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Pope Benedict XVI publicly announced his resignation on February 11 and mentioned that he no longer has the body and mind to lead the Catholic Church.

The news shocked the Catholic population around the globe due to this unprecedented event. "This is historical, and in the long run, better for the church as a whole," said CSUSB faculty member Patrick Arefi.

Theories regarding the pope’s reasons vary. Catholicism has been in the public eye recently since the sex scandal that has contributed to his decision as well. The news has led the Catholic Church to reconsider its policies on priests and sexual abuse.

According to a U.S. News report, "There have been more than 6,100 accused priests since 1950, more than 16,000 victims identified to date, $2.5 billion in settlements and therapy bills for victims, attorneys fees and costs to care for priests pulled out of ministry from 2004 to 2010."

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Rice Heltebrake, a resident of Big Bear, was driving near the area when he saw the man who resembled Dorner on Feb. 7. It was later confirmed that the couple who owned the condo Dorner resided in since Friday had been held hostage by Dorner only for a few minutes before fleeing with their car.

The manhunt for alleged killer Christopher Dorner came to an end last Tuesday afternoon after an extensive shootout with police.

San Bernardino County sheriff officials announced Thursday night that the remains found in the burned down cabin did indeed belong to the ex-LAPD Christopher Dorner. According to the Associated Press, Jodi Miller, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino County sheriff-coroner, said the identification was made through Dorner’s dental records. Miller did not give a cause of death.

Prior to the shootout, several news stations across southern California reported that around 12:25 p.m. a man resembling Dorner had stolen a car from a home in the Big Bear area. Local authorities believed that Dorner may have been hiding in an empty condo in proximity to the sheriffs command post located close to where his burnt car was found on Feb. 7.

After an intensive manhunt, authorities surround ex-cop turned fugitive.
Cop killer dies in cabin blaze

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emerge from the woods. Dorner proceeded to carjack the man’s car and fled. According to the police, Dorner was then spotted by California Fish and Wildlife officers, a pursuit ensued and gunfire was exchanged.

A report released by NBC described the incident: “The truck driven by the man resembling Dorner veers off the road and the man runs into the woods. The pursuit quickly leads to a cabin in a collection of mountain rental homes in unincorporated Angelus Oaks on which authorities descend. Some 500 rounds of gunfire area exchanged and one sheriff’s deputy is killed and another injured.”

Shortly after, a standoff between authorities and Dorner began. “It was like a war zone, and our deputies continued to go into that area and tried to neutralize and stop the threat,” said San Bernardino Sheriff John McMahon in a CNN news release. “The rounds kept coming, but our deputies didn’t give up.”

The cabin engulfed in flames was viewed by thousands across Southern California as it burnt down. The ex-cop’s remains were later found by law officials on the scene. “We believe that this investigation is over at this point and we’ll just need to move on from here,” said McMahon.

The 10-day ordeal initially started with the murders of Monica Quan, the daughter of LAPD’s Randal Quan, and her fiancé Keith Lawrence in Irvine. Officials later linked Dorner to the murders through his manifesto posted on Facebook.

Days later, Dorner was linked to the murder of Riverside officer Michael Clain and the armed assault of another Riverside officer. During Tuesday’s exchange of gunfire, San Bernardino’s sheriff detective Jeremiah MacKay died and deputy Alex Collins was wounded. Collins has undergone multiple surgeries and is expected to make a full recovery.

CSUSB ranked no. 1 military friendly campus

By LUZ HERNANDEZ
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CSUSB has been ranked number one among all public universities for the support and services it offers to its military personnel and veteran students, according to a survey taken by Military Advanced Education (MAE) 2013 Guide to Military Friendly Colleges and Universities.

MAE surveys more than 300 U.S. colleges and universities, including private, public, for-profit, not-for-profit, four-year and two-year colleges in California, in which CSUSB placed sixth overall.

MAE reported that CSUSB and others in-depth regarding support, financial, military culture and flexibility.

Our campus offers support for military students, including veterans, active duty, reservist, national guard service members and dependents for incoming and current students.

The newly renovated Veterans Success Center (VSC) is a place for military personnel to gain support from their peers.

Services provided by the VSC consist of a computer center, a group room for students to congregate between classes, a room for study groups and meetings, a patio for social events, new student veteran and service member orientation, workshops, veteran support groups, advocacy and referrals.

“We help a lot of service men and woman who are seeking higher education,” said Joshua Jones, veteran and Computer Systems major.

“We help each other, talk to each other. We’ve been in similar situations and to work with other Veterans is something that is very familiar to us,” Jones added.

The faculty helps veterans become re-integrated into the community and offers on-campus child care for military service men and women with children.

Psychological counseling and support for veteran specific needs is also offered to those students who have mental concerns.

In addition, CSUSB offers financial aid assistance to these military students.

Some of the assistance that is offered includes in-state tuition for active duty service members who are not residents of the state of California. The Yellow Ribbon program is a type of financial assistance that is placed under the G.I. Bill. The program is designed to help military with up to, “100 percent out-of-pocket tuition costs,” according to military.com.

CSUSB also offers a veteran work-study program, which like a normal work study program allows students to work their way through college to pay off their tuition.

There are other military student-specific scholarships, tuition discounts and scholarships for dependents.

ROTC is one of the main organizations that comprise on-campus military culture as well.

CSUSB is able to offer 100 percent online degrees, as well as programs that include both online and in-class instruction to accommodate veterans and other students who choose to work from home.

According to veterans.csusb.edu, “Students enjoy the flexibility that is offered by distance education.

The website refers a program named “Distance Education,” offered to help students achieve their degree when deployed or not able to attend class on a regular basis due to any military limitations.

According to information gathered from the VSC, the top three Undergraduate majors that cater to military personnel are Criminal Justice, Accounting and Psychology.

Marci Daniels, director of the VSC, said that there are approximately 343 veterans enrolled in our school.
President Obama spoke at the House of Representatives Feb. 12 about national issues the U.S. will face in the next four years, such as immigration reform, gun control and education.

The way America will help Afghanistan after 2014 is by training and equipping Afghanistan forces so the country won’t slip into chaos, Obama said.

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CSUSB celebrated College Awareness Month Saturday, Feb. 9, presenting an informationa l "College: Making it Happen" event for young students interested in going to college.

The informational was held in the College of Education building room 105 for students in grades 6-8 and parents interested in learning about how to prepare for future educational opportunities.

The informational intended to encourage students from middle school to high school that college can be affordable.

The event was free and open to the public along with complimentary parking.

Supporting College Awareness month in Feb. is structured to help our community become informed about the three educational systems of higher education: Community College, California State Universities and University of California campuses.

“I think this informational is a great help! I wish I would have known about it when I was in high school because applying to college I really didn’t know where to begin or know the differences between the UC and CSU systems,” said student Yasmin Huerta.

According to U.S. News, parents need to be their student’s biggest cheerleader and involved in the college planning process.

The informational aimed to help parents and guardians become better informed on preparing their children for different educational opportunities after high school graduation.

CSUSB’s Upward Bound program and the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment worked together in promoting and recruiting students for the event.

Many institutes collaborated on the project from U.S. Department of Education funding the informational, to the Upward Bound program providing the high school students with all-around support from educational and personal areas all aimed towards increasing future high school and college graduation.

Last year, CSUSB’s Upward Bound program was able to get high school freshmen and sophomore students from surrounding schools such as: Pacific, Arroyo Valley, Eisenhower and other neighboring San Bernardino high schools to participate in the informational due to increase of grant funding in 2012.

“I took my younger cousin who’s graduating from Arroyo Valley next year and my aunt was pretty happy that there were sources like financial aid that could help him pay for college and not leave them in complete debt,” said student Bryant Ruiz.

The event was developed to inspire families within the community that higher education is obtainable and not impossible.

According to the director of CSUSB’s Upward Bound program, Stephen Villaseñor, “We want to bring awareness about college-going programs.”

Right now is the time where students are being recruited for universities to prepare and inform them about application requirements and deadlines.

For more information about “College: Making It Happen,” call (909) 537-5188.

By TIFFINY GASTON
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Churches across California will host Super Sundays during the next two months to promote and inform African American youth about college.

The scheduled events will include speeches from CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, trustees, campus presidents and other important CSU faculty.

Super Sundays are produced by the CSU African American Initiative, which began when former CSU Chancellor, Charles B. Reed and Bishop Charles E. Blake partnered together to inform African American youth about college.

Super Sundays started with only 24 churches and have now expanded to over 100 churches throughout California.

According to www.calstate.edu/supersunday, “The event is part of the CSU African American initiative, which started in 2005 when Chancellor Charles B. Reed and Bishop Charles E. Blake convened community, civic, business and education leaders to develop new ways to educate K-12 students, parents and families about the value of a college degree to ensure a stable future.”

The purpose of CSUSB annual Super Sunday event is to encourage and educate African American children about the importance of getting a college education.

According to www.calstate.edu/supersundays, “A central theme of Super Sunday messages is a call for students to begin planning for college admission as early as middle school and to enroll in challenging classes that prepare them for college."

Chancellor White believes that educations is the key in securing one’s future.

“Education is the key to a better future for California,” said White. "The CSU’s commitment is stronger than ever to motivate and encourage African American students to prepare for college and earn a university degree."

CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales along with White and many others, will be attending the Super Sunday event this month. This will be the first event for Morales, who believes in early college preparation.

According to news.csusb.edu, “This will be my first opportunity to be part of Super Sunday, but I have been a longtime advocate for early college preparation,” Morales said. “It’s critical that we partner with K-12 school systems throughout the region to increase the number of students who are ready to enroll in college-grade courses after high school.”

Morales stressed the importance of educating today’s youth about the different opportunities they have to attend college and the impact it will have on their futures.

“I have also spent my entire career as a strong proponent for increased diversity in higher education. For many Inland Empire students and families, the thought of going to college is only a dream,” Morales said. "That is changing, but we need to do more to encourage and motivate students of all backgrounds to prepare for college early, because education is the key to a better future.”

Many Super Sunday event speakers will be handing out informational guides, which will provide a list of classes that students need to take in grades 6 through 12 to qualify for admission to the CSU. The guide also provides tips for parents on how to help their students succeed in school.

The first Super Sunday event will be held at the Principles of Faith Christian Center, Sunday, Feb. 24 at approximately 9:30 a.m.

CSU Super Sundays encourage youth to pursue a future career within college.

By TIFFINY GASTON
Staff Writer

CSUSB hosts informational event for prospective college students

CSUSB Super Sundays preach to benefit African American students
Lack of interracial couples on campus surprising

By ANGELICE ROMERO Staff Writer

Apparently there are not as many interracial couples in the San Bernardino county and at CSUSB. I heard it was partially because people like to stick to their own, although San Bernardino is a racially diverse city.

I think people should not rule out dating someone outside their race and everyone should try dating a different ethnicity at least once in their life.

Sophomore Sandy Arevalo, feels that dating outside your race is interesting because she gets to learn a different culture.

Sandy, who is Mexican-American is currently dating a Caucasian guy.

The issue she originally had was the language barrier between her and her current boyfriend.

“My parents wanted me to be with a tradition same race type of relationship but I’m not really into that. I’ve tried before but there’s no connection,” said Arevalo.

There seems to be no apparent racial tension here at CSUSB, but people do not like to date out of their race which is odd for this day and age.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, Households and Families Survey, there are 5.4 million interracial and inter-ethnic opposite-sex married couples.

Being that we live in California, which is a very racially diverse state, we should have more interracial couples.

Surprisingly, only 12.8 percent of California marriages are interracial.

Student Shaniqea Perrier said she was in an interracial relationship about a year back, but she does see many couples on campus, let alone interracial couples.

A few years ago the racial tension between Mexicans and African Americans was intense.

“About 20-30 years ago, a black guy couldn’t walk down the street alone. They had to travel in groups,” said Perrier.

This maybe is one of the deciding factors for the shortage of interracial couples on campus.

Being in an interracial relationship myself, I find it fascinating to learn about another race.

I understand that many families are not exactly encouraging about someone dating outside their race.

This should not be a deciding factor when choosing to date someone who isn’t the same ethnicity as you.

One male student said he has been in many interracial relationships and he would rather date ethnicities other than his own.

“I’m white but I’ve dated other ethnicities because it is interesting to get a new different cultures,” he said.

apparent that much more than tures have a sense of pride have. I’m a pridful Irish guy who has pride for her race.”

Integrating is inevitable and there are people in our country who don’t know their ethnicity, because they are children of biracial couples but this does not mean the culture and its traditions will be lost.

Never judge a book by its cover and never shut yourself off from a good thing.
Actors should not be punished for tattoos

By JAZMIN JETT  Staff Writer

On a scale of one to offensive, how much do the tattoos that actors and actresses adorn actually matter, in regards to the characters they play? According to the opinions of the media and viewers alike, they matter a lot. CSUSB student Mackenzie Viera said, “No one should be penalized for their being unique; especially actors and actresses. They should be judged by their talent”.

For the most part, the characters that actors and actresses immerse themselves in are shy of tattoos. They’re usually left to exclude the depth of their character throughout the film, as opposed to relying on aesthetics. I’ve always had several anecdotes as to why actors cover their tattoos for films; the main one being that the director wants a distinct separation between the characters of his movie and the personas we attach to actors and actresses. But even then, are we as viewers that dense to not be able to differentiate between the two? Rebecca Keegan of The LA Times elaborates on this very subject suggesting that the everyday practices entertainers indulge in (such as normal hygiene, tattoos/piercings, etc.) make them an inadequate choice for period films.

She points out the blemish of one film in particular saying, “[Daniel Day-Lewis]’ performance in ‘Lincoln’ has earned ross endorsements from Civil War historians, but close watchers of the film have spotted one glaring [error] in this otherwise honest Abe — a彰显ing holes.” Aside from those whose expertise concerns that of historical events/figures, you’d have to be extremely anal to not only notice such a miniscule fact but to also attempt to diminish the actor’s performance. In some cases, tattoos aren’t only covered for roles they occasionally make an appearance to contribute to the actors/actresses role.

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Drug use is one of the reasons the event was moved, resulting in lost revenue.

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This event is economically significant for the city of San Bernardino, tickets are easily sold out.

The rave show Beyond Wonderland should not have been moved from the National Orange Show (NOS) Events Center in San Bernardino. The event will be held at the San Manuel Amphitheater and that no underage persons will try to sneak their way in.

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I don’t believe San Bernardino can afford to drive away business, now or in the future.
Valentine’s Day may have brought you warm, fuzzy feelings this year, but the commons were filled with nothing but ice and snow.

“Snow Day 2013” was presented by Recreational Sports and ASI from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in the lower commons.

There was 20 tons of snow, ice skating, snowboarding, tandem sled rides, food, music, giveaways and games.

Active Rideshop, Auto Club Speedway and Sizzler were also present.

Snow Day is a way for ASI and Rec Sports to bring a day of simple fun and add an extra level of excitement to the campus.

“Our main objective is to lighten the load of everyday school life,” said ASI representative Vanessa Mejia. “A lot of midterms are going on right now so this is a way to give students a break.”

Active Rideshop had a booth set up where you could register for their mailing list and be eligible to win Active gear.

“This is our third year back, we’re glad to be here and to be a part of it,” said Active events coordinator Luke Nguyen.

Auto Club Speedway representative Kelly Mcghee said, “Today we are out to advertise our $19 tickets for the NASCAR race, March 24. We’re also doing a little raffle, trying to get everybody interested and having fun!”

ASI member Chris Martinez was in attendance working at a table where students had the chance to win a bicycle.

“We are having students fill out surveys for the opportunity to win a free bike. One of these 300 keys will unlock the bike. We’re also giving away a bunch of promotional items,” said Martinez.

“Snow day was pretty awesome! You fall a lot, but you get the courage to get back up. They have skating, snowboarding, an ice-slide and they give away free beanies which I thought was the best part,” said student Adon Williams.

Student Jessie Perez said he thought the event was great because he was able to try new things he hadn’t had the opportunity to do before, like snowboarding and ice skating.

Student Marissa Rey said the event was chill and the free food was definitely a plus.

Students had the option of earning a free meal by completing a certain number of activities available such as ice sledding or decorating a snowman. The meals came courtesy of a Sizzler food truck.

Byanet Hermasillo, who coordinated the event last year, felt she saw more students at last year’s Snow Day. This could be because this year’s Snow Day was on Valentine’s Day, which meant many students probably left campus to celebrate with their Valentine.

And though it was a bit of a windy day on campus, the chilliness helped to make all the snowy fun all the more realistic.

Though there are some changes students believed could have helped this event reach its peak, it still was a blast of fun that doesn’t come around too often for many — especially welcomed during midterms week.

“I thought it was relaxing to come out of class and have a little bit of free time. No need to stress,” said student Marlyna Amamy.
Building a good resume for life after CSUSB

By MICHAEL A. UMAÑA
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Have you ever put thought into building your college resume? If you are like most students, you probably have not. If so, the time is now to get the ball moving and create one.

Resumes are something all students need to create but many don’t pay much attention to. “I know resumes are important to create, put time into and make sure it is as up-to-date as possible, but I also know not too many students realize that and act upon it,” said student Jenn Bacca.

College resumes are not only essential for students who may be graduating and in search for a career but for students who are searching for internships as well.

According to Internship Coordination and Development Center (CDC) there are many services students should do when creating a powerful resume in search of a job or internship.

Rodriguez stated the best thing a student can do is “start early, ask questions and be involved.”

Start early? Too many students wait until the last minute. When students wait until the last minute, it becomes one of the biggest self destructive things a student can do to themselves. By waiting until the last minute, students face time crunches, stress and loss of opportunities that may have risen if the student would have started early.

Rodriguez says a key to build a strong, successful resume is to “ask questions and be involved.”

From my personal experience in networking and involving myself in the career field I wish to enter, faculty is the most accessible source of information available for students here on campus.

Faculty are constantly networking throughout the community and offer first hand insightful information that is beneficial to students.

The CDC is one of the resources available to students here on campus that offers assistance with building resumes and putting students on track to finding internships and careers.

They offer seminars on speed interviewing, career commitment, career information fairs, resumes, finding internships and much more.

Rodriguez urges students to ask them for help if they can’t figure it out on their own.

Staff in the CDC are constantly doing what is most beneficial to each individual student they see.

“Our best efforts have been put in place to make sure we provide the opportunity for paid internships for students with the understanding that unpaid internships also provide beneficial experience,” said Rodriguez.

Key aspects that students should remember are involvement, understanding the requirements, asking questions, seeing advisors and being ahead of the game by building a good resume and opening the doors to a strong future.

The CDC states involvement is the key aspect students must remember, “you get what you put in.”

Students that would like help with building resumes, searching for careers or internships are urged to visit the CDC in UH, Room 329 Mon. through Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or online at career.csusb.edu.

Students battle it out in the Battle of the Sexes

By SARA GUTIERREZ
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Since the beginning of time, humans have been trying to answer the eternal question: Who is the greater sex? CSUSB’s very own students battled to answer this question last Wednesday night during “The Battle of the Sexes” game show.

The event consisted of two trivia games, two eating contests, four physical challenges and two improvisation challenges, which included singing.

The audience acted as judges to the challenges —excluding the trivia games— where prizes included Baker’s gift cards and of course gender pride.

San Manuel Student Union board program members held different events throughout the year.

“[We] host events for students to get involved,” said student Yecica Soto.

This event was a new concept thought up by program board members.

“We wanted to change it up a little bit. [Do] something different,” said student Karen Chavez.

And change it up they did. The approval of the participants was evident by the roars of laughter and eccentric participation level.

At the entrance of the theater, program board members were there to greet and register willing participants.

In the SMSU theater, several members escorted and directed students to the event’s challenges.

The theater was decorated in style with bright balloons and red draped tables. The music of Mackelmore, Adele and various other artists filled the theater to help the audience get excited.

The Masters of Ceremonies, Michael Mejia and Heather Wilson, warmed up the crowd and ran the battles.

Mejia and Wilson played well off one another. Their banter with each other and the audience helped the evening along.

The first contest was a trivia game. Beatrice Ortega and Rene Gonzales were among the 10 students to participate in the game.

The questions for the ladies consisted of NFL facts, car repair and cartoons. The men had questions based on female hygiene, the Twilight Saga and cosmetics.

Men won the first battle but the night was far from over.

Students participated in a series of challenges including a three legged race...
Ladies defeat men in the ultimate battle of the sexes

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and whip cream eating contest.

The stand out performance of the night was the Rhythm & Beef challenge. Contestants formed teams with three

on each side. Each team was given a few minutes to create their best R&B rendition of a Valentine's Day song.

The male team not only had a beat boxer but did a dance routine along with their song.

Everyone in the audience was in hysterics and the song was infectious.

To end the night SMSU student program board had the challenge entitled, “Breaking up is hard to do.”

Contestants on the two person teams had to break up with their opposing team. The team with the funniest break up speech won.

Carmen Prado, Valerie Zometa, Jesus Guidino and Damarca Parker took part in this event.

Ultimately, the men ended up winning the challenge. With a total of 10 events, the women dominated. Winning six of the events.

Though the audience and judges overwhelming consisted of women, the ladies were able to fairly defeat the men. Question answered, well at least until the next “Battle of the Sexes” challenge. Guys, are you ready for a rematch?

Preventing heart disease one strut at a time

By MEGAN SPENCER
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The Student Center and The Center for Health Education and Wellness hosted their fourth annual “Strut Your Stuff” event at Obershaw Dining Room Commons on Tues. Feb. 12 at 11:30 a.m.

It was a fun way to strut and bring attention to heart disease since February is celebrating Heart Health Awareness Month.

When walking in the Obershaw room in the Lower Commons, you are stunned by the beautiful red and white colors splashed everywhere, balloons lining a red carpet that weaved around the room, energetic music playing and tables set up for guests to enjoy their experience.

The team running the event were gorgeous red dresses and were there greeting guests as they arrived.

Around 70 guests attended this event and each year it continues to grow in hopes to spread the word about heart health.

The event began when Carlos Carrio came up and introduced himself as the senior health educator at CSUSB and the host of the afternoon’s event.

Once Carrio approached the front podium he began by saying, “I want to bring health back to Cal State.”

He then shocked the audience members by saying, “Heart disease is the number one killer among men and women.”

His presentation gave many facts and examples of people who have suffered or struggled with this disease and ways to prevent it.

According to Carrio, “8.6 million women die from heart disease each year and eight million women currently live with heart disease today.”

As for men, “Half the men who die suddenly of heart disease had no previous symptoms,” said Carrio.

What most people do not know is we can take preventative steps to ensure we do not develop heart disease.

The trick is to just move. Doing something physical 30 minutes three times a week can make a huge improvement.

According to Carrio, some ways to get moving are, “park farther away, take the stairs or walk around during commercial breaks.”

It may seem silly but doing these steps now can create better habits for the future. Not only do they want to give exercise pointers but examples of healthy eating as well.

After Carrio’s presentation, Tito from Tito’s Corner gave a live cooking demonstration. He illustrated how to make a smoothie using not just fruits but also vegetables as a way to incorporate them into your daily diet.

He also showed how to prepare a simple and healthy meal with fish, green apples and his very own homemade mayo.

Once the demo was over, they finished off the event by serving a light lunch consisting of chicken salad, bread sticks and samples of Tito’s display.

Carrio leaves the audience with the thought that, “We all have excuses to not do what is good for our bodies but we have so much control to choose to make the right choices.”

An advantage to being a student on campus is everyone has the knowledge given to them by people that want to help, like the Center for Health Education and Wellness. It is how you use the knowledge you are given that makes the difference.

So get up, get moving, get healthy!

Loud peers and peers where responsible for “Strut your Stuff” to run smoothly and promote healthy heart awareness. The event started off with peers walking down the catwalk giving tips for a healthy heart, which led to Carlos Carrio’s speech.
Student Spotlight: The story of love & hip hop

UDC member Briana Pena overcomes past and dances her way into the future

By MARIA PERRY
Staff Writer

Senior Briana Pena has been a dancer ever since she learned to walk. After she developed her innate passion for dancing, Pena began taking hip-hop dance classes when she was seven.

While growing up in a tough environment, Pena was mostly drawn to the therapeutic relief that hip-hop dance had to offer. Hip-hop also helped her cope with experiences in the past because it helped her open up a little more. When she started dancing, she became a more outgoing person. Hip-hop is a tough style of dance in that it can be used to express so many emotions. Whether it is love, hate, anger and happiness, Pena enjoys expressing them all.

She also loves how people feel so free when they dance since there is no set form. “Dance is for everyone.” said Pena.

Pena learned that all obstacles that Briana faced in her dance journey was that she wasn’t very good at floor work and stunts, since they required formal training. However, when she joined University Dance Company, they pushed her enough to show that she can do it if she puts her mind to it.

Pena learned that although confidence is hard to maintain, you have to be able to put yourself out there, saying, “Let dance be your feeling of expression and let your story reach out and touch the hearts of people.”

Before every performance, she prays. When she hears the audience cheer, she knows they have enjoyed her performance which increases her confidence. “I am the kind of person that likes to prove myself wrong,” said Pena.

In elementary school, she competed in country fairs, festivals and local competitions. She also competed in high school competitions where she was the president and choreographer of the dance team.

If she goes pro, she explained she would improve and expand her dancing in other genres, so that she wouldn’t just be professional in hip-hop and can incorporate other moves into hip-hop.

However, she gets intimidated easily when she thinks about becoming professional sometimes.

When she faces obstacles in her dancing, she encourages herself by watching other dancers or performers on YouTube. That inspires her and helps her realize that she can do it too.

“I am the kind of person that likes to prove myself wrong,” said Pena.

“Doesn’t matter what people say about you, what you look like, or what you have experienced. Dance is for everyone.”

COYOTE WATCH: What do you have to say?

What fashion trend have you been loving recently and what trends are you looking forward to this spring?

By YEANA KIM
Staff Writer

Rochee Morgan
Senior
Well, I only like geek fashion really, like The Lolita Fashion and anime stuff. I am really into Lolita Fashion right now, so I do not know what I look forward to. Maybe more t-shirts like “Supernatural” fandom from Hot Topic.

Cindy Qin
Graduate Student Resident Assistant
Before, I used to really like the casual look, but right now, I am getting older and older, and I have lots of presentations in my class. Therefore, I prefer the professional look. I started putting on make-up to look more appropriate. I went shopping for high heels and suits. I shopped for this spring last week and I wanted to be little bit sexy.

If talking about color, I really like the dark yellow matched with the black leggings and high heels with a black jacket. I would like to wear earrings, but it would probably hurt.

I usually enjoy wearing jeans and a white plain t-shirt. It makes me look like I’m comfortable in doing activities during daytime.

For men, I would like to say that short hair and comfortable clothes will be one of the trends this upcoming Spring 2013 quarter.

Oscar Han
Junior
I have been loving the simple and unstrapped style recently. I prefer wearing bright colors to wearing dark colors. I usually enjoy wearing jeans and a white plain t-shirt. It makes me look like I’m outstanding and neat. Also, it is really comfortable in doing activities during daytime.

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J. Crew's cool Spring 2013 collection shows sophistication.
Music loving couples share the keys to their hearts on Valentine's Day

By ADAM GHOSSEIN
Staff Writer

Piano notes flowed through the love-filled sky on Valentine's Day and gave music-loving couples an opportunity to listen to classic music for an intimate break between classes.

The piano students of the Music Department, directed by Dr. Joelyn Hu-chau Chang, performed for students on Thurs., Feb. 14 in the Performing Arts Recital Hall.

The stage was set with two pianos as couples and friends filled the seats.

While student Robby Rigby attended the recital as extra credit for his music class, his friend Syndy Malit attended with a passion for the event.

"I've grown up with a love for the piano and classical music," said Malit.

The performance began with opening words from the president of the Piano Society, Christian Araiza and Joel Bergey welcoming the audience to the show.

The first duet was the "2nd Movement," by Johannes Brahms. It was performed by Kathryn Yeoman and Fang Her. They gave a short history of Brahms' work then played on two separate pianos.

The music gave the crowd an idea of what was to come and echoed sound notes written by respected composers in the music world.

The second duet was "1st movement: En Bateau," by Claude Debussy and was performed by Jamie Rector and Charmaine Galley. Rector gave the crowd a brief history of the piece and the two performed one piano four hands style.

The combination of the pianists demonstrated the trust and commitment that exist between two people with a common goal.

Next, Araiza and Bergey took the stage again, this time to perform Debussy's "4th Movement: Ballet."

They played on the same piano while Galley turned the pages in the notes sheet. Their hands hardly left the piano and they didn't miss a beat throughout the performance.

The fourth duet was Isaias Sifuentes and Peter Roeleveld's performance of "1st Movement: Allegro Molto Moderato," by Schubert.

Schubert's notes were given the proper respect from the men's performance.

Yeoman and Her finished up the recital with a performance of Brahms' "5th Movement."

The final notes of the day ultimately delivered the message of unity and trust between the pianists, sending the crowd off on a happy note.

All the performers returned to the stage for a final bow and a rousing applause from the audience.

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Performances prove that Grammys are music's biggest night

By MIKE SESSIONS
Staff Writer

Music’s biggest night couldn’t get any bigger.

The 55th Annual Grammy Awards, hosted by Hip Hop legend LL Cool J for the second consecutive time, proved to be a star-studded event.

The night with a group of stars; Sting, Bruno Mars, Rihanna, and his sons Ziggy and Damian Marley, showing their appreciation for one of the greatest to ever do it.


Bob Marley's birthday was honored that night with a group of stars; Sting, Bruno Mars, Rihanna, and his sons Ziggy and Damian Marley, showing their appreciation for one of the greatest to ever do it.

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"[The performance] went pretty good considering we only had 4 weeks to prepare. We've never done a duet recital before," said Bergey.

"We usually do themed recitals," said Araiza. "This is the very first non-music performance. We wanted to do something special for Valentine's Day."

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**Foals on “fire” with another great album**

By ZYRUS CRUZ

Staff Writer

With my headphones blasting to rhythmic guitar strums, beating drums and upbeat vocals from Foals’ newest album *Holy Fire*, how can I not envelop myself in its entirety? Their sophomore album was released on Feb. 11 and is available to download online on the bands website.

The album consists of guitarist Yannis Philippakis, drummer Jack Bevan, Andrew Mears on vocals, guitarist Jimmy Smith and bassist Walter Gervers. Like any CD not every track is mind blowing, but the diverse and high energy production will certainly have you bobbing your head or even singing along. Although indie rock can be an unclear genre to identify, new listeners will be pleasantly surprised with it’s variety.

*Holy Fire* has some tracks that just hit hard and make you want to dance. You can’t help but move to the rhythm.

“You Don’t Have My Number,” “Late Night,” and “Everytime,” are just a few of the tracks that stand out. If these songs don’t hook you in, maybe you should get your ears checked.

In the song “My Number,” there is a constant affirmation by Mears, where he proclaims his solitude. Introducing this powerful and catchy song are the lyrics, “You don’t have my number, we don’t need any trouble now, we don’t need the city, who create the culture now.” Catchy piano sounds, beating drums and lyrical guitar strums immediately catches the ears of any listener. As soon as the song begins the listener knows that the party is about to start. From start to finish this song is incredible and it epitomizes a party dance mix.

Like any CD there are certain songs that one may not enjoy. Although the album was great there are certain songs that one may not enjoy. The second track, “Inhaler,” consists of a catchy beat and with depressing lyrics. “And I know you ran away Oh I know I’m feeling okay But now I found love and the feeling won’t go Now I found love but the feeling won’t go!”

“Late Night” begins with piano keys and follows by a sad voice that is trying to look for hope. The track doesn’t seem to pick up at all, but the deep lyrics are what makes this song.

With inspiring and meaningful lyrics along with a danceable beat it becomes difficult to not instantly hooked. “Late Night,” consists of a catchy beat and with depressing lyrics.

Sandy even hits Diana in the face with a dive. Towards the middle the song there is a instrumental buildup to a sudden BOOM, where one can imagine a mosh pit occurring. In a violent tone the singer screams, “My lungs of heat I cannot breathe don’t follow me. And you push and shove I’ve had enough you best believe.” Talk about telling someone to get away from them; a simple please would be nice.

Holy Fire is just that: fire.

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**“Identity Thief” steals top spot at box office**

By SHANNON LUSTER

Staff Writer

“Identity Thief” is a comedic thrill with crazy antics that will make you laugh right out of your seat.

The movie stars Jason Bateman as the good-natured Sandy Patterson and Melissa McCarthy as the crazy, yet surprisingly loveable Diana. “Identity Thief” stole the box office by soaring to number one and raked in $34.6 million during its opening weekend.

Director Seth Gordon directed “Identity Thief” and “Horrible Bosses” which starred Bateman. Other key players from “Horrible Bosses” return and work together on “Identity Thief,” including music composer Christopher Lennertz and editor Peter Teschner.

The first scene begins with Sandy, a successful businessman, who answers a phone call at work. Diana, the caller, successfully tricks him into giving personal information and enjoys several shopping sprees, using fake credit cards in Sandy’s name. Sandy soon discovers his identity has been stolen after his credit takes a nose dive.

The skillful use of the slow motion effect, added in post-production, heightens funny moments, especially when Sandy first spots Diana.

Sandy travels with Diana across several states on a whirlwind road trip to reclaim his life and credit back, encountering dangerous characters and obstacles along the way.

“Identity Thief” is at its strongest during comedic scenes that will make you laugh so hard, your sides hurt.

Bateman and McCarthy are believable in their roles, especially while delivering punch lines, reflecting their talent in comedic timing. In the midst of all their obstacles, a funny situation or comment is just around the corner, reminding the audience why this movie is a comedy.

Certain scenes develop both characters, making them multidimensional and relatable to the audience. Sandy is most relatable when she shares some of her all time lows, feeling depressed about her past in ways that the viewers may not expect. The characters sometimes speak crudely to each other, but this comedic device only emphasizes the humor in certain scenes.

“Now that’s funny!” a viewer in the theater said during an especially humorous scene. The violence is often depicted as physical comedy, enticing laughter form the audience. Sandy even hits Diana in the face with his guitar during one of the struggles, but the actors’ comedic timing made this scene funny rather than offensive.

Comedic sequences, especially between Sandy and Diana, are also interspersed with high-speed, thrilling, car chases at full speeds and in high risk scenarios. Some situations are highly suggestive, especially when Diana intentionally creates trouble for Sandy, resulting in embarrassing situations for him. This content also reflects why the movie is rated R.

Regardless of the sexual innuendos, this movie’s hilarious antics more than makes up for it. “Identity Thief” promises to deliver a wild, enjoyable ride for viewers.
A New Yorker in Cali
This blog is about me being an exchange student in California for the next two quarters. I'll cover my experiences as a college student trying to adapt to a whole new setting, but I plan on talking to other students from far and wide about their experiences thus far.

Fat, Brown & Vegan
A look into the life and struggles of a fat, brown vegan living in San Bernardino. Hopefully this blog will get you to realize that anyone can improve their health, lessen their negative impact on our environment, stop contributing to insane animal abuse, be more ecologically conscious AND live jolly. Let's go vegan güeys!

matts pop culture
I like to watch new girl lol
The Coyote’s women softball team prevailed with a win against the UC San Diego Tritons in the opener with a 4-1 victory but ended with a loss in the second game with a score of 8-0. The Coyotes are now up 2-4 record overall.

Suffering from a two game losing streak against the Tritons, the girls fought hard with a vengeance to redeem themselves. Trailing 1-0 throughout the first five innings, senior infielder Alyssa Flores shined through the end of the sixth inning hitting a home run center field bringing in two players to home base.

In the first half of the seventh inning in elder Charlotte Galzote managed to steal second base, advancing to third base but came short leaving her run unearned. In addition, infielder Alyssa Ramos scored on a wild pitch. Thus, earning their first win against the competitive second ranked team, leading with a 4-1 win.

“\textit{It was a nice feeling to hit a home run. I wasn’t trying to do anything special and it turned out to be overwhelming},” said Flores. She continues to say, “\textit{The first game we played scared, we were walking on eggshells. We had a lot more to play for. We’re not those team to be easily beaten.}”

According to Flores, the team yearned to return hard and prove that they’re not an easy team to defeat. Unfortunately, their victory was short lived when the Tritons gained the upper hand in the last game leaving the Coyotes pointless with a disappointing loss of 8-0.

The new batch of girls still have a lot to learn but are improving as every game passes.

Flores’ home run helps lead over Tritons

By ANTHONY MORALES Staff Writer

This season is starting to look solid and with these young group of girls who are ready to show what they have in store, anything can be possible.

Three-time All-CCAA selection Britney Butler is expecting to make a comeback from UCL surgery now that she is able to participate and play.

Now that the team has one of their major players back, senior infielder Britney Butler, time will only tell if they can overcome their past losses.
CSUSB men’s basketball team finished with split during the weekend series on Feb. 8 and Feb. 9.

The Coyotes played two games at home against the Broncos of Cal Poly Pomona on Feb. 8 and then the Lumberjacks from CSU Humboldt on Feb. 9.

The Coyotes were in for a tough one against fourth ranked Broncos but fell short losing 69-80 in a heartbreaking fashion. They were trading baskets with the Broncos until the nine-minute mark in the first half when the Broncos went on a 10-0 run.

The point contributors for the Coyotes in the first half came from senior forward Kwame Alexander who scored eight points along with sophomore Jamari Simmons with six points.

The team shot 31 percent overall from the field and 37 percent from beyond the three-point line.

The Coyotes went into halftime trailing the Broncos 22-33.

In the second half, the team came together and looked more aggressive than they were in the first half. The only obstacle that stood in their way was the tough defense and offense of the Broncos.

The Coyotes shot well from the field in the second half sinking 44 percent of their shots compared to the 31 percent they shot in the first half.

Junior combo guard Joshua Gouch led the Coyotes in the second half scoring all of his 14 points. There was also great defensive efforts from senior Johnny Bell and junior Brian Goins.

Unfortunately, they weren’t able to close the large deficit and ended up losing the game 69-80 which ended their six game winning streak.

In Saturday’s game the Coyotes looked to bounce from the loss the night before as they played the rival Lumberjacks of CSU Humboldt.

In the first half, the Coyotes got off to a slow start but turned it around after learning from the previous game. After a 9-0 scoring run for the Coyotes, they went into halftime leading the Lumberjacks 44-32.

The Coyotes shot a total of 54 percent from the field and also 44 percent from the three-point line.

In the second half, the Coyotes never let up and continued to execute well.

Goins and Alexander had 20 plus points and Bell had 13 points.

They blew out the Lumberjacks 93-68, as they start to go back to their winning ways.

The CSUSB men’s basketball team will have a two game home stand against the Otters of CSU Monterey Bay and the Pioneers of CSU East Bay on Feb. 22 and Feb. 23.

Bringing home one win from weekend series shows that there is a possibility that the Coyotes could take first place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA).
Baseball steals double header weekend

By KRISTOPHER SARIKAS
Staff Writer

The Coyote Baseball team swept the Azusa Pacific Cougars after their double header on Sat. Feb. 9 scoring a total of 23 runs throughout the evening.

In game one the Coyotes took the lead early and never looked back, scoring three runs in the first inning. Coyote outfielder Aaron Beckley scored the first run of the game after a single to left center bringing home infielder Billy Hamilton.

Azusa scored their first run of the game after a single to left center bringing home infielder Richie Brown.

The Coyotes extended their lead scoring three more runs in the third while Azusa was only able to score one run making the score 7-1.

Furthermore, first basemen Richard Mount doubled to left center bringing home Miller.

After a short three run rally by Azusa in the ninth the Coyotes defeated the Cougars 15-5.

After a successful first game the Coyotes prepared for the second game with the Cougars.

Looking for redemption the Cougars came out on the field and scored the first run of the game off of a grounder to second by outfielder Matt Kimmel.

The Coyotes were able to answer in the second when infielder Jake Pilkerton doubled to left center bringing home infielder Billy Hamilton.

Furthermore, Silvas fired out to right field allowing Pilkerton to score making the score 2-1 in favor of the Coyotes.

The Coyotes rallied in the third bringing in five runs making the score 7-1.

The first run was scored by Beckley after a hit to center field by McMastor allowing Cassise to advance to third. Hamilton then took the plate and singled down the right side bringing home Cassise and advancing Miller to second.

Furthermore, Pilkerton doubled down advancing Hamilton to third and bringing home Miller. In addition, outfielder Michael Castello singled to center field causeing Hamilton to score and allowing Pilkerton to reach third base.

Late in the third, Silvas reached on a fielders choice bringing home Pilkerton. The Coyotes were able to score one more run in the fourth almost shutting out the Cougars with a final score of 8-1.

After this exciting double header, head coach Don Parnell stated that he would like for the Coyotes to continue to work on their batting consistency as they prepare for conference.

Furthermore, after their outstanding performance against Azusa Pacific the Coyotes advance to 5-0 for the season.

By INNO SITA
Staff Writer

CSUSB women’s water polo has finally acquired their first great victory of the season.

After facing their toughest challenge of having three straight games in one day, they received a win against Fresno Pacific University.

All three games took place inside the San Bernardino Aquatic Center. Their first game, against Whittier College, was another loss: 4-7 against the Coyotes. Both teams build up a chemistry together, meeting three times this season.

Katie Braun, a freshman playing 2-meter, said that the game was very intense.

“The middle of the third quarter, we started to rise up. We left them with no chance to score, but we suddenly fell short,” said Braun.

“After facing their toughest challenge of having three straight games in one day, we couldn’t leave our fans without at least a win. He work so hard, coming to practice almost every day and a lot of sacrifices are made. So, to finally win a game, proves that we came prepared.”

Each player had a remarkable game; Misty Vu had three goals, scoring the game-winning goal leading the Coyotes to a breaking losing streak.

Goalkeeper Kelsey Purkiss had 11 saves. Junior Driver Alison Glaser had three goals as well.

“The coach was more excited than we were,” said Braun. “Later, she advised us to continue playing harder, stronger, and never give up. We gained more confidence after our win.”

Couch Sarah Reneker, continues to encourage her players. She constantly counsels them to keep up the good work and embrace failure in order to success. She makes sure that every player is present for practice and fully involved.