



# university student union newsletter

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## csulb celebrates groundbreaking

By Christina L. Esparza

The final i's have been dotted, and the last of the t's are crossed in the construction of the Student Recreation & Wellness Center, and on Friday, Jan. 30, CSULB students and administrators celebrated the momentous occasion with a ground-breaking ceremony.

The ceremony featured speeches from CSULB President F. King Alexander and Associated Students, Inc. President Erin Swetland. About 300 students, staff, faculty and media witnessed the historic event. The SRWC is scheduled for completion by Fall 2010, and will be located off of Palo Verde Avenue and Atherton Street, next to the new parking structures 2 and 3.

Find out about the Student Recreation & Wellness Center at [www.csulb.edu/asi](http://www.csulb.edu/asi).

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## sbarro opens its doors

By Stephanie Minasian

The wait is finally over, and now Cal State Long Beach students can enjoy the delicious taste of Italy right on campus. Sbarro fired up its ovens on Dec. 15, just in time for the start of the spring semester on Jan. 26.

Students have been asking for healthier choices on campus, and the University Student Union has made it possible. Sbarro, which is located on the second floor South Plaza of the USU, offers a variety of different and healthy choices, including fresh salads and pastas.

“It gives variety and delicious options at an inexpensive price to hungry students,” said psychology major Casey Schaeffer. “I’m really excited about this new addition to the food options because it was time for a change.”

In addition to Sbarro, students who are in the mood for some frozen yogurt on campus can expect YoGo Campus Creations to join the USU food court in the near future.





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## USU to approve access for students with disabilities

By Christina L. Esparza

Constantly staying in tune to “what students want,” officials at the University Student Union recently met with student members of the University’s Disabled Students Services to tour the USU and discuss areas of improvement that will benefit students with different types of disabilities.

“The goal of the meeting and tour was to identify areas in the USU where access needs to be improved for DSS users,” said USU Assistant Director of Facility Operations Scott Christopherson-Schorn. Such areas include door openers for the restrooms, Braille on ATMs and vending machines, and wheelchair seating at tables in the food court.

USU officials will soon request the Facilities Committee approve the implementation of the top concerns while they integrate some of the more long-term items in the USU Facility Master Plan.





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pc health fair & chinese new year

**USU Program Council's  
3rd Annual  
Health  
FAIR**

**Learn about  
healthy lifestyles  
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**Featuring:**  
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11am - 2pm  
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**CHINESE NEW YEAR  
FESTIVAL**  
02-09-2009

Chinese Student Society and  
USU Program Council present a  
**Lunar New  
Year Festival**

FREE food, activities,  
entertainment and prizes

**5PM - 8PM  
@ USU Ballrooms**

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## response card

### comment:

People need to quit forcing others to pursue health food. It's our choice. We should have both to offer, but NOT force people to give up what they like.

### response:

OK! OK! We get it! Here in the USU, there are all kinds of options for you... everything from big fat juicy burgers to healthy salads. But seriously, if there is some crazed knife-wielding bandit forcing you to eat a lettuce wrap, call 911 right now. Richard Simmons must be stopped!

Thank you for your feedback.



## response card

### comment:

*Please move the live bands somewhere less noisy - I can't study or hear someone speaking right beside me. Plus, the bands always suck.*

### response:

You may not be aware of this, but each and every student pays a USU fee when you pay your tuition bill. That fee goes to support the USU facility and PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS. The challenge is that not all programs appeal to every student. Additionally, the USU has to provide a little bit for everyone....a place to socialize, a place to hold events and programs, and a place to lounge and study. May we suggest you join the USU Program Council, which puts on these events...make a change from the inside. Or go to the library and study. I've heard it's a tad quieter there.

Thank you for your feedback.



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## response card

### comment:

*Field trip groups create distractions. They've stood over bowlers in the bowling alley, blocked the walkways (especially if I say "excuse me"), left trash, and are just way too rowdy. The teachers don't do anything to settle these kids down. This has got to seriously stop.*

### response:

Let me guess, you're not majoring in teacher education, right? Seriously, the visiting grade school children can often times be a little energetic. We attempt to work with the teachers and keep their behavior appropriate (by the way, nice way to add your own box to the card). However, we also like to keep in mind that we want these young children to have a positive experience, as research shows that young children who visit a college and have a positive experience are more likely to go to that school. So the next time a young kid ignores your "excuse me", remember she's a future 49er.

Thank you for your feedback.



## response card

### comment:

It was great :D

### response:

Thanks. It was good for me too. Next time, can we cuddle? Call me.

Thank you for your feedback.



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## response card

### comment:

*I really love those hand sanitizers in the bathroom. They're so convenient! It's great to see how the university is doing their part in promoting a hygienic learning environment! .*

### response:

**Thanks. We couldn't agree more. Recent Center for Disease Control studies have shown that using hand sanitizers reduces the spread of some serious illnesses by nearly 60%! Plus, hand sanitizer is better than walking around with latex gloves on, right?**



Thank you for your feedback.



## response card

### comment:

**More microwaves, and more tables for single persons.**

### response:

**Ok, good suggestion on the addition of microwaves. We'll get on that. As for tables for SINGLE persons...what do you think the USU is: a dating service? May we suggest Facebook? How about going to a club? Maybe have a few drinks at the Nugget? I'm sure Mr. or Ms. Right is waiting at a "table for two."**



Thank you for your feedback.

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response  
card

comment:

*Forks.*

response:

**Spoons! Cool, I love the word association game. Now let's try phrases instead of words.....your turn: "What the hell are you talking about?"**

Thank you for your feedback.



response  
card

comment:

*candy corner has the best prices out of every other student store! keep it up! great deals!*

response:

**Right on! The Candy Corner rocks. In case you haven't visited it, turn around right now, walk about ten steps and look to your right. Now BUY SOMETHING! May I suggest the Kit Kat, my personal favorite!**

Thank you for your feedback.

