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Health care training scarce

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Funding for children

Focus on children


The report states what needs to happen to help children with the need to increase access for treatments and other provisions that could extend children’s lives.

Minors in need

In sub-Saharan Africa, most of the deaths are caused by preventable diseases.

HIV has infected 90 percent of the children living in sub-Saharan Africa.

Minority incarceration increases

The United States prison system incarcerates more adults than any other country in the world.

The number of African-American and Latino male inmates has increased as the population of the United States has grown. The number of African-American male inmates has increased more than the number of white male inmates.

According to the report, African-Americans are more likely to be arrested because the law enforcement center is centered in these communities.

African-Americans and Latinos are the fastest growing prison population according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Many of the crimes committed are fueled by drug abuse and addiction, which is a significant problem in these communities.

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed a $32 billion cut to the California State University budget approved by the CSU Board of Trustees for the 2008/09 fiscal year, according to the CSU website.

Higher education funding has fallen drastically over the last three years, according to the California Faculty Association (CFA) website.

California’s education system is high enough as it is, and decreasing the amount of financial aid will only lower students’ access to higher education,” CSUSB spokesman Sarah Gillooly said.

The CSU makes up 65 percent of California’s bachelor degrees.

It also makes up 52 percent of California’s master and doctoral degrees and 45 percent in computer and electronic engineering.

The CSU also utilizes the professors’ need to keep the state running.

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The percentage of higher-wage jobs remained relatively stable at 26 percent and 27 percent in 2006.

The number of low-wage jobs has increased and the number of mid-wage jobs has decreased. The number of mid-wage jobs has decreased from 22 percent to 27 percent of the workforce over the same period, according to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

"We are not seeing a return to lower-wage work," said Stephanie Salvador.

Students have to take extra precautions to make sure they get the financial aid they need.

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Bill protects freedom of speech

Elisa Escarega

Senator Leland Yee presented Bill 1370 at the National College Newspaper Convention in San Francisco.

If passed into law, the bill will protect college and high school teachers from retaliation by administrators for promoting student speech.

Senator Yee's efforts to protect free speech for students and teachers gave him the Champion of Journalism Education Award by the California Journalism Education Coalition.

Bill 1370 comes from a law passed in 2006, also written by Yee, that prohibits administrators to students for participating in speech or press activities.

It is crucial at a time when the First Amendment, that some are engaging in newspaper, " because of content in the student paper," Yee said.

"Senator Yee's support will help keep appreciation of the value of free speech and expression alive in California schools," said O'Donoghue, Director of the California Scholastic Journalism Initiative.

Los Angeles School District newspaper advisor and basketball coach, was fined for refusing to remove a student editorial that criticized random searches on campus.

"I don't see a lot of change in college newspapers because they don't have a lot of problems," said California State University, Fullerton professor of journalism Tom Clavin said.

"It will be a lot better for high school because there will be less fear about what the students report," Clavin added.

"Since administrators are unable by law to exercise prior restraint with regard to a student publication, they fear on advisors to do what they legally cannot," said Jim Everett, legal counsel to the California Newspaper Publisher's Association.

"Hopefully what is happening at most student newspapers is a free expression of ideas, and newspapers that are not being censored are not going to change things," said Sen. Yee's spokesperson Adam J. Kengis.

"Obviously there have been problems throughout the state. Administrators have tried to retain control and have discouraged advisors for the newspaper content on those campuses. Absolutely we expect this new law to change things," Kengis added.

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World's children report

Save more lives than children or any other humanitarian organization in the world, according to UNICEF. A dollar is stretched to its limit in the world's poorest countries.

A large wool blanket can be purchased for $5. All the proceeds from the sale of $244, or emergency health kit can supply 1,000 people with basic medicines and equipment.

When donations come in from all classes of society, UNICEF takes advantage of any amount, according to their website.

All the preventable causes come in so much for countries that do not get the type of medical care that the United States receives.

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Jobs in steady decline

growth between 2002 and 2006 was greater for electricians, decreasing by 2,200, and plumbers, increasing by more than 1,000 people.

Medical assistants, biological technicians and computer support specialists each extended their numbers by about 1,000 in Silicon Valley.

However, declining mid-wage occupations include general support jobs — such as secretaries, general office clerks, customer service representatives, electrical engineering technician and semiconductor processer, according to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

The U.S. Department of Labor projected that 25 million workers will retire in the next 10 years and a larger number in the following decade. In California, 3 million workers will retire by 2018, and the number of retirements from the Silicon Valley will be close to 300,000.

One-third of city employees in San Jose will be eligible for retirement by the end of the decade, and the city of Palo Alto has reported that it needs to lose a wave of mid-tier managers by summer of 2008.

In San Mateo County, the average age of county employees is 47, and currently 18 percent of county workers are over the age of 50 and eligible for retirement, according to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.
Safe drinking water for children

Yahaira Hernandez

UNICEF's new tap project will provide safe drinking water for children around the world. The lack of clean and accessible drinking water is the second largest worldwide killer of children under five, according to the UNICEF website.

"A nationwide effort is being launched around World Water Day called the Tap Project, a campaign that celebrates the clean and accessible drinking water available on an every day privilege to millions, while helping, UNICEF, provide safe drinking water for children around the world," UNICEF's web site states.

The Tap Project will take place nationally during World Water Week, beginning Sun., March 16 and culminating on March 22, the United Nations World Water Day.

"Over the past 15 years, more than one billion people gained access to improved drinking water and sanitation facilities. UNICEF's goal is to reduce by half the number of people without sustainable access to safe water and basic sanitation by 2015," as stated in the tap project web site.

"I completely ignored that there are people around the world who don't have access to safe drinking water. I even heard about this before," said Hector Erami, a restaurant owner from the Inland Empire. "I will definitely get more informed on how to become part of UNICEF's new tap project to help provide safe drinking water for children around the world. I believe that drinking water should be accessible to all," Erami added.

"I consider that by me encouraging my customers to pay one dollar for tap water that will be usually given for free would give children around the world the benefits of having access to safe drinking water like all of us," Erami added.

In December of 1992, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 22 of each year World Day for Water. Countries were invited to devote the day to concrete activities such as the promotion of public awareness, conferences, round tables, seminars and exhibitions related to the conservation and development of water resources.

To become a Tap Project volunteer and to help recruit restaurants in your area, you can visit the tap project web site and register. Volunteers can also make a non-deductible donation online with a minimum of $5.

Staff will provide safe drinking water for children under five, according to the Chronicle of the United States. Every day privilege to millions, every day in need.

"I have lived in San Francisco for 15 years. It's beautiful," said Multi-Cultural editor Kevin Manning. "You just step outside and there's so much to do.

Cultural experiences like eating amazingly freshushi in Chinatown, buying obscure CDs at Amoeba Records at Haight Ashbury and browsing the shelves at City Lights Books, downtown are memories that we will carry forever.

Read more about our convention experience on our web site.
Dangers of alcohol revealed

Donna Parrish
Staff Writer

CSUSB students are going to learn the risks involved in misuse of alcohol.

On Mon. 10-14, the Student Health Center (SHC) is presenting Alcohol Awareness Week.

The California Highway Patrol will have a display in the Student Union on Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be there to answer questions and give information and statistics.

Throughout the week, the SHC is requesting that anyone who has been negatively affected by an alcohol-related situation to come and memorial pictures of you, a loved one, or friend.

There will be a posting of these pictures and memories on the "Wall of Remembrance" in the Student Union for everyone to see for the week.

Submissions should be sent to Elaine Backholzer in the SHC at elaine.backholzer@csusb.edu.

According to the SHC, Alcocholic Awareness Week is meant to inform students that it can take one drink and a turn to the ignition key and a life.

By showing actual events and real faces, the SHC hopes to leave a deeper impression on people than statistics can.

Approximately 1,700 college students between the ages of 18-24 die each year from alcohol misuse.

These numbers are too high.

The SHC will provide information on dangers of alcohol misuse, offer the "Fatal Vision" driving course on the main lawn in front of the Pit Library.

This is an opportunity to experience how bad drunk driving can be through a series of courses.

The "Fatal Vision" course will give you an introduction to the effects of alcohol on the body.

This course will be held on

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Mr. and Ms. CSUSB 2008

Students win title and spring quarter tuition

Shantal Anderson
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The title varied from singing in open recitals, painting, making signs against on illegal drug use, performing, and dancing.

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Program highlights marine life

Courtney Marks  
Staff Writer

A team of scientists has a mission to bring the ocean life in Monterey Bay to Southern California and other parts of the country.

From March 3-8, on our Palm Desert campus, a live satellite feed from Monterey Bay will be available to students not only on the education program that uses a facility in California and other parts of the country.

"Their goal is to get students interested in science at an early age so they will continue their studies through college and pursue a career in science.

"Immersions Presents" is an education program that uses a fascinating approach to topics that naturally draws students into the learning process, according to the website.

The program targets children in grades 3 through 9.

"This is the sixth year we've had this program here on the campus," said director and CSUSB-Palm Desert campus professor Jim Woerner. "At the end of this week we will have had 1,100 students participate in the program. The grade level of the kids have range from second to tenth grade."

The research vessel "R/V Fulmar" will guide students through the waters on their excursion and show the wonders of the ocean life in Monterey Bay.

"A lot of the science information goes over the heads of the younger students," said Woerner. "They think it's fascinating to see the scientists just swimming and diving in the water. There are lots of kids here that are very interested in science.

"Lenders of the program hope to inspire kids to continue with their studies in the science field, so when they get to college that already know they path they want to take in getting their degree.

During each of the live broadcast, students can e-mail the scientists a question they would like answered.

Not every question will be answered but six to eight questions are usually covered during each 30-minute broadcast. The broadcast runs every hour on the hour.

According to "Immersions Presents" at the CSUSB-Palm Desert campus, the objective of the project is to provide an experience-based science and mathematics curriculum for students and professional development experience for their teachers.

During the fall, teachers are welcome to come and participate in a workshop at the Palm Desert campus.

Teachers can learn the information at the workshop, then take it to their classroom and share it with their students.

Thus, in the spring they can bring their students to the Palm Desert campus and have them participate in the "Immersions Presents" project.

The program is put on once a year for a week, usually the first week in March.

The teacher's workshop runs from October to November.

Students and teachers from sponsoring school districts can attended free of charge.

Students and teachers outside of the sponsoring school district will need to contact the Palm Desert campus for information on attending.

Scientists create excitement about marine life for kids using new technology at Palm Desert.

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Rumbles and grumbles over diet pills

Steven Jareck  
Staff Writer

Dizziness, nausea, chest pain, heart attacks, strokes, scarring, stomach pain, and uncontrollable bowel movements.

This sounds like a list of symptoms caused by some horrendous new disease. Instead, they are a few possible side effects associated with leading diet pills that are consumed by millions of Americans every day.

The dangers of diet pills came to the forefront in 2004 when an extract called ephedra was pulled off the shelves by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) due to allegations that the supplement caused many of the symptoms listed above.

Since 2004, many diet pills have found other ways to drop pounds without ephedra. One has even been approved by the FDA, but many pills still come with undesirable consequences, and may not be sufficiently effective to take the risks.

The diet pill "Alli" has become one of the most popular diet aids, and the first FDA approved diet pill on the market.

Alli claims that an individual can lose up to 50 percent more weight with their pill than with just diet and exercise alone.

Alli is an over-the-counter version of the fat blocker Xenical, formally used by doctors for clinically obese patients. Studies have shown that the pill does aid in weight loss, but they come with not so pleasant side effects.

- A number of users of the pill have reported side effects such as loose stools, excess gas, stomach discomfort, and uncontrollable bowel movements. In fact, it has been suggested that beginners wear dark pants or have a change of clothes handy until they get used to these potential dangers.

The company's website says that not everyone experiences these effects, and that they can be manageable when you follow a reduced-calorie, low-fat diet.

Although this can prove to be a very embarrassing consequence for vanity of your diet, other diet pills have warnings that the pill can prove much more serious.

"Many pills raise your temperature to boost your metabolism and burn calories," said Debbie King, a former personal trainer at Bally's Total Fitness. "But they can have some adverse side effects such as dizziness, insomnia, and nausea. They also increase your heart rate and raise your blood pressure. That is what leads to the big problems like heart attacks and strokes.

King added that many of these pills only work in the short term anyway, and should not be thought of as any kind of long term solution.

"These kinds of things increase your metabolism for a short time," said King. "It's hard to keep it up, and as soon as you stop using the pills, most of the time you gain the weight right back." Alli has been approved by the FDA and appears to hold less severe side effects than some pills of the past. The Alli pocket comes with a guide on healthy eating, and the company emphasizes that the product is only to be used as an aid, and not as a miracle drug.

King ended with saying that before taking any weight loss supplement to consult with a physician, and apparently in some cases, "invest in extra underwear."
“Misplaced” desire

Donovan Smith, portrays characters living in a drug-filled world. The stories are told by unifying ancient Greek mythology with the hectic lives of kids from the street. According to Smith’s director notes, the play’s re-enactment of their stories, “is ultimately about desire; the misplaced desire to escape through lies, self-medication, and a moment’s reprieve with a correlate-in-pain. In the end, it is about the desire to escape into something pure, eternal and pain-free.”

Designing Director Lynette Lyons provided captivating lighting effects to the characters’ feelings are successfully conveyed through his acting.

Nicholas Jenkins’ performance of one of their hit albums that is on sale now.

Vanessa Loney Staff Writer

Linkin Park performed with Coheed and Cambria at the Staples Center on March 4th. People were there mainly to see Linkin Park and not the solo band.

Going inside the 19,000 square-foot arena that holds around 20,000 spectators for concerts, was easy to see that the area was lacking full capacity for Coheed and Cambria.

The concerts were inside the stadium, drinking, conversing, buying souvenirs, and this was all happening during Coheed and Cambria’s performance of one of their hit songs, “Console What May.”

There were a few fans on the floor where standing-room only was available.

Needless to say, there was plenty of room to stand.

“No World for Tomorrows” is the title of Coheed and Cambria’s album that is on sale now.

Jamie Murray Staff Writer

In celebration of “The Outlaw Demons Wall,” author Kim Harrison has been traveling all over the country to meet her fans.

An eclectic crowd of readers helped to celebrate the book’s debut at a book signing event Sunday Feb. 20.

Elderly couples in wheelchair, college students, a few members of a Celtic dance team and sleep-deprived doctors were standing in line for up to three hours to have their books signed by Harrison.

Woreponese, pixies, demons, vampires, witches, these nine-tenths friends, insane mothers, complicated lives and unexpected twins and tans are all commonplace in Harrison’s latest book, “The Outlaw Demons Wall.”

The book is a delightful read that veers far from standardized expectations of fantasy writing.

In this sixth installment of The Hollows book series, Harrison is continuing to break down the walls of the dark urban fantasy genre creating her own parameters for the genre.

Harrison created new series for the modern world, which is elaborated on in “The Outlaw Demons Wall.”

Harrison holds true to the major tenet of dark urban fantasy, allowing her characters to live in a modern human world, but she stuns original mythology. In her series, elves are nearly extinct, demons have not reproduced in nearly 5,000 years and they are ruled by a wise woman and living vampires.

Many books in the fantasy genre are written in a formulaic way. Harrison’s books are far from formulaic, and they are unique in their own nature.

The characters on the side of good do not always come through their adventures unscathed.

Harrison published her first book, “Dead Witch Walking,” in 2004 and has quickly risen to be heard among today’s best fantasy writers.

“The Outlaw Demons Wall” is an unforgettable read.

The stage was placed on one side, the floor area in front was standing-room only, and there were a few fans on the floor.

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The energy was high.

The band came up front from below the stage to perform their opener, “What I’ve Done,” from their recent album Minutes to Midnight.

The entire floor jumped and resounded with the band.

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Flogging Molly’s new album proves the bands strive for quality and want to produce music quality.

Flogging Molly ‘Float’ to the top

Ken Dillard
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South America crisis

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Staff Writer

A military and diplomatic crisis is deepening in South America. It involves Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador.

Colombian troops, on March 1, launched a raid on alleged rebel camps inside Ecuador where thousands of rebels were stationed. The raid was the first since Ecuador and Colombia broke diplomatic ties in 2008.

The raid was launched after Ecuador dismissed Colombia's claim that rebels were planning to attack Venezuela. Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said he was not aware of any rebel planning.

Colombian troops have killed at least 100 people in Ecuador in recent days. The Colombian military has denied any deaths.

In response, both Ecuador and Venezuela have severed diplomatic ties with Colombia and both countries have sent troops to their borders. Ecuador's claim to have found a rebel leader, Raul Reyes, and received his personal effects, has raised international concerns.

In an effort to investigate the raid, Ecuadorian officials have sent a delegation to the scene. They found that there were still victims on the scene.

Colombia's official explanation is that its forces were under "hot pursuit"; rather it was a planned operation, according to Colombian officials.

Colombia has also claimed that Ecuador has been helping FARC guerrillas by meeting with them and working out ways to accommodate them inside Ecuadorian territory.

Kraul's report explained that three laptops were recovered from the rebel leader's possessions. The laptops have since been turned over to the Colombian government.

According to the Colombian police, the laptop was used by the rebels to prepare for the raid. The Colombian government has expressed its surprise at the raid, saying it had been planned with the help of other countries.

President Hugo Chavez, said Kraul, Venezuela has also sent troops to the border. "Venezuelans are perplexed as to why Hugo Chavez is mobilizing troops. Chavez says he is doing it to defend against a possible incursion such as the one that the Colombian military forces carried out in Ecuador, according to an NPR report.

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President Hugo Chavez, said Kraul, Venezuelan forces have found a rebel leader, Raul Reyes, and received his personal effects. Chavez's opponents say that he is doing this to distract the attention of Venezuelans who are increasingly suffering from food shortages, high crime and the lack of basic human services.

The chances of military action are remote because the three countries have shared good relations for decades.

President George W. Bush announced that the U.S. will stand by the Colombian president. Bush criticized what he called "provocative maneuvers" by Chavez.

Sovereignty is an issue that leaders care about and know that they have to uphold. Most countries in South America are siding with Ecuador.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega said Thursday that his country is breaking relations with Colombia "in solidarity with the Ecuadorian people."
Actors bring hate to life

Bart S. Alvara
Chronicle Staff Writer

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Dia Latino

Flavor and culture collide

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Chronicle Staff Writer

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Dia Latino had a great turnout; more than 100 students and faculty members attended, enjoying the delicious food and live music.

"The turnout was great, we had a big crowd," said organizer Carolyn Yip. "The displays were my favorite thing.""
Sea swallowing homes

David Ratte
Staff Writer

Rising waters from the Chukchi Sea off of Alaska have flooded the remote village of Kivalina. The roughly 400 residents of Kivalina filed a lawsuit in February that blamed global warming.

The lawsuit blames global warming on the activities of several large energy companies like ExxonMobil, Chevron, British Petroleum America.

Actually, some of the same lawyers who extracted millions of dollars from American tobacco companies in the 1990s are suing for the village, and are hoping for similar cash-rich results.

I don't mean to discount the Kivalinaans, but California has tried a similar tactic in the past, with dismal results.

Former state Attorney General Bill Lockyer filed a 2006 lawsuit against six of the largest automakers, including Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and Honda North America.

The suit claimed that global warming harmed California's environment, economy, agriculture and public health.

A federal judge in San Francisco dismissed the case in 2007, saying that the automakers' contributions to global warming could not be measured, and that there were many causes, including some that occur naturally.

I don't hold out much hope for the Alaskan lawsuit, because they are really using every American.

They are suing every American who drives a car, or takes the bus, or has light or heat in their home.

Kivalina's residents may be able to point out to the rest of the country that global warming destroyed their home. I just don't think the rest of the country cares enough to make a meaningful change.

If Americans didn't buy any new cars from today through the end of the year, what kind of difference would that make?

Are Americans supposed to ask their legislators to pass higher gasoline taxes to discourage driving?

What are any of us really willing to do to address this? I go to school here and have an on-campus job. I live in Riverside.

I have not sought out a car-pool buddy with my early morning and late night, I don't think there would be any takers. The same goes for the bus.

This is a commuter campus. How many tons of carbon dioxide do CSU San Bernardino students dump into the air just driving down from Victorville, or Hesperia or Wrightwood, three quarters a year, for four, five or six years?

Our governor makes noise about protecting the environment, but our president sure hasn't.

There's a rebate on hybrid vehicles, but that's just another car on the road.

Where are the hybrid dump tracks, or construction equipment, or Hummer 4X4's?

Some locals are still too inefficient and the giant windmills by Palm Springs kill lots of birds, or so I hear.

This country and this world run on oil, gas and coal. We've made our world dirty while we've remade our world. We burn dirty fuel to get things done. All the lawsuits in the world aren't going to change it.

So in the view that anything is possible, the Kivalina residents may get some money from the energy corporations. I hope they can convince a judge or a jury and get a big settlement.

A word of advice: rebuild somewhere inland.

The race in sea level is already threatening some homes. Do we need to learn to tread water in our sleep?

Scott Vanderford
Staff Writer

Teachers in California are underpaid, have low prestige and play the middle-man babysitter.

After looking at all the data and statistics, it's easy to understand why so many teachers pack up their bags and find other jobs.

There are some reasons why California has the worst turnout of teachers.

California has one of the worst student-to-teacher ratios in the nation. Only Utah and Oregon have worse student-to-teacher ratios.

The average ratio in California is 20 students to one teacher. The average sounds good, but, it is only an average and one could walk into a K-12 class and find some teachers teaching almost 50 students.

How does someone teach 30 students and expect all of them to learn the subject fully?

Imagine trying to teach 25 or more students in a Chemistry class with equipment that can be dangerous. This puts a strain on teachers who get less time to teach and more time babysitting students that disturb class by being late or using cell-phones and many other reasons.

When looking at testing scores, it is easy to see why California scores are below average. Students don't come enough and there aren't enough teachers.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), California is among the five most populous states with scores below average on most tests.

According to the NCES in 2003-04, California had 35 percent more students than any other state. I believe that if we had more teachers per student, the testing scores would rise and less babysitting would occur, resulting in greater one-on-one teaching.

Another problem is the lack of respect for the teaching profession.

According to EDSource online, California is above average in the number of teacher salary compared to teacher per student, it simply does not get it.

According to the data, the average pay for a teacher in California is $56,000, compared to New York's average pay of $53,181.

The striking difference is how many teachers there are and how many students attend each day.

California has over 6 million students in daily attendance. New York only has to deal with just under three million.

Knowing that California has more students-per-teacher, and more students to deal with, why do California teachers get paid the same as teachers from New York?

This is why I believe that so many California teachers quit and this is why do they not get paid what they should.

Teachers are always in fear of playing the middle-man between parents, administration and the government.

To keep their credentials up to date, California teachers must attend seminars that give them the tools they need to be effective educators.

As stated by the California Department of Education, all teacher must attend 150 hours of class every five years to keep their credentials.

Not all aspects of teaching in California have gone down the drain. At least is easier to finance college to become a teacher now.

There are a lot of programs like the APEL award that repays almost all tuition for teachers.

California teachers underpaid

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Average Teacher Salaries
$55,181
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Average Daily Attendance
2,007,149
Rivers
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U.S. Average
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California
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Date: National Education Association (NEA) Rankings & Estimates 2004-05

The graph shows the relationship between students taught and average pay received.

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Rick Trujillo  
Staff Writer

CSUSB was chosen to host the California Collegiate Athletic Association tournament following a 2-7 record for the season.

Organizing this type of tournament has made Cal State San Bernardino the regional representative for other organizations.

"We've hosted enough NCAA tournaments that we know what we have to do in order to make it nopes work," said Scott Castillo, Senior Executive Athletic Director Mike Kovack.

Working with all other departments within Crossroads Area is a consideration while putting on these types of events.

"We have to work with Kinecology, campus security, food services, parking services andalong with others." 

All the departments on campus need to know that these types of events are going on so they can plan around the event. There are staff members that are in charge of putting the events together. The team, Coach Lisa Wilson, Jose Castillo and Scott Virgil.

"The last couple months we have been fulfilling our promises and making sure every "it" is crossed and every "I" is dotted," said Kovack.

In addition to the main group of people that are in charge of organizing events, Assistant Athletic Director of Media Relations Mike Murphy is also working hard to get the word out to the public.

"Mike Murphy is in charge of publicity, publicity, puts programs together, work on press releases, and lines up all the people to work on the season's table," said Kovack.

There is one main goal that staff members try to accomplish while hosting a tournament.

"The first goal is to provide the best experience as possible," said Liz Wilson, development coordinator. "It comes to accommodation the athletes come first!"

"We don't do anything in the best interest of the staff members that directly work on campus," said Kovack.

A lot of factors go behind the scenes during these tournaments that nobody else really knows about. That's where we are successful.
Johnson's path to success

Scott Heather Staff Writer

It’s a dream for every college basketball player to get a chance to play in the NBA, and Ivan Johnson, a former Coyote, is close to getting that chance.

Johnson was drafted in the second round of the NBA draft in 2008, but he had to sit out two seasons due to an injury. However, his time spent recovering gave him a better understanding of what it takes to play at the next level.

“I feel good. Moments in which you get recognized for academic achievements make all the hours of studying worth it,” Johnson said.

His contributions in the classroom and on the basketball court have presented unique challenges.

“Coach Elston has been very helpful in telling me where I can improve,” Johnson said.

Coach Jeff McLaughlin praised Johnson for his academic success. Martin appreciates the acknowledgment of his hard work.

“I have been taught that you can’t afford to dwell on a past failure or the future,” Johnson said.

He chose the University of Oregon so he could be a four-year player, which would make him eligible for the National Basketball Association (NBA) draft after his senior year.

“Coach Elston has helped me put me in my place,” Johnson said.

He has also felt good about getting the chance to play in the NBA.

“I have always been close to achieving my dream to play in the NBA, thank you for your confidence,” Johnson said.

In the spring of 2007, Johnson received honors from the CCCA and CSUSB for his exceptional academic success. Martin appreciates the acknowledgment of his academic success.

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Johnson averaged 10.5 points and 4.7 rebounds per game last year and he really turned it on when the team went to the playoffs where he averaged 15.5 points per game.

“Going far in the playoffs last year was a good experience. It showed me what I’m capable of,” Johnson said.

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