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Despite cuts, no new fees

Student fees will not increase in 2009-10 school year

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The budget may now money from the general fund to alleviate fee increases.

No such boost was mandated for the 2008-09 school year. In all, the requested budget is $1.3 billion — a 14 percent increase from last year, according to CSU officials.

The budget includes $3.5 billion from the State General Fund and $3.5 billion from student fee revenue.

The proposed total increase in funds is $611.4 million for the CSU. That figure includes $341.2 million to fully fund the CSU under the Higher Education Compact, $116.7 million to raise salary levels for faculty and staff, and $135 million to cover additional high-priority needs, according to CSU officials.

Two budget support documents released by the CSU in November called the budget proposal "an essential opportunity for investment in California's economy. Investment in the CSU is an investment in California's future."

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Increasing gas prices are hurting public transportation

San Bernardino / Los Angeles metro line use is up 17 percent

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At we watch the price of gas climb, we see an increase in the use of public transportation.

Although gas is below $2 per gallon, many look for relief from the tumbling economy through public transportation.

In the past year, Metrolink, Footlight Transit and Omnitrans have seen a ridership boost as gas prices raced toward $5 a gallon, according to the San Bernardino Sun.

"Even now that the price has dropped, many people have discovered they wouldn't rather take the bus or train than hit the road on their own," Footlight Transit spokesperson Felicia Friezens told the Sun.

"They formed a habit in June when gas was close to $3 a gallon. Ridership added." More than 14,448 million people chose the bus, which is an increase of about 5 percent over last year, Friezens said.

Overall, ridership is up 8 percent over last year on the San Bernardino to Los Angeles line, Metrolink reported a 17 percent increase on average daily ridership from July through September, according to the report.

For the approximate 60 mile trip from San Bernardino to Los Angeles it would cost an average of $56 of car, according to Metrolink.

The same trip would cost $20 on a weekday and $15 on the weekend for a Metrolink user.

Ridership at local transit agencies is not only up, it is staying strong according to Marie Montogni, a spokesperson for the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Although the gas prices have fallen drastically, the high price of gas has kept many people in their monthly budgeted family budgets, which public transit is working to lessen.

"You add up the gas bills over the year and even if it drops to $1 a gallon by the end of the year, you're probably more paid for gas this year than any other year," Montogni said in a Daily Bulletin article. "Public transit saves money alone with the environment."

CSUSB students have a chance to reduce their carbon footprint by participating in the various public transit options.

Metrolink and its passengers save 22,000 gallons of oil per year, reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 78,000 metric tons per year and reduce about 25,000 person car trips each day, according to Metrolink.

It's late and over budget, but look at all the passengers who took the bus to take it for a ride.

Katelyn Duffy, paper.
Students prepare for job crisis

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The Career Development Center has tools for students to want to prepare for the job market in time of economic trouble. According to Career Counselor Sonya Decker, some of the services offered at the current career center assist with resumes, cover letters, counseling information on career expos, tips for successful interviewing and information on career fairs.

The Career Development Center is located in University Hall, room 322, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We help students through a psychological transition from feeling like a freshman," Dr. Pamela Abell, career counselor and employer relations coordinator said. "Students only know the campus and don't know about all the other resources available to them. We help them with their profession.

"We help them prepare for an entry-level position," Abell said. "We have 30 different types of jobs offered on campus.

"Students have no idea what comes up. The news doesn't talk about job opportunities. There are many available.

"There are three different kinds of jobs offered on career center ads, according to Abell. There are career, local, and non-volunteer jobs.

National job fair gives jobs of in-city areas where students want to work, according to Abell. There are career, local, and non-volunteer jobs.

"Students need to sign up at career fair to access the job search engine.

All student information is kept confidential and they can access the site 24/7.

Job listings are for students, and according to career center staff, CSUSB alumni may access all CSUSB alumni may access all

The first issue of the magazine will be distributed in the winter issue.

Besides CSUSB, other organizations that cooperated in the efforts were the Student Leadership and Development Office, Latino Business Student Association, and other organizations.

Dr. Coorna, CSUSB coordinator of student affairs, said, "It's important for students to have a platform to express their opinions and to have a forum to share their stories.

"An opportunity to share their stories, how they got involved, how they got to where they are today.

Many families were enthusiastic to be a part of the magazine and to help out.

Furthermore, this bridge about the opportunity to empty out to help out and bring help to a kid.

Anyone interested in contributing with the pictures can drop by the SFMP office located in 2730, or the DSL office in the second floor of the Student Union.

The drive to the city of Mecca will be on December 14, 2008. For more information, call Maria Cuniato, Area Coordinator, or visit the career center.

For the full story, please visit the Chronicle's website.
False abortion clinics have been the focal point of heated controversy lately (Courtesy of lifenew.com).

A current sampling of actual abortion clinics. Border said.

“Finally, seek counseling if students’ thinking is, it must also be realistically false. According to CareNet’s website, their network of more than 100 pregnancy centers offer hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies by providing practical help and emotional support. The website says CareNet’s centers provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasound services, and a free pregnancy counselor. Students feel the pressure

A little bit of stress might be good for students, but too much can be harmful (Courtesy of disgesta.com).

CPCs mask themselves at an abortion clinic (Courtesy of al fp.com).

They complain that their confidential information was used against them.

In some cases, they were followed home and mail and phone calls intruded into their homes.

False claims such as abortion causes cancer and infertility, while condoms do not prevent against HIV and STDs are some of the examples of tactics the CPCs use to dissuade women, according to fwhc.org.

Despite this reported information, CareNet, one of the main organizations that oversees the CPCs, claims that they use compassion with women everyday to help save unborn lives.

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Britney Spears: Circus life

Britney Spears' "Circus" has orchestrated a scandal-onstage at the MTV, the same network that permitted her to embarrass herself when "Womanizer," her act, was aired. Spears garnered commercial success when "Womanizer" was released to radio.

**Christmas spirit rediscovered in 19th-century holiday tales**

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Christmas stories from days past have been rediscovered at CSUSB.

CSUSB First-year Barbara Quarton gave a reading on Dec. 4, from her new published book of Christmas stories collected from the turn of the century titled “Christmas Rediscovered.”

Quarton first developed her interest in Christmas stories by reading the “Century Magazine,” where she found a collection of short stories, poems and essays that reflected the period of time between 1883-1938. It illustrated changes in society such as new inventions, experiences and developments of industrial life.

In her journey to find the right collection of stories, Quarton based her research on three criteria. First, Quarton had to like the story. The story then had to be religiously neutral in order to appeal to all audiences. Finally the story had to reflect the changes within the second half of the 19th century. “I was interested in... folkways,” said Quarton as she talked about the stories.

In her search, Quarton wanted a good theme for Christmas stories, which she wanted to share something that could appeal to all people. Quarton said that the stories were fictional, yet realist and “1800’s stories [are] so innocent, beautiful.”

Throughout her book, Quarton emphasized how the fresh Christmas stories changed dramatically. She explains how Christmas has turned materialistic and commercialized.

There are some students at CSUSB who would agree with Quarton.

CSUSB student Angelica Vera said, “Christmas no longer has that warm feeling like it used to be in the Old Days. It’s all about shopping and giving gifts.”

These stories offer a different perspective on Christmas.

**Holiday season celebrated in diverse traditions by cultures**

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All Christmas and New Year celebrations are different and unique, which makes the holiday festivities one of the most anticipated times of the year. Typically Americans celebrate Christmas by giving presents to family members and friends, and dressing up their homes with red and green. The U.S. Christmas movie released in 1977, “Roots,” has additionally been a popular tradition among African-American families.

CSUSB communications student Consuelo Sanchez said, “My family usually has ‘pandillas’ which are related to my family’s Hispanic culture.”

“Pandillas” are a popular Mexican tradition that involves the participation of entire families and neighborhoods.

The Pandillas serve to commemorate Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The tradition begins on Dec. 16 and continues through Dec. 24. Each of the participating families take turns in hosting or serving at the celebrations of the “pandillas,” and the children and adults of the other families represent the “persecutors,” or people who persecute. The perpetrators ask for a place to pass the night, and the sinners that allow them to stay to host the feast turn out to be the end of the “pandilla.”

After the perpetrators enter the house, a player is said and they feast of some characteristic foods of a pandilla such as “champurados,” which is like hot chocolate, and tamales typically follows.

Mexican New Year traditions are few and often involve family dinners.

Common traditions include eating 13 grapes at midnight while making one wish per grape. Traditions also include wearing red underwear on New Year’s Eve to bring good fortune in love, and taking out statues and walking around them to encourage family travel.

American New Year customs, on the other hand, focus on resolutions such as the ball dropping at Times Square in New York City, which is broadcast throughout the U.S. It involves people who usually kiss, hug, or cheer for New Year’s wishes at the arrival of the New Year.

Some New Year celebrations are not even celebrated on January 1.

The Chinese New Year, or “Year of the Rooster,” is celebrated between Jan. 25 and Feb. 20. In its celebrations, such as street parades featuring dancing dragons and lions, there is meant to bring good luck, health and happiness for the next year. The Chinese clean their homes before starting a celebration in order to clearly bad luck.
I don't think anyone who pays for such a service here can blame them if they can't get their hands on a condom.

The AIDS Resource Center, the Women's Resource Center, campus presses, they've had to cut back on supplies. I'm not sure how they read this on the number of people who are still suffering from AIDS. I know it was mentioned sporadically on the news... OK, I didn't really watch the news. I knew about it because I saw the headline on the mail I was reading while I was surfing the net (for schoolwork, I really know a lot of things happened in support of World AIDS Day. For example, here on campus, there were activities and services held by various school organizations in recognition of the global epidemic. Still, I ended up feeling underwhelmed.

I guess I feel like AIDS has somehow become intertwined with the rest of our culture, almost like we've forgotten about it. Besides this, when we think about it, we usually picture the millions suffering in Africa. Oprah, Rosie, Angyola Jolie and plenty of other celebrities have succeeded or are attempting the human faces of the AIDS crisis across the world. I think that's been great and very important. However, I think it also means that somewhere in the process they lost the face of AIDS at home.

We can no longer turn a blind eye to those who suffer from AIDS. They need our help. (Courtesy of chsinfotph.com).

**Wide web might get tangled in censorship**

**Sorjoshi Burton**

The face of what we call the Internet may change forever. The issue is "net neutrality." The issue is whether improvement to the Internet's network holds a higher priority over the freedom of speech it currently enjoys. A faster Internet may come at the cost of the freedom to browse, upload, and download whatever you want. We are presently allowed to go to any website we choose without influence censorship by our Internet Service Providers (ISP). I am not including parental controls, which the consumer must set to filter websites. Consumer control laws, but with the lack of net neutrality that power would be given to the ISP.

Net neutrality gives an equal play for all to do with the way the web is built and controlled. Big corporations and individuals alike get the same rights. That means that Yahoo and Google are both able to start their own web based businesses with no fear. The Internet service providers are one side, and the Internet itself is the other. That means that Yahoo and Google can have their own websites that are not blocked.

The user makes the decisions as to what they download, what websites they visit and what they watch and read online. Gov. Aaron, communications director for the First Press and during an interview on PBS, without network neutrality millions of people who upload and share information could be highly censored.

Companies such as AT&T, Verizon, Comcast and Time Warner are against network neutrality according to Save the Internet.com. These companies with so not provide the information lines that they also decide what information is able to travel through those lines.

What the cable and telephone companies are proposing is essentially creating a toll booth right in the middle to direct traffic create an expense line for the products and services they own and leave everyone else in a winding dirt road," Aaron said.

The argument against net neutrality is based on the need for new improved system to support the amount of users on the Internet. The Internet basically flows as one pipeline. The opponents of net neutrality propose that new lines be to opened, which would allow certain websites a higher amount of privilege.

They argue that proponents of net neutrality want all traffic to clog a single upstream pipeline. Internet censorship might not only happen in China (Courtesy of Caglegraphics.com).
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Cherniss turns ‘Yotes into powerhouse team

Sara Rice is the fourth ranked hitter in the nation (Daniella Erickson/Chronicle).

Road not taken

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The fourth ranked volleyball hitter in the nation was supposed to become a golfer. Senior middle blocker Sara Rice holds a 42-bit percentage, yet golf clubs and tees were predicted to be in her future.

Rice’s father is a golf enthusiast and encouraged her to be in a golfing high school. When most of her friends tried out for the volleyball team and they pushed her to try out as well.

Rice became Yucca Valley High School’s top player her junior and senior year and named all-Citrus Belt League honors.

Most recently, she was named the National/CCAA player of the week on Nov. 10. She attributed her tangible success for the NCAA this week on Nov. 1.

The common knowledge for anyone who is associated with sports that playing and traveling road games are not easy.

No one likes uncomfortable plane and boat rides. Not do they like rowdy fans from other schools sit on the bench and keep them from being able to do their job.

But every team must have the confidence to do their best on the road.

“Traveling always makes all the work we do, play," Rice said.

The Chargers are coming off two road losses as they head into the final stretch of the season. This was supposed to be their season. It was supposed to be their time.

Our team has the experience of playing in many tournaments and the team is the way a team reacts in a game is the learning process. You find out what a team’s made of. As for our team this year, we haven’t found out everything,” Becker said.

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A way that Oliver attempts to prepare his team for the challenge of road games is by shining light on the situation at hand.

“Try to make them understand the environment and the situation they are getting themselves in. Some calls are not going to go their way. We play a tough pre-season schedule so that we get ready for CCAA play,” Oliver said.

“Lights out for Chargers

San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers and his team are currently below .500 (Courtesy of chargers.com).

I think if the organization wasn’t so bifurcated they would’ve been deep in the playoffs this season,” Banks said. “But since they were so uneven about Marty (Schottenheimer) and his call as first round pick, they need him along with our Super Bowl dreams.”

A first round exit in the play-offs in 2006 cost Marty Schottenheimer his job.

Nuu Turner, a coach with little winning experience, was hired soon after.

Hopefully something can be done to stop the bleeding as we speak. Relying on the Denver Bron­cos to lose every week isn’t what the Chargers should be counting on.