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Students fast in protest over ignored demands

By NIN GARCIA

CSU Chancellor Charles Reed’s response to students’ concerns has led to a CSUSB strike by faculty and staff members. The hunger strike began May 2 and involves 13 other student members of Students for Quality of Education (SQE) across the CSU system.

Domínguez Hills, Fullerton, Long Beach, Northridge, Sacramento and San Bernardino campuses will be participating. Dorado says she intends to continue her fast with the other SQE members until tuition fees stop increasing. They are also advocating for administrative salary allowances from all 23 campus executives to be eliminated. The SQE is fighting for greater voice for students.

According to the LA Times, CSU campuses have lost nearly $1 billion in state funding since 2008, forcing cuts to classes, faculty and staff layoffs, and denial of entry of up to 16,000 students.

Tuition has increased for six years in a row, including a nine percent hike this fall that will raise the annual fee for undergraduates up to $5,970, not including campus-based fees that average more than $1,000.

The university also announced plans to freeze enrollment for incoming students in Spring 2013, and to wait list all applicants the following fall pending the outcome of a proposed tax initiative on the November ballot.

Meanwhile, Gov. Jerry Brown, and several legislators have criticized trustees as for their ridiculous awarding of a 10 percent pay allowance to new campus presidents, as students and families struggle to pay tuition.

During her fasting she has been receiving a lot of support from fellow core SQE, faculty and staff members.

Despite only drinking water and protein drinks, she said sleeping has been good and the Health Center here on campus has been checking on her to make sure she is hydrated and her body is functioning properly without food.

“I feel positive about this. I am empowered by students and seeing them empowered makes me feel good to know I am fighting with them and for them. This gives me a lot of encouragement. It just feels right,” said Dorado.

The only help she said she needs is from the students’ support and by posting updates on Facebook, just getting the word out to students so they know she is fighting for them.

“I think Natalie has a lot of will and courage to do what she is doing, and it just inspires me to fight for what I believe in as well,” said student Jorge Gutierrez.

SQE put up an all day hunger strike

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Our students need to be represented on the state level because we have so much capability with over 16,000 well educated scholars,” said Walker.

Walker believes that promoting the principles of shared governance among ASI and students is important in building a community here at CSUSB, as well as keeping the students well informed of the amount of impact they could do for current and future CSU students.

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Students starve for quality education

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action tent on May 3 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

At the tent there was a giant paper note for students to stop and post their opinion giving them a chance to speak out.

Once they had the note filled, they took them out to Long Beach where they met up with other student strikers.

Along with the note, there was a featured speaker, a drum circle and an art show for students to come together to fight against the budget cuts. All of which were recorded and sent to the other hunger strikers, the CSU Board of Trustees and Gov. Brown.

Walker clenches top ASI spot

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“All major decisions regarding funds or programs are made on either boards or committees. Inserting student representatives into the mix of these committees would make us well represented as a student body and less decisions would be made without our consideration,” said Walker.

The lack of communication and involvement among the faculty, administration and the students are some of the main issues for Walker.

“I plan on getting students involved in school by putting in a lot of effort and hard work by reaching out to the students in ways such as tabling in front of the library or the Student Union during office hours, having one of ASI’s representatives chair at all the committees and boards on campus, throwing events that get our name out to the public and recommending exceptional students for leadership positions on campus,” said Walker.

One of the most important things for Walker this upcoming year is organizing the priorities of the student body; through a system of open communication and feedback from the school faculty, administration and the students.

Walker holds a priority to those who are of importance. The external affairs of the lobby corps and building relationships with state officials, holds priority at the local level as well as to CSUSB students.

The childcare services on campus and CSUSB sports are examples of what he believes are important to the students. These programs were proposed and decided by the students to increase the funding.

Walker believes that if something enhances the experience of students at CSUSB, he is all for it.
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New cigarette tax will not benefit California’s economy

By SARA NYDAM
Staff Writer

The state of California is considering a new proposition that will spend your tax dollars in a foolish way.

Proposition 29 will tax each individual pack of cigarettes an extra dollar to create a program that will duplicate that is already under way. I do not believe we need to vote for this bill because spending money that Californians don’t have will certainly not fix our economic problems.

I feel it is ludicrous to assume that the state of California should, according to NoOn29.com, “start a new billion-dollar spending program when we have a $10 billion plus budget deficit and can’t pay for critically-needed existing programs like education and health care.” This will affect you directly as a college student because this money could go towards funding classes.

Proposition 29 will also shortchange our children’s education in the future. California cannot afford to retain the courses that we need in order to graduate and excel in our lives, employ K-12 teachers, or provide adequate healthcare. An estimated $735 million is what the Prop. 29 tax would raise, and about $500 million would be spent on a new agency that will provide grants for research on smoking-related illnesses.

Unfortunately, I don’t find this program to be beneficial to us as Californians. When the money is broken down further, “15 [percent] would create ‘California research facilities’ focused on prevention, detection, treatment and cures for tobacco related illness. About $120 million would go to existing anti-tobacco programs,” reported the Sacramento Bee.

The National Institute of Health, a current anti-tobacco program, already spends $5.4 billion per year on cancer research, according to the LA Times. I do not believe that California needs to vote for this bill when it is not really clear as to how this will even benefit us.

“The money needs to go to education. If we have better education, we have better research,” said student Dybra Grande. “There is a lack of quality of education.”

The proposed nine-member board to oversee the $735 million raised from the tax does not include one individual from the general population. I do not wish for them to oversee the way I should spend my hard earned tax dollars.

Although it may sound as if your money will be used for the good of California, it’s possible it may even not even be spent in this state.

Proposition 29 “does not require any of the new tax revenue to be spent on research in California, or even in the United States,” as stated on NoOn29.com.

I refuse to create an even larger deficit by supporting this bill.

One benefit of Prop. 29 would be that it will be an “effective tool for reducing smoking rates,” reported the LA Times. There is no doubt that cigarettes are an unhealthy habit, but what you must consider are all of the unhealthy habits Californians along with the rest of the U.S. bathe themselves in.

If we are so concerned about cigarette smoking, we must become concerned with addiction to caffeine, sugar, salt and most importantly, fast food.

Obesity has become a leading candidate for increased risk of premature death.

While only 11 percent of adults in California smoke, most of us have eaten at a fast food joint within the past week.

This proposition will not go any further to save lives than the nearest KFC.

Students should print in the Learning Center

By SHANIEKA PERRIER
Staff Writer

I think using the Learning Center to print papers is better than using the Piusa Library, Jack Brown Hall and SMSU’s Cross Cultural Center.

The advantage is it is cheaper to print there than anywhere else on campus. I used to think that the Learning Center should go paperless. When I went to find out why they haven’t, I discovered it’s cheaper not to go paperless.

Surprising, right? It’s better for them to use a paper system and not the card-swiping machines because using the machines is costly.

Printing was once 10 cents per page everywhere. But due to the maintenance cost they raised the price to 15 cents per page which is more money out of the students’ pockets.

If you have ever forgotten your student ID card, you know you’re out of luck if you needed to print something. Sometimes making sure to have cash on hand is the best method.

I’m always looking for the best deals and I think the Learning Center in University Hall room 361 offers the best prices because they take the students into consideration.

“The UH [Learning] Center is just another resource center trying to make it affordable for the students as much as possible,” said Tutoring Program Coordinator, David Reyes.

All of the money received in the Learning Center goes towards funding paper, toner, and maintaining computers if they break down, according to Reyes. I think this is good news for students.

The Learning Center uses cards that are available for purchase in $1, $3, and $5 increments. These cards have individual boxes that indicate how many pages students can print out.

For example, a $3 card will allow a student to print out 30 pages plus an additional fee three pages.

Stephen Wentworth, the information technology consultant for the Learning Center, makes the cards right here on campus which cuts down on costs.

The Learning Center buys the paper from the book store, makes the cards, and issues them Continued on Pg. 6
Don’t be fooled, Greek life is more than just a party

By AUNJOLAY LAMBERT
Staff Writer

I feel some people don’t understand what you can gain by being in a fraternity or sorority. I think that sometimes TV and movies can alter a person’s view of reality and I think in this case Greek organizations get the brunt of that. For example, movies like “Old School” and “Animal House” can suggest that fraternities and sororities are around just to have a good time.

“Some of the negative things I’ve heard are that the girls are easy and the guys just like to drink and party,” said Ashlyne Macan, a member of a co-ed fraternity at CSUSB.

Last summer I went on vacation to Virginia and my cousin, who is in a sorority, showed me around her campus and introduced me to some of her friends who were a part of Greek organizations. While I was there, they brought me to events and fundraisers they put on for local charities in their community. I was amazed at the bond they had with their members and their community.

I believe that movies and TV don’t give being in a fraternity or sorority justice for all the other good things they represent.

Brotherhood and sisterhood are what fraternities and sororities represent, and I don’t know about you but in this economy, you need somebody to have your back and be there when you need a hand.

“Being in a fraternity or sorority can help you in building relationships that can last you a lifetime,” said student Stephanie Brown.

Honestly, I think a person should want to be apart of something with some substance and character, if you’re going to be tied to it for the rest of your life.

That’s the point in having your name tied to something that only represents partying and drinking?

I would rather become a better person rather than the best drinker. With opportunities to help your community, to develop leadership skills, grow in academics and the ability to network, you can become a well-rounded individual by going Greek.

I would think that people would jump at the chance to be a part of something so big, especially when it entails giving back to the community.

“The best thing about being in a sorority is living the full college experience and being a part of something that is bigger than yourself,” said Macan.

Being in a fraternity or sorority would help your career opportunities. You would get to meet people that you never thought you would meet, shake hands with professionals and have conversations with people who can help you in life.

“Do you party all the time?” shouldn’t be your first question when deciding whether or not to join a sorority or fraternity.

I would suggest getting more information from studentleadership.csusb.edu and finding out what sororities and fraternities are about, because I’m sure the wild parties won’t keep you interested for a lifetime.

Ashlyne Macan
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Mother-daughter duo shine at CSUSB

By GABBIE CORRAL  Staff Writer

Kimley Jones and her daughter, Kourtney, have been attending CSUSB together for the last five years and have been loving every minute of it. They will both graduate together this June—Kimley with a master’s degree in education and Kourtney with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.

“We didn’t start [this journey] knowing we would graduate together. It just sort of happened!” Kimley Jones  Student

She hopes to attain a local teaching job after graduation and give back to students in a similar way. Kourtney loves being able to work on campus with the children of the Infant and Toddler Lab as a psychology major.

“[It] amazes me to see how many people have come out to support the event and of different ethnicities really humbles me and I feel good to know that they’re coming together to make this event a great one,” said president of LSB, Julio Ortega Lopez. “The fact that we can celebrate in the U.S. and being Mexican and a part of that culture, this is one of the biggest events we can celebrate here on campus. We take pride and joy in this event.”

The FLAGS department and LSBA collaborated with the SMSU Cross Cultural Center in celebrating one of the reasons to be proud of the Hispanic community and this resulted in a great turn out.

“Make sure to come around every year, it’s a big hit for the community, families and students,” said Reynoso. “It’s amazing, really fun. We constantly hear good feedback about the event so hopefully it continues to get bigger and bigger every year.”

Mother-daughter duo, Kourtney and Kimley Jones share their excitement for being able to graduate together in June.

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Students “Jump On It” for CSUSB’s first ever presidential flash mob

By KIM DAILEY
Staff Writer

CSUSB’s first ever flash mob broke out at noon on Tuesday, May 1 in the Santos Manuel Student Union.

The assembly was put together by Michel’le Jones as part of her campaign for the Associated Students Inc. president.

Students who were a part of the event were invited through Facebook and by word of mouth from those students who knew about it.

The songs that they danced to were “Buzzin’” by Mann featuring 50 Cent and “Apache” by The Sugarhill Gang.

The dances performed were the “Cal State Slide” to “Buzzin’” and the “Jump On It” dance to “Apache.”

The flash mob was started by a student in a bright, full-bodied orange body suit.

He stood there frozen in place for about 10 seconds while acting like he was checking the time. Once the music started to play, Jones and about five other people jumped in. As the songs went on, more and more people and students joined in. The flash mob ended up with am ore than 25 students participating.

The students who were hanging out both upstairs and downstairs in the commons all stopped what they were doing and watched or joined in the dance.

Student Colin Steele, who was able to capture the flash mob on video, had heard about the event by word of mouth.

“I heard something about a flash mob going down in the Commons by another student in my communication class. I didn’t think it was actually going to happen though,” said Steele. “It was really cool. I was very surprised when all these random students started to dance with this person wearing an orange skin suit. I thought it was fun and I think it should be done again.”

Student Ashlymne Macan was one of the students who got the Facebook invite and was invited to be a part of the flash mob event.

When asked why she wanted to be a part of a flash mob she responded, “I have seen it on TV and movies and I thought it would be fun to be a part of one.”

Those students who wanted to participate had only a few days to practice the dance.

Students who were invited were able to meet up with Jones on the few days and times she was available to teach the dance.

Jones had posted the videos on the Facebook invite for those who wanted to join in on the flash mob but could not make the practice times.

Due to this, people were able to practice the dances on their own time and were still able to be a part of the flash mob.

If you were not able to see the flash mob in person, check out the video on the article posted on coyotechronicle.net.

Proud mom and daughter to graduate hand-in-hand in June

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As graduation month creeps up, the two cannot wait to proudly watch the other walk on stage during graduation to receive the diplomas they have worked so hard to get.

“We didn’t start [this journey] knowing we would graduate together,” said Kim. “It just sort of happened. But our family is so excited and happy for the two of us to graduate together and we’re planning the big party, of course.”

Kim and Kourtney will not only be walking at graduation once, but twice. They are proud to be attending the Black Graduation ceremony on June 16 as well as the standard June 16 and 17 Commencement ceremonies.

This June will mark the end of their journey together as mother-daughter students at CSUSB.

But it is only the beginning of a new excursion, as the two warmed hearted students take on the world hand-in-hand in June.
By ANGELA E. RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

CSUSB is proud to host the Museum of Tolerance’s traveling exhibit “The Courage to Remember the Holocaust” displayed in the John M. Pfau Library April 30-May 21 on the first floor.

Last Monday’s opening ceremony and reception for the exhibit began at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Pfau Library.

This traveling exhibit is part of the well-known Simon Wiesenthal Center’s Museum of Tolerance located in Los Angeles.

It is displayed for free and open to the public during library hours.

The renowned museum is the first of its kind ever, named after famous Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal.

The museum is internationally recognized and is meant to serve for prevention of hatred and genocide for any community in the future.

The experience of such an exhibit challenges everyone to confront their assumptions, negative or positive, of people who are different from them.

On the first day of the event, special speaker Timothy Pytell, CSUSB associate professor of modern European history, lectured intensely on significant Holocaust events.

Many students from different majors of study and ages were actively engaged throughout Pytell’s lecture.

“Never have I attended one of these lectures about the Holocaust. I thought it was interesting how Pytell mentioned some Nazi Germans would name their children with names that start with the letter ‘A’ out of respect for Hitler,” said student Valeria Barragan.

Many students like Barragan were interested in the displays of the historical Nazi genocide of the Jewish people, especially the photos of the “German Jewish Life Before the Nazis” display.

“I can’t believe how the Germans committed genocide of six million people just because of their Jewish descent and how long they literally got away with murder for so long,” said University of Riverside student, Jolee Parnell.

Many of the exhibit’s displays covered the Holocaust concentration camps; how the first founded camp was to house opponents of the Nazi regime such as Communists, Socialists, Liberals, clergyman and anyone not loyal to the Reich.

The Holocaust can be viewed as “a time of brutality approaches of which we ourselves can have absolutely no conception,” said Joseph Goebbels, Die Zweite Revolution, 1926 from the “Nazi Policy on Racism and Terror” display.

Students who have had the opportunity to visit the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles and who attended the exhibit on campus have been a part of a poignant event as they re-lived the gruesome past of racism.

The Holocaust exhibition has open arms for K-12 students who are interested in taking a tour of the moving displays.
The Society of Student Filmmakers (SSF) might be seen as the poodles of the film and production scene here at CSUSB, but they are quietly securing their status among the big dogs. The purpose of SSF is to touch base on the ideas of commerce and filmmaking's underlying characteristics.

With help from their president Alex Hedstrom, they have been branching out and looking forward to many future filmmaking opportunities.

"We teach [members] how to ‘read’ movies and promote them as an art," said Hedstrom. SSF currently consists of 12 members, not including their large online base. Though they are a small bunch, they still manage to work on major projects such as a piece for the San Bernardino Valley Film Festival and even a video for a local band.

SSF vice president Sean Mason has contributed a great deal of knowledge and understanding to the club. He continues to share his experience in many screenwriting projects as well as a handful of internships, including one with Will Ferrell's production company Funny or Die. He is even seen as the "Voda" of the group by secretary and recruiting officer Ken Perry.

The message that is delivered through a movie is appreciated by Perry. He gets his inspiration for filmmaking from watching countless documentaries.

"I love to watch documentaries because of the effect and change it has on the world," said Perry. If you have ever taken a film class with professor Rod Metts, it is very likely that you have seen a video produced by Hedstrom or written by Mason. Metts has shown SSF’s work in his classes as examples of formal screenwriting, commercial media and the art and craft of film production.

The support by Metts has led to much of the club’s exposure. "We’ve had students who aren’t even communication majors [who] have made it into a hobby," said Hedstrom.

The club also encourages their members to attend workshops in order to further digest the concepts of filmmaking.

“We try to teach our members to embrace the meaningful, passionate art in filmmaking," said Perry. Hedstrom has many plans in the works that he hopes will better establish the club on campus.

“We are still building a force that will continue into the next year or two," said Hedstrom. Mason and Hedstrom also have personal works under construction, like the abstract film "Stranger Than Paradise," and the mini-movie, "The Macguffin.

You can watch some of Mason’s material on his video channel, Vimeo.com/zeannas. Be on the lookout for the group’s future works on micro-films as well as additional music videos.

"The Avengers" is a Marvel of a movie

Marvel’s new super-film, "The Avengers," is everything every comic book fanboy could hope for and more.

Following the five films released since 2008 about each respective hero, "The Avengers" finds the six legendary heroes colliding for the first time in this non stop action packed comic book epic.

The director of SHIELD (a military law enforcement agency), Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson), launches the Avengers Initiative after the evil Norse god Loki (Tom Hiddleston) steals the Tesseract, an energy source with limitless potential that opens the portal through Earth, and plans to destroy it.

Following a few battles within themselves, Fury manages to get all six superheroes on the same page to stop Loki and save the world. The all-star team consists of Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Captain America (Chris Evans), Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner), The Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Loki’s brother Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson).

Once the team has placed their differences aside and battled each other out in mind-blowing fight scenes, the newly created Avengers head to New York City (where all conflicts seem to take place in cinema) to stop Loki’s army.

What makes this film epic is the jaw-dropping action sequences that every superhero displays. Fury has definitely created the most dominating superhero league ever assembled. Fans will be blown away by the intense action throughout the film that leaves them breathless and on the edge of their seat. The cinematography makes the film flow uniformly with its dark and light tones as well as its captivating digital imagery.

The editing assembles each shot to portray every mood and emotion that each hero faces throughout.

Audiences will also enjoy the consistent humor in the clever dialogue added to the film to shift the balance of a serious intense film and a comedy uproar. Fans will be surprised that Tony Stark is not the only sarcastic figure who brings in the film’s biggest laughs.

With so many different personalities, powers and backgrounds from each superhero, director Joss Whedon combined each of these elements in each character to awe the audience and hold their attention from beginning to end.

The film runs at an astounding two hours and twenty-three minutes, but the action, effects and witty dialogue makes time fly by. Whedon has utilized the $220 million budget to bring an unbelievably exciting flick, as well as meshing all plots from each of the previous five films to link them into one single film.

“The Avengers” is a rugged, full-force action film that does not disappoint movie-goers and comic book fans alike. The comical and witty dialogue is an added bonus that takes a different and light-hearted route from the otherwise intense film.

When all is said and done, “The Avengers” is the ultimate cinematic experience that leave many Marvel fans satisfied. It has definitely set the bar for the summer movie season.
Staying safe with Statham

The British action star’s latest film is an unstoppable roller coaster ride, rife with exorbitant explosions and gratuitous gunfire.

By GESELLA MARTINEZ, Staff Writer

Jason Statham is back to his old ass-kicking ways in his newest film, “Safe.” “Safe” is an action-packed thriller filled with mind-blowing fighting scenes. If you watched the “Transporter” movies then you will love this film.

It starts off with the Russian mafia trying to get Mei (Catherine Chan), a young girl with an incredible memory, to fess up a priceless numerical code she has memorized. The Triads, a notorious Chinese gang, decide to take Mei under their wing when they notice her incredible ability. Mei is forced to leave her childhood and has no choice but to grow up and catch on to the criminal’s business. Although she is a young girl, she is strong and able to overcome the hardships in her life.

Meanwhile, Luke Wright (Jason Statham) is a former cop who now lives as a second-rate cage fighter on the mixed martial arts circuit. He is living a numbing life of routine beatings and champ change until he blows a rigged fight. In response, the Russian Mafia murders his family and sends him into hiding.

But when he witnesses a frightened Mei being parsed by the same gangsters who took away his life, Luke impulsively jumps into action.

Luke jumps head-first into the three-way war between the Triads, the Russian Mafia and a band of corrupt New York City cops. Realizing he’s the only person Mei can trust, he does everything he can to save her life.

Everyone has different perceptions of Luke. The Russians thought he was a coward and could not defend himself, but they definitely underestimated him. The corrupt cops knew that he was a thorn in their side and were determined to be reckoned with and the Triads knew little of him.

Statham is incredible in the fighting scenes, making them look effortless and with an immediate ability to them. One of the lines from the song “Myth” illustrates that point with dark honesty.

Beach House casts a musical spell

The indie band’s new album, Bloom, is darker, expansive and more captivating than previous works.

By PRINCESS RUSSELL, Staff Writer

Bloom, Beach House’s first album in over two years, is a darkly melodramatic mix of dream-pop that consumes listeners, but once the bridge has blossomed some genuine emotions. The simple yet appealing track titles such as “Myth,” “Lazuli” and “Trouble Maker” intrigue ambiances allow listeners to feel so much more than the sounds and instruments are simple but the imaginative manipulation of echoing vocals and space-like extended period off to spend more time focusing on the bank account, and I felt like I was rich,” Scally said in an interview with Billboard. “We realized that people like [our music] and if we took this seriously, this could be our career choice but to grow up and catch on to the criminal’s business. Although she is a young girl, she is strong and able to overcome the hardships in her life.

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But when he witnesses a frightened Mei (Catherine Chan), a young girl wanted by gangsters.

The movie’s plot was good and better than your average shoot-em-up flick. What initially looks like a basic Statham thriller turns into something much more.

What makes the movie great is not only the intense fighting scenes but the story line of the movie. The story is believable, with equal bits of drama and comedy with plenty of entertaining scenes.

Chan’s role was especially great. She was not just a young and helpless little girl, but one who was tough and willing to take on whatever is dished out at her.

If you love fast-paced thrillers that make your heart race and body tense up then you should check out “Safe.”
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Butler honors father with dedication to softball

By CHELSEA UNDERWOOD  Staff Writer

Shortstop Britney Butler shattered the softball school record for the most home runs in a single season, blasting 15 this year. While she wasn’t able to surpass the school record, she did go on to lead the nation in goals scored this season, according to csusbathletics.com. She also finished third in steals with 72 and seventh in assists with 44.

Butler already tied the home run record her freshman year with 14, but now she is in sole possession of the number one spot. She hit her record breaking home run in the last game of the regular season against the Dominguez Hills Toros in the third inning.

“It was a really good feeling,” said Butler, “I sprinted around the bases because I was so excited.” Teammates cheered her on while she ran the bases, but they are not the only ones who did so.

Family has been a strong support system for Butler through the thick and thin of her softball career and more importantly, in life. “My dad was really supportive of me. He would always try to come out to every game that he could. My mom still, she comes out to every home game. So I have a very very, very good support system. It helps a lot,” said Butler.

She grew up in an athletic family and with an older brother who helped her get better and stronger with her ball game.

She picked up baseball from her brother when she was younger, and according to Butler, wanted to be everything that he wanted to be.

“He basically taught me everything that I know,” said Butler.

Her softball career kicked off when she was a freshman at Poly High School in Riverside.

It was not easy to start, as she had to transition from baseball to softball.

Her brother helped her out tremendously with this change.

She worked hard throughout her high school career and continued to grow in her game.

Butler worked extremely hard on the field, and her efforts definitely paid off.

During her senior year at Poly High, she was offered a scholarship by the Coyotes and gladly accepted it.

Besides owning the school’s single-season record for most home runs, there are so many other things that she has accomplished on the diamond during her first three years at CSUSB.

This season she improved with the bat, hitting an exceptional .362, compared to last year’s still impressive .315.

In addition, she received All-CCAA honors for the third straight year.

What pushes this young athlete to do so well is her dad.

In 2009, he was diagnosed with lung cancer. After a tough two-year fight, he lost the battle on Sept. 2, 2011.

He was a big supporter of his daughter, and he himself grew up as an athlete playing football.

She was ready to stop playing softball after he died. However, her mother was not ready to see her quit the game she has grown to love.

She told her that her father would have wanted her to play and to finish school, and so Butler decided to play for him.

“My goal was to play for him this year and do the best that I could, like he wanted,” said Butler.

Not only did she play for her dad, but she is planning on following in his professional footsteps as well.

Butler is majoring in criminal justice. Her dad has influenced her due to the fact that he used to be an officer for the Riverside Police Department.

She is looking to use her major to become a corrections officer. With her dad in mind, she remembered a quote he always said:

“Just do the best you can, you don’t need to push, you don’t need to press. You just got to do your best and no matter what, at the end of the day, if you lose, you play a horrible game, [I] still going to be your number one fan no matter what.”

Water polo looks to future after unrelenting season

By AMY CUTILLO  Staff Writer

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Red Bull gives soccer players wings in campus tourney

By JESSICA BRACAMONTES
Staff Writer

CSUSB students put on their soccer gear to participate in the Red Bull Kick-off Soccer Tournament on May 2 in front of the John M. Pfau Library lawn.

The soccer tournament had eight teams consisting of four players each. The games were fifteen minutes long, and consisted of single elimination rounds with one referee officiating.

The winning team was awarded an exclusive trip to see the New York Red Bulls soccer game in Los Angeles on May 5. The tournament was free and open to all CSUSB students.

Senior Christian Bautista gathered three of his close friends to form a team called Los Coyotes.

“I’ve played with these guys back at the Rec Center intramurals. We have played with each other before and know when to cover one another,” said Bautista.

Red Bull brought out their MXT track that played upbeat music throughout the tournament thanks to two CSUSB DJs. The music enabled the participants to play with more energy and enthusiasm.

The games were different from most soccer games, as the teams played three-on-three rather than 11-on-11. The limited team rosters and the reduction to a 60-by-30 soccer field made the game fast paced for the players.

The students who engaged in the soccer tournament played on one of following fields: KO Kings, Bus Drivers, Vicarious and Delicious, Flyers Emirates, Bruins, Los Coyotes, Lady Killers and Team Eight.

Bautista explained how he felt his team dealt with transitioning into the soccer game.

“The game is a lot more fast paced than a full field. You got to be defending and attacking,” said Bautista.

The 11 strikeout performance is a team-high for the Coyotes this season.

“I never felt tired, and with the adrenaline pumping I could have played all night,” said Caruso.

With the Gators breathing down the Coyotes’ neck throughout the entire series, the stellar performance could not have come at a better time.

Caruso’s outstanding 127 pitch game was not the only amazing feat of the weekend. Senior Edwin Mendoza was able to hit his team-leading 10th home run on the 10th round of the season.

“The home run was exciting. The park [San Francisco State’s] was big, so I was not expecting to do too much, but I saw a pitch come up and went for it,” said Mendoza.

These demonstrations of patience and fortitude are a testament to the mental conditioning that takes place throughout each and every baseball game.

“Baseball is different then basketball or football, where any one player on the opposing team can steal a win from you, but in baseball the enemy is yourself,” said head coach Don Parnell.

Many fans and followers of baseball largely focus on the highlights of a baseball game, and forget about the mental challenge that each player must overcome to achieve victory.

The highs and lows of the game can wear on even the most seasoned veteran.

With the playoffs around the corner, the Coyotes needed this win to maintain moral and mental strength.

After a grueling 50-game season and with the chance of any team being able to win the playoffs at any given moment, the Coyotes are learning to temper their emotional excitement through mental conditioning and focus.

“Emotions are key, they are a good thing and a bad thing. You want that play-off high, but not let it overtake you,” said Parnell.

With winning expectations, high standards and the mental ambition to always play their best, the Coyotes are a team to mirror not only in baseball, but in life. They are finding joy in their series win this past weekend, but they are not going to let it get in the way of having to play diligently against their final regular season opponent, Cal State Dominguez Hills.

With a chance to still achieve the number one spot in their conference, the Coyotes came out of this crucial series with a win.

For now, they are focused on the simple task of making the playoffs.

In order to do so, they will have to defeat a tough CSU Dominguez Hills Toros squad who will be looking to play spoiler and keep the Coyotes out of contention.

With the way they have playing this year, however, it is clear that nothing will get in between the Coyotes and the playoffs.

Baseball excels as season nears end

By RAY BEASLEY
Staff Writer

Coyote baseball came home with a 3-1 series victory in their April 27-29 weekend series against the tough San Francisco State Gators.

The games were different from most competition in the soccer tournament. The games were fifteen minutes long, and consisted of single elimination rounds with one referee officiating.

The music enabled the participants to play with each other before and know when to cover one another, said Bautista.

Los Coyotes and the KO Kings battled it out in the championship, with the KO Kings ultimately emerging victorious.

Los Coyotes made it to the championship round and had to face the KO Kings. The two teams had to make it through two rounds before the men played in the championship round.

Bautista revealed his team’s strategy for winning the first two rounds of the tournament.

“We all know our positions to play. Out strategy is the chemistry we have when we play on the field,” said Bautista.

After fifteen minutes of play with no intermission, the KO Kings knocked out the Los Coyotes with a 11-4 victory.

KO Kings’ player Obi Agwu described how his team developed their strategy.

“We defended as a team and finished our opportunities when they came,” said Agwu.

Agwu felt the KO Kings had good competition in the soccer tournament.

“It was a good competition. There was a lot of good players out there on the field,” said Agwu.

The Red Bull company enjoyed giving free Red Bull to spectators and players, and showed that they can put together a fun, evenful and competitive tournament.

Keep an eye out for the next event they throw on campus, and stop by to participate and have a great time.