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Visit the stars at CSUSB’s observatory

By MELISSA BENTON  
Staff Writer

The $3 million state-of-the-art Murillo Family Observatory is the only teaching facility of its kind in the Inland Empire. The observatory held its official ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov. 18.

The official open house for the observatory was scheduled for Jan. 27, but was canceled due to high winds.

Another open house is in the works and is looking to be scheduled at the end of March.

The observatory was named for George and Pauline Murillo, their family and the San Manuel tribal members who made major contributions to finance it.

The Murillo family matched the donation initially made by the W. M. Keck Foundation, which provided the funding for all the instruments.

The observatory contains two telescopes, one primarily for day use and the other for night.

It also has an observation deck, seating and more room for future classroom facilities.

Winter 2012 astronomy classes are the first to use the observatory and get hands-on experience with the equipment.

“The observatory is multi-purpose. It’s for teaching, undergraduate research and it’s an outreach to local schools,” said Dr. Laura Woodney, CSUSB’s only full-time astronomy professor.

Woodney is currently having one K-12 class bussed in once a week to learn in the observatory.

She believes it is important to get local kids excited about astronomy, science and education.

“We want it to create an exciting opportunity for the campus. We want the beautiful facility to inspire students in astronomy and education. It’s a great way to show off Cal State,” said Woodney.

Woodney shares lab responsibilities with Paul Gardner. Gardner helps run the observatory as the head engineer.

According to Woodney, the observatory would not be running if it had not been for Gardner and the volunteer students who work with him.

The observatory and its findings can be accessed from Woodney’s home. She explains that, while she’s working on her lectures or grading papers, she can open the dome and operate the automatic open the dome and operate the automatic

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Timeless love stories exposed

By KRYSTINA PEDERSEN  
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is here again. For some it’s a day of love, excitement and surprise. For others it’s a day of heartbreak and misery.

“Valentine’s Day is a day to share love, not just with a boyfriend, girlfriend or spouse, but a day to share love with family and friends,” said student Anisha Puri.

Most people can trace their memories all the way back to elementary school where Valentine’s Day consisted of distributing cards and little goodies to everyone in your class and doing little arts and crafts.

When Abigail Perez was in kindergarten she made a special cupcake for her crush, but got into an argument with her cousin on her way to deliver the cupcake and smashed it into her face.

When Amanda Luckett was in the eighth grade she shared her first kiss with her crush at school on Valentine’s Day. While locking lips a teacher spotted them and ordered them into the principal’s office. “We got into a lot of trouble. The principle was so mad he made us write an essay on why kissing at school is bad,” said Luckett.

For Filiberto Quintana Valentine’s Day wasn’t as joyous as he had hoped during his eighth grade year.

“I bought this girl a bunch of stuff cause I liked her and she liked me, and I planned to give it to her on Valentine’s.” But when the big day came around, the girl confessed to Quintana that she had been secretly dating his best friend behind his back.

Although he was upset, Quintana forgave the girl and still keeps in touch with her today. As for his friend, he found it harder to look past the betrayal. But as time goes on, Valentine’s Day gets a little deeper.

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To bad more information and photos of the multi-purpose Murillo Family Observatory, visit their official Facebook page. The observatory is looking to hold another open house near the end of March and is currently open for astronomy classes.
By KATHERINE VALADEZ
Staff Writer

The number of international students attending CSUSB has been increasing, according to the Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP).

Currently, the CISP office estimates there are upwards of 650 international students on campus. This figure excludes students in the College of Extended Learning, which is a separate program.

“There has definitely been an increase in international students here at CSUSB,” said Rika Dawson, an administrative assistant for CISP.

CISP assists international students in many areas ranging from awarding scholarships to making sure students have the correct immigration status when they arrive in the U.S.

CSUSB receives students from many different countries such as India, Taiwan, Japan, Mexico and Nigeria. But the majority of students originate from China, South Korea and Saudi Arabia, according to Dawson.

This is consistent with colleges and universities all across the U.S. According to a report issued by the Institute of International Education, 22 percent of international students hail from China.

CSUSB will continue to see more foreign exchange students this year.

International student enrollment at CSUSB is expected to increase in the spring quarter.

“I think it’s going to be a large increase. We are expecting about 150 students next quarter,” said Dawson.

California is the number one state that hosts international students, followed by New York and Texas. During the 2010-11 academic year, California hosted 96,535 international students, according to the Institute of International Education.

In 2011 a record high of 723,277 international students studied in the United States, and new international student enrollment increased by six percent from the previous year, according to the Institute of International Students.

“Our office assists students from overseas with student visas. These students are here to pursue academic programs such as a B.A. or a B.S.,” said Dawson.

“These students are degree seeking, while students in the College of Extended Learning’s International Extension Program are not.”

Students in the International Extension Program are international students that come to CSUSB to build their English language skills so they may become full time students at CSUSB, according to Elaine Chacon, a program assistant for the International Extension Program.

Students have differing reasons for coming to CSUSB. Some students come to learn English, like Andy Kim, Korean native.

“Before I came here I studied English, but I’m studying much more now. I want to learn to speak English well,” said Kim.

In addition, CSUSB affords students the opportunity to experience American life while earning their degree.

“I started school at a university in Korea. CSUSB connects with that school so I’m able to graduate here,” said Oscar Han, an international student from Korea. “But we want to make American friends. We don’t have a lot of chances to make American friends.”

Woodney has high hopes for what the observatory could do for all students in the Inland Empire.

“I hope that it will share a love of science with all local students. Not all of them need to become astronomers. I just want them to look at the wonders of the universe and hope it inspires them to want to continue their education and to learn about science. Science can be fun,” Woodney continued.

The official Facebook page for the Murillo Family Observatory contains information and pictures available to anyone that is interested.

CSUSB sees spike in international student population

By KATHERINE VALADEZ
Staff Writer

20-inch telescope at home.

Woodney is in the process of trying to acquire a grant to have a full-time staff for the observatory.

With it fully staffed, the observatory could be open at all times for the public to explore.

“These are exciting times, but it’s a slow-moving process. It’s a lot of work, and we don’t have a lot of people. We open the observatory when we can, but we don’t foresee the funding to happen anytime soon,” said Woodney.
Happy Valentine’s Day, Coyotes!

My Love,
Thank you so much for supporting me during my college years at CSUSB. All of our hard work will pay off, I promise. I love you so much. Happy Valentine’s Day!
Elizabeth

Three years ago I asked if you would be my funny little Valentine. While our cities, jobs and schools have changed, the question hasn’t... Will you be mine?
Love, Drew

Hello world (CSUSB’s awesome faculty and students)! This is my bfriend. If you see him around campus, please let him know how much I love and am grateful for him.
Teresa Tran

Happy 2nd Valentine’s Day spent together hunny bunny. I am so happy to have a man that loves me so much the way you do. Em yeu anh forever.
Teresa Tran

Andrii Feliz Dia de Los Enamorados. Gracias por estar conmigo. Nunca me canso de extrañarte y pensarte. Te amó y te amaré siempre, viviré cada día demostrándote lo importante que eres en mi vida.
Caro Aguilera

Momma bear loves her cubbie bear! Happy Valentine’s Day future husband!
Teresa Tran

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Federal court repeals Proposition 8 as unconstitutional

By COURTNEY SIMS  Staff Writer

Proposition 8 has been appealed by a 2-1 ruling in a federal appeals court. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals declared the voter-approved ban on same sex marriage unconstitutional last Thursday. The recent court ruling has some Californians thinking the momentum behind this battle could be geared toward something more important.

Supporters of Prop 8 have decide quickly whether they want to appeal the recent ruling handed down by the Federal courts. “Protect Marriage, the Christian conservative sponsor of Proposition 8, is expected to announce next week whether to ask a larger panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider the ruling, a decision that could postpone U.S. Supreme Court review for months,” as reported by the LA Times.

California is the only state to pass a law on same sex marriage making it legal and then later overturn it. According to the Proposition 8 website, in June of 2008 same sex marriage became legal in California. However shortly after the November election, Proposition 8 was passed, thus overturning the previous ruling.

Bien Fule-Ver, who self-identifies as gay, is a CSUSB alumnus and has been engaged for two years. He believes that the fight for marriage equality is something worth fighting for. Fule-Ver is surprised that a progressive state like California is falling behind.

“Marriage elevates you to a different status. It’s embarrassing; the states that we think are not progressive are the ones that are aware of the social changes.” Bien Fule-Ver

CSUSB Alumnus

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Supporters of Prop 8 are disappointed with the way the state has handled the entire process. “I think it comes down to voting. We are being taught to vote because it’s our ‘duty,” said student Kati Garn. “By overturning this law it has taken away our vote. There’s not a point in voting if the government is just going to do want they want.”

Currently, the same sex marriage ban is still in effect until the case goes to the Supreme Court. Prop. 8 critics are confident that the ruling will end in a victory. “With the political climate right now with Obama and the Defense of Marriage Act, I see the ruling going in our favor,” said Megan Rush, graduate assistant at CSUSB’s Pride Center.

Santorum takes lead in GOP primaries

By JACQUELINE SCHOLTEIN  Staff Writer

A surprise victory was given to Rick Santorum, former senator of Pennsylvania, who won all three election contests taking place on Feb 7. This has shaken the Mitt Romney campaign and reminded Republicans that there is a long way to go in the race for the Republican nominee.

Santorum won elections in Minnesota, Missouri and Colorado. Colorado and Minnesota were caucus elections and Missouri was a “beauty contest” primary, consequently no electoral votes were awarded for any of them.

“I think it lends validity to the caucuses here in Iowa. It shows that it wasn’t a fluke that he’s showing well in other states,” says Tim Kapucian, Iowa’s state senator to WHO TV.

These are the first triumphs this conservative candidate has won since his narrow win in the Iowa caucus over a month ago.

Since then, Santorum has changed his speech by comparing Romney to Obama. He noted their similarities when it comes to health care, climate change and Wall Street.

“When Romney and Obama took these positions because they’re intellectual snobs— they think they ‘know better,’ wrote Noam Scheber for National Public Radio.”

This attack on Romney was Santorum’s effort to solidify the anti-Romney vote and show conservatives that if they vote for him he will not forget about social conservative issues in the midst of our economic crisis.

Current Gallup tracking polls show that after Santorum’s multiple victories he is now tied for second place with Newt Gingrich, who is losing momentum. The polls also show that while going down a little in popularity, Romney is still the front runner and Ron Paul is trailing far behind in fourth place.

Even though Romney is still the leader in the race, critics think that Santorum’s victories are just the beginning.

“It’s not really about the delegates, it’s about the momentum you can build, the stories you can get in the press. It’s the people rallying to support you and he’s got that,” said Arthur Sanders, Drake political professor to WHO TV.

LA Times reported that Santorum beat Romney by almost 30 percentage points in Minnesota and by 5 points in Colorado. Romney won both of those states during the 2008 election.

Romney’s success has been attributed to his wealth and his organization. He has raised more money than all of his competitors and came into the election with his own fortune.

Data for 2011 from the LA Times shows that Santorum raised $2.2 million, this number pales in comparison to Romney’s $57.1 million.

However, in the race to consolidate the anti-Romney vote, Santorum is trying to show America that he is a force to be reckoned with.

He has won more election contests than all of the other candidates.

“Many more Republicans are taking Mr. Santorum seriously now, thanks to his victories,” said New York Times writer Jim Buitenberg. “And perhaps none more than Mr. Romney, for whom Mr. Santorum’s unexpected rise poses another threat from the right.”

The California primary elections for the presidential race will be held in June.

Students share stories of their love

By COURTNEY SIMS  Staff Writer

For most people it is viewed as a day of love and allows them to show their affection to people they care about through whatever ways they feel expresses their feelings.

For people like Roman Lopez, Valentine’s Day is a day for him to get creative and express his feeling to his loved ones through music.

Two years ago Lopez surprised his high school sweetheart with flowers and a song he had written on his guitar for her.

“My girlfriend loved the song because it was made especially for her, and she thought it showed that I put a lot of thought and time into her gift,” said Lopez.

As for Audrina Fausto, Valentine’s Day 2010 was one of the sweetest she’s experienced.

Her freshmen year of high school, Fausto befriended a senior boy.

When graduation came to pass instead of enrolling in college he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Iraq.

The two lost touch, but eventually reconnected over Myspace and began to text and converse over the phone.

“It was Valentine’s Day, and I heard the door bell ringing. When I went to answer it - there was a bouquet of roses from him, I was so shocked and happy, it was really unexpected,” said Fausto.

After she received the flowers, Fausto thanked him and they continued to keep in contact until he was deployed to Afghanistan where they lost touch for good. She still hasn’t heard from him to this day.

Though they may have all had very different Valentine’s Day experiences, Fausto, Quintana, Luckett, Perez and Lopez could probably all agree that no matter what life deals you, it should be remembered that Valentine’s Day is still a day to express love and can be done in a variety of different ways.

And they still continue to celebrate it with friends, family and significant others.

Happy Valentine’s Day!
What’s up with all the red and pink?

By ALEJANDRA ARANA
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is a holiday to be celebrated, not just Hallmark’s day to make money. This day isn’t just about couples; it’s about love and how love makes you feel. Love is more than the kind you might first think of when you think about Valentine’s Day. People should shed that preconceived notion that this day is just about cupid-esque love, and just think of it being about whatever type of love they have for whomever.

There is also the innocent festive part of today, that I think is great for adults and kids to be a part of. When I was in elementary school this holiday was the event of the year. I didn’t sleep the entire night before because I was so excited to go to class. Making cards for fellow students, filling paper hearts with Hershey Kisses and adding a love note to my crush of the year so excited to go to class. 

According to Kimberly “Charlie” Treloar & Angelina Garibay

By KIMBERLY “CHARLIE” TRELOAR & ANGELINA GARIBAY
Staff Writers

It’s that time of year again where you are expected to shell out hundreds of dollars for the one you love. That’s right it’s Valentine’s Day. Cue the groans. I think that this holiday has become more about bankrupting people then it has been in remaining true to its roots and therefore should not be celebrated. Valentine’s Day began with a priest martyred for illegally performing marriages for soldiers. Later he was declared a saint and given Feb. 14 to honor him. During the 18th century it became a custom for friends and lovers to exchange tokens of affection on this special day in remembrance of St. Valentine’s death. Now, the holiday has become more about promoting manufactured love. It’s filled with Hallmark greeting cards, chocolates, jewelry and candy shaped like hearts.

At what point did we decide that we were going to allow places like Hallmark dictate how we show someone we love them? According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine’s Day cards are given each year. The candy companies, not to be outdone, joined in the fray promoting that love’s equivalent to chocolate. Now over $1 billion worth of chocolates is purchased for special someone’s.

Don’t forget the traditional red rose, 189 million of them are for Valentine’s Day alone, with special price increases for the “holiday.” Many guys buy into the jewelers lure that “diamonds are a girl’s best friend.” My best friend may be made out of carbon but they are not hard as a rock. And do you really think a kiss begins with Kay? I thought it started with a pucker of the lips.

It is clear by these facts that there are literally millions of us believing that we have to support the industry by purchasing love in a box for someone.

I urge you to not be a part of the herd this Valentine’s Day and waste your time on a ridiculous money making scheme. Instead you should show someone how much you love them throughout the year and not on the day that the Valentine’s industry wants to bleed you dry.

As students we do not have much money and it may not be affordable to show monetary love on Feb. 14. Instead of celebrating on Feb. 14, try showing your love and devotion every day with kind words, which are always free. Use your imagination. Your significant other will love you more for something creative than something bought. It’s time that we tell the Valentine’s industry that it is time to put more focus on real love and not manufactured love by not purchasing their outlandishly priced items. Ask yourselves, “What else love have to do with it?” Continued on Pg. 6

What’s love got to do with it?

By LIZBETH LOPEZ
Staff Writer

It is no secret that many students are upset with the tuition fee increases, and we have shown our displeasure, but we need to present a proposal to solve the decrease in state funding toward higher education and the constant tuition increases.

The state should implement a merit based scale discount that will be determined based on the students’ GPA to lower their tuition. According to USA Today, state support for higher education in California has dropped from $11 billion to about $9.6 billion in the past five years.

Administrators believe that the only way to maintain quality education is by increasing tuition fees since it is the only stream of revenue, however this only decreases student morale and the quality of education.

We need a way to make college more affordable for middle-income students while at the same time increasing the quality of the education in our classrooms. Rewarding students that have high GPAs with lower tuition will get students more engaged in class discussions and improve the education at our school, all the while helping out those who deserve it. As of right now in order to qualify for California Grants you must have a 3.0 GPA or better. Why not get an additional break or discount for maintaining a good GPA?

If you maintain a 4.0 GPA for three quarters you can qualify for a 50 percent discount on your overall tuition fee. If for whatever reason your GPA goes down in the next quarter to a 3.5 GPA then your tuition fee discount will only be 45 percent. Instead it will stay at that until you can earn a 4.0 GPA for three consecutive quarters.

It may be difficult for some to maintain a 4.0 GPA but if you have been able to do so there is something very rewarding about it. They are proud of those who have worked hard to maintain a high GPA.

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Good grades should mean lower tuition for students
No real love found on the Internet

College students should not put their precious time into dating websites to find love

By DOMINIQUE STERLING  Staff Writer

Students need to realize that online dating sites are not the best ways to meet someone. People think that, in this new age of technology where you can pretty much find anything on the Internet, why not find love as well?

Many online dating sites and their users argue that there is not enough time in our everyday schedules to find dating prospects. Many of their testimonials explain that within their busy lives it is very difficult to meet a compatible person.

I believe that online dating is not the most personal way to meet someone, that should be obvious.

For many people, online dating is a way for them to get out of their own comfort zone without facing any major issues they would encounter in face-to-face dating.

Online dating has its positives and negatives but as a whole I would say that it isn't what anyone should be doing.

The main reason I think people use them is that because they like the impersonal aspect of the Internet, it allowing less awkward moments.

However this is what students need to fight, they need to take initiative and fight what's holding them back from just approaching someone in real life.

Not to mention, many of the negatives from online dating come from a safety standpoint.

While technology continues to take over I fear that the lack of personal interaction will continue to decrease.

With Valentine's Day approaching I wondered if there would be a spike in online-dating enrollments.

As I spoke with students around the campus about the topic, many of the women agreed with me in saying that it is creepy.

"I would be too afraid that they would be a creeper and it's not very personal. I would much rather meet someone in a coffee shop," said student Heather Johnson.

It would be very difficult for me to trust in someone who I never met to only have good intentions when it came to my well-being.

Although many dating sites target people who are in their late 20s and above, college students may begin to look towards online dating sites to find love due to lack of free time.

Many of us are continually working on the next steps to our careers and dating becomes something that is put on the back burner.

Another big negative that online dating sites have is a fee for their services.

Many college students, myself included, struggle to pay for books and really don’t have the extra money to pay for love connections.

I asked students if the upcoming holiday would make them consider online-dating if they haven't been lucky in love so far. “That’s why Jesus made chocolate and ice cream so I can sit by myself and enjoy [a] happy Valentine’s Day,” said Johnson.

Taking the safe approach to dating some active things you could do to look for a love connection.

I would suggest going to Speed Dating event on Feb. 15 in the Student Union. Many online dating sites have a fee for their services.

You should also check out CSUSB Speed Dating event on Feb. 15 in the San Manuel Student Union.

This could reduce the amount of awkward moments people feel because it is understood that you never have to see a person ever again after your few minutes together are over.

If the crazy idea of online dating should cross your mind and you can't resist, remember to be safe, meet in a public place and watch out for the creepers.

My advice to you is to just get out there into the real world, to find a real person that will love you for who you are, not your avatar.

Grade incentive good for education

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maintain a 3.0 GPA then you should get a 30 percent discount.

For people who can manage to get a "C" average in their classes, or a 2.0 they should have to pay the full tuition because they have already made it known that school is just something that they want to pass, and if they think that way, they don’t deserve any breaks on tuition outside of scholarships or financial aid.

Some people may say that things come up to hold a person back from getting a B or an A, but that should not be an excuse because the campus offers tutoring and a writing center, as well as accommodating for students with disabilities.

“Wouldn’t it be a shame if administrators and professors from students to give them the A because they know that the student is financially pressed?” asked Jim Smart a communication studies professor here at CSUSB.

Not necessarily.

This program would be confidential and omitted to administrators and professors, after all Cal Grants are also based on students GPA.

Professors should not be persuaded to change a student’s grade in order for the student to get a fee break because the grade should only be based on the student’s performance, not a sob story.

Administrators argue that tuition is one of the only revenue streams they can increase in order to secure the university has enough money to maintain quality.

University of California Riverside (UCR) proposed a new funding model for the UC system as well.

According to USA Today, the students’ plan know as UC Student Investment Proposal, presented by UCR, states that students in the system would pay no upfront costs for their education but would agree to pay 5 percent of their income to the system for 20 years after graduating and entering the workforce.

The problem with UCR’s UC Student Investment Proposal is that there is no concrete system on how payment will be collected from alumni.

There is no plan or proposal by UCR that will track students that might move out of state.

My plan would not even have to deal with that type of problem because the effect of it comes before the student graduates.

The students would have no huge sum to pay after they’re done with school.

Do not be afraid to send your own proposals to the state senators, or the CSU Board of Trustees.

If we get some good ideas flowing to them, we can get something changed for the better.
Celebrating V-day with your honey

By MARINA RANGEL Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is here, and for nearly a month we’ve all walked through the stores past the aisles splattered with pink and red, pondering if you’ll have a valentine, what your valentine will get you or what you should get them.

But what can one say about a holiday that is celebrated by many and hated by some? The answer is simple. You can say a lot.

Valentine’s Day means different things to different people. Hopeless romantics like myself value it and yet, there are many couples who choose not to think much of it.

“It’s something where guys get to be really creative once a year for their girls,” said student Lwin Oo.

Of course, ladies don’t forget to be creative for your guy too.

It is impossible to watch TV, listen to the radio or go to any store without being thrown ideas for this special day. A romantic dinner, homemade card, jewelry, weekend trip for two, romantic night-in the Valentine’s Day essentials of candy, chocolate and flowers are all successful ways of spending that day with whoever you choose.

“My ideal Valentine’s Day would be a complete surprise,” said student Katrien Ramite. For student Lauren Wink, Valentine’s Day should begin when it’s with the people you love that should be remembered.

“Stuck at home? Great lives weren’t built on candy, flowers but on words as simple as ‘how do I love thee? Let me count the ways.”

The famous poem “How Do I Love Thee” was written by Elizabeth Barrett Browning during her romance with husband, Robert Browning.

They wrote over 600 letters to each other before secretly meeting and marrying.

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Gift ideas for your Valentine

By EMERALD COLLINS Staff Writer

You have a day to try to figure out what to buy your sweet heart for Valentine’s Day. Maybe you’re single and you’re trying to make some plans for Valentine’s Day or deciding how to spend the day with a loved one. Don’t stress out.

As the day of romance arrives, there are a few tips anyone could adopt to have a good time. These tips could make your Valentine’s Day memorable, whether you spend it with your sweet heart, a loved one or by yourself.

Besides the cliche box of chocolates, get pajamas, boxes of chocolates, stuffed animals and heart shaped balloons you keep seeing in stores, you can get someone a gift that cost little but makes a big difference.

Valentine’s Day could be made memorable if you gather your sweetie’s favorite music and dance with them to it. That idea could follow a nice candlelight dinner with your Valentine’s favorite home-cooked meal.

If you are going solo this time of the year, self dates can be just as impacting as someone taking you out on a date. Gifts can help us express our feelings to one another, so why not buy yourself a gift for the day? If you don’t want to be alone on this day of romance, it could be fun to invite a few single friends to accompany you. Whatever the case may be, take advice from Donna of “Parks and Rec” and “Pheat yourself!”

If you’re short on time buying your significant other flowers, candy, cards, jewelry, perfume or cologne etc. are classics, but a more unique gift played out. Show them your creative side by scrapping the fancy gifts, and wow the one you love by writing them a poem or serve them a customized breakfast in bed. Going the extra mile to break out of the V-day stereotypes will show how.

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Embracing the history of our campus

By EDWARD HEWITT
Staff Writer

Every day thousands of students, professors and staff occupy every building on campus. We utilize the facilities on campus for just about every activity under the sun.

But have you ever stopped to think about the development of the campus, what was the idea behind creating this campus, naming the buildings and deciding what they would be used for?

Questions such as these may not have been a priority on your “need-to-know” list but it would be a great addition to the knowledge of the CSUSB campus.

Originally named California State College, San Bernardino, CSUSB started as a very small campus.

In fact, it only consisted of three buildings in its opening year of 1965. These three buildings were the Administration Building, Sierra Hall and Chaparral Hall, all of which were available to its 293 students at the time.

By the time the college had seen its first graduating class in 1967, which consisted of 59 students, the campus had expanded with the addition of a few more buildings such as the Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences and Physical Education buildings.

The Pfau Library, one of the most notable buildings on campus, originally named “College Library” did not have a stationary building on campus but soon found its home in Sierra Hall where it stood for a few years. In 1970 the campus experienced growth with a five story building to house its books, and was named the John M. Pfau Library in honor of the retirement of the school’s first President John Martin Pfau.

Along with the new library came the Commons, Student Union, Performing Arts, Bookstore, Student Health Center, Children’s Center, Faculty Office, University Hall and the school’s first housing dorms in 1972.

By expanding its facilities and academic programs, the school allowed itself to expand geographically with students and gained recognition as a university in 1984. Entering the 90’s, the campus continued to experience growth with a handful of buildings all over its campus and modernized many of the buildings that already existed.

Notable buildings include Jack Brown Hall, named after the owner of Stater Bros. Grocery for his generous donation to the school which financed the building. The Coussoulis Arena, one of the largest indoor venues in San Bernardino County, has become a key component of the campus scenery.

Following these additions the campus has continued to blossom, adding a new Recreational Sports Center in 2007, parking structures, educational buildings and most recently an observatory which opened earlier this year.

On a daily basis we utilize each and every facility that the university has to offer yet we rarely stop to appreciate its historic value. This campus has plenty to offer as it accommodates the students, faculty and staff with modern facilities that are at times under appreciated.

Sometimes it’s necessary to take a second and enjoy the beauty this campus has to offer. The next time you exit a building or walk across the campus, take a moment to stop and observe your surroundings and embrace the beauty that CSUSB has to offer.

Gift ideas for yourself and your Valentine

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It is safe to say love does not sprout immediately but like in the 1800s. It takes years of romantic correspondence to knowing how to show it. Do what you love with the one you love.

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Diaries of a Jet Setter

A guy’s guide to getting lost

By R. ANTHONY DIAZ
Asst. Features Editor

Book smarts or street smarts; when you are traveling it is good to be both, or better yet, learn a few words. When driving through any city in the world one could assume or make judgments based on what the environment looks like. I did, and whether you are willing to admit it or not — we all do.

In some ways it is a good idea to go with your gut instinct, but in others it’s best to be open-minded and take the world as it comes, knowing when to draw a line is another story.

I was completely distracted snapping photos in front of the world-famous, Duomo de Milano, enjoying the beautiful scenes when a young man approached me. He reached over and asked me to wait to visit! I am glad they still refuse to have American crap, so leave it at home.

But, I must say that the Italians set the standard of what the Coach brand was not cool in Europe. — everything is amazing.

Aside from the sketchy locals and the language barrier, the Italians are known as being very friendly. They drink Nespresso, it is high end coffee and it’s fee connoisseur, but if not, you’re in Italy — worth the investment if you’re a coffee connoisseur, but if not, you’re in Italy — everything is amazing.

Another funny thing I found was that the Couch brand was not cool in Europe. Although you will find a store in the U.K. and Spain, everywhere else its considered American crap, so leave it at home.

Italy is a very beautiful country and has some of the best natural beauty the world can offer, but I do not think I would go back to Milan unless I was going for Fashion Week.

Rome, Florence and Venice, I cannot wait to visit!

Enthusiastic students gathered in the Santos Manuel Student Union to show off their school spirit to kick-off Homecoming Week.

Students show their spirit at Yotie Gras

By YEZI CHO
Staff Writer

Emphatic students gathered in the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) on Feb. 6 to kick-off Homecoming Week.

The Homecoming Week celebration consisted of a series of events which aimed to promote our home games and provided students with different fun events and games.

In the Yotie Gras kick-off Rally, Coyote cheerleaders showed up in the SMSU lobby to cheer students up. The program board staff gave students T-shirts and jewelry. Students decorated their own masks for Yotie Gras Dance and student workers promoted other events happening throughout the week such as Silent Library.

Everyone in the SMSU celebrated the start of Homecoming Week, enjoying various events ranging from singing to dancing.

The Homecoming Pep Rally event was exciting for students. They were able to forget about studies, stress and pressures of the quarter, and concentrate on having a fun time with their fellow Coyotes. It’s refreshing that the campus holds these events for students to cut away from the constant pressure they face with schoolwork. Students seemed happy and eagerly participated.

This was my first Yotie Gras, but I wanted to make the most of it, so I tried to avoid being hesitant. I found it amusing. The students and staff that were a part of it were all nice, and I was able to get involved. The entire atmosphere in the SMSU was great and full of cheerfulness.

“This Homecoming Pep Rally is an annual tradition and it is here to stay, we would love it if more students participated,” said Rosemary Zometa who is program coordinator of Student Leadership Development (SLD) office and the SMSU program board.

I hope these kinds of events and games remain. They elicit students’ happiness and make our time on the campus more joyful.

Don’t be disappointed if you missed the week-long Homecoming events and games. Check out CSUSB websites’ calendar for a list of future games.
Comedian charms Coussoulis crowd

Feisty funny woman Anjelah Johnson brought the laughter, entertaining students and nonstudents alike Thursday night in the Coussoulis Arena at CSUSB.

The comedian, best known for her “Mad TV” Bon Qui Qui character and Beautiful Nail salon set, brought fans out by the masses February 9 to watch her as she performed a routine based on her family, friends and experiences.

With the crowd already warmed up by opening comic Mal Hall, they deafeningly cheered and hooted as Anjelah hit the stage.

“Well hello. It’s good to be here,” she greeted the audience. “San Bernardino in the house!” she bellowed to a cheering crowd.

The night kicked off with Anjelah poking fun at CSUSB.

“They called them. They’re like ‘Hey do you want to perform at Cal State San Bernardino?’ And I was like ‘What? Cholos go to college?’” Anjelah said, which got big laughs from students in the arena.

The crowd was enthralled about the time Anjelah experienced her own Bridesmaids moment, where she recalled being sick on her wedding day from taking “one too many substances” that did not sit well with her during the ceremony.

She spoke about dealing with the differences between her Puerto Rican in-laws versus her Mexican family.

“To me when I hear Puerto Ricans speak Spanish, it sounds like they have water in their mouth and they don’t want it to spill,” Anjelah said, which led to her first impression of the night.

The audience was in stitches when Anjelah began to do her impressions, starting with her encounters with Asians that included a grandma running over a dog and apologizing to it, a friend’s reaction when getting scared and getting scolded for putting too much chili on her food at a restaurant.

Anjelah also did a great set on growing up raised to be a chola. The audience related with her observations and experiences when interacting with a chola, from the way they speak to the way they dressed, even down to the sharpie eyebrows.

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The climax of the night was when Anjelah did her Bon Qui Qui impression with a saucy and ghetto fabulous attitude.

“You see me here tryin’ to have a conversation here? Don’t interrupt. Rude,” she quipped.

She brought down the house when Anjelah beat boxed and sang Bon Qui Qui’s King Burger song, to which the crowd responded, “Heeeeeyyyyyyy!”

The audience loved the show and adored Anjelah. Fans had nothing but praise for the comedian.

“We loved it,” said four fans that traveled from Barstow just to see Anjelah perform.

“It was awesome. She’s charismatic and outgoing,” said student Anabel Mendoza.

There were also rave reviews about her character impressions.

“She’s real funny. The main thing for me is her impressions which I first saw on Comedy Central,” said student Steven Tobar.

Fans waited a long time for a meet-and-greet with Anjelah, cheering and whistling as she came to take pictures with her adoring fans.

“Yes, I love this.” Anjelah happily announced as she looked out towards the excited crowd lined up just for her.

Comedian Anjelah Johnson made a lasting impression at CSUSB, so it’s safe to say that everyone would welcome her return.

The ultimate Valentine’s Day music countdown

By YETUNDE KEME Staff Writer

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This song sends a message that love can survive through tough times.

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You can never be too young to listen to America’s favorite heartthrob belt out some sweet notes in this song.

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By KIMBERLY ROSALES Staff Writer

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"Twisted Metal" wreaks violent vengeance

By BRIAN CHIDUEME
Staff Writer

The PlayStation legacy is never complete without "Twisted Metal."

Since the series’ birth on the PS1 back in 1995 and its immortalization in 1996 with “Twisted Metal 2,” the car-combat series has played a huge role in shaping PlayStation’s foundation. It is not only the longest running franchise on the console, but also the most successful car-combat franchise to date.

On February 14, the “Twisted Metal” series will officially crash and burn its way back on to the PlayStation 3 with a new reboot. It will blend a style combining the roots and feel of the original title with the gritty style of “Twisted Metal: Black,” which is arguably considered to be both the magnum opus and most controversial title in the franchise’s history.

For this new rendition, “Twisted Metal” will focus heavily on multiplayer gameplay along with new game modes such as Nuke Mode, in which two warring factions must attempt to destroy an airborne metal statue.

The catch is this: in order to destroy the statue, the player must kidnap the enemy team’s leader before sacrificing the leader into what will launch a nuclear missile.

Nuke Mode and the game’s classic Deathmatch mode were the only two modes that were available on the game’s recent multiplayer beta.

After some time spent on the beta, fans of the series will be delighted and relieved that Eat Sleep Play, the game’s developers, have perfected Twisted Metal’s signature gameplay with a new ‘Drift’ feature. It showcases some of the best and most responsive controls in the series.

Even though this new “Twisted Metal” retains the feel and control scheme of previous titles, the developers have included all the online basics: the perfect camera setup, the integration of voice chat and a total of 16 players in one online match. All of these features have been highly demanded by the franchise’s most loyal fans.

The graphics have also been given both a reworking and an overhaul as well. Like “Black” on the PS2, “Twisted Metal” comes very close to harnessing the fullest power of the PlayStation 3, with no pop-up collision between the frame rate and an art style that pays homage to the franchise’s PS1 entries, the game should provide a fun gameplay experience.

The game’s multiplayer beta shows that “Twisted Metal” was destined to become a thrilling and engaging online experience. This new release should prove that the storied franchise is back and better than ever.

“Twisted Metal” is due for release on Feb. 14.

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Trank’s telekinetic teens terrify, trounce

By JUSTIN MATHEW DENNIS
Staff Writer

A story about three friends who make an incredible discovery just might be the most thrilling film of the new year.

The movie “Chronicle” puts a new twist in ‘found-footage’ films that have become more popular in recent years and have made films such as “Paranormal Activity” and “The Last Exorcism” commercial successes.

The movie is an exhilarating roller coaster and definitely worth seeing more than once.

It has explosive scenes and inconceivably entertaining action, in addition to touching your heart.

Director Josh Trank did a wonderful job incorporating fun and adventure into a sci-fi film while using mind-blowing visual effects.

The film revolves around three friends gaining superpowers after making a remarkable underground discovery.

Andrew, the main protagonist, is an outcast and not used to the attention and popularity his new found powers have bestowed upon him. His mother is dying from cancer and his alcoholic father is abusive, which adds to the character’s tension.

Andrew, played by Dane DeHaan, is the first to figure out how to control the new telekinetic power the three friends have obtained.

He documents everything using a video camera, showing his perspective throughout the film. He uses his telekinetic powers to hold the camera, creating different angles and perspectives.

The ever popular Steve (Michael B. Jordan) and Andrew’s cousin Matt (Alex Russell) also gain these powers. As the three become stronger, their real test of strength is to refrain from abusing their superpowers and to instead use them responsibly.

The boys have their fun and games, such as moving objects around to scare people and goofing around at house parties. As their powers become stronger, they learn to fly and even enjoy a fun game of football in the clouds.

Despite this, Andrew is continually challenged not to take advantage of those around him with his new super abilities. He fights with himself and tries not to lose control.

The film’s climax is one of the most insane and satisfying action sequences in a long time, and solidifies it as one to remember.

Overall, “Chronicle” has its blends of both comedic and light tones with very dark, twisting elements that bring a dramatic feel.

This sci-fi flick will definitely attract many “X-Men” and Marvel fans and any moviegoer who desires a thrilling and moving action film.

Trank was able to use the mockumentary strategy and the story’s concept to produce some incredible shots.

When all is said and done, “Chronicle” is a film that showcases mind-bending action and adventure with characters you can understand, laugh and empathize with.

The year is still new, but “Chronicle” has already set the bar extremely high for action films.
BREAKDOWN OF STUDENT FEES

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Pros/COS for AIS, ATHLETICS STUDENT FEE REFERENCE

Pros:
- Protects the student who depends on the Children's Center for high quality care from severe reductions in financial services due to deep cuts to the center's budget.
- Gives to students in need an increase in the AIS Scholarship Fund.
- Provides scholarships for our students to the President Academy Educational Scholarship program.
- Expands student research opportunities to more of the student body.
- Expands Student Programs and Services with new programs such as the utilizes Skipping Brackets.
- Increases student involvement and retention by offering student programs.
- Continues student advocacy on campus and on the statewide level.
- Allows the athletic departments to maintain its current level of scholarship funding, which has helped the programs finish in the top three among all programs in the country for academic national power.

This is classified a Mandatorily Cut Fee that students will be required to pay if they are receiving AI.

Cons:
- Not all students work at the service of the Children's Center.
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- This fee will place financial burden on families.
- Not all students participate in athletics.
- All of the benefits might not be covered by all students who are eligible to receive the cut fee.
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Walks and offensive woes plague CSUSB softball in their opening day double-header

By ALEXANDRA CANNADY
Staff Writer

Coyote softball did not have an 0-2 start on their to-do list at the beginning of the season. That is exactly what happened as the Coyotes faltered twice against the Cal Baptist University Lancers in similar fashion.

The Lancers handed the Coyotes an opening day loss as they took it to them with the final score, 6-2.

The Coyotes were only able to rack up two runs while the Lancers flexed their muscles, showing off their offensive prowess.

One bright spot for the Coyotes was their right-handed pitcher, Carly Land, who pitched three scoreless innings while striking out four.

Senior right-handed pitcher Courtney Wilhelms was the starter, but had a rough outing as she walked four runners.

Four runs were scored while she was on the mound, though only one run was earned.

Runs were at a premium for the Coyotes during their weekend series as they were only able to rack up three in both games combined.

Britney Butler had the only RBI, as the other two runs came courtesy of balks.

The second match of the double-header was fairly similar to the first one suffered by CSUSB.

Carly Land once again took the mound, this time as a starter, and threw for another 4 1/3 innings. She took the loss, giving up six runs while walking four.

For the Coyotes, it was a case of the same stuff, just a different game.

They managed only one run in the second game of their double-header, while once again allowing their opposition to score six.

Britney Butler provided the only highlight for the team, as she went 1-2 with an RBI.

After their historic season last year, softball has a lot to live up to this season. So far they have yet to meet expectations but the season is still young. Anything can happen between now and the end of the season.

Offensively, the Coyotes need to take advantage of runners in scoring position, drive in runs and utilize their speed to steal bases as well.

Defensively, it will be imperative for them to keep their opponents off the base paths and the scoreboard.

Less walks is definitely a step in the right direction.

The important thing for the Coyotes to understand is that there is still a lot of softball left to played, and that early season woes are nothing to hang your head about.

While it is easy to fold underneath preseason expectations, this team must prove that they are able to compete and that last season was anything but a fluke.

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Get Your Party On!
Love and sports: the perfect combination

By ZION GUILLORY
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is on the horizon, and for many this is an opportunity to express their love for someone special. To others, Valentine’s Day is just a meaningless commercial holiday aimed at our wallets. Of course there are those who may think that there shouldn’t be just one day that allows us to express our love to that special someone, but that every day should present an opportunity to express love instead.

One of the most effective acts of love comes in the form of a marriage proposal. Nothing says “I love you” more than telling that special person that you want to spend the rest of your life with them. There are many different ways to pop the question, but one of the most extravagant ways to pop that question is by doing it at a sporting event.

Usually the proposal happens either during halftime or after the game with thousands of people as witnesses. At this year’s Super Bowl, New York Giants’ rookie Greg Jones shocked his girlfriend of a year and a half, Mandy Piechowski, with an on-field proposal. Mandy had ran on the field after the Giants’ victory to congratulate Jones for his Super Bowl victory.

To her surprise he pulled out a diamond ring and got down on one knee to pop the question. With tears streaming down her face, Mandy accepted the proposal. Back in 2007, Boise State’s running back Ian Johnson also popped the question to his cheerleader girlfriend, Chrissy Popadics, after Boise State’s Fiesta Bowl victory.

Originally planning to wait until they got home, Johnson saw his big moment after scoring the game winning two points to win the game. It’s just so impersonal, and I don’t even like sports,” said student Oma Nguyen.

Proposing at a sporting event can become a very risky idea because you don’t know for sure whether your partner will say yes. It could be emotionally devastating to be rejected so publicly.

Recently, a student from UCLA proposed to his girlfriend at a basketball game during halftime. Unfortunately his girlfriend wasn’t on the same page as he was; it was obvious from the way she shook her head no and walked away leaving him on bended knee. A similar occurrence happened during a Houston Rockets basketball game as well.

An excited man knelt down in front of his girlfriend while the huge JumboTron displayed the words “Will you marry me?”.

The young lady declined and quickly left the stadium, leaving her boyfriend and everyone else in the arena awe-struck. We can never be too sure of something like that, but at the end of the day, love is all about taking risks.

While there are many places, circumstances and methods that can be used to pop the question, putting it all on the line in front of thousands of people is definitely an act of bravery. A true way to show that person you really love them.

There are many opinions about a marriage proposal done at a sporting event. Students here at CSUSB had varied responses to the idea of such a public proposal.

“I think it all depends on the couple. It’s romantic if the girl really likes sports and is really into the idea of a big flashy proposal. If not, it’s just really awkward and random,” said student Kenny Johnson.

Another student shared similar sentiments. “I would be so mad if my boyfriend proposed to me at a freakin’ basketball game. It’s just so impersonal, and I don’t even like sports,” said student Oma Nguyen.

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**Coyotes see light at the end of the tunnel**

Despite their recent struggles, the women's basketball team has gotten back on track and see hope for a positive finish to their season.

**By SHYNEESE WALTER**

Women's basketball is finally back on track. They defeated both the Cal State Los Angeles Eagles and the Cal State Dominguez Hills Toros, which not only ended their losing streak but began a winning streak as well. The two-headed monster that is Angela Streets and Eliza Dy once again displayed their talents against the Toros, scoring more than half of the team's points.

Streets led the Coyotes with 24 points and Dy followed closely behind with 22 points. "Right now there is no secret in knowing they need to play well for us to win, especially knowing the lack of depth," said head coach Kevin Becker.

Both players were clutch down the stretch against the Eagles, as they each contributed key shots, free throws and rebounds.

It was evident that the Lady Coyotes felt they had something to prove against the Eagles. "For me the Cal State LA game meant a lot because we lost to them in the beginning of this season and we had to get them back," said Streets.

This was a big accomplishment for a team that had previously been on a four-game losing streak. "It has been difficult to find the depth since Jessica De la Cruz went down, but the team pulled together in a big way to sweep the weekend," said Becker. "Overall, the team felt really good about coming out this weekend with two wins."

Streets, a shining spot for the Lady Coyotes this season, was satisfied with her team's effort. "All the dedication, it finally paid off this weekend."

Becker was pleased with the contributions his team received from Jaslyn Cosey and Brianna Baker as well. He stressed the importance of their contributions and expressed his desire to continuously see them improve. The team hopes to keep this momentum going into their next few games.

Winning two games may not be something to brag about, but getting back to winning is definitely a step in the right direction for the Lady Coyotes.

Having lost their last five meetings against the Cal State Monterey Bay Otters, the team is focused on retribution. With revenge on their minds, they hope to give the Otters everything they can handle and come out with a victory.

Although the season is nearing its end, it will be important for the Coyotes to continue to play hard and accumulate victories.

Playing more for pride than for anything else, it will be interesting to see how they perform in these next few games.

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**Big League aspirations have Caruso motivated and ready to go**

By BRITNEY CARTER

Staff Writer

After declining to pursue a career in the MLB last season, in order to finish his last year at CSUSB, Corey Caruso has great expectations for himself and his team this upcoming season.

Caruso was drafted in the 50th round of the 2011 MLB draft by the Miami Marlins last year. However, he chose to stick with his education and elected to wait until after his senior year to once again enter the draft and hopefully, the big leagues.

"It felt great to be drafted," said Caruso. "I felt honored, but it really worked out for me to go through college instead on any team that signs me."

Although the current season has just begun, Caruso has a passion and love for baseball. "It was a great pleasure and honor to be here," said Caruso.

For the dedicated pitcher, his father, Richard Caruso, was satisfied with her team's effort. "I switched because I thought it was a good fit for me," stated Caruso. "I felt great to be drafted," said Caruso. "I felt honored, but it really worked out for me to go through college instead of making it big."

Although Caruso is looking forward to being drafted in the MLB at the end of this season, he still has other plans to look forward to. Caruso anticipates going to grad school to receive his master's degree in business, and family construction business his father started 23 years ago.

His father, Richard Caruso, has been one of his most influential supporters. With the close relationship he holds with his father, Caruso has found inspiration and motivation. "He has always told me to grab the bull by the horns," said Caruso. "I feel that the change was important for the Coyotes to continue to play hard and accumulate victories.

Focusing on his education and baseball, Caruso has the drive and determination to make it big.

Caruso understands the value of hard work, and knows that through it, he can reach success. With the work, dedication and determination that Caruso has put into his baseball career and education, it will come as no surprise to see him striking out some of the game's greatest players in the near future.
By RICHARD DAWSON
Staff Writer

The CSUSB men’s basketball team bounced back with a vengeance last weekend with back-to-back home wins over the Cal State Dominguez Hills Toros and Cal State Los Angeles Eagles.

The Coyotes defense stifled the Toros, forcing a twelve-minute stretch without a basket in the first half and holding the Toros scoreless for the first six minutes of the second half.

Tre’ Brewer and Kwame Alexander had 16 points apiece on offense to lead the way.

The tandem paired together for a crowd roaring slam late in the second half that served as an exclamation point to their victory.

Brewer stole the ball and found a wide open Alexander, who had a few thunderous dunks on the night, and looked video game-esque for the windmill slam.

One particular dunk by Alexander literally brought down the backboard. The crowd, originally shocked, roared with excitement at the ridiculous slam.

While the Coyotes never trailed in the second half, CSU-LA cut the lead to 58-57 with 1:19 remaining.

“Playing at home is nice, especially when you have a good crowd. It definitely gives us an edge when the momentum of the game is in our favor,” said head coach Jeff Oliver.

“We executed well both nights when we needed to. We are playing with a sense of urgency and making the most of each individual possession.”

The two victories helped the Coyotes climb back into a four-way tie for first with Chico State, Humboldt State and Cal Poly Pomona with 11-5 CCAA records.

It’s important for the Coyotes to take advantage of the their last two home games against Cal State Stanislaus and Chico State. There are four road games that follow to complete the season.

“Stanislaus is a tough matchup for every team. They have the conference’s leading scorer, Reggie Jones (18.9 ppg), and because of his size he presents matchup problems in the paint,” said Oliver.

After playing the Warriors, the Coyotes will meet a Chico State Wildcat team that has been on a roll.

Chico State has won 10 of their last 12 games and own the conference’s best overall record at 17-5.

As the season winds down, there is still a chance that the Coyotes can host a CCAA tournament game.

If they continue to perform like they did against the Toros and Eagles, that chance may become reality.

For the Coyotes, execution and focus will be the keys to success.

More about:

Last season Day led the squad in hitting at .356, with two HRs and a team-high 33 RBIs. He is currently a psychology major and would like to become a sports psychologist for a Major League Baseball organization.

Name: Brandon Day
Sport: Baseball
Class: Senior
Moment:
Feb. 4 vs. Azusa Pacific
The finale of the three game series against Azusa Pacific was a thrilling one for the Coyotes, who were down for the greater portion of the day. Trailing 8-7 in the bottom half of the ninth inning, Brandon Day came in to hit for senior left-hand relief pitcher, Josh Lee.

Day took a 2-1 fastball and turned on it, hitting a three-run walkoff home run on Saturday, Feb. 4 lifted the Coyotes scoreless for the entire game.

“It was a thrill, as the Coyotes have moved into a tie for first place,” said Day.

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Saturday’s contest was a fight to the finish, as the Cougars led the majority of the game.

They jumped out to an early 5-0 lead with the help of the long ball in the second and third innings, but the Coyotes fought back in the bottom of the third with four runs of their own.

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“I was surprised I got a fastball because they were throwing me a lot of off-speed. I just reacted to it and hit it up the middle,” said Dworak.

Coyotes’ junior right-handed reliever Tony Guerra was put into a pressure cooker, stepping up in the top of the ninth.

Scott Brewer stole the ball and turned on it, hitting a three-run walk-off home run in walkoff fashion.

Brandon Day’s three-run walkoff home run on Saturday, Feb. 4 lifted the Coyotes to a 16-8 victory and a 2-1 series win over the Azusa Pacific Cougars.

The senior first baseman had a miscue on a groundball that was hit to him in the top of the sixth that could have turned into a double play and a relatively easy inning for senior left-hand relief pitcher, Josh Lee.

The Cougars took advantage as they scored two runs to regain a one-run lead.

“Physically it wasn’t there for me in the field today, but I knew I would get a chance to redeem myself in the ninth,” said Day.

He did just that—with one swing of the bat.

On a 2-1 count, Day was looking for something he could drive. He got exactly what he wanted, as the Cougar right hand pitcher threw a fastball into his wheelhouse, up and in.

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Guerra delivered by striking out the Cougars’ big power hitter and getting two consecutive groundball outs.

“The first thing I thought about was preparation leads to success,” said Guerra.

Guerra worked him in and out of the zone, getting him to chase a slider for the huge strikeout.

Cassie led off the bottom of the ninth with a single.

Parnell thought about moving him into scoring position with a sacrifice bunt, but he decided to let his guys swing away, as he had three consecutive power hitters coming up.

The decision paid off. Senior catcher Paul Eshleman singled to center field and Day capped it off with a game-winning three-run walkoff home run.

“The key to coming back when you’re down early is to not panic and trust yourself. At our park runs will be scored, so you can’t get too up or down. You have to play the whole game,” said Parnell.

Dworak pointed to the team’s mental toughness as a key to the comeback victory.

“We have a never say die attitude. We always have a possibility to win at any time,” said Dworak.

Saturday’s game proved just that.