**Textbooks set to evolve this fall**

Textbooks will soon be a thing of the past, as in fall 2012 CSUSB will have eTextbooks available for students to rent or buy and to view on computers or eReaders.

**By MELISSA BENTON**

**Staff Writer**

 Coyotes will be able to save up to 60 percent on textbooks, as more than 5,000 eTextbooks will be acquired by the Coyote Bookstore.

CSUSB will launch the use of the digital rental textbooks this fall. There will be offered at a discounted price of up to 60 percent less than the price of purchasing a new printed version of the same text.

The Coyote Bookstore has yet to determine which classes will utilize the eTextbooks. The eTextbooks and other digital materials will be available through desktops, laptops, tablets, e-readers and other various devices. They will be able to be accessed online and offline, and will offer other capabilities such as highlighting and note-taking.

This upcoming spring, Cengage Learning, CourseSmart and Follett Higher Education Group will be working with the faculty on all CSU campuses to provide development opportunities.

“Our next step will be to inform the faculty about the choices for different [quarters]. They can pick books available as eTexts, which lets students pick the eText version too,” said Erik Fallis, media relations manager for CSU.

The CSU system approached several vendors asking to provide as many digital textbooks for a severely discounted price. The three partners came forward with more than 5,000 titles between them which would be available to all 23 CSU campuses.

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**CFA close to strike**

**By JACQUELINE SCHOLTEN**

**Staff Writer**

The California Faculty Association (CFA) board of directors met Feb. 21 and authorized the vote to be taken in late April of union member faculty from all CSU campuses. If the majority of the teachers vote to be willing to strike the pressure will be on to resolve pending negotiations.

“We send the chancellor a clear message that we won’t allow his for-profit model of high quality executive salaries and low quality education,” the CFA website said. A yes vote would authorize the union leadership to strike.

If CSU teachers go on strike, it could leave CSUSB classrooms empty if stalled negotiations are not resolved.

CFA members are upset with university administrators for pushing for an increase in extended education classes. These classes are not state funded and require fewer teachers.

Other issues faculty members focus on are increased class sizes and Chancellor Charles B. Reed reported reengaging raises.

The chancellor has proposed “Nothing new and less later,” according to CFA’s website. This means that there will be no salary increases for this school year, but in the future there will be a possible reduction of salary and benefits for teachers.

“We do not want to strike but we are serious about our rights. This is an action defined as necessary,” said Marcia Marx, president of CFA at CSUSB.

The proposal to strike is designed to have the least amount of impact on the students, according to Marx. Depending on the students’ schedule they would only be missing one or two days.

The strikes would take place this spring quarter or next fall depending on how the negotiations play out according to spokesman Brian Ferguson, as reported by The Sacramento Bee.

If negotiations failed and it came to strike, the administration is pushing while Obama is in office. Members from the U.S. Department of Education find the program to play a crucial role in the development of the country’s youth, allowing them to compete with other countries like China and India.

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**CSUs to hire STEM teachers**

**By COURTNEY SIMS**

**Staff Writer**

California State Universities push President Obama’s initiative by providing over 1,500 math and science teachers over the next three years.

The STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math) initiative, constructed by the Obama Administration calls for an $80 million demand for the U.S. Department of Education.

STEM is an integrated approach to science, technology, engineering and math.

It uses project-based learning to engage students, teach higher-level problem-solving skills and build learners for life according to Learning.com.

The nation’s recent rankings for education compared to other countries suggest a need for education reform, which the administration is pushing while Obama is in office. Members from the U.S. Department of Education find the program to play a crucial role in the development of the country’s youth, allowing them to compete with other countries like China and India.

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**CSUSB named “Global Excellence”**

**By KRYSTINA PEDERSEN**

**Staff Writer**

CSUSB has been honored at an international business conference held at Amity University in Noida, India (above).

CSUSB and staff was honored at an international business conference held at Amity University in Noida, India.

CSUSB has the honor of announcing that eight of its faculty members were honored at the 14th Annual International Business Summit and Research Conference at Amity University in Noida, India.

This conference is among the largest assemblies of academic professionals and researchers in India. It serves as a stepping stone for discussions, presentations and student networking opportunities.

The conference was held on Feb. 22-24, however none of the faculty members honored were able to attend the conference due to late notification, but at the conference CSUSB was named the “Global Academic Excellence University.”

As for the CSUSB faculty members that were honored, each was honored for their achievements in promoting global education and were named “Global Academic Excellence Professors,” they were each selected by an international panel of jurists.

The professors honored were Pete Robertshaw (anthropology), Rosalie Giacchino-Baker (language, literacy and education) andacchino-Baker (language, literacy and education), Robertshaw (anthropology), Rosalie Giacchino-Baker (language, literacy and education).
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Bill would integrate students onto Board of Trustees

By KATHERINE VALADEZ Staff Writer

Students who are tired of rising tuition may soon have the opportunity to have more of their voices heard on the Board of Trustees that oversees the 23-campus CSU system.

Sen. Leland Yee, D-San Francisco/San Mateo, announced a bill on Feb. 15 that would diversify the CSU Board of Trustees.

The legislation would increase the number of students and faculty trustees as well as add non-faculty employees to serve on the board.

“For too long, we have seen the Board of Trustees fighting for their top executives,” Yee said in a press release. “No longer will the Board of Trustees be an exclusive club of just wealthy Californians, but instead it will be representative of the entire CSU community.”

Currently there are 25 trustees who serve on the board. Two trustees must be students and only one must be a faculty member.

Yee’s bill would double the current number of student trustees to four and would ensure that at least three faculty members and two non-faculty employees serve as trustees.

“The CSU Board of Trustees has been far too isolated from the real world consequences of their decisions,” said Lillian Taiz, president of the California Faculty Association in a press release. “We need a Board of Trustees that provides voices to those in the trenches and knows what it’s like to be a student, staff member or faculty at the CSU.”

Under the present law the governor appoints 19 of the 25 trustees. While the governor would still appoint 19 members, under the new legislation at least nine of the 25 trustee appointments must be students, faculty and non-faculty employees.

The bill also would remove conflicts of interest by prohibiting CSU employee trustees as well as the chancellor from participating in any subcommittee dealing with collective bargaining.

Yee’s legislation comes after years of public pressure following that decision, the board voted to cap the salaries of newly hired presidents at 10 percent of that of their predecessor with a ceiling of $325,000 in funds.

The board’s decision was “not enough,” according to Yee, who said that he believes the cap for incoming presidents should be at five percent of their predecessors.

According to the CSU website, the Board of Trustees oversees 412,000 students and 43,000 faculty members in its 23 campus system. It is the nation’s largest university system.

The California State Student Association is currently conducting a search for the next student trustee.

Students that are appointee serve a two-year term during which the student trustee is a non-voting member until the second year of the term.

CSUSB professors are honored at Indian conference

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culture), Rueyling Chuang (communications), Hosang So (kinesiology), Chetan Prakash (mathematics), Lawrence Rose (business administration), Vipin Gupta (Global Management Center) and Frank Lin (Global Management Center).

This is Rosalie Giacchino-Baker twentieth year here at CSUSB, and although she was unable to attend this conference she has had the luxury to travel to India on past conferences.

Giacchino-Baker recently went to India this past November as her second trip to that country; she had the luxury of visiting Bangalore, New Delhi and Mumbai as well as participate in conferences at the local hotels.

“We met university representatives all over the world as well as students interested in the campus and other professors, it was a very productive conference,” said Giacchino-Baker.

For Rose it is exciting to be a part of CSUSB and to be recognized for contributions made in his academic career regarding global education.

“It is a very humbling experience to be recognized for activities that are a part of your job,” said Rose, who over the years has received other teaching recognitions for finance but never an award of this sort.

Rose believes in global education and business awareness, and one of CSUSB’s greatest strengths is its ability to deliver a strong global experience; it is an area of excellence. The college of business for example has been ranked in the top six percent worldwide since 2010.

Over 200 foreign delegates representing more than 100 different countries participated at the conference along with others from the host nation of India.
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Opinions

Pushy petition peddlers pestering people

By ALEJANDRA ARANA  Staff Writer

A dmit it, when you walk to class and you see people asking for signatures you feel awkward. You want to avoid them at any cost. I think these people that solicit on campus should be restricted on how much time they spend on our campus badgering our students and staff. Let’s get one thing straight. This is their job and they get paid to go around campuses and register students as well as inform them about what is going on in our city.

“We are here almost every day mid-morning to evenings to get students to reg- ister to vote and inform them about issues that will benefit or could harm them,” said Dee Dee Anderson, one of the women who was asking for signatures.

When asked how much she gets paid for doing her job, Anderson changed the subject and avoided giving me the answer. The more students that they manage to register to vote and the more signatures they gather, the more their monthly check grows. But this is at the expense of our pa- tience and time.

Anderson explained to me that they are not politicians and they are simply ex- pressing their freedom to petition and free- dom of speech. Their freedom of speech, though, causes students to feel uncomfortable and at times harassed by them no matter how kindly we say “no thank you.” I don’t think it’s fair for students to have to deal with people that can be rude.

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Health Center needs help

By KIMBERLY “CHARLIE” TRELOAR  Staff Writer

The psychological counseling center on campus is understaffed and could use more therapists to better assist students who are in need.

It’s getting closer to finals time and the tension in the air is so thick it could be cut with a knife. Students are beginning to feel the pressure and panic build as their school and personal lives are colliding together this time of year.

The school can help with these over- whelming feelings, all you have to do is talk. There’s no shame in admitting you need someone to talk to, in fact it has been proven that talking about your problems can help improve your overall health.

On an average day the center sees 40 appointments that consist of both individu- als and couple counseling.

Students who go to the center on a regular basis at best can meet with a ther- apist every two to four weeks because of the high amount of students seeking psycholo- gical services.

The center is booked for the rest of the winter quarter.

If students want to see a therapist be- fore the end of the quarter, they have to put onto a waitlist and then check back to see if there have been any cancellations or open availability.

The psychological counseling center currently has 11 therapists that work for the center. Eight of these therapists are regular staff members and the remaining three are interns working on completing their hours for licensing.

With CSUSB having 17,000 students, that is only one counselor for every 1,545 students.

Can you see the lack of availability here?

“I wish I could see students on a regu- lar basis. But it’s just not possible. I con- stantly have students being added to my list to see and that makes it harder to see my other students regularly. I try to help those students the best I can,” said a CSUSB therapist who asked to remain anonymous.

The center besides providing individ- ual and couples counseling, also has group sessions that meet each quarter.

According to the CSUSB Student Health and Psychological Counseling Cen- ter website, students’ health fees support and operate both centers.

The groups that meet currently this quarter and will continue on into the spring quarter are: Women’s Group, LGBTQIQ Group (which stands for Lesbian, gay, bi- sex, transgender, queer, questioning, and intersex), Student Veterans Group, In- ternational Co-Ed group, Growing through Grief group and Developmental Parenting classes.

Each quarter the center also offers wellness workshops that take place in the Lower Commons.

Although the number of counselors that the center employs is beyond their control, I feel this is a situation that needs further assistance from school administra- tion and we as students could help too.

Instead of raising students’ health fees again in order to hire more therapists, I feel that we could solve this problem in a dif- ferent manner.

I believe that we should raise money to help the center so that they can provide more availability for students who are in need.

I think with the help of ASI and other groups on campus, we could put together a benefit dinner or hold an auction in which we could get community members in- volved and raise funds this way.

At the very least the center would be able to hire another therapist or help another intern complete the hours they need for licensing.

“As a psychology major I see the im- portance of having and needing this ser- vice,” said Alyssa Pettye, student assistant at the center.

“I would like to see more availability and see students be able to come in more often,” she said.

This is something that we can do as students to not only help ourselves but help those around us. The center needs to be able to service students when they have their needs. It’s time that we make a change and help do something about the things we don’t have.

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Linux Mint 12 rivals software industry giants for free

By BRIAN CHIDUEME  Staff Writer

In a world where Windows and Macbooks are the most pop- ular-selling brands of computers, Linux is quietly revolutionizing the future of computer technol- ogy.

The recent release of the op- erating system titled ‘Linux Mint 12’ proves that Bill Gates is not the only household name in com- puters. In fact, this free and open source operating system is able to show the world the power of on- going community and teamwork as the face of its development.

For CSUSB and the rising costs of its campus-wide Internet system infrastructure, this free system could save millions of dollars for the school in response to the skyrocketing tuition fees. According to the system’s mission statement on its website, Linux Mint is striving to “pro- duce a modern, elegant and com- fortable operating system which is both powerful and easy to use.” While it takes some work to set up and install, the end result is one of the most rewarding experi- ences that lives up to its claim.

Unlike a conventional soft- ware update system such as Win- dows Update or the App Store, Mint handles system updates through the Synaptic Package Manager by default. Through this, the user can not only choose which files and applications to download, but can also customize features such as desktop environ- ments and network performance.

Installing the system requires an installation CD or you can download the software from the Linux website.

The installation process boots the user to a “live” desktop, where you are free to try out its features. If you like the system there is a disc icon called “Install Linux Mint,” which will take the user through a step-by-step process to set up the software.

You can choose to use Linux Mint with Windows or Mac as a separate hard drive partition or you can replace it fully with Mint, though it is not recommended for newer users unless they can fol- low the installation directions as closely as possible.

What’s also notable is the wide and endless selection of free applications available to down- load.

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With San Bernardino on the decline more public and private development projects are needed to help the city rebound from its socioeconomic status, being one of the worst in America.

Linux offers solid cost effective option

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There are numerous programs that will stand out among other alternatives to popular applications present on Windows 7 and Mac OS X.

If you can’t afford the popular Adobe Photoshop, GIMP (GNI: Image Manipulation Program) is effective because it maintains many of Photoshop’s best features such as detailed image resizing and converting images between different formats. The program also allows the user to create original animated images in many different formats such as GIF and MPEG.

For those who are trying to spend money on Microsoft Office every year, LibreOffice is a free alternative that is superior to its Microsoft counterpart in several ways.

Though LibreOffice is related to OpenOffice as an alternative to Microsoft Office, what makes the program stand out against Microsoft’s rival is its extensive support for a wide range of document formats, such as Adobe Acrobat (PDF), Word (.doc), HTML and Rich Text (.rtf) to name a few.

As well as being easy and accessible to use, LibreOffice is also powerful because of its stability and functionality.

When it comes to browsing the web, free alternatives like Chromium blow Internet Explorer out of the park. Chromium is a computer program that is a more stripped-down version of the popular browser that allows people to use some of the same features that are available in the original. With Chrome, you can upgrade, install and modify your entire browser functions.

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As you drive down E Street you can find more and more stores that are out of business or empty lots, but there are numerous thrift stores that are still prospering.

I have volunteered at Mary’s Table and have given food out to the needy myself and it is rewarding to help those in need. We can agree that this city has changed dramatically from what it used to be ten years ago and it is ridiculous that we have become accustomed to the hostile environment.

You can stay in San Bernardino because of the sentimental value that this city brings you or you can pack those memories along with everything you own and run away. But the latter is no solution.

As educated individuals who care about the community can write to Sen. Barbara Boxer or Rep. Joe Baca to demand change in our public education system and pay close attention to the funds going in and out of the city.

“Political inflighting, loss of large employers and high dropout and foreclosure rates has hindered the city’s growth,” said Lora Hines in The Press Enterprise. Our mayor, Patrick J. Morris, needs to focus on creating public projects that create jobs and fosters a feeling of community in San Bernardino.

We need to be critical of who we place in office because the state that San Bernardino is in is the result of bad leadership and poor judgment. Take time to read up on upcoming political candidates.

I am sure that the majority of us base our decisions on the political campaign advertisements that are shown on television, but this shouldn’t be because those are only meant to discredit the competition and not to focus on issues.

More and more independent owners take their business elsewhere because they are selective about the type of customers they want to attract, if all they see are poor customers, they will take their businesses and the jobs elsewhere creating a reverse snowball effect.

The more knowledgeable we are the better odds we have of making sound decisions that can lead to a prosperous city and prevent San Bernardino from becoming the absolute poorest city in the nation.
Jitterbugging for scholarships

By EMERALD COLLINS
Staff Writer

CSUSB’s Music Society (CMS) hosted their first Swing Night on Feb. 28, filled with a night of dance lessons, live jazz and DJ Johnny Boi playing all the hottest hits.

Attendees covered the dance floor, while the band played popular jazz. CSUSB Jazz Ensemble performed in front of a full house.

The event mixed different music genres from Swing to Funk music and Soul. One vocalist, Denise Tillman, belt-ed out Aretha Franklin’s “Respect” as the band played along.

All proceeds from the event are donat-ed to music scholarships to help students further their talents. To raise more money for their cause, CMS sold beverages from water to energy drinks and also had a professional photographer take snapshots of guests who wanted to make the night memorable.

The first song of the night sent two students to the dance floor, showing off their new dance moves and dancing like experts thanks to dance instructor Robin Hernandez.

Dancers jitterbugged across the floor, swinging and dancing in a trance. One group swung their legs back and forth moving to the beat of the music and dancing circles around one another.

Dancers transitioned to doing the electric slide when Earth, Wind and Fire was played, and then people on the side of the dance floor imitated Michael Jackson mixed Michael Jackson tracks.

The show was a total success; it not only benefited those who were granted the scholarship but the audience that funded it as well. It was obvious that the guest enjoyed themselves, from the smiles and cheers.

Held in the Santos Manuel Student Union’s event center, filling all the tables and leaving some guests left to stand. The music was loud enough to accommodate everyone that attended and echoed throughout the Student Union.

“We prepared for this event for some time, this is what I do so it was enjoyable to throw this event and our Latin Jazz event," says Tillman.

As the director led the band into their songs, he kept an eye on the dance floor and those occupying it analyzing the reactions of the crowd.

One couple, automatically hit the dance floor at the sound of “Jump, Jive and Wail.”

“We have an upcoming Jazz Festival event and our band is always open to new musicians, anyone with a background in music can join, we are open to all majors," said Tillman.

DJ Johnny Boi not only played the hottest Big Band Swing music but surprised the crowd with Michael Jackson, “Earth Wind and Fire” and many more dance jams that kept the dance floor crowded.

The CMS’ goal is to put on many more events in the future that will continue to assist in the funding of their scholarships.

This time we actually danced the night away and felt proud to have helped our fellow students fund their education and further their talents. Hopefully, this won’t be the last of Swing Night.

Muslim Students open doors to all students

By MARINA RANGEL
Staff Writer

The CSUSB Muslim Student Association (MSA) gives students a chance to connect through discussion, prayer and sharing.

MSA opens their meetings and events to all students no matter their religious affiliation.

Created in 1963, the National MSA supports chapters throughout universities to meet the needs of Muslim students and bring education to those who are interested.

“Come check us out. It will do away with any misconceptions about Muslims,” said MSA secretary Stephen El-Khatib.

I was not familiar with MSA and I had the opportunity to discuss this cam-

pus club with El-Khatib.

It was fascinating finding out about students who participate in a club that have the purpose of reaching out to each other and the community.

They look out for the needs of Muslims, but offer a place to share ideas and become educated for all. At MSA meetings, students can discuss the Quran and the prophet Muhammad but are also encouraged to bring in a hadith for discussion.

Hadith, which I consider almost the equivalent to Christians’ scriptures, are eyewitness accounts about Muhammad. Members of the MSA use these to lead discussion and education during their meetings.

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MSA secretary

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Muslim Student Association on campus connects through discussion, prayer and sharing commonalities with students.
Gas prices burn holes in students pockets

By TOM STILLWAGON
Staff Writer

The price of gas has likely gone up in your town again this past week. You aren’t alone; the entire nation is feeling the pinch.

Gas prices are currently averaging $4.35 per gallon in San Bernardino for regular unleaded. This is up from a national average of $3.27 in December 2011. Students are feeling the extra burden on their wallets. Justin Lamb, student commuter from Riverside, is no exception.

“My mom, she would give me some gas money each week,” said Lamb. “It used to last me all week, like 15 or 20 bucks, I could get through a week, week and a half. Now gas is like $4.30 everywhere you go. I can’t even go four or five days driving back and forth to school, you know. It sucks.”

Student Ashley Carter acknowledges that the gas prices have caused her grief.

“Within a week it jumped like 50 cents where I get gas,” said Carter. “I don’t make much money, so I don’t get to spend it on things that I want to spend it on. It’s going straight to bills and that’s about it. I have no leftover money. It’s gone [too] fast.”

Carter, who also lives in Riverside, presumes that most students are hit by the increase in gas prices, given that CSUSB is largely a commuter school.

“Having an orgasm is a pleasure, which is such a rarity,” said Amanda Melodini of Investhelp.

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Marshall Miller flow from New York City for their annual informational event educating students about the female orgasm.

Features

CSUSB loves female orgasms

By YEZI CHO
Staff Writer

Regardless of age, race and gender, one of the hottest topics that gets peoples’ attention is the female orgasm and sexual- ity.

Marshall Miller and Rachel Dart came all the way from New York to the Santos Manuel Student Union on Feb. 29 to hold “I Love Female Orgasm,” an event to provide women and their partners good and accurate information about sexuality.

“Learning and talking about sex is a good thing, it is empowering and healthy to know, being knowledgeable about one’s own body and how it works,” said Miller.

Miller and Dart discussed the female orgasm, benefits of, women’s bodies and women’s sexual health.

Students talked about the length of an orgasm, explained the difference between experiencing an orgasm or not, whether it does exist or not and different kinds of as- similation and stimulations for an orgasm.

They informed with facts that put myths to rest of what is true or false. “All of these could be right or wrong and it all depends on the individuals,” Dart said.

Dart explained that the range of time depends on a person because some or- gasms last three minutes while others last only 10 seconds. “According to a research, some women have not had orgasms yet. However, those women are the youngest in the survey and are between 18 and their early 20s. Only a few women are not able to orgasm, but it is rare,” added Dart.

Some students said it doesn’t exist, but Dart said that is not true. Compared to men, women’s orgasms seem to be more elusive, so it’s easy to understand why some people think that way.

There are different ways to stimulate an orgasm, but Dart said the physiology happening inside of the body is basically same for everyone.

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to the room, they joined the discussion and shared their perspectives as well as learned some new ways to make their partners happy.

“I felt more comfortable about female orgasm by attending this event. I learned how to treat women and what should I do,” said Antonia Alcantar.

Miller and Dart said we have the right to know what an orgasm is and how to achieve one.

“Orgasm is a pleasure, which is such a fun thing,” said Miller.
Underground Music Society creating common ground

By EDWARD HEWITT
Staff Writer

“Music is universal. You cannot name one person that has not been affected by music,” said Emanuel Rodriguez the lead entrepreneur of the Underground Music Society Club.

“The Underground Music Society Club is a newly chartered entrepreneur club on campus whose members are passionate about music and the impact it has on our lives and ideals,” said Rodriguez.

The UMS have been working closely with the Entrepreneur Club on campus, which is helping with their strategies for this year. For next quarter, UMS plan to sell T-shirts; they also have big events coming up later on the year that will draw in more numbers and make them grow as a club.

The UMS’ mission statement states that the club is dedicated to creating positive and organized events that impact students’ lives.

“The universe is something that can be better understood through music,” said Rodriguez. He feels that through music many things can be expressed, explained and addressed.

“Whether it be dealing with personal problems or world issues, music is universal to all. We all can create a common ground through music and that is something this club is trying to bring to this campus community,” said Rodriguez.

The club plans to host a variety of events over the course of its existence. Most recently they hosted their first annual local band spotlight music showcase entitled “Rock-A-Holics Happy Hour” where they invited three local bands to campus to perform a few songs for the campus community.

“We plan to host the local band spotlight once a month with bands and artists from every genre of music. This event is just the first of many to come,” said Rodriguez.

Along with the band spotlight, the UMS plans on hosting other events including an art show and exhibit, disc jockey battles and a campus concert, just to name a few.

Along with promoting the best in local music, the club also strives to create a more open-minded and conscious way of thinking on campus and expose its people to different music genres.

The UMS is also a technology savvy club that uses the Internet to its advantage by promoting its events and also keeping its members updated on new information as needed.

“The Internet is a place full of untapped potential. We can promote, network, inform others and expand through social networks like Facebook and Twitter,” said Rodriguez.

The club has minimal requirements to join; its potential members have to be CSUSH students and attend their weekly meetings on Tuesdays at noon in the SMSU’s Cross Cultural Center. Looking to expand, the new club welcomes anyone who has an interest in becoming a member.

“Overall, the Underground Music Society wants to build a sophisticated culture on campus and believes music is a key component of that because of its universal connectivity between people of all ages, races and genders,” said Rodriguez.

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Diaries of a Jet Setter
A guy’s guide to getting lost: San Fran

By R. ANTHONY DIAZ
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If you’re headed to San Francisco you don’t have to wear flowers in your hair, but I do recommend bringing a cardigan.

Mark Twain was once quoted saying, “The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco.”

I don’t think he was joking, but don’t let this discourage you from visiting. I call this my favorite southwest city, because it’s the only place aside from Phoenix that you could actually fly to at the spur of the moment for less than $100 each way.

If you’re traveling within California, Southwest Airlines is almost always the way to go.

If you do head here for a 36 hour getaway, remember that the best time to visit is May and April or September and October.

With the weather as unpredictable as a gay diva, you never know what to expect so go prepared.

Every time I am in San Fran the atmosphere and culture make it what it is; fun, different and unexpected. No matter where you decide to stay this is definitely a city you want to get lost in. Stay away from the Fisherman’s Wharf — it is only great jogging territory.

A few months ago I flew up with my posse to visit my friend Eric who had landed a job at one of the hottest marketing and advertising firms. I never miss an opportunity to celebrate.

Of all the times I had been there, this was the most random ever. I was three sheets to the wind by 10 a.m. thanks to a Bihu, a wonderful French bistro in the heart of the Castro, a wonderful neighborhood with rainbow flags aligning the streets and a good dose of insanity everywhere.

I was walking to get a smoothie and all of a sudden I see a man just hanging out, conversing naked in his socks. Yuck. And apparently I was the only one shocked. The city is so liberal nobody seemed to care.

Eric’s friends came along and by late afternoon we had a group of people in one neighborhood to the next on some random excursion. I felt like I was in the film “Garden State” not knowing where I’d end up next.

By the afternoon I was in the hills on a rooftop looking out onto the entire city. Then North of the Panhandle, also known as NoA, is a very narrow park neighborhood that has no restrooms within a convenient vicinity. And finally in the Haight.

This neighborhood could define the city’s spirit; random, colorful, free and just a good time.

We stopped at a unique clothing store where everyone was buying the most random outfits for Burning Man, a crazy annual art event that you may or may not want to miss. The place had nothing I would ever wear, but we love everyone!

After, we were on a mission to get to the Mission; a hipster neighborhood that has yummy ice cream. It just so happened that another group of friends were in town at the same time so double the fun!

We all hung out at Eric’s place in Dolores Park, and I thought I had major interior design skills, but his roommate works for Ken Fulk Design and well you, just can’t compete with one of the best designers in the Bay Area. His work is fierce.

The city is home to some of the most talented and hard working people. Earlier this year I met the CEO of JC Penny at the Resort at Pelican Hill and he said he had a home in San Francisco and London.

I asked him what the trick was to avoid jet lag and actually enjoy a day after arriving to a destination.

He gave me some useful advice and told me to get to bed by 4 p.m. and wake by 4 a.m. and you’ll be ready for the day no matter where you are in the world.

Although I could not get to bed by 4 p.m. I am sure it will work for someone who is constantly between two distant places.

Although there are plenty of neighborhoods to stay in, you can never go wrong South of the Market, also known as SoMa, because it is in the center of it all and easily accessible to any other part of town.

So once you are here, grab your cardigan, hop on a trolley and be on your “Mary” little way!
The CSUSB Theatre Arts Department is set to ring in the spring season with their rendition of Nilaja Sun’s award-winning play “No Child.” The show, which premiered March 1, is a comedy that involves a particular kind of learning. There’s critical information [in the arts].”

The production opens on March 9 and runs until March 18. Performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with one Thursday showing on March 15 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $15 for general admission, $12 for seniors, military and non-CSUSB students and $6 for CSUSB students (with valid ID). For ticket information, you can call the Theatre Department box office at (909) 537-5884 or you can visit the department’s official website at theatre.csusb.edu.

By KIMBERLY ROSALES
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“Awake,” a high-concept fantasy crime drama, is the latest thriller to grace the NBC television lineup. The show, which premiered March 1, will be replacing “The Firm” due to the latter’s less-than-stellar ratings.

The show stars Jason Isaacs as Detective Michael Britten, who was in a fatal car accident with his wife, Hannah (Laura Allen) and son, Rex (Dylan Minnette). After the fatal crash, Britten discovers that every time he goes to sleep, he switches between two alternating realities.

Britten lives one life in which his wife lives and his son died and another in which his son lives and his wife died. The detective’s alternating lives go beyond his family and touches upon other aspects of his life, including his career.

Britten has different colleagues in each reality and the crimes he investigates share similarities but at the same time are completely different from one another. He remains uncertain which of the two realities, if either, is real. He, and others around him, begins to question his sanity when details begin to cross over.

Though the concept of “Awake” is somewhat complicated to follow, the pilot episode made it understandable for viewers tuning in.

Differing in color palettes (warm tones for the living wife and cool tones for the living son) help the viewers recognize which reality Britten is living and it also lets viewers experience it themselves. The pilot for “Awake” was highly intriguing and it does a great job of keeping the viewer interested.

Though it spent a lot of time focusing on the emotional/mental toll on Britten, it did a good job of integrating the “Crime TV” aspect seamlessly without taking away from the emotional investment viewers immediately develop with the main character.

A potential strength for the show is that even though Detective Britten will continuously work crime scenes, which adds a “CSI” element, his character development is in sync with the plot.

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Racial diversity lacking at the Oscars

By YETUNDE KEME
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The Academy Awards, better known as the Oscars, have become more racially diverse over the past three decades, but history indicates that it hasn’t gone far enough. Latinos, Asians and Native Americans have not won in any category during the past 10 years, according to a UCLA study.

While it is typical for a Caucasian to win the award for Best Actor or Best Actress, there were also a few minorities over the years who have won recognition. Halle Berry and Denzel Washington are the only African Americans to take home the award for those categories.

Even this year, Octavia Spencer won Best Supporting Actress for her role in “The Help.”

But the numbers speak for themselves. According to the LA Times, out of the 80 actors who won Best Actress, less than one percent of the actors are minorities, while out of the 70 actors who won Best Actor, less than one percent of the actors are Native Americans.

“Wanderlust” is your typical romantic adult comedy with a hippie twist. The film stars Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston as a Manhattan couple who are stressed out and overworked.

On their way to Atlanta the couple stumbles upon Elysium, a labyrinthine core, according to The San Francisco Chronicle. The structure is confused and otherwise confusing, but it is alive.

The show works on many levels, according to The Detroit News.“Instead of using a synthesizer as an incidental takes the group back to their ear-

The Magnetic Fields return to origins

By JUSTIN MATHEW DENNIS
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The Magnetic Fields return to their roots in their 10th musical contribution. The band is categorized in the pop genre, with subgenres in indie synthpop and indie rock. The leader of the band, songwriter Stephen Merritt, founded the band as a vehicle for his lyrics.

According to the LA Times, out of the 80 actors who won Best Actress, Adriana Barraza was nominated for Best Supporting Actress, but didn’t win. Even this year, Mexican actor Demian Bichir is an example of a Latino who was nominated for Best Actor for his role in “A Better Life,” but did not win.

Do Latinos and other minority students believe that the Academy Awards voters are less diverse in terms of who should win Best Actor and Best Actress? Stars Yun Yamada and J.C. Monahan said that they are confused and otherwise confused.

“Wanderlust” is nothing more than mediocre and hippie-laden. But the cast was clearly the film’s strength. The film featured a number of familiar faces producing the funniest moments.

“Reno 911” actress Kerri Kenney plays Kathy, a regular hippie in Elysium. Joe Lo Truglio (“Superbad”) plays nudist Wayne Elysium and Kathryn Hahn (“Step Brothers”) plays Kar

Another question still remains: What about Latinos? Latino actors get as far as being nominated for Best Actor, but the chances of them winning are slim to none. During the 79th annual Academy Awards, Adriana Barraza was nominated for Best Supporting Actress, but didn’t win.

According to a study LA Times conducted on Academy Award voters, 94 percent of the voters are white, with 77 percent of voters being male. This fact alone raises plenty of eyebrows.

Another probable reason for the lack of diversity in the Academy Awards is under-representation of Latinos, Asians and Native Americans.

According to the American Screen Actors Guild, Latino actors make up six percent, Asian actors with almost four percent and Native American actors in come in with less than one percent. Suite101.com reports the percentage of minorities working in the television industry has only increased by 2.4 percent in the past two decades.

With stats like these, it seems that Hollywood still has a long road ahead when it comes to racial diversity.

Rondo and Aniston try, but “Wanderlust” is nothing more than mediocre and hippie-laden.

Mind-bending NBC series premiers, thrills critics

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velopment will most likely become very much factored.

When Britten is forced to discover forbidden romance, the theme is clear in their first song on the album entitled “God Wants Us to Wait.” The lyrics clearly portray the forbidden love in the title itself, but the song has a very playful sound.

The songs on this album are quick and simple. The longest track of the album is 2:39 and the total length is a lightning-quick thirty-four minutes.

The full length album may be short, but also has a very playful sound and music lovers will not be disappointed.
Andrew Bird is an exceedingly skilled violinist who is well on his way to giving traditional music a new meaning. Bird has radically re-invented himself as a solo artist. From his days in his band Squirrel Nut Zippers, Bird has changed his sound. The breathtaking musicianship is impressive.

Some of his earlier albums are influenced by traditional folk music as well as jazz and blues.

Bird’s latest album, Break It Yourself, is creative, artistic and filled with calming energy while producing a sound that is uniquely his own.

“Desperation Breeds,” the first track on the album, sounds like a beautiful summer sun tip-toeing higher and higher. “Sifters” is certainly the album’s boldest track, blossoming on a sentimental note.

“What if we hadn’t been born at the same time? What if you were seventy-five and I were nine?” sings Bird. “Would I still visit you, bring you cookies in an old folks’ home? Would you be there alone?”

Bird has crafted an abstract sophisticated group of songs in Break It Yourself. He has shown dedication to ascending his craft with a chill vibe and emotional tone.

Listening to this album gives the effect of imagining deep visuals which grow stronger with each listen. The album has a very relaxed pace. The slow musical tides roll through your headphones and it takes you to another place entirely. It’s a different but very distinct sound.

Lines such as “We’ll dance like cancer survivors/like we’re grateful simply to be alive” are shivering and affecting. “The Illinois songsmith seems to have built a career of making even the most simple things obtuse,” said Billy Hamilton of Drowned in Sound. “[Bird] approaches nature more directly on his new record, but internal human emotions as well.”

“I fixed up this old barn about ten years ago with the intention of bringing a band out there and recording,” said Bird in an interview with Drowned in Sound. “[It became] a place to isolate myself, get some solitude and write, mess around with the looping stuff, and kind of just develop a new way of making music. In that sense it was hugely successful, but I could never seem to make a record there.”

Break It Yourself is a must-listen for anyone into ambient and soothing folk sounds. Bird has created an impeccable gem of an album that deserves to be heard.

Andrew Bird returns to blissful form
Men’s basketball can’t close door on Sonoma State

The Coyotes had the lead in the closing seconds of their game against Sonoma State, but could not hold on for the victory.

By RICHARD DAWSON
Staff Writer

The CSUSB men’s basketball team’s season came to a close after suffering a devastating 61-60 loss to Sonoma State on Feb. 28.

The loss was made even more frustrating, as the Coyotes found themselves in position to come away with the victory, leading 60-58 with 11 seconds remaining in the game.

Tre’ Brewer was at the line for a one and one play, but the front end free throw didn’t drop and the Seawolves’ Ashley Arrott got the rebound.

Sonoma State moved the ball down the court before calling a timeout with 2 seconds remaining.

After the inbound, Sterling Arterberry made a layup to tie the game at 60.

Theron Laudermill fouled Arterberry during the layup, which put him on the line with a chance to give the Seawolves the lead.

Arterberry nailed the ensuing free throw, which put him on the line.

This loss came on the heels of a 66-72 defeat at Humboldt State on Feb. 25.

A victory over Humboldt State combined with a Sonoma State loss would have positioned the Coyotes to host a tournament game rather than them being forced to play on the road for a second straight week.

“It was brutal scheduling the last couple weeks,” said Oliver. “We have lacked leadership the last two weeks, when you go into their environment you need leadership because you deal with hostile crowds on the road.”

Despite the sour ending to the season, there was some positive news for two Coyote players.

Kwame Alexander, who led the CCAA in rebounds this season, was named to the second team for the second consecutive season.

Alexander led the CCAA in rebounds with season with 7.9 per game and was runner up to Laudermill with five double-doubles of his own.

“Kwame progressed a lot in terms of his motor and energy level. Defensively, he got better and didn’t break down as much. What’s neat about him, being that he’s a junior, there is still a lot of room for improvement both offensively and defensively,” said Oliver. “It was tough for those two since we didn’t have consistent guard play. Teams challenged us to beat them with the three and we didn’t do a good job of doing that.”

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So as the season has come to a close, all the CSUSB campus with the senior players good luck in their future endeavors, thanking them for the countless contributions and memories they provided for the team and its fans.

As for the returning players, we fully expect them to return next season with a vengeance.

We hope that this season will motivate them to continue improving.

Theron played really well out of the gate before he broke his nose. He regained form later in the year. He’s been consistent for us the past two years,” said Oliver.

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“We haven’t had consistent guard play all year. In this conference you need to have that. Without that play, it’s tough to close out games,” said head coach Jeff Oliver.

Nate Roth led CSUSB with 14 points. Brewer, who had a career best 28 points against the Seawolves the week prior, was held scoreless on six shots from the field.

“Tre’ had a tough night, he was involved in the one on one and it was his guy that did the screen on the layup by Arterberry,” said Oliver. “We tried to switch our defense, unfortunately it didn’t tran-spire in time.”

This is the second consecutive season that CSUSB misses the NCAA tournament, but only the third time it has happened in Oliver’s tenure with the school.

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Kwame Alexander, who led the CCAA
All-Star Game may be losing its shine

By ZION GUILLORY
Staff Writer

ABA All-Star Weekend is a highly anticipated event every year. The weekend is highlighted with the league’s best shooters competing in a three-point shooting competition, a skills competition between the best point guards, the rip roaring dunk contest between the league’s high flyers and is ultimately capped off by the All-Star Game between the top players from the tern and Western Conference.

Millions of basketball fans tune in to watch their favorite players duke it out on the court. Surprisingly, many students here on campus were not too fond of this year’s dunk contest or All-Star Game.

“It really sucked,” said student A. J. Jones, when discussing the All-Star Game. “I got excited every year about this game and I was definitely disappointed.”

As you may know, the fans are the ones who vote for the players they want to see in the game. This year’s starting lineup for the Eastern Conference featured Chicago Bulls’ Derrick Rose, Miami Heat’s Dwyane Wade and LeBron James, New York Nicks’ Carmelo Anthony, and Orlando Magic’s Dwight Howard.

These fans favorites could not compete with this year’s Western Conference lineup featuring Los Angeles Lakers’ Kobe Bryant and Andrew Bynum, Los Angeles Clipper’s Blake Griffin and Chris Paul, and Oklahoma City Thunder’s Kevin Durant, who was named the game’s MVP.

It would seem that with such a dynamic and powerful group of players on the court, the match-up would resonate with the fans. It was a good game, where the most prolific stars of the conference were showcased.

The possibility of the best Division II players going head-to-head is intriguing. What would be more exciting than watching our student athletes displaying their skills against the best competition the conference has to offer?

“I think it would be a great idea,” says Jones.

“I mean, watching the pros are cool, but it seems robotic for them, like they know they are getting paid to do it so they have to. But if the college players play, you could probably feel their energy from your seat. They would be playing to be respected and recognized.”

Yet others seem to believe that it would be pointless for our division to have an all-star game. “It would be a waste really,” said student Aaron Banks.

“No one would probably go anyway. We don’t have enough school spirit, so it would be pointless.”

A Division II All-Star Game would allow low college athletes to show what they are really made of on a national stage. Whether you agree with the idea or not, it is safe to assume that most people would love for these players to get the opportunity to be recognized as the stars of their division.

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From the Sports Section of The Coyote Chronicle
Baseball suffers extra-inning loss

By SPENCER HIRSCH
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The Coyotes left it all on the field in a 16-inning, four-and-a-half-hour marathon on the road on Sunday, Feb. 26 against conference opponent CSU Monterey Bay. Unfortunately, they fell one run short of a victory, losing in a 7-6 heartbreaker in the finale of their four-game series against the Otters.

The Coyotes out the series 3-1, which gives them an overall record of 6-7 and conference record of 3-5, fourth place in the CCAA.

The Otter’s artificial turf playing surface seemed to play a huge role in Sunday’s devastating loss.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Otters were threatening with runners at second and third and two outs. The next Otter batter hit a routine ground ball to Coyote third baseman Darren Dworak. Much to the surprise of Dworak, his teammates and head coach Don Parnell, the ball went between his legs, giving him an error and allowing two Otters to score.

“It’s the play he [Dworak] makes and has made his whole life,” said Parnell.

Dworak redeemed himself in the top of the ninth, with a one-out single to left field to help spark a two-run inning, and gave the ‘Yotes a 4-3 lead headed to the bottom half of the inning. Parnell gave the ball to his All-American closer Josh Pond, with hopes of finishing off the Otters and getting the 2-2 series split.

The Otters’ predominantly left-handed hitting lineup was happy to face a right-hander, as Pond, a left-handed hitting lineup was double down the left-field line had my number that day,” said Pond.

In the top of the 15th inning, the Coyotes’ bats came to life as four hits helped them go up 6-4, capped off by second baseman Curtis Cassie’s RBI double down the left-field line.

The next Otter batter hit a huge role in Sunday’s devastating one-point loss, which eliminated them in the first round of the CCAA playoffs, putting an end to their title dreams. Roth is one of six seniors on the team.

More about: Last season, he scored a season-best 23 points in a loss effort against Cal State Monterey Bay. He was also impressive from behind the arc, hitting a respectable 21 of 52 FGs from long distance, and overall FG percentage of 42.6.

By ALEXANDRA CANNADY
Staff Writer

Water polo starting to get on track

Water polo displayed a balanced attack as they received contributions from their star offensive players and stellar performances out of their goalkeepers in their successful weekend.

By ALEXANDRA CANNADY
Staff Writer

We kept our chemistry and momentum up, our defense really stepped up,” said coach Sarah Reneker.

Goalie Kelsey Purkiss was also a bright spot during the match with 18 saves in the cage and shutting out their inspiring win as they found themselves battling in three other matches against Occidental, Mercyhurst and Whitmer College.

Even though they suffered a 13-6 defeat against Occidental, the performance was not a disappointing one according to Reneker. Purkiss defended Coyote territory with 11 saves in the goal and sparking the team’s defensive intensity.

“Even though we lost, the energy from our win carried over into the next section of play in the tournament,” said Reneker.

Despite their defeat, the Coyotes were able to bounce back in the contest that followed, defeating Mercyhurst 8-7. Vu led once again in scoring with four goals while her teammates Duran and Kayla Barrow each had two.

Mercyhurst rallied in the third quarter, scoring three runs. The game was tied during the closing minutes, but Duran made the determining score in the last minute of the match gaining a one goal lead and a firm grasp on the win.

The team ended the tournament with a loss of 11-8 to Whitmer College.

Despite the loss, coach Reneker was satisfied with her team’s performance, and especially the performance of her goalies. Purkiss continued to impress with 11 more saves in the net totaling 46 saves for the tournament.
Sports

Seniors move on after season as women’s basketball falls just short of playoffs

By SHYNEESE WALTER
Staff Writer

After finishing their season with an overall record of 9-17, a few players on the women’s basketball team have found themselves unable to contend against a tough Cal State Monterey Bay squad.

This week the ladies must concentrate on making sure their offense comes alive in pressure situations to put more victories will come in bunches.

This season has been a rollercoaster for the Coyotes as they have made some costly mistakes during the game that put them in tough situations that are hard to overcome.

With a unique combination of both power and speed, the Coyotes have a bulletproof strategy.

Improved post game, overall rebounding, shooting and three-point shooting. These are the areas we will be addressing to improve for next season, ” said Becker.

Coach Becker will be looking for new players to add to his team and improve his system all around.

Overall this season has been a learning experience for the players.

Becker hopes that what he instills in his players will allow them to be successful not only on the hardwood, but in life as well.

Softball swept off the field by Monterey Bay

By BRITNEY CARTER
Staff Writer

The weekend took a turn for the worse for CSUSB’s softball team on Feb. 24 and 25, as the Coyotes found themselves unable to contend against a tough Cal State Monterey Bay squad.

The Lady ‘Yotes went in with their heads held high by Monterey Bay on their Senior Night.

That was a huge accomplishment for the Coyotes.

“With such a young team, we came quite a ways in terms of development, and were definitely a competitive team,” said head coach Kevin Becker. “We could not overcome the health and injury situations, and just did not have enough depth to get over the top in some of the close games we played.”

Becker and his team have had a lot of great memories this season.

His most memorable moment of this season was beating the Otters in Monterey Bay on their Senior Night.

That night was a great feeling for my team and me. I was so happy to finish to the CCAA playoffs but fell short on the final weekend of the season.

“Given the fact we were decimated by health and injuries with no real depth on the bench, I believe we competed every night in the CCAA,” said Becker. “Teams knew that they had to be prepared to play us, and we were in the chase for a playoff spot up until the final game, but came up short.”

Now that the season is over there are many options for the seniors.

Streets hopes to wrap up her bachelor’s degree in kinesiology by fall 2012, and possibly enter the U.S. Air Force.

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