Social activism may not be in the forefront of everyone's mind. It is however, a part of the life of Julie Chavez Rodriguez. Rodriguez comes from a long line of activists. Her late grandfa­ ther was the labor leader and civil rights activist Cesar E. Chavez. Chavez was well known for helping achieve dignity, respect, fair wages and better working conditions for farm workers across the country. His union's efforts contributed to the passage of the 1975 California Agricultural Labor Relations Act to protect farm workers. It is in the nature that still protects farm workers' right to unionize.

Rodriguez will be speaking on campus about the intersection of activism and education. Rodriguez first became interested in social activism at a very young age.

"I was about six or seven years old when it hit me what the Farm Workers Movement was about," Rodriguez said. "I dream on that the struggle is about basic fairness.

Rodriguez now works as a program director for the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that works to uplift and empower disadvantaged communities.

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News

CSU top Green Power user

Green Power sources produce lower carbon dioxide emissions, a greenhouse gas linked to global climate change.

Wendy Diaz
Staff Writer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) named California State University a top 25 national purchaser of Green Power.

The CSU system was ranked fourth as of Jan. 8, 2007, with the largest Green Power purchases in the higher education sector.

Green Power includes electricity that is partially or entirely generated from clean resources, such as solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, biomass and low-impact hydro.

Three types of energy are considered cleaner than conventional sources of electricity and produce fewer carbon dioxide emissions: a greenhouse gas linked to global climate change.

Green Power purchases are also especially valuable because they accelerate the development of new renewable energy capacity nationwide.

"The CSU has made a conscious choice to be a Green Power purchaser," said Paul Browning, media relations specialist at the Chancellor's Office of the CSU system.

"The CSU has developed a strategic plan for energy procurement and production to reduce energy capacity requirements from the electricity grid and to promote energy independence through availability of economically feasible technologies such as solar, wind, tidal, biomass and other means of energy generation. The CSU shall endeavor to increase its self-generated energy capacity from 25 to 50 megawatts (MW) by 2014." Browning said.

CSUSB is one of the 16 campuses involved in the Direct Access Agreement to receive Green Power. It is also in the process of installing new renewable-energy sources and planning for future efficiency updates.

This contract is with a company from Arizona called APS Energy Services.

"It is an honor to be on the EPA's list of top ten colleges and university purchasers of Green Power in EPA's Green Power Partnership," said Browning.

The campus will be modeling a new photovoltaic (or solar) system on various roofs on campus buildings by next year, according to LeRoy Wilke, chief engineer and energy manager for CSUSB.

In addition to the photovoltaic system, CSUSB plans to spend up to $12 million on a number of energy-conserving upgrades to existent services on campus.

These upgrades include high efficiency lighting retrofits, optimization of the chiller plant that supplies cooling on the campus and a new water well for irrigation. "A third party is going to build it, but we are overseeing it for 20 years," Wilke said. "The new photovoltaic system will provide between 300 - 400 kilowatts of renewable energy," he said.

"We have had discussions for wind power, but we don't have plans at this point," said Wilke. CSUSB also has an Environmental Educational Resource Center open to students who want to make a difference in the environment.

"There are two environment-related events coming up at CSUSB. The CSUSB Earth Club will have a "Celebrate Earth Day" on April 17, 2007. "Students can come and find out about our program. Maybe they don't know we exist and need more information. It would be great if they could come and support our cause," said Marites Herzog, president of the Green Earth Club.

CSUSB will also have its 31st annual Environmental Expo to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Environmental Expo will have 100 plus exhibitors, entertainment, food, and offices to recycle aluminum cans, cell phones, household batteries, and old athletic shoes.

"There is an increasing individualistic attitude that I feel is detrimental to our country if we keep moving on that path," Rodriguez said. "We need to engage the (young) to understand they have a responsibility to the environment."

The Conversations on Diversity series is hosted by CSUSB's Diversity Committee.

The series will also be honoring the 2007 Diversity Award recipients. Those from CSUSB being honored are professor in the psychology department Faith McClure, professor in the English department Jacqueline Rhodes, Xy'een Zhang from the Pius Library and John Fish, the recently-terminated director of CSUSB's Cross Cultural Center.

Edward Gomez from San Bernardino Valley College and Gary Lawes from Lucky Farms will also be presented with Diversity Awards.

Nominations for the award are based on long-term commitments to the value of diversity or multiculturalism shown in areas outside the job, as well as above and beyond the normal expectations of the job.

"My guess is that the award comes from my ongoing membership to many students on campus, many of whom come from diverse backgrounds," McClure said.

McClure is involved in several University committees, including the International Students Advisory Committee and the Faculty Senate.

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**Birth control, physicals, vaccinations and free therapy**

**Philippa Lee
Staff Writer**

The Student Health and Psychological Counseling Center provide free physicals and low-price immunizations to CSUSB students. The services provided are paid for by students when they pay their quarterly fees.

The kinds of physicals that are offered by the health center are sports, nursing and employment physicals. They also offer women pap smears, Dengue Fever - injections, oral contraception, emergency contraception as well as free condoms for both men and women.

The “nursing students are thrilled to death that they can get their immunizations here,” said Debbie Galvin, assistant director of the Health Center. "Nursing students pay $1.46 for their immunizations if they had student health insurance. When they get them through the Health Center they are only charged $1.40."

Immunizations are provided by the health center include physicals, birth control and contraception information, STD testing, vaccines and TB skin tests. The Psychological Counseling Center offers (PCC) counseling services to CSUSB students. Hestia A, Hepatitis B, MMIR, Measles Mumps Rubella, Tetanus - booster, Menopause and Flu shot vaccines are provided by the health center or students who are enrolled at CSUSB. Appointments are needed and can be made in person or over the phone.

The PCC’s service consist of one-on-one counseling sessions as well as group therapy. Their staff consists of licensed psychologists, marriage and family therapists along with supervised interns and trainees.

“Students can walk in and make an appointment with us one or two days,” said Galvin. “But if it’s an emergency, we’ll get you in right away.”

The PCC requires an additional immunization outside of the Health Center office. They will require them to have a specialist within 10 miles from campus. This includes 3-day services.

The two group therapy workshops that the PCC is sponsoring Winter quarter are “process group therapy” which is designed to help students with interpersonal and relationship issues. "The process for therapy is designed to address the issue of anxiety that the students face."

More information about the Student Health Center can be found at http://psychcounseling.csusb.edu . Additional information about the Psychological Counseling Center can be found at http://psychcounseling.csusb.edu .

**Campus News**

**Think Talent**

Tiffiny Brown

Tiffiny Brown said there is an opportunity for the students of CSUSB to win up to $500 by showing their talents. Do they know about it?

On Feb. 22, 2007, the Student Union Program Board held the first of several auditions for the show from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Union and Student Union activity center.

They had a total of only six students show up to the audition. Of the eight contestants who competed, showed their various talents, Tamer Dillard, a senior majoring in Human Development and psychology, was the first to audition. She sang a song called "I Love You." Dillard’s audition was followed by Jeannine Ninque, a second year psychology major who performed an original spoken word poem entitled, "28 Days." Other auditions included an acoustic performance by Graduate student Blake Horsch. She sang an original song entitled, "Say I’m Not In Love." Several members of the Program Board were there to evaluate each candidate.

The contest will be notified them soon Friday if the make it in the show or not. The talent show is scheduled to take place on Thurs. April 19 in the Student Activity center.

The competition will be split into four categories, singing, dance, comedy, and other. The board is looking for four contestants to compete in each category.

The winter is one of such the four categories will receive a $200 cash prize, and the overall grand prize winner will receive a $500 cash prize.

This event is sponsored by the Student Union Program Board, which remains of 12 student volunteers who receive monthly stipends for their responsibilities.

They also receive administrative support from both a graduate assistant and a student assistant.

"The mission of the Student Union Program Board is to promote a sense of community at CSU San Bernardino through exciting, entertaining events," according to their website.

The members of the Program Board includes graduate assistant, Nicholas Taba, and 12 Program Board consultants, including: Nicole Alberg, Christian Angeles, Tati Cole, Lindsey Divine, Araceli Gutierrez, Karen Telles, Lanny Kahn, Giselle Lopez, Catherine Lumb, Dyana Mejia, Katelyt Poy, and Nellyn Solano.

Finding for the board is paid through student fees, and the board they put on free of charge. They are located in room number 206 in the Student Union Student Union.

As for the talent show, it’s not too late to still be a part of it. Those who would like to showcase their talents, should call and book auditions again on Wed. Feb. 28.

The program board will be holding auditions again on Wed. Feb. 28. The auditions will be held at the Student Union. The date will be March 1 at the Student Union.
Move over Richard Simmons, Jane Fonda and Tony Little and make way for the hottest new electronic workout system.

Everyone has heard about how the obsession kids have with electronics has led to obesity. More and more parents have the more time music and movement, players video and interactive games, kids health will actually benefit with how the obsession kids have with electronics has led to obesity.

For all those couch potatoes can still play all day and their health is actually benefit with electronics has led to obesity.

LAURA SESSIONS STEPP

How Young Women Pursue Sex, Delay Love, and Lose at Both

Michelle Graham Staff Writer

Dating has diminished and casual sex has taken over.

In the last few decades, "young women have changed not only the way they relate intimately to young men but also the way they think about intimacy," according to Laura Stepp, author of Unhooked.

Stepp also says, "Young people have virtually abandoned dating and replaced it with group get-togethers and sexual behaviors that are divorced from love or commitment.

Stepp believes that college students are leading this idea that, "there is truth to this argument. Partners look back up with the understanding that however for they go sexually, neither should become romantically involved in any serious way," Stepp said.

"60,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 had unprotected sex and more than 100,000 students between 18 and 24 report having been no intended or knew if they conceived to having sex," according to The Government Prevention Partnership.

This modern culture is not about hooking up but rather the ability to be unhooked. As wonderful as it is for young women to be sexually free, empowered and unashamed, it would be a lie to say this did not have any repercussion.

Stepp conducted research on some of the effects casual relationships have taken on young women.

She pondered questions like: How do they feel about their new freedom? Great or good? Loved or lonely? Free or trapped in unanticipated ways? What do they really think about relationships, including marriage?

Stepp found that, women differentiate between love and sex, it is no longer sex social team and standard for women to be in love to have sex, with a man. Stepp chose to only consider four your perspectives when she conducted her research.

George Town University has been the site of several "Money Parties." Students pay to attend these investment-only events at which they trade sexual favors for Monopoly money—and the guest who finishes with the most cash comes home a percentage of the door money.

Professionals are considering how all this casual sex is affecting society. Sure, in the heat of the moment it might be fun, but what about afterwards?

What happens when a woman wakes up and is thirty and she has slept with many men and none of those relationships have turned into anything meaningful? Does this limit a woman's ability to maintain a long term relationship?

When a woman gains into a relationship, will the sex she experiences with her partner be because she has shared it with so many other people? The obvious answer is yes.

Rarity and scarcity are two of the qualities that people may make something special and meaningful, the fact that not everyone gets is experience it is what makes it valuable. This concept is being applied to the number of sex partners someone has had.

Habits have been formed by repeating the same action over and over. The perspectives about relationships seem to have changed.

Habit learning occurs when information is stored unconsciously, through repetition and trial-and-unerror learning," according to researchers from University of California San Diego.

Stepp is not here to judge, she makes observations based on her research. One idea to explore is to see if habits can be changed in behavior from generation to generation. How do adults with those who taught the young in the past accept to set romantically.

For studies prove that there is more want of work love and sex than one can interpret at a moment's notice. Will young people of a future generation follow different guidelines? Are those practicing today's version of casual sex change their tune in the following years?

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**'Fall Out' and get 'Back to Basics'**

**Southern California concert tour announced**

Erika Villanueva
Staff Writer

With new upcoming tours being announced and tickets already going on sale, performers are bringing in the goods for fans across the globe.

Five-time Grammy Award-winning American pop singer-songwriter Christina Aguilera is getting ready for her Southern California performance. She will perform on March 3, 2007 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles and at the Honda Center in Anaheim on March 5, 2007.

The "Back to Basics Tour" was announced in September following which it is followed by Aguilera's California performance. The singer is bringing in the good vibes into areas as Spring begins.

Chicago-based punk-pop band Fall Out Boy, who have created a frenzy with their upbeat music on hits like "Dance, Dance," and "Sugar, We're Going Down," is scheduled to perform live on tour in support of their latest album, "Infinity on High." The Honda Civic Tour has been scheduled in the Los Angeles and surrounding areas.

Christina Aguilera will perform at the Egg dam at 8 p.m. on March 3 at the CSUSB's Communications Arena.

It's a hit-packed tour that Aguilera is preparing for. The concert will feature environmental consciousness from the Civic Hybrid.

There will be two performances here in Southern California which will take place at the Staples Center on March 2 at 8 p.m. and at the Honda Center in Anaheim.

Tickets for Fall Out Boy are on sale now.

The new year has closed brought in numerous events, bringing back the innovative band the Police. They have decided to tour once again after their break-up in 1984.

After a twenty-three-year break the tour announced would join up once again with all original members Sting Andy Summers and Stewart Copeland.

Sting recently commented, "I can't wait to get back to my roots with the Police and to perform for Al Gore's global warming awareness tour in June and July and after that we'll probably start a new record.""The Police are a tour that brings in good vibes into areas as Spring begins.

"Shows are obviously the high point of being on the road and diehards are just wanting around and belong to scenes like that," Puget said.

"I don't really get homesick but I do miss my girlfriend and my dog," Puget said.

Tickets for AFI's concert at the CSUSB's Communications Arena are scheduled for sale on February 26, courtesy of www.afireinside.net.

"This is a gear-included program which means we provide everything. We provide pro pros and tops, snowboarders, gloves, hats, beanies, boots, parkas, gaggles, jackets, lift tickets, instruction... all students need to do is show up," Conover said.

Anybody can take part in this program as no experience is needed. Participants are given instruction on what to do before going on the trip according to Conover.

According to the CSUSB Outdoors Club, participants are scheduled to attend the Communications Arena Swimming Pool at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center. Payments must be made by 4:30 p.m. to give gear. They leave campus at 6 p.m. and arrive at the resort around 6 p.m. After an evening of snowboarding everybody returns to campus by 11 p.m. the same day.

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All costs for this are a cost of $15 for CSUSB students and non-student members, $40 for facility and staff, $45 for alumni and $55 for non-students. All trips are fully insured, cover transportation, gear, lift tickets, and some sites.

The CSUSB Outdoors Club wants to sign up as many students as possible. Sports Offereds located at 230 East 15th Street will be the sign-up location.

"Students need to apply at least one week in advance because most of the gear will be sold off," Conover said.

According to Conover, each trip comprises 10 students and two instructors. So far this semester has had a total of 63 students participating.

Snowboarding is just one of the numerous recreational activities sponsored by CSUSB Outdoors. CSUSB Outdoors also has ski hikes, backpacking, rock climbing and skiing.

No experience is required to participate in their programs. They are open to CSUSB community alike.

"We run trips every weekend," Conover said.

CSUSB Outdoors' mission is to provide students who are interested in a variety of outdoor recreation and educational opportunities.

All trips must be paid in full at the time of registration, and minimum participation is in order. Contact CSUSB Outdoors for more information.

Failure to contact CSUSB Outdoors 72 hours before the event will result in the loss of the trip fee, according to the CSUSB Outdoors website.
Nighttime hot spots

The Yardhouse is a popular restaurant to go to for good food, drinks and music.

On Fridays the restaurant becomes a hot spot for dancing and having a good time.

The Yardhouse is located at 1730 C Street, San Bernardino, CA 92406.

If you are looking for a place to grab a drink or have a meal with friends, The Yardhouse is definitely worth a visit.

Laughter and Mayhem in Coussoulis Arena

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SMSU-117

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Cal State San Bernardino's Academic Computing and Media department. More than a year after going broad-based, the site has increased the size of its audience by 1,000 percent. Latinosgraduated.net is sponsored by the Walt Disney Company and was founded by Armando Sanchez, who is also the director.

"I think there are still a lot of people who have not applied," he said.

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"Reality' on the road''

DeAnna Yalos
Staff Writer

It's a new twist. A Middle Eastern-produced reality show that once young people from the Middle East, hit is filmed in the U.S. and shown only in the Middle East.

"On the Road in America" is a reality show that takes Arab students to America for a television "travelogue," says Saifan Abou-Ghazal, and Amir Thibudeau.

The four characters are Ali from Egypt, Saifan from Saudi Arabia, Maysa from Lebanon, and Larry Abou Siraf from Palestine. Saifan is also a production assistant in addition to being in the cast.

The show is made by Layalina Productions and the executive producer is Jerome Gary.

Saifan told National Public Radio (NPR) that she was not really interested in visiting the United States because of its foreign policy and restrictions, but after she arrived, she realized it was difficult for her to take a vacation, and she had a chance to see the United States when she arrived.

"There is 'no fun' in the USA and the people there are nicer than I thought they would be," Saifan said to NPR host Scott Simon. 

"There are very different cultures, very different cultures mixed all together in one place," Saifan told NPR. "And some people from one place to another, you find it different from the one you've been to before."

In the first episode, the production team from "On the Road in America" was on their way to Chicago, which is a multicultural city.

"It was very difficult for Saifan to come to America, she told NPR," Gary felt that she didn't know anything about the United States, and the biggest problem was people's lack of knowledge about one another. He told NPR that people sees "the United States as a 'reality show' whereas Americans and Arabs would get to know each other."

Saifan told NPR that she enjoyed visiting Montara more than New York because it was peaceful and relaxing.

While there were moments when the students were away, they faced difficult moments from such activities like watching movies, talking to people, and trying new things. They also had the chance to visit places like New York City, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Mid-Day Matinee is a new project that encourages the Free Press Center to take a new approach. It is a new, innovative and budget-friendly way to bring the disabled community to the campus.

"Sometimes people don't want to be bombarded with dramatic and overly emotional support groups that bring up issues," said Leah Thibudeau, graduate assistant at the Free Press Center. "So we try to get people comfortable first, and then we get to those types of conversations.

"This new and friendly approach allows people to come into the center and watch one of the most talked-about shows or on cable. "It doesn't matter who you are, gay, straight, transgender, bisexual, you can come in and enjoy a show and get that eye-opening experience," said Thibudeau.

Mid-Day Matinee is the result of the services provided by the Free Press Center - in everything including students, faculty, staff and community members who want to educate themselves about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. The center is a safe space for people to talk about whatever show they want to while they watch the show and talk about it like you were at home with your friends.

"They are really important to us and they are a good choice for diversity issues."

LGBT students often deal with various forms of physical, verbal, emotional, and psychological abuse and harassment, both on and off of the CSUSB campus. This type of harassment can create an unsafe environment and may cause difficulties for LGBT students academically and in their personal lives.

Through programs such as Mid-Day Matinees, the Free Press Center provides education and advocacy in order to develop a more equitable and inclusive environment throughout the campus community.

Mid-Day Matinee is every Monday through Thursday at the Santos Student Union Pride Center room 223 between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

In the culture of the show, people are invited to come in at any time and watch an episode of whatever show they want to see. There is always an availability for everyone.

"I love watching Noel's Act," said CSUSB student Tania Ramirez. "There is so much I learned from the show.

The center offers a wide range of other programs and services, besides the Mid-Day Matinees: a resource center, including a multimedia resource, programming and support for LGBT events, resources for students who are interested in creating their own programs, access to computers, internet, e-mail, microwave, refrigerator, and free testing materials such as software and textbooks.

"In addition, The Pride Center is home to a variety of programs and services for students, faculty and staff as well as open academic programs and services for all people on and off campus."

For more information call 909.537.5603 or email at pride@csusb.edu.
Is oil worth a country’s freedom?

Chris del Rosario
Staff Writer

With the reasons in foreign policy that China is experiencing affects the rest of the world because China must sustain a booming economy it has to satisfy the demands for resources that fuels the boom. Resources such as oil, coal, and other natural resources are vital to every economy. However, the rising demand in China means more competition for these resources between the United States, The European Union and Japan.

China is now the second largest oil importer in the United States, and like the United States China depends on foreign oil. This leads us to ask the question: with China becoming imperialistic and like the United States will they have favorable relationships with the countries they import oil from?

The United States’ fourth largest oil importer, Venezuela, has a president who has said the U.S. interest in his country imperialistic and like the relationship between the two nations has soured.

We only have to look at the news and see what the United States’ interest is in the Middle East has been. The country involved in the history with Libya who intimidated the planes that hit New York, the War in Iraq, the fruitless hunt for Saddam Hussein could happen with a disguised country to destroy the remaining countries.

China’s endeavor for oil leads us to ask the question: like the United States has China invested heavily in Africa in the form of aid and building infrastructure. In turn, Africa has given China long-term oil contracts. So, what’s the difference between the United States and China when it comes to their relationships with the remaining nations?

Professor Al Miriam of CSUSB Political Science department said, “China wants to create goodwill with Africa. So, instead of just giving money to African governments, they are saying, ‘we (China) will build your roads, your schools, your rideable-rail systems with both Chinese and African laborers.”

This type of strategy according to Miriam will reduce the chances of corruption that comes with just giving money to governments that may be led by oppressive and corrupt regimes, a tactic

Chris del Rosario/Chronicle

CSUSB professor Al Miriam interviewed with Chris del Rosario.

XM and Sirius Satellite Radio to merge

Matt Faulkner
Staff Writer

I think of and refer to satellite radio every day at CSUSB.

My XM radio works just fine while I’m riding a bike in the rain and seemingly everywhere else but as soon as I drive past that San Bernardino city limit to start hearing the dreaded static.

The static worsens at our first university and comes out of my 15 radio presets to be listened to. This is when I start dreaming of static-free, commercial-free XM or Sirius satellite radio.

For three years I have been purchasing purchasing without from one of the two companies to a couple of reasons holding me back.

The first being the constant debate of whether it would be worth paying 12.95 a month just so I could have a better 20-minute experience in the way to school. Plus, once at school I have an iPod to feed my musical hunger between classes.

The second reason is I have to purchase both XM and Sirius radio in order to listen to all my desired artists and sports coverage. For instance, Sirius has complete commercial-free commentary of all the games of the NBA and NFL, while XM has MLB and NHL, along with ESPN news & talk radio.

The same goes with artists. One satellite radio company will have a channel dedicated to a specific artist that the other satellite radio company doesn’t have. That problem I have as a possible consumer is a want it all.

I don’t want to decide whether I can have baseball or basketball. I want both.

Well now all of us can have both. At 10 AM, 2006, announced that Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. and XM Satellite Radio Holding Inc. are merging. XM and Sirius are the only two satellite radio companies out there right now so in their merging means one really good product/service for us music and sports lovers.

Details about new pricing and features are not out yet and no details about the merger are posted on either company’s website.

However, if the companies simply merged all of their available channels of music, sports, news and talk & entertainment, the following is sense of the stuff that the XM/Sirius combination would offer.

Music: dedicated to old-school Hip Hop to Elvis to classical. Also available would be a channel where artful play live for you specially for XM/Sirius users.

Sports coverage of the NBA, NFL, MLB, NHL, college sports, Indy and NASCAR racing, home racing and others. News to include Fox News, CNN, CNBC, BBC, The Weather Channel and more. Talk and Entertainment programming from Blue Calf Radio by Dr. Martin S. Flomen and from Oprah to Dr. Oz.

Mostly commercial & static-free radio is very tempting to me especially when driving. I’m sick and tired of static trying to sell me a car while I’m sitting in traffic and kids for school. Now that the choice is easy as to which satellite radio to get, I’ll consider buying into one of the companies Merge.
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Women's Basketball now 16-7 overall for the season which puts them on the scoreboard for chances in the play-offs

Reporting Staff Writer

As of Feb. 22 the fourth place Lady Coyotes basketball team is 16-7 overall and have a great chance at making it to the play-offs this month since the Coyotes have won five out of seven games, three of which were at home where they could not be stopped.

On Feb. 16 they lost to the No. 2 ranked Long Beach State with an ending score of 82-55. The Coyotes have lost both games against Chico State this season. At Cal State San Marcos on Feb. 17 the Coyotes beat the Warriors with the Coyote bench outsourcing them 22-16. With a high goal of 50 points along with Jakala Ramey's 16, and Kristin Una's 10. Vanessa Wilh has been a key player in the Coyotes success this season and has been player of the week four times in the CCAA.

"She stands out because she is the best and most consistent player in the conference." Vanessa truly makes those around her better and is a very unselfish player who prefers scoring above individual statistics," said Coach Kevin Buden.

"With has definitely been our go-to player all season long averaging 18.5 points per game and ten rebounds," said Becker. All conference player

"When we play hard, smart, and together as a whole anything is possible. So if we play our game I think we are very capable of beating anybody," said forward Rachel Johnson.

The Coyotes play their last two games of the season on the road this week against Cal State Bakersfield Mar. 2 and Cal State L.A. Mar. 3. In their last game against Cal State Bakersfield on Jan. 27 the Coyotes were unable to bring home a win while on the road with an ending score of 59-51. With 24 points each not enough to stop the Roadrunners, who caused 22 turnovers.

Division I Bakersfield is not eligible for the conference title or the NCAA Division II tournament. With a record of 3-6 so far as of Feb. 22 Cal State LA was unable to come out on top in their last meeting with the Coyotes on Jan. 26. The Coyotes defeated the Lady Coyotes 63-48.

Ladies all hoops

Women’s water polo pushed themselves their Hardest during the four game weekend.

The Roadrunners kept their momentum going for the Coyotes. The loss did not affect the Coyotes as they went into their second match of the day. Cal Poly was a better team than the Coyotes. They came out on top with a victory over Sonoma State, 15-4.

During the second half of the game the Coyotes only allowed one goal to be made by the Seawolves. The Coyotes kept their lead throughout the match and pulled away with a win. The match helped the Coyotes with five goals along with two goals split by the players with Ricci in the game were Hartman, Rich, Hartnig and Valderramas. Coach Dolly had a predominant 18 saves during the match. The team is looking to make improvements and prepare for the next time they face Bakersfield. Coach Dolly said the team is looking to improve their effectiveness in offense and their execution on defense.

Flodow also addresses how the game being pushed so that they will set higher goals for themselves for the future.

He feels that if they set higher goals and try their hardest to meet them the Coyotes can accomplish making an easier goal and concentrating it. The team is looking to make improvements and prepare for the next time they face Bakersfield.

With the weekend behind them the Coyotes are looking ahead to upcoming games.

"We are still learning, we’re still a young group and we still have a ways to go," Flodow said. "We’re not right on target."