Expo is ‘meeting the challenge’

By Stephen Stalker
Staff Writer

People might not initially think of an expo based around the environment as an event both entertaining and informative for children and adults, but that is perhaps because they did not have the opportunity or the inclination to find out that environmental studies are truly exciting.

This past weekend Cal State’s College of Education presented the Annual Environmental Expo at the arena directed by Dr. Darleen Stoner. This year's theme was “Meeting the Challenge: Conserving Water & Energy” and included 90 individual booths by a variety of companies and programs such as Recycling USA, the San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services and Zero Waste Communities.

In addition to the booths presented by various environmental agencies, many booths were presented by clubs from CSUSB. The Biology Club made its goal to educate people that everything they do affects the environment and that all species are interdependent. Cal State junior Jeff Radtree, president of the Environmental Health and Science Club, and the Dept. of Health Science and Human Ecology’s professor, Dr. Mian, made it their mission this year to promote better health in people and the environment alike. They also provided information to the public that CSUSB is one of the best places to get the education, background, and training needed and desired to become part of an environmental agency. The undeniable presence of the Chemistry Club was made as they demonstrated the effects of acid rain, water filtering, and pH levels on the environment. “Chemistry is all around us, it’s in our environment, and it affects us each and every day,” says club member senior Stacy Eldrige.

As if the vast amount of information available and demonstrations to look at and participate in were not enough to fill the entire six hours of the expo, there was also live entertainment throughout the day. Such entertainment was presented by the folk group Gayle and Company, environmental magician Paul Cash, a visit from NBC4’s meteorologist Christopher Nance, AKA “Weather Dude,” who acted as honorary chairman, and the children’s All Species Parade in which they dressed in homemade costumes of various plants and animals.

Not only the exhibitors but also the public in general had plenty to say in regards to the environment. Roger, a nine year old visiting the expo explained that he had learned say in regards to the environment. Roger, a nine year old visiting the expo explained that he had learned simple tips to help conserve our environment. Roger, a nine year old visiting the expo explained that he had learned simple tips to help conserve our environment. "The expo started out as a small event with only a few hundred attendees but has grown vastly since then to draw more than 10,000 people." Dr. Stoner feels that kids, including those of us in college, are most relevant to the community at large in relation to the environment. She feels that it's a chance for them to have a fun day and a learning experience and that such kids spread the information they’ve learned to their parents and friends alike. Although there is no connection to Vision 20/20, there is plenty of opportunity for the

CSU campuses to receive $350 million from bond

By Joe Gutierrez
Special to the Chronicle

The eight California State University campuses in the greater LA Basin will receive $350 million to build new libraries, laboratories and classrooms from the $25 billion statewide bond measure that will be on the November ballot after signature today by Gov. Davis. System wide, all 23 of the California State University campuses will receive more than $1.44 billion over the four-year period of the bond (2002-04 and 2004-06). This is essential, since CSU buildings are only constructed and renovated through bond funding, and money from the previous Proposition 1A runs out this year. "This bond is critical to California’s economic success. Our competitiveness in the global economy is entirely predicated on a highly educated work force. There can be no time-outs when it comes to investing in higher education," said Louis Caldera, CSU vice chancellor for university advancement.

Voters will be asked to approve a $13 billion bond issue this November and another $12 billion in March 2004. Higher education - the California State University, University of California and the California Community Colleges - will receive $4.6 billion of the $12 billion for capital outlay projects over the next four years - 30 percent for both the CSU and the UC systems (about $1.4 billion each) and 40 percent (about $1.8 billion) for the community colleges. The remainder will go to the state’s K-12 schools.

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"CSUSB will receive $73 million for education building largely due to Gov. Davis"
President Karnig to moderate diversity lecture

By Cynthia Heaton
Staff Writer

The events of September 11, 2001, the violence threatening the Middle East and the controversy facing the Catholic Church are causing many people to think about the role that religion plays in the lives of people around the world.

On Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 pm, Dr. Albert Karnig, president of CSUSB, will serve as moderator at the 15th Annual Morrow-McCombs Lecture, an event that holds particular significance given the current world events. The annual lecture began in 1987 with the goal of fostering better understanding between Christians and Jews. This year, it has been expanded to include Moslems.

"Three Traditions: Face Loss & Vulnerability" explores the teachings and practices of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Three.Distinguished panelists, Rabbi Douglas Kohn of San Bernardino's Congregation Emanu El; Reverend Pamela Miracle of the First Christian Church of San Bernardino, and Dr. Danny Doueiri, a professor of Middle Eastern history and Islamic studies here at CSUSB, will each speak about the ways their religions help individuals and communities face tragedy.

The Morrow-McCombs Memorial Lecture is funded by an endowment in memory of Lilian Morrow and Ray McCombs that in past years had been held on the CSUSB campus. This year, the location of the lecture has been moved to the Cohn Hall of Congregation Emanu El, 35/2 North E Street in San Bernardino.

To enable and encourage wider participation by the surrounding community.

Lilian Taylor Morrow was born in 1896 in London, England. Well read and very active, she completed a degree at the Sorbonne, taught at the University of Beijing in China, worked with Margaret Sanger in New York, worked with Military Intelligence after World War II, and finally retired from Federal service at the Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino. Lilian Morrow died in 1982.

Ray McCombs was born in 1918 in Madrid, Montana. The McCombs family eventually moved to the San Bernardino area. After completing school McCombs entered the construction field and became a well-known real estate developer. He served as mayor of Rialto from 1952-54 creating a master plan for the city. Ray McCombs died in 1983.

Lilian Morrow and Ray McCombs were friends who loved discussing all manner of topics, including religion. When McCombs died, he was writing a book of Jewish traditions and roots of the Catholic faith. He was also involved with sponsoring an extension program on Man's Search for Meaning. In keeping with CSUSB, the University of Redlands and the University of California, Riverside. The funds to start and support this programming were bequeathed to Ray McCombs by Lilian Morrow when she died. The Morrow-McCombs Memorial Lecture is a continuation of the efforts of these individuals to foster interfaith understanding between Christians and Jews.

The event is open to all and admission is free.

Political Update: Assembly Bill 1543

By Sean Halbert
Staff Writer

AB 1543 is a follow up bill to AB 540 which "qualified specific long term California residents, regardless of citizenship status for lower resident fee payments at California Community Colleges (CCC), California State University (CSU), and the Universities of California (UC)." Essentially, AB 540 allows students who have attended at least three years at a California high school or equivalent thereof, but are not legal citizens, to pay resident fees instead of nonresident fees at a public institution of higher education. This however has created some legal risks for the implied schools. AB 1543 is designed to significantly reduce the legal risks to the UC, CSU, CCC and other institutions of higher education associated with AB 540.

Russell, the Governor Gray Davis' press office said that "AB 1543 would provide colleges such as the CCC, CSU, And UC immunity from paying punitive monetary damage, refunding tuition, or any other monetary supplement in case of a lawsuit in regard to AB 540." AB 1543 required 54 votes from the assembly floor in order to pass, and because of the nature of the bill, it was enacted immediately.

Retraction:
The News Section of the newsletter would like to make a correction to the story on the elections article, the correct names are Jay Houghton, Ed Cardenas, and Shahab Ghalambor.
The Cal State L.A. campus also will begin work on a $38 million new physical science building, which is part of Gov. Davis' stimulus package to spur economic growth and job creation through construction projects. The stimulus projects do not require voter approval since they are funded by lease revenue bonds rather than general obligation bonds. Three other CSU campuses are also under the stimulus package.

The four main CSU needs at the L.A. Basin campuses that the education bond would fund are new buildings, renovated facilities, telecommunications upgrades, and life safety improvements.

For example, CSU Channel Islands, the newest campus in the system, will open this fall. Bond funds in the amount of $1.2 million will equip a state-of-the-art science facility for the long-awaited campus that will serve Ventura County. At CSU Dominguez Hills, the bond will provide nearly $56 million for a renovated library to serve the fast-growing campus, and for equipment for a technology center and administrative building.

At CSU Fullerton, $27 million will go toward a physical science complex, an addition to the physical education building, improved telecommunications equipment for the fine arts facility and fire/fear safety improvements to numerous campus buildings. CSU Long Beach will receive more than $52 million for a library addition and renovation at the oldest of the CSU’s largest campuses. The campus also will receive funds to upgrade the science building to provide a better learning and teaching environment for students and instruction.

Cal State Los Angeles will receive $52 million to replace its physical science building (wing B), equip the building, and provide permanent facilities for its physical plant and repair facilities to ensure a smooth running campus. Modernization of the science building will have a dramatic impact not only on the campus but also on the community. Businesses are waiting for the talented graduates of these programs.

Cal State Northridge will receive $32.6 million to renovate two science buildings and an engineering building. The San Fernando Valley's leading university provides significant numbers of scientists and engineers for the state's workforce, and this bond will provide the campus with better facilities to continue this important contribution to California. At Cal Poly Pomona, $55.7 million will be used to renovate the library, which is the key academic building on the campus for both students and faculty. Also, funds will be used to modernize its science building. Cal Poly Pomona's blend of theory and practice produces highly sought-after graduates, so upgrades to its buildings are critical.

Cal State San Bernardino will receive $73 million to build a new building for the School of Education. CSU is responsible for preparing the majority of the state's teachers, so this building will significantly help the teacher shortage that California is facing, especially in its urban areas and fast growing areas such as San Bernardino. The bond funds will also be used for renovating a science building and its annex.

The California State University, already at its highest enrollment level ever, is facing enormous pressure to continue widespread access to its high-quality system. It is anticipated that student enrollment will reach 500,000 by 2010. To accommodate these students, buildings need to be updated and technology needs to be upgraded. More than half of the CSU's existing facilities are over 25 years old and are badly in need of renovation. The California State University is the largest system of senior higher education in the country, with 23 campuses, nearly 400,000 students and 42,000 faculty and staff. Since the system was created in 1961, it has awarded about two million degrees. The CSU is renowned for the quality of its teaching and for the job-ready graduates it produces. Its mission is to provide high-quality, affordable education to meet the ever-changing needs of the people of California. With its commitment to excellence, diversity and innovation, the CSU is the university system that is working for California.

Peoplesoft audit to begin in May

By Rody Rodriguez

The CSU Chancellor's Office has instructed campuses to use their existing budgets to fund PeopleSoft for administrative data but California Faculty Association (CFA) leaders argue that the money allocated for this software should be used for instructional and student needs.

Chico News & Review reported that 57 percent of the CSU/PeopleSoft contract is being funded from instructional money. The CSU staff conceded that the system is not able to keep up with the demand that campuses will incur — stated CFA official Alice Sunshine in a background information letter.

The letter stated that figures were not available due to the flawed implementation of CMS/PeopleSoft. Among the flaws mentioned by persons who use the program:

- The conversion from the older administrative data system to PeopleSoft caused losses in data and misplacement of funds.
- Training to use PeopleSoft was inadequate, causing many staff members to fail learning curves.
- Even after the training, many members still encountered glitches in the software.
- The company had to continuously upgrade PeopleSoft to accommodate multiple problems.

The current estimate for the contract is nearly $500 million, which is being paid out of instructional funds. According to the CFA, one CSU campus has already exceeded its initial estimate by 83 percent.

The CSU began to put into operation CMS/PeopleSoft in 1997. But recently the PeopleSoft contract has been scrutinized by CFA at CSU campuses and other universities including: Boise State University, University of Missouri and seven out of eight Big Ten schools. The Big Ten schools complain about the company's poor operation and software quality.

On April 8, the California State Legislature's Joint Legislative Audit Committee voted to review the CMS/PeopleSoft contract. This investigation will begin in May and last for an estimated 4 months.

Students in ASI and people in CMS prefer to remain neutral in this debate.

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**Student Spotlight**

**Curtis Davis-King**

By David Chadwick
Staff Writer

As many know, being a college student is hard work. It is even harder doing well in college while working and sometimes even having extra curricular activities. Well, for Curtis Davis-King, all of these things have actually been quite manageable. A senior here at Cal State, with a dual major in political science and economics, Curtis has managed a 3.2 GPA.

Growing up in Brooklyn, NY for 11 years and coming out to live in California, Curtis started out his collegiate career at the University of San Diego. With the aspirations of being a teacher, he was then a general education major and got his AA. Then after transferring to Chaffey College, and here to Cal State, he found what he really wanted to do. "My professors Brian Janiskee and Nancy Rose were a huge guidance on me," he says, "and I felt compelled to change my major after taking their courses because they taught their classes with a lot of energy." Nancy Rose, the chair of the Economics department, encouraged Curtis to get involved and even lobby on behalf of the teacher’s union in Sacramento. Curtis also says, "Professor Janiskee pretty much sharpened me up and pushed for me to join Pi Sigma Alpha." Now he is vice president of Pi Sigma Alpha, which is a political science honors society. He also is in Omicron Delta.

Epsilon is an international society for economics. On his reasons for choosing the dual majors of political science and economics, Curtis says, "I think it's interesting to see the way politics and economics interact, and how you can see the power of each. I also enjoy the history and how it effects us in modern times."

With a dual major, and being involved with two organizations, Curtis also works two jobs, and finds time to play intramural football, his favorite sport, which he played at Eisenhower High School for two years. He also enjoys hanging out with his family and his fiancée, Jessica, who he will marry in November.

After graduating in June, Curtis plans on taking a year off and then going on to law school here in Southern California and also work. "All of my teachers pushed for me to go to law school or grad school."

Curtis appreciates his professors here, crediting most of the teachers, in both the political science and economics departments to much of his success at Cal State.

"My matriculation at Cal State has been a life changing experience that I will enjoy for the rest of my life."
April 29, 2002

Food, fun, fiesta

By Susie Medina
The Scene Editor

Oblivious is what you were if you walked in front of the library and didn’t notice the huge Spring Fiesta on the front lawn. The smell of warm tortillas, hot cheese and spicy beef couldn’t have been missed from University Hall or Student Union. Last Thursday was the All University Picnic or Spring Fiesta that had an attendance of nearly 700 people.

The Fiesta had been intended to bring students, faculty and administration in union for food and fun. At the event, students, professors and even President Karnig was present.

Faculty member William Shum said, “It is wonderful that all of us from different parts of campus can get together. I truly appreciate it.”

The ear together was just the beginning of the fun. Watching faculty members serve the food was amusing for students and faculty alike.

“The food was great and the band was cool,” -Adam Timura

Dr. Frank Rincón makes cotton candy

Career Development Center boosts web site

By Patrick A. Burgard
Special to the Chronicle

Commencement is fast approaching. Where are you in your career search? Like many students nationwide you probably are just in the early stages of the career search process and have a ton of questions.

The Career Development Center (CDC) is here to rescue you! With a reported 50% of the CSUSB student population was on spring break, the employment at the CDC were busy launching a redesigned website. The site was redesigned to appeal to all who desire to access the wealth of information the CDC has to offer in the comfort of their own home.

The new approach the CDC strove for was easy, helpful information. Hole in one! The site is much more user-friendly. “We needed an interface that was visually appealing and easy to navigate,” said Rachel Gilber, the CDC Career Counselor.

Anyone can access the CDC’s website from anywhere and at anytime. The site was designed for convenience, but the challenge was to deliver valuable and timely information. With that in mind, the new site includes samples of resumes, cover letters, thank you letters, acceptance letters, denial letters, and techniques for writing them. One of the most needed additions to the CDC site is the

“Dude, Where’s my Car?”

As a college student, I am going to assume that we have all seen our fair share of movies. Whether they are dramas or comedies, Osvaldo Arzumanian’s box office bombs or the other, more popular movies, they have entertained us in one way or another. Whether you admit it or not, you liked it. Maybe subconsciously, it appealed to us on some deeper and more meaningful level—Hope, but it was funny, wasn’t there a little bit of that black kid in all of us? I feel as if I have something in common with these two hoodlums now—kids looking for clues that will reveal the answer to the unsolved question, “What happened last night?” (The words many a partygoer has muttered the morning after.) Just as they are on an adventure to retrieve their automobile, I am on the same journey to find my career. I’ve done just about the same thing; those guys have done looking for my career.

Man, I can remember being in elementary school and hearing about the importance of a college education, that having a diploma would open up the world of opportunity. Was I not paying attention? Did I miss something while I was thinking about dodgeball at recess? The majority of graduates I know did not get that dream job right out of school. I think it is odd that college graduates take jobs at Blockbuster, Foot Locker, their relative’s businesses or anywhere they can get work.

What I’m trying to say is that those elusive dream jobs come only after hard work and they aren’t even being the low man on the totem pole. This generation, myself included, of instant gratification young adults want to be successful, rich and famous overnight. Take the time to pay your dues in whatever your career goals. There is no shame having a lousy job first out of college. Be patient and good things will happen. If it seems hard at first, think about what these ‘Dude’ guys had to do. To happen to write a whole article and not put it in, “Sweeeeeet!”

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**WANTED: EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Janet Rodriguez**
Undeclared
Freshman
**Running for Board of Directors- Undeclared**
Why are you running for this position?
I have always been involved in student government from middle school to high school. I want to get a feel for ASI while I'm a freshman and my goal would be to advance later on. What duties would you be fulfilling?
I'm going to help and hold out. I want to reach the undeclared students and let them know the opportunities I have to discover the other duties.
What experience can you bring to ASI?
In high school, student government I facilitated activities, organized events, dances, pep rallies and two blood drives that were successful.
I've been president of my high school's Yearbook Club, part of New Student Orientation and Youth to Youth. Why should students vote for you?
I think I'd be good because my duties would be to give attention to undeclared students from the student government. I'd like to offer workshops that might be instrumental to students making a decision in choosing their major.
Message to students:
I understand the difficulty of trying to find a major and can provide a voice in offering programs for undergraduate students.

**Retraction for "Wanted: ASI President"**
By Susie Medina, The Scene Editor
I would like to correct an error printed in last week's issue. In an interview with candidate Fermin Ramirez, when asked, "How would you make ASI more accessible to students?", the answer printed was... "I want to be able to show students what ASI does..." The sentence should've read "I want to be able to show students what ASI does!" I realize these errors may be crucial at a time like this and apologize for the candidates and readers.

**Jay Houghton**
Senior
Political Science
**What duties will you be fulfilling as Executive Vice President?**
I'm still going over what the duties are exactly. Basically, whatever Eric, or the presidents can't do. I'm not exactly clear on what the duties are. I know it's mostly internal work, which is what I do in my fraternity now, so I know I have experience in it.
What leadership skills can you offer ASI?
I'm organized and experienced from my previous positions of IFC and holding a vice-president position in my fraternity.
I'm experienced and am suited for the job. I know what people want. Besides a good education they want an enjoyable college experience. I want to bring more stuff to the campus instead of trying to find it elsewhere.
Why of all executive board positions are you running for Executive Vice President?
Originally it was because Eric Fallis wanted me to run underneath him but then he decided that I hold the position of Vice President in Sigma Nu and do a good job, I could do well in this. Finance is not something I'm good at and University of Affairs would be something else I'm good at but Executive Vice President is what I want. I've had experience in executive, vice-president and president of IFC.
How would you increase ASI awareness?
Two ways, first I think just going out and talking to students. Another is to have more events sponsored by ASI with something that lets students know that we are the ones sponsoring the events. We should tell them exactly what services we do for them.
Why should you win?
I won because I'd be a good CSUSB representative for students. If elected I'd be ready to make all necessary changes to benefit the whole student population. There would be programming for every student.
Message to students:
Getting involved is the first step to leadership positions. College is more than education; it's social aspects as well. I can bring that equal balance.

**Ricardo Meraz**
Junior
Business Administration
**What duties will you be fulfilling as Executive Vice President?**
I want to build strong representation through Board of Directors and committees and make sure there is equal representation through policy and procedures. I will also organize Coyote Club conferences and assisting the President with ASI duties internally and externally.
What leadership skills can you offer ASI?
I've been secretary of Mexican American Marketing Association. I have experience in being secretary, vice-president and president of the Spring Fiesta thing is great I think we should have one every week.
Why should you win?
I think I'd be good because I'm experienced and am suited for the job. I know what people want. Besides a good education they want an enjoyable college experience. I want to bring more stuff to the campus instead of trying to find it elsewhere.

**Interview by Susie Medina**

**The Scene Editor**

**Manuel Caztena**
Philosophy
**What duties will you be fulfilling as Executive Vice President?**
Since I've been in ASI I know the ins and outs of it and have made contacts with state-wide officials in California. I've sat on several boards such as the ASI BoD, Finance Board, Fee Advisory Committee and served as VP of the EVP deal with making sure rules and policies in ASI are being enforced. I feel I have enough experience to deal with these duties and can enact a positive influence over those within ASI.
How would you increase ASI awareness?
Besides more social activities for the campus, I think I'd like to reach more students that govern committees. Instead of just working with one aspect, this one deal with all of them.
How would you increase ASI awareness?
I'm a little shy about being president. I'm not much of a math person, and I think Juan has done a great job.
What duties will you be fulfilling as Executive Vice President?
The EVP chooses the students that sit on campus committees and I am a real people person. The duties of the EVP deal with making sure rules and policies in ASI are being enforced. I feel I have enough experience to deal with these duties and can enact a positive influence over those within ASI.
How would you increase ASI awareness?
I feel my experience and actions in ASI have given me the know how of ASI. Recently I was awarded Board Member of the Year and California Student Advocate of the Year. Dealing with state legislators and fighting for lower student fees and more educational funding shows that I can handle tasks. I feel that my work within ASI has always been with the students' best interests in mind.
Message to students:
I want students to vote for the best candidates. I feel that I have chosen the best with Fermin Ramirez, Juan Luna and Eddie Cardenas to run. Working for students with honesty and accountability is what we are all here for.
Indian Student Organization leaves mark with Henna

By Yazmin Alvarez  Staff Writer

The ISO Indian Student Organization (ISO) club held a special event in the Student Union on Wednesday afternoon. Members of the club were applying Henna tattoos to students who wished to participate in this traditional Indian cultural event. The price was $5 and could go were big or small as you wanted. All the proceeds went to support and build the club.

"Henna tattoos play an important role in Indian culture. They are meant to adorn the body for festive events, and imply a feeling of joy to the occasion," said Avani Patel, a member of the organization. "They symbolize happiness for everyone."

The Henna tattoos were carefully applied by hand, using a special tool that looked somewhat like an icing bag used to decorate a cake. The procedure was painless and took no longer than 10 minutes. "This is something form our culture that we can share with others," said Humaira Rahim, President of the club.

The ISO members gave Henna tattoos to students on Wednesday in the Student Union. It was a great event and many students were happy to get the Henna tattoos. The ISO club is planning to sell Henna tattoos to students during the Spring Festival. The Henna event was a great success and it helped to raise money for the ISO club. The ISO club is planning to use the money to support their activities and help students who are in need of support.

Chicano writer visits Cal State

By Audrey Burrows  Staff Writer

The Cal State University's Social Science Research and Instructional Council hosted the 26th annual statewide student research conference Friday April 26, 2002. CSUSB's own Elliott R. Barkan is the chairperson for the 2001-2002 year. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Armando Navarro. Navarro's session is to write five books on the progress of the Chicano Movement. Thus far, he has written three books on the struggles of Mexican Americans. His first book focuses on the student movement. The writer and activist are culturally aware and educing them to understand what is going on and how to make a difference for their people.

Navarro's second book is a texas-based case study on the Raza Unida Party, which are the social changes over a ten-year period. The third book is a continuation of the case study of the Raza Unida Party. His fourth book, which will be completed this year, targets the political history of the struggles on the MexicanPolitical study. Navarro told me that his fifth book will mainly focus on what changes can be made to help further Mexican and Latino's into offices of power.

Navarro believes that in order to be able to move in harmony we have to come to an economic democracy. We need to have equal representation in the politically powerful jobs, (in order to assure equal representation for all).

Navarro would like Mexican American citizens to be able to obtain Dual Nationality. He feels that Mexico has many things to offer the United States, just as the United States has many things to offer Mexico. If Dual Nationality were implemented, Mexican Americans would have the ability to buy, not just lease property, in Mexico. Navarro does not want special privileges for Mexican Americans, just equal rights. According to Navarro, Dual Nationality exists for Canadian and Israeli citizens in the U.S. He feels that the time has come for the Mexican community.

Navarro focuses on leadership, organization, and the power of capability. Navarro believes we need to implement Latino leaders to move the people. Latino people are at a critical juncture. The time has come to recommit, reorganize and remodelize in the pursuit of social change and justice.

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What is this, some geek convention? E3, the gamers holy land

By Ivan Fernandez  
Staff Writer

If you want to give an avid gamer a heart attack, tell him (or her, considering my last story) you’re going to E3.

E3, a.k.a. the Electronics Entertainment Expo, is the Academy Awards of the gaming industry. Every year at E3, thousands of businessmen, game developers, publishers, and members of the press gather at the Los Angeles Convention Center in a cacophony of bright, flashing screens displaying video games currently in development.

E3 was first started in 1995, by the Interactive Digital Software Association, IDSAA, which continues to hold the show annually in May. It has been held in Los Angeles ever since, with the exception of two years when it was held in Atlanta, Georgia. In his keynote speech at last year’s show, Doug Lowenstein, president of the IDSAA, perfectly summed up the E3 experience when he said, E3 is ground zero for the future of entertainment. And he’s not kidding. Last year, my first year in attendance, E3 officially began the next-generation system wars. The Expo was home to SONY’s PlayStation2, Microsoft’s Xbox and Nintendo’s Game Cube. The show signaled the end of the twentieth century and welcomed the next-generation system wars.

Show spectators were treated to a cacophony of bright, flashing screens displaying video games currently in development. Many celebrities were also seen on the show floor. I was able to catch Wayne Brady of “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” being interviewed by Nintendo. Famous developers such as Hideo Kojima and Shigeru Miyamoto are on-hand giving interviews and demonstrating their latest masterpieces. Now in its eight year, E3 continues to be the place were developers let their games do the talking. And again, I will be there, so if you want to talk, do my journalistic duty. And yes, this gamer is going to party with the developers.

Competition and give out prizes, hand out free merchandise, invite celebrities and pretty much do anything they can to get people’s attention.

Last year, and again this year, Activision set up a half-pipe on the show floor where Tony Hawk, Bucky Lasek, and other professional skaters busted grinds, flips and loads of tricks for the spectators. Nintendo decked out its staffers in blue and silver jump suits strapped with Game Boy Advance. They walked the show floor, inviting show-goers to try out some of the games. Konami’s booth drew the biggest crowds last year with its big screen unveiling of “Metal Gear Solid 2: Sons of Liberty.” The over-nine-minute video played every hour where swarms of passers-by would ignore their duties and stop to watch the video. Some people sat on the floor for nearly the whole hour to watch the video again.

Many celebrities were also seen on the show floor. I was able to catch Wayne Brady of “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” being interviewed by Nintendo. Famous developers such as Hideo Kojima and Shigeru Miyamoto are on-hand giving interviews and demonstrating their latest masterpieces. Now in its eight year, E3 continues to be the place where developers let their games do the talking. And again, I will be there, so if you want to talk, do my journalistic duty. And yes, this gamer is going to party with the developers.

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Upcoming Events

May 1st
What: Author Victor Villasenor presentation
Where: Even Center B, C
When: 12:00 pm-1:30 pm

May 2nd
What: Cinco de Mayo celebrations
Where: Student Union Courtyard
When: 12 pm-2 pm

What: Aztec Calendar Lecture and Presentation
Where: Even Center B, C
When: Thursday May 2nd

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Where: Panorama Room, Lower Commons
When: 7:30 pm

What: Evelynia Fernandez Movie Showing and Lecture
Where: Event Center A
When: 10 am-3 pm

May 8th
What: Pacific Asian Heritage Day
Where: Event Center A.B.C and Courtyard
When: 11 am-2 pm

Comfortable with our own kind?

Looking at the possible self-segregation of Cal State students

By Jona St. John  
Staff Writer

California is one of the most, if not the most, culturally diverse states in the US. Racial segregation is said to be a thing of the past, but how much truth does this hold? The next time you are in class or sitting somewhere on campus, take a look around you. Notice anything? Many of you probably do. You might say that our campus, for the most part, is divided up into groups based on race, age, and/or by style. This idea is known as Student Self-Segregation. There have been numerous studies that researchers have conducted on “self-segregation” and “self-segregation in education.” This is where where self-segregation comes in. Many people (students and parents of ethnically diverse states) are choosing to attend “tailor-made” schools that cater to their cultural background. Where is the integration there? The reasoning behind this is that “a comfortable school environment encourages academic commitment.” Those opposing these types of institutions believe they will only “solidify stereotypes and promote long-term social intolerance.” Unfortunately, there are studies that support both sides. On one hand, there are ethnically defined groups on some college campuses that work as a “sustaining culture” for the members. For example, at Cornell University, there is an American-Indian program. Students who begin “their college education at a two-year tribal college and then continue at a mainstream four-year university have an 80% graduation rate,” according to Daniel L. Moore, lecturer at Cornell University. Compare this to a 25% graduation rate of their peers.

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Cal State's F.L.A.G.S. stresses bilingual value

By Bethatty Anderson
Asst. Multi-Cultural Editor

Languages spoken in the United States today are directly unbalanced due to the services provided for non-English speakers in our nation. With the business markets becoming more a part of global scale, it has never been more imperative for present day college graduates to become fluent in a second language. The issue becomes more frustrating at her workplace. Jacquez, who works as a Program Assistant at Chaffey College in the counseling department, speaks of countless situations where she was the only one in her office who could translate for Spanish speakers. She insists that attitudes towards those who do not speak English must change.

Cisneros insist that attitudes must change by those who feel that America is an "English Only" nation. He feels, "It was just a short time ago that the United States government provided literature in languages other than English." It could also be said that America is behind in educating students in a second language. Countries like Japan, Mexico, Denmark, and Canada have second languages integrated into their educational curriculum.

Entertainment was provided before and during the banquet formalities. A female group known as the "Herencia de mi Tierra," translated as "Heritage of the Community," delighted guests with the colorful blur of their skirts as they gracefully danced to Latino music. Abel Salano, a guitarist and singer, provided elegant and enjoyable music during the banquet meal.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Gonzalez compared the achievement of a higher education to that of the mountain top vision. There’s more to success than reaching the peak. She, too, challenged students to give back to their communities in her statement, "It is our role to help others achieve the peak."

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The Rock shines in The Scorpion King.

By Ivan Fernandez and Marcos Landin Staff Writers

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Ivan: Anyone with half a brain... would probably like this movie. HAHAHA! For the rest of you, you should be able to tell that this film was made especially for The Rock’s 15 yr.-old fans. Take your younger sibling and he will love you forever.

Marcos: DUNNUNNUNNUN^ CHIKA WOW! The dialogue was great. If there were a category for dialogue in the Oscars, it would win this category...Ok, enough of the sarcasm. Let me finish the rest of this review with such dialogue: “Boo.” “I am still here.”

Marcus & Ivan vote: Snooich.

Ivan: “IF YOU SMILLAAAANAAA...WHAT THE SCORPION KING...IS...COOKIN’” He is cookin’ somethin’ smelly is what he’s cookin’. I can’t believe the script was run through a final draft by Mr. “Solid Snake” himself, David Hayter And this guy’s doing The Hulk? I can see why Ang Lee asked for a rewrite. HAHAHAHA! Hayter should stick to voice acting.

Marcos: One of many things that I am wrong, but isn’t that most of the Island Empire? Maybe not, but there were a lot of people there. The festival had everything a big event should have. There was a Microbrew Plaza that featured 60 different types of beer from 25 microbreweries. There was a Gourmet Plaza for folks who have expensive taste with 14 different chefs making dishes that ranged from Mussels with Saffron Blood Orange Vinaigrette to Orange Mango Chicken.

The largest attraction at the festival seemed to be the seven different stages set up for live performances. The Orange Blossom Stage had Commonwealth, Asti Together Separate, John Tesch, Emerson drive and others. On the Lime Street stage was B2K, Esoteric?, De-Stank, Kloppy, The Skeletones and more. The Fiesta Stage had bands like Los Rams De La Sierra, El Morro, Grupo Solido and others. The Regional stage featured One Nation, Mo’ Betta Blues, Super Bad Seven, Big Face Grace and other jazz/blues bands. There was music, rides, and everything else to keep anyone busy on a spring weekend. This year’s Slater Brothers Orange Blossom Festival in downtown Riverside was definitely one to be remembered.
Featured artist: Shoppy

By Shakena C. Clark A&E Editor

I went down to the RBC (Riverside Brewing Company), to check out Shoppy. Their name had been mentioned once, twice, or a million times in some local coffee shops, so I wanted to see what was with all the hype. I have never really cared to go to a local show alone, but I am glad I made an exception this time. The restaurant/bar's patio was the stage for the main event. The patio reminded me of when I was a summer camp counselor for the YMCA, hanging out after hours on the wooden picnic benches while the kids were asleep. I was half expecting someone to bust out with an acoustic guitar and sing a horrible cover of a Simon and Garfunkel tune. But I knew better. Just by looking at the crowd I could tell the show was going to be cool. There were folks there from the Freak Daddy show from the night before, and the tiny patio filled up fast. The show at the RBC was great. It was loud, and the happy shining people drinking beer were more than willing to share their benches. Their set was amazing. I did not know what to expect when they band came on, and I was virtually speechless when they left. In fact, they were so great that I had to see them again to get a full feel for them. I also went to see Shoppy at the Coffee Depot. It was the best of both worlds for me. Not only did I get to see one of the coolest bands in the area, but I also got a cheap cup of coffee. That little coffee joint was full of participants who do not always offer for their adventurous and energetic set. Their style is like; well, I wish I were a little more creative, and release it into the world. They produce a sick mixture of groovy sounds that force the crowd to feel the music. I challenge anyone who says they love good music to go see this band and try not to groove.

During their set I found myself wondering why these guys are not opening for Madonna, Martin and Wood? Why aren't they touring with Phish? Why hasn't Glen Ballard tried to rain them by trying to make them pop? Shoppy is (for lack of a better term) a rock band. They are a powerhouse like the Jimi Hendrix Experience, or Rush. I don't want to over hype the band by comparing them to legends, but if they keep playing like they do, they will get there.

On Wednesday night at seven-thirty Jimmy Eat world took the stage for the main event. The patio restaurant/bar's patio was the perfect spot for the main event. The crowd I could tell the show was going to be cool. There were folks there from the Freakdaddy show from the night before, and the tiny patio filled up fast. The show at the RBC was great. It was loud, and the happy shining people drinking beer were more than willing to share their benches. Their set was amazing. I did not know what to expect when they band came on, and I was virtually speechless when they left. In fact, they were so great that I had to see them again to get a full feel for them. I also went to see Shoppy at the Coffee Depot. It was the best of both worlds for me. Not only did I get to see one of the coolest bands in the area, but I also got a cheap cup of coffee. That little coffee joint was full of participants who do not always offer for their adventurous and energetic set. Their style is like; well, I wish I were a little more creative, and release it into the world. They produce a sick mixture of groovy sounds that force the crowd to feel the music. I challenge anyone who says they love good music to go see this band and try not to groove.

When Green Day took the stage the crowd went wild, the wait was ready to take in some great music. Shoppy's style is like, well it's kind of humpy. The drummer sings lead, the bass player sings back up, and the keyboardist plays sax, flute, and anything else lying close to him. Shoppy is what happens when you mix jazz, rock, hip-hop, and a hell of a lot of creativity, and release it into the wild. They produce a sick mixture of groovy sounds that force the crowd to feel the music. I challenge anyone who says they love good music to go see this band and try not to groove.

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I think they have a different sound.

By Leslie Garraway Staff Writer

Pop Disaster Tour a Rocking success

Blink-182 (left) and Greenday(right)

By Shareena C. Clark A&E Editor

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April 29, 2002

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Chad Villarreal (drums/lead vocals) Matt Weckhoff (bass/keyboard) Gabe Hartman (keyboard/bass/lead guitar/hurdy gurdy etc...)

By Leslie Garraway Staff Writer

On Wednesday night at seven-thirty Jimmy Eatworld took the stage as the opening band for the headliner tour, Pop Disaster Tour 2002. They are a new band. Their sound can be heard on any of the local radio stations. They have a sound is similar to Weezer with their lively and upbeat rhythms, but they do have a variety of influences. I was ready to take in some great new sound. They certainly had plenty of fans in the audience at The Great Western Forum in Los Angeles. The band was consistent between the bands as usual was energetic and really got the audience in their show, asking for more. The lead singer was running all over the stage which Was very exciting. The sound was great. I think that the three audience members will be remembering that night for the rest of their lives, especially the lead guitarist/volunteer they usually get to take the guitar home.

The closing band was Blink 182. There sound was not nearly as good as Green Day's. Their vocals were too low and their guitars too high. However, the thousands of fans generously welcomed the band. Blink 182 has involved the audience in their show, asking for screams and requests. They are ready to follow Green Day's set. It was a great show and a lot of fun. I wouldn't even have to think twice about doing it all over again, despite the fifteen-dollar parking.

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- Metro City College Connection Leadership class 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Student Union events center C 8a.m. - 9a.m.

Tuesday, April 30
- ASI Finance Board Meeting Student Union board room 10a.m. - 12noon
- "ASI Board of Directors Meeting" Student Union board room 12noon - 2p.m.
- "Understanding & Applying Christian Methods" Student Union university room 12:30p.m. - 1:45p.m. sponsored by: Cross Training
- "Nest of the Wise" ASI lounge 12noon - 2p.m. 6p.m. - 7p.m. sponsored by: Student Union Adult Re-Entry Center
- Gender Hate Crimes Student Union events center B 1:30p.m. - 2:30p.m. sponsored by: Student Union Women's Resource Center
- ASI Movie Night Student Union events center B 6p.m. - 10p.m. sponsored by: ASI
- Lubos Filipino Club Board Meeting 9a.m. - 10a.m. Student Union board room

Wednesday, May 1
- Speaker: Victor Villanueva Student Union events center C 12noon - 1:30p.m. sponsored by: Student Union Cross Cultural Center

Thursday, May 2
- "I'm Going to College" Student Union events center A 1p.m. - 5p.m. sponsored by: Psychology Department
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Friday, May 3
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- "Studies in the Bible" Student Union events center B 6p.m. - 9:00p.m. sponsored by: ASI

Saturday, May 4
- CA Read-It! Project Student Union events center A, B & C 8a.m. - 1p.m. sponsored by: Cal Psychology & Counseling

Sunday, May 5
- Newman Catholic Ministry Meeting Student Union Union fire lounge 6:30p.m. - 9:15p.m.

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For the sake of public health, directors and producers should cry ‘Cut!’ to on-screen smoking

By Murry J. Cohen, M.D. and Glynis Kinnan, Ph.D.

Since mid-century, U.S. adult smoking has been halved, yet almost 450,000 Americans still die from tobacco-related causes annually. Unfortunately, according to a Massachusetts General Hospital survey of 99 colleges released in 2000, one-fifth of college students were using tobacco daily, and almost half had done so within one year.


Another study, published this month in the journal Tobacco Control and based on more than 1,500 once-secret industry documents, showed that long after the 1971 federal ban on television and radio cigarette ads, tobacco corporations in the 1980s gave actors cigarettes while aggressively seeking ‘product placement.’ Even without such now-banned direct arrangements, on-screen smoking is at its highest in four decades and rising.

Nonetheless, a few films deserve praise. 1995’s Australian film Babe (and its sequel) presented a view from the perspective of the piglet who despairs upon learning the usual fate of pigs, including his family. 2000’s animated Chicken Run depicted the inhumane conditions that egg-laying hens forcibly endure to garner Mrs. Tweedy ever-greater profits. In both fantasies, animal protagonists prevail. In reality, 10 billion farmed birds and mammals in the United States each year aren’t so lucky.

As a 2001 Dartmouth Medical School study revealed, tobacco smoking now occurs at triple to quadruple the rate it does in real-life America, observers estimate.

By Murry J. Cohen, M.D., who practices psychiatry in Northern Virginia, is a medical consultant to the Washington, D.C.-based Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (www.pcrm.org).

Glynis Kinnan, Ph.D., is a Chicago-area writer who lectures at the University of Illinois-Chicago.
The Venezuelan Coup Could Confuse You

Jesse Henderson  Staff Writer

The past weeks in Venezuela brought a lot of controversy. First, the protest preceding the so-called coup left an undecided amount of people dead and injured. Then the Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez was rumoured to have resigned from office. Facts are hard to find, but perhaps with a little history of Venezuela, Chavez, and his opponents you might be able to see what I see: Corruption.

Hugo Chavez was elected President of Venezuela back in 1998 when he won by 50% of the vote. He ran under a new party, Movimiento Quinta Republica (Fifth Republic Movement). Once in office, Chavez realigned Venezuela after his hero Simon Bolivar, El Liberator of Latin America, officially dubbing it the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Simon Bolivar is a hero in Latin America along the same lines of Che Guervara. Bolivar tried to unify Latin America, but realized it was like "plowing the ocean." Chavez hoped to carry on in Bolivar's footsteps.

Chavez started a national development program, Plan Bolivar, to build roads, schools, hospitals, and low-income housing for Venezuela's poor. He was re-elected in 2000 to a six year term. Chavez speaks of the new Bolivar. He says Bolivarianism is a response to "savage neoliberalism." "Neoliberalism" essentially sell out their country and people. Chavez said Bolivarianism was a way to a successful counter-coup where you get your news so I won't mention any other sources. Chavez made several executive decisions where a lot of people are unhappy with the outcome. Chavez's move in February. He fired seven executives and appointed the minister of 12 others. Petroleos de Venezuela is a lifeline of Venezuela; the company has about 50% of the revenue to the government, including paying the majority of the government's wages; Cigo, a subsidiary of the state oil company, operates 13,000 gas stations in the U.S.

Additionally, Venezuela belongs to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC. "Chavez was instrumental in OPEC's decision to cut back production in 2000, doing up fuel prices and providing $21 billion in extra revenues for Venezuela, which is the third-largest oil producer in the organization, after Saudi Arabia and Iran," according to the New Yorker.

Skeptics point out that the overthrow happened the very week that Saddam Hussein announced a unilateral suspension of oil exports. I don't think anyone is so naive to believe oil did not play a big role in this debacle. Oil prices went down when Chavez was ousted and went back up when he returned to office.

All of Chavez's interactions to the business community and other opponents came to a head on April 11 when more than 150,000 protesters marched to Miraflores, the presidential palace, as opposed to the 500,000 reported by the U.S. government. The protests were led by the business sector, labor unions, and civic groups. The protest turned violent when gunmen fired into the crowd killing an undisclosed amount of people. Most of the protesters that were killed were anti-Chavez protesters.

However, some sources say that the anti-Chavez police force fired first, to other sources it was executed by pro-Chavez forces.

Information about this fact is subjective and differs depending on where you get your news so I won't decide for you; there is an investigation on this issue presently.

At this point Chavez was kidnapped, held, or something along those lines and asked to resign. He declined to resign. A military official announced that Chavez had tendered his resignation. Pedro Carmona, head of the private sector business group Fedecameras was sworn in as interim President on April 12. It was reported that a crowd consisting mainly of white businessmen cheered the swearing in ceremony at Miraflores.

Carmona's presidency was short-lived because what many critics say amounts to a coup. Carmona dissolved the national assembly, and the Supreme Court. He left union and civic leaders out in the cold, including a top union leader of the CTy, Carlos Ortega, who helped lead the protest. Ortega and Carmona had relations up until Chavez seemingly gave in to business interest. Ortega has been quoted as saying "This all died for me," when he spoke to a CTV political consultant, "The fat cats hijacked it. But that gentleman (Carmona) will fall." This gave way to a successful counter-coup de tat that placed power back in the democratically elected hands of Chavez. Who officially states he never resigned. Some critics point out that this would be uncharacteristic of Chavez in the first place.

U.S. Press Secretary, Ari Fleischer stated that the administration seems to place the blame on Chavez. On April 12 Fleischer stated, "We know that the action encouraged by the Chavez government provoked this crisis." He went on to say "Government supporters, on orders from the Chavez government, fire on unarmed, peaceful protesters, resulting in 10 killed and 100 wounded." He also said, "The results of these events are now a result of the message of the Venezuelan people." Well at least a 150,000 Venezuelan people out of 24 million.

To put things in perspective Venezuela is a country of 24 million people, with the poor making up 60% of the population, who widely support Chavez. Chavez's pro-

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The general elections are held every spring quarter to elect an ASI president, executive vice president, vice president of university affairs, vice president of finance and board of directors.

“I encourage [students] to vote and make a difference,” said Matthew Prouse, elections chair. “Every year we have slim to few [voters]. I want this to reflect that students on this campus care.”

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grams benefit the poor and for the most part anger everyone else. Rumors of a plan to oust Chavez had been circulating and groups had been meeting in secret for about as long as Chavez has held office. Fleischer concludes on this issue by stating “Here are the facts that we do know from yesterday’s events: The Venezuelan military and police refused to fire on peaceful demonstrators and they refused to support the government in such human rights violations. That’s the role that the military played. They refused to fire.” All of what Fleischer said was untrue or speculative.

As far as the Presidents of Mexico, Costa Rica, Argentina, and Paraguay are concerned about this issue, they condemn the unconstitutional removal of Chavez. Many critics found that President Bush’s failure to declare his opposition will hurt his administrations credibility as a supporter of democracy.

An official statement by Fleischer on April 14 asserts “The people of Venezuela have sent a clear message to President Chavez that they want democracy and reform. The Chavez administration will have an opportunity to respond to this message by correcting its course and governing in a fully democratic manner.” Remember Chavez has been elected twice in democratic elections.

However, some critics say that the Bush administration played a part in the overthrow, and if not a part that they condoned it. Fleischer indicated in an April 16 press briefing that the “United States officials explicitly made clear repeatedly to opposition leaders that the United States would not support a coup.” He did however admit, “U.S. officials met with a broad spectrum of Venezuelan officials, including business association representatives, including Mr. Carmona, as well as pro-Chavez legislators, including labor officials, officials from the Catholic Church, throughout the routine course of discussions with officials in Venezuela” and “It’s no secret that President Chavez has had a rule that the military played a part in

Greg Palast, columnist for Britain’s The Guardian criticizes the fact that the mainstream media across the board used words like “unpopular”, “dictatorial”, and publicized that Chavez had resigned, when these statements were all untrue. I would be tempted to think, like other critics of the news of the Venezuelan coup, that the news has been littered with disinformation and perhaps I would go so far as to believe that the reported disbanded Office of Strategic Influence played a part in spreading falsehoods to news organizations.
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UC Davis grabs title as Coyotes place sixth

By John D. Halcon
Assistant Sports Editor

The No.2 seed U.C. Davis upset No.1 U.C. San Diego to capture the California Collegiate Athletic Association Women’s Tennis Title at Scottsdale, Arizona. The Aggies (14-8 overall) collected victories over San Francisco State and Cal Poly Pomona Broncos before bouncing past the Tritons (20-3 overall) 5-4 on Sunday, April 21.

Grand Canyon defeated the Broncos with a similar score to the final taking the third place trophy while Sanoma State downed Cal State San Bernadino for fifth place.

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NFL: Fresno State's Carr drives away as Houston Texans No.1 pick.

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Dallas Cowboys: Kudos to the Dallas Cowboys, and especially their owner, Jerry Jones, who after four years of vilification, made intelligent draft decisions with their draft picks but unfortunately they didn't.

The Cowboys acquired safety Roy Williams, who should be tremendous help to Darren Woodson in the secondary.

New Orleans Saints: Another NFC team that made strategic draft choices was the New Orleans Saints. Everything seemed to fall into place for the Saints, starting with their first selection on the first day and ending with their last pick on the second day.

The Saints were able to make solid decisions throughout the draft which may prove to pay dividends on the field.

Atlanta Falcons: The Falcons surname of the new owner, reflected the kind of genes evolved by the team's draft strategists. They now have three quarterbacks with a total of four regular season starts. They still don't have a viable deep-threat for Michael Vick despite claiming that they would try to draft a receiver in the first round.

Instead, they drafted tailback T.J. Duckett, who the Falcons hope will bring a power running game to the table, which would balance out the speed of recently acquired Warrick Dunn.

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Golfers close CCAA tournament with best finish. Backus finished 16th overall as the Coyotes rounded the 54-hole sixth place.

By CSUSB Wire Report

Cal State, San Bernardino's golf team finished sixth in the California Collegiate Athletic Association golf championships Tuesday, April 23, posting a 54-hole total of 905 in one of its best tournament showings of the 2002 season. Now, the Coyotes must await the announcement of the eight teams that will compete in the NCAA West Regional in Phoenix, Ariz., in two weeks. There are 13 teams in the region.

Sophomore David Backus finished 16th overall with a 54-hole total of 224 — eight over par. Backus shot the team's low round, a par-72 on the Legends Course at Diablo Grande in Monday's first round. Cal State Bakersfield, ranked No. 2 in the nation in Division II, edged UC Davis, ranked No. 1, in the nation, for the team title.

They were tied at 868 after 54 holes thanks to a closing round 7-under-par 65 round by tournament medalist Jason Boyd. However, the Roadrunners broke the tie when the low score of each team's fifth player was checked. Mike Applegate of Bakersfield posted a 75, while Will Johnson of CSUSB added a 76.

Diamond Roundup: Tawd Frensky tosses a four-hitter as Yotes battle Stanislaus. Diamond sluggers receive some strong pitching during tourney.

By CSUSB Wire Report

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The split gives the Coyotes a 2-3 overall record in the second day of the Mountain Dew Softball Classic. The Coyotes were not so fortunate in the second game of the day as Cal State, San Bernardino downed San Francisco State, 7-2, in the second day of the Mountain Dew Softball Classic.

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The Coyotes were not so fortunate in the second game of the day as Cal State, San Bernardino rallied from a three-run first inning deficit to beat the Coyotes, 4-3, with a run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

With a 2-2 record, the Coyotes advance to the quarterfinals at 10 a.m. Sunday against host Cal State, Bakersfield, a team they beat 6-1 on Friday.

The winner advances to the semifinals to meet the winner of the Western New Mexico-Cal State Stanislaus game at 12:15 p.m. at North Rosedale Park. Advancing in the other bracket were Chico State, UC San Diego and Cal State Dominguez Hills.

The fourth team in that bracket will be decided in a game between S.F. State and Hawaii-Hilo.

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Yotes welcome Mr. Olympian

ASI and Cross Cultural Center bring gold medalist to campus

By Tiffany S. Rolland
Sports Writer

Many famous people are known for forgetting where they have come from and leaving the past.

This is not the case for 32-year-old inline speed skater Derek Parra, a 2002 Olympic gold medalist champion.

Parra will be making a special visit to Cal State San Bernardino on Friday, May 3, for a special presentation and a potential autograph session.

The event hosted by Associated Student Body Inc. (ASI) and the Cross Cultural Center agreed on a $7,500 contract allowing Parra to showcase his Olympic experience from Utah.

"The agreement was for him [Parra] to stay around for half an hour," said ASI public relations director Marvin Portillo. "But he'll probably stay around after the presentation to sign autographs.

In 2000 Parra set an American record in the 1500m and also set the 2001 World Single Distance Championships in March.

"I haven't won yet," added Portillo who was the main key to negotiating with Parra's agent and bring Parra to campus. "But he's a local boy, so it's a big deal for him to come here (Cal State San Bernardino) since he grew up in this area and has already won a gold medal in the Bank.

According to Portillo, Parra's "admirable" accomplishments will more than likely be the main attraction to promoting the event which is to be located in the Events Center A, B, and C.

Considering Parra's schedule prior to his appearance at Cal State San Bernardino will include trips to other local schools, Parra's appearance came at a bargain.

"We actually got him here for a discounted price," said Portillo. "Had he set his entire day on this appearance, it probably would have cost us $20,000.

"But I'm glad Parra will make the appearance," added Portillo.

So as we travel around the track with Parra we return to where it all began.

Derek Parra attended high school at Dwight D. Eisenhower.

- A former resident in San Bernadino, California, but now lives and works in West Valley City, Utah. His place of employment is in West Valley at Home Depot.

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By Kermit R. Boyd
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Yotes splash WWPA

By CSUSB Wire Report

Cal State, San Bernardino's women's water polo team closed out its highly-successful 2002 season Sunday with an 8-4 defeat at the hands of Cal State Bakersfield.

The loss came in the fifth place game of the Western Water Polo Association championships at UC Santa Cruz.

The loss gave the Coyotes a 25-8 record for the season, the team's best ever win-loss mark.

The Coyotes were seeded sixth in the tournament before it began and they ended it in sixth place.

Meanwhile, sophomore goalie Amanda Wells and her corps of defenders shut out UCSC over the final period.

Wells finished with 10 saves, giving her 22 for the tournament. Also scoring for the Coyotes were Allison Harp (two), Kami Wilson and Leslie Weiser.

Wilson and Weiser will be playing their final match for the Coyotes on Sunday.

The Tritions upset UC Davis Saturday while LMU buried Santa Clara 15-1. Davis and Santa Clara meet for third place.

Dana Tucker scored four goals and Emma Kudritzki added three more Friday to lead UC San Diego to a 12-3 victory over Cal State, San Bernardino on the opening day of the WWPA championships at UC Santa Cruz.

The Yotes took seventh in last year's WWPA tournament.