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Obama calls for gun control change

23 executive orders are set in action to help begin gun control safety nationwide

By MARYSOL GUZMAN
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama presented 23 executive actions on Jan. 15 that would reduce future gun violence in America. He called for required universal background checks before the purchase of a gun along with banning military style guns.

“Should at least have to show you are not a felon, or somebody who is not illegally prohibited from buying one. This is common sense,” said Obama.

The president’s main focus is to remove guns from the market whose purpose is to do extreme damage. The military style AR-15 rifle was used for both the Aurora, Colo. and Newtown, Conn. shootings. Obama stressed the limitation on a 10-round limit from magazines to reduce weaponry from shooting as many bullets possible in a short time. The gun used in the Aurora shooting shot as many as 50 shots per minute. This allowed the shooter to shoot 70 people, killing 12 in just a couple of minutes.

“Weapons designed for the theater of war have no place in a theater,” said Obama.

Tabitha Wogerman, a young mother at CSUSB, agrees with the president’s proposed executive orders.

“I initially thought that they were planning on taking guns completely away to kind of cut off all gun violence,” said Wogerman.

Student Christiana Garrett, said she was raised around guns is having good people with guns,” continued Garrett.

Student Alex Ospina also agrees with Garrett calling it unconstitutional. He believes that taking away guns is prohibiting his liberty and rights.

In Wednesday’s press conference, the president also stated that he believes in the right to gun ownership and also thinks that most gun owners will agree with his proposed executive orders.

“We can respect the 2nd Amendment while keeping an irresponsible law breaking feud from inflicting harm on a massive scale,” said Obama.

President Obama announced 23 executive actions in order to change gun control laws, one of them being a ban on military-style weapons to avoid more murder.

He introduced the four children who wrote him about their response plans for schools, houses of worship and institutions.

“The only way we will be able to change is if the American people demand it,” Obama said. “We have to examine ourselves and our hearts and ask ourselves what is important.”

Obama also focused on the safety of children. He introduced the four children who wrote him about their opinions on gun control. “This is our first task as a society. Keeping our children safe,” said Obama.

He called for the development of emergency model response plans for schools, houses of worship and institutions of higher education.

Student, Liliana Castro, agrees with such measures because there’s limited drills provided on campus. "It’s pretty cool. In school we are educated about earthquakes, fires, things like that but not about a shooting scenario, which is bad," Castro said.

Reformation of gun control laws is a process that America must go through to come to an overall consensus.
CSUSB will hold a pre-medical conference organized by the Pre-Medical and Pre-Health Student Society here on campus.

CSUSB holds forums on school shooting

By LUZ HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

A 38-year-old Cal State San Bernardino graduate student was shot and killed by campus police on Dec. 8.

Bartholomew Williams died during an altercation with campus police, just after the CSUSB Commencement Ceremonies.

The tragedy has left students, faculty and staff at CSUSB in shock.

University officials have been holding open forums for members of our university community to express their sentiments and concerns regarding the shooting.

They began having these forums in December shortly after the tragedy occurred.

The goal of these forums is to keep an open line of communication between the university community and university officials regarding the situation.

Last week they held three open forums (Monday Jan. 14, Tuesday Jan. 15 and Thursday Jan. 17) at the Santos Manuel Student Union Events Center.

On the forum panel were President Tomas Morales, CSUSB Chief of Police Jimmie Brown, Dr. Terry Schmitt, Associate Director of Student Health and Psychological Counseling and Dr. Beth Jaworski, a Learning Disability Specialist.

In his opening statement at the forum held on Jan. 15 at 5 p.m., President Morales addressed his sorrow to the Williams family, and to those involved in the tragedy. He talked about meeting with Williams’ father, Dr. Paul Williams, describing the meeting as difficult.

“He comforted me,” said President Morales.

CSUSB Chief of Police Brown made an attempt to answer questions regarding the incident. Since the investigation is being conducted by Cal State San Bernardino Police, he explained that there is not much that he can answer regarding the matter.

By TIFFINY GATSON
Staff Writer

Cal State San Bernardino will be holding an informational Pre-Medical and Pre-Health conference organized by the Pre-Medical and Pre-Health Student Society here on campus.

According to an earlier press release from news.csusb.edu, “For students who live in Southern California, our goal and our hope is that they come back to the community and actually help their community; serve their community in the healthcare field and to provide them with an insight into future job opportunities.

The California Republican Party was not as pleased with the proposal.

“What’s disappointing about Gov. Brown’s announcement is that job creation was never mentioned,” said CRP President Lillian Taiz.

Another of the main concerns regarding the altercation was whether the campus police officer’s actions were appropriate. President Morales explained that the tragedy was not only hard for the student and families involved, but also hard on the officers as well.

They are trying to understand what led the officers to shoot Williams and why they were not able to use other means to take control of the situation.

Dr. Schmitt and Dr. Jaworski spoke on behalf of the Psychology Department and the Department of Students with Disabilities.

It is a known fact that Williams suffered from a chronic mental illness.

Students have expressed their sentiments regarding the University allowing a student with a mental illness to live on campus.

Dr. Jaworski explained that information about students with disabilities is held confidential.

It was also stated at the forum that excluding Williams or any other student with a mental or physical disability from attending the university, or living on campus is against the law.

In order to avoid any further tragedy, President Morales has made himself available to students through our Ombuds Office.

The Ombuds Office is located at the Santos Manuel Student Union. Dr. Schmitt and Dr. Jaworski have also made themselves available to any student who needs counseling regarding the situation, or any other problem in general.

The CSUSB officials, including Police Chief Brown, would like to comfort anyone who has been affected and work with our community to avoid any more tragedies.

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Budget propels student success

“Once thing about my job is that I’d like to keep the investigation fair, impartial and not biased,” said the...

The budget will be reviewed again and voting will take place in July.

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Conference inspires students’ passion for medicine

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profession,” said Rick Cordova, a CSUSB biology major and member of the executive committee. The CSUSB pre-medical and pre-health programs provide students with an opportunity to help others. Sharaya Tran, a pre-nursing student here at CSUSB, came into the medical field for that very reason. “I got into the medical field because I love helping people,” said Tran.

“The feeling you get when they show that they appreciate you is unexplainable. When I did my internship in high school, I loved what I did,” she added.

The conference will have panel discussions and workshops to provide an educational learning space for students. The conference workshops will have a wide range of activities. According to the press release, it will include primary care, application and admission processes for medical school, surgery, nursing and pharmacy, dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine and health disparities.

There will also be respected keynote speakers from the health care and health education fields. Keynote speakers include Alejandro Andrade, a CSUSB alumnus who graduated in 2005 with a bachelor’s in biology and in 2009 graduated from The University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. Dr. G. Richard Olds, the dean at the UC Riverside School of Medicine, will also be speaking at the conference. According to csusbpremed.org, “This conference wishes to promote the availability and profitability of health care professions to the pre-medical and pre-health student body of CSUSB and throughout Southern California.”

The conference is meant to inspire students to explore further into the health profession and gain a greater understanding of the medical and healthcare field. Danielle Allen, a CSUSB student who is majoring in biology said, “Doing this degree you learn about how many health care professions there are.” The conference will provide the pre-medical and pre-health programs with the exposure needed to progress and to further advance. The goal is to help CSUSB gain a larger student body and to expand into other avenues. According to csusbpremed.org, “This conference seeks to inspire students in the city of San Bernardino and in Southern California to pursue their education in health sciences.”

The primary objective is that students will leave the conference with a greater understanding of the medical and health field and will be able to expand further into the community.

Delta Sigma Chi delivers sober choices

By ANGELA RODRIGUEZ
Staff Writer

The brothers and sisters of Delta Sigma Chi co-ed fraternity (DSC) host their 7th annual DSC vs. Drunk Driving event “Delivering Sober Choices” Wednesday, Jan. 23 in the Santos Manuel Event Center at 6 p.m. Last December was National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, which coincides with the busiest and most dangerous time of year due to high incidences of alcohol and drug related traffic crashes.

Six years ago, CSUSB’s co-ed fraternity became the first organization to promote drunk driving awareness. Delta Sigma Chi started to support drunk driving awareness in 2004, due to their unfortunate loss of a sister, Elizabeth Moreno, from a tragic drunk driving accident.

Despite their loss, DSC is optimistic towards this year’s turnout since more participants and co-sponsors are involved with the event. Different activities will be held throughout the program, including educational activities, Casey Goodwin’s Pledge Story, a toolkit to help spread awareness of the dangers of drunk driving, snacks, music and opportunity drawings to win two tickets to see the Gabriel Iglesias show on Jan. 26.

Also, the club or Greek organization with the most attendees will receive a donation of a $100 to the charity of their choice on behalf of Delta Sigma Chi.

The event will allow participants to gain the knowledge of the a number of different dangers of drinking and driving from perspectives of social, victim and convicted aspects.

“It’s more than just a workshop that we are presenting, we are trying to educate as many as we can on the dangers that can affect anybody and can definitely be prevented,” said DSC member Alli Carrasco.

Speakers from some of the nation’s most widely respected non-profit organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Drinkinganddriving.org and guest speaker Chris Sandy, a former inmate, will share different views and experiences on the topic.

The mission for many of these non-profit organizations is to prevent drunk driving and to support victims of drunk driving.

In 2008, Sandy’s story was developed into an award winning documentary “Enduring Regret - Chris Sandy’s Story of Living Life After Causing Death,” which received two Emmy awards in 2009.

“I hope new members will really understand the message and how it’s not only a workshop, this is an issue that is something very important to our organization,” said Carrasco.

Since then, the organization has earned the University’s Excellence in Alcohol Awareness six years in a row. In 1982, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) began recording alcohol related statistics among persons 21 and under.

The number killed in drunk driving crashes decreased 76 percent from the record high of 5,215 in 1982 to a record low of 1,228 in 2010.

Ronald Reagan’s increase of the legal drinking age to 21 in 1984 and enactment of higher levels of penalty are one of the many efforts for drunk driving prevention. According to centurycouncil.org, between 1991 and 2010 the rate of drunk driving fatalities per 100,000 population has decreased 48 percent nationally and 63 percent among those under 21.

The upcoming event is to educate not only students about drunk driving but anyone who wants to attend and learn the meaning of cautious decision making which impact the lives around them.

Delta Sigma Chi is hosting an educational event to promote drunk driving awareness and encourage all college students to make smart choices when they drink.
Shooting holes through the 2nd Amendment

Something needs to be done, but taking rights away from lawful gun owners is not the solution. Regulating who can or can’t buy guns should be at the center of this debate.

By BRENDY ACUNA
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Now more than ever, the issue of gun control has become a controversial topic of national conversation.

In the aftermath of the tragedy that struck Newtown, Conn. claiming the lives of 20 children and six elementary school employees and the Aurora, Colo. massacre, it’s not hard to see that the issue of gun control can no longer be ignored.

There needs to be a common ground between public safety and gun control.

Personally, the belief that increasing gun control is the solution to gun violence is just as short-sighted as believing that there is one universal cure for cancer; death has always been natural to human beings.

Keeping Americans from purchasing firearms is not going to eliminate violence. This does little from refraining the mentally ill or criminals from purchasing them illegally.

Instead, measures for stricter gun trafficking laws should be initiated to prevent individuals from purchasing firearms from the black market. These regulations are necessary to prevent criminals and those with mental illnesses from possessing a firearm illegally.

“For me, the right to bear arms is a liberty given to every American; however, it is our civic duty to exercise this right responsibly,” said Obama.

A press conference aired last Wednesday unveiling President Obama’s new policies aimed at limiting gun violence.

“Our while there is no law or set of laws that can prevent every senseless act of violence completely ... if there’s even one life that can be saved, then we’ve got an obligation to try it,” said Obama.

If by increasing gun control we aim to increase our relative safety, the only individuals more likely to be affected are those who possess firearms as a means of recreation or self-defense.

While it seems that people across the nation are in a paranoid panic over the recent increase in shooting incidents, the problem is not the weapons or tools used for murder. The problem is the person who has the tool at their disposal.

Fellow student Mario Hernandez shares similar feelings. “I think guns are needed, but we need to oversee who gets them.”

We don’t necessarily need rules to make it harder for people to get them, but we do need to keep them away from criminals and those who are mentally ill.

Upon tackling this issue, I went to Turner’s Outdoorsman, a local gun store located on West Orange Show Rd. in San Bernardino to familiarize myself on how to obtain a hand gun.

In California, a valid California identification card, a second proof of residence and a basic safety test must be taken in order to purchase a hand gun.

Locals shoot through a posted government sign making it a symbol of their feelings regarding regulations on firearms.

The serial number on the hand gun must be registered and the purchaser must be free of restraining orders, free of felonies and cannot be a present or former mental patient.

While the National Rifle Association (NRA) claims that increased security is necessary in schools to protect children, schools should not have to be armed forresses. Keeping guns out of the wrong hands is the best way to control and prevent gun violence.

The truth of the matter is, we can never eliminate violence. But gun ownership and public safety need to coexist.

The number of new textbooks ordered each fall outpaces that of the median household income.

According to the California State Auditor report, on average students may spend as much as $1,815 on required textbooks. For me, the right to bear arms is a liberty given to every American; however, it is our civic duty to exercise this right responsibly.

I share this same sentiment, its hard to keep up with all the increases in fee’s and having to shell out extra money for new textbooks is aggravating to say the least.

Why should I, or any student have to pay some much of dollars for textbooks that are realistically only used for a quarter or semester?

The fact is that textbooks are not cheap, some climb around the $300 mark, far out of reach of your average college student.

According to the California State Auditor reports, the cost of textbooks for California Community Colleges was near 60 percent of a full-time student’s total education cost.

If this doesn’t clearly illustrate the exorbitant prices for textbooks then what will? Books should not cost more than tuition itself.

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Chegg is an online website for renting and buying textbooks and e-books at prices far below those found in traditional bookstores.

“Now that I found Chegg I never buy textbooks on campus, unless it’s a professors book that isn’t available anywhere else,” explained CSUSB student Esmeralda Becerra.

With high prices like these many students try to circumvent the cost of buying new textbooks by buying used books, renting, or purchasing digital copies.

This is probably the reason many students are inclined to click on their mouse before heading to their local bookstore.

“I only bought books for the first two quarters and resold them for twenty bucks. After that I never bought here again,” said student Edgar Reyes.

The National Association of College Stores breaks down how funds are distributed in the cost of new textbooks.

For example out of every $1 of a new textbook, 77.4 cents are textbook wholesale cost (publishing), 10.7 cents go to college store personnel, 7.2 cents go to college store operations, 3.7 cents are college store income, and 1.0 cents goes to freight expenses.

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Where the New Textbook Dollar Goes* ...

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What is more loathsome is that publishers are frequently issuing new editions making it even harder for students to buy used textbooks when they become older editions.

So what solution do we as students have? Buy used books where ever we can find them and at the cheapest prices we can get them for.
People using pop culture to define themselves, yuck

By JAZMIN JETT
Staff Writer

I’ve always found it mind-boggling how easily influenced human beings are. Even the slightest hint of majority rule and the scale tips towards the new fad. I find it even more perplexing that thinking for yourself and marching to the beat of your own drum has transcended from being what was once ridiculed, to what is now “hip.”

Peers of mine have even gone as far as misrepresenting themselves as “weird” or “anti-social” in order to set themselves apart from everyone else. If one were to take the time for introspection and grasp the essence of their being they’d see that they are, in fact, naturally different.

According to Dictionary.com, pop culture is “the cultural activities or commercial products reflecting, suited to, or aimed at the tastes of the general masses of people. Its presence shapes the lives of every occupant on this planet. Whether being brainwashed by trends or consciously defying them, we are a product of its influence.”

Pop culture is so influential that as a culture we pay celebrities more than our armed forces. I find this absurd. Citizens sacrifice their lives, celebrities don’t.

In particular, the average salary of a NBA player is about $5 million per year according to ellow.com, while profitsdata-tabase.com states a neurological surgeon only makes $359,500 a year. When speaking with student Courtney Petty about her stance on pop culture’s influence, she felt that the significance pop culture has placed on the usage of technology has impaired communication indefinitely by suggesting that, “it seems everyone uses social networks and their phones to solely communicate, there’s barely any face to face interaction.”

I agree with Courtney’s stance. I also feel that relaying one’s thoughts online, whether for validation and/or therapeutic purposes, has become such a normalcy that being able to articulate one’s self in person has become a rarity.

The concern with others opinions and keeping up one’s online presence has indefinitely distracted from what truly matters: self-awareness; in my opinion, lack of such self-awareness; in my opinion, lack of such awareness has become the new trend.

I’ve always felt that the difficulty my peers have with being themselves initially stemmed from pop culture’s presence in high school.

High school, the most pertinent in our developmental stages, can also be the most traumatic/damaging to one’s self-esteem, self-image and knowledge of self.

In high school, those who were “cool” mostly maintained images that gained them notoriety but weren’t necessarily reflections of their genuine personality while those with the balls to be themselves and disregard what’s popular were mostly ridiculed and/or shunned for such.

On several occasions, I’ve encountered peers that were considered ‘cool’ in high school who claim they’re having a difficulty ‘finding themselves.’ I feel that pop culture played a major role in such stagnancy, if not entirely.

The question will always stand: why are we encouraged, from birth, to idolize other human beings/materials instead of search for self-worth? By all means, disregard the majority and be yourself.

LGBT students repping few and far between

By ANGELICE ROMERO
Staff Writer

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, otherwise known as LGBT, community on the CSUSB campus is hiding in the shadows when they should be a strong and open community.

This campus is relatively big and although this is a commuter school, I believe the LGBT community should be more out there and make their voices heard.

“I would like to see more LGBT couples on campus,” said Gabriela Sandoval, the graduate assistant in the Pride Center, a safe haven for all kinds of students.

Not seeing LGBT couples walking around on campus holding hands and showing public displays of affection is surprising and a bit heart-breaking. This campus is lacking unity in the LGBT community and students are not as open and out in public as I would imagine.

Walking around campus I haven’t seen a pride flag anywhere except in the Pride Center.

At Buffalo State College and University of Hawaii, campuses which I have attended, students have the flag hanging in the dorm windows, on their cars or on their backpacks. They are out in public with their significant other and this brings an overwhelming unity to the campus.

Donna Guevara, who has been at CSUSB for four years, said the community in the Pride Center is great, but she is interested in spreading awareness.

“We have a long way to go to be recognized on campus,” said Guevara.

The Pride Center is definitely doing their part to bring unity and respect, but it can only change if other students try to be unified as well.

I have been to quite a few campuses and CSUSB’S Pride Center is the biggest in size I have seen thus far. Yet when I walked into the Pride Center recently, I noticed there were only a small amount of people in that big room. I was told only 10 percent of the LGBT students actually go to the Pride Center.

Since I transferred to CSUSB I have yet to see or hear of any hate crimes on campus, until I talked to Sandoval.

She indicated that there has been a form of “hate crime” against the Pride Center since she has been here at this school.

“A group I will keep anonymous, posted a letter on our dorm with bible scriptures. It was poorly written so we edited it and posted it on a board so people could respond to the letter. But that is the only hate crime I have seen,” said Sandoval.

This incident went slightly unnoticed by some of the LGBT students. I spoke with Jack Monet, a junior at CSUSB and he said, “I actually haven’t heard of any hate crimes. Sometimes people will say rude comments but you grow a thick skin to it.”

This is what I find troubling, people should be supporting each other and feel comfortable enough to be out and proud.

Unity is what makes a group thrive and the unified front on this campus is definitely lacking.

I implore all LGBT students to become united and flaunt their positive attributes so that their attitude will spread allowing all the other students to be proud as well.
ASI prepares for coming events

By MICHAEL A. UMAÑA  Staff Writer

Want free tuition for spring quarter, while having some fun along the way? Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) provides students the opportunity here at CSUSB.

Thanks to ASI, students can look forward to events such as Mr. & Ms. CSUSB Pageant, CSUSB Snow Day, Movie Night, PC trouble shooting and Music Events. These are a few of the events ASI is developing with CSUSB students in mind to relieve some tension, have some fun and even provide the opportunity for free tuition, according to Chris Martinez the Student Coordinator of Marketing and Promotions.

The Pageant, which is planned to be held in the Coussoulis Arena on March 8, provides the opportunity for two students (male and female) to show their individuality, talent and school spirit.

If they win they will have bragging rights of being Mr. or Ms. CSUSB and the greatest payoff to the pageant is having free tuition for spring quarter.

Even though CSUSB is located in the Inland Empire, where it never snows, ASI has partnered with Rec Sports to bring students the 4th annual CSUSB Snow Day.

Thanks to ASI and REC Sports the CSUSB Snow day which will be held Feb. 14 from 11:00 - 5:00 p.m. 20 tons of snow will be brought to campus to provide students with the opportunity to sled, snowboard, create snowmen and even ice skate here on campus.

ASI staff such as Martinez and Student Coordinator of Programs Daisy Ramos as well as others are constantly developing and promoting new ways to assist students while providing as much fun along the way as possible.

Students urge us not to ignore.

Such services as ASI provides are legal consultation services through the legal clinic, graphics and marketing through the Design service, funds for events and programs through the CAB Funding and, of course, discounted amusement park & movie theater tickets at the box office.

Students requesting to receive any further information on upcoming events or would like to use any service ASI provides are urged to visit the department’s official website at asi.csusb.edu or give them a call at (909) 537-5932.

ASI wins Sony Faculty Award

By JOUNGHUN KIM  Staff Writer

Asst. Professor Mihaela Popescu was selected as one of the best users of technology in the classroom in the whole California State University system.

Popescu was honored by the 2012 Sony Electronic Faculty Award. The award is something that early career educators receive for their innovative uses of technology in the classroom.

This system-wide award, which means that the Cal State University system selects the best professors of the year.

This year there were four professors that were selected out of 23 Cal State University campuses. Popescu was one of the selected professors.

“The first time I started using social media systematically in the classroom, I did so because I found that what we were doing with that class it was basic communication which was deadly boring to be frank,” said Popescu.

She goes on to say that they were just using the textbook, having students read from them about all of these new technologies, but at that time none of them or few of them had experience with those technologies.

So she decided to revise her classes and build concepts like online identity and how we deal with it.

Popescu had students think about constructing their own online identities using the theories they discussed in the classroom in order to explain to their peers their design decisions as they were.

Because they were all learning these technologies as a class, they said they had fun and bonded as they went along.

Popescu mentions that it was not just learning but that she just had conversations with students through Twitter or the Blackboard discussion columns and the issues that were pressing for the class about online access and online identity construction.

“It was a great learning experience because for the first time ever in my career as an educator I saw most of my students being engaged in the classroom and not actually wanting to leave the classroom,” said Popescu.

She is also doing more research on digital literacy focusing on privacy on mobile environments and digital literacy in cultural capital.

Due to the research Popescu has been doing she has began to question why is it that there are certain groups of students that get more benefits from digital technology than others.

To answer her question Popescu is going to offer online classes to see if they are going to give equal benefits to all the students who are interested in being part of the classes.
Looking for more self-confidence?
CSUSB’s Mixed Martial Arts club blends camaraderie and ass whooping

The Mixed Martial Arts club welcome all students to join. Whether they are at a skilled level or just getting started, the club offers great training and consist of a friendly environment.

The commonality between the members would be their passion for the realm of MMA and agreeable dispositions. Often members seek council from each other in order to improve their overall well-being.

The group consists of around 20 members ranging from all experience levels. Members meet Monday through Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. (Monday, Wednesday, Friday in PE 104 and Tuesday, Thursday in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center upstairs).

Unlike other clubs, the bond between members extends beyond the training room.

“We keep each other in check. That helps people who don’t have an outlet or the resources. You can come here,” said Day Tran in explanation of the family like atmosphere between members.

To earn the rank of warrior within the club, members must complete Warrior Day.

This day is an intense training course, designed to be rigorous and physically hard-hitting.

“It is a great bonding experience as well as a chance to push yourself and see just how much you are actually capable of,” said Hughes.

A total of eight members participated in a grabbing tournament held this past year at the University of California, Irvine. Maldonado placed second in his division and club officers commend him on his performance.

On March 3 the MMA club will hold a grabbing tournament on campus.

Attending college can be stressful and lonely, MMA club offers a fresh exercise experience and camaraderie amongst its members.

So visit them and experience first-hand the wonders of the MMA club.

You won’t be disappointed, the members alone will draw you in.

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Students find resolutions for the New Year

A New Year’s Resolution is commonly a goal or set of goals someone sets out to accomplish in the upcoming year.

Since it is the beginning of the year, it is only appropriate to have New Year’s resolutions. A new year means new beginnings.

Everyone has a reason why they strive for their particular resolutions. The New Year generates people to look back on the past year, but more importantly looking forward into the future.

This is the time when people reflect on the changes they want to make and resolve with the objective to follow through on those changes.

Students at CSUSB are no exception. I had the opportunity to speak to students on campus about their New Year’s resolutions.

“My goal this year is to improve my GPA. I am determined to achieve this goal because I want to get a Disney internship and they require a 3.0,” said Monique Clarke.

Besides doing better academically students also want to become more involved in their community.

“I didn’t have one last year because I like to make a change each day instead of once a year. This year I decided I want to increase my philanthropy involvement by doing more community service,” said Christina Gonzalez.

Sometimes we tend to jump the gun in excitement of a “new” you, but it is important to take small steps to insure your success throughout the full year.

A step you can take for a “new” you can be to eat healthy like Lindsey Simp.

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The Lazy Dog Cafe offers a huge range of cuisines such as Italian, Mexican, Asian, Indian and many more delicious dishes. With tasty foods and a comfortable environment to eat at, the Lazy Dog is the perfect to unwind after a long day of school.

“Everyone is really friendly. The staff is excellent and catered to,” said Sandoval. Where are you going to find all of that in one restaurant?” said Sandoval. Upland resident Sandra Sandoval enjoys the selection of tastes The Lazy Dog Cafe has to offer.

“The food is really good! I mean, It’s a big variety, which I’m not used to ... you have Asian, you have Mexican, you have American, you even have Italian and Italian.”

With a new location in Rancho Cucamonga off of 4th street, The Lazy Dog Cafe is not too far from campus. The cafe has happy hours Monday through Friday between 3-6 p.m. and Sunday through Friday 9 p.m.-close (bar & patio only).

With most locations open every night until midnight, The Lazy Dog Cafe is open for friends to unwind, grab and grab a few drinks after a long day. When you open the doors to the restaurant, you will see a country style waiting area with much wood decor and a high ceiling complete with a wood chandelier.

The setting gives a feeling of the comforts of home and is reminiscent of a wooden lodge high in the Alps. You almost feel as if you are coming in from a long day of skiing or snowboarding.

The setting of delicious food, great staff and fun atmosphere.

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Finding new ways to become a better you

Son. Her resolution is, “to eat healthier by having more fruits and vegetables. That is my first step since last year my goal was to eat healthy by cutting out all junk food and I didn’t succeed. So my new goal is take it one step at a time and slowly cut out sweets.” Besides eating healthy students also want to get active. Julian Gibson’s resolution is, “to get into boxing and being more successful at it. My personal goal is to box three days a week and train six days a week to ensure my success.” It is no big surprise that New Year’s resolutions have a track record of deteriorating.

One reason is the allure of starting from scratch. Many feel that the beginning of the year offers a fresh start and a clean slate. In an article by Marist Poll, they stated that 40 percent of Americans plan to ring in the New Year with a promise to make it better than 2012 and 60 percent were not likely to set a New Year’s resolution at all. I myself enjoy partaking in the trend and decided to take a crack at improving myself in 2013. My personal goals were to eat healthier and exercise more frequently, as many others tend to strive for. It was also seen in the Marist Poll that among the Americans who plan to make New Year’s resolutions for 2013, weight loss remains the number one New Year’s resolution. 17 percent promise to lose weight, 13 percent say they will stop smoking, 10 percent would like to be a better person, 9 percent intend to spend less and save more money and 8 percent think they will exercise more.

Whether you like participating in New Year’s resolutions or you leave it to the more optimistic bunch, it is evident that it is all with the hopes of create a better and more successful year then the last.
Antonio shares her passion for dancin’

By MARIA PERRY
Staff Writer

The expressive art of dance makes it’s presence on the CSUSB campus through the University Dance Company (UDC).

Janys Antonio, the current director of University Dance Company, has been with the company since it first started in 1991, when she was the co-director. Antonio became the director when the former director, Sarah Boeh, left in 1995.

Janys actually came from a family with a lot of champion swimmers. Before she got into dance, Janys was a swimmer until she got a serious ear infection. “I got pulled out of the water and sent to the dance school that was next door to the swim club,” she said.

“History was made,” Antonio was being the director of the company, especially seeing the hustle and bustle of around each expressing their creativity.

UDC has a large variety of dance from ballet to hip-hop to jazz.

Most clubs and organizations have goals that they would like to achieve. University Dance Company is no different.

“UDC is a community outreach organization that gives students and dancers in the community a chance to dance, choreograph, and perform,” said Antonio.

She also explained that some alumni of the company have kept in touch with her and some of the members.

The club also has many benefits to the dancers. UDC gives everyone a chance to dance and create a family among the fellow dancers. Janys explained that she always wants to include everyone and not limit the skill level to advanced or professional dancers. The creation of a family among the dancers would create a network that makes this possible.

The dance show that stuck in her memory the most was the show that dedicated a special tribute to the 9/11 attacks.

UDC thought of taking a leave of absence from the show because of how much the dancers were devastated from the events.

The show was being hosted in Fall so it came right on the heels of the 9/11 attacks but UDC kept going to rehearsals and subsequent performances.

The Fall show ended with a tribute to the victims of 9/11 and went dark with a single spotlight on a New York Fire Department helmet in the center of the stage.

UDC also won numerous awards including SLD’s Outstanding Event that year and recently the Dedication and Service to the Dance-A-Thon held by the Housing and Residential Life.

Dancers in the company prepare year round for an annual dance show on campus in the Performing Arts building.

This year’s dance show called “In-stadance” is on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Antonio really looks forward to it because there will be lots of new dancers and a variety of dance genres.

She says she can’t wait for the audience to see the pictures she assigned each choreographer to create their dances from and how the picture was incorporated in each dance.
Here’s to hoping last year’s hits stay in the past

By ZYKUS CRUZ
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The year 2012 is over, but why is “Eh, sexy lady, op op op oppam Gangnam style” still in my head along with other repetitive songs? Here is a list of songs that we would all hope would stay in 2012. “Gangnam Style,” was a catchy, upbeat, dance-filled song that can have any listener moving. PSY, became very popular in a few months since its release in July. What is “Gangnam Style”? It could be anything, but an online user states, “It is the obsession of pretending to have it all and the subtext of having ‘it’ means Western Culture.” With a record breaking one billion views “Gangnam Style” continues to play on YouTube channels everywhere. No matter what the meaning, this Korean pop song was quite catchy, even in a different language. But with so many radio stations playing “Gangnam Style” just about every hour, by the end of 2012 the song went out of style.

“Call Me Maybe,” by Carly Rae Jepsen, sold 5.5 million downloads since its release in September. Even President Obama could be seen singing to Jepsen’s hit single. It looks like a cute pop song,” Obama stated according to Politico.com. “Call Me Maybe,” had a positive pop feel with a very catchy hook, but was totally overplayed. Every station was playing this song at one point. “Hey I just met you and this is crazy,” but it’s 2013, so later baby. “What Makes You Beautiful,” by British boy band One Direction, grabbed at the hearts of millions of teens worldwide in 2012. The song went double platinum after selling 2,060,303 units in a few months, according to One Direction’s website. The song made Billboard’s Top 100 list even with it’s ago-nizing “Na Na Na” hook, which is sung over 70 times. It was assumed that boy bands may be coming back, but let’s hope this song goes the other direction. “Somebody That I Used To Know,” was a very depressing song that can make anyone reminisce about past relationships. Gotye’s single was released in July of 2012 and it quickly rose to the top of Billboard’s Hot 100 list with sales reaching over 4.5 million, according to Forbes. The lyrics illustrate perfectly the what anyone going through a tough breakup might be feeling, but who wants to be reminded of a breakup ten times in one car ride? The song should be dubbed the “Most Overplayed Song” of 2012. “Somebody that I Used to Know,” will be that one song that people wish they didn’t know in 2013.

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By SHANNON LUSTER
Staff Writer

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A Thin Line Between Album and Mixtape

By MARTIN SOLANO
Staff Writer

In 2012, Kendrick Lamar took the title of hip-hop’s album of the year with good kid, m.A.A.d. city, while Meek Mill’s mixtape, Dreamchasers 2 was considered “81 mix tape of 2012” by datpiff.com, a site referred to as “the authority in mixtapes” according to albumoftheyear.org, which is a problem for the competition in the industry, everybody being prepared for it.

AsAP Rocky taps his last mixtape with his debut album. Rappers make noise in the hip-hop world this past year, Meek Mill’s mixtape effort can’t be placed in the same category as Kendrick’s album. Can it? Aren’t they two completely different things? Mixtapes are released by the artist independently and albums are released through major record labels. Often times, hip-hop heads and music fans alike are the idea of whether a mixtape release has the same caliber as an album release. 

Rappers work on albums, run them by their major distribution labels for approval and then get released. As a rapper, you’re putting out an album that has to be approved by more than just your crew or the camp you are working with. The concept of the album has to be thought through and has to make sense in the eyes of the label executives for it to be approved and released. When making a mixtape, however, the quality is up to the rapper. Kendrick can make a mixtape full or recycled beats, rap a bunch of nonsense over 10 tracks, give it a name, upload it to DatPiff and BAM, you have a mixtape. It’s 2013. Anyone can do that. However, it doesn’t mean Kendrick will, nor any rapper who takes their work seriously.

In hip-hop, mixtapes are looked at as stepping stones into the rap game. Rappers pay their dues, show their skill through their mixtapes and use them to earn respect to launch their careers in the industry. Sometimes artists produce such quality products with their mixtapes, distribution labels re-release the exact tape as an album backed by major label marketing and promotion, which is typically what a mixtape lacks.

R&B Artist, The Weeknd released his Trilogy album through Republic Records on November 9, 2012, which was the exact replica of his 3 mixtapes. If the mixtape is weak, it will go unnoticed and major labels won’t bother looking at the artist. Even Kendrick paid his dues and earned the respect of the hip-hop community with mixtape releases prior to his album release. In 2010, his Overture D.edicated mixtape earned the “Top Mixtapes of 2010” award and is currently at over 1 million hits on DatPiff.com.

At the conclusion of 2012, according to Nielsen Soundscans, Kendrick’s album, “good kid, m.A.A.d city” had recorded over 500,000 units in album sales. Hip-hop artists who make quality mixtapes earn their right to produce quality albums with major labels and historically speaking, do so.

Currently, hip-hop newcomer, AsAP Rocky has the spotlight. His debut album Long.Live.A$AP, released on Jan. 15, followed the greatest success of his 2011 mixtape which carried the same title. Will AsAP live up to the hip-hop statistics? Students around campus are already calling it “hip-hop’s album of the year.” Good music can come in any form, whether that’s a mixtape or an album. Quality is quality, no matter how it’s made.
"Gangster Squad" incomparable to legendary mobster films

By ADAM GHOSSEIN
Staff Writer

Director Ruben Fleischer fails to revive the mobster film genre with "Gangster Squad," disappointing the following he gained from his critically acclaimed film "Zombieland."

Even with an all-star cast made up of Sean Penn, Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, Fleischer was better off directing zombies.

Set in 1949 Los Angeles, gangster Mickey Cohen (Penn) has the city under his control with politicians, judges and police officers in his back pocket.

Playing off the real-life corruption of the Los Angeles Police Department at the time, LAPD Police Chief Bill Parker (Nick Nolte) assigns Sgt. John O’Mara (Josh Brolin) the task of leading a small group of officers to take down Cohen’s crime operations.

O’Mara is still trying to adjust to life after World War II. After fighting for freedom, he’s in combat form as he constantly fights for freedom and justice in Los Angeles.

His pregnant wife (Mireille Enos) worries for his safety each day and just wants him to step back from the fighting.

O’Mara recruits Sgt. Jerry Wooters (Ryan Gosling with an amusingly high-pitched voice) and detectives Coleman Harris (Anthony Mackie), Conway Keeler (Giovanni Ribisi), Max Kennard (Robert Patrick) and Navidad Ramirez (Michael Pena).

Emma Stone stars as Grace Faraday, Cohen’s girlfriend and Wooters’ love interest.

The forbidden love between Grace and Jerry suffered from the lack of chemistry between Stone and Gosling rather than Cohen’s iron fist.

The decoration of the night clubs was convincing but lacked a sense of authenticity. It feels as if one is in a retro night club in downtown Los Angeles rather than following events in 1950s LA.

The costumes looked genuine and, as a testament to 1950s fashion, lacked creativity.

The movie flowed at a very fast pace. Many scenes suffered from a lack of suspenseful build-up.

In a scene where Wooters and Keeler sneak into Cohen’s house to hide a microphone, the process of breaking in and almost getting caught takes place within two minutes.

A common criticism among viewers is a lack of unpredictability, but it can still bounce back with the action. The action scenes were well shot, the car chase scene in particular stood out with the unconventional use of grenades.

“I thought it was predictable, but overall I enjoyed it. I liked the action and I thought Josh Brolin was great,” said student Kara Mendez.

Other viewers found the film as a cheap imitation of other gangster movies, even acting as a parody of sorts.

As an avid viewer of gangster films and member of the CSUSB Society of Student Filmmakers, Khalil Bey has his own opinion on the movie. He feels the film could have used the element of surprise a little more.

“I found the movie very predictable. It was like Dick Tracy in the sense that it was cheesy, but it wasn’t supposed to come off that way.”

The soundtrack was nothing special and the film could’ve done with some hit songs from the 1940s to add to the authenticity of the time period.

By MARISSA MOONEY
A&E Editor

Gabriel Iglesias is coming to CSUSB & he’s not fat...he’s FLUFFY!

Here comes Fluffy! Stand-up comedian Gabriel Iglesias is hitting the Coussoulis Arena this Saturday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. Iglesias, known to use storytelling and silly sound effects and voices in his routine, has always had a thing for comedy.

Hailing from San Diego, Iglesias was raised all around Southern California, including in Riverside.

Iglesias tried his hand at comedy part-time while working in Los Angeles at a cell phone company until he decided to work full-time in the comedy business. Since then he has appeared on Comedy Central, in his own stand-up specials, performed at different venues across the United States, included The Improv in Ontario and even played a minor role in the 2012 film "Magic Mike."

The Coussoulis Arena has developed an impressive reputation for bringing a number of different comedians to the CSUSB campus, including Aziz Ansari, Kevin Hart and Angelah Johnson in recent quarters. Gabriel Iglesias is just one more top-tier act brought to the table.

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CoYote Athlete Profile

Eliza Dy: Mother and athlete overcomes injury

By ANTHONY MORALES
Staff Writer

Eliza Dy, 23-year-old alumni point guard at CSUSB, has made a major comeback by scoring a career-high of 30 points against Cal Poly Pomona after recovering from ACL surgery.

Despite the injury that occurred seven months ago while practicing, she’s back and determined to overcome and play ball harder than ever before.

“It’s a big accomplishment after coming off ACL surgery,” said Dy.

Taking time off to heal her injury has caused Dy to miss conditioning season, which included training in the summer, hitting the gym and improving her game. Coming back early into the game has motivated her to push and compete harder to be on the same level as her teammates.

“It took a good amount of my time waiting for the injury and stitches to heal,” said Dy. “The injury motivates me now that I am on the floor, and able to play. It motivates me to work harder than everybody else, I want to be first in every line drill and make every shot.”

However, returning early from surgery can either make or break her.

“Taking pride in my work ethic makes me want to do a lot more, which can be a good or bad thing,” said Dy. “The fact that I am coming back early and if I push myself too hard I can re-injure it.”

Along with her injury being a cause of motivation, her one-year old daughter Nyla is another driving force that keeps Dy working hard for her goals. Nyla tags along with her mother to basketball practice watching from the sidelines being her number one fan.

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With a triumphant early career achievement comes along a busy hectic schedule that requires time management.

Not only is she entering her second year in the Master’s Program for Rehabilitation Counseling but she is also completing an internship at the Department of Rehabilitation in San Bernardino.

Her day begins in the morning with internship hours, lunch, spending some time with her daughter, preparing for practice, and ending it with night classes.

“She is pursuing her master’s to become a rehabilitation counselor to focus on helping individuals with disabilities and hopes to take it into the sports realm working with professional athletes.

“I want to help individuals find themselves with a complete understanding of what they want to do in their lives,” said Dy.

Conquering all the challenges faced this season so far Dy looks at her basketball season as a learning process and this experience has made her appreciate the diversity of the sport.

“The diversity and understanding of different background and different people is what I want to take with me as something I can use in my future,” said Dy.

“Learning from others and meeting others I feel like that’s what helped me become the individual I am from basketball. Communication, hard work and dedication has made me want to go out and help people by putting it effective in my life.”

SRFC ready for Winter intramural sports

By INNO SITA
Staff Writer

College can be stressful at time and students can be overwhelmed with work pressure. Fortunately, the Winter 2013 Intramural Line-up is the most exciting sport activities for CSUSB students to get involved in.

Students are encouraged to come in for an experience of these Intramural Sports such as volleyball, indoor soccer, basketball and tournaments. The Department of Athletics highly acknowledge the need of exercising for college students who are stressed about school.

Most students who have participated in this program have acquired many positive perspectives on themselves. However, this program is not only available to CSUSB students, but for anyone interested in play sports.

Brandon Landrum, who is currently a CSUSB freshman and has registered for the Basketball sport, took his time to address his experiences.

“The Intramural Sport has taught me how to better myself on the court,” said Landrum. “It was fun, competitive and a great experience. It was another best tool of networking.

The best thing about it was the simple fact that not only students could play, anybody could. Therefore, I registered before becoming a freshman.”

For those who participate, the program is most likely to provide a safe environment for the student, equality and fairness. Students are urged to come experience this opportunity.

The Department provides two different leagues; the A league, which is the best team, the B league, which is mostly a bit competitive, yet more fun and enjoyable. Students are also allowed to develop their own free agent team for several competitions or tournaments.

After registering, you have the opportunity to select a team you can play against another team. Each game lasts at least one hour or so. The front desk provides a basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis and dodgeball for you to play.

This program enables students to build a leadership, strong friendship and championship without any skills or talents to play.

Whether you are an experienced athlete or simply looking forward to learn a new sport, the department is always dedicated to provide the same skill level and interests. It is provided every quarter throughout the year.

Volleyball is on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Indoor soccer is every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Basketball is every Wednesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. For the tournaments, tennis will be on Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. and dodgeball is on March 9 at 9 a.m. All of these events will be located at the Coussoulis Arena.

For more information and how you can register, visit Recsports.csusb.edu. Registration ends Jan. 21st at the recports.csusb.edu. Call: 909-537-5237.
Women’s basketball execution brings home win

By ERIN LEACH
Staff Writer

The Coyote Women's Basketball team dominated on the court this past Friday night, January 11, against CSU Stanislaus.

With a 66-42 victory under their belt, the team took a heavy blow the following night when they lost Saturday to CSU Chico with a score of 62-56.

“Men's basketball falters after eight game winning streak

By BRANDON LANDRUM
Staff Writer

The Coyotes started Friday’s game off sluggish while the Warriors jumped out to an early lead and never looked back as they beat the Coyotes 76-60.

In the first half of the game, the team got into early foul trouble when junior point guard Brian Goins received two quick personal fouls along with the sixth man, Jamari Simmons who also received two personal fouls.

The Coyotes shot 3-13 from the 3-point line and a total of 16-31 from the field in the first half. At halftime the Coyotes trailed the Warriors 39-26.

In the second half, the team made their adjustments on their shot selection and their defensive schemes.

Unfortunately, Warriors stopped any momentum that the Coyotes tried to gain and went home with a win.

The Coyotes had season lows in two areas where they usually perform well.

The Warriors held the Coyotes to a season low of 60 points and a season low percentage from the field of 33.9, which is well below their season average of 43.1 percent.

Junior combo guard Josh Gooch led the team with 11 points and Goins had 10 points.

Saturday’s game the Coyotes looked to bounce back after the loss to CSU Stanislaus.

This time the Coyotes took their record of 8-3 into playing the 8-4 Wildcats of CSU Chico.

The game was close, but the Coyotes couldn’t quite finish, suffering a 69-65 loss.

The Coyotes had four players in double figures, which included a double double from senior forward Kwan Alexander who recorded 15 points with 10 rebounds. It was a close game the whole way and went to the wire.

Even though the Coyotes lost both of their games at home, “the team learned what they did good and also some things they need to improve on,” said Alexander.

“We learned not underestimate anyone and take it one game at a time."

Senior guard Johnny Bell said, “We need to improve our court communication on the defensive end whether it’s on ball or switching men on rotations.”

Alexander added, “We can shoot, get to the basket and score easily. Our assist turnover ratio is much better from last year and the biggest key is that we’re not selfish.”

Bell had similar comments, “The team can score easily and they don’t give up with a fight and won’t back down from any challenge.”

With these two losses, the team is no longer ranked No. 25 but they will try to regain momentum when they leave for their road trip north to play Sonoma State on Jan. 25 and San Francisco State University on Jan. 26.