An army in transition

Fort Irwin offers unique experience

Ken Dillard  Managing Editor

The sun shining through the window, several Afghan children receive a sit-up from a visiting soldier.

These struggles of Afghanistan, Hughes noted, have made the improved explosive devices (IEDs) that haveㄹ  öld or ruined many of his comrades.

Standing on a platform in the middle of the vehicle, another soldier, this one a gunner, keeps his eyes on the road ahead, trigger-finger in the ready.

“Now that this one has been playing out at least twice in Middle Eastern countries for years now, but this particular suite is different. These soldiers are equipped with special sensors around their heads and torso. Their Gear smart electronic modifying the business end.

These soldiers are not in Iraq or Afghanistan, however. They are training for deployment at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, just outside Barstow, CA.  Chronicle staff had an opportunity to record two days embedded with the NTC with about 3,500 troops.

The undertaking at Fort Irwin is huge. The massive pile of land surrounding with an area of 2.7 million acres on any direction, ending at abrupt edges of rock that simulate the inaccessibility of Afghan territory. The huge pile of land divided into three provinces. Actual Afghan population several villages of grazing land and land of desert. These civilians are tried to internt with American soldiers in realistic ways.

The primary focus of the training at the NTC is cooperation with local leaders in Afghanistan, according to deputy brigade commander Lt. Col. Stephen Hughes; it is a staged, maneuverous terrain leads directly to isolation and poverty for large swaths of the population.

Because their government does not provide them with the infrastructure and they need, these Afghans often look for support from the mummies of Taliban insurgents who travel back and forth across the nearby border of Pakistan.

In order to preserve positive relationships with and providing aid to these struggling Afghans, Hughes continued on Pg. 5.

Controversial home development approved

The project is seen as hazardous since it's surrounded by risky environmental factors (Courtesy of Norman Steele, CSUSB professor).

Albert Sahate Staff Writer

The controversial University Hills development project has been unanimously approved by the San Bernardino City Council. A total of 900 dwellings will be built in the foothills northeast of CSUSB, in an area that has many environmental risk factors.

The Council voted 7-0 for the development on Monday, Nov. 17. "It is controversial," CSUSB professor Norman Mark said.

Mark has been against the development in that area since he got to CSUSB about 20 years ago.

"The area is mapped for all five hazards that the city zones for: earthquake, flood, flooding, fire, and landslide." Mark said.

The project, by Inland Communities Corp., was previously known as the Paradise Hills development and was denied by the City Council in 1993. That plan included 504 dwellings. The new plan maintains University Hills, but almost doubles the number of dwellings, and has concerned them in the "less hazardous" eastern part of the area, according to CSUSD's website.

Previously, in Paradise Hills, the volume had been 3.5 dwellings per acre. Mark felt that 3.5 was too dangerous considering the hazards.

"What really pisses me off is that the dwelling density has been increased to up to 20 dwellings per acre," Mark said.

"We need a better place to live," said City Council member Richard "Dick" DeMauro in support of the project.

Inland Communities Corp., the designer of University Hills, submitted 255 acres of land to CSUSB in June 2008. CSUSB plans to use

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CSU declares systemwide impaction

Lauren Podia Copy Editor/Staff Writer

Current students may meet a frustrating fine with possible prolonged graduation times knowing in the net-to-net future.

The California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees met on Wed., Nov. 19 and declared a system-wide impaction, meaning thousands of qualified applicants will be denied admission to the CSU this year.

This means that there will be an enrollment decrease, which will result in fewer incoming freshmen and transfer students admitted into CSUSB, as well as into the entire CSU system.

An undergraduate major or an incoming student student is designated as impacted when the number of applicants received from fully qualified applicants during the initial admission application (IPA) period exceeds the number of available spaces, according to the CSU website.

Incoming freshmen and transfer students, current resident and non-resident students are all prone to the backlash of the recent budget and enrollment cut.

The decision to limit admission has come at a tough time, especially because CSUSB has had a 39 percent increase in applications for the current winter semester.

Statewide impaction will block thousands of students’ access to education (Ken Dillard/Chronicle).

Students sick of damaging cuts

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San Bernardino, CA

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Development labeled hazardous

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Parking violations boom

Funds from the state have decreased by 23%, and the university is facing a number of challenges, including decreased enrollment and increased costs. The university is exploring ways to reduce costs and improve efficiency, and they are working to maintain quality higher education for all students.

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Cuts rally continued

Cuts rally and related activities will continue. The students are urging all stakeholders to contact their elected officials to demand increased funding for higher education and quality education for all.

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Carroll Pittard: "This is absolutely unacceptable. We will have to do some creative thinking to bring in more students and keep them in our system."

The Army is sensitive to how the state is impacted in terms of funding. The Army is concerned with the future of the state and its ability to provide quality education for all.

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Steps to passing your finals

Maricela Miguel
Staff Writer

With final exams right around the corner, it is time for students to prepare for the exams. There are things that students can do to avoid the stress that comes with final exams season by following some simple studying tips.

Psychologist and mentor for the Faculty Student Monitoring Program (FSMP), Christine Pyroas gives her top five studying tips. Ask a professor for what is expected on the exam, review old exams, quizzes, and notes, and create opinions on material that will be on the exam. Don’t cram on an exam by studying a little each day, and make sure to get a good night’s sleep to be rested and ready to take the exam.

Military Virtual Mal-
dotado also recommends five steps to the leadership process in the fall and then in the spring. Mal-dotado recommends studying with a study guide, using flashcards, studying in a group and reading only information that is confusing and not the information that is already known. Finally, study the week before the exam.

Psychology major and mentor for FSMP Vicky Rusell also has her top five studying tips. She includes budgeting time by using a study planner and splitting up study guide and making copies to give to a partner. This will make the task of looking for answers less consuming and will leave more time for the actual studying.

Thirdly, she recommends sending an e-mail to a professor or insti-
tuting during his office hours to go over any study guide questions that you can’t find answers to, or don’t fully understand. She recommends studying in a quiet place to avoid distractions and retain information better.

Just like Peraza, Mal-dotado, and Russell, many students may stay with their top five tips for studying. However, not all study tips are for everyone.

The Learning Center, located at University Hall, where appoint-
ments can be made with tutors who can give you study tips. With the availability of the Internet, it is also easier than ever to get tips on how to study best.

In fact, studying tips are so widespread that finding information should be the least of a student’s worries. The important thing is to do the research.

Consequently, that only leaves finding the right place to study.

Among some of the popular places for studying on campus is the Plaza Library, the Santos Manuel Student Union and organizations on campus overseeing study groups.

As an example, Latino Student Asso-
ciation (LSA) will host “LSBA Study Hours” on Dec. 3, from 6-8 p.m., in SMSU, for all students looking for a place to study.

With final exam season upon us, one thing is for certain Students who want to ace their exams need to study.

Remember to eat a healthy breakfast in the morning to get you taking your exam. Eating in the morn-
ing gives your body the nutrients and energy it needs, therefore you can focus and concentrate when taking your exam.

Students are available in the Student Union Reserve Center from 9am-5pm Monday through Fri-

A student planner marked for finals (Maricela Miguel/Chronicle).

Speakers inform students about AIDS

Breathes Christmas Staff Writer

AIDS Awareness week continues with focusing on the free HIV testing for all students and staff at the AIDS Information Center event.

One of the guest speakers was Lt. Kim Clark from the depart-
ment of Science. Clark had exercises pertaining to the event that got all of the stu-
dents involved.

There were blue and yellow cards placed on each table with different parts of the body labeled on them and different images of the body susceptible to HIV/AIDS infections.

Students become really in-
volved because of Clark’s method of lecturing on the subject. Representatives of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also recommended five steps to the final exams.

Firstly, recommendations are for the students who want to study best.

Sixty percent of cadets are sophomores, 155 are juniors and 155 are seniors, according to Schleuning. MS4s are assigned to lead the groups on these leadership labs and are rotated every week. MS3s are then evaluating the MS4s on their leadership skills.

Schleuning noted that a MS3 leader is noted on how well he responds under pressure and stress. An overview is then conducted on what can be done better for next time. MS4s help MS3s during the leadership process in the fall and then in the spring the MS3s is on his or her own. They are then evaluated by the MS4 who is then evalu-
ated by the leadership.

“The mountains serve as per-
fect ground for cadets, for they per-
form many of their missions there,” Schleuning said.

The cadet had the leadership in the man-
ner serves as training ground and the mountains are where the mis-
scions are performed,” Schleuning said.

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volved because of Clark’s lecture on leadership. The students had to stand up left hand, now count off and four fin-
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Now hold up your right hand, count off on four fingers: male, genitals, anus and breaks and tear of the skin. Don’t_memorize or get it wrong,” Clark said.

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Eel and crab for Thanksgiving?

Kathryn Duffy

While there are many myths surrounding Thanksgiving, many historians have come to agree on a few facts about the holiday. The first Thanksgiving was a harvest celebration in 1621 that lasted for three days. The feast most likely occurred between Sept. 21 and Nov. 11 with approximately 90 Wampanoag Indians and 52 colonists in attendance. The Wampanoag contributed deer to the feast, not cranberry sauce, potatoes or pies.

So, how did we get the idea that you have turkey and stuffing on Thanksgiving?

It is because the Victorians, who had migrated to the U.S., prepared Thanksgiving that way. They are responsible for making Thanksgiving a national holiday, beginning in 1863, when Abraham Lincoln issued his presidential Thanksgiving proclamation.

There were two proclamations, one to celebrate Thanksgiving in August, and a second in November. Before Lincoln, Americans outside New England did not usually celebrate the holiday.

The Pilgrims weren't mentioned as a part of the holiday's past until late in the 19th century. "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our benefactor father who dwelleth in the heavens," Lincoln said.

Before the Thanksgiving was simply a day of thanks, not a day to remember the pilgrims, according to urbanlegends.com.

The first Thanksgiving feast may not have been the typical turkey dinner we enjoy today.

The food that is considered staples of the modern Thanksgiving meal definitely did not appear on Pilgrim's first feast table. In 1621, sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, cranberry sauce, or pumpkin pie.

In the year 2007, an estimated 272 million turkeys were raised to prepare for Thanksgiving in the United States. The forecast for U.S. cranberry production in 2007 was estimated to be around 650 million pounds. Many Americans consider green-bean casserole a traditional Thanksgiving dish.

About 841,250 tons of snap (green) beans were produced in the year 2006, according to the United States Census Bureau.

The total weight of sweet potatoe produced -- another popular Thanksgiving side dish -- averaged around 1.6 billion pounds.

The average Thanksgiving dinner has over 2,000 calories. It can be a real challenge if you are watching your waistline.

"Eating smaller portions of all your favorite Thanksgiving foods will ease your cravings for them and still not put your calorie intake in the stratosphere," Siegel said.

Daniel Henning, a CSUSB Communications major, celebrates Thanksgiving the traditional way. He enjoys turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberries, canned vegetables and pumpkin and cherry pies. "When you stop for one day and realize all the good things we have, which mostly are the only things that really matter, the bad things seem to go away," Henning said.

Henning believes that having a positive outlook won't stop the bad things, but it will make it easier to live through them.

"Thanksgiving brings that to my family," Henning said. "And by the way, you could have meat and popcorn for Thanksgiving and still enjoy the company and music behind it."
In it for the money

Justin Dolan Reyes
Staff Writer

Beyoncé’s third solo album “I Am...Sasha Fierce” is Beyoncé’s third studio album (Courtesy of Columbia Records).

It is a pleasure to watch an immensely talented actor disappear into a vibrant and colorful character. In doing that, Sant Pau capita lizes the already excellent “Milk” into an Oscar-worthy performance.

Directed by Gus Van Sant by way of a tremendously well researched screenplay by David Lindsay Black, “Milk” follows the transgressive and tragic life of Harvey Milk, the openly gay man elected to public office in America. When he tried to find his life at a crucial moment, writing to his new lover Scott Smith.

He opened a camera shop in the Castro district, a neighborhood in transition from Irish-Catholic to the loud-and-proud capital of gay America. A colorful cavalcade of sup ports-did it to make Milk the perfect backdrop for Milk’s turning point in the lives of Harvey Milk.

Pettis utilizes every ast at his disposal—body language, facial expression and voice—to create one of the best-performed characters in career. Milk’s legendary sense of humor, gut-wrenching pathos and passion are more than evident.

Pettis’ entire physicality is changed. Gone are the squared shoulders and pent-up frustrations that he has been described as an actor’s ball. A quiet softness pervades every bombastic turn, and an off kilter always seems to be lurking at the corners of his mouth. Milk’s range is a stunning and versatile one. Hours of personal interviews with Milk’s friends and colleagues went into the mix.

Several academic moments pale in comparison to the three-dimensional portrait of the activism and his life. Milk’s openness about how people react to this relationship with his family and friends.

Smith is Milk’s most significant love and the manager of his first three unsuccessful campaigns. The relationship between Milk and Smith is truly filled out early on, but Van Sant seems to have chosen to keep the intimacy at a minimum, perhaps out of fear of turning off conservative viewers (though I’m hard-pressed to think of many conservatives who would be repelled in the life of Harvey Milk). A love relationship with Sal Lira (Diego Luna), a flamboyant young Moron, is barely explored despite serious questions about Lira’s place within the framework of Milk’s life.

“Milk” is well written, well directed and delivers the year’s best ensemble acting. Milk’s career may not yet be over, but this look back on a tragic civil rights crusader’s many ups and downs is a success story that everyone should see this year.

Ashley Hernandez as Mariana and Tony Jakhos as Harpagos in The Miser (Courtesy of Gaunyath Kothial/Theatre Arts Department).

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Emile Hirsh as Cleve Jones in “Milk” (Courtesy of Focus Films).
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When we did use them, it was...
Fans can turn tide

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It's the passion of the fans... that keeps teams going. The louder they cheer for the volleyball team during the opening round of the NCAA Division II West Regional Tournament on Nov. 17 (Chris Baker/Chronicle).

Heart of gold, mind of genius

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CSUSB Women’s soccer player Ashley Haugensager not only has the skills to kick your butt off the field, but also the skills to keep her back to health afterward. ESPN Magazine voted the sophomore midfielder to the 2008 college division All-America 8 Academic Second Team. Haugensager was one of only 65 students to get accepted into the nominating program this quarter. Her academics helped her find a way around the standard admission essay and interview, with a 2.51 grade point average.

"I was able to apply for early admissions because of my high school grades and SAT scores. I had to take the pre-test for the nursing classes and I was 1st," Haugensager said. She was inspired to become a purchase ridiculous oversized foam ascots do funny stuff, "I'm so happy for it." As they get more and more rowdy, make a difference, don't worry. You did.

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