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Cal State Long Beach has been awarded a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education through its Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program. The university will receive $574,995 every year for five years to focus on academic and professional obstacles often experienced by Latino students. The resources will allow CSULB to support improvement in academic advising and mentoring opportunities for Latino students.

Professors bash campus hate speech

Professors Craig Smith and Gary C. Williams addressed hate speeches in the United States Tuesday.

By Rasheeda Haddish
Daily Forty-Niner
Contributing Writer

Students and faculty gathered in the University Student Union ballroom for the "Hate Speech on the American Campus in a Post 9/11 Society" event at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"What can we do about hate speech?" was the main question for the speakers at the event. Craig Smith, a communications professor and the director of the Center for First Amendment Studies at Cal State Long Beach, was one of the speakers who had an answer.

He said the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution plays a major part in hate speeches. Smith talked about the Doe v. University of Michigan case, where a student was kicked out for making racist comments, but there were no real consequences for the student's actions. The case showed that campuses are having a hard time with hate speech codes and, as a result, campuses make first-time offenders take a class about hate speech awareness.

"More speech is better than less speech," Smith said.

The second speaker, Gary C. Williams, who is a professor at Loyola Law School and the president of the ACLU Southern California Board, agreed with many of Smith's ideas, but had more to add.

He said everyone has the right to learn, read and express opinions on any subject without fear of punishment and that the First Amendment should be made to protect speakers.

Williams also said the best remedy for someone who makes comments, like the pope did about Islam being violent religion, is more speech. He said he believes that students should speak out against hate speech just like the students at San Pedro Community College. The editor of their school newspaper, a Junior Nazi who made racist remarks, was not punished for it. The students showed their unhappiness by not reading his newspaper for a whole semester.

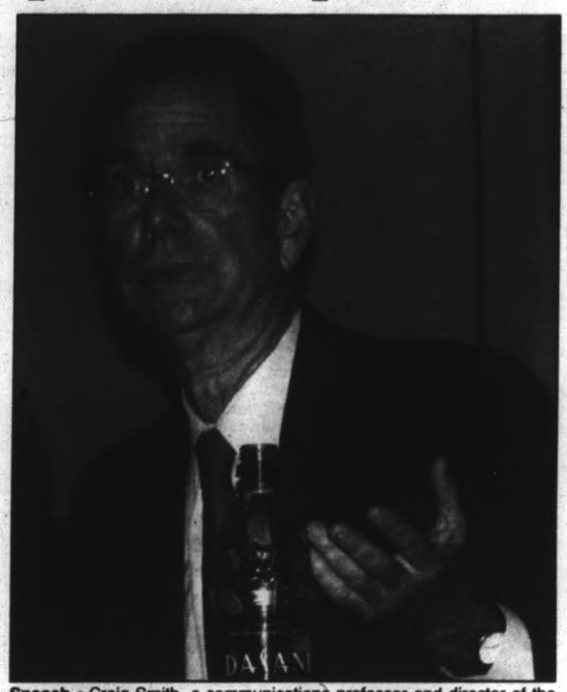
> *"More speech is better than less speech."*
> – Craig Smith, director of the Center for First Amendment Studies and communications professor.

Williams also talked about how when people are threatened by words or actions they do not take certain threats that come from our own country as seriously as threats that come from the outside.

He said that we should "test our commitment when someone from outside speaks out."

An example of this would be the 9/11 attacks on the United States because he said we did not take any serious action until we were personally attacked from the outside.

At the end of Williams' speech, a question and answer session was held where students were allowed to ask any questions about hate speech.



Speech • Craig Smith, a communications professor and director of the Center for First Amendment Studies, informs students that to prove a hate speech, it must be frequent, severe and humiliating. *Erin Miller / Daily Forty-Niner*

College of Business ranks high on the ladder

By Kim Oswell
Daily Forty-Niner
Copy Editor

The *Princeton Review* honored the College of Business Administration at Cal State Long Beach as one of the best 282 business schools.

The College of Business Administration has received various honors and recognitions, especially in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program. H. Michael Chung, the director of Graduate Programs and Executive Education for the College of Business Administration, said he is proud of the accreditations the school has received.

"There are over 23,000 MBA schools in the world and only 147 are members of the GMAC and CSULB is a member," Chung said.

The 2007 edition of the best 282 business schools is a compilation of schools all over the nation that are recognized for outstanding business programs. The *Princeton Review* based its rankings on the survey results of more than 18,000 students at 282 business schools. The ranking lists do not numerically order the schools in terms of overall quality, but they help to distinguish and identify the characteristics that are unique to each university.

CSULB was featured in the new edition because of its MBA program, which offers four different types to meet the needs of every of student. The department provides an evening MBA program, a fully employed MBA program and an accelerated program. CSULB also offers a corporate MBA program, which partners with businesses and corporations in the area to help prepare and train students to become future managers at those companies.

CSULB has also been accredited for more than 30 years with the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation agency, which is considered the highest level for graduate and undergraduate programs.

"CSULB is one of only 267 schools in the world who are accredited by this agency for both undergraduate and graduate level," Chung said.

Officials expect new provost to improve campus

By Bowe Fertig
Daily Forty-Niner
Contributing Writer

After the search committee chose five candidates for the provost position, campus officials are expecting the new person to bring different attributes and ideas to the university.

"All five candidates are very strong. That's why they were selected," said Provost Search Committee Chair Laura Kingsford. "However, each would bring different strengths to the position. It is up to the campus community and President Alexander to determine which is the best fit for our campus."

No matter the strengths of each candidate, each had to pass the minimum qualifications, which include an earned doctorate or an appropriate terminal degree. The individual also must be qualified to hold the rank of a full-time professor. The successful candidate should possess a strong record of progressively responsible administrative experience.

"We are always looking for new ideas and for creative ways to add to the margins of excellence that we have become accustomed to at CSULB," said Doug Robinson, vice president of Student Services. "Someone coming from a different experience at another institution may be able to provide special insights to problem solving that we may not have previously considered."

According to Robinson, the last two provosts performed admirably, and both helped set the cornerstones of high expectations for the next provost.

The provost position is the senior vice president for Academic Affairs, which means that the provost is the chief academic officer for the campus. The position oversees the college deans, faculty and some academic support units.

The provost will work with CSULB President F. King Alexander to define and re-define the university's mission. The provost also promotes and supports student success, including working with other divisions to ensure support programs are in place for students. He or she is also responsible for supporting teaching excellence, scholarships and creativity among the faculty. The provost works with the deans of the colleges on budgets, instruction quality and enrollment management.

The Search Committee looks for vision, leadership, integrity, budget and management skills, collegiality, team-building skills, excellent communication abilities, a record of outstanding scholarship and teaching, fund-raising experience and conflict resolution skills.

The new provost will take over duties currently handled by Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dorothy Abrahamse.

Credit debt follows students around

By Mary Katherine Flanigan
The Dartmouth

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — For many college students, obtaining credit is as easy as accepting a free T-shirt or slice of pizza. But across the nation more and more students are finding themselves buried in debt after accepting an offer of easy credit, often on their own college campuses.

In 2004, the last year for which statistics were available, three out of every four college students had a credit card, according to student lender Nellie Mae. In addition, over 40 percent of college students possess at least four cards and freshmen carry an average credit card debt of $1,585 while seniors average $2,864.

As the price of college tuition rises, many students have found they lack money for necessary expenditures such as books and food and turn to credit in order to fill in the gaps.

Gianna Chavannes, a student at Dartmouth, got her first credit card when she was a freshman and initially only intended to use it for books.

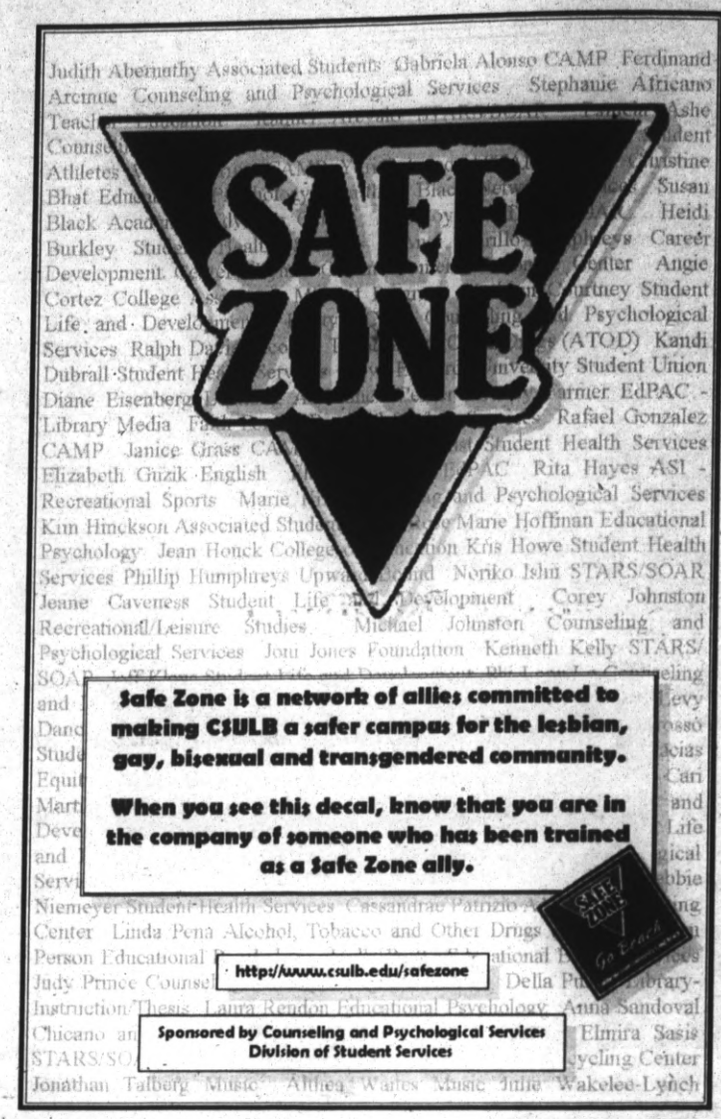
"I didn't have the money at the time, but I knew I'd be working within the next month and I'd be able pay it off," Chavannes said.

In addition to targeting consumers like Chavannes, credit card companies also go after financially inexperienced college students who tend to view credit cards as something other than "real money."

"It's sort of like using the Dartmouth card, even though we pay for it. It's like free money. It doesn't feel like money because it's just a card," Chavannes said.

Credit card issuers and banks aggressively market to the college demographic to build brand loyalty early on. During visits to college campuses, representatives from these companies often use loud music, flashy giveaways and free food to lure college students to their tables. Many times all students have to do is fill out basic forms before being told that the card and terms will be mailed to them if they are approved.

Several states have already enacted laws to protect college students from overzealous card companies. Twelve states, including New York and California, have passed laws that range from forbidding companies from stepping foot on college property to only allowing them to hand out information.



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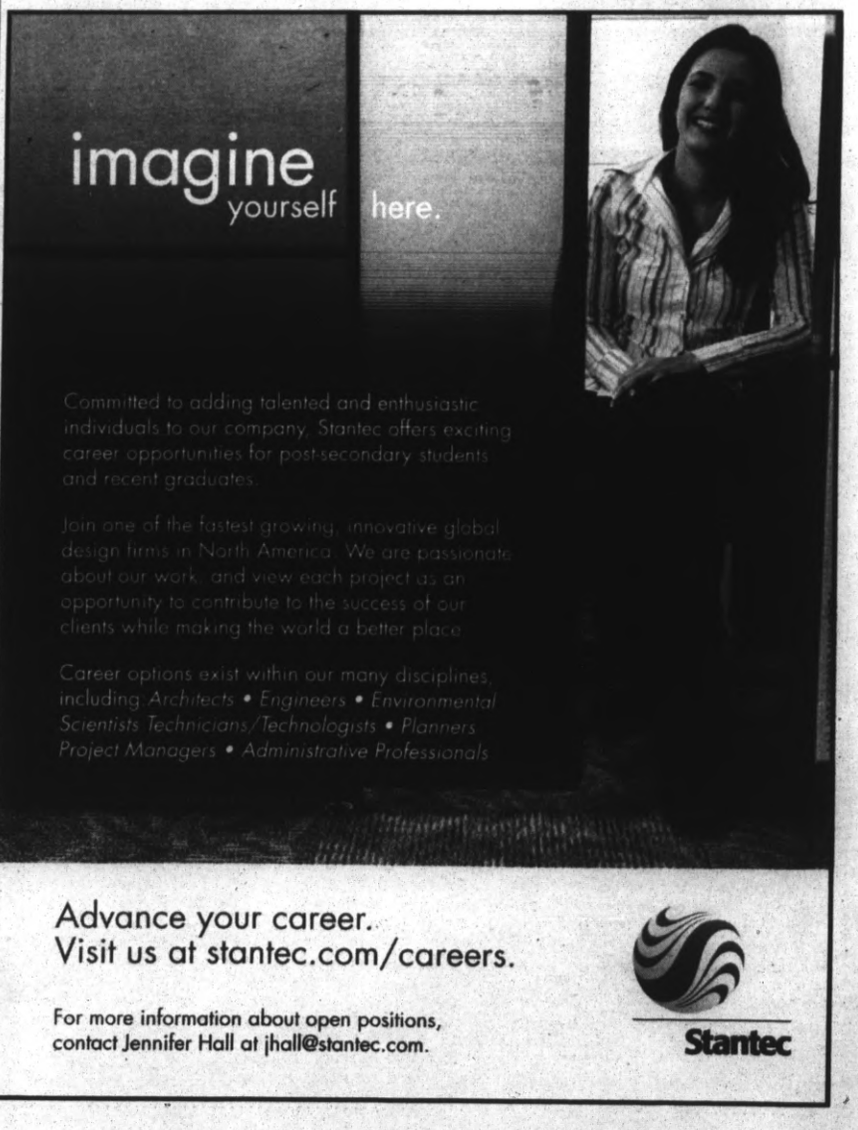
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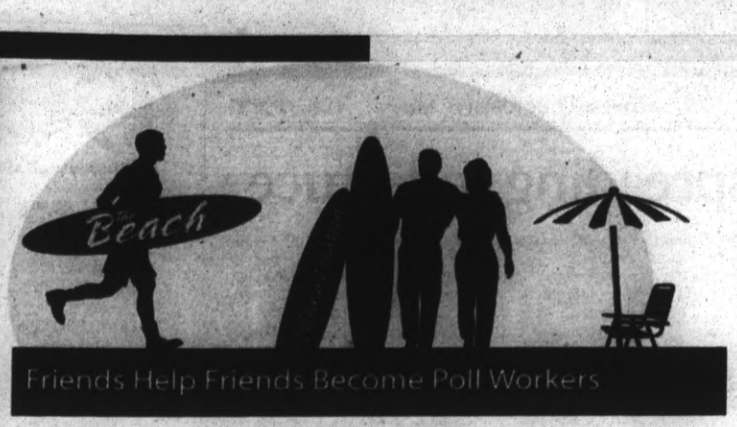
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Teen attempts school shooting in Missouri

By Juana Summers
The Maneater

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — A 13-year-old student armed with an assault rifle and clips of ammunition entered a Joplin middle school on Monday. No students or faculty were harmed in the altercation, according to a Joplin, Mo., police news release.

The seventh-grade student entered Memorial Middle School dressed in a green trench coat and camouflage clothing. He also carried a duffle bag containing a pellet gun and notes referencing bomb-making material and hand drawings of Memorial Middle School's layout. He was armed with a loaded MAC assault rifle, according to the release.

District Superintendent Jim Simpson held a news conference Monday afternoon in which he stated the police had yet to discover a motive in the shooting. Simpson also said there were no indications of the student's behavioral patterns to support any tendencies towards violent behavior.

The release stated the student fired one shot into the ceiling of the school. The bullet struck a water pipe, causing a leak.

After the shot was fired, officials left the area and called police from a school office.

According to the release, the student's gun jammed after the first shot and, despite attempts, the student was unable to fire additional shots.

Police were notified at 7:44 a.m. about the situation.

The release stated that the student ran out of the school and was found crouched down, about a half block away from the school with a backpack and the loaded MAC assault rifle on the ground next to him.

The student reached for the rifle when officers approached and ordered him to raise his hands.

After a brief pause, the student raised his hands and was taken into custody.

Lt. Geoff Jones of the Joplin Police Department said the student was taken to the Jasper County Juvenile Detention center, and his parents have been notified.

"The juvenile court will handle his case," Jones said on Monday. "The courts are closed today because of [Columbus Day], but they will be open tomorrow. The juvenile authorities did come in and assist us on the investigation. Since he's a juvenile, I'm not sure if we'll hear anything else."

The Springfield Police Department's bomb squad was dispatched to investigate the incident, and all weapons have been seized from the student's home, Jones said.

The incident was the fourth school shooting in the United States within a week. Other shootings took place on Oct. 3 at an Amish school in Nickel Mines, Pa.; a Sept. 29 shooting at Cazenovia, Wis.; and a Sept. 27 shooting in Bailey, Colo.

Lower gas prices won't last, say UC Davis professors

By E. Ashley Wright
The California Aggie

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. — Although consumers may be pleased with the price breaks they have recently received at the gas pumps, oil-consumption experts warn that the long-term effects of depletion may result in higher prices in the near future.

Several explanations for the lower prices, down $0.077 per gallon since last week and $0.290 since October, 2005, have been given since costs dipped below $3 per gallon, one of which is political.

With the mid-term elections approaching, Democratic Party candidates and critics have speculated that the Republican administration is manipulating prices to offset criticism of the party's stringent energy platform.

However, according to David Osleger, a member of the University of California at Davis geology department and former geologist for the Gulf Oil Corporation, the price of oil-per-barrel is constantly fluctuating and cannot be accounted for by any particular factor.

"The thing about oil prices is that it is so utterly unpredictable," he said. "There is no real grand scheme of setting the price of gas at the pump. It is all a reaction to global events and the rapidity of changes regarding issues in the Middle East, the repairing of pipelines in Alaska, Venzuela's president and numerous other things."

John Theobald, chairperson of the University of California's Oil Forum and professor at UC Davis, said politics are often involved in petroleum-based energy issues.

"That may be a factor, but not an important one," he said. "I would concede that some political manipulation of price is possible, but the important point is that prices will be rising in the long run."

According to Theobald, the expectation of a long-term increase in gas prices does not equate to Americans paying less right now.

"We can expect a lot of fluctuation because markets don't go up or down in a straight line," he said. "But consumers should expect the price of oil products to increase significantly in the coming years regardless of short-term drops in price."

Osleger said Americans that have expressed frustration with the price of gas may not realize that costs are comparatively low.

"The prices we pay are extraordinarily low relative to a comparable amount of any other fluid, like water or orange juice," Osleger said. "The reality is we still pay a very reasonable amount. If gas kept pace with inflation and the amount of oil left in the ground, then we would actually be paying a lot more."

Osleger added that the United States will reach the point of peak oil in the near future and will have to consider its options.

"We could save enormous amounts of energy if we could get higher miles-per-hour in our vehicles, better hybrid cars and electric cars to improve our travel," he said. "And as we look at ways to conserve, we can look toward alternative energy. The inevitable is switching over from hydrocarbons to alternative forms."

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Nothing's safe, E. coli spreading to lettuce

Our View

So it's been two weeks since the fatal E. coli spinach outbreak and unfortunately, things are not looking up as we'd hoped. Although the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has lifted its warning against eating spinach, we now have a new leafy problem to deal with: lettuce. Yes, a popular brand of lettuce grown in the Salinas Valley of central California has voluntarily recalled 8,500 cartons of it after tests found E. coli in the water used for irrigation.

If this trend continues, we may have to say "au revoir" to vegetables for good.

So far, company investigators haven't found E. coli in the lettuce itself, but officials say "We're just reacting to a water test only. We know there's generic E. coli on it, but we're not sure what that means. We're being extra careful. This is precautionary."

Good, they should be. Many officials have shared their opinion about the new outbreak. Karen Klonsky is an agricultural economist with the UC Davis cooperative extension. She says that affected lettuce crops have the potential to cause greater harm to the public and agriculture than the recent contamination of spinach. "Spinach is used by only 3 percent of households," she said. "Lettuce is something else. About 50 percent of households eat it." She has a point. While spinach is usually associated with few and far between health-conscious families, lettuce is part of any average American dinner.

But what, you ask, is E. coli, exactly? Well, it's real name is *Escherichia coli* and it is a form of bacteria found in mammals, one strain out of hundreds causes illness in humans. It can be found in uncooked beef, unpasteurized milk, juice, raw sprouts and of course, lettuce. Usually, if one has contracted the virus, symptoms include abdominal cramps, severe, bloody diarrhea and kidney failure, especially in the young or elderly whose immune systems are too weak to handle the virus.

What is frustrating about this whole situation is the fact that there is so much misinformation wandering around cyberspace, just waiting for some ignorant fool to read and misinterpret. Even when one asks a direct question, such as "Is it safe to eat spinach?" there's no such thing as a simple yes or no answer.

Here is an example: "Based on where we are at this point of the investigation," said David Acheson, chief medical officer for the FDA's food safety division, "[spinach] is as safe as it was before this event." Ok, and how safe was that? We need clear, precise answers in order to fully evaluate the situation and that type of vague response is not what we're looking for.

It seems that all these outbreaks are coming from the same place: Salinas Valley. Why doesn't someone go over there and disinfect the entire establishment? Why don't we have a more efficient, less time consuming manner in which we deal with these potentially life-threatening situations?

This outbreak is not something we can just run away from. We need to face E. coli head on and we need to do it soon, before the deadly bacteria affects another popular vegetable, and we have nothing left to eat. Will the beloved cucumber unwillingly become E. coli's next victim? Let's hope not.

Pascale defends column bashing liberalism

Mike Pascale Jr.

In a recent Letter to the Editor by Christopher Chavez published in the Oct. 5 issue of the *Daily Forty-Niner* Chavez demonstrated that liberalism is feeble and it reinforced my contentions in my column published in the Oct. 3 issue. First and foremost, Chavez ignored 75 percent of my arguments. Silence equals consent — thus, he agrees with me on almost everything. He only addressed a few items in a tendentious manner on behalf of liberalism rather than delivering his claims cogently.

Chavez indicated that I generalized liberalism. Of course I did — I was being fair and honest and not singling out anyone. He also termed my piece as "flat-out wrong." Chavez is mistaken: "flat-out" means "absolutely." My article contains facts and therefore is not "flat-out wrong." Furthermore, Chavez directly agreed with some of my points, thereby contradicting himself.

His point that "dishonesty has been around ... longer than ... liberalism or conservatism" does not invalidate Clinton's lies or the pernicious strategies of liberals. I made several accurate assertions and aptly assumed average acumen as a quality most of our readers have.

Chavez's best attempt to refute my position: "links to Sept. 11, WMDs and yellow cake uranium all turned out to be false...." This statement is a red herring and does not counter the topic to which he applied it. Moreover, the intelligence Chavez is referring to was not solely provided by the CIA; other country's intelligence agencies participated in that report that was widely accepted by members of the United Nations. In essence, Chavez claimed that the world lied to the world.

Chavez asked "but when Clinton lied, who died?" Well, Somalia, Kosovo, the incident at Blackhawk Down, Iraq, and many others. Do your research, the truth is out there.

Concerning NAFTA, Chavez was amiss when he wrote "Democrats and Republicans of today prefer economic liberalization — the deregulation of the economy and trade systems." "Today" refers to present-day, whereas NAFTA emerged in the '90s. "Liberalization" and "deregulation" sound nice when spoken, but do not encompass NAFTA's premise — a gradual reduction in tariffs that would ultimately be dissolved.

Chavez alarmed us all with his account that Republicans blocked anti-terrorist regulations for airlines and expanding the government's wiretapping authority. This is not true. If it were, Chavez's diction would denote that legislation in existence was passed a second time, even though it did not pass.

Filter out Chavez's misconceptions, elucidate his argument for him, and the result is this: Democrats complain about President George W. Bush's current security measurements despite already having been passed under Clinton. Make sense? I didn't think so. Liberalism is still broken.

Finally, I never offered a conspiracy theory in my article. I provided indisputable facts and posed a question to the readers. Chavez misconstrued my concept and retorted, "Anything's possible in the world of politics." Well then, in accord with his point of view, liberals orchestrate all terrorist attacks and natural disasters exclusively for discrediting Bush.

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Murdered Russian journalist guest speaker at The Beach

Letters to the Editor

I am shocked and deeply saddened by the brutal murder of Anna Politovkaya, a superbly courageous and dedicated journalist who wrote for one of the last Russian newspapers not under government control, *Novaya Gazeta*.

In 2002, I had invited her to speak at Cal State Long Beach on her research and reporting of the Chechnyan war, and at the time, she clearly antagonized some members of the audience and many Russian emigrants who had only read the official Russian version.

I had become acquainted with Anna in 2002 when we were both participating in a 10-day workshop organized by the Swiss Forum OST-West that brought us together with a group of journalists from Eastern Europe. The day after she spoke on our campus, she rushed off to Moscow where a group of Chechnyans, with bombs strapped to their bodies, threatened to blow up a theater and the audience, lest certain Chechnyan prisoners were released. They asked for Anna to negotiate.

Anna had written two books on the atrocities of war in Chechnya, and for her daring reporting and independent and uncompromising journalism, her human rights advocacy was recognized with numerous international awards. In 2005, she received the Olof Palme Price in Sweden.

Lately, the subject of her investigations was the practice of kidnapping, torture and killing of Moscow-backed Prime Minister Kadyrov's security forces.

Her murder, as shocking as it is, does not come as a surprise. Anna had survived several attempts on her life. While in Long Beach, she told me that she expected to sooner or later run out of luck. Let us hope that this assassination serves as a wake-up call for international pressure to protect the lives and rights of journalists everywhere.

— Dr. Jutta Birmele, professor emeritus of German studies and former Director of European studies



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— Robert F. Kennedy

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Buddy speaks about new album 'Still Searching'

By Matthew Wilkinson
Daily Forty-Niner
Assistant Diversions Editor

Senses Fail front man Buddy Nielsen was at home in New Jersey when he picked up the phone to talk to me.

His band has had about a month off in between recording and touring to relax, but Nielsen doesn't sound relaxed. He sounds like he is pacing back and forth while talking and the excitement in his voice permeates through every sentence he gets out. Senses Fail just finished recording its second album, "Still Searching," and Nielsen boasted about it like a proud father.

"We're excited for it to come out. I want everyone to hear it in its entirety and not just a couple songs over the Internet. We worked really hard on it," Nielsen said. "We're really proud of it. It's a really personal record that explains a lot about life and sheds a lot of light onto things that have been going on for me in my life. There is a lot of musical progression, a lot of interesting, dynamic stuff going on on the record. I think people will be really surprised with the growth of the band."

He said the word Internet almost sarcastically, but the truth is the Internet played a large part in the beginning of the band. The members of Senses Fail all met on message boards online.

Guitarist Garrett Zablocki put out a wanted ad looking for another guitar player. Nielsen played guitar and messaged him. The two liked the same bands, so they started working together and the other pieces of the puzzle just fell into place.

The band received attention fast. There isn't a better place for a young band than New Jersey.

The "Garden State" has turned into a rock band superwomb, giving birth to bands such as My Chemical Romance, Thursday and Lifetime.

"You have examples of what a successful, good band is, so therefore you kind of follow in the footsteps of a band that is just a good band," Nielsen said. "Instead of kind of not really knowing where to go, and being in L.A. where it's kind of a free-for-all of everybody, here it's more of a music scene of people and friends. It's more of a close knit thing."

Nielsen, who ended up doing lead vocals, and Zablocki, along with bassist Mike Glita, drummer Dan Trapp and guitarist Dave Miller, recorded a six song EP called "From the Depths of Dreams" on the local indie label ECA Records.

After selling nearly 1,000 copies, the band got attention from an even bigger indie label, Drive-Thru Records. It re-released "From the Depths of Dreams" with an extra song and an acoustic song. So over 250,000 copies later, it put the band on track to sign with major label, Geffen Records.

Things ended up not working out with Geffen, so the band was "traded" to Vagrant Records (both labels are partially owned by Interscope). It was at Vagrant that Senses Fail found a home.



SF • New Jersey rockers Senses Fail return with sophomore full-length album "Still Searching." *Rudy Archuleta / Vagrant Records*

It released its full-length debut "Let It Enfold You" in Sept. 2004. It peaked at number 34 on the Billboard charts and sold over 320,000 copies. The band played some Warped Tours, supported Taste of Chaos and soon became a staple in the music scene.

When it came time to start working on a follow-up, the band did it right. The band went home to Jersey and wrote from January to May. Miller decided to leave the band, but Senses Fail picked up Midtown guitarist Heath Saraceno and just kept on going. The band wanted something new and different.

"I think the record is different and it needed everything to be new about the way we approached it, the way we wrote it, [and] the producer. We needed something fresh," Nielsen said. "I think the biggest difference would just be the sound of the band and how it has grown. I think that every aspect of the record is different from what it was."

Finding a title for the record proved to be a little difficult. Nielsen had to contemplate it for a while and he finally came up with "Still Searching."

"It's almost an optimistic way to look at life that you can still be searching. The record is very, very pessimistic. But I think that once I was done with the record, and because we named it after it had been written and recorded, that it gave me a little while to look at the record and look at things and be kind of more positive about everything in general," Nielsen said. "Still Searching" lends itself to be a positive name for a record that is very pessimistic."

The record is very pessimistic, but in a fun way. Once you get past the melodic intro "The Rapture," songs like "Bone-crusher," "Calling All Cars" and "Shark Attack" may require you to turn down the volume on your iPod so you don't blow out your eardrums.

It's faster and harder, yet still keeps that toe-tapping beat that has made Senses Fail a favorite among all crowds.

"Still Searching" is in stores now. Senses Fail will headline a national tour with Saosin and Bleeding Through starting in late November.

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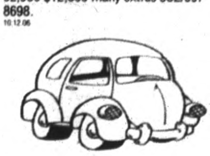
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There is hockey at The Beach

LBSU's club hockey team is off to its best start ever.

By Amber Parker
Daily Forty-Niner
Contributing Writer

"Yes, we have an ice hockey team at CSULB," says the team on its MySpace Web site. Despite its lack of notoriety, the Long Beach State club hockey team has the skills and dedication of any other athletic team on campus.

The LBSU hockey team competes in the ACHA division II, Western Region and has 29 games on its schedule. Its home games are played off-campus at Glacial Gardens Skating Arena in Lakewood. The team also travels for its road games, going to Northern California, Arizona, Colorado, Washington, Philadelphia, New Jersey and Utah.

Hockey became a club sport in 1993, but it was less competitive than it is now and the team wasn't made up of exclusively LBSU students. During the past 13 years, the team has become more organized. Now one has to be a full-time student at LBSU and maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. or above.

"This year we have a stronger team," said assistant coach Ryan Feesago. "We have better players with more skill. We are looking forward to going nationals this year,"

So far, it looks as if Fessago's prediction is coming to fruition.

The team is off to its best start in its 13-year history, winning its first five matches. LBSU has beat Arizona State twice and USC, Loyola Marymount and San Jose State. The 49ers have outscored their opponents 31-10.

The game against SJSU was a "true test of wills for the 49ers," said team announcer Phillip Goodman. "The Spartans dominated the Western Region last season with a record of 28-2, including two victories over the 49ers."

John Cacciatore is the 49ers head coach. Originally from Philadelphia, he has an impressive background with hockey, with experience as a coach and a player. He's been involved with CSULB hockey since 2000.

Cacciatore described the guys on the team as having enormous commitment to not only the sport, but to the fans.

"It's worth watching,"" said forward Brian Horwitz. "When there's a large crowd, we step up our game."

For fans, going to game at Glacial Gardens costs $2 for CSULB students and $5 for non students. The team raffles off hockey gear and other prizes at the games.

"It's just awesome playing in front of your fans," said defenseman Jason Hastings.

Unlike many sports, playing hockey can be demanding financially. The equipment is expensive and hockey players go through a few sticks a year. Plus, there is the time commitment and trying to balance hockey, school and work.

"It's one of the more expensive teams to join on campus," Cacciatore said. "It costs about $1500 just to join the team."

"It costs to rent out the rink, even for practices, which is why we practice in the morning; it's cheaper," Cacciatore added. "Not to mention how much it costs for us to travel."

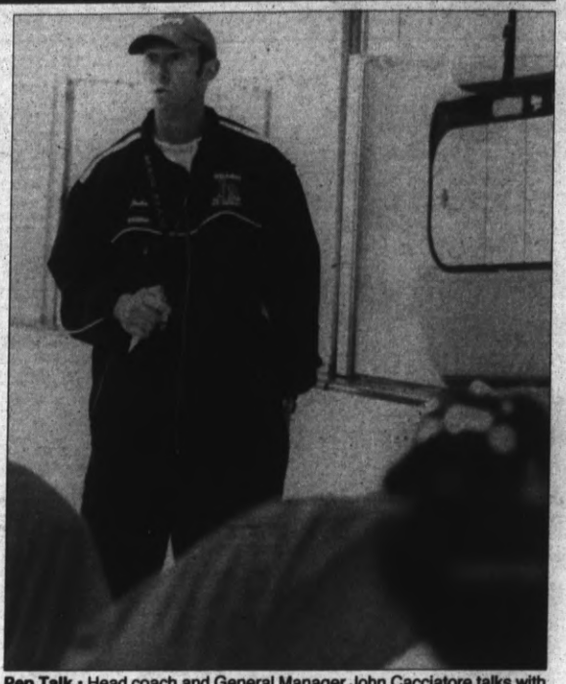
For people new to hockey, the sport is aggressive but also takes a lot of skill and hand/eye coordination.

"It's a fast sport with a lot of hitting," said goalie Frankie Mitrano. "It's exhilarating, especially playing goalie. You can't make a mistake."

There are 27 players on the roster, but only 20 actually dress and play. Because of injuries, every player sees ice time. Last year alone, LBSU suffered eight injuries, including five separated shoulders, a broken leg and a few other painful misfortunes.

"Staying healthy is a huge problem. Guys go down left and right," Feesago said.

This week LBSU heads to Utah to face Utah State and Weber State. The hockey team won't be home until Nov. 18 when it meets UC Berkeley. Games can be heard live on the Internet at LongBeachState.com.



Pep Talk • Head coach and General Manager John Cacciatore talks with Cal State Long Beach's hockey team during a practice. *Paul Cao / Daily Forty-Niner*

Women's Soccer Preview

Who:	Long Beach State (11-2-1) vs. Fresno State (7-4-1)
Where:	George Allen Field
When:	Today, 3 p.m.
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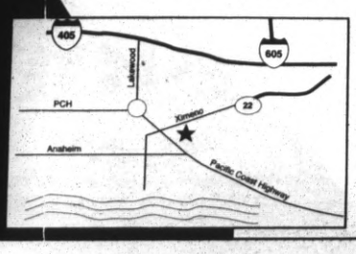
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