Deadline draws near

Magdalena Lumpkin
Staff Writer

Expensive tuition increases student debt before venturing into the real world. Every student should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), to ensure they can receive financial aid.

There is no deadline for the FAFSA, but there is a priority deadline for FAFSA that is on March 3, 2009. FAFSAs that are submitted by the priority deadline will be processed first and students will have a nationwide effect. As a result, many types of financial aid programs that help students in need are available and offered to all students who are enrolled in college.

There are four types of facilities that help students in need:

1. Grants: These are gifts and scholarships and work-study at every campus.
2. Loans: These are available and offered to all students who are enrolled in college.
3. Financial aid: These are offered to students who are enrolled in college.
4. Work-study: These are available and offered to all students who are enrolled in college.

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U.S. to keep troops in Iraq

Christine Garcia
Staff Writer

Almost 4,000 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the war on Oct. 7, 2001, according to the Associated Press. But President Bush's top diplomat in Iraq, announced on Feb. 1, that the U.S. plans to keep combat troops in Iraq in 2009.

Crooker told the AP that 2009 is seen as the tipping point for establishing Iraq's long-term security and did not suggest a deadline for a full withdrawal. The war is an ongoing conflict that began on March 20, 2003. If carried out, these plans will bring the war into its sixth year.

Crooker said American combat troops will be reduced to about 300 by 2009 to battle a resilient al-Qaeda and still-vibrant insurgency. Carrying the war may one day have a nationwide effect.

Adrian Sanchez, a 19-year-old Fontana resident, is a member of the National Guard. He received orders that his unit will be deployed to Iraq in 2009.

"Even though I'll be serving the country, I'm not looking forward to being away from my friends, my family and my girlfriend for 18 months," Sanchez said.

The results of the upcoming presidential elections may influence how long U.S. forces will remain in Iraq.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Barack Obama, D-Ill., have said they would begin withdrawing forces quickly if elected to the presidency. Obama claims that he would bring all combat forces home within 16 months.

Clinton has not set a deadline but says she wants to bring most troops home inside of one year, according to the AP.

Either Clinton or Obama will become the next president.

Republican frontrunner Sen. John McCain of Arizona, said he would essentially continue Bush's strategy of bringing troops home.

Christine Garcia/Chronicle

Super aftermath

Stephanie Salvador
Staff Writer

Twenty-four states in the U.S. including California held their Democratic Primary Elections on Feb. 5.

The results as they currently stand are that the Democratic Party holds a tight race between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

However, Hillary Clinton has the lead in California as well as in the nation in the race for the Democratic nomination for president.

Because the race is so close, it is possible that the choice for the Democratic presidency nomination will be in the hands of super delegates according to the Associated Press.

Super delegates are free to choose whoever they feel they want to vote for, unlike the delegates who are voted through primaries and caucuses.

"I voted for Hillary Clinton based on her husband and how she ran the country. She would not have his footsteps and do a good job," said CSUSB student Yeletcia Grayson.

On the Republican side John McCain has a close lead from his fellow candidates according to figures from the associated press.

Mitch Romney, the party's runner-up, dropped out of the race on Thursday, Feb. 7, to make it possible for McCain to receive the Republican Presidential nominations.

CSUSB student Andrew Camp was just one of Romney's supporters. "I didn't vote because I didn't feel that my vote mattered in California but I would have voted if Mitt Romney was my choice," he said.

In November I will go out and vote republicans!

In a speech to the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, Romney explained that he continued to campaign all the way it would damage the chances of a republican to take office in November.

"I felt I must stand and assist our party and our country," he added.

However CSUSB Political Science Professor Scott Zimmt believes that a democrat will most likely win.

"He is in favor of every civilization. He is in favor of the democrats who are doing things in the same direction as the country currently faces especially in relation to the economy.

The problem that republicans are having is that the issues are playing into the hands of the democrats and Bush has made crude mistakes in his running for the vote," he added.

Zimmt also went on to say that Republicans are losing popularity because the democrats are strong in the states that the country currently faces especially in relation to the economy.

According to the Associated Press California voted no on propositions 91-97 and yes on propositions 91-97.

With these results a no for propositions 91 meant that the state would no longer be able to assess aviation levies in order to finance the general fund to transportation which in turn increases the liability of state funding for transportation projects such as streets and highways.

A no for proposition 92 does not change the funding technique used for the California Community Colleges (CCC).

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CVSU student Yvonne Nguyen/Chronicle
**Unemployment rates affect grades**

**News**

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Elise Casas
Staff Writer

College graduates expect to have a professional job since they completed their education but recent job trends might make this difficult.

In 2007, hiring managers and they planned to recruit 79 percent of recent college graduates according to careerbuilder.com. The odds just got worse.

In January 2008, the unemployment rate for the United States was 6.9 percent, which meant 615,000 were unemployed, according to the EDD.

"The recent job run will affect all of the areas we are going to be grading," CSUSB Senior Room Del Ruiz said. "I want to be able to have the students feel safe in the event that if I'm able to do, but not enough to show up."

"We are continuing to provide new job service as we always provided such as unemployment insurance, job search assistance and local training," Kevin Culbert at the career counseling.

The Department of Communication extended the hours of operation in numerous, locations across California.

"We have five offices in San Bernardino County that offer job help."

"There is online links at our websites where you can view off for policies of all California," Culbert added.

"The deficit today is at 1.2 percent of GDP, which is lower than the previous deficit of 1.5 percent. In other words, we have told the American people that by keeping the deficit low we can say, and be self reliant, and by working with congress to reduce priorities we can be financially responsible and we can hold to balance," President George W. Bush said.

"After 22 consecutive months of job creation, we lost 17,000 jobs. The unemployment rate went up to 4.9 percent, a serious matter that is for the first time in 11 months that we didn't even show a decline," Bush added.

"The government usually likes to wait until a problem has been exposed before they try to solve it," CSUSB Senior Carlos Lopez said. "If President Bush's administration would allow Congress to do what we can't, the information would be put out faster."

The stimulus package is supposed to put $15 billion into the economy.

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**Record enrollment**

Elise Casas/Chronicle

A record number of students applied for the California State University (CSU) system for fall 2008.

CSU received 515,448 undergraduate applications as of Jan. 29.

The increase represents up to 48,000 more applicants than last year, according to CSU public affairs.

CSU enrollment has grown by an average of 2.3 percent for the past several years, and it was estimated that the CSU would not have grown by another approximately 16,000 students in academic year 2008-09, CSU spokesman Paul Browning said.

According to Browning, over the last few years, first-time freshmen applications have increased by 1,280 percent.

Lower division transfer-applications dropped by 560 percent.

CSU has 23 campuses, including Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Sacramento State, Cal State Bakersfield, Cal State Fresno, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Monterey Bay have had the application deadline from Feb. 1 to March 2.

"Those campuses typically take the last bit of its students and provide immediate enrollment goals and usually allow students to enroll throughout the summer," Browning said.

"The spring applications are the ones that are given in person or are filled out in the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment.

"Any increase in student enrollment for the current quarter is beneficial not only to the universi, but all of the state," Browning said.

"The CSU continually reaches out with the biggest effort to meet state's underserved communities. The goal is to reach an existing increase of 12 percent in Latinos and 5.5 percent in African Americans."

"These groups are the future of our society that we need to prioritize within the state budget," Bush said.

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CSUSB comments on presidential candidates

Shantal Anderson
Staff Writer

Being politically involved, diverse and the ability to communicate well with others was the deciding factor for four students who were chosen to represent CSUSB live on ABC Super Tuesday's national news.

CSUSB was one of the seven schools to be chosen randomly for the ABC news program where students will have the opportunity to comment on the issues that matter the most to themselves. The coverage appeared on a special edition of ABC's News Now, which was aired specifically for Super Tuesday elections.

Reporters Sam Donahue and Lauren Marquette co-hosted the program live from New York.

Some of the other schools to participate in the same event across the nation were Arizona State University, University of New York, New Hampshire University and Tennessee University.

The students participating in the broadcasting were: Anderson, 21-years-old, a sophomore majoring in Mass Communications; Amwald, 21-years-old, a senior majoring in Biology, Holt, 25-years-old, a junior majoring in political science; and Lehmkuhl, 22-years-old, a senior majoring in psychology.

Each of the participants represented four of the five presidential candidates by wearing their political party's shirt color.

On the democratic side with blue shirts, Shantal Anderson favored Hillary Clinton and Colin Hale favored Barack Obama.

On the republican side with red shirts, Jordan Arnswald favored Mitt Romney and Jan Lehmkuhl favored John McCain.

Two Republican and two Democratic students were asked to join other students nationwide to give their input on issues that affected them.

The participants commented on government policies that they would want next year's President of the United States to address which seems to be the year's biggest for every of the Presidential candidates.

Unlike the other six schools, the program broadcasted live from CSUSB's Local Matters television broadcast center.

The executive producer from ABC in New York, goes CSUSB arrangements for their set design, lighting equipment, sound and the captivating apparel of the four participants.

Santostitos, 20-years-old, a sophomore majoring in Political Science; Amswald, 22-years-old, a senior majoring in Political Science, and Lehmkuhl, 23-years-old, a junior majoring in Political Science were asked by the panel questions may arise from the program broadcasted live from New York.

Less than two hours later, the director gave the stand-by to go on-air when Hillary was announced the democratic winner of California.

During the two hours, the participants were able to watch the election coverage from an internet live-stream.

The executive producer mentioned it would be a good idea to stay up-to-date with the coverage due to the likelihood that some of the news questions may arise from the past 10 minutes of the evening's coverage.

Shantal Anderson/Chronicle

CSUSB Democrats Shantal Anderson and Colin Hale representing their individuals candidates for Super Tuesday.

The participants arrived at the station at 7 p.m. to receive their microphone check and setting arrangements as they waited in anticipation.

Nervous, anxiety and excitement ran through all four of the participants as they waited for a set-to go signal from New York.

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CSUSB Republicans Jordan Amwald and Jan Lehmkuhl, and Democrats Shantal Anderson and Colin Hale representing their individuals candidates for Super Tuesday.

The participants commented that even though Obama did not win California, any democratic winner would favorably for him.

Amswald said she believes what all the Republicans are saying regarding their views on various issues.

Shannon Stantin, the ABC Programming Coordinating, was the overseer of the students who made the opportunity to represent CSUSB on ABC's news coverage.

Ferraro student, Amanda Jones, who majors in English, and senior student Amanda Jones, who majors in liberal studies, served in alternate.

Sexual responsibilities week

Danna Parrish
Staff Writer

This Valentine's Day, the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) urges CSUSB students to become sexually aware and responsible. Sexual Responsibilities Week kicks off on Feb. 11 with "The Big Bang" in front of the Santa Maria Student Union's (SMSU) Student Starbucks.

The bed is intended to draw attention to Sexual Responsibility Week and safer sex.

Kara Ane Gonzalez, Ruth Peng and Lindsay Rosine from the SHAC will drive a decorated golf cart, dubbed "The Wellness Limo," around campus selling condoms and giving away informational pamphlets on sexual infections and safer sex practices.

A table set up for the entire work inside the SMSU near Starbucks will provide informational pamphlets with cinnamon heart candy, The Free Sperm, Rail Race and Matchbook condoms for sale.

Representatives from the Student Health Center (SHC) will also be on hand to provide well-informed advice that students might have throughout the week.

Rose and Matchbook condoms, lip balm and "red hot" candy for sale by the SHC in honor of Sexual Responsibility Week.

Those interested in more information are encouraged to contact the SHC at (909) 537-5241.

"And The Beat Goes On..."

Nick De Leon
Campus News Editor

Nearly 37 percent of all female deaths in America occur from cardiovascular disease (CVD), which includes coronary heart disease (CHD), stroke and other cardiovascular diseases, according to estimates from the American Heart Association.

February is Heart Health Month and to help promote greater heart health, the Student Health Center (SHC) presents "And the Beat Goes On... a day to promote heart health for men and women.

The main attraction of the event is a fashion show provided by Alpha Phi and their "heart thanks," and will be held on Feb. 14 in the Santos Manuel Student Union (SMSU) Event Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The kinesiology department will provide health risk assessments for participants. The Science department will provide free cookbooks to those in attendance.

Human Resources and the Women's Resource Center also serve as co-sponsors of the event. Attendees for the fashion show will be provided free of charge by Forett Boys, Jerry's Pizza, Outback, Olive Garden and Sabor Bros.

For more information, contact Elaine Burchholder, SHC Health Education Assistant, at (909) 537-3286.
One security area.

Potential improvements include fingerprint scanning allowing personnel access to high-efficiency thanks to the Department of Defense, works before Health Science programs: Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology and Active Capital.

New technology is helping airport security become safer, and less of a drag.

It won't be long before shoo removal at the airport becomes a thing of the past. It won't be long before companies are able to acquire a fingerprint scanner before allowing personnel access to high-security areas.

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People do a variety of different exercises to burn calories: some run, some walk, and some ride bikes, but what exercises are the most effective?

According to Healthstatus, running at a pace over 8 mph is the most efficient way. This burns anywhere from 1,102 to 1,625 calories per hour depending on exactly how fast you go. (All numbers are based on a 180-pound male)

Walking is a great way to burn calories, according to the Bally's Total Fitness website, but it is very high impact and the wear and tear on your joints and ankles could result in injury. Some alternatives to running, such as the stationary bike and elliptical trainers can be much easier on the joints, and still be effective.

The stationary bike and the elliptical trainer both burned around the same amount of calories, 529 per hour.

Even though these exercises burn fewer calories they are easier to maintain over the hour, and are much easier on your joints," said Dallas King, a fitness trainer at Bally's. "Running at 8 mph is very hard for most beginners and could cause more harm than good.

Some other alternatives such as playing full-court basketball, burned 85% calories per hour, high impact step ambles burned 86%, and jump-roping and racquetball burned 821 calories per hour respectively.

"The important thing is to try and switch it up," King said. "On the treadmill one day, do the elliptical another, then maybe find a friend and play some tennis. That will keep your body guessing and create a more effective weight loss plan. Many exercises burn calories but it is imperative to find the ones that are right for you.

All cardiovascular exercises increase your heart rate, which in turn allows you to burn calories while strengthening your heart and lungs, according to the Bally's total fitness website.

It is important to try and mix it up and remember the best cardiovascular exercise is the one you enjoy and are likely to continue over a long period of time.
Alison Whitehead
Staff Writer

Bullet for My Valentine, the Wales-based band of Matthew Tuck, Michael Paget, Michael Thomas, and Jonny James, hit the studio and performed a banger in 2006. For these young lads, they've been able to hit the charts and go on tour with some of the biggest names in the industry. Being on tour is a dream come true for the band members, as they get to experience the thrill of performing in front of massive crowds. Throughout their journey, they've faced challenges and grown together as a team. As their music continues to evolve, they're excited to see what the future holds for them. 

For fans of the band, there's no shortage of opportunities to catch them live. Whether it's a concert near you or a show on the other side of the globe, there's always something cooking with Bullet for My Valentine. So why not get ready to rock out and experience the thrill of a lifetime with these hard-hitting tunes? 

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**Second bullet misses album target**

Alison Whitehead
Staff Writer

Bullet for My Valentine, the Wales-based band of Matthew Tuck, Michael Paget, Michael Thomas, and Jonny James, have released their third album, "The Poison," in 2006. The album features 11 tracks, with the lead single, "Scream Aim Fire," being a standout hit. The album was met with critical acclaim and solid sales, but it failed to reach the level of success that their previous album, "The Poison," had achieved. Although the band continued to tour and promote the album, they were disappointed with the lack of interest from fans and critics. The album's failure to achieve the same level of success as its predecessor was a setback for the band, but they remained committed to their music and continued to pursue their creative vision. 

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**Heigl and Marsden shine in ‘Dresses’**

Tanya Tamkaya
Staff Writer

Toni Collette and Aaron Paul team up in "Dresses," a film that explores the world of fashion and the pressures that come with it. The film follows the story of a struggling fashion designer who enters the world of high fashion to create the dress of the century. The film is a tribute to the power of creativity and the passion of those who pursue it. "Dresses" is a heartwarming tale of love, friendship, and the pursuit of dreams.

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**Cedric Bixler-Zavala, Omar Rodriguez-Lopez and the Mars Volta have released a new album.**

Cedric Bixler-Zavala, Omar Rodriguez-Lopez and the Mars Volta have released a new album. The album features a mix of experimental and rock elements, with Bixler-Zavala's distinct vocals at the forefront. "Antichrist Prostitute" is a standout track, with its mix of electronic and acoustic elements creating a unique sound that is both haunting and mesmerizing. The album is a testament to the band's continued creativity and willingness to push boundaries. 

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Eccentric classical and Mid-Eastern melodies show up and an outpouring of guitar phrases said Bixler-Zavala’s chimey vocals. The Mars Volta's music is known for its experimental nature and willingness to blend different genres and styles. In "Amputechture," the band continues to push the boundaries of what music can be and create something truly unique.
Protesters change U.S. race relations

Nikita Hardin
Staff Writer

"The New York Times" failed to report the spark that rank-white America on Feb. 1, 1960 at Greensboro, NC.

The four freshmen from the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University entered the lunch counter to order lunch. After being denied service, they returned the day after with more than 20 students. Among them was a white high school kids carrying Confederate flags. After receiving a bomb threat, they were arrested and jailed on Feb. 12, 1960 in Raleigh, NC., where he has been on various boards and has worked on making changes in educational, civic and spiritual life in the Charlotte area.

Police greeted them with tear-gas bombs and tear smoke. The students were still refused service and were taunted by white high school students. Among them was a white high school kids carrying Confederate flags. After receiving a bomb threat, they were arrested and jailed on Feb. 12, 1960 in Raleigh, NC., where he has been on various boards and has worked on making changes in educational, civic and spiritual life in the Charlotte area.

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Voting is freedom

David Rieke
Staff Writer

I didn’t vote in this past week’s elections. I mean, I thought about it, but wake-up calls and late-night talk shows got in the way. It’s not that big a deal, I told myself initially, as I wasn’t really even thinking about it. It’s not that big a deal, I thought. But then, I realized, I’m part of this country. It’s important.

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While the particulars of the American system of politics can be arbitrary, the idea of it is profoundly important to countries across the world. When Americans don’t vote, don’t participate in their system of peacefully making decisions for their country, America is diminished.

Millions of Americans are overseas and they all had a chance to have their voice heard through absentee ballots. A young woman in one of my classes voted absentee, though she was born in the U.S., and could have gone to the polls this past week, but she chose not to. However, she voted several weeks ago. She participated.

I know that voting absentee was a possibility, but my not getting to the polls on Tuesday hadn’t occurred to me.

I like voting. I like voting in line with my neighbors. I like the little certificates. I like getting them. I like everything about it, and yet, I didn’t vote. I did not participate, and so diminished myself in the eyes of all those who have fought to provide me with this right. I diminished my state in the eyes of a country that does not see California’s greatness. I diminished my country in a world where many of its citizens need to see that people deserve freedom and that government works best when it is directly accessible to its citizens.

I apologize to you, my fellow Americans, for not voting.

Student fees well spent

Scott Sanders
Staff Writer

Student tuition helps pay for new “Student Health 101” and expanded student health programs, which is money well spent.

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Baseball claims four victories

Fethia McAulghlin
Staff Writer

Despite leading the league in rebounds, the Coyotes baseball team has managed to achieve success in their first four games. The teammates proved to be victorious in their season opener against CSU Dominguez Hills in the 2008 season opener for both teams, the Coyotes pulled ahead 4-0.

Brew valves, senior third baseman, was the starting pitcher for the Coyotes in the second inning with a two-run home run. The Coyotes went on to defeat the Toros 2-1.

As anticipated, pitcher proving to be imperative for the Coyotes. Matt Long went seven strong innings, striking out seven and walking one. He allowed one run.

Michael Lee, junior, relieved Long in the eighth. Senior pitcher Wade Mahle closed out the game, getting the save.

The men's baseball team stretches at the beginning of practice to get in shape for the season, the pitchers have only allowed 20 hits. David McCarthy, junior, made his debut at a starting pitcher, relieving Kevin Wilson in the seventh. He pitched two and one third innings to close out the game.

"I want to put the team in a good position," said McCarthy. "I'm here for them, not just for me. For all of us to do well, I have to do well, too. It's a team concept."

According to the ACCA, pitching was not the Coyotes only asset. In Saturday's doubleheader, junior Chris Parnell had both batters in the ninth. Parnell cannot deny success, but he can strive for more.

"We need to have more consistency and productive at bats. We are striking out too much," Parnell said about his offense.

The Coyotes softball team is on a roll together, there will be a two-run homer. The Coyotes needed a three run win in their first six games. That is exactly why they aren't worried at all because we are crushing the ball.

"This is like our spring training, we remind each other of the team goal of 40 home runs. They are focused and determined to reach their goal, said Duncan."

The tournaments consists of 28 teams from around the country. Coach Duncan believes her team will do well in the tournaments.

She is confident that no pitching can stop their offense, but now it is up to their pitching and defense to stop the other team's offense.

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Softball plays hard

Edelina Romero Lopez
Staff Writer

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Strongman claims two victories

Andrea Dubois holds up a couple of prizes being given away.

Prizes for fitness

Khroy Lewis
Staff Writer

Now students can work out, feel great and rack up points in the CSUSB Coyote Recreational Sports Facility, which is now offering a new fitness program designed to keep you active all year round.

The purpose of the program is to give participants the opportunity to experience a wide variety of fitness programs that Recreational Sports offer.

Many of students do not get the opportunity to actually work out and have fun. Recreational Sports are here to provide that for everyone.

"People don't take advantage of the many facilities that we have here at Recreational Sports, such as racquetball courts, intramural programs, and swimming," said Andrea Dubois, Recreos adviser.

It is the participants' choice as to which programs they want to participate in, from rock climbing to intramural sports.

"It's the same idea of having the program set up, it really did not know too much about it until I came to work one and looked at the booth that was set up, and this gives you something to push for while working especially if you work alone like me," said Andrew Lewis, a CSUSB student and fitness center user.

The program is an individual challenge that students will set for themselves, based on their own personal goals.

To help motivate students along the way, the Rec sports staff will offer Live Points as an incentive for your participation.

Every program that Rec Sports offers will have Live Points for those participating in the Fitness Grid in 2008 challenge.

To get started, new participants have to sign up at the Recreations Services desk in the Student Recreational and Fitness Center, find the programs that interest them the most, set your short-term and long term goals, start working on improving Life Points, and reveal life points for great prizes such as water bottles, backpacks, sports bags, clothing and much more.

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The Coyotes have scored 31 runs in their first six games. That is exactly why they aren't worried at all because we are crushing the ball.

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She is confident that no pitching can stop their offense, but now it is up to their pitching and defense to stop the other team's offense.

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Defense delivers results

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CSUSB men's basketball head coach, Bill Kriener, believes in causing turnovers and contesting every shot that opponents take, but there appears to be a price.

This style of defense is high-energy and requires the Coyotes to trap and double-team everyone that touches the ball. There is no one standing around on the defensive end being inactive.

"Our defense is as good as it has ever been," said Oliver.

Mentoring at such a high level of energy requires Oliver to substantiate his players in and out of the game at an essentially high rate.

Oliver has devised a defensive game plan that is featuring teams, but can hinder the rhythm of his own team's offense. Generally have an 18 players on the team that average more than 10 minutes a game.

During their first home game, four of the five starters were in and out of the game in the first 6 minutes of the game.

The Coyotes are not being rotated and out of the game so quickly have a hard time getting into a rhythm, especially for a former player.

"We are getting older so but we're not hitting them right now," said Oliver in an interview two weeks ago.

Players not only have a hard time getting into a rhythm but "they feel an urgency to contribute on a short period of time and sometimes turn the ball over being too aggressive," said a former player.

"We also need to limit turnovers".

The Coyotes average 13.9 turnovers per game and are shooting .453 from the field which ranks seventh in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA).

We can argue with the results of Oliver's strategy, as CSUSB sports teams have lead the league in the last three years in short-term and long-term goals, said Green.

"We do need to limit turnovers," said Duncan.

The Coyotes went on to win a non-conference series of wins was the defeat over Cal Baptist University. The Coyotes had a final score of 8-2 against the Lancers, who were previously undefeated.

Parnell is optimistic for the conference.

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