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Setting new records

Over $1.5 billion in campaign funds have been raised

California has contributed over $16 million to the presidential campaign (Michael Jannolo/Chronicle). This record-setting total has now been eclipsed by nearly $600 million, according to the FEC. The FEC has increased its responsibility, and that total is now $83 million of that total has been raised by the RNC (Republican National Committee) and other sources that are more than the FEC's contribution limit. The FEC also claims that the contributions are not a form of campaign finance but a form of political activity.

Early voting saves students time

Albert Sahabi
Staff Writer

S
en Bernardino County has prepared itself for an expected record turnout this election. Officials have organized many early voting opportunities for voters. CSUSB has one of a dozen sites to participate. There were 96 votes under early voting at the San Bernardino Student Union on Oct. 22-23. With over 5,000 early votes cast thus far, this roughly accounts for 10 percent of all early voting in San Bernardino County.

"Nearly half of Californians are expected to cast their votes by mail rather than at a polling site," the Los Angeles Times states in one of its articles. This represents a milestone in our democracy.

"Over a third of voters nationwide are expected to cast ballots before Nov. 4, up from 22 percent four years ago," according to bloomberg.com. Only 22 percent of voters showed up to the polls for the 2004 presidential election. A mere 24 percent did so in 2000. Many claims to vote early because it's more convenient.

"I want to avoid the lines and save time," Brian Winterolf, CSUSB student said. He that with classes on Tuesday, he could convene a meeting for the next FEC. When asked who he voted for, he only added that he was a supporter for the Democratic party.

Voting registration and early voting have been record-shattering this presidential election. Nation-wide, state by state, the FEC has set new record numbers of votes registered and cast in the early ballots.

"It has been record breaking," Karl Vegil, registrar of voters of San Bernardino County said.

This election is a record for voter registration in the county with 828,756 votes. In 2004, there were 737,559 registered voters and 71 percent voted.

Early voting accounted for 142,781, 19 percent of the 528,387 county to 528,387 county. McCain proposes to create the American Opportunity Tax Credit. Obama proposes to create the American Opportunity Tax Credit. Obama proposes to create the American Opportunity Tax Credit. McCain proposes to create the American Opportunity Tax Credit. Obama proposes to create the American Opportunity Tax Credit. Obama proposes to create the American Opportunity Tax Credit. Obama proposes to create the American Opportunity Tax Credit. Obama proposes to create the American Opportunity Tax Credit. Obama proposes to create the American Opportunity Tax Credit.
Electoral college to choose president

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You will not be voting for the next president on Nov. 4.

While choosing which presidential candidate to vote for may be relatively straightforward, the process of electing someone to the White House is not.

The popular vote determines how each state's electoral votes will be cast for the presidential election.

Electors are generally chosen by the political parties at each state's party convention.

In other words, the U.S. does not actually have a direct democracy.

Instead, we use a form of representative democracy in the electoral college.

The votes of the electors, not the votes of the people who elected them, select the president of the United States.

The system was designed to ensure that a candidate would receive a majority of the electoral college votes, even if they did not receive the most votes in the popular vote.

During the process of electing someone to the presidency, a candidate must win the majority of the electoral college votes.

If a candidate does not receive the majority, the election is decided by the House of Representatives.

Currently, there are 538 electoral votes, with each state receiving a number of electors based on its population.

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**Threats bring race concerns**

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Staff Writer

White supremacist threats against Sen. Barack Obama elicited a response from CSUSB professors.

Two non-Nazi skinheads planned to rob a gas station, target students at a largely black high school and then kill Obama, according to National Public Radio (NPR). The same source said that Paul Schotzheuser, 18, of West Helena, school and then

**Accord­ing to CBS News, white supremacists see hope in Obama's win. Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke said Obama would be a "viable option" in bringing others around to their view that whites have lost control.**

Although Obama's citizenship has been proven legitimate, many voters remain skeptical. "Some people can get offended having a president who's not full American running the country," former Israel Davis said. The Huffington Post reported that white supremacists felt a black man in the Oval Office would shock some in white America. The KKK feels it could possibly drive millions to their cause, and perhaps even start a race war that would lead to Aryan victory.

Most voters accept that such a phenomenon is highly unlikely. "People may attempt to do something to Obama, but they have no resources. Security is at a level where it's never been before," senior Rachel Beaulieu said.

In May, ABC reported that Obama received Secret Service protection last year at the earliest date ever in a presidential campaign.

"The issue of religion or race should not be a concern in a presidential race," Levin said.

"The issue should be whether he's a person of goodwill or not," Delmer said. "The Internet has also made it easier for hate messages to disseminate.

"We hate is irrelevant," Levin said. "It raises the level of the issue."

"Obama is a symbol that sends a message out now because they have a target," many people felt this racial issue was of importance.

**ASI Rocks the Vote**

Shantal Anderson  
Campus News Editor

A sanctioned Student In­corporated (ASI) will hold an election night event for students who want to hear the results for the President of the United States.

Tuesday night on November 4, ASI will be holding an event in the Oval of the students from 8pm to 10pm. Coyote Radio will be providing music and games while they watch. ASI will give away $150 for the organization which wins the most attendance amount of people.

This event is being developed to the transitional period for any who believe the election night was unimportant to the American people.

ASI wants to help students gather on campus so they can net­work with fellow students, according to Vasquez.

There will be two huge televi­sion displays showing the broad­casting of the poll results. The MC of the night will be Vasquez.

"This is the first time ASI is doing an election night event like this. This will give them a memory for people," said Francisco Aranda, student at CSUSB.

The contact information that was said to send the message was obtained through students' MyCoyote ac­counts.

Students and staff who know that their contact information needs to be changed, as well as those who have currently obtained a new cell phone, should update their contact information through the MyCoyote website.

**Text msg alerts**

Marisela Mingo  
Staff Writer

CSUSB has come up with an emergency no­ti­fication system to avoid circumstances like that which occurred at Virginia Tech last year.

Connect ED Service recently implemented the emergency system that will allow the university to connect to students and staff in case of an emergency. On Oct. 29, students and staff received a disaster drill message. The message was sent by email, text, voice messages, cell phones and even text messages, ac­cording to the CSUSB Police De­partment website.

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The University has to test the Emergency Notification System for two main reasons: to ensure that the system is securely in place and to ensure for students and staff to know how to get the news using the new emergency communication system. The emer­gency notification drill message will be delivered to all students and staff on campus three times a year, once per quarter.

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California argues energy future

Katelyn Duffy

Proposition 7 might actually impede the movement of California toward cleaner renewable energy, according to Dr. Jan Nisbet.

Nisbet, a CSUSB associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, finds Proposition 7 to be a poorly crafted law.

Proposition 7 would require government-owed utilities to generate 20 percent of their power from renewable energy by 2020. This standard currently applies to private electric utilities and corporations only.

"This measure is poorly constructed," Nisbet said. "It forces the state to change habits and adopt alternative energy sources, which draws up complex rules at the ballot box instead of through the legislative process and ignores a chance to work with the state's wide circle of environmentalists and power companies," according to sigant.com.

A bill will also require California utilities to increase their purchase of renewable electricity by 2 percent annually. It's purpose is to mirror what is called the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), measures proposed in 2005, according to Cali­fornia Independent Voter Project (CAIVP).

"It's very difficult to say what the laws accomplished," Nisbet said. "They don't make energy production cleaner or more efficient."

"Proposition 7 is opposed by environmental groups, corporate interests, Democrats, Republicans and alternative energy advocates. "If you look at the people supporting Prop 7, there are some special interest groups and some prominent scientists," Nisbet said.

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Though people are split on the good intentions of Proposition 7 being carved out by the laws in its regulations and mandates, the most important thing is that voters research the bill and decide for themselves and draw their own conclusions," Nisbet said.

"California is conflicted over proposition 8, which could possibly change the direction on how the state deals with renewable energy,"Nisbet said. "It is too early to say what Proposition 8 will do and what its effects might be."

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High Gas prices raise interest for Prop 10

Brianna Goldberg

With the rate of gas prices as unpredictable as ever, Proposition 10 is of considerable concern to CSUSB students.

Students may have to make some changes such as purchasing alternative fuel or economically efficient vehicles in the near future to combat the high prices.

The state of California is now trying to help people and reward potential purchasers of alternative fuel vehicles this election season through Proposition 10.

"There are many propositions on the ballot this year, but some of them have not received as much attention as others," Laughlin said.

Proposition 10 may not be highly publicized like Proposition 8, or Proposition 9, but it is still of high importance to students.

Proposition 10 will provide $5 billion in bonds paid from the state's General Fund to be authorized to help consumers and others purchase alternative vehicles.

The proposition will also help research in renewable energy and alternative fuel vehicles, according to smartenergy.org.

A total of $5.425 billion will go directly to helping people purchase alternative fuel vehicles, including natural gas vehicles, as well as funds for the research of alternative fuel technologies, according to smartenergy.org.

Another $1.25 billion will go to the research, development and production of renewable energy technology.

Proposition 10 also provides grants to cities for renewable energy projects and to colleges for training in renewable and energy efficient technologies, according to smartenergy.org.

Prop 10 will cost the state $5 billion in bonds that will come directly out of the state's General Fund (Balloe, Chapman University). The proposition would provide an annual cost of $10 billion to the state's General Fund, according to Chapman University's associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, Jan Nisbet.

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"Our Country"

Sports Editor

Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain feel ways to unveil as they travel from state to state.

For the sake of change in America, let's imagine that neither candidate takes the Oval Office. Instead, we can pretend Obama and McCain listen to music on their iPods, play the most popular songs of the relevant people.

Blinder magazine polled both senators in July and asked what their top 10 favorite songs are. The generational gap between Obama's top ten and McCain's playlist at least one song that romanticized the candidates in a way that exaggerates the candidates but contains truth at the same time.

Tina Fey's take on Palin's finch of a political skits. Nobody thought comedy could pack such a political punch.

The skit imitated the greatest political hits, including hits by Neil Diamond, to stop.

The most recent entertainers targeted in the pro-life song war are R&B singer Justin Timberlake and his girlfriend, actress Jessica Biel.

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The organization works with young adults around the nation who feel the faith of pro-life movement.

The National Right to Life Committee has two more songs on its top ten.

McCain has two too.

For instance, "I love America," more than a great Beach Boys song, is a classic soul.

"LIFE. "If not for judgment, not for control, but for a better world," said Whittington. He stands strong in his belief that there is no alternative.

The Rock for Life organization now targets celebrities for their pro-choice beliefs and has urged fellow pro-life supporters to boycott certain entertainers as well.

When asked about the extent of the boycott Whittington stated, "we should not be supporting musicians and entertainers who will use their positions to advocate for abortion rights."
Chris Alina
Staff Writer

Do you research? Do your research! That is what the people in the Santos Manuel Student Union Pride Center are saying when it comes to the presidential election, Proposition 8 and the other important propositions. The Pride Center wants students to start making moves in this year's election because they believe that the 2008 Presidential election is the most significant election that they have yet to witness.

The country's first black presidential candidate is making history as Election Day draws near. There are major propositions that voters will be fighting for such as Propositions 4 and 8. Proposition 4 is the fight for a waiting period and parental consent before a minor can marry and abortion.

Proposition 8 is a decision of same-sex marriage instituted in the state by California's Supreme Court. The results of this proposition, according to some students were survived regarding a vote for Proposition 8.

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Student voters see race as significant election factor

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Barack Obama's attempts to link his opponent with the tenuous and patently ridiculous attempts to link the base of the Republican party. No, Mr. McCain re­ sponded. "He's a decent family man, a citizen, that just happen to have disagreements with on fundamental issues and that's what this campaign is all about." The exchange drew massive coverage over cable and print media. Many praised McCain for his dignity and boldness in standing against the blatantly racist and dis­ deterrent outbursts that had been emerging at his rallies. To me, this was both refreshing and hopeful. Instead of simply disagreeing with the woman about Obama's heritage - Obama's father is from Kenya, making him half African, not Arab - McCain should have corrected the woman and then scolded her for insinuating that being an Arab is in any way negative.

By tacitly agreeing with the idea that being Arab disqualifies you from being a decent family man, a citizen or running for presi­ dient, McCain continued to reinforce the anti-Arab, anti-Muslim base that has been building on the far right.

Just one attack to connect Sen. Obama to terrorists (Courtesy of soulasians.com).

The Fed has control over America's financial well-being. How did they get so much power? (Courtesy of Caglecartoon.com).

The founders understood the necessity of protecting each individual's right to their own religion. After all, the first amendment does not say: "Congress shall make no law respecting an estab­ lishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, as long as the participants are not Mus­ lim.

It is time to embrace the progres­sion of our society. It is time to embrace equality. It is time to understand that the political candidates should be judged on their policies and temperament, not on their religion.

A candidate should be able to win your vote if they truly want to be a different god, or maybe no god at all.

The last few years, I've read that Obama's critics blame Obama's loss in the election and Sen. McCain's win, it will be due to racism. Don't fall for it, most of us understand that at least most of us understand that at least most of us understand that America can equally will plan.

Ken Dillard Managing Editor

This presidential campaign has had more than its share of tense political attacks and divisive rhetoric.

While few would argue that the Republicans haven't been the aggressors, neither side has been 100 percent innocent.

Americans are said to be "we've been witness to enough body­ count campaign ads that I think we've generally essay­ ed to difference between the leg­ itimate political defenses and ridicu­ lous attacks." In 2008 alone, there was plenty of the latter activity.

Many of the attacks on Sen. Barack Obama have been driven by the genocidal and harmful attempts to rally the "low-information voter" base of the Republican party. Chief among these are the patently ridiculous attempts to link Obama with the tenuous and patently ridiculous attempts to link the base of the Republican party.

For the record, Sen. Obama is not an Arab, but an American. His father is from Kenya, making him half African, not Arab. Many religious voters say they would only vote for someone that shared their basic values. They think that's impossible for someone to share their values and political interest without sharing with their god.

This is ridiculous. Moral and ethical convictions are not the mo­ nopoly of Christians, the religious or any other group.

It is possible for someone to not share your specific religious belief to better match your so­ cial, economic and foreign policy beliefs than someone who does.

The most important thing you can do as a voter is make sure that you understand each candidate's positions before you even think about considering their race, religion or ethnic heritage.

Our responsibility as Ameri­ cans is to defend the constitution. The founders understood the ne­ cessity of protecting each individual.
**Academic front runners**

Daniella Erickson

**Teenagers Robert Johnson (left) and Rayleen Raulins have been roommates since they were freshmen (Gabriel Aribo/Chronicle).**

**Dynamic duo**

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Staf Writer

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**T he women's cross country team scored high in the classroom, and many are on track to rank number one.**

The girls' success in academics can be attributed to discipline they have learned from their women's head cross country coach, Tom Burleson.

The women's cross country team has received nine All-Academic awards from their cumulative grade point averages, landing the girls' average at higher than 3.0.

Burleson said he is pretty sure the girls will be receiving their 10th All-Academic award this year. Four girls on the team have current grade point averages of 3.0 or higher.

The team practices at 6 a.m. around CSUSB. Burleson said his motivation is knowing that running is their job and they need to get the job done.

"They know they're going to get up, go to school, and have the rest of the day for school and continue to work on their rank in the classroom," Burleson said.

"The majority of running is mental and getting yourself physically ready to run in that particular day," Burleson said. Running takes extreme self-motivation and discipline.

Athletes need to stay on top of their nutrition to keep from being injured, according to Burleson.

The team has been invited to compete in the conference championship on Oct. 25. The Coyotes placed eighth in the California Collegiate Athletic Association men's and women's cross country championships held at Glen Helen Regional Park in Devore.

The Coyotes won an event since the program was reinstated in 1996.

"We have a tremendous support system," Burleson said. The runners have support from everyone in the athletic department.

President Albert J. Camacho commended Kari Kuning for his encouragement by speaking at a banquet the night though the Coyotes received their first, Burleson said the tournament wasn't over.

"I know it seems like you're down there. Fifth place had 147 points and the Coyotes "B" field had 166. The Coyotes weren't on top. They just needed a girl to finish in the top 60," Burleson said.

"It doesn't mean two in a row. In fact we went to Western Region but the teams that beat us are going to again," Burleson said. "They just have to because the game was so tough."