Why CSUF can’t afford it?

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Bringing back the Titans football program would be a bigger financial commitment from the university than it can afford. Jim Donovan, Cal State Fullerton’s athletics director, said that the estimated cost of bringing back the football program would cost the university at least $10 million to $12 million a year. "I’m saying what it costs to have a football program, plus four corresponding women’s programs so that we would meet Title IX gender equity, after ticket sales, corporate sponsorships, donations and everything probably would still be around $10 to $12 million a year," Donovan said.

If CSUF wanted to bring back football, the university would have the best chance of generating revenue at a Division I Football Subdivision Bowl level, Donovan said.

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A student’s vehicle went missing from the State College Parking Structure on March 22, according to the Cal State Fullerton Police Department. Capt. Scot Willey of the CSUF PD said the student returned to the structure around 12:30 p.m., but could not locate their vehicle.

Security cameras captured a dark-haired male driving the 2000 Honda Civic out of the parking structure.

Willey said CSUF PD is currently following up on information captured on the cameras. “It’s not very common here. It’s pretty few and far between, but they do occur,” Willey said about vehicle thefts on the CSUF campus.

Willey said areas where cars are parked and unattended for long periods of time are frequent targets, like college parking lots.

Between March 15 and April 15, there have been seven reported incidents in the various parking structures and lots on the CSUF campus. A majority of these incidents involve vehicle tampering.

Willey said a recent tampering incident occurred when a student left their car in parking lot A near Titan Stadium on March 17. During the time they parked and returned to the car on March 20, the car’s catalytic converter was removed. The student noticed the problem when they turned the engine on and heard a strange noise.

According to the Bureau of Automotive Repair, catalytic converters are a device used as a form of emissions control in a vehicle’s exhaust system. In addition, catalytic converters contain rare metals, which makes them valuable.

Willey said a catalytic converter can be removed from a vehicle in under a minute. “It’s a huge issue all over Orange County,” Willey said.

Willey said that the CSUF PD works together with all of the Orange County agencies within the Auto Theft Task Force groups. When it comes to security in the parking structures, Willey said that CSUF PD is constantly patrolling.

“More times than not, we get calls long after a crime has been witnessed,” Willey said. “They’re a giant part of our police department, and they’re super important,” Willey said.

There are cameras and license plate readers at the entrances and exits of the structures, but Willey said there are issues with placing cameras in parking structures. He said a single floor would need a hundred cameras to capture every angle and sightline. Adding this many cameras is something that Willey says would cost millions of dollars to accomplish.

Willey said the university does have a plan in place to add more cameras to the campus parking structures. He said adding more cameras will help the department.

Willey said to immediately call 911 if someone seems to be tampering with a vehicle. He said while sometimes people are working on their cars, there are instances where a crime is underway. “More times than not, we get calls long after a crime has been witnessed,” Willey said. “We really just want people to call us when they see that happening so that we can address it immediately.”

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Titan Battalion hosts military exhibition

The Titan Battalion hosts a military exhibition on April 14 on the Intramural Fields.

Army aviation officers showed students the inside of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. (Matthew Keyser / Daily Titan)

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Viral preacher Sister Cindy visits campus

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CHRISTIAN AGUILAR-GARCIA Staff Writer

A large crowd of students gathered in front of McCarthy Hall at Cal State Fullerton to await the arrival of Sister Cindy on April 13.

According to a Vice documentary, Cindy Smock, commonly known as Sister Cindy, is a viral evangelical preacher who has amassed a strong following on social media sites such as TikTok and Instagram. Her sermons and catchphrases, as well as her interactions on college campuses, have contributed to her popularity. In a TikTok, Smock announced on April 12 that she would make an appearance at CSUF.

Abby Rariden, a second-year theater arts major at CSUF, said that she and others in her group could not miss the opportunity to see Sister Cindy in person.

“She got really famous on TikTok. I’ve seen her go to other schools through TikTok videos, and when I found out she was coming here, I was like, I guess I’m showing up for this,” Rariden said.

Sister Cindy, who was accompanied by her husband, George Edward Rariden said.

“I think what the problem is, Cal State Fullerton claims that they are a secular, public university that is anti-homophobic, anti-racist and open to every person,” Slowinski said.

“And yet they allow her to come and spew things about being Christian, things about slut-shaming, things about homophobia. I don’t think it’s right. Cal State Fullerton says that they don’t support these things, and yet they still let people like this come on.”

While campus preachers and unannounced visitors are an ordinary occurrence across college campuses, many students, like Queer Resource Center peer mentor Jaqueline Leano, expressed concerns that these visitors do little to persuade people to join their cause and instead create an environment that is harmful to the students she mentors, as well as others.

“To be honest, this kind of thing happens quite frequently. Typically, almost every week, we see some sort of group or individual who comes here and is talking about being anti-LGBT. And then students come into our center distressed. And I think that a lot of the times, the university’s answer is that we can’t do anything because it’s a public space, but I think that it’s in the university’s best interest to protect the students, especially because they claim to be very anti-racist, social justice-oriented, all of these things,” Leano said.

Leano, who was assisting at a Gender-Conforming Closet pop-up that had been in the Quad before Sister Cindy arrived, said her fellow students’ right to a diverse and accepting campus is being threatened by people like Sister Cindy.

“That’s my main concern that students are getting hurt and getting their safe space as a campus taken away,” Leano said.

On April 16, all of Sister Cindy’s videos were removed from her TikTok profile. In a video, she claimed that her previous posts had been flagged for violations of the platform’s service policy, but that her Instagram was still active.

Still, despite the concerns of some students, the presence of campus preachers is here to stay. While the comments made by campus preachers and other visitors can be inflammatory to some students, Capt. Scott Willey of the CSUF Police Department said he feels that it’s important to remember that people like Sister Cindy are emboldened by the attention they receive from students, but that the most effective action a student can take to deter these visitors from coming to campus is to simply walk away.

“The best advice we can give is to keep walking and not to give them an audience,” Willey said.
Baseball wins three games against UC Davis

Fullerton returns from a seven-game roadtrip with a series sweep at home.

JESSY ESQUINO Art Editor

Cal State Fullerton’s baseball team swept the UC Davis Aggies at Goodwin Field in three games on April 14-16.

The Titans had a slow start to the season but have picked up in conference play, improving their record to 13-20 overall and 4-4 in the Big West Conference. With the series win, Fullerton snapped a four-game losing streak and turned it into a three-game winning streak.

The Aggies have struggled this season as 3-20 overall and 2-13 in conference play.

Fullerton closed out the series on April 16 with a 13-7 victory. The Titans scored four runs during the bottom of the first inning and three runs during the bottom of the second, resulting in a 7-0 lead early.

During the third inning, with runners at the corners and no outs, Zach Lew reached base on an error, resulting in a run scored by Caden Connor. Shortly after, Austin Schell singled to right field to bring in Jackson Lyon. Schell and Jason Brandow scored unearned runs off Nate Nankil’s two RBI double to give the Titans a 4-0 lead.

After stealing second base, JT Navarro scored off Brandow’s left-center field single. Similar to the first, Schell singled to right center to bring in Jackson. To end the second, Brandow scored an unearned run off a passed ball.

Lyon had a great game with three runs on four hits, two RBIs and a walk. This season he has amassed 23 runs, 21 RBIs and four home runs. In Big West play, Lyon has a batting average of .450.

In the Titans’ Saturday victory, Connor had two runs off two hits and Brandow had three runs and two RBIs off three hits.

Trailing 7-0, Davis was able to cut into the Titans’ lead with four runs in the top of the third inning.

However, Fullerton got the four runs back with three in the fifth inning and one in the eighth to extend the lead to 11-4.

The Aggies would score again with three runs in the sixth inning. Riley Acosta and Jonah Henriksen scored after Nick Lettey singled to the pitcher. The Aggies had a chance to score more runs with runners at first and third with one out, but they were only able to score one more run after Mark Wolford scored on a wild pitch.

Fullerton started the sweep by beating Davis, 7-0, during the series opener on April 14.

The Titans scored first in both the first inning. A bases-loaded walk from Schell brought in a run and Lew scored the second run after Cole Urman reached on a fielder’s choice.

The Aggies answered by scoring three runs of their own in the top of the second inning. Raul Sandoval tripled to right-center and scored Karl Arendt and Nick Jerrom. Sandoval scored again off Wolford singled through the left side.

However, these three runs were not enough to stop the Titans as they came back and scored two runs off a pair of doubles in the bottom of the second inning and retook the lead. Lew hit an RBI double to right center after Connor doubled to left center.

Davis allowed seven unanswered runs as Fullerton scored five more runs and secured the victory. The Titans scored two runs in the fourth, two in the sixth and one more run in the eighth.

During the sixth inning, Davis intentionally walked Lew to load the bases and face Brandow with one out. The decision to walk Lew backfired. However, as Brandow singled up the middle and brought in runs by Connor and Lyon to extend the Fullerton lead, 8-3.

Connor had a great game with a career-high four runs. He also had two RBIs and two walks in the game.

The Titans added one more run in the eighth inning when Schell singled through the left side and allowed Lew to score.

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Prior to the series finale, Fullerton defeated Davis on April 15. The Aggies were up 3-1 in the eighth inning, but the Titans scored two runs from a two-run single by Carter White and tied the game, 3-3.

Davis went down in the ninth inning, leaving the door open for a Fullerton walk-off win in the bottom of the inning.

Fullerton did just that with a Lyon walk-off RBI triple to right field that scored Connor to win the game, 4-3.

The Titans will look to extend their three-game winning streak as they take on UCSB on April 19 at Goodwin Field.

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Donovan suggested that one way to generate revenue would involve an increase in student fees. In 2007, the University of Texas at San Antonio raised its student fees in order to fund a Division I football team. Similarly, UC San Diego also raised its student fees in 2016 to help cover the costs of a non-football Division I athletic program.

But Donovan said he feels that CSUF students are already paying enough in fees and would not agree to additional increases just to have a football team.

“I would take about $125 per semester for every student to start football back up about $250 per student a year,” Donovan said. “So, not going to hold my breath there.”

The intercollegiate sports programs at CSUF already face inadequate funding. In 2020, the athletics department was forced to make adjustments to match their approximately $4.6 million loss in revenue caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Student Success Initiative was passed in spring 2014, and it “prescribed an exciting opportunity to enrich Cal State Fullerton students’ experiences and enhance their success,” the initiative allowed the student body fee, which increased the athletic budget.

The Associated Student Body Fee for spring 2022 was $83.87 per student. According to the Student Fee Advisory Committee, the purpose of the fee is to “provide for student governance, shared governance of the university, programming of student activities, funding of campus organizations and athletics, and operation of the student union, recreation center, and children’s center.”

The Athletic Department’s budget has increased from $8.5 to $19.2 million between 2000 and 2019. In 1991, the football program had an annual budget of about $1.3 million. By bringing back the football program, and a women’s sport because of Title IX, there would be an increase in the AIS fee to help fund these additional programs.

Alvina Jerome, a third-year psychology major, says she is not fond of the idea of having her tuition increased to bring back the football program.

“Tuition price is already high for students. I don’t think it would benefit the school to raise tuition to bring back a program that didn’t bring in revenue,” Jerome said.

Although students have started petitions and social media pages in the past to bring back a football program, the administration has not taken any action to reinstate the program.

Taylor Bavencoff, a second-year business major, said that a football program would interest students.

“I think having a football team would be a great addition to the school. Since we’re a commuter school, it’d give students opportunities to know more people on campus,” Bavencoff said.

For the 2020-21 academic year, there were 42,015 students at CSUF — 36,975 undergraduates and 5,076 graduate students.

Sam Hanson, a fourth-year communications major, said that having a football program would be a great addition to CSUF.

“I think having a football team would allow students to participate in tailgates and it would give us the full college experience, and I think most students would definitely participate in it,” Hanson said.

However, there are some students who don’t share the same enthusiasm for bringing back football.

Nataly Ashkarian, a freshman civil engineering major, said she probably would not participate in any football games.

“I don’t go to any sports games now, and I most likely wouldn’t go to any football games,” Ashkarian said.

Even if CSUF considered resurrecting the football program, the university would have a long and complicated road in bringing it back.

“It would be just as complex a decision to bring it back in 2022 as it was a complex decision to disband the program in 1992,” Rintella said.

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Fullerton had trouble getting the program off the ground. A lack of support for the Titans was present due to the team not having its own stadium. Crowds of 3,000-11,000 showed up for Titan home games at Angel Stadium of Anaheim during the first season — which held a capacity of 43,000.

In his first two seasons as head coach, Corey compiled a winning record of 13-8-1. However, the Titans’ success in winning games still could not help them garner ticket sales even with the team expected to play for the California Collegiate Athletic Association in November of ’71.

However, that same November, tragedy struck the team when assistant coaches Bill Hannah, Joe O’Hara and Dallas Moon were killed after their plane crashed into the Santa Ynez mountains during a flight from San Diego to San Luis Obispio. The university and community rallied together during an arranged Mercy Bowl game that saw 17,000 in attendance to help benefit the coaches’ families. The game saw Fullerton beat Division I Fresno State, 21-14.

Devastated by the loss of his long-time friends, Corey resigned as head coach at the end of ’71, after two seasons with the Titans.

In 1972, Peter Yoder was hired as head coach and brought on a new staff. The Titans also moved their home games from Anaheim to the Santa Ana Stadium. Yoder was successful in his first two seasons with the Titans, having them go 7-4 both in ’72 and ’73. However, he struggled to maintain momentum the following year and left the team at the end of the ’74 season with an overall coaching record of 18-15.

Former assistant coach for the University of Pacific, Jim Colletto, replaced Yoder for the Titans’ ’75 season. For the next five seasons, Colletto has a rocky career that saw stiff competition from more competitive teams.

Colletto’s only highlight was in 1978 when Dale Bean, Mike Martin and Obie Graves racked up a total of 3,632 net rushing yards, with Graves acquiring 1,789 — the fourth most total in NCAA history at the time. Colletto was let go at the end of the ’79 season ending his career at Fullerton with a 17-38-1 record.

Gene Murphy took over coaching duties at the start of the 1980 season. Although Murphy won his first game as head coach, beating Fresno State at home, 39-25, the Titans would end the 1980 season with a losing record of 4-7. The team continued the struggle in ’81 with a 1-8-1 record.

By 1982, the Titans started to show signs of improvement. In his first season in 1982, Colletto said the university of Wyoming scheduled games with the Titans, thinking they would get an easy win. Instead, the Titans beat Wyoming 20-16 and finished the season 5-6.

Murphy did not have a winning season with the Titans until 1983, when the team finished with an 8-4-1 record. The ’83 season marked the beginning of Titan football’s most competitive stretch in team history.

The 1984 season went down as the best for the Titans, ending in first place in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association standings, racking up wins against the University of Idaho, 28-7, Long Beach State, 42-28, and Colorado State, 9-42. Initially, the team ended the season with a record of 11-1.

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Collins said he remembers winning games against larger Division I schools because the team was so competitive. One such game was against the University of Hawaii’s September 1984, where the Titans went into Aloha Stadium and beat the Rainbow Warriors, 21-13, in front of 45,066 fans.

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Bill Shumard, the athletics director at CSUF from 1991 to 1994, attributes the shutdown of the school’s football program to several factors, including a recession, poor fundraising and a losing record.

When Shumard arrived at Fullerton, the football program cost $3 million per year. However, he moved the program to a low operating cost limited by lining up games with larger Division I schools.

“Very few schools that could offer athletes in comparison to other Division I universities could sustain around 85 scholarships.”

They were all recruited on, hey, you’re gonna be David, and we’re gonna beat Goliath,” Shumard said. “We got nothing here, but we’ve got everything to prove, and it’s all about heart.”

The football program created income by lining up games with larger Division I schools. In his first season, Shumard recalls, the program secured $500,000 for these games, but there was a problem — the Titans faced a superior level of competition from teams like UCLA and the University of Georgia.

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Bill Shumard, the athletics director at CSUF from 1991 to 1994, attributes the shutdown of the school’s football program to several factors, including a recession, poor fundraising and a losing record.

When Shumard arrived at Fullerton, the football program cost $3 million per year. However, he moved the program to a low operating cost limited by lining up games with larger Division I schools.

“Very few schools that could offer athletes in comparison to other Division I universities could sustain around 85 scholarships.”

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The football program created income by lining up games with larger Division I schools. In his first season, Shumard recalls, the program secured $500,000 for these games, but there was a problem — the Titans faced a superior level of competition from teams like UCLA and the University of Georgia.

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Pasquil said he recalled a close game on the road against the University of Georgia in the 1993 season where the Titans narrowly missed their team going into halftime. The Titans lost, 27-14. The following year, Georgia earned a blowout victory over Fullerton, 56-0.

For Fullerton, a limited budget was one of many issues facing the football program in the early '90s. Rinella, the former vice president of administration at CSUF, pointed to the challenges of running a football program at a school like CSUF in compliance with Title IX, a federal law to ensure males and females are treated equally and fairly in an educational setting. He notes that other sports like soccer are easier to compile a win-loss percentage because the game is shorter.

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School leadership during that time discussed what sport programs to prioritize. Rinella said Football was not a program that RInella felt was competitive enough to continue.

The Titan football program only won five games in their final three seasons. Their all-time record was 111-146-3.

However, other sports like basketball, women’s volleyball and basketball brought the level of competitiveness that Rinella and school leadership desired.

“We have basketball, where the college won a handful of championships but was always competitive, often went to the college world series, great reputation and football,” said Bill Dickerson, former director of auxiliary services at CSUF. “It was like night and day.”

Auxiliary Services Corp. controlled the concessions at home games for CSUF football and other services like the bookstore on campus. Dickerson explained that a percentage of the sales funded the various athletics programs at CSUF.

Dickerson said he initially felt that the team was in trouble when he went to the first football game of the 1988 season. He said there weren’t many fans that came to the opening game.

“From the fall of ’88, until the cancellation, I was of the opinion that we probably shouldn’t be playing football,” Dickerson said.

Although Pasquil has fond memories of Titans football, he said that players knew the program was in trouble. The running back remembers players discussing what schools they would transfer to when the program shuttered.

“As soon as the first school dropped football, then it was like dominoes,” Shumard said. Between 1991 and 2003, seven California universities shut down their Division I football programs.

The Titans had not been in the region fighting to save football programs. Shumard remembers discussing a proposed Division I league with other California schools, including Cal State Northridge, Long Beach State and Santa Clara University, but said it never got off the ground.

“Instead of football, we played women’s soccer, already competing at a much higher level than football at the time,” Dickerson said.

The future of the Titans football program was in doubt when Titans leadership went into shutting down the football program.

“Now it’s there, and we have no football team, so that’s very disappointing,” Collins said. “The Titans only played four games at Titan stadium.

Initially, the team had a matchup versus Mississippi State for the debut game at the newly constructed Titan Stadium. However, months before the game, Mississippi State offered CSUF $250,000 to pull out of the game, and Shumard took the deal.

Instead, the Titans defeated Northridge, 28-7, in their home opener. The stadium’s debut game had an attendance of over 8,000.

The final football game at Titan Stadium took place on Halloween night in 1992, where Utah State University beat CSUF, 26-7. Fullerton’s last home game saw only 1,213 in attendance.

“Tinkering on something that’s not working, you consider a lot of alternatives, but one of them certainly has to be discontinuance. It didn’t surprise me at all when the university came to that decision,” Dickerson said.

Henry Tran, CSUF graduate of ’84 and former board member of the Titans Athletics Foundation, said that the university had truly lost its school spirit.

“Football was more than just a Saturday event. It was a community thing. It was how we draw alumni back,” Tran said. “When we did our fundraising for Titans Athletic Foundation, football was the main ingredient to raise funds. It was a lot of elegance involved within the student, the fraternities and sororities, the whole student community — we found that with football, the whole student community was tighter.”
Able Coffee Roasters promotes disability awareness

The Fullerton coffee shop advocates for inclusion in the community.

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Able Coffee Roasters is a new coffee shop in Fullerton that combines quality coffee with a unique mission. Located in the University Plaza across the street from College Park, Able Coffee Roasters spreads awareness about autism and disabilities.

The co-owners of the coffee shop, Adeel Asif and Anthony Palmeri, said they originally started their careers as educators. Asif is a behaviorist, and Palmeri is a special education teacher who specializes in autism.

Palmeri said that the inspiration behind their company was to create opportunities for his students once they left his classroom.

“We want to serve great coffee, but the mission and the goal was always to spread awareness and create minimum wage employment to start. Regardless of experience, regardless of your past, regardless of if you could talk. We believe in our employees.” Palmeri said.

Originally started as an online wholesaler, Able Coffee Roasters opened its first store in Huntington Beach and its second location in Fullerton earlier this year.

Selena-Andrea Liu, a third-year accounting student at Cal State Fullerton who has cerebral palsy, said she first discovered Able Coffee Roasters because she loved their mission to hire people with disabilities.

“It’s a big challenge in the community and it’s a really unjustified challenge that we face. So it’s really nice some people with disabilities like myself taking my order or processing my order,” Liu said.

Asif and Palmeri said they noticed a need for more jobs for individuals with disabilities and incorporated their knowledge as special educators to train their employees. They use methods such as symbol supportive text and video modeling to accommodate different needs to be successful.

“There’s so many coffee shops, right? They’re not all doing what we’re doing, but at the same time, brewing coffee is a transferrable skill.” Palmeri said.

Liu said that Able Coffee’s mission sets them apart from other coffee shops in Fullerton.

“No company comes to mind when I try to recall businesses that directly support people with disabilities,” Liu said. “Able: they just see a future for people with disabilities and they are helping us take a positive step forward into the world.”

One way that the shop directly supports students with disabilities is by providing coffee carts to schools to sell their products. Palmeri said that they build the carts in their stores and participating schools keep 100% of the profits they raise for their disabilities programs.

Palmeri said that he hopes that Able Coffee Roasters will have a wonderful impact on the Fullerton community and that their shared love for coffee is helping break down barriers about disabilities.

Liu said that the lack of awareness allows people to treat individuals with disabilities poorly.

“Society’s perception on people with disabilities is very narrow,” Liu said. “Change needs to happen in this world.”

The coffee shop is focusing on Autism Awareness for the month of April.

Customers can see decorative balloon arches to celebrate this month in both their stores.

Along with applicable job skills, Palmeri said working at Able Coffee Roasters can help build confidence and relationships among their employees.

Palmeri said working at Able Coffee Roasters can help build confidence and relationships among their employees. The owners believe in giving people a chance even if applicants do not have prior work experience. Palmeri said they recommend all of their applicants for having the courage to apply.

“We get a lot of applicants, a lot of them are just scared to apply, to talk,” Palmeri said. “The ideal candidate is somebody who’s open, that wants to learn, that is excited and happy to be here, customers and employees.”

Able Coffee Roasters believes in inclusion in all aspects of their business. Along with their inclusive hiring practices, they are also a part of Café Femenino, which supports women coffee farmers in South and Central America. They also have direct relationships with farmers in Columbia and insist their own coffee wholesale.

Although Asif and Palmeri have backgrounds in special education, they are continuously learning how to run their business. Palmeri said that he thinks his experience as a teacher has made him a more empathetic and giving person, which translates into his business.

“We started our careers where we wanted to help people,” Palmeri said. “I think that’s hugely important because if I didn’t have that intuition, this would not be around.”

They sell a range of different coffee, tea and food options that they make in their store. They also have signature drinks like the Able latte and the Sensory latte, as well as season specialties like Floor of Time latte. Along with their food and drinks, the coffee shop also sells packaged coffee and merchandise.

For students interested in visiting Able Coffee Roasters, the store is open daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In celebration of Denim Day on April 27, TITANWELL, a student organization offering mental health resources, has collaborated with the University of California, Irvine, to create events throughout the week of Monday, April 18, 2022. Make sure to wear denim on Denim Day to show support for survivors of sexual violence and join the TitanWell and SHAC "Doggy Therapy to provide stress reduction to participants!" event. The event is a public service and will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Becker Amphitheater. For more information on Denim Day and the doggy therapy event, visit DailyTitan.com. 

The Fullerton coffee shop, Able Coffee Roasters, promotes disability awareness.
Amazon's Western mystery premieres with an eerie tone and suspenseful story.

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Following in the hood steps of trending westerns, Amazon Studios’ new original series “Outer Range” takes a supernatural veer off the beaten path, promising more twists ahead.

Despite its literal dark premise and sneer writing, “Outer Range” benefits from a strong cast and intriguing plot lines. If it can deliver satisfactions in revealing the keys to its many secrets, “Outer Range” has four or five star potential. Amazon Studios dropped the first two episodes of its latest original series on Friday, April 15. Led by Josh Brolin, the show’s ensemble cast includes veteran actors Will Patton, Taylor Litz, Imogo Post and a slate of breakout newcomers.

Brolin stars as Wyoming rancher Royal Abbott, who stumbles on a mysterious void in the middle of his family’s west pasture. As bowing Royal keeps his ominous discovery from his devout wife Cecilia (Taylor), we get the feeling this isn’t his only secret. When a sketchy wandering hoppy (Potts) arrives, multiple challenges already burden the Abbott Family. His wife’s recent and mysterious disappearance has devastated Royal’s oldest son. All the while, sinister neighbor Wayne Tellerson (Patton) attempts to take control of part of the Abbott ranch. Drunken jealousies erupt in a gun-far battle and the void proves useful. The Abbotts’ vulnerability and the peril that seems to be closing in on them are palpable.

The atmospheric tone of “Outer Range” features stunning cinematography of some of America’s most breathtaking vistas. The show’s seventh track is not as content heavy as the other tracks and simply relies on an atmospheric score and beautiful lyrics about finding love but missing the chance to act on it. “Only A Fool” has a more upbeat rhythm with a soft dreamy tone. Stroking his old sound. Father John Misty reinvents himself through his lyricism and styling instrumentals.

Father John Misty’s story starts away from his usual male folk genre and follows a jazzy and theatrical tempo with the first track “Chloë.” Shocking, stunning and refreshing, “Chloë” is a shift from his typical work, with a visceral melody and dark lyrics. The track tells the story of Chloë, who tragically dies at the end of the opening track: “Summer ended / Took a leap into the Autumn / She put on Flight of Fancy / Goodbye Mr. Blue” is sultry and dramatic. The track on the album that is reminiscent of old Hollywood glamor, and captures that wistful notion. “(But who else than I) / Leigh died so / ‘(But who else than I)’ / (Am I) / Leigh died so / ‘(But who else than I)’ / Leigh died so / ‘(But who else than I)’ / Leigh died so”

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Ending the album, “The Next 20th Century” settles on a somber tone. He becomes one with the audience detailing the challenges of love and commitment: “I don’t think either of us yearns to share the nature and power of the void that is really a force,” said Wat-son in an interview with the Hollywood Critics Association. In his first TV piece, he explores how exteriors shape the interior lives of real people grappling with life’s typical tragedies as well as the unknown. A Buffalo randomly ma-terilizes on the Abbott ranch while showcasing Father John Misty’s lyrical and vocal talents. The nature and power of the void in this constant presence throughout the drama. Royal experiences imag-inations of his past and future during his first dip into the void, only to later learn he lost several hours during the process. As a metaphor for things lost, buried and discarded, the void immediately gives him a new perspective on the secrets within Royal and his family.

Produced by Brad Pits’s Plan B Productions, the 8-episode series promises plot twists for every episode. In its first two episodes, the dark thriller “Outer Range,” definitely dropped enough atten-tion-grabbing mysteries to keep au-diences tuned in. “Outer Range” is streaming on Prime Video, with two new epis-oDES premiering every Friday.
Social media platforms have revolutionized the way businesses function and appeal to shoppers. But some online shoppers tend to instantly click on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter platforms to find trendy or unique items, overlooking Pinterest’s potential as a creative marketing strategy. With the endless flow of ideas and posts, college students that establish businesses should consider expanding their reach with Pinterest as a hub of commercial opportunity.

Pinterest is a social media site meant for discovering recipes, home fixer-upper tips, fashion and artistic inspiration. There is a wide range of innovative content available on the platform that can be saved by users. Pinterest outperforms other platforms because users look to it to consume an array of products or inventive tidbits of information that inspire artistry creations. Although Facebook and Instagram are great for engaging with existing customers, Pinterest paves the way for businesses to increase their brand awareness and allows customers to find businesses that cater to their niche.

Pinterest deliberately presents ads to capture consumers’ attention early in their shopping process. These ads purposefully blend in with the rest of the feed, appearing as another post. This means that these ads don’t interfere as much with the user experience and users don’t mind seeing ads as much as they do on other platforms. According to data from Hootsuite, 83% of users say they have made purchases based on Pinterest ads.

College students that strive to initiate a startup business need to take into consideration who their primary users are. For businesses targeting women, Pinterest becomes even more valuable. According to the platform, women make up 60% of its users. However, Pinterest’s user base is rapidly growing since men are using it more. Reflecting on 2020 business insight analytics, Pinterest stated that it saw the fastest growth in men and Generation Z using Pinterest to create and consume content.

College students are able to bring their innovative ideas to life, which creates meaningful engagement especially for Gen Z consumers that are willing to open up their wallets. Brands that connect with Gen Zers may see 14 times greater revenue growth opportunity overtime versus other generations. The platform also offers the ability for businesses to display their brand product creatively. Pinterest allows its users to create boards, which are derived from saved posts, or “pins,” that are presented on their accounts. Businesses could take advantage of this by creating boards with labels that reflect their business mission and product line. In this way, their target audience of Gen Zers becomes drawn to their products that embrace their values and preferences. College students’ businesses that focus on lifting their consumers’ unique identities are set for monetary success.

Michaels, a craft brand, took a typical video ad and made it unique by creating Pinterest posts that looked like a 360-degree room tour. They reaped the benefits of this during the holiday season with an 8% increase in regards to in-store traffic. Clearly, creative ads on Pinterest work.

Similarly, promoted pins should be considered by businesses using Pinterest. Similar to Promoted Posts on Facebook or LinkedIn, promoted pins are paid ads utilized by business accounts that pop up in a user’s home feed, search results and category feeds. Expanding one’s business on Pinterest could gain traffic by sharing the news with their audience. Businesses can let people know that they are now on Pinterest with links on their websites, emails or other social media platforms.

College students that utilize Pinterest have the ability to reach more buyers and share ads in a creative, effective way. However, their business needs to be run with an open-minded about developing their platform on Pinterest, which would ultimately provide ample room for traction and marketability to visionary users.
Alpha Phi Omega (APO)

Alpha Phi Omega is the largest co-ed, intercollegiate community service organization in the United States. The fraternity focuses on 3 cardinal principles: Leadership, Friendship, and Service. These principles are the pillars that represent APO in its entirety. Our National Founder, Frank Reed Horton, created this organization under the premise to develop leadership skills, promote friendship, and to provide service to humanity. California State University, Fullerton is one of only three chapters in the Orange County area, despite having over 350 different chapters throughout the country. The chapter initiated under the cardinal principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service in the Spring Semester of 2009 and is part of Region B, which spans the entire state of California, as well as parts of Nevada and Arizona. The return of the chapter to the campus has gained the respect of numerous organizations in the Fullerton area, as well as the County of Orange, as it brings back the ideals and values that Alpha Phi Omega is known for: Service to Humanity.

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The California State University Board of Trustees voted unanimously on March 23 to no longer use the SAT and ACT standardized tests in the undergraduate admissions process. The decision follows a similar rule made by the University of California Board of Regents in 2020.

The CSUs temporarily suspend the use of standardized test scores for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic admission due to the COVID-19 pandemic that may have caused any hardships that impacted prospective students.

The decision was made in hopes to bring the universities to their goal of increasing graduation rates by 2025 and help close achievement and equity gaps among low-income students and minority-group backgrounds. Dropping SAT and ACT score requirements from the college admissions process is a major turning point for higher education, because these tests fail to measure a student’s potential and contribute to inequity in higher education.

According to CSU First-time Freshman Standardized Exams and Admissions Recommendations, provided by the CSUs, standardized testing for college admissions started in 1901 and “the SAT was designed to be a multiple-choice test for measuring students general aptitude for learning. This grew out of experiences with IQ tests during World War I.”

Standardized tests, like the SAT and ACT, were never meant to account for students’ lived experiences or any systemic issues that may pose a disadvantage. Judging students for their “general aptitude” or IQ prevents them from reappraising the benefits of higher education. If standardized tests continued to be incorporated within the admission process to college, it would solely perpetuate racial and class inequality.

The CSU said that it was alarmed by the low number of Latinx and African American students enrolled. “The impact of standardized testing on students over the past several years has also become clearer. The emphasis and amount of time spent on testing has led to test anxiety and stress for many students,” according to the CSU. Students that come from low-income households and are racial minorities are most affected by standardized tests.

California SAT Suite of Assessments Annual Report, provided by the College Board, 32% of white test takers received an SAT score between 1200-1390, compared to the 8% of the African American test takers who received the same score.

A standardized test has never properly measured a student’s full potential and the knowledge gained by students in their high school courses. It only measures privileged and higher-income students’ unfair advantage in resources, such as access to expensive test preparations. Dropping the standardized testing requirement from the admissions process is good for higher education as it will help prospective students who are applying. For example, it will benefit racial and ethnic minorities from low-income households, causing universities to shift their focus on other academic factors such as GPA, the student’s background and extracurricular activities.

Since the CSU eliminated standardized tests, it will now implement multi-factor admission scores. The multi-factor admission scores will evaluate GPA, leadership roles, extracurricular activities and background information, like first-generation student status, military status and free and reduced lunch.

Although students can still submit their test scores for admission, the CSU admissions counselors will not look at them, which would not affect their application. However, the test scores could be used to determine placement in college-level English and math courses.

Eliminating standardized testing has already made colleges and universities more inclusive for students of different backgrounds.

Bob Schaeffer, the FairTest Executive Director, said that schools that did not mandate the SAT and ACT during the admissions process in 2020 received a more diverse group of applicants.

Therefore, dropping the SAT and ACT requirement gives students from marginalized communities the chance for opportunity and upward social mobility. By eliminating high-stress tests such as the SAT and ACT, it will provide future applicants with greater opportunities to demonstrate their talents and potential for college success without succumbing to an unrealistic meter of intelligence.