles. It brought a tremendous hope and a sadness at the same time. Ramirez-Dean conquered it all, yet she had suffered through it.
I fought to hold a tear from shedding, but this is the truth. We need to fight for it all. The amazing energy and passion every individual had in their hearts that night are indescribable.
I can safely say that there is hope out there for anyone who has ever felt like an outcast at some point in life. Rodriguez’s efforts and passion to fix the drop-out crisis in the Latino community are on their way.
I have faith Rodriguez can move Chicano culture towards a better way of life.
For Native American heritage month, the Fifth Annual L.A. Skins Fest organization presented films by Native American filmmakers at the Autry National Center’s Wells Fargo Theater in Hollywood, Nov. 17 through Nov. 20. They are currently in need of interns and volunteers.

Ian Skorodin, the founder and director said, “We’re always in need of volunteers, but the ones we get are always so lively. A lot of people say they want to volunteer, but they just don’t mean it.”

Interns would help with ushering at film screenings, assisting attendees as tour guides, running errands, and directing pre-production and post-production projects.

Sponsored by NBC/Universal, Union Bank, Sony Pictures, Writers Guild of America, Kodak, HBO, KCET, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and many others, L.A. Skins Fest is a national organization passionate about promoting Native American films.

When asked if Skorodin would consider partnering with CSUSB for interns and volunteers, he replied, “I’m open to any assistance we can get. We have partnered with UCLA, and they’ve been very generous with resources. Before that we had partnered with USC and they were very supportive as well.”

Upon hearing that their sponsor, San Manuel, is also a contributor to CSUSB, Skorodin said, “We’re honoring Vice Chairwoman Lynn “Nay” Valbuena [of San Manuel] at our closing night event. Lynn is very generous and understanding of our needs. She’s been involved with the organization since its origin, and she’s very deserving of the award.”

Event empowers Hispanics

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Dominguez’s footsteps in helping children around the world.

“I never thought that I would come back with a mentor,” said Ek.

HACU is currently associated with over 400 colleges and universities across the U.S., Latin America, Spain and Portugal.

“It was a great experience. There were 23 of us and we didn’t know each other. By the end of the conference we had become the best of friends,” said Ek.

Students give back to their community, help ones in need and make a positive impact on people’s life this holiday season.

Helping those in need

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It’s almost impossible for some of us to imagine 50,000 people in need of food each month but it’s something we shouldn’t be blinded by. Most people would agree that we’re living in tough times right now so we should take the time to go out and help the people that may not be as fortunate.

“Every year my family and I volunteer to help with the food drive and it’s such a great feeling knowing that we’re making such an impact on people’s lives. Just seeing the happiness in their eyes makes you feel that you’re making such a beneficial difference in the world,” said student Kelsey Weakly.

Like Weakly, becoming a volunteer this holiday season can really make a positive impact on a person’s life. On Nov. 17, the Santos Manuel Student Union hosted its annual Holiday Dinner event, where the first 200 students received a free meal. Students who attended were also asked to bring either a canned food item or a packaged toy to donate to the Campesino Project.

The Campesino Project is organized solely by the students, faculty and staff at CSUSB. The purpose and goal of the project is to get as much food and money donated as possible to provide farm working families in the Coachella Valley with Thanksgiving meals this holiday season.

Student Paula Acuna said, “It’s a really great way to get involved on campus and it shows that even with our busy lives as college students we still have the time to help people who are in need of it.”

With the thanks and givings that the holidays brings right around the corner, students can help make a difference through volunteering through CAPSBC.
CSUSB Photo Club captures finer things

By TIFFANY BATSON  Staff Writer

CSUSB students are serious about new ways of presenting their photography to the world. The Photo Club was created for students to share and enjoy photography. Dot Photorize is an online magazine that features a variety of subjects and articles that are intriguing to the reader.

In one of the features, CSUSB alumnus Krystal Morgan has a photo publication that documents her eating habits for three days. The purpose of “The Photo Diet” collection is to document Americans’ constant obsession with food and weight. It highlights the realization that not everyone in the world is privileged to have an abundance of food varieties to eat. “We obsess about weight because we can,” the article in Dot Photorize states.

The focus of Dot is to feature the artwork and stories of Photo Club members, as well as anyone else who sends in their artwork. If any aspiring artist wants their photos published in Dot, they should send them to Thomas McGovern.

“The goal of Dot is to create a venue platform to showcase students’ work,” said McGovern. McGovern is also a CSUSB art professor, creating his own professional art pieces. Currently he is creating a photo book with Juan Delgado, the former chair of the English department. McGovern will be providing the pictures, while Delgado will be providing his rich poetry.

“Dot is dedicated to showcasing the very best photography and related material from the students and recent alumni of CSUSB.”


Anyone that is interested in photography is eligible to join the Photo Club. Either come to a club meeting or check out their Facebook Page @CSUSB Dot Photo Club.

“The Club has about 30 members and continues to grow with people that share their love and interest for photography,” said McGovern.

The first issue of Dot was published last May by the CSUSB Photo Club and it continues to receive recognition all over the world.

Dot was featured in a photo book fair in London last August. The fair is very competitive, judges view and decide which independent books and magazines should be promoted.

According to the Dot Photorize website, “Dot is dedicated to showcasing the very best photography and related material from the students and recent alumni of CSUSB.”

McGovern encourages people to contact photographers on the Dot website and get involved. The photorize is a great way to support artists on campus that are passionate about artwork.

Dot is a completely student-run publication whose goal is to get the work of students and alumni out to the public.

A local exhibit to promote the work of the students will be on Dec. 10 at the New York Delight, a restaurant and art space in Pomona. The exhibit will include approximately 30 pieces of artwork from the CSUSB Photo Club.

The CSUSB Photo Club meets every other Monday in VA-111.

“Saints Row: The Third” is absolutely nuts

One of the most notorious video game titles ever is back and ready to destroy all your expectations

By NIGEL HAMBLIN  Staff Writer

Violence, perversion, chaos and sexual deviance is what you can expect from a game like “Saints Row: The Third” (SR3). In other words, keep your kids away from this.

For 60 bucks, the third installment in the Saints Row saga takes you to a brand new city with new opportunities to wreak havoc on the streets, by taking on enemy gangs to make the Saints the top dogs in the fictional city of Steelport.

Many have claimed that this series is a Grand Theft Auto (GTA) knock off, but SR3 is an absurd, cartoonish, over-the-top and mentally sick GTA on steroids.

The gameplay is similar in terms to GTA, being in the third-person point of view, and there’s a mission where you can even ride around the streets performing drive-bys with a tiger in the back seat. You have to keep the tiger calm in order to avoid getting mangled through this that can be challenging.

Running around the streets and performing wrestling moves on pedestrians is also the same. Clothlines and bodyslams are among the many wrestling moves you can execute, but you can only knock out so many citizens before you attract police attention.

Weapons in the game include sub-machine guns, shotguns, rifles and pretty much any other kind of gun you would expect in an action game. However, normal guns aren’t the only weapons you can use. The crazier the game, the more absurd the weapon selection, and SR3 does this perfectly.

Among these wacky weapons are Apoca-Fists, boxing gloves that combust targets on first contact and a Mollusk Launcher, which shoots live octopi onto enemy heads, controlling their minds and assisting you. These are the only weapons that can be deemed appropriate enough to mention here.

Getting into brawls with enemy gangs with an arsenal of bizarre weaponry isn’t the only way to earn power, you can also buy property and businesses in the city to earn a profit. Eventually, your influence will spread block by block, elevating the Saints to higher status.

Along with the story missions, there are numerous side-quests throughout the city to keep you entertained. Sniping missions, obstacle races, clearing enemy hideouts and other activities keep the game engaging.

Although SR3 is less serious than its predecessors, its unique and ludicrous concept is worth the attention. If you’re looking for a fun and nonsensical game to fool around with, that is sure to mercilessly destroy all concepts of morality, look no further than this.
A soundtrack to a blizzard

By CAROLINA McCARTHY
Staff Writer

50 Words for Snow is an intoxicating album that invites listeners into Kate Bush’s enchanting world.

It is said that Eskimos have fifty different words for snow. This was the inspiration for Bush’s hypnotic album, which is planned for release Nov. 21 in stores across the nation.

50 Words for Snow, the British songwriter’s tenth album and her second this year alone, is one that expresses a type of seasonal feel.

NPR reports Bush describes her album as, “Seven songs set against a backdrop of falling snow.”

This description is apparent when listening to her song “Snowfall.” This piece begins with the gentle music of a piano as Bush soulfully describes her out-of-body experience as a snowflake.

“I was born in a cloud, now I am falling / I want you to catch me / Look up and you will see me / You know you can hear me,” sings Bush.

These lyrics invite listeners to escape into an entrancing and calm world where they can experience something mesmerizing.

As her album continues, she tells another story in “Snowed in at Wheeler Street.” Here, she weaves a tale about her and a possible past lover.

“Don’t you know? There’s just something about you / Haven’t we met before?” she whispers nostalgically.

Then, a male voice slips in and explains, “We have been in love forever.”

These words invite Bush into a forgotten memory as the seconds decline and the music fades.

“Wild Man,” the album’s first single, tells a bit of a different tale.

“You are not a languor monkey nor a big brown bear / You are the wild man / They want to hunt you down / You are not an animal,” cries Bush.

These words portray seeing past something viewed as an “animal.” Her pain is vivid when she explains them wanting to hunt this man down, because she knows he’s more like a creature stuck in the wilderness.

This album is definitely something that will put listeners into a hypnotic state.

When contrasting this album with Bush’s older work from the 1980s, it is clear she has gone in an entirely different direction. She has evolved from a quirky British pop star to a transcendent art-rock powerhouse.

Imagine being lost in the middle of a frost-covered land and being able to do nothing but let your mind freely flow. This is exactly what this music has to offer you.

The album, with all its chilling and hauntingly beautiful soundscapes, comes in perfect timing for the cold winter weather.

Short video clips, audio sound bites, and other information are readily available on her website, katebush.com.

The great Oscar throwdown

By CARMEN HERRERA
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The Oscar race is slowly gearing up for an award season that is right around the corner.

Entertainment news sources such as the L.A. Times, Reelz and E! are already speculating which movies will take home copies of the prestigious statue.

Several critics have already predicted the year’s best films, which include various dramas, biopics (a biographical movie) and even political thrillers.

Films so far mentioned have included “The Artist,” “Moneyball,” “The Help,” “The Descendants,” “Midnight in Paris” and “The Ides of March.” Even the final installment of the Harry Potter series is hoping to receive a nomination.

According to Academy executive director Bruce Davis, the Best Picture category will be open for five to ten films, with no obligation to rounding out the number.

Leading candidates considered for the Best Actor prize include a previous winner and a handful of nominees.

At the top of the list is previous Supporting Actor winner George Clooney, for his role in “The Descendants.”


Three-time nominee Leonardo DiCaprio’s portrayal of J. Edgar Hoover has also gained buzz. DiCaprio is hoping to cement his name alongside his director Clint Eastwood and bring an Oscar home.

The category of Best Actress may also include a group of women who are no strangers to this category.

Critics’ top pick among these hopefuls is Viola Davis, who was previously nominated for her supporting role in “Doubt.”

Davis and her co-star Octavia Spencer are both considered top picks for their roles in the surprise summer blockbuster “The Help” which stayed at the top of the box office for three consecutive weeks following its release.

Davis’s former “Doubt” co-star, 16-time Oscar nominee Meryl Streep, is looking for her 17th nomination for her role as Margaret Thatcher in the biopic “The Iron Lady.”

Actresses also in contention for the leading lady title are previous nominees Michelle Williams for her take on the promiscuous icon Marilyn Monroe in “My Week with Marilyn,” Kiera Knightley in “A Dangerous Method” and even current “it-girl” Emma Stone is hoping to be considered for a nomination for “The Help” as well.

The “For Your Consideration” campaign is in full effect, with filmmakers of every category hoping to bring home accolades this season.

Movie fanatics and critics await anxiously for the Academy Awards ceremony, which is scheduled to take place on Feb. 26.
J. Edger Hoover’s larger-than-life persona has been expertly put under the microscope in the new Clint Eastwood directed movie “J. Edgar.”

Leonardo DiCaprio wonderfully portrays the infamous Hoover. His performance forces viewers to sympathize with Hoover’s cold and domineering exterior.

DiCaprio definitely takes over the role of Hoover and carries the film. While the writing material for the film could have been better, it is quickly overshadowed by DiCaprio’s strong acting skills.

The supporting cast of Ed Westwick, Armie Hammer, Naomi Watts and Judi Dench each star in the film as significant roles in Hoover’s life.

The film has an older Hoover relating his life to a group of young writers. Between flashbacks of his younger years, Hoover tells the story of his life and the struggles and triumphs that have come along with it.

From the creation of the FBI to the kidnapping of the Charles Lindbergh baby, Hoover explains to reporters the most important events that have shaped his career.

As a public figure, Hoover was always trying to win the support and admiration from the American people. However, he struggled to win the affection from his very own mother.

Hoover’s lonely life will have viewers feeling sorry for him. DiCaprio’s acting skills show how Hoover was always looking for attention from everyone around him.

Hoover also had a great interest in the law. That interest would push him to create the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Through the FBI, Hoover would be able to stop many criminals during his time.

His obsession over the FBI and spying on people of interest would later be the reason behind his downfall. Hoover would become very suspicious of President Richard Nixon and other political figures.

Hoover would tap the phone lines of various people and listen in on their private conversations, allegations he would adamantly deny.

Eastwood even portrayed the controversial relationship between Hoover and his close friend Clyde Tolson. Amid rumors of homosexuality, Hoover and Tolson shared a strong bond while remaining dedicated to their work.

The on-screen chemistry between DiCaprio and Hammer is very believable and will have the viewers questioning the closeness that the two shared.

The movie also allows viewers to see the steps that the FBI took in the investigation of the Lindbergh kidnapping. Eastwood shows how the FBI was functioning when it was first created.

From the crime fighting scenes to the questionable relationship between Hoover and Tolson, “J. Edgar” will have viewers leaving with a better, and unexpected understanding of one of the most important and powerful American figures of the 20th century.
Both men’s and women’s basketball prepare for a long winter of games against tough opponents by continuing to gel as a team.
Sports

This week in Sports History:

November 21, 1934
New York Yankees buy Joe DiMaggio from the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League

November 23, 1988
Los Angeles Kings’ Wayne Gretzky scores his 600th NHL goal in his tenth NHL season

November 25, 1920
The Thanksgiving day NFL games were played for the first time. There were six different games.

Coyote Jock Talk

Check out the Coyote Jock Talk Blog
This week: updated NFL power rankings and MLB commentary.

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SPORTS TRIVIA

Each week the Coyote Chronicle will try to stump the students with sports trivia.

How many final four appearances does coach Mike Krzyzewski have? (See CoyoteChronicle.com for answer)

Answer to last week’s question:
Princeton Tigers with 28 claimed National Championships, the last coming in 1950

COYOTE JOCK TALK

By J. LEVI BURNFIN
Sports Editor

The college football bowl season is near. It’s supposed to be a chance for “amateur athletes” to display their abilities at the highest level of college sports. And it used to be something that I absolutely loved watching. That is, until I came across the gory details of the rampant corruption across the top of the college bowl system. It seems that the only amateurs involved with these bowls are the players themselves.

Because even though many of these bowls have corporate names and the appearance of a money-making business, they are classified as non-profit organizations or charities.

So these bowls are completely exempt from any and all taxes. In order to maintain that charitable status, profits are supposed to go towards a charitable purpose. The bowls, on average, make more than $250 billion per year so the bowls claim that the profits go to the schools that participate in the bowls themselves.

According to the Football Bowl Association’s attorney and spokesman Bruce Bernstein in an interview on Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel, the bowls pay out 75-80 percent of the total revenue to the schools. But according to records from the bowls, on average, the bowls give out a little more than 50 percent of its revenue.

Last year’s lowest paying bowl, the Humanitarian Bowl, paid the schools participating in the game about 27 percent of the total revenue which was not even enough to cover the schools expenses to play in the game.

In the 2011 Fiesta Bowl, UConn was forced to pay the bowl about $3 million because they were unable to sell 14,000 tickets out of their mandatory ticket allotment. So obviously the schools are not getting much of a benefit from these bowls.

But the Bowls also claim that they are giving generously to the local communities. Tens of millions of dollars a year are dedicated to the local community according to a bowls spokesperson on the Real Sports episode. But actually, out of the $261 million that tax-exempt bowls brought in last year, only $4 million was given to the local communities.

In the four years after Hurricane Katrina, the Sugar Bowl, which is located in New Orleans, actually gave less money to the local communities than they brought in with government subsidies.

Essentially, tax payers were paying the Sugar Bowl. So where does all the money go?

In the 2011 Fiesta Bowl, UConn brought in last year, only $4 million was given to the local community according to a bowls spokesperson on the Real Sports episode. But actually, out of the $261 million that tax-exempt bowls brought in last year, only $4 million was given to the local communities.

In fact, the only thing that requires as much money as the bowls’ CEO salaries is the pursuit of keeping the corrupt system the way it is.

Millions of dollars per year are spent on lavish “business meetings” on yachts and at resorts for the “bigwigs” of the college football landscape. Dozens of Athletic Directors, Conference Commissioners and TV Executives and their spouses are taken on all-expenses paid trips to ensure the system is unchanged.

Hey! Maybe that’s how these bowls have kept their “charity” tax-status?
Coyotes hunt to host a championship run

CSUSB women’s volleyball team dominated in match two of the NCAA West Regional Semifinals against the BYU-Hawaii Seawaders. Samantha Middleborn conquered the net with more than a handful of blocks. During the first two sets, CSUSB’s defense was aggressive and kept them in the lead. “Our defensive is absolutely unbelievable from a blocking standpoint and from a floor defensive standpoint,” said Camille Smith.

“We have been consistently underrated as a defensive team because we have such great attackers,” said coach Kim Cheniss. There was an impressive display of digs and blocked kill attempts all throughout the night as the Coyotes made it seemingly impossible for the Seawaders to gain any type of momentum. “Defense definitely changes a game and it helps because our level of defense allows me to run our offense and in the end, our offense is what is going to win our game,” said Smith.

After dominating the first two sets, CSUSB found themselves in a real dog fight in the third set. A few questionable calls by the line judges only made the task of putting the scrappy Seawaders away even more difficult. A call was made by one of the line judges in which a ball that appeared to have landed in between the lines was called out. Fans booed, and the Coyotes protested as the judges only made the task of putting the Seawaders away even more difficult.

“CSUSB put in a bid to host the championships. With an undefeated record, the Coyotes have the confidence and ability they need to host the championship run.” said Middleborn.

The final match for CSUSB was a well-played game versus number 3 seed, Sonoma State. The Coyotes won 3-0 with an attendance of 829, the largest of the tournament. As a team, the Coyotes put a stop to Sonoma State. CSUSB only allowed their opponents 31 kills and forced 26 errors on 123 attacks. Sonoma state managed a lowly .041 hitting percentage.

The Coyotes did not trail during either of the first two sets and left Sonoma state in the dust. The third and final set was much more difficult than the first two. At one point, the Coyotes fell eight points behind. “We are never so concerned with our opponents” Camille Smith.

“We are never so concerned with our opponents,”... you know we can close this. We’re going to come back. We have so much faith in ourselves, in our team and in each other,” said Middleborn. “What can I do to win this game? Whether we’re down or up, we’re always hungry like that,” said Camille Smith.

The ladies regrouped and came back to battle point for point until game-point. Middleborn took the final attack for the kill, giving the Coyotes a 26-24 victory in the third set for the West Region championship title.

When it comes to nationals in December the team is focusing on one game at a time. CSUSB will face FLAG on Dec. 1. CSUSB put in a bid to host the championships. With an undefeated record, the Coyotes fully expect to be declared hosts.

PART TIME WORK

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Coyote Chronicle: Athlete of the Week

Name: Megan Johnson
Sport: Women’s Volleyball
Class: Senior

Moment:
Nov. 19 vs. BYU-Hawaii
Johnson was monumental in her team’s successful outing vs. the BYU-Hawaii Seasiders. She had 14 kills and a remarkable .429 percentage as the Coyotes proved to be too much to handle for the Seasiders. Johnson’s hitting percentage surpassed that of the entire team combined who hit an impressive .301.

More about:
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The bigger the crowd, the better

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Posters that read “Go Yotes,” “I Love Morgan” and “Go Defense” brings the crowd’s excitement to light when the CSUSB volleyball team takes the court.

This past weekend the crowds that filled the Coussoulis Arena were diverse in every way and form. With intense matches against Alaska-Anchorage, BYU-Hawaii and Sonoma State, one could feel the tension and excitement resonating from the crowd as each play unfolded.

“Student involvement is what drives us. We see the growth on campus on how many students come and support our team and that really makes a difference in knowing your going out there doing your best and representing the school,” said Coach Kim Cherniss.

Just under a thousand spectators showed up for the final game that would determine the winner of the West Regional tournament.

In this crowd, everyone from your average student, to student athletes came to support the volleyball team. The CSUSB baseball team was especially noted for being the loudest and most enthusiastic fans in attendance.

They voiced their displeasure when calls didn’t go in favor of the Coyotes, and yelled at the top of their lungs whenever the girls completed a great play.

Numerous players from the baseball team were all crowded by the railings cheering the squad on.

“We have the number one team right now, how can you not come and watch these games and support our school?” said Jake Pilkerton.

There were a couple of questionable calls that went against CSUSB during their match against BYU-Hawaii that didn’t bode well with the players, the coaching staff, nor the fans. The referees certainly knew how the crowd felt as tempers flared.

Everyone was quick to get up and express their anger.

Members of CSUSB’s soccer team were in attendance as well.

“I come to show school spirit, it’s always nice to have people in the stands. We’re a close-knit of athletic departments; they come to every one of our games. They know how important it is to have the support of our school when winning or losing a match,” said women’s soccer player Jasmine Bell.

With the CSUSB logo, and the number of wins cleanly shaved into her blue hair, Camille Smith fits right into the competitive atmosphere at every game.

“We get added adrenaline when we see so many students come out, we take pride in our school and we literally bleed black and blue,” said Smith.

The cheering and adrenaline does not just stay in the stands, but also moves into the court.

After every block, every dig, every point gained and lost, the volleyball team energetically express themselves throughout the entire game.

From parents coming to support their daughters to your average CSUSB student who is looking to witness history, every fan counts in providing an electric atmosphere when the Lady Coyotes take the court.