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East Bay Baseball Swings into Action

Cal State East Bay returns to their home diamond with a 4-1 win

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After a two-year Covid-19 hiatus, California State University, East Bay’s baseball team is back in full swing, starting their season with a 4-1 win against the Academy of Arts on Feb. 4 at Pioneer Field. The players took the field with excitement and competitive verve, ready to face any curve balls thrown their way. The Pioneers kicked the game off with a run in the bottom of the second, followed by their first home run of the season from sophomore Matthew O’Mahony in the bottom of the fourth.

“I had pre-game jitters, but once we [got] out there and started playing, it all [went] smoothly [by] trusting in all our practices we’ve had over the past months; I’m excited to be playing again. If we play like today, we’ll be just fine, our pitching is good, our defense is strong, and our hitting will take care of itself,” said O’Mahony. Starting pitcher, Ethan Brodsky got the pitching staff off to a strong start, logging the win with six strikeouts and only four hits allowed in five innings. The decision marked his second East Bay career win, with the last coming on April 26, 2019, against California State University, Los Angeles. “We have a lot of great pitchers, players, and guys who can hit the ball really well. I’m feeling really

great about this upcoming season,” stated Brodsky. One of those players, relief pitcher Ryan Robinson, recorded the save with a stellar one-hit, two-strikeout performance over three-innings. Robinson closed out the game, his final pitch marking an CSUEB victory for the first time in over two years. “I feel great; it’s been a long couple years waiting to do this again; I expect the season to go just like that. I expect a lot of good defense, we’re gonna throw a lot of strikes, and it’s going to be [a lot of] team wins. It feels amazing being back with the guys; we worked so hard for this. There’s a lot of young guys stepping up,” concluded Robinson. Leading this group of young and hungry players is

Mike Cummins entering his fifth year as head coach at CSUEB. Since his arrival in 2017, the Pioneers sport a record of 82-87. One of his assistant coaches, alumni, and former catcher Jake Ruiz, anticipates a successful season for the Pioneers. “It feels great seeing the guys out here reaping the benefits of hard work after the past few years. I think we’re gonna have a really good season. We have a lot of older pitching, good young guys who like to play hard and a group of competitive [players],” said Ruiz. The Pioneers wrapped up the weekend, splitting their double-header, the first game a 6-4 win and the second a 5-9 loss against the Academy of Arts. The Pioneers cap off their pre-conference schedule with a four-game home and away series against Holy Names (Feb 10, 11, and 12) followed by a three-game home series against Simpson University (Feb. 18 and 19).

Responses surrounding Chancellor Joseph Castro and Dr. Frank Lamas

Title IX on CSU Campuses

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Chancellor of the California State University system, Joseph Castro sent out an apology en masse on Feb. 4 to the CSU system regarding Dr. Fred Lamas being granted a \$260,000 settlement and a glowing letter of recommendation from Castro after Lamas was accused of sexually harassing and bullying students and fellow faculty at Fresno State. At the time of these events, Chancellor Castro was the President of Fresno State. USA Today reported on Feb. 7 that Fresno State “stonewalled the investigation for over a year” and required non-disclosure agreements even to begin investigations into the allegations against Lamas. With the reports of Chancellor Castro’s actions surrounding the Lamas investigation, State Senator Connie Leyva (D-Chino), the Chair of the Senate Education Committee, has called for an immediate investigation into the actions of Chancellor Castro. When asked about her thoughts moving forward, her office responded, “the Senator is unable to provide comment at this time related to the Chancellor’s reasoning and/or recent public comments.” She has called for the resignation of Castro if the allegations against him are proven true and stands by this position wholeheartedly.

Michael Uhlenkamp, the Senior Director of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, reiterated the message from the Chancellor and reinforced the position that Chancellor Castro has taken regarding his regret for the writing of a glowing letter of recommendation. Uhlenkamp responded that the Chancellor “would have characterized Dr. Lamas’ departure from Fresno State differently in the communications that went to the campus after the university was finally able to sever ties with him.” The question of investigation brought up by Senator Leyva will not be discussed by the CSU Board of Trustees until Feb. 17, and Chancellor Castro has welcomed an investigation into this matter as of Feb. 4. If the Chancellor, in his position of President of Fresno State, indeed did hold off on investigations for over a year after allegations were first brought against Lamas, then his letter of remorse seems to have some misleading information surrounding the expediency of Lamas removal. If the Chancellor defended Lamas for over a year, let him leave the CSU system with over a quarter of a million dollars and a letter of recommendation that would allow him to be able to teach and take part in academia, then there is a CSU wide concern surrounding the Chancellor’s ability to protect students and faculty if they are harassed or bullied. On Feb. 5, Fresno State students held



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a protest calling for the Chancellor’s resignation over his handling of Lamas. These students’ demands should be taken into account surrounding Castro’s investigation. In his message to CSU students, Chancellor Castro’s final paragraph is: “We must do more—and we will do more. I am fully committed to working with our campus presidents and

the CSU Board of Trustees on these critically important issues, and I pledge to continue to do so until the California State University becomes a national model for the prevention and redress of sexual misconduct in all its forms,” seems to struggle with the allegations now being laid against him and Fresno State.