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CFA pay raise delayed

by Mathew Taylor
News Editor

After months of waiting for the fact-finding committee to reach a tentative agreement that CFA and the Administration could agree on, now they have reached another impasse.

According to the tentative agreement that was ratified, it appeared that the increase in pay would begin with the paycheck for April, but instead the faculty will have to go another month or two before any differences are seen in their pay scales and checks.

According to the administration they were not able to get the faculty their pay increases because the Board of Trustees was unable to meet or have a conference call that would officially ratify the agreement. The agreement was ratified by CFA on March 16.

The Agreement between the two entities guaranteed on a pay scale increase over a three-year period, which ranged from a 7 percent general salary increase and a 2.65 percent service salary increase. The agreement also covered lecturers who come to this campus and are not tenured faculty.

Under the title of lecturer they will have the chance to choose the courses they are qualified to teach as well as they are given a basic rate so that “experienced” lecturers cannot become too competitive.

Finally the agreement assures that faculty will have an increase within the tenure track as well as reduce the ratio of student/faculty.

The delay in pay has come under suspicion because the Administration was ecstatic that the faculty would be granted this increase, yet it is still unconceivable as to why the Board was unable to meet and act on the agreement.

“The delay will unnecessarily inconvenience the faculty. I’ve had faculty members ask if the CFA bargaining team feels that the delay was deliberate or a penalty of sorts for insisting on a decent contract. We’re trying very hard to build a more positive relationship with the Administration, but its difficult to argue with those who feel this is a retaliatory act,” said CFA president Susan Meisenhelder.

At this moment, assuming that there will be no more delays in the process there should be an increase seen in the pay checks for May. Although the delay has made the process include a retroactive payment for the April 1 paycheck which was the proposed date of the first salary increase.

Being paid retroactively is something the faculty will have to deal with although it has been a problem in the past for the CSU.

CFA members seeking a resolution

courtesy of cfa/csf.org

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-Susan Meisenhelder
CFA President

Interim director of public safety named

by Cynthia Heaton
Staff Writer

While the university searches for a permanent director of public safety, several 60-day promotions occurred on April 8 that compensate for interim director Steve Nowicki’s recent retirement.

Art Butler, director of risk management here at CSUSB, has recently been named Interim director of public safety. In addition, Brian Bodily was named Interim Lieutenant, Sam Sarmiento is the new acting sergeant, and Jimmy Brown is the acting management here at CSUSB, has come to this campus and are not

because the position is not new to him. He served as the director from 1987 through 1990. When asked how things have changed, he noted that today’s department has a larger sworn staff, a larger civilian staff and an improved budget.

He noted other difficulties the current student population is larger, younger and more diverse, and “the department is handling more traditional police situations today.”

What will this trend mean to a new director? That CSUSB public safety officers are handling more property crime cases and more issues involving non-student visitors than in the past.

Meanwhile, Art Butler recently celebrated his thirty-first year with the University is planning to return to school after he retires. He said, “I’ve been around here so long I’m like a comfortable old shoe.” He also noted that “I started..." interim continued on page 16

Candidates for Campus Elections posted

by Mathew Taylor
News Editor

With the ending of the 2001-02 term for the Associated Students Incorporated executive board, the ASI, in conjunction with Student Leadership and Development are preparing for the new elections. This year the actual turnout was not as expansive as it was last year. Of the 36 possible candidates that turned in packets for election there were only 15 that are able to begin campaigning on the 28th of this month.

The campus elections this year will hopefully run smoother than the national elections did. To run in the election candidates had to pick up an election packet and turn it in by 5pm on April 12. To be a candidate there were a few requirements, as an undergrad candidate you must have completed at least two quarters and also have earned a minimum of 9 units during the election year.

A grad student or credential student must earn 9 units for each term and also must have continuous attendance as a grad or credential student. If a student is a grad student or credential student and has received a Bachelor’s degree or credential within the past three years you must have also completed 18 units during the year of the election.

For the positions there is also a requirement of units that is allowed. If a candidate is an undergrad they are able to earn up to 125 percent or 225 units required for a degree. Grad students can earn up to 167 percent or 75 units of their programs. Students holding above those statutes are not eligible as a new candidate or as an incumbent.

Finally on the academic end of the requirements, if a candidate is on probation they will be found ineligible. For the executive positions there must be a signed petition of over 300 signatures, with none of the signatures can be repeated on another candidate’s position. For the Board of Directors this number is reduced to 150.

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Theatre or Theater and other theories about life discussed inside.

MULTI-CULTURAL
Tap into your psyche and Unlock the mysteries of Buddha

THE SCENE
The Replacements... Who will be the next ASI President?
The Buzz

A RAD Experience

The Women's Resource Center is sponsoring a free Rape Aggres­sion Defense (R.A.D.) course for women only. The three day course, occurring April 25-27, is designed to introduce the basics of hands-on defense training. Taught by nationally certified R.A.D. instructors, the course pro­motes awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance. Participans must sign up at the Women's Resource Center. Seating is limited. Dates: April 25 & 26, 5:30pm-9:30pm & April 27, 10:00am-2:00pm. For more information, contact the Women's Re­source Center at x7203.

—Beth Bennet

Environmental Expo

The College of Education is having its 16th annual Environmental Expo, it's promised to be an educational funfair for the whole family whether it's sunny or raining. This event promises wonderful opportunities such as Christopher Nance, NBC4 meteorologist.

This event will be on April 29.

ARC Annual trip

The Adult Re-entry Center (ARC) in collaboration with Artopia is announcing their quarterly field trip. This quarter the ARC is going to Balboa Park in San Diego. The trip will begin at San Diego Museum of Art or the Timken Museum of Art, which will be exhibiting two of the largest art collections in Balboa Park. The transportation to these events will be via charter bus the price for the bus is $10 for more information about this event contact the ARC.

Final Brown Bag Lunch

April 26, the third and final brown bag series luncheon will be given the topic will be "teaching strategies from other disciplines." This event will give faculty the opportunity to hear from each other and be able to share some of the techniques that work as well as some of the issues and concerns they have.

What is your Major?

The Career Development center will be offering a workshop on April 25 at 6pm in the Village Square. This workshop will help you decide what your major is in case if you are undeclared or if you haven’t declared a concentration for your current major.

—courtesy of CSUSB Lasserv

The tradition continues with the model arab league

by Karla Bachman

Opinions & Editorial Editor

Once again, the Cal State San Bernadino Model Arab League (MAL) has walked away winners, winning their 13 straight Outstanding Delegation Award. The MAL conference was held in San Francisco last weekend with 11 other colleges and universities.

"Finding out that our hard work paid off as a team ... makes you feel good that you helped maintain tradition," shares MAL member Awd, a returning member who was on the Council of the Arab Ministers of the Interior.

The MAL is similar to the Model United Nations, which prevailed in New York City several weeks ago, with all of the team members who participated on the MAL team also on the MUN team. Colleges and Universities study for several months to learn as much as they can about the Middle Eastern countries and then represent their issues at the conference. As Brenda Aguilar explains, "We simulate an actual meeting of the Arab League where we discuss policies and come up with solutions to problems that face the Arab World today."

There were a total of 10 members representing CSUSB, with two people on five separate committees. Committees discuss a variety of topics, from anti-terrorism, to the environment.

The Middle East is section of the world that has been under scrutiny lately, and this naturally affected the proceedings in San Francisco.

"We talked about the origins of the problem and worked together to achieve effective and innovative measures to end the conflict," explained Awd.

Many of the members agreed that the MAL was an activity that they would again, and encourage others to do. When asked what the most beneficial part of MAL was, Aguilar concluded, “Learning that no matter where you come from or what country you represent, what matters most is the people and events vital to the other. Regardless of you countries position your disposition will determine whether or not your able to sway anyone direction.”

Chronicle seeks increase in funding

by Rody Rodriguez

Staff Writer

It’s time for the CSUSB Instructionally Related Program Advisory Committee to begin determining how much money will be given out to Instructionally Related Programs (IRP) - and you guessed it - how much will be allotted to the Coyote Chronicle for the upcoming school year.

The Chronicle is hoping to increase the dollar amount allocated to their program. In order to improve the quality, to increase circulation and reach out to additional students, the Chronicle needs an increase to its funding.

The Chronicle received $8,520 for the 2001-2002 school year. Despite being useful and beneficial, it was only 4.2 percent of the total general IRP allocations distributed this year.

While last year’s amount was a modest increase from 2000-2001, the Chronicle allocates a sum for only 16 percent of the Chronicle’s total projected budget for this year, the rest of which is expected to come from an anticipated student advertising revenue of $43,200.

Many campus newspapers receive larger percentages of their budgets from student fees than the Chronicle has. As Kathy Lawrence, student publications director of the University of Texas-Austin stated on a College Media Advisers, Inc.

"My impression is that all are doing a good job out there. We get 10 percent of our budget from fees, some schools get 50 percent or more. Even independent newspapers can receive fee funding for bulk student subscriptions if all parties are willing.

This year’s Chronicle financing is particularly tight - the two big bills are $7,304 for salaries for two quarters and $24,000 for printing - because the 2001-2002 year’s earnings has already been decreased by more than $9,000 to pay for last year’s debts.

Why should the Chronicle receive an IRP increase in funding? What are the reasons that show the Chronicle should receive more money?

Well for one, the Chronicle is a crucial service to the campus as well as the community. It brings people together, creates an educational discussion forum that could be read anywhere anytime. But with 16,000 students attending and with the more being admitted every quarter, it only circulates 5,000 papers a week. The Chronicle needs an increase in funding to circulate 7,500 issues a week. It is proposing to the IRP Advisory Committee to do just that. This would help the Chronicle reach more students and keep them better informed of what is important to their life on campus.

Also the Chronicle has made wonderful improvements this past year that motivated Executive Editor John Eddy, Managing Editor Matt Schoenmann and the rest of the editors hope not to stop with reaching every student. They want to create a brand new full-color layout for Page One and move to the standard, larger brochure format. They also want to expand the paper to over 24 pages an issue.

Meanwhile, on existing programs, the editors added a new color logo, a new design and new sections like the cultural and section. Furthermore, the writing has been praised this past year.

"The writing has been better, the editing has been better and the color has been better," said President Karg.

"I like this issue.

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Is Peace Possible in the Middle East?

An Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue in Search of Common Ground

with

Yussi Khett, former Israeli soldier and peace activist

Prof. Mahmood Ibrahim, Chair of History, Cal Poly Pomona

Tues., May 7, 7:30 pm

Panorama Room,

Lower Commons

Sponsored by Dept of English
Future enrollment jeopardized

by Karia Buchanan
Opinions & Editorials Editor

Due to a growing amount of applicants and budget cuts, Cal State San Bernardino will have to begin imposing stringent application deadlines.

High school seniors must submit their application by May 1, July 1 for student transferring from other institutions and Sept. 3 for graduate students. This is change from the no-application deadline policy previously held by CSUSB.

In additions, official transcripts from either student’s high school or previous college, scores from the SAT-1 or ACT and proof of California residency all must be submitted with the application.

Current enrollment is expected to grow more than 5 percent, where the current budget cuts have led to a 1 percent decrease in the budget. "It places us in a situation where we either control and regulate enrollment, or wind up with way too many students for how much the state is funding us," stated Frank Rincon, vice president for student services, "We’re concerned that would affect the quality of services that all students receive."

Additionally, students who have not taken classes in the last three terms will need to reapply by July 1.

Rincon is hopeful that the university will receive a 4 percent increase in the budget, as promised by Governor Gray Davis, for the next fiscal year beginning in September. "Right now, we’re operating on the assumption that the state will fund that enrollment growth," Rincon added. "The target is to have a budget in July, but in the past, it has come in September, October or November, especially in difficult economic times."

However, if this does not happen, the university will be forced to enforce even tighter admissions deadlines, and, in the most drastic case, will be authorized by California State University Chancellor Charles Reed to begin turning away eligible applicants.

In this scenario, Rincon said, the university would most likely give preferential treatment to local students while imposing higher admissions standards on students from other parts of the state and outside California.

"There is no right way to do the wrong thing"

"The road to success"
The Roving Reporter
If you had one wish, what would it be?

By Teresa Soya
Staff Writer

Name: Hem Siriyanonda
Major: Liberal Studies
Year: Senior
To have a normal, peaceful life where I could do what ever I wanted to do. To be able to play my guitar and not have to get involved with capitalism.

Name: John Gunman
Major: Criminal Justice
Year: Sophomore
I wish that I were on a deserted island, lying on the beach with Britney Spears as she feeds me Hooters chicken wings.

Name: Kris Sampablo
Major: Art
Year: Sophomore
I would wish for world peace. That everyone would get along, that there would be no wars and that the world would be a happy place. That there would not be so many problems dealing with money, I think that money is annoying, because usually when people are having problem money is always somehow involved.

If you have any suggestions for the Roving Reporter, please email us at sbchron@csusb.edu.

Retraction for Student Spotlight - Angela Asbell

By Susie Medina
The Scene Editor
I would like to correct an error printed in last weeks issue. The sentence "What else would we call someone with a lifestyle that runs like Angela Asbell's, an English Honor student with a 3.0 GPA" is incorrect. Asbell holds a strong 3.9 GPA as stated beneath her picture.

I apologize for an misunderstanding or inconvenience this may have caused.

Faculty Spotlight
Dr. Tom Rivera

By Susie Medina
The Scene Editor

Dr. Tom Rivera first came to Cal State in 1972 when there was only a population of 2,000 students and now there are over 16,000 students. The expansion can several reasons but one very important contributor is the man whose done it all - Dr. Rivera.

Aside from the programs such as Equal Opportunity Program and TAP, Rivera has a more popular program called "I'm Going to College." The "I'm Going to College" is aimed at fourth-graders in the neighboring communities to visit Cal State San Bernard and follow a "big brother" or "sister" who will give them a guide of a college campus and explain the benefits of going to college.

"The idea is you plant the seed in fourth graders that they can go to college in eight years," he says. The students who participate have a college-going rate of 90 percent, when the rate for the general public is 20 percent.

Between the two programs Rivera has not only earned Cal State an increase in population but many awards including the very prestigious and coveted Sol Azteca International Hispanic Award from La Prensa Hispana. But aside from lending his helping to the community, Rivera possesses that charismatic and outgoing attitude that makes him that much more of a leader.

On the first two days of this quarter he was sitting in front of University Hall welcoming the students back. Along with being Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, is also the advisor to Hispanic clubs Latino Business Association and Latino Alliance.

Dr. Tom Rivera raises leaders.

Cigarette Butts in the Street Pollute More Than the Pavement.

Maybe you didn't notice, but the cigarettes you drop on the sidewalk get into storm drains, contaminating rivers, lakes and local beaches. They degrade local waterfronts, threaten wildlife and pose a public health risk.

Wherever you live in San Bernardino County, this pollution is a problem. The answer? Drop your cigarette in an ashtray or the trash not the street, to prevent pollution and protect our health. It's in your hands.
AS! movie night

Giving some recognition to the Men's Basketball team scores
points with students.

By Lily Chou
Staff Writer

ASI planned a small ceremony for the CSUSB Men's Basketball team and
college, and for winning the Western Regional Division II championship.
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WANTED: ASI PRESIDENT

Presidential candidates have an exclusive one-on-one with the Chronicle.

Name: Fermin Ramirez
Major: Business Administration/accouting minor in Communications/ minor in Political Science
Year: Senior
Q: Do you have a nickname?
A: No
Q: Why should students vote for you?
A: I think students should vote for someone who knows the job, not someone who can learn the job. I work right underneath the president now and have started a letter campaign. We wrote a letter to the governor and now to the state legislators. I have a good idea of what the students need. I think I can bring ideas to the campus.
Q: How would you make ASI more accessible to students?
A: I believe ASI has done much these past few years to become more involved. The Activities Board and Vice President of University Affairs has tried to close those gaps between ASI and students. We give lists to programs like the Children's Center and students who travel. ASI does much that students don't know. I'd like to do an information campaign to let students know what we do for them.
Q: What changes would you make to Cal State if elected?
A: I don't you need to be elected to make changes. I would change the learning environment of students to increase retention. I don't think enough students feel a connection to the university. I'd like there to be things that students can do between classes besides watching TV in Student Union. Focusing on things like the radio station, the newspaper and programs for students, will create a sense of community.
Q: Whom do you admire or look up to?
A: I immediately look up to those who have influenced my involvement in school. Both EOP counselors at Crafton Hills ignited the fire and got me involved in Mecha and student government. Since then I've always been involved with student governments.
Q: What makes you stand out from the rest of the candidates?
A: I am strongly against the economic sanctions that the U.S. has against Cuba. I have visited there twice and their political system is not what the U.S. has but it portrayed as. I believe Cuba has much more freedom. People can travel, have cars, and have a greater perspective of the world around me. As far as great figures go, Theodore Roosevelt and Colin Powell- both have great leadership. Second, I want to be able to show students why ASI does and why it is an important organization. This way students will see the duties we perform day in and day out for them. Third, the changes will be implemented. ASI should be able to show the students the programs we have on campus so they can respect it and take advantage of them. Cal State does well in many programs and we should let students know it.
Q: What is your academic major?
A: Business Administration/ Accounting minor
Q: What do you stand for?
A: My platform is to provide quality and services to students to help them get their degree and Cal State has a lot to be proud of. Tying alumni back to the university would be good, so students can see what they have been here for three years and know a whole lot of walks of life and want to unite them. ASI should be a service to students because getting too political makes people lose faith in us.
Q: What qualities do you think a leader needs to possess?
A: There's a story of an apprentice on a boat with his master. "An apprentice is trying to learn to play a certain tune on the guitar and was getting frustrated when he couldn't get it. The master told him to loosen the string, and so he loosened them too much. The master told him to tighten them and he tightened them too much. The apprentice asked the master what to do and the master fixed the strings so that the tune played correctly. He told the student that the position of the strings depended on the tune he wanted to play at that time. Taking the middle way allows you to adapt to the situation and needs to change with the tune."
Q: What qualities do you think a leader needs to possess?
A: A leader takes responsibility is organized, and efficient. A diplomat is a well and doesn't glory himself. Running for office or being president of my fraternity, is not for my personal benefit. I believe leader is puts others first. Also seeing a good example, motivating people to follow you. A strong leader is respected, and one that people can look up to. Everyone is different and a leader needs to accommodate everyone's needs.
Q: What do you stand for?
A: I always make sure others have what they need. I find myself sacrificing myself for things like my fraternity and community services. I feel I will go the extra mile as a president and putting the students needs first.
Yuri's night out

World wide party in honor of astronaut

By Beth Bennett

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What a girl gamer wants

By Ivan Fernandez

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Unveiling the mystery of Buddhism
Asian Faculty Staff and Student Association begin series on "Understanding Asian Philosophies and Religions"

By Jake Zylman
Multi-Cultural Editor

Question: Where is Osama bin Laden? A possible Buddhist answer: bin Laden can be found anywhere ignorance lies.

Dr. Otto Chang covered this and many other perspectives on life through a Buddhist’s perspective as the presenter of “Unveiling the mystery of Buddhism,” Thursday in the Pine Room of the lower common areas.

The first in a series of events put on by the Asian Faculty, Staff, and Student Association entitled “Understanding Asian Philosophies and Religions,” was intended to familiarize members of the Cal State and surrounding communities in the ways and beliefs of Buddhism.

“There is so much that is misunderstood about Buddhism,” Dr. Chang said. “Some people have never been exposed to it at all.”

This lack of knowledge is in direct opposition to the dominant ways and beliefs of Buddhism.

“Buddhism is a religion that doesn’t require anyone to believe with faith, but rather a philosophy of life that stresses togetherness, open-mindedness and the search for knowledge. This is evident in the main axiom that states ‘all human suffering comes from ignorance.’

Ignorance, to compare it with Christian importance, is viewed as a rather large sin. However, Buddhism realizes that all people are saddled with the problem of ignorance by nature and glorifies the search for knowledge.

With such emphasis on ignorance, a more clear definition is in order. Although ignorance can take many shapes and form it boils down to the basic concept of not denying that you are part of a collective group of people. The use of ‘I’ and self are examples of the denial that the individual is part of a much larger existence. Essentially, according to Buddhist philosophy, all people and objects are linked and have a direct effect on everything else. When an individual acts out of selfishness they are not benefiting the collective being.

Because ignorance causes suffering it is important to address ways in which a person can begin to free themselves of suffering. According to the Buddhist way of thinking, having strong ties or interest in the material world is the largest in way that people could chain themselves to suffering. This thinking is derived from observations that Buddha himself made.

Buddha realized that almost all happiness comes from within. He noted that external factors such as environment did not necessarily make person sad. A person that was physically uncomfortable could still be happy. Buddha then associated unhappy people with having strong emotional ties that led to the desire for favorable outcomes or cravings. Thus, a person that desires something material and is disappointed that they couldn’t attain it becomes unhappy. The logical way, according to Buddhism is to deny the physical cravings and not value the physical world.

If a person is able to free themselves from the material world and alleviate all ignorance they are able to achieve a state of nirvana, and possibly enlightenment.

To act as a guide to attain nirvana, Buddhists follow eight precepts that are comparable to the Ten Commandments. However, unlike the Commandments that lay down the rules that sinners people shouldn’t commit, the precepts define positive aspects of character that one must have to achieve the state of nirvana. These eight precepts are:

- Correct speech (no lies, harsh words, or backbiting)
- Wholetopeace (no craving, anger, or ill will)
- Concentration
- Right effort
- Right mindfulness
- Right concentration
- Right thought
- Wrong action

Meditation, often associated with Buddhism, is a means to calm the body and spirit so that that concentration can be achieved.

A point that was stressed and makes sense when discussing Buddhism is that the principles of the philosophy, when practiced benefit humanity on the whole.

The quest for wisdom. And eventually, hopefully enlightenment is not an easy or short road to travel. Dr. Chang may have said it best when he addressed a question after the presentation about the state of world affairs with, “We are all still very ignorant, and we can all learn.”

Dr. Chang has been a devout follower of Buddhism for 30 years. Teaching at Cal State for the last ten years, he has recently become very active in the translation of Chinese Buddhist into English. Working closely with the Guan Shan Buddhist Order of Rosemead, CA, he has helped publish many transcripts.

Crossing the cultural divide

By John D. Halcon
Sports Editor

The United States is becoming a diverse society faster than anyone can imagine, and a looming concern whether we, as Americans, can get along is becoming an interesting question.

Ethnic barriers are no longer the only dilemma that poisons the American culture; instead, there are rising issues of gender inequality, racism and discrimination that prevent America from becoming a multicultural society.

However, there is a solution to this maddening subject that is beginning to corrupt American society, and the source of the answer is found at a nearby school or college campus.

According to Cal State San Bernardino social science professor Cecilia Julag-ay, education is a key factor in determining the acceptability of different cultures.

“If people with more education tend to be more accepting of different diversity,” said Julag-ay, who focused her studies on inequalities. “But we also have to start realizing that there is very little validity in stereotyping different cultures.”

Education seems to be the logical answer to various forms of hate, but the chances of educating every person in the world is doubtful considering educational sources are scarce, and some people are just not willing to learn.

Still, America has made several leaps from being a slave-owned nation to a freedom-fighting country because the country continues to live in hope of creating a unified nation.

Quite recently, various American industries has taken its step to improving the acceptance of a multi-cultural society.

The acting industry just capped off its Oscar celebration by awarding two African-Americans as the Best Actor (Denzel Washington) and Best Actress (Halle Berry), while the movie "Tu Mama, Tambien," a foreign film, continues to draw raves from critics.

Major and pro sporting industries are also experiencing a wave of foreign players that are able to come and make an immediate impact just as Ichiro Suzuki did for Major League Baseball’s Seattle Mariners, a Japanese native who led the Seattle Mariners to the 2001 playoffs. In addition, the barrier that

~ divide

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The Melting Pot

Upcoming Events

- **April 25, 2002**
  - **What:** Graduate School Panel
  - **Where:** Event Center C
  - **Time:** 5pm - 8pm
  - **Presented by:** Cross Cultural Center

- **April 25-27, 2002**
  - **What:** R.A.D. Women's Self-Defense Meeting
  - **Where:** Event Center C
  - **Time:** Noon-2pm
  - **Presented by:** Adult Re-entry Resource Center

- **April 25, 2002**
  - **What:** Cinco de Mayo Defense Meeting
  - **Where:** Event Center
  - **Time:** 9:30pm

- **April 27-28, 2002**
  - **What:** Stress Break 2002: head, neck massage, Chakra Meditation, Acupressure
  - **Where:** Event Center A
  - **Time:** 10am-2pm

- **May 1, 2002**
  - **What:** Gender, Crime and Discrimination
  - **Where:** Event Center B
  - **Time:** Noon

- **May 2, 2002**
  - **What:** Pacific Asian Heritage Day
  - **Where:** Event Center A, B, C and Courtyard
  - **Time:** Noon-2pm

- **May 6, 2002**
  - **What:** Graduate School Panel
  - **Where:** Event Center C
  - **Time:** 5pm - 8pm

- **May 9, 2002**
  - **What:** GLBT, Speech on being gay
  - **Where:** Event Center
  - **Time:** 11am-2pm

- **May 2, 2002**
  - **What:** Women Centered Mythology
  - **Where:** Event Center B
  - **Time:** Noon

- **May 8, 2002**
  - **What:** Women Centered Mythology
  - **Where:** Event Center A
  - **Time:** Noon-2pm

**Elevator Question**

Do you think you could convert to a religion that you weren't raised in?

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

**April 20, 1989 - Tianmen Square Massacre**

It was only thirteen years ago that thousands of Chinese students took to the streets of Beijing, China to protest the People’s Republic of China (PRC) anti-democratic government policies. As the protestors grew in number and journalist began to broadcast what was becoming an outright demonstration against Communist policies, the Chinese military were called in to use force to contain and squash the protestors. Military power included the use of firearms and tanks used for warfare. Out of respect for the protestors, then U.S. President George Bush Sr. ordered a suspension of arm sales, and imposed economic sanctions on China. Though the sanctions were more of a symbolic gesture by the U.S. toward the frustrated Tianmen Square protestors, it is believed that over one thousand protestors were killed, exiled or jailed.

At the twelve-year anniversary in 2001, survivors of the Massacre spoke out for those who were either killed or are still serving jail sentences for their protesting in 1989.
Coyote movie ticket

By Ivan Fernandez and Marcos Landin
The "Snootch" grading system:
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Mother@%*@#in Nootch!!

FRAILTY
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Marcos: DAMN I LOVE THIS
MOVIE! I was extremely im-
pressed with first time director
Bill Paxton and first time writer
I-don't-know-his-name. Kudos to
them.

Ivan: While you may at first be-
lieve you've got the handle on
the plot, it tosses you a screw-ball
and surprises you. Bill Paxton's direct-
torial debut is a must-see.

Marcos: After watching this
film, I wanted to go the video
store and rent "The Following,"
"The Prophecy" and "The Usual
Suspects." This movie proves
that you don't have to show ever-
thing (blood & guts) for it to be effec-
tive. Actually, it's best to leave
your mind to fill in the blanks (hint
hint Peter Jackson's "Bad Taste").
I am anxiously anticipating Bill
Paxton's next film. One thing
that was the acting the two sons did.
That will usually make or break a
film. "Episode 1, Frailty," I
salute you.

Ivan: Damn, he took all the good
stuff. Except for: Go see this film!

Ivan & Marcos vote: Snootch to
the Mother@%*@#in Nootch!!

Bill Paxton and Jeremy Sumptson in Frailty

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Sponsored by Student Union Women's Resource Center (Noon - 1pm, Events Center A)
ASI Board of Directors Meeting
Associated Students Incorporated (Noon - 2pm, Student Union Board Room)
Direct Loan Workshop
Sponsored by Student Accounts (1pm - 4pm, Events Center B)
Vagina Monologues Auditions
Sponsored by Student Union Women's Resource Center (4pm - 6pm, Events Center B)
Partheniac Council Meeting
8pm - 10pm
Student Union Board Room

WEDNESDAY, 28
Jazz Band
Sponsored by Student Union Adult Re-Entry Center (Noon - 2pm, Courtyard)
Gaizd Catholic Faith Sharing
Newman Catholic Fellowship (Noon, Student Union Board Room 909-475-5388)
M.A.R.S. Meeting
Noon - 1pm
Student Union University Room
Coyote Karaoke
Sponsored by Student Union Adult Re-Entry Center (4:30pm - 8:30pm, Student Union Pub)

THURSDAY, 29
Rims Cap 2001 - Intense Series
Sponsored by California Arts Project (1pm - 4:30pm, Events Center A)
Presidents Forum
Speaker/Lecture
Sponsored by Associated Students Inc. (10am - Noon, Student Union Board Room 909-475-5388)

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Letter to the editor

Why is there a Grad check fee?

Editor,

I would be interested to see an article regarding the mandatory Graduation Check here at CSUSB. Possibly one of your staff writers could investigate the reason why the university powers-that-be charge students a $15 fee to process a required document. It is my understanding that all enrolled students are issued a PAWS that details those classes required for graduation; I know I have one and am fully capable of reading it and understanding what I must do in order to graduate from this institution. I believe that any person intelligent enough to operate at the university level is intelligent enough to read and accomplish the requirements of the PAWS. But unless this Graduation Check is farmed out to an outside source I fail to see the reason for a $15 fee. Shouldn’t this review be part of CSUSB employees job description? Why should students be charged a fee for work done by employees already on the payroll? We aren’t charged an extra fee for groundskeepers when they prune the rose bushes, as it is part of their duties; why are we charged an extra fee for review completed classes we are aware of via the PAWS document? Please look into this and inform the student body of the purpose for this added financial burden.

Respectfully,

Wilson

Senior

Communication Major

The reason is ...

Wilson,

After checking with Records and Registration, it was discovered that the purpose of $15 fee for the Grad Checks is to pay for processing and for the diploma itself that you receive. Right, wrong or indifferent, that is the reason.

Thank you for sending in your concern.
these days? Doesn’t everything seem to get more and more like a science fiction movie? Or is that just in my life. Cloning? Isn’t that what the new “Star Wars” movie is about? Off the screen, in the real world, President Bush is backing a full ban on all types of cloning.

Meanwhile, a cult leader named Rael is pushing Congress to allow human cloning because “the aliens” told him that cloning is the scientific key to eternal life.

Before I get into the weird parts of the cloning saga, President Bush gave his stance on this issue, stating: “As we seek to improve human life, we must always preserve human dignity. And therefore, we must prevent human cloning by stopping it before it starts.”

The NAS, National Academy of Science, agrees with the President that there should be a ban of cloning for five years. Irving L. Weissman, a professor of pathology, cancer biology, and developmental biology at Stanford University, co-authored the report that guided the Academy’s consensus.

“The proposed ban on human cloning should be reviewed within five years,” he says; “but it should be reconsidered only if a new scientific review indicates that the procedures are likely to be safe and effective, and if a broad national dialogue on societal, religious, and ethical issues suggests that reconsideration is warranted.”

You might find yourself wondering how this human cloning will work. First, the two terms being used to divide the cloning issue are human cloning and therapeutic cloning.

Both human cloning and therapeutic cloning begin by a process called somatic cell nuclear transfer. Essentially, an egg is taken from a donor mother and then the nucleus is removed, thus creating an enucleated egg. Then a cell is taken from the person, or animal, that is to be cloned. Electricity is used to fuse the enucleated egg and the cell. This creates a cloned embryo. This embryo can be implanted in a surrogate mother through invitro fertilization, which is human cloning.

Or the embryo can grow tissue, organs, stem cells and neurons to help cure serious medical problems. This is therapeutic cloning.

Currently, human cloning is not safe. “Data on the reproductive cloning of animals demonstrate that only a small percentage of attempts are successful; many of the clones die during all stages of gestation, newborn clones often are abnormal or die, and the procedures may carry serious risks for the mother,” cautioned Weissman.

Many believe in a ban on human cloning, but some are seeing that therapeutic cloning might be of great medical value. The fact is that cloning carries a moral issue, one that presently has left me indecisive. I ask, as do many others, if it is ethical to grow replacement body parts from cloned embryos?

President Bush asserts that “advances in biomedical technology must never come at the expense of human conscience.” That is why he endorses a ban on all forms of human cloning.

However, we all don’t share similar moral and ethical codes. This fact was exemplified to Congress last year, by Rael, founder of the Raelian Movement and of Clonaid, the first human cloning company, when he testified that he sees cloning as opening the door to humans living forever.

He maintains that the U.S. Constitution is the “jewel of our system” because it allows the separation of church and state, and thus separation of church from science. Rael and his followers are atheists who believe that aliens, whom they refer to as the Elohim, created humans through genetic engineering.

He instructs that science is the way to eternal life. How? By cloning ourselves and downloading our personalities and memories into our adult body clones, we could live indefinitely.

Yes, this is real; real creepy. He acquired this knowledge from the aliens who first visited him in the French countryside in the seventies. I mean this movie writes itself, doesn’t it?

Clonaid is now in the process of creating the first cloned baby girl for a Las Vegas couple who lost their ten-month-old daughter to medical malpractice and are paying $50,000 to bring her back. I think I need to be held!
April 22, 2002
Associated Students, Incorporated
ASI Advertorial

Olympic Champion Parra to Visit Campus

Finesse, technique and endurance are attributes of one Olympic champion; and hometown hero Derek Parra embodies the three.
Parra will relive some of his winning moments as he recounts his experiences Friday, May 6, from 6-7:30 p.m. in Events Center A and B of the student union.
On San Bernardino native will present "From San Bernardino to Salt Lake 2002" and answer questions.
In 1984, Parra began roller-skating. By 1996 he had become the most decorated athlete in the history of the sport. As an inline skater, he garnered three national championships, two overall world championships; two world records and earned 18 individual gold medals.
At the 1995 Pan-Am Games, Parra won five gold medals, two silver medals and a bronze medal. He had everything but an Olympic medal, so in 1996 he traded his inline skates for ice skates to chase gold.
In 1998, he earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team. In 2000, he won a silver medal at the World Single Distance Championships (1,500 meters), setting a new American record. Then at the 2001 World Cup competition in Den Hague, Netherlands.
On opening day of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Parra participated in the gold medal round on ice to a silver medal finish. Parra eventually captured the Olympic gold in world-record fashion in the 1,500-meter event.

War Movie to Recount Actual Events

"Black Hawk Down," a Hollywood depiction of events encountered by U.S. forces abroad, will be featured for the campus community Wednesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Events Center A and B.
Admission is free, but seating is limited. Free pizza and soda will be provided, but both go fast.
This war action movie stars Josh Hartnett ("Pearl Harbor"), Ewan McGregor ("Star Wars: Episode II-Attack of the Clones") and Tom Sizemore ("Saving Private Ryan").
Synopsis

In October 1993, a group of elite U.S. soldiers entered and settled in the outskirts of Mogadishu as part of a United Nations peacekeeping operation. Their mission: to abduct several top lieutenants of the Somali warlord, Mohamed Farrah Aidid, as part of a strategy to quell the civil war and famine ravaging the country.
Young Rangers and veteran Delta Force soldiers fought and struggled against overwhelming odds: an unfamiliar city and thousands of warring Somalians.
For 18 harrowing hours, the soldiers remained trapped and wounded in the most hostile district of Mogadishu until a rescue convoy, led by Pakistani soldiers, escorted the group to safety.
Tensions flared, friends lost their lives, alliances were formed and soldiers caught a first glimpse of the U.S. on television.

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The seventh inning, senior Karly Romo is left stranded at third base. Romo advanced to third after a double by Elizabeth Cantron, but Kristen Behen ended the inning of the second game with a grounder.

**Vanguard Lions shows no mercy in 14-4 celebration**

By CSUSB Wire Report

Vanguard University took advantage of five Cal State, San Bernardino errors and roughed up two pitchers for 11 runs in a 14-4 Lions' victory Thursday in a non-conference collegiate baseball game.

The Lions, members of the Golden State Athletic Conference, spotted the Coyotes a 1-0 lead through three innings then exploded for five runs in the fourth en route to the win.

The loss dropped Cal State to 23-21 on the season while the Lions improved to 18-19-1.

The five-run outburst by the Lions in the fourth came off junior right-hander Steve Fitch, the Coyotes' third pitcher of the day.

After Ricky Guzman and Tony Evans had blanked the Lions on one hit over three innings, Fitch was plagued by walks (7), errors (3) and a bases-loaded triple by the Lions' Michael Bair. None of the runs were earned.

The game didn't end there though as Shaun Rudi singled, advanced to second on a flyball out and scored, moved to third as Ronnie Smith walked, and Rudi slammed a two-run homer into the left field bleachers.

The teams played an extra inning to try and reach a decision but the game was called at 10:25 p.m. Cal State entered the inning with the bases loaded, but couldn't dent the Vanguard bullpen.

**Box Scores**

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WP — Patrina Smith LP — Mikki Goldwater

Top Hitter — CSDH: Janie Olivas 1-1, HR. CSUSB: Liz Cantron 2-3, 2B.

Big Bat — Shaun Rudi singled and slammed a two-run homer during the fifth loss.

**Softball hurls No.3 in Region**

By CSUSB Wire Report

Cal State San Bernardino (27-21-2 overall and 14-4 in CCAA) has been ranked No.3 in the West Region in the April 16 NCAA Regional poll.

The rankings are based on record, strength of schedule, performance against ranked teams and other factors such as wins on the road.

This is the first time the Coyotes have been ranked in a regional softball poll since the team moved to Division II in 1991-92 season.

Having faced the No.6 ranked Cal State Dominguez Hills, the Coyotes also hosted No.7 Cal State Bakersfield on Saturday.

WHAT DO YOU SAY, PITCHER — Coyote pitcher Mikki Goldwater took the early pitching trouble — hitting two batters in the first inning — during her 2-1 loss to the Toros in the second contest. Goldwater allowed five hits, a walk and two earned runs during the game.

By John D. Halcon

Sports Editor

One pitcher dazzled Cal State San Bernardino with her three-hit shutout while the other tossed a five-hitter with six strikeouts as Cal State Dominguez Hills downed the Coyotes 1-0 and 2-1 during a doubleheader in the Diamond on Friday, April 19.

The Toros starting pitcher Patricia Smith fired five innings of no-hit ball before allowing a leadoff single to San Bernardino's Elizabeth Cantron in the bottom half of the sixth.

Still Smith retired three of the next four batters to end the inning, and capped the doubleheader with a complete game victory. Smith held the Coyotes batting lineup to 3-for-24 attempts, and her offense did just enough to grab a crucial CCAA conference battle sweep.

Leadoff hitter scored the Toros first run in the top of the third after scoring from third base on a shallow left field by Danielle Stronks.

Then in the seventh, pinch-hitter Jenny Olivas connected on Mikki Goldwater's second pitch for a solo-shot home run giving the Toros a 2-0 cushion.

Goldwater recovered from a tough first inning when she hit two batters but got out of the inning on a five-three (force out at third to third baseman) double play.

However, the right-hander allowed five hits, one earned run, and a walk during the loss.

The victory allowed the Toros (19-9 in CCAA and 29-16 overall) to maintain its second place position in conference standings while the Coyotes dropped to 16-10 and 27-23-2 overall.

In the first game, the Toros needed a run in the top third inning to clinch the win. Right-hander Valerie Long took care of the pitching duties on the mound while Courtney Wolitz provided the offensive production.

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brand new level!

Golfer J.R. Reyes seeks to carry over his success from junior to state college competition.

By John D. Halcon
Sports Editor

If there is going to be a noticeable difference on how Cal State San Bernardino golfer J.R. Reyes performs at the California Collegiate Athletic (CCAA) Tournament, it will be in his stroke.

A week before making his CCAA debut today, Reyes was dealt with having to lose his only set of golf clubs which were stolen from his apartment on Thursday, April 11.

"It's really hard to switch clubs and then get used to them on the course," said Reyes, a redshirt sophomore from Midland Junior College in Texas. "Depending on the player and his swing, some could go through many clubs before finding the right set [clubs]."

However, for Reyes he will not be as fortunate to be selective in the type of clubs he will use for the CCAA tournament at Diablo Grande Country Club in Patterson, California, which begins today and concludes on Tuesday, April 23.

According to Reyes, he will be using a "second hand-down" set of clubs from his teammate David Backus for the tournament. During the final regular season tournament at Tullock last week, Reyes used his co-worker's clubs and finished third on the team with a 237.

Considering his final two tournament performances were all but sub-par showing, Reyes will be expected — new clubs or not — to lead the Coyotes into a top four finish and an eventual Regional berth to Arizona.

"I'm really going to need some confidence in my swing," said Reyes an international business major who carried a 3.96 grade point average last quarter. "Having confidence in myself and my swing is really important, but I also have to trust my club."

Trust will be the only option Reyes has in order to succeed in the faces of his opponents that include tournament host U.C. Davis, a powerhouse in the West Coast Region, and the nation's No. 2 ranked Cal State Bakersfield.

Also included in the tournament will be No. 7 Cal State Stanislaus and No. 22 Chico State.

"I know how I'm capable of playing," said Reyes. "But everyone has to play well together because this is a team tournament, and we all know what we have to do and if we believe in ourselves, we can get the job done."

Still getting the job done — advancing to the Regionals — may rest heavily on the shoulders of Reyes; The Former J.C. All-American and Midland College knows the feeling and stake of playing in a big conference, and he knows how to win under extreme conditions which puts him in the front line to lead his Coyote crew.

The Coyotes have tremendous depth and capability to shoot on the same level as Reyes, whose inconsistency plagued him during the final tournaments this year, but it will be Reyes who has to go out and set the tone for his teammates.

He must make-up for his weaknesses in his drive and long iron skills.

In addition, Reyes who is often known not to play his best during practices cannot afford to have an off-day in what could result as the closing of the Coyote season.

"I've been in pressure situations before," added Reyes who credits his dad, Rudy, for starting him into the sport. "But it's really important that the team plays well, and that I play well."

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An inside look at Coyote sports: From men's basketball to softball and water polo acoclades, Coyotes showing Division II progress in female sports.

By John D. Halcon
Sports Editor

Look out men's basketball squad! Here comes a wave of lady athletes that are quickly gaining media exposure for their successful seasons.

Sure, critics can claim that Cal State San Bernardino is a one sport college (basketball in the fall), but with the emergence of softball and water polo into the national spotlight, the Coyote athletics may have every reason to brag and jeer about its female sports.

The Coyote softball team may not be as dominant as the men's basketball team, but those lady sluggers are holding their own in a tough conference that includes the nation's No.2 squad U.C. Davis.

Not to put our baseball crew down, but winning does attract the eyes of the sports media including the Coyote Chronicle.

But I feel that there should be an equal coverage treatment within this newspaper and that's the reason different sports get different placements in each issue.

Still it hard to overlook a team that continues to win, and a team that continues to impress national rankings.

The Coyote softball squad will be a tough program to contend with in the CCAA tournament, but an even tougher program to look for will be our women's water polo squad.

Water polo team?

A small group of athletes — especially in Division II and III, water polo only exist as a club team, and for the most part are ignored by the media guru. But there's no ignoring our Coyote swimmers who have built a consistent winning tradition this year under the reign of head coach Danielle Altman.

A young but talented coach, Altman has this group of girls heading towards the top of its conference, and into national spotlights.

The squad placed seventh during last year's Regional tournament, but if my crystal ball serves me right, the Coyote swimmers should improve on that finish during this week's WWPA showdown for the conference title.

Did I mention, if the Coyotes are to their own WWPA tournament, they earn the opportunity to play against the likes of Division I powerhouse UCLA and Stanford.

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Young coach leads polo squad to 22-8

Once a former player at the University of Redlands, Danielle Altman has the Coyote polo crew looking up.

By Kermit R. Boyd
Assistant Sports Editor

Danielle Altman is swimming in a pool of success at the youthful age of 27. Altman is the head coach of the woman's water polo team here at Cal State San Bernardino, who is currently 22-6 overall and still improving.

Altman is in her fourth year at the helm and is seeing a young team make a big splash in the pool this season.

"The reason why the team has been so successful this year is because we are executing everything as a team," said Altman.

Evidence of Altman's statement is illustrated through this season's phenomenal campaign compared to last season's record.

"I think everyone on this team needs to be involved in order for us to be successful." — Danielle Altman

Altman has coached her squad in major victories over big name teams. The Coyotes have beaten the likes of Michigan State University, Cal State Hayward, University of Notre Dame, and Santa Clara University during the earlier portion of the regular season.

However, this has been no easy task in the mind Altman.

"Experience is a weakness for me, every single game I'm learning something new about the game," says Altman. Yet her strengths outweigh her weakness. Altman's major coaching strength is her capability to understand the players' everyday struggle, which is balancing school, work, and family.

At the age of 27, Altman can relate with her players; considering she played five years ago for the University of Redlands.

Players enjoy the fact that she is young but Altman also says that there is a level of respect and authority she is able to maintain, which she believes is due to the fact that the squad is extraordinary in and of itself.

The relationship with players, according to Altman has been established, but says, "I'm still developing my own coaching style and working on looking at the game from a coach's perspective rather than from a players aspect."

As coach Altman continues to make the transition from player to coach, she has shown a remarkable ability to bring a young, and talented group of women together to create a team chemistry that has spelled success this season.

Altman says that the team has accomplished more goals than she ever could have imagined in one season.

She has led the 'Yotes to their best winning record and hopes the team improves their overall mark this weekend.

Altman's outlook for the rest of the season, "As far as being me, I want to do the best job I can do, and I think I have done that with this team, but also hope I hope to finish off the season tough and strong and well all at UC Santa Cruz."