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SODEXO’S food handling failures

By JACOB COLLINS

CSUSB Dining Services provided by Sodexo, a multi-national food corporation, have earned an “A” rating in health inspections since November in 2012, but consistently misses the mark in food holding temperatures, maintaining equipment and utensils, and other areas, according to health inspection reports obtained from the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

In the most recent inspection of the Coyote Cafe in the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU), the San Bernardino County health inspector observed chicken strips being held at below the mandated temperature of 135 degrees and above, according to the report obtained from San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

Past inspection reports, with the exception of one dated December 12, 2014, show a pattern of food being held at improper temperatures dating back to November 2012.

“The food temperature issues were with sandwich coolers that were running above 40 degrees. That means that the air in the machine was over 40 degrees. The machines were fixed the same day and have been running at the correct temperature,” said General Manger of Dining Services at CSUSB, David Janosky.

“We do daily refrigerator logs to ensure that they are running properly, but as the weather gets hotter they sometimes ice up and do not work as well. At that time the product was removed until a repair company could visit us and fix the unit, we get same day service.

“The reason they begin to ice up is that they are ‘open air’ units. That means they have to work harder than a closed door unit,” said Janosky.

Janosky also said “We have all of our food on a time control. That means that after hazardous food has had the internal temperature taken and is safe for consumption, it is only kept for a total of four hours and then discarded. Due to our high volume, we rarely discard food.”

Every health inspection since November 19, 2012, to the most recent dated April 15, 2015 shows either the use or improper maintenance of utensils and equipment in the Coyote Cafe.

The most recent report states that an “ice scoop [was] stored on top of a wiping cloth that contained debris,” according to the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

An inspection report from December 12, 2014 stated that “tongs used for raw chicken stored in room-temperature water near [a] grill” were observed.

A report from May 13, 2014 stated that a melted spatula was in use at WOW Cafe and in a preceding report, dated November 15, 2013, the inspector saw a broken spatula in use at WOW Cafe.

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Letter from the President:

Dear Colleagues,

Many of you are aware that our campus has a food pantry for students called The DEN.

The DEN provides nonperishable food for any student in need. The Office of Community Engagement staff have informed me that there has been a noticeable increase in student traffic during the past few weeks. Students report that they have run out of financial aid support or are generally in need of assistance with groceries. Due to increased demand, several food items are in short supply.

Will you please join me in restocking The DEN’s shelves?

Requested items include: peanut butter and jelly, canned meat, Chef Boyardee canned pasta, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce and noodles, rice, and canned fruit.

OCE staff will be happy to come to your office and pick up donations, or feel free to drop off items at The DEN in the Faculty Office Building, Room 227.

Thank you for your continued support of our students!

Tomás D. Morales
President
California State University, San Bernardino

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By MARLYN RODRIGUEZ
Managing Editor

Woman banned from using her cellphone after killing bicyclist

A Michigan resident was banned from using any portable device after she struck and killed a bicyclist.

Mitzi Nelson claimed she was distracted by her cellphone and has been banned from using any portable communication device for two years, according to the Associated Press.

Woman cheered at niece’s graduation, received misdemeanor charges

In Mississippi, a woman was criminally charged for cheering at her niece’s graduation.

According the Associated Press, the audience was told to hold their cheers until the end of the ceremony, but never expected to be reprimanded with misdemeanor charges of allegedly disturbing the peace.

The school district superintendent said the behavior was disrespectful to other students, preventing them from hearing their name announced, according to the Associated Press.

Fracking to blame for low birth weight babies

Low birth weight babies may be linked to “fracking”, according to CBS News.

A study done by the University of Pittsburgh has found a positive correlation between high-volume hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and low birth weight in areas exposed to the natural gasses emitted by fracking, according to CBS News.

Taco Bell in Chicago to serve alcohol

A Taco Bell in Chicago will begin serving alcoholic beverages to their customers, according to Time magazine.

Taco Bell is going through a re-branding effort to create upscale locations. Chicago will be the first location to serve alcoholic beverages but Taco Bell has already started serving in Spain, Japan and South Korea, according to Time magazine.

Pluto’s moons are out of control due to football shape

NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope has found that two of Pluto’s moons are moving uncontrollably.

According to the SETI Institute, a possible explanation for the movement is that Pluto’s moons are on a gravitation field that is in constant shift.

The moons’ shapes are not round but instead are shaped liked footballs, which is a contributing factor to the erratic movement, according to the SETI Institute.
The United States meddling in Chinese affairs and battles may cause a war, according to a U.S. author Jim Sciutto. The South China Sea is the subject of numerous rival territorial claims over an area that includes fertile fishing grounds and potentially rich reserves of undersea natural resources. China is increasingly showing that even far from its mainland, it sees itself as having jurisdiction over the body of water, according to Sciutto in an article in CNN Politics. Senior Pentagon officials acknowledged for the first time that China is placing weapons on artificially constructed islands in the South China Sea in an apparent attempt to assert more control and claim more territory in the region, according to an article by Kris Osborne on military.com.

"This makes me a little nervous actually. I don’t really understand what undersea resources for China has to do with the U.S. but I sure there won’t be a war unless absolutely necessary," said student Quay Rivers.

The U.S. mission conducted a mission specifically aimed at monitoring Chinese activities on three islands that months ago were reefs barely peaking above the waves. Now there are massive Chinese construction projects that the U.S. fears will soon be fully functioning military installations, according to Sciutto.

Both Japan and the Philippines are locked in territorial rows with China as well. Japan has overlapping claims with China over the Senkaku Islands, known as the Diaoyu. The Philippines, which is close to the artificial reefs, has called on the U.S. for a “stronger commitment” to protecting them from Chinese aggression, according to an article by Caroline Mortimer in The Independent.

The Philippines, meanwhile, has engaged in a territorial spat with China over resource-rich parts of the South China Sea, which Manila (capital of the Philippines) calls the West Philippine Sea. Manila has already sought international arbitration to resolve the dispute, according to GMA News.

Philippine Defense Minister Voltaire Gazmin said he would meet U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter in Hawaii to ask for a stronger commitment: “I will ask about the extent of the assistance they will give us, what they can do to help us because right now we are being oppressed.”

“The US Navy is reportedly considering sending ships within 12 miles of the man-made islands, thereby entering into what China claims is now sovereign territory. With Chinese naval and maritime patrol vessels in the waters, intimidation or harassment of US ships could lead to a collision, with each side responding in turn,” stated Yale University Professor Michael Auslin in an article he wrote for The Commentator.

“I think it is scary to put us in a position to be in a war, but if the leader of our country plus other people in power think it is necessary who am I to say it is wrong?” asked CSUSB student Nicholas Parks.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe expressed opposition to Chinese reclamation activities in disputed territories in the West Philippine Sea. Abe’s remarks came a few days after President Barack Obama urged regional powers, particularly China, to respect the law and stop “throwing elbows” in dealing with the sea dispute, according to Calonzo.
FBI spies on Americans
By RANDALL HIGGINS Staff Writer

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is behind fictitious companies who hire small, civilian planes and pilots to fly advanced spy technology over American cities. The Associated Press (AP) traced at least 11 of these planes to the FBI and identified more than 100 flights in 11 states over a 30-day period since late April flying over both major cities and rural areas.

“It’s important that federal law enforcement personnel have the tools they need to find and catch criminals,” said Charles Grassley, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

“But whenever an operation may also monitor the activities of Americans who are not the intended target, we must make darn sure that safeguards are in place to protect the civil liberties of innocent Americans,” according to AP.

For years the FBI has used the planes to provide support to FBI operations on the ground. Today, how, aircraft are equipped with high-tech cameras and are outfitted with technology capable of tracking thousands of cellphones, raising questions about how these surveillance flights affect Americans’ privacy.

“The FBI’s aviation program is not secret,” said spokesman Christopher Allen. “Specific aircraft and their capabilities are protected for operational security purposes.”

The false fronts companies are there for protection of the pilots and for the anonymity of the planes so they can’t be identified by the suspects being followed, according to Allen.

The FBI are not the only ones that do this. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has 92 of its own planes and the U.S. Marshalls have their own fleet, according to a Justice Department report and a report by The Wall Street Journal.

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Obama tries to normalize ties with Cuba
By DANIELA RUEDA Staff Writer

Cuba was removed from a list of state sponsors of terrorism on May 29, 2015 by the Obama administration.

President Barack Obama believes this is a crucial step to normalize ties between Washington and Havana, according to The New York Times.

Secretary of State John Kerry removed Cuba’s designation at the end of a 45-day congressional notification period when Obama announced his intention to remove the designation, which was turned down unanimous-ly by committee members who also gave the bill a negative review.

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Obama met with Cuban president Raul Castro last month in Panama at the Summit of the Americas, an institutionalized gathering of the heads of state and governments to discuss common policy issues, in the first encounter in a half-century.

Obama would need Congress to lift the trade embargo and tourism ban, but his move last year relaxed some travel criteria. Improved trade regulations have paved the way for direct flights and ferry rides, along with business ventures between the United States and Cuba, according to The New York Times.

Republican Sen. of Arizona, Jeff Flake, has pressed for the lifting of remaining sanctions.

“When people get more freedom, they want more of it. Time has gotten away from those who favor the old policy,” said Flake.

Cuba’s reaction was muted. The state news media took note in brief articles without comment from government leaders. Cubans, however, had viewed the nation’s terrorism designation, in effect since 1982 when the government was sponsoring rebellious activity, according to The New York Times.

Those graduates getting jobs are often taking lower-paid positions than in the past, with few prospects for higher paychecks in the immediate future. Many of the newly employed are taking jobs that do not require a college degree, calling into question the economic consequences for the next 10 to 15 years; those in the class of 2015 are the seventh consecutive class to enter the labor market during a period of profound weakness,” said Davis.

The study shows that the unemployed young graduates remain substantially higher than before the recession began in 2007, according to Yahoo Finance News.

“Though job prospects for this group are better than they were for the several classes that graduated before them, many recent graduates remain underemployed or unskilled by the weak economy. In other words, too many young graduates are unable to pursue the two major paths that lead to future career success, further schooling and employment,” continued Davis.

The wide gap between unemployment and underemployment suggests that a lack of job opportunities is forcing young people to drop out of the labor force or take part-time jobs when they’re looking for full-time jobs, according to reports from the EPI.

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Alyssa Davis Economist

Law would have blocked public information about child abuse
By ALEXANDER DOUGLAS Staff Writer

This bill would also negate the effects of a law passed in 2008 that allowed reporters to access social workers’ case notes among other files that allowed them to show social services’ inadequacies and negligence, according to the Los Angeles Times.

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“It’s sad to see how people don’t open their eyes to something small that could eventually turn into something big. They could harm, sexual abuse or exploitation, or an act or failure to act which present a risk of serious harm, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Kasse Garcia, a liberal studies major, believes this truce will make history and will benefit the United States.

The slow pace of the recovery means that seven classes of students have graduated into an acutely weak labor market and have had to compete with more experienced workers for a limited number of job opportunities.

Among both high school and college graduates, women in particular have been experiencing large declines in work hours and low wages, according to Yahoo Finance News.

In fact, graduating in a time of economic hardship lasting 10 to 15 years; those in the class of 2015 will likely earn less than if they had graduated when job opportunities were higher, according to the Politico.

The California Department of Child Services attempted to pass the “trailer bill,” a bill that would prevent the public from looking at the case files of children who were killed by their parents’ boyfriends or girlfriends, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Reporter of the Bakersfield Californ-ian, Lois Henry, said, “the State Department of Social Services planned to sneak a measure into a budget trailer bill that would have increased secrecy regarding the deaths of children who die of abuse or neglect.”

Congress has passed the 1974 Child Abuse and Treatment Act that defined child abuse but neglected important mea-
CSUSB’s Master Plan in the works

By MARION GIL
News Editor

CSUSB’s Master Plan was the topic of a forum held at the SMSU Events Center on Thursday, June 4. The first meeting was held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the second meeting was held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The second half of the meeting dedicated a dialogue between experts and attendees. Set up at different tables—safety, living, learning, lifestyle, linkages and transportation—attendees were encouraged to move between tables and talk to experts concerning each topic.

Attendees provided ideas, talked about expectations, and generally brainstormed about what could be done to better the campus. Different boards where attendees could speak about the campus, voice concerns and give thoughts on the important aspects of the campus, were located at the back of the hall. According to Thompson, the Master Plan will be implemented over the course of 18 months.

For more information on the Master Plan, as well as what took place at the meetings, click on “Master Plan” under the “Information About” tab at csusb.edu.

Theatre Arts teaches vital skills

By ERIKA FLORES
Staff Writer

The Performing Arts Building is home to the Theatre Arts Department where every year students attain skills that can be used universally.

“Being an actor, directing, design, technical, drama education, dance and musical theater, the department offers various classes that help instill values that students can practice in the future.”

TJ Sloan, a fourth-year theatre arts major with an emphasis in acting, plans to pursue a career as a professional actor.

According to the Theatre Arts Department’s mission statement found on line, “The program is designed to prepare students for careers in a variety of fields, including the entertainment industry, education, and business.”

When asked what he liked most about being a part of the department, Sloan said, “What I like the most about acting is that it prepares you for life in general just like other fields do such as interpersonal communications to prepare us for jobs and also to learn to read people better.”

“I feel that this department prepares you as a well-rounded person in your communication skills, tech skills and because of that scene shop experience gained here I am now able to say that if something broke in my house, I would be able to fix it,” added Sloan.

Melissa Ruiz, a fourth-year double major in psychology and human development, is also pursuing a minor in dance.

She is currently a dance teacher for children at Project Life Impact in San Bernardino. Ruiz seeks to help children express themselves through dance.

“Seeing the excitement and joy of being in my class has made me realize that I need to continue doing what I love because others are also finding that same kind of love,” stated Ruiz.

Ruiz and Sloan are actively involved in practicing their skills on campus.

Sloan has participated in numerous plays on campus like “The Three Musketeers,” “The Balcony,” “As You Like It,” “Hairstory,” “Trojan Women” and “Romeo and Juliet.”

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“Taking classes here has also given me the opportunity to become a part of the University Dance Company.”

Ruiz has been involved with the University Dance Company (UDC) on campus and continues practicing her love of dance.

“As Vice President for the upcoming year, I know that these dance classes will help me accommodate the various amounts of students who also participate. I am more aware of the needs of others, Check out what the Pfau Library has to offer

By CECILIA GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

Study rooms, laptop checkouts, a cell-phone charging station, and food/drinking arrangements are just a few of the many services provided by John M. Pfau Library.

Assisting students since 1971, the library is a .44 million project covering nearly 166,000 square feet of the CSUSB campus.

On the library website, the division claims to be the campus hub for knowledge, research and technology.

The library also strives to motivate and empower people to be lifelong learners and thinkers.

In an effort to help students on their educational route the library, aside from its general purpose to serve as a center available for students to work on school related material, offers several additional services.

One of the newest services available to students is a cell phone charging station, located on the first floor near the south entrance.

Cellphones play an active role in many of our lives. Nowadays many students use cellphones to record lectures, take pictures of PowerPoint or review lecture notes prior to a test.

The library has given us the instruments necessary to further our education.

Other devices present within our academic learning are computers, laptops and copy machines.

Students are able to print from any of the computers throughout the library. The computers are linked to two printing stations, located at the Reference Desk on the first floor.

Printing is 15 cents per black and white page and 60 cents per colored page. For those seeking portability, laptops are also available. This service was made possible in Spring 2013 by the Vital Technology Student Fee.

There are 80 available laptops for checkout. Consult with a member from the check-out desk on the first floor for more information. Make sure to bring your Coyote OneCard.

Black-and-white photocopiers are also available for student use and are located in PL-111A on the first floor, and on the third floor across from the elevators.

Another service available to students, specifically designed for groups of two or more people, are the Group Study Rooms.

The library has a total of 12 Group Study Rooms located on floors three through five. Locations and descriptions can be found on the library website.

All rooms are equipped with white boards and additional items like dry-erase markers and erasers are available at the checkout desk.

Most rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis. However, students can also reserve Group Study Rooms at csusb.libcal.com/booking/group study.

Among all the various services available to students, the one which happens to be my personal favorite is the Café a Lib.

This service is located near the front entrance of the library and typically closes a few hours before the library building.

Whether you need a quick snack or a hot caffeinated beverage, Café a Lib offers a small assortment of convenient grab-and-go food and drink options.

When the café is closed, vending machines, located two doors down in the Copy Room, is a convenient alternative.

This amenity and the other services mentioned are here to convenience you and help you on your educational journey.

For more information on the many services the library has to offer visit John M. Pfau Library, or call 909-537-5091.

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By ERIKA FLORES
Staff Writer
Threatening speech is bad behavior

By BRITTANIE GUTIERREZ
Staff Writer

Popular apps, such as Snapchat and YikYak, are at the center of controversy across U.S. college campuses. The apps encourage students to create unofficial accounts for CSUSB depicting sexual indecency anonymously, publicized with little to no repercussions.

In my opinion, schools should educate students on repercussions for posting indecent content or inappropriate commentary on social media.

In a recent Buzzfeed.com article, the Feminists United on Campus (FUC) social organization from University of Mary Washington (UMW) was sent death threats for speaking out about sexual assault and derogatory language against females on YikYak.

The FUC sent UMW administration complaints and reports about derogatory comments said on YikYak, but were not helped. The university reported that because they were a public institution, the First Amendment protected the use of free speech on the app and one could not be denied their freedom of speech, according to Buzzfeed.

If I had seen death, rape, or any other kind of threat on any form of social media, I would have immediately reported the action, not only to my school’s administration, but the police as well due to the fact that a threat is a criminal activity.

I understand that freedom of speech is an individual right, but when your life is threatened for speaking out about equality and respect, action needs to be taken.

People do not realize that “free speech” is really “restricted speech”; one cannot defame or threaten any person in any form of communication because that person has the right to sue or press charges.

“I think people should be free to say what they want, but that doesn’t mean they’re exempt from the consequences of what they say,” said student Felicia De La Isla.

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“I think media is another form of social interaction…If we’re teaching people not to rape, we have to teach them not to make threats on any form of social media,” said student Kirk Ambriz.

You should be conscious of what you are posting and how you are interacting online. It seems like common sense, however, some people are unaware of the content they post because there are no immediate consequences.

Opposing Opinions on Islamophobia

By KASSANDRA GARCIA
Staff Writer

Islamophobia in the United States has increased immensely and needs to be stopped.

For those who do not know what that term means, Islamophobia (or anti-Muslim sentiment) is an exaggerated fear, hatred and hostility toward Islam and Muslims.

“It is perpetuated by negative stereotypes resulting in bias, discrimination, and the marginalization and exclusion of Muslims from social, political, and civic life,” according to Gallup, a news source.

Some Americans are trying to justify their fear or hate toward Islam and Muslims by stating that the way they feel is justified because of what occurred during tragic events such as Sept. 11, 2001.

America has allowed individuals to instantly assume that terrorist attacks are associated with those who are Muslim and this is not acceptable.

White people have acted as terrorists to those who differ from them, so for them to feel the need to brand every Muslim as a terrorist is hypocritical considering all they have done.

And when we talk about holy books, hooded men, and death, why never mention the KKK? recites poet Suhair Hamd from her poem “First Writing Since.”

Why is it that people, who are armed, are allowed to harass Muslims during praying at a mosque and cry that it is “Freedom of Speech” like the anti-Muslim armed protest set up by bikers on May 29 in Arizona.

According to a recent Huffington Post article, a group of bikers in Arizona planned to hold a protest outside an Islamic community center.

“Everybody has a right to be a bigot. Everybody has a right to be a racist. Every body has a right to be an idiot,” said Usama Shami, president of the community center that was being targeted.

“They’re not looking for an intellectual conversation. They’re looking to stir up controversy and we’re not going to be a part of it,” added Shami.

According to the Arizona Republic, Islamic community centers in Arizona, received anonymous letters that threatened to kill the imams (Muslim worship leaders) and their families if they “don’t repent and turn to Christ [from the] countless demons of Islam.”

These letters also threatened to burn down American mosques, stating, “I can see entire Muslim communities destroyed...” and “our people are watching you and patrolling your mosque.”

So why are Muslims groups constantly being attacked and judged for their religion?

“What ever happened to freedom of religion? Do Americans just throw that idea out the window when it doesn’t pertain to Christianity?” asked student Idris Tirado.

To do so is illogical, and that type of argument is so commonly used it is called the No True Scotsman fallacy. ISIS are Muslims and they, like other extremist organizations, are following Islamic teachings from the Qur’an.

Those who say that ISIS or other extremist groups are contradicting the teachings of Islam are misinformed or have not done enough research into the subject.

As opposed to the genuinely peaceful religion of Jainism, which mandates its followers be strictly non-violent towards both people and the environment, ISIS is fostering its defenders to follow the faith with violence.

Evidence of this is everywhere. When a YouTube video was published that contained an offensive depiction of Muhammad in 2012, it led to riots in numerous Muslim countries and a terrorist attack occurred.

More recently, a similar incident happened in the French publication Charlie Hebdo, which I wrote about in an opinion piece in Jan. 2015. The FUC sent UMW administration complaints and reports about derogatory comments said on YikYak, but were not helped. The university reported that because they were a public institution, the First Amendment protected the use of free speech on the app and one could not be denied their freedom of speech, according to Buzzfeed.

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Opinions

Caitlyn Jenner deserves acceptance

By JESY AMARO
Staff Writer

Caitlyn Jenner, former Olympian athlete Bruce Jenner, has transformed from male to female and could not be happier—after two months of isolation keeping her whole life secret from the world.

The stunning and beautiful Caitlyn Jenner has finally announced her true authentic-self, years after suppressing her femininity and performing masculinity instead.

Her two eldest kids, Burt and Casey Jenner, knew of their father’s intentions at a young age, and the rest of her children who found out only a couple years ago.

“Bruce always had to tell a lie he was always living that lie everyday he always had a secret from morning to night, Caitlyn doesn’t have any secrets,” according to Vanity Fair.

Jenner is fully aware of having been absent as a parent before her transformation, when she was still Bruce, and hopes Caitlyn will get closer to her children.

Jenner told Vanity Fair contributor and editor Buzz Bissinger in her interview, “If I was lying on my deathbed and I had kept this secret and never ever did anything about it, I would be lying there saying, ‘You just blew your entire life.’”

“It’s really inspirational and I hope that more people will gain the courage to embrace their true-self,” said student Alisa Valdez in support of Jenner’s bravery.

Although some people praise Jenner for her bravery, others disagree with her decision.

“I don’t agree with her, she’s wasting her money and time,” said student Marlyn Amaro.

Countless celebrities try to diminish Jenner’s decision by bashing her identity.

For example, Snoop Dogg said, “I’m really upset.. that Bruce Jenner is a science project.”

Despite hate from people who do not accept her, Jenner has proven to us that there is no age to stop loving oneself and making improvements to enjoy life to its fullest.

Bruce is the past, Caitlyn is the present and will be for the rest of her life. The Vanity Fair cover title “Call Me Caitlyn” clearly informs the public about Jenner’s preferred identity in an approach to prevent misgendering.

In my opinion, it is interesting to me to see how the acceptance of Jenner is socially fragmented within our society.

In some foreign countries it would be considered illegal to be transgender and there would be punishment, according to 76crimes.com.

In America, the sexualization of women is a constant struggle that Jenner has already been subjected to.

In a segment conducted by Jon Stewart on The Daily Show, Caitlyn is already seen as a sex symbol.

Stewart criticized broadcast news clips which featured statements such as “look at her boobs,” and comparing her body image to Kim Kardashian and Kris Jenner.

“When you were a man we could talk about your athleticism but now you’re a woman, your looks are really the only thing we care about,” said Stewart who was trying to shed light on how people view Jenner’s transformation.

“I’m not doing this to be interesting. I’m doing this to live,” said Jenner.

For any students who are questioning themselves or need a safe zone from injustice, feel free to visit the Santos Manuel Student Union Pride Center (SMSU) on campus.

“Pride Center offers a safe haven for LGBTQ students, as well as educational programs and a fun atmosphere for any CSUSB student,” said SMSU Pride Center student assistant, Raul Maldonado.

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Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSE) 2014 Indicators
As graduation approaches, CSUSB seniors reflect on their college experience and future plans while anxiously awaiting commencement. With their college days nearing an end, some students are experiencing a wave of mixed emotions, from excitement and pride, to fear and uncertainty.

Graduation can evoke a number of questions, and perhaps the most prominent question of them all is “What will I do next?”

“It’s kind of scary to think about life after graduation,” stated CSUSB communications senior Cecilia Beccera. “I want to travel. Learn more about this place we live in. Taste amazing food. Live a happy life surrounded by family and friends. My next move? Just keep adventuring,” added Beccera.

Health science major Melissa Polo has big plans after graduation.

“I will continue my education in a master’s program in Fall 2016. My dream job is to work as a health educator in the Inland Empire and coordinate public health efforts to better our community,” stated Polo.

While students may be stressing about planning their next move, some still find solace in looking back at their favorite college memories.

“From staying up late working on local matters, to sneaking across the UH basement hall to the Chronicle newsroom to play cards with the editorial staff, superimposing on projects and papers or sipping coffee to go on food runs! They are all memories I cherish. They all had an influencing role on who I am now,” said Beccera.

Coyotes reflect on cherished CSUSB memories

By ANGIE BURKHART

Fanfiction treats fiction as real

Fanfiction is the ner vous system of an online community of fans broadening and keeping alive the fictional universes they love.

I know sometimes people just can’t stand an ending, or a character leaving. This can be true for movies, TV shows, books, or even video games.

So people turn to fanfictions to either find their happiness, or to write it.

Fanfictions, or fanfics, are written fiction stories about characters from pre-existing works of fiction or even real life celebrities.

They are all about changing endings, couple pairings, or even writing all of the characters into a new universe.

The authors morph the existing works into a new universe—sometimes minutely, sometimes drastically.

"Fanfics allow you to get lost in ideas previously not explored on the show," stated student Thelma, K.

The beauty of it all is that there are no rules, no boundaries as to what you can do with the characters. The only limit is your imagination.

While there are no rules about how and what to write, copyright laws may still be in place. Fanfictions are rarely authorized by the original owners. Some authors encourage them, while others forbid them.

J.K. Rowling, the creator of "Harry Potter," is "very flattered by the fact there is such great interest in her Harry Potter series and that people take the time to write their own stories," said the spokesman for the Christopher Little Literary Agency.

However, the creator of "Game of Thrones" has been pretty open about his dislike of the concept.

"My characters are my children, I have been heard to say. I don’t want people making off with them, thank you," stated George R.R. Martin on his blog.

You can usually find a disclaimer at the beginning of fanfictions; they remind everyone that the author doesn’t own anything related to the original work and is just playing with the characters.

E.L. James, known for "Fifty Shades of Grey," started out with writing fanfictions. She wrote an erotic "Twilight" fanfic and re-wrote it with new characters, resulting in the memorable trilogy.

Some professional authors started writing fanfiction, while some published authors use this liberating form of writing to have fun between their own books or to get over their writer’s block.

One downside for the reader is that the lack of rules doesn’t ensure the quality of the readings.

“Tired reading fanfiction, but the writing wasn’t very good,” stated student Cesar Marin.

It’s important to remember that this is also a training exercise for many aspiring authors.

"I can take time to find a good story or idea that appeals to you. There are different genres of fanfics, just like there are different genres of fiction in real life. A person could read a whole “Star Wars” fanfic labeled “romance” that would only be about Yoda and Chewbacca’s life as a couple. Like I said, no limits, and people are writing about the craziest pairings possible.

The ratings are also specified, detailing the level of mature content from K to MA, similar to movie ratings.

Because there are no limits, some authors prefer the raunchy side of things, and a lot of graphic art was inspired by it. Not only can you read crazy pairings, but also see them Photoshopped together in an intimate setting.

Another great thing allowed by fanfics are crossovers. Authors merge different universes and have the characters interact. You can read or write a crossover between “Friends” and “Twilight,” for example.

Fanfictions are available on a number of different free websites. In my opinion, the most complete and practical website would be ArchiveOfOurs.com, but archiveofourown.org is a good one too.

There is also a free mobile application called Fanfiction Reader. You can download the stories in one click and create your own little library, with access to them offline.

Fanfiction is life, enjoy!
Knowledge is easily attainable in the 21st century, all thanks to the Internet. You can go from instantaneously looking up a scholarly source to following a vegan lasagna recipe. You can research so much information within the Internet, allowing you to obtain “mindless” knowledge. But that doesn’t change the fact that the Internet has failed to change social status.

It has not affected social mobility and has kept a divide between the future of rich and poor kids within the United States as written in the article, “Rich kids use the Internet to get ahead, and poor kids use it ‘mindlessly,’” available on marketwatch.com.

Robert Putnam, political scientist and Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University, explored this separation of advances in technology within his new book, “Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis.”

“It has not leveled the playing field at all in terms of the difference between rich kids and poor kids,” stated Putnam.

Putnam does not fail to mention it is not the Internet’s fault for this, nor is it the kids who are using technology. The usage of technology may vary from one social class to another. Young people within an upper-class status tend to use the Internet for educational, political, health, and more “rewarding” causes, according to Putnam.

Putnam said that those in a lower socioeconomic class tend to use technology advances for entertainment and recreational purposes. However, Putnam is not saying wealthier children are completely focusing their Internet usage on topics like statistical mechanics. It is inevitable that there are interactions through social networking with Instagram, Skype, and even Snapchat.

Although, there is a reflection shown on social networks in real life, meaning wealthier kids can bring in more of an audience to help them further their career paths. “Just because teens can get access to a technology that can connect them to anyone anywhere does not mean that they have equal access to knowledge and opportunity,” stated Putnam.

“You lie down with dogs, you get up with fleas. I don’t think the Internet has anything to do with social mobility,” said student Forrest Guthrie.

“I believe it comes down to how your guardians raise you. If they raise you to succeed and push you in the right direction,” added Guthrie.

Money talks and may potentially surround you with a crowd you might not want to attract, yet, it may get you farther than knowledge alone. I also agree it comes down to how determined a person is to change their social status, because even if you know all there is to know of a subject or field, but have no connections in order to further your career path, you may still be unsuccessful.
I found myself at CSUSB

Foreign student takes us through her journey

By YERIN KIM

I found myself at CSUSB

One short-haired, Korean student standing alone before the library, while holding a campus map, seemed lost.

She managed to enter the first orientation day, but she couldn’t understand what the professor said.

She arrived at the dormitory, and there was no one to ask, “How was your day?”

Suddenly, her eyes were wet with tears.

One year later, she goes to the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) where her friends are and they welcome her with smiles.

Every Friday, she shares her culture through the Korean Culture Club as president. Now, she is writing about her stay in America, looking back upon her life.

This is the story of how I changed during my year-long exchange program.

Although it was a short period, through a process of trial-and-error with priceless people I met on this side of the world, I achieved my purpose and learned a lot about myself, people, and love—bringing happiness to my life.

I wanted to find my true self, the part of me I had forgotten in Korea’s busy daily-life.

Once I realized that good grades and careers may guarantee social success, but not true happiness and love, I confused my values and purpose in life.

My hope to see more diverse people in the greater world, and encounter distinct values pushed me towards the U.S.

Adjusting to the new environment was the process of training myself to trust and follow my inner voice.

It reduced fear and anxiety and loneliness, doing everything alone in a different country, where I knew no one and the language and culture were alien to me.

When I got lost in front of a Walmart, my phone died and I felt scared, realizing that it’s only me I could rely on in this unfamiliar country.

Unaffordable dormitory fees caused me to go house-hunting, and I felt overwhelmed with the unfamiliar information—like rent, water bills, heating, and electric.

I struggled to understand the above considerations while comparing one house to another. In my major, history, almost everyone communicated with one another actively, except me, because of my insufficient English skills.

These difficulties allowed me to develop a sense of independence, confidence, and self-determination. But most importantly, during the process, I realized that my friends are always behind me.

My-year-long stay developed my interpersonal relationships, forging powerful connections with students of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

At first, it was not easy interacting with new people. I felt excluded during daily conversations with friends when they laughed at jokes I didn’t understand.

I was afraid of approaching American students at first, thinking: “What if they rejected me, laughing at my different cultural background and poor English pronunciation?”

Contrary to my negative prediction, American students accepted me as a person regardless of where I came from, how I looked, or how bad my English was.

Through cultural exchanges with American friends, I figured out an important truth: Hearts comprehend one another, far beyond linguistic and cultural barriers.

My American friends—my family—taught me to accept and consider the differences between individuals; neither is it wrong to be different, nor to be myself.

They always encouraged me to discover who I really am—my interests, weaknesses, and strengths, and my purpose in life—by respecting and loving who I am.

Thanks to their support and trust, I challenged myself on everything I’ve always wanted to do, but didn’t put in practice, using any plausible excuse I could find, like school assignments or exams.

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Every moment is important and precious to me as I spend time with my loved ones, show the affection I can’t express enough, and follow my dream with burning passion, as always.

“Don’t forget who you were in the U.S. and who you will become,” said Cesar Morales, my genuine friend.
LOCAL FASHION DESIGNER MAKES HIS MARK

By TIFFANY MOYES
Staff Writer

A local fashion designer has started his own brand of ordinary clothing for the anything but ordinary fashion enthusiast.

Ordnajela is a new garage-made fashion brand based in Apple Valley, Calif. Alejandro Galvan is the designer responsible for this new style hitting the Inland Empire.

Galvan has always had an interest in fashion and decided to take his passion to the next level when he chose to start his journey at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) back in 2007.

While in school, Galvan perfected many skills that would help him eventually create his own high-end fashion line.

After two years of taking classes at FIDM, Galvan graduated in 2009 with his associates degree in fashion design and was ready to begin his next venture.

In 2010, Galvan decided to move to Mexico to study at a major fashion institute, Centro de Diseño de Modas, for the next two years and continued to learn and excel in his studies.

Galvan then returned back to U.S. soil and landed a job with Free People, an American bohemian retail company that sells women’s clothes.

There, Galvan worked on creating many designs and one of his more popular designs, called Leaves Fall Crop, was chosen for mass production and is now being sold under the Free People label.

Galvan stayed with Free People for an eye-opening year and decided that he wanted to focus on starting his own clothing line, Ordnajela.

Ordnajela includes clothing for men and women that displays a new side of style to many fashion enthusiasts.

On his website, Galvan breaks down his line into different parts called capsules, which include Electric Peace, Recycled Series and Modern Classics.

This helps to explain the inspiration and ideas that have led to his clothing pieces.

The Electric Peace capsule has a retro element from music played in the 50s, 60s and 70s, which is something that strongly influenced ideas in Galvan’s life.

Many designers in the fashion industry waste endless amounts of fabrics and clothing everyday, which is slowly killing our ecosystem.

Ordnajela wants to make a difference, which is why Galvan created the Recycled Series, which includes pieces made from secondhand clothing and scraps while still being different and edgy.

Galvan also wants to create the fashion of the future and be ahead of the game with his Modern Classics capsule, summed up as monochromatic, futuristic, minimalistic and new neutrals.

“Many of his pieces are very different, but I would totally wear them and I love what the Recycled Series capsule stands for,” said student Dominique Morris.

Galvan has been hard at work with his fashion line but in his downtime he recently just finished an internship with Band of Outsiders.

Band of Outsiders is a Los Angeles-based clothing label known for its modern and rebellious take on American style.

Galvan successfully completed the internship and now has a new surge of inspiration to keep working on his collection and even managed to pick up some new fabrics from them to inspire future pieces for Ordnajela.

“In the near future, I see Ordnajela as a source and platform for emerging creative talents,” said Galvan.

The next step for the brand is trying to get more publicity for his designs at local farmer’s markets and flea markets and show what he has to offer as a designer.

Ordnajela is currently available for purchase on Etsy and prices range from $30-$100. For more information, please visit www.ordnajela.com.
Summer movie season begins

By RACHEL MOLINA
Staff Writer

The 2015 summer movie season has officially begun!
With that in mind, some CSUSB students are excited with anticipation to see upcoming films.
On June 12, the “Jurassic Park” we were introduced to in 1993 will reopen its gates, and we will be introduced to new dinosaurs on the island Isla Nublar in all new Jurassic World.
After 10 years of operation in the new park, the visitor ratings begin to decline and with that, new attractions are created to re-spark the visitor’s interest.
Chris Pratt will star as Owen Grady, a man who has a way of communicating with the vicious Velociraptors and Bryce Dallas Howard as Claire, who is the park’s operation manager.
I am personally excited to see this film after growing up with all three installments of Jurassic Park and can’t wait to see the new visuals it has to offer.
Another film that I look forward to seeing is Disney Pixar’s “Inside Out,” that is set to be released on June 19.
The movie focuses on young Riley who moves to a new home with her parents.
In the process of her new life, her emotions are plunged into chaos as they compete to control her mind.
The emotions inside her brain are joy, fear, anger, disgust, and sadness.
Comedians Amy Poehler, Bill Hader and Mindy Kaling are voices for three of the emotions.
“Disney and Pixar studios have always found ways for their films to impact not only their younger audience but adults as well,” said student Janette Palomo.
“This film has a very interesting concept and I am looking forward to seeing it,” she continued.
Every summer we can anticipate a Marvel film and this season they will deliver with two.
“Ant-Man” will star Paul Rudd as Scott Lang who is able to shrink in scale but increase in strength in his armed super suit.
In order to help his mentor Dr. Hank Pym, Scott must embrace his inner hero and help him plan and pull off a heist that will save the world.
“Paul Rudd can do no wrong. He is a great comedic actor who is now going to jump into the stratosphere of popularity,” said student Tim Sanders.
“Ant-Man” shrinks onto the big screen July 17.
Danger allures in the second Marvel film “Fantastic Four,” where four young outsiders teleport to an alternate universe where their appearance becomes altered in shocking ways.
The four must learn to harness their new abilities and work together to save Earth from a friend who has turned against them.
“Compared to the previous cartoonish versions, the new ‘Fantastic Four’ looks more dark and serious which is awesome! I’m all for it,” said student Oscar Saldana.
Mr. Fantastic, The Invisible Woman, The Thing and The Human Torch are cast with some young familiar faces and will appear on August 7.
So grab your friends, your popcorn and ICEE and enjoy your summer gazing up at the big screen.

‘Votes fun under the sun playlist
Assembled By RAPHAEL DUNN
Staff Writer

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By DANNY YBARRA  
Staff Writer

More than 13 years after its final episode aired, the series phenomenon known as "X-Files," is returning to television in a six-episode revival. CEOs of Fox, Gary Newman and Dana Walden (both whom were a part of all nine original seasons of the show) confirmed in late May that the show would make a comeback, according to Variety.com.

Fox Television Group has also confirmed that David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson will be back to reprise their roles, alongside original producer Chris Carter, who is the brainchild behind the age-defining series.

"I am excited for the six-episode revival! It has been a long time and is perhaps a bit overdue," said student Renee Griep.

Since "X-Files" first aired in 1993, many students were not old enough to watch, let alone understand, the show. However, thanks to sites like Netflix and Hulu, the show has been able to reach a whole new generation.

"I heard of the show before and when I found it online I couldn’t stop watching it," said student Moses Bernabe.

In celebration of the new season, here are my top five best X-Files episodes that are sure to get you hooked and ready for the next chapter of "the truth."

The true believer can catch the new season on Fox in January 2016.

1. Pilot (Season 1, Episode 1): Simply because, if the first episode doesn’t catch your attention, then why continue watching, right? The first episode showcases beautifully how the relationship between the show’s two main characters will grow, not to mention sci-fi in all it’s glory.

2. Clyde Bruckman’s Final Response (Season 3, Episode 4): In my opinion, this is the best stand-alone episode. No government conspiracies or aliens in sight, but rather an episode about a clairvoyant (played by Peter Boyle who won an Emmy Award for this performance) who can predict the way a person will die. This is definitely the episode you will find yourself most emotionally invested in.

3. Bad Blood (Season 5, Episode 12): Possibly the funniest episode in the series, it centers around a small town with a supposed vampire problem. The episode explains the story first from Scully’s point of view, then from Mulder’s. This episode does a great job of explaining the frustration Mulder and Scully sometimes feel towards each other.

4. X-Cops (Season 7, Episode 12): A skillfully made cross-over by producer Vince Gilligan (creator of Breaking Bad), X-Cops brought together X-Files and Cops, two of Fox’s most successful shows. Filmed like an episode of Cops with hand held cameras, Mulder and Scully partner with local police officers to find the “monster of the week.” This is undoubtedly the most creative episode in the series.

5. The Truth (Season 9, Episodes 19 and 20): The finale of the series was a two-part spectacle that was the perfect ending to the show. The episodes brought back Mulder who is found to be on trial for murder and must race to prove his innocence. It does a great job of tying together many of the lingering loose ends, while also leaving room for more questions, which are hopefully to be answered in the upcoming revival.
Arts & Entertainment

Chance the Rapper doesn’t disappoint

By JOSE ALVAREZ
Staff Writer

Chancellor Jonathan Bennett, better known as Chance the Rapper, has released the free album “Surf” with a new music group called The Social Experiment.

During an interview with The Breakfast Club, Chance the Rapper described the group as “a collective of a lot of different artists that are interested in making dope, free stuff.”

The fans wanted another solo album, but after the first few tracks it became apparent that they were not going to get what they expected.

The album had a very jazzy feel, which will make this a controversial listen to the younger audience.

The album had a consistent, relaxing vibe throughout its entirety, but one of the sounds that I felt stood out the most was a very soft trumpet that is sprinkled on top of many of the songs.

“I, personally, enjoyed the album, but I can definitely see why some people are disappointed,” said Marco Leguizamo, former student and hip hop producer.

“People expected another ‘Acid Rap’ with Chance rapping over his style of production, now people want to complain even though he did try to tell them in interviews, but still people hyped it up and now we all see what he was trying to tell us,” Leguizamo continued.

Chance made a lot of noise back in 2013 with his record “Acid Rap” and attempted to do the same with this.

“I first heard of Chance the Rapper when ‘Acid Rap’ was released and I really like what he did there. It was a breath of fresh air from all of the trap music. I see this new album doing the same thing,” said Maribel Cazares, a CSUSB graduate.

“I did expect to hear more of Chance, however, I was pleasantly surprised by the sound of the album because this is something I can listen to when I’m in a jazz type of mood,” Cazares added.

The album has many great names attached to it, for example J. Cole, B.o.B, and Busta Rhymes to name a few.

Two stand-out tracks for me are “Miracle” and “Sunday Candy.” I felt that these two tracks captured the feeling of the album perfectly.

“Realizing that you should never speak on things done/ People keep it a secret and keep goin’/ Ain’t no reason to keep on thinkin’/ There’s something deeper, there’s China up under my garden/ Tryna break bread start beggin’/ My pardon/ My lead is astray, let’s get an apartment/ With a dog and a song that I wrote you this morning.”

These lyrics from “Miracle” showcase Chance’s flow, delivery and poetic ability all in one.

I highly recommend this album, so catch the album for free on iTunes.
Self-defense in the Rec Center

By RICARDO MENDEZ
Staff Writer

Trying to learn some self-defense and have more flexibility? Come and attend a session of the Jiu-Jitsu class at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center (Rec Center). Compared to other combat sports, Jiu-Jitsu focuses on self-defense.

“We don’t improve ourselves in order to fight. We fight in order to improve ourselves,” said Jigoro Kano, the founder of Judo.

Jiu-Jitsu stresses using the opponent’s own strength to redirect the attack. Robert Chris Riojas is the instructor and has a lot of experience and background.

“I’ve trained 20 years with San Bernardino, [I] am a Judo brown belt and blue belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu,” said Riojas.

Class started with some basic warm ups including shrimp crawls and forward and backward rolls all performed on mats to prevent hard falls.

Participants were not dazed when, right after warm up, they were taught the first move of the day: the In Seoi Nage.

This technique is a shoulder throw in which the opponent’s elbow and bicep is trapped; your knees are bent and your body is twisted to be off balance as the opponent is then tossed. Basic guard passes and side controls were demonstrated and then performed with a partner.

The instructor seemed committed to making sure the participants understood and properly executed techniques.

Repetition is key, after a few minutes the partners would then rotate, allowing both people the opportunity to try the move.

This and many other classes are advertised all over the Rec Center. “I come to the gym a lot, saw the schedule and decided to try it out,” said senior Vanessa Bravo.

USA Volleyball visits CSUSB

By SHELBY HANCOCK
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History is about to take place in the CSUSB Coussoulis Arena with the USA Volleyball Cup.

The No. 1 USA Women’s National Team takes on the No. 3 China team on June 12, 2015 at CSUSB.

“USA overpowered China 3-1 to collect its first-ever title at a triple crown event,” stated the CSUSB athletics homepage.

Both teams are preparing for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

The Volleyball Cup is a showcase for the national teams, playing some of the best teams in the world.

“The event will bring world-class volleyball to Southern California,” according to Eventbrite, the event coordinator.

During the showcase, USA will play China four times, starting in Hawaii, then moving to Irvine and ending in San Bernardino.

After the Volleyball Cup, the USA team will then move on to play other country’s teams, such as Italy, Turkey and Belgium, with games happening all over the world.

Tickets are available on the CSUSB athletics website, ranging from $10 to $150 per person.

This event will mark the start of the Olympic Volleyball season and we all have a chance to be a part of it.

“There are no fans in America that love volleyball more than in SoCal and this is their chance to see volleyball played at the highest level,” stated Eventbrite.

As the national team prepares for the 2016 Summer Olympics, held Aug. 5-21, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, we have the chance to show our support and cheer them on.
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LUXURY STUDENT LIVING ACROSS THE STREET FROM CSUSB
“CSUSB plans to expand the Rec Center to re-energize the campus and to create a fun environment for students to enjoy while on campus,” said Rick Craig, director of the Student Recreation and Fitness Center (Rec Center).

The current Rec Center has been deemed “too small” to be used to its full potential. “This includes overcrowding, long wait times for equipment, and a first-come, first-serve basis for certain facilities inside the center,” Craig said.

Craig said that he is currently working with architects and students to begin the expansion process. The economy is getting better, so it has been determined that the Rec Center can finally receive the upgrade that the school has been hoping for.

An open forum held Wednesday, June 3 allowed students to discuss ideas, hopes, needs, and expectations for the enlargement. During the meeting, plans from the architects were unveiled as well as comparisons to recreational facilities on other campuses. This helped provide a visual of the potential impact the expansion can have.

The forum was more so in a “silent auction” format as opposed to an outright discussion. Upbeat music and multicolored lights were used to draw students to the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) lobby.

Students were given green and red stickers along with post-it notes to voice their opinions and ideas directly on the display boards. Posters were placed in a large circle with proposed additions for the Rec Center. Students placed green stickers on ideas they thought would be beneficial and red stickers on ideas they didn’t support.

Ideas for the Rec Center included a trampoline room, a foam pit, multiple rock climbing walls, and a bowling alley, just to name a few.

The outside walls surrounding the idea boards were dedicated to questions that students could respond to by using the post-it notes provided.

“I think that there could’ve been some improvements explanation-wise, like some idea of what each would cost and bring to the table. Other than that, I feel like they did a pretty good job as far as visualizing in a hip way,” said business administration major Franklin Miranda.

Students were asked questions about relieving stress, recreational activities they’d like to see on campus, and what would enhance their college experience. “The Rec Center already has pretty cool stuff, like the water massage bed and all the good exercise equipment, but I want to see it be bigger,” said psychology major Suleica Del Rio.

One of the main reasons for the expansion is to help provide a place for students to visit with friends and get a workout in. The expansion means more space, more equipment, equating to less wait times, if any.

More space also means more room for facilities to be used for exercise classes and pick-up sports games. The expansion will continue to be planned throughout the year, with estimated costs and architectural designs to be revealed in the fall.