



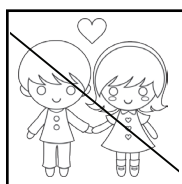
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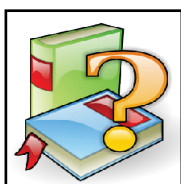
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Gold Robes Will Walk into a Bright Future

By Joyce Ramos
Ass't Editor

The Valedictorians of 2012 will not only walk dressed in the golden attire that symbolizes their 4.0 GPA achievement, but they will also step into futures filled with success and plenty of support.

Seniors Nicole Becker, Jonathan Budi, Megan Foo, Angela Joseph, Rosanna Ly, Emily Matheson, Edgar Mendoza, John-Michael O'Brien, Lindsey Painter, Leslia Salazar, Susan Swank, Jefferson Thai, Mackenzie Wallace, Minya Yao, and Michelline Yumal formed part of the highest honors list.

All valedictorians are offered the opportunity to apply for a full scholarship to CSULB.

Other awards for achieving the valedictorian status include a plaque at Senior Recognition Night and being offered additional scholarships.

Mendoza says, "I received a full-tuition Posse Scholarship to UCLA, a UCLA Dean's scholarship, the Long Beach Bar Association Scholarship, and Berkeley offered me their Chancellor's Scholarship."

The 4.0 graduates admit that maintaining their immaculate GPA average has not been an easy process.

Mendoza wishes to earn a degree in law or a Ph.D in engineering, and Matheson plans to become a pediatrician.

Matheson says, "I kept my gold robe for all four years by being proactive and managing my time effectively. I tried to split my time equally between water polo, school, and my social life. It was really hard sometimes to get the energy to finish those last assignments but I pushed through and am so glad I did."

In the following ten years, the Gold Robes see themselves busily occupied with their ca-



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reers.

Matheson says, "My ultimate goal is to have a happy,

balanced, successful life."

Thanks to their academic persistence, the Valedictorians

of 2012 can expect just that, a life filled with triumph and new opportunities.

Presidential Scholarship Rewards Extraordinary Students

By Rosanna Ly
Front Editor

The President's Scholars Program at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) continues to be the premier scholarship of its kind in the state.

Recognized by the California Legislature, the President's Scholars Program provides California high school seniors who qualify with a free education. Candidates must be National Scholars or valedictorians from accredited high schools.

Qualifying seniors endure a lengthy and arduous application process as well as a personal interview before scholarship winners are announced.

At Millikan there were seven students who applied this year: Scholarship winners John-Michael O'Brien and Nicole Becker receives not only a full

ride to CSULB, but also priority registration.

"I only applied to CSULB because it was the only college I really wanted to go to, and I could definitely picture myself there. I love Long Beach, my friends and family are here, and I didn't want to leave home!" says O'Brien.

*"I love Long Beach, my friends and family are here, and I didn't want to leave home!" -
John-Michael O'Brien*

Nicole Becker was placed on the waiting list for the President's Scholarship for over three months.

"Being on the waiting list was the worst part. After the original rejection I got, I actually went down to CSULB and gave them additional letters of recommendations and a new es-

say," says Becker. "I think that played a large role in me getting the scholarship," she adds.

Becker will major in chemical engineering, and hopes to one day become an engineer herself.

The scholarship also pays for housing on campus to provide students with the complete college life experience.

O'Brien will be a music major in the Jazz Studies Department. "I auditioned on alto saxophone; however, I will also be playing jazz piano in future jazz ensembles," says O'Brien.

After winning this prestigious award, O'Brien says he is excited for the future ahead but adds, "I will always carry the many memories made here at Millikan. Once a ram, always a ram."

With their many accomplishments, O'Brien and Becker will continue to achieve great things at CSULB and beyond.

Komathy Remains Optimistic

By Kaitlyn Martinson
Ass't Editor

Recently COMPASS senior, Rebecca Komathy submitted an essay for Optimism International.

She won 1st place at the club level and was recognized on April 19. A month later on May 20 she received 1st place at the district level and now has \$2,500 in her pocket for college.

The prompt asked how her optimistic outlook has benefited her community. In her essay she discussed the work she has done with her COMPASS capstone class including working at the annual beach walk and with the kids at CCDC.

"When we interact with the kids I feel like it helps us as well," says Komathy. She also wrote about her work with Red Cross and COMPASS Mentorship.

Komathy will be moving up to the international level with her essay. There she could win anywhere between \$2,000 and \$6,000 in scholarship funds.

This fall Komathy will be attending CSULB, majoring in English with an option in Creative Writing. She plans to use the money for books, supplies, and tuition.

"Once I found out I won, I was delighted and I was really surprised at the same time! I was so glad to see where my writing actually took me! It was such a huge honor to be there, and I am definitely looking forward to keeping in touch with Long Beach Optimist in the future," Komathy stated.

As the school year comes to a close seniors are looking to the future. Many students and their families wonder relentlessly on how they will pay for college.

Every year tons of scholarship money is not given out because people do not apply. Although you may feel like the chances of getting a scholarship are slim you should still apply.

You never know when your essay will be worth \$1,000. To view Rebecca Komathy's essay visit the Corydon page on the Millikan website.

Life After High School: Starting New

By Kaelyn Bruno
Staff Editor

Applications are done, prom has passed, and AP tests have wrapped up. It's finally sinking in that our high school careers are coming to an end.

It won't really hit most people until we are sitting at Veteran's Stadium in those hideous blue robes and goofy caps on our heads.

Imagine how proud our parents are feeling now that we are moving out and starting anew.

And for the seniors who aren't moving out and sparing their parents from gray hairs, we'll have fun visiting our free bird friends at their colleges.

After we get all the partying and social experimentation out of our system, we will buckle down and get that degree, certificate, or medal of honor. From here on out, we are no longer kids, but we're still young.

College: How Are You Going to Get There?

By Kaitlyn Martinson
Ass't Editor

Graduation is just days away. Many of us have obtained a driver's license and maybe even a car of our very own.

Some probably intend to drive to and from college, but is it the best way to go?

Those choosing to drive should be aware that they will have to pay more. Parking permits can vary in price depending on which college you are planning to attend to next year.

Also, be aware that gas prices are still on the rise. "Gas is a limited resource so it makes sense," says senior, Angela Joseph "Higher gas prices will cause more people to drive less," she adds.

Many colleges like CSULB may have a partnership with local transits allowing you to ride the bus for free with just a swipe of your I.D. card.

If college is close enough, ride your bike to school. Some colleges don't allow freshmen to have cars. Carpooling may also be a fun suggestion when trying to save money from gas and parking fees

Check out your school's website and contact their Parking and Transportation Department to learn about more convenient ways to travel. It may save you time and money.

Relationships: Is It Time to Let Go?

By Chelsi Harris
Ass't Editor

Senior year is gradually wrapping up and there are still really important decisions left to be made concerning the future. However, one particular decision may not be as simple as choosing a prom dress or deciding which senior pictures to send to your relatives. This decision may well affect the rest of your life: Who among your fiends will stay in your inner circle?

Friends

Whether you've known your group of friends since you were in diapers or just happened to meet them this year, special bonds are tough to break.

However, after high school there are two very important things to keep in mind when de-

termining whether or not this person has a place in your future: Does this person promote growth and push you towards positive new experiences? How strong is your relationship? If the only thing you seem to bond over is similar taste in nail polish and clothes, or sports, it's probably time to admit that the relationship won't survive.

"Will you be okay with Skype being a substitute for a real date or will that only make you miss the person more?"

College is a time of great transition and you'll need people who are open minded and understanding of the fact that change is bound to come and even though your foundation may be rocked a little, that bond should remain strong through it all.

Significant Other

You and your boyfriend or girlfriend have been enjoying your senior year together. Rooting each other on during the college admissions process was a huge milestone and prom was

like a fairy tale.

However, the deadline that will determine your fate as a couple is quickly approaching and though the fear is mutual, neither one of you has decided to bring it up. Should you call it quits now before complications arise or do you stick it out and try to overcome the doubt and naysayers?

One thing is for certain:

Long distances relationships are not easy to uphold. With a new environment comes a shift to the normal routine you are both used to. In fact, realistically speaking, going for a number of months without seeing a boyfriend or girlfriend can cause strain on the relationship. Though there have been success stories, it's best to keep in mind how much you'll accept.

Will you be okay with Skype being a substitute for a real date or will that only make you miss the person more?

Also, be sure to evaluate your reasoning for staying in the relationship. Do you really see yourself having a future with this person or have you found him or her to be more of a security blanket, a close reminder of home?

Differentiating between those feelings can be a little tricky, but it's crucial because there is another person in the equation—not just you. If you do choose to call it quits, remain considerate of the other person's feelings and be sure to cut it off completely. Though the word "break" may sound merciful and less harsh, misunderstandings occur when the intention is a little foggy. That person may be hurt, so clearly state how you feel.

If you plan on staying with your high school sweetheart, do what you can to show you still care. Call once or twice a week and remember the important things like anniversaries and birthdays.

At the end of the day, no matter the type of relationship, remember to remain open-minded and try not to obsess over the end result. If it was meant to last, it will.

Students' Struggle Fighting the Freshman Fifteen

By Ariana Gastelum
Editor-in-Chief

A common fear among the graduating seniors is joining the First Year Fatties, Fresher Spread, and Fresher Five, who have gained the traditional 15 pounds during their freshman year of college.

When students are living in the dorms, they are no longer under the supervision of their parents. Therefore, they are given the freedom to eat and drink whatever they desire, stay up passed their bed time and sleep in.

Many take advantage of

this new lifestyle, but in exchange, result in being 15 pounds heavier.

This weight gain can be attributed to excessive consumption of fast food and microwaved meals, increased alcohol intake, and lack of sleep.

Some are put on a tight budget, which leads to eating fast, unhealthy food or none at all. These meals lack the proper



nutrients and contain high levels of sodium and preservatives.

The combination of an irregular diet and a busy schedule often produce stress. When the body is stressed, it releases adrenaline and cortisol, which slows the body's metabolism. Stress can also affect sleep. Those sleepless hours are usually replaced by eating.

The best option to solve this problem is to bring bags of fruit and vegetables in addition to lunch to school to snack on throughout the day. These are easy to prepare and filled with vitamins.

It is also important to keep your body active! Join a nearby gym or recreational sport. Some gyms on college campuses (that are included in your tuition) may offer free classes like Spin, Zumba, or Yoga.

By avoiding junk food, binge drinking, and lack of movement, your body is sure to stay healthy and maybe even lose 15 pounds.

Ramifications

by Ariana Gastelum



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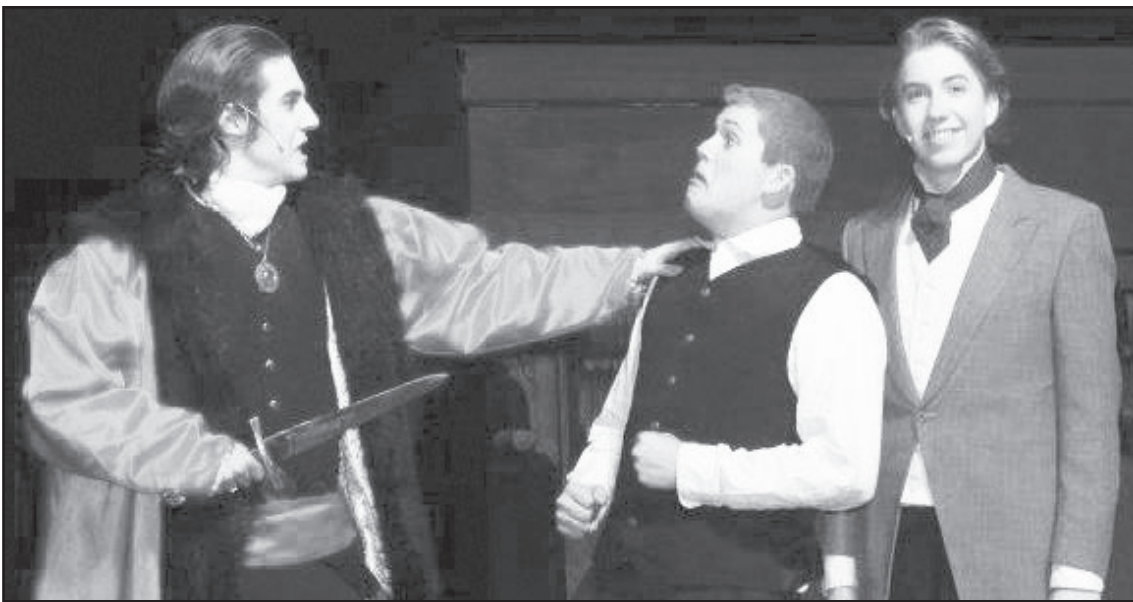
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HIGHLIGHTS



16 seniors proudly spelled out, "#You only live once," to stand out within the crowd and flaunt their school spirit in the senior group picture.



Robert Agiu, Dane Morey, and Tommy Doughty played a dramatic performance in *Dracula*.



Jake Nieto, Robert Cass, and Alex Antonaras starred in *Mr. Ram*.



Victor Picazo and Velveth Alarcon won formal king and queen.



Red Cross participated by selling Arizona Iced Tea and Snapple in their homecoming booth.



Robert Agiu, Brent York, Stephanie Umana, and Veronica Craighead played comical skits in Improv.



Kalani Beaudry was the Queen of Homecoming.

FEATURE

Senior Students Baffled by College Choices

CHOOSING MAJORS

By Jeanette Ramirez
Staff Editor

Knowing what really engages you is critical for choosing a major. If you think you want to be a doctor, but can't wait until chemistry ends because it means you can head straight to your English class, pay attention to that.

A majority of students in all colleges and universities change their major at least once in their college careers; and many others change their major several times over the course of their college career. So pick something that speaks to the fire in your belly and will get you excited.

"I can't expect a 17 or 18 year old to know what they want. In fact, students don't have to pick a major until they're juniors in college," comments Michelle Ponce. "Websites like California Career Zones and Career Cafe could help make up your mind."

Majoring in something that you have a natural inclination toward can speak to where your interests and skills are.

Don't limit yourself to only doing what is traditional for those fields. If you want to be a doctor but have a love of social studies, make sure you take your pre-med requirements but look into majoring or minoring in history or political science.

The first step in deciding a major should be an examination or self-assessment of your interests. What excites you? What types of jobs or careers appeal to you?

The second step is an examination of your abilities. What are your strengths? What are your weaknesses? What kind of skills do you have?

The third step involves examining what you value in work. Examples of values include: helping society, working under pressure, group affiliation, stability, security, status, pacing, working alone or in groups, having a positive impact on others, and many more.

The fourth step is career exploration. What can you do with a major in...?

The fifth step on your journey is the reality check. You need to honestly evaluate your options. Do you really value physicians and have an interest in being a doctor, but have little skills in science?

The sixth and final step is the task of narrowing your choices and focusing on choosing a major.

You should now have a better idea of the careers or majors you are not interested in pursuing as well as a handful of potential careers or majors that do interest you.

CHOOSING COURSES

By Amira Latif
Staff Editor

When we go to college not knowing exactly what to expect the first year, it can feel like taking a dive into a giant shark tank. This is a whole new journey we're beginning on.

Questions flood our mind: How am I going to live away from home? What is my major? How am I going to choose my classes? And so on...

Some tips and suggestions though on choosing your courses may help appease the chaos of this transition.

Placement Tests

Beanca Fuentes, 2011 QUEST graduate said, "When I entered college, I had to take the placement tests for math and English. Test scores determine courses in these subject areas first. Or, to opt out, at least for my college, you could pass the AP test."

CSU's and most UC's, also exempt you from those courses if you have passed the Early Assessment Program given with the STAR test junior year.

Unit Requirements

Try to find out the specific unit requirements for your university or college. It's helpful to know which are electives and

which are requirements and how many units a class is worth.

General Education Requirements

Before really being able to choose those courses you're ardent about, you're going to have to take some general education courses. These are math, science, English, government, economics and some elective courses.

Many of you may want to jump right into taking courses for your major, but general education classes really do help if you're undecided. It's nice to sample before actually diving into the real thing. If you're in a rush, however, passing AP tests can help you achieve that goal faster as well as save you a lot of money.

Meet With Your Advisor

College advisors are there to do almost the same thing as what your high school counselor does here. These people know what they're talking about since part of their job is to aid with these type of situations. They can help answer your questions on what classes to take, what classes that you don't need to take, and more.

These tips might not answer the pool of questions you may have, but just knowing a little about what you're getting into may make things a bit easier.

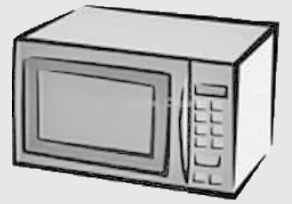
Freshman 101: Must-Haves for the College Dorm Room

By Joyce Ramos
Ass't Editor

Before the Class of 2012 can pack their bags and head off to become college freshmen, there are a couple of items worth adding to the supply list.

Microwave

The tool any college kid needs to cook up those Friday night TV dinners. No hassle, no mess, just pre-packaged food goodness.



Plush Furniture

A book junkie needs a comfy place to kick it to study for that upcoming mid-term exam or to just read a classic novel for the fifth time.



Alarm Clock Stereo

The irritable buzzing from this reliable object never fails to herald the morning and prevents a late arrival to class. It's also great for playing one's favorite tunes when the music mania sets in.



Air Purifier/ Room Fragrance

Freshens up the air and makes the stench coming from a roommate's gym bag seem almost unnoticeable.

Storage Cubes

Perfect for eliminating clutter and organizing the college pad. Special lock and key storage furnishings come in handy when keeping sticky fingers away from delicate belongings.

Wall Décor

Personalize the crib with splashes of color, figures of various sizes, and posters of all kinds. Just keep in mind that if the room is being shared, décor should not invade the other half of the dorm.

With these basics, 2012 graduates will have a classy dorm room equipped with all the essentials needed to survive college. Visit your local shopping mall and pick them up!

CORYDON SENIORS LEAVE INFLUENTIAL MARK

By Jeanette Ramirez
Staff Editor

The Corydon has had its fair share of valuable reporters. Over the years they have contributed plenty to the paper. Now that the year is over, we congratulate our graduating seniors.

Ariana Gastelum, editor-in-chief, first joined the Corydon as a sophomore. She began as a reporter but quickly advanced to assistant front page editor. By junior year, she became the front page editor of the paper. As a senior, she now runs the show and takes pride in her work.

"Joining the Corydon gave me a sense of direction. I finally found my passion," says Gastelum. "I had never been a leader of anything before, and suddenly I was the leader."

To add to her already impressive resumé—which includes being a former basketball player and cross-country runner—she has signed on to be an intern for the weekly Signal Tribune this summer. She also plans to major in journalism at CSULB next fall.

Rosanna "Rosie" Ly joined the Corydon staff as a junior along with Kaelyn Bruno and Taylor Jeffrey in 2010. They continued their senior years as editors

With Ly's talent for bringing in all the loudness, fun, and energy each day into the news room, she takes the front page from snore to more.

"I am not a procrastinator. That is probably what sets me apart from my peers," Ly explains. "I am a very driven person."

She has an internship at Kaiser Permanente's pharmacy department this summer. Ly will then attend UCLA with a minor in communications next year.

Athletics editor, Kaelyn Bruno has a love for Major League sports

Bruno remarked, "I strongly believe in the power of the pen because I have loved the art of the English language and spoken word for the longest time. [The Corydon] has made my senses for those arts keener."

The 2011-2012 school year also



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From left to right: Kaelyn Bruno (PEACE), Kaitlyn Martinson (COMPASS), Libby Berry (PEACE), Ariana Gastelum (QUEST), Rosanna Ly (QUEST), and Anna León (QUEST). Not pictured: Taylor Jeffrey (QUEST).

that has motivated her to start her reporting career early. Bruno's involvement in water polo and swim increases her credibility.

Her part in producing eye-pleasing layouts and laugh-worthy articles has led her to continue a career in communications and public relations at LBCC.

brought some new faces to the Corydon staff, among whom are senior reporters and assistant editors Elizabeth "Libby" Berry, Anna León, and Kaitlyn Martinson.

In Berry's perspective, the Corydon has changed her because she now realizes that a small class can do amazing things when working together.

ATHLETICS

Senior Signing Sends Off Future Sports Stars



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**In alphabetical order*

Steven Barrera
Arizona Western
Boys soccer
Libby Berry
LBCC
Girls polo/ swim

Alex Castro
LBCC
Boys track
Keondra Cole
South West College
Girls basketball
Raneisha Duncan
Central Arizona
Girls basketball

Daniel Eneyew
UC San Diego
Boys track
Hugo Gonzalez
Great Falls University Montana
Boys soccer
Miguel Hernandez
Great Falls University Montana
Boys soccer

Shelby Hunt
Golden West JC
Girls volleyball
Kelly Johnson
College of Saint Rose New York
Girls Soccer

Emily Matheson
Long Beach State
Girls polo
Alana McKean
UCLA- rowing
Girls swim/ polo
Kylie Vestre
Sonoma State
Girls polo

Just What Do Kidettes Do?

By Kaitlyn Martinson
Staff Reporter

Kidettes at Millikan play an important role in increasing school spirit at game, rallies, and assemblies.

On Friday, May 4 they hosted tryouts for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year.

Approximately 25 girls will be on the team next year compared to the 18 on this year's squad.

They perform at football and basketball games, alongside marching band, and at Winter Guard competitions.

For their performances and competitions, the Kidettes need to have the elegance of dancers to follow along with their choreography and also be able to use props such as flags, rifles, and sabers.

"Being on kidettes has made me stronger," says, Salcido "I know that we are different and unique."

Salcido plans to continue on as captain next year, but for now the team is ready to wind down and relax until their practices start up again this summer.

Running Rams Advance to CIF Finals

By Sydney Scott
Staff Reporter

After hours of practice, and hard work and meets, Millikan's track and field team had several competitors make it to CIF and won Moore League Champion titles.

Several seniors won Moore League and made it to CIF. Shakir Smith, sprinter, won first place in the 400 meter run. He not only made it to CIF finals, but also broke a Millikan record in the 400-meter run at league finals.

After a difficult start, Alex Castro won first place in the 300-meter hurdles at Moore League Finals, and also advanced to CIF finals. When asked how the final race went he commented, "All I remember was hitting the hurdle,

then crossing the finish line."

In distance, both Pablo Cardenas and Gloria Mendez succeeded in the mile, and went on to CIF prelims.

Besides the runners, Robert Kovacks made it to CIF in the pole vault competition. Brianna Viltz, she won past Moore League and made it to CIF finals in the throwing competition.

"The team was great this year! Everyone really put in the effort," says team mate Hannah Robidoux. "The throwing team especially did well, we have Brianna to show for it."

The coaches and the team are very proud to have made it so far. The seniors have left a very successful mark on Millikan's track and field.

*"All I remember was hitting the hurdle, then crossing the finish line."
-Alex Castro*



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GOLF SWINGS TO A CLOSE

Captain of the golf team, senior Jesse Brown, practices for an upcoming match at the Heartwell Park driving range. The Rams went fourth in league with wins over Cabrillo and Jordan.