Salary trends plummet

Money allocation finds discrepancy in salaries

Melina Perez
Staff Writer

The growth of inflation has outstripped the increase in faculty salaries for the third time in four years.

The report was based on an overall national average of salary reports. Although full-time faculty salaries rose 3.8 percent for the 2007-2008 academic school year, inflation surged it, creating a 4.1 percent.

According to Dr. John W. Cres­sis, AAUP director of research and public policy, full-time faculty members earned an approximate average of $74,900 for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The employment of part-time and non-tenured faculty members has become a recent trend due to the ability of part-time professors to teach multiple courses at a minimal cost.

Identity theft has increased. The ITRC Security Break chart shows where personal information-breaching occurs most often (Nick de Leon/Chronicle).

Know who's in your wallet

Felice Dedio
Staff Writer

Identity theft has increased and students are a major target.

Identity theft, identity fraud, check fraud and credit card fraud are increasing, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC).

Identity theft is a crime in which an imposter obtains key pieces of personal identification information such as social security numbers and driver's license numbers and uses them for their own personal gain.

According to the ITRC, lost or stolen wallets, lap tops, or other computer storage devices, backup tape, printed mail and improperly discarded paper documents thrown out by individuals or businesses can cause identity theft.

So what should one do in the event that a wallet has been lost or a computer has been breached?

The return of the item does not guarantee that cards were not copied, so one should act as if the items were stolen, the ITRC says. Report the crime to your local law enforcement agency, give them a list of the items that were lost and request a copy of the police report.

If the situation evolves into identity theft, contact the three major credit reporting agencies by telephone for credit or fraud alerts.

Perpetrators of identity theft are not beyond orchestrating elaborate... Continued on Pg.2

CSU receives A for effort

Shantall Anderson
Staff Writer

The California State University (CSU) system received high marks for being one of the biggest contributors to California's economy. The California Faculty Association (CFA) released examination results of California's 23 public universities on April 20.

The results showed how well the CSU system has performed for California's economy in the fiscal year 2008.

The CFA reported that the CSU system excels at granting a large number of four-year degrees in fields that are vital to California's innovative economy.

The CSU has been able to make yearly contributions to regional economies and has helped with getting degrees into the hands of people who are in other states. As a large contributor to the state of California, the CSU system received an A rating.

In contrast, the governor did not pass by with great marks. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger received low scores for his planned implementation of cutting $86 million from the CSU next year.

The CFA predicted cuts to the CSU will mean California's global ranking will fall.

CSUSB student, Antoinette Harris believes that students from the CSU system are a significant contributor to the state's success in innovative economy and student population.

"I think that it's time the Governor realizes that these cuts are going to not only affect our state, but our children's future. If we can't get a job, then how will we be able to provide for our families later on? These are some of the things we as students fear," Harris said.

The CSU is currently educating 10,000 students without receiving state funding.

If the cuts are made next year, 18,000 students will not be protected from what tangential cuts may come.

Two percent of the cuts means there will be a funding shortfall of $150 million, according to the CFA.

The CFA revealed how a growing economy and student population in the Central Valley meant more than simply connected and equalized a positive and successful higher education system.

A one percent increase in the state's population that has bachelor's degrees and a 2 percent increase in those with associate's degrees would result in an additional $21 billion economic output. $1.1 billion in revenue added, 1.2 billion in state and local tax revenue and 84,000 new jobs, according to the CFA report.

The CFA analysis below the lack of employment with higher education will not only be felt throughout the country, but will hit our local communities hard.

The three top industries requiring workers with higher education are scientific and technical services, education and health care. Some of California's fastest-growing occupations, which require higher education are registered nurses, elementary school teachers, dental hygienists, physicians assistants and many more.

The average college graduate working full time pays 78 percent more than the average high school student, according to the CFA.
DREAM Act tunnels equality
Bill could aid undocumented students in higher education

Daniel Solano
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A bout 65,000 students will graduate from U.S. high schools this year and face a limited future when it comes to higher education. Among these students are young Americans without legal status, students who are working toward or have graduated from high school, class presidents and volunteers.

These students are the children of parents who lack legal immigration status, and who were originally brought here by their parents at a young age, most of whom have grown up in the American school system alongside American-born peers pursuing dreams of higher education. The California DREAM Act, also known as SB 1301, introduced by Senator Gilbert Cedillo, stands for Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors.

This bill would allow for both U.S. citizens and undocumented students to apply for financial aid administered by campus at the California Community Colleges, California State University and University of California if passed.

Under this act, these students would also be eligible to receive grants, scholarships, loans and be able to participate in work study programs.

The CA DREAM Act would require the student to have attended a California high school for three or more years, have graduated from a California high school or attended a pre- or post-secondary education program or attended on an accredited institution of higher education in California.

Undocumented immigrants have difficult time affording college since they are currently ineligible for federal grants or loans and are unable to work. "Not only do we not have the money to afford college because we are unable to work normal jobs, but we also have to afford the commute and housing if we get into a school that is far from home," explained a CSUSB student who asked to remain anonymous because of immigration status.

The California DREAM Act would ensure that exceptional students who are plagued by these barriers be able to receive the opportunity to further their education.

This DREAM Act is not the first attempt by members of the Senate or House to facilitate higher education (S.R. 744) and the American Dream Act (S.R. 744) introduced in March 2007, but have yet to be debated in years past.

In 2006, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the majority-approved California Senate Bill 140, which was similar to the recently introduced DREAM Act sponsored by Cedillo.

Giving the right to receive grants, loans, scholarships and work study will not exempt undocumented students from having to compete with legal citizens for additional financial aid.

The same rules would pertain to undocumented students when applying for aid.

They would not be given special treatment and will have to deal with the same necessity and on an average performance in academics in order to receive financial assistance.

For those worried about this affects taxpayers and the state of California, Senator Cedillo is weighing change to address concerns about its financial impacts, according to information on Cedillo’s website.

"It would be a great thing for all of us who struggle because of the odds against us," said the aforementioned student.

The Dream Act could lend many hopeful students down the hall of education (Melodia Perez/Chronicle).
Students will compete for a number of prizes, including a $2,500 custom acoustic guitar (courtesy of http://www.runryder.com). 

We have received serious interest from fraternities and sororities that want to prove they are champions of the campus,” Coyote Radio Station Manager Lacey Kendall said.

Kendall was inspired to put on the event after seeing it done via news broadcast at Harvard University over 20 years ago. She was determined put on the event over the next few years.

Other prizes to be given away include gift certificates to Quinoes, Papa John’s pizza, Hollywood Tans and Coyote Radio T-shirts. The proceeds from the event will go towards the Coyote Radio Club as well as the Ronald McDonald House charity.

Details at a glance:

What: Coyote Radio’s first annual Silly String Spring Fling Where: CSUSB’s Palm Library Arrival Time: 4:30 p.m. When: Tues, May 20, at 1 p.m. Details: Tickets currently on sale outside the SMRE, and at the Coyote Radio Station for $5 for individuals $4 for students in groups of 10+.

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Take cover, it's your skin

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Staff Writer

Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer and more than 1 million new cases are diagnosed a year, according to the CSUSB Health Center's brochure, "Take Cover: it's YOUR skin!"

The Health Center is making this month Melanoma Awareness Month. From May 5-7, The Health Center had a table in the Student Union and outside the library. They also had the Wellness Limo drive around campus to pass out brochures on melanoma.

Like most forms of cancer, melanomas can be treated and taken care of. However, if diagnosed and not treated right away it can spread fast and may not be treatable.

The cancer starts in the melanocytes, which are the cells that give skin its color. These cells also protect the deeper layers of skin from incoming ultraviolet rays (UV rays), according to melanoma.com.

When the melanocytes are exposed to the sun they may turn cancerous. However, when they receive too many UV rays, they begin to grow abnormally and this is the cause of melanoma.

Generally, the first signs of the cancer are in an existing mole that may change shape, color and size. Melanoma may also appear as a new mole.

One way to decipher if a mole may be cancerous is to use the ABCD rule.
A is asymmetry where half the mole is different than the other half.
B is border irregularity where the mole may have a jagged edge.
C is color where the mole has different shades of brown, black, red and blue.
D is diameter where the mole is larger than a pencil eraser, according to the brochure.

Some ways to be protected from getting melanoma is to avoid sun exposure between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is the time when the sun is the brightest and gives off the most UV rays.

When exposed to the sun, use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. This will block harmful rays from your body and should be reapplied often to keep up the defenses.

When outside, protective clothing should be worn such as wide- rimmed hats and UV-blocking sunglasses.

Also, be sure to do full body inspections at least every three months. Monitor changes in moles already existing or the presence of new moles.

The Health Center also has a flyer called "Body Mole Map" that students can record existing moles locations, color and size so the chart can be referred back to every inspection.

Treatment options from melanoma start with surgery.

The lymph nodes are also examined to make sure that the cancer has not spread.

Surgery can help if the cancer is caught early. However, if the cancer is more advanced, treatments such as medication, chemotherapy, radiation therapy may be used.

The Health Center would be happy to help with any questions on melanoma.

They can be contacted by phone at 909-537-5241 or online at healthcenter.csusb.edu.

Some other helpful sites to find more information about melanoma are The Skin Cancer Foundation at www.skincancer.org and American Academy of Dermatology at www.aad.org.

Health insurance: pay more get less

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In less than a decade, 36 cents out of every dollar produced in America will be spent on health care, according to the huffingtonpost.com. The United States spends $2 trillion a year on health care, which is 18 percent of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and twice as much as any other nation.

Yet, the U.S. ranks 45th in life expectancy and 57th on performance of national health systems, according to a World Health Organization report.

Health care costs in the U.S. are already the highest per person in the world and it is predicted to nearly double by 2024, to $4.3 trillion, or 20 percent of the GDP. Since many people get health care as a tax-free fringe benefit, relatively few are aware of what it actually costs: about $12,000 a year on average for family coverage.

Both Democratic and Republican candidates promote a goal of making medical insurance more available and more affordable for more Americans.

Some college students are not well informed about the presidential candidates' plans.

"I haven't heard a lot about the health plans that all the candidates are offering," said CSUSB Senior Nicholas Mull.

"It makes it hard to decide which one is better."

Sen. John McCain wants a system of health care in which "every one can afford and acquire the treatment and preventative care they need."

McCain says he would give individuals more freedom of choice by letting individuals buy health insurance policies and offering tax credits to help them pay for such coverage.

The specifics can be sort of mind-bending, but on the very broad choices, McCain emphasizes a vision where "individuals get more choices in the marketplace and are less reliant on employers and government," said Robert Blendon of the Harvard School of Public Health.

Both Sen. Obama and Sen. Clinton offer some health care and I think it is a good idea since most people don't have coverage," said CSUSB Junior Briana Ovon-
moff. Clinton's plan calls for a mandatory government-run health care system.

Sen. Barack Obama's health care plan also features a government-run system, but will only mandate coverage for children. "My plan begins by covering

Your money and health insurance coverage are at stake in the upcoming election (Courtesy of michigan.gov).
Steve Mored Staff Writer

Iron Man smashed the competition in box office sales. It opened on weekend "Iron Man" pulled in $85.9 million domestically. It also grossed $197.6 million world-wide just five days after its release.

Robert Downey, Jr. plays Tony Stark, an eccentric young billionaire and owner of Stark Industries, the world's biggest weapons manufacturer.

At first, Stark doesn't seem to care about much other than having a good time and making money. That all changes after he is kidnapped in Afghanistan.

Stark is forced to build one of his weapons for a terrorist group. He uses his weapons in the hands of these terrorists and is dis­guised with himself.

To escape, he builds an armed suit with weapons instead of building what he was supposed to. Although he escapes, his cap­tion finds his original suit and uses it to his advantage.

Once he arrives home, Stark announces his company will no longer make weapons, which upsets many, including his business top executive, Obadiah Stane, played by Jeff Bridges.

To rid the world of his weapons and those who use them for evil, Stark builds a better ver­

Atmosphere: lemons don't make lemonade

Musician: "Lemon" is in theaters now (Courtesy of www.onemanblog.com).

They wish they stayed underground when they gave some face-time to TV shows on MTV and popular magazines. Blogs on myspace have been pointed by fans from all over stating that they with they stayed underground. Most fans wrote how they missed the band and used for the album. They're used to kind of parallel the real life.

Iron Man creator Stan Lee, has to fight against His weapons for a terrorist group.

This makes the movie have an unusual Marvel film atmosphere. "Iron Man" is the first release based on fictional narratives that are normally not used for the album. They're used to kind of parallel the real life.

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Victoria Garcia Staff Writer

With their straight forward album title, "When Life Gives You Lemons, Paint That Sh-- Gold," the indie duo Atmosphere ex­press their personal lyrics and per­sonal style.

"Lemons," is a different fan base in the music.

For 11 years of putting on underground hip-hop act, these attains from Minneapolis have become a long-lasting and com­mercially successful rap duo in the industry.

"When Life Gives You Lemons, Paint That Sh-- Gold" is based on fictional narratives that describe problems in society.

This tune around I really did force myself to try and write these stanzas as if I was writing a book or short stories and just trying to fig­ure out how to put them into music;" said Slug in a recent MTV interview.

An interesting characteristic that Slug uses for his musical storytelling is when he raps about a girl named "Lucy." He began using the name because of his ex-girlfriend, who is the mother of his son.

It eventually developed into being a name that described women in general. On "Doomage," he states that "Lucy is in hip-hop, it's been said and buried, buried as a metaphor."

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Inghram's inspiring life

Gabriel Mays Staff Writer

Dee Inghram drives herself to San Bernardino High School in her purple Pontiac for the bowling alley whenever she feels the urge. At 102 years old, Inghram has lived almost her entire life here in San Bernardino. She will be speaking on May 13 as part of the Conversations on Diversity at the San Bernardino Valley College. I go back and look at how many wonderful people came into my life and helped me along the road," she said.

In 1923, Inghram graduated from San Bernardino High School. She later enrolled in courses at San Bernardino Valley College the following year where she composed music for her Alma Mater. Inghram has had a tremendous amount of influence on the community. With so many black children in the school, they should be able to have a black teacher," she said. Despite all her efforts to improve the community, she still experienced the hardships of being black during the times and troubles. Through all the hate he builds to outnumber, but choosen to give thanks to the people who showed up to meditate and brought a positive light to the man." Inghram has no plans to slow down anytime soon. The group intends to bring a spiritual community together here in San Bernardino. This is a corner school and we're trying to do that, but we are trying to do it by having awareness, consciousness and the power of meditation," said Inghram. "We try to bring the human consciousness to where it is supposed to be," Johnson said.

Meditating for peace

Elsa Escarcega Staff Writer

A group of students join together in the soccer field every Monday and Tuesday to meditate, in hopes that they will inspire world peace (Elsa Escarcega/Chronicle).

A group of students in the lab. The different ideological beliefs, values and ideas didn't stop them from working together. "We are trying to raise awareness, to warn people that you can be powerful in this life," said Meditator for World Peace founder, Kyrie King. Daniel Johnson and Kiser created the group during a winter quarter break. The group started the group has a wonderful feeling.

Despite this, the group wants to expand while recruiting people from different backgrounds.

When you meditate, you empty out all thoughts and enter a basically empty state. Meditation is conscious sleep," said Johnson. "It is our overall goal is to bring a spiritual community together here in San Bernardino. This is a corner school and we're trying to do that, but we are trying to do it by having awareness, consciousness and the power of meditation," said Kiser. "We try to bring the human consciousness to where it is supposed to be," Johnson said.

Inghram hopes to inspire stu­dents with her life story (photo courtesy of www.comb.edu).

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One vote per voter

Lauren Padia Staff Writer

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mition of the right to vote is an important and crucial element to the democratic process. However, enforcing the right to vote is even more important.

As of now there are seven states which require an ID to vote. Several attempts were made to appeal the law, saying that it infringes upon American’s most basic right — the right to vote.

In April, the Court ruled in favor of the law, saying that it does not violate any constitutional rights. This has caused an upset in the liberal community, because they claim the law was republican-inspired.

Liberals are saying that the law targets voters who are old or poor, not violate any constitutional rights.

peal the law, saying that it infringes on American’s most basic right — the right to vote.

Supreme Court Justice David Souter has said the law “permits to impose onerous burdens on the voting rights of tens of thousands of the state’s citizens.” Surely voter fraud is a huge myth, more recent issues such as that voters do have ID to vote.

Most would agree that having to suffer through two terms of a president who won the election because of voter fraud is much more serious than actual voter fraud.

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The blog was coined by Tim O’Reilly, a supporter of free software and open source movements, consisted of seven rules.

Providing ID to vote must become mandatory to avoid voter fraud (Courtesy of caglecartoons.com).

Blog on your soap box

Robert Gearner Staff Writer

I couldn’t believe what I had just read. I had to buy hanging out online.

I’m sure you’ve heard about blogging but have you ever really thought about it? Most blogs contain an online diary or personal blog, just serve as online diaries. There are many types of blogs: art blogs (collections of art), food blogs and food blogs (collections of photos), just to name a few.

In the world of communicati

Blog began to appear on Bulletin Board Systems (BBS) earlier on. The term “blog” was coined by Peter Merholz in 1999 who took the word “weblog” originated by Jim Barger in 1997.

Blogging today has really become popular and must websites have blogging ability built right in.

The power of blogs became apparent in 2002 in the political arena. U.S. Senate Majority Leader at the time, Trent Lott, was at a party in November Soon thereafter, Sam Johnson. This is when it was discovered that our country would have been better off if Truman had been elected as the president.

Then several critical of Lott’s comments because Truman, when running for president

in 1948, had a policy that called for social segregation. No news media broke the story, it was the bloggers who did. In the end, Lott stepped down as majority leader.

When writing for a blog it is good to know some of the rules and terms that bloggers use. When you become great at it you will be known as a “bloggerman,” someone who has blogs with an expert or pro

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It is not smart to write about your employer because some employers have found blogging inappropriate and have fired employees.

The blogger’s code of conduct is always blogging on sites known as “blogstorms,” that is when a blog has a huge amount of responses or comments. In order to comment, you will be thanked to the source of your comment.

Now that you know a little something about blogs and blogging, take a try at it. Make a comment online at http://www.creativecommons.org. Most likely someone else will comment or even comment on your comment.

Happy blogging!
Berg is best

Scott Bostian
Open & Athletic Health Science Editor

The best water polo player ever to come through CSUSB finished her senior year leading the nation in scoring with 112 goals.

Berg became an NCAA Division II All-American in 2006 and 2007.

The All-Americans for this year have not yet been selected, but she could very well be a few weeks away from being a three-time All-American.

"I can't say enough good things about Berg," said CSUSB water polo coach Tom Fifwall. "She is truly a complete player."

Berg finished her career as the all-time CSUSB leader in goals scored with 356.

"I couldn't have done it without great teammates," said Berg. "I depended on them making good passes."

Berg's favorite method of scoring is getting open on the weak side, so one of her teammates can pass her.

However, she's not limited to one method to help her become a producer.

"She could do it all, catch crosses in the box when we needed to or get open wherever she didn't have the ball," said Fifwall. "She made 46 percent of her shots, which is unheard of in water polo." Berg, who led CSUSB in all major statistical categories, finished her career first all-time in career goals (356) and career shots (1,661) and second in career draws (333).

Her trophy count began even higher this year as she was selected to Western Water Polo Association's All-Tournament team.

All the records and accolades only tell part of Berg's story.

"The great thing about Berg is that it's like having a coach in the water," said Fifwall.

Berg is such a smart player that she would use things underwater that her coach couldn't see, so she would call them "tempests" if something needed to be addressed.

"She made her job easy," said Fifwall.

Berg, a biology-chemistry major, attributes her success to her family.

"I have five siblings and sports have always been a part of my family," said Berg. "It has made me very competitive."

"She is the hardest worker I have ever coached," said Fifwall. "Berg worked hard every game, every practice and every minute. I have never coached such a dedicated athlete."

All that work would have taken off in the average person, but not Berg.

"I'm really going to miss water polo," said Berg. "I like the competitive nature of the game."

CSUSB water polo is going to miss Berg just as much as she will miss CSUSB.

Her 112 goals from this season will be a lot to replace with just one person.

Berg will also miss moments like when CSUSB beat Cal State Bakersfield. "It was always great to beat Bakersfield," said Berg.

Berg was so excited she pushed her coach into the pool after CSUSB beat Cal State Bakersfield.

"It was fun," said Fifwall. "I pushed him in the pool just like my sister did after we beat Bakersfield." said Fifwall.

Berg, who will go down as the best player in CSUSB history, finished her career with a game-winning goal to help her team finish the WCCA tournament in fifth place.

Tayler Wilson and the softball team are ready for the challenge of their first trip to the postseason (Janelle DeLos Reyes/Chronicle).

Three-peat

Felisha McLaughlin
Sports Writer

The Coyotes men's golf team qualified for the NCAA Division II Championship for the third consecutive year.

CSUSB qualified the NCAA West/Northwest Super Regional team last week with a score of 881 for three rounds.

The tournament took place at Adobe Creek Golf Club, which is a 6,840-yard, par-72 course.

Senior William Clayton was able to finish on the course within the team's third and final day with a one-over-par 73.

His score helped to ensure the Coyote's spot in the final top four in the tournament's end.

Clayton's score was a comparative difference to his average (78).

"I just believe in myself and had some newfound confidence," Clayton said. "I guess, of course, because I didn't want my senior year of golf to end pointless." Clayton finished with three birdies in the last five holes, which is something I have never done.

"Visualizing success is a new method Clayton said he would take away from this tournament."

"Something I did that really helped was before I hit any shot, I would take a step back, close my eyes and take a deep breath and actually picture what I wanted the shot to look like," Clayton said. "I'd think and work it, and I do it."

The Coyotes were ranked fourth going into the last day of the tournament after beating Cal State Stanislaus in a playoff to get into the NCAA Division II Championship.

Sonoma State took the title in the tournament, with a final team score of 861.

Sophomore Gene Webster was one shot away from the course's record the second day of the tournament.

He was able to shoot an eight and five birdies to finish up with a five-under-par 67.

"William (Clayton) said that all of the players and coach Thomas Muñoz, II, contributed to the Coyote success," Muñoz said.

"Everyone stepped up. Everyone had their score count at least two out of the three rounds. Great shots under par. (ThomasMuñoz) made a long birdie put on the last hole of regulation," Clayton said. "It was all about how everything came together."

"It was really cool because a lot of coaches will put a ton of pressure on their players at unannounced times and it's like our coach has the innermost sense of what to say and when to say it," Clayton said. "I think he knows because he played college golf and even some professional golf, so he knows what it's like."

The Coyotes will continue to sharpen their season into the championship tournament in Houston, Texas on May 15-16.