Finding myself at CSUSB

By MARYRONE SHELL
News Editor

When I wandered into CSUSB’s admissions and recruitment office three years ago, I was one of the lost and weary souls who still hadn’t figured it out. I had no clue where I was supposed to be, let alone what I was supposed to do with my life. If one of the goals in society is to produce well-rounded kids – I was definitely one of them. I had always done well in high school, both in scholastics and in various extracurricular activities. But who knew that being well-round- ed would lead me into a perpetual state of confusion and indecisiveness after high school? Having diverse interests might seem like a good thing by convention, but it can really hamper the process of figuring out what you want to do in life, especially when you want to do it all.

I feel like the Madonna of higher education only I wasn’t trying to reinvent myself per se. I was trying to find myself. I probably changed colleges about as often as I changed my hairstyles. I probably tried different majors on as if I was shoe shopping, but nothing ever seemed to fit.

Imagine my surprise when I walked into the admissions office one fateful day and was handed a CSUSB brochure with “find yourself here” boldly printed on it. At first, there was a laugh and a snicker but then I realized that I had been to nearly every university, community college, and vocational school within a 25-mile radius except the one that was practically in my backyard and I still couldn’t get it right. So I thought to myself, “Why not?”

Part of the reason I was in the position I was in was because I had convinced myself that I no longer had what it takes. The endless possibilities that I once thought the world contained in high school seemed to dwindle down into mere impossibilities.

I started college thinking I wanted to be a lawyer because I knew how proud it would make my family proud of me, so I became a Political Science major but...
Senior Shout Outs

Jeffrey Hopkins
There is no greater Father’s Day gift than for you to graduate on this day. You are a fine young man with the world at your hands. We are proud!
-Richard Bowie

MaryRone Shell
I couldn’t have asked for a better replacement. Thanks for all the LONG hours and hard work put in. I highly appreciate it. I’m so proud of you, congratulations!
-Richard Bowie

Jesus Romero
Your nonstop dedication has made this paper all the better and has earned you Editor of the Year. You’re my boy “Blue.” Don’t ever stop pushing the envelope!
-Eric Brown

Orlandria Brazier
With all your commitments at home, work and school, you amaze me. I can only imagine the bright future you have ahead. I’m proud to have worked with you.
-Eric Brown

Diana Cansino
But also too as well too for nor yet but though! I’m proud of the patient, controlled, Rancho Cucamonga residing woman you’ve become. We’re best friends!
-Richard Bowie

To the Class of 2011, congratulations to you and good luck with all of your endeavors. To the Music program, thank you so much for everything you’ve done for me. To my family, thank you for believing in me. I love you all so much. The future is bright with all of us. Go Coyotes!
Thanks,
Tanisha LaShawn Henry

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something just didn’t feel right at the time.

It seemed like all my friends were in the social sciences and I had enjoyed all those classes, so I thought maybe I'd try Anthropology, Psychology, or Sociology, but these endeavors proved to be fruitless in terms of satisfaction.

I was at the end of the rope and was willing to sacrifice my dreams in favor of more practical pursuits.

I saw my aunt and uncle, who are both nurses, so I decided to try nursing and later respiratory therapy. Somehow, I knew that I wasn’t doing what I was supposed to do because I wasn’t happy.

It was my mentor, Kathleen Estrella, who told me that the thing I was supposed to be doing, was something I already enjoyed doing and was naturally drawn to.

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The guidance of both admissions counselors and close friends encouraged me to pursue a degree in Communication Studies; a degree I had no idea lends itself to so many different career possibilities.

All the dreams I once had became attainable once again.

Listening to my inner voice and pursuing what it was that I truly wanted to study was perhaps one of the most pivotal decisions I have made in my life thus far.

To students in the midst of their educational haul whether it be long or short and for those who are like me, and find themselves off the beaten track – first know who you are to know who you want to be.

If you know what you want to do with your life, the means to get there will eventually appear.

FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Lives start and change for the better in SB

By SARA SCHRADER
Coyote Contributor

I can’t believe the time has come to finally write this! WOW! Where did these last five years go?

When I first came to San Bernardino I wondered what in the world I had put myself into. I had left my beautiful home in San Diego to come here.

Five years later, I am leaving this little town I have come to love and I don’t think I’m ready.

My college years have been a rollercoaster of ups and downs and plenty of all-nighters ... and I wouldn’t change a single thing.

San Bernardino has given me the tools I need to succeed in life as well as the people I need by my side supporting me.

To me, San Bernardino is more than a little city with a lot of wind; it has become a home away from home, and the people I have met here have changed my life completely.

I know they will be a part of my life forever. They are people I will invite to my wedding someday, ones I’ll keep in touch with no matter how far away I live, and one extra special person.

I will love forever.

There are so many people I need to thank for their support, starting with my parents ... without them I would have never made it. Thank you both so much for your love and support (and money when I spent all mine on clothes) throughout these crazy years. You both inspire me to dream as big as I can and be whatever I want to be.

Christian, thank you for always keeping an eye on me. We have had so much fun together and I definitely wouldn’t have ever stayed up here if it wasn’t for you.

Thank you for always pushing me to be better and supporting me along the way.

J, we have come a long way from our first meeting at the YMCA and from those late nights at the Rustic. You have become my best friend and make me happier every day.

Your sense of humor always keeps me laughing even through the worst of times. I can’t wait to see where we end up in this big world … if we can make it through this, we can make it through anything. I love you!

Kalynn and Melodie, thank you both for being the amazing woman you are! There have been countless lunches, dinners, happy hours, and laughs! I love you both so much.

To my kind of ADPi’s, you all know who you are; I love and live for you girls every single day. Thank you for being a part of so many of my CSUSB memories.

PLAM! There are probably so many more people but I’m running out of room. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU to everyone!!

There were times when I thought college couldn’t end soon enough and there were times when I never wanted it to end.

Well, the end is here and I can’t wait to see where this crazy life will take me! WE DID IT!

Returning Coyotes help put CSUSB at the top

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A word from the California Faculty Association

An open letter to our community,

We the undersigned faculty of California State University, San Bernardino, are reaching out to our fellow community members to inform them about the current threat to public higher education and how it will affect all of us living in the Inland Empire. We hope you will join us in defending a precious community resource that has delivered personal, social, and economic success to thousands of families during our 45 years of existence.

CSUSB has educated today’s political and business leaders, nurses, teachers, civil servants, working professionals and countless others. We fear, however, that current trends threaten our ability to continue to offer students access to a high-quality, affordable education that will position them for success in the job market and not leave them laden with enormous student loan debts.

Since 2002, student fees at Cal States have increased by over 240%. This is an unprecedented tax on those who can least afford it. The state must stop hiking student fees to offset funding cuts to the Cal State system. By raising student tuition, we are limiting the ability of our students and their families to afford a college education.

In addition to fees, student access to an education at CSUSB is directly linked to funding from the state. At CSUSB, chronic underfunding has already meant reductions in faculty jobs, overcrowded classes, fewer available courses, and delays in student time to graduation. Last year, for the first time in its history, Cal State denied admission to 40,000 eligible students state-wide. At CSUSB, 1,500 eligible students were turned away. The prospect of additional budget cuts this year is very real. If the governor’s proposed tax extensions are not enacted, the Cal State system could suffer up to an additional $1 billion reduction in funding — this represents a quarter of the system’s budget! With a “cuts only” budget, we risk turning away thousands more from the CSU. Our elected leaders must find ways to see past partisan politics and do what’s best for our state’s future.

In these times of economic crisis people need more educational opportunities, not fewer. If we continue to diminish opportunities to attain a public higher education, the future result will be a more undereducated and underpaid labor force, resulting in poor economic performance for our region and the state. It would mean additional strain on our local economy, and less tax revenue for our cities while creating more need for public services, at a time when critical public services are also being drastically defunded.

For our part, California Faculty Association, the CSUSB faculty union, will do everything we can to ensure access to all those who wish to attend the university. This includes holding the CSU Chancellor accountable for decisions made in recent years to increase the numbers and salaries of top level administrators, as well as hire high-priced private consultants for pet projects, instead of prioritizing student instruction and services.

We need your help. California lawmakers must understand that higher education is not a cost but an economic benefit to our community. Every dollar invested in CSUSB results in more than four dollars in economic activity generated by our graduates. In these hard times, cutting funding to CSUSB is bad economic policy.

Together we have the power to protect CSUSB for present and future generations of students and their families. We urge you to stand with us and help us defend our University!

Please write or call your local representatives in state government and tell them that keeping CSUSB strong is essential to you, your children and future generations in our region. (Find your local legislator at: http://www.legislature.ca.gov/port-zipsearch.html) If we work together, we can ensure that CSUSB continues to serve our community. We must join together to protect our region’s most valuable asset.

Sincerely, CSUSB Faculty

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College is a place to live, lose, love and learn

By JUSTINE PLEMONS
Coyote Contributor and ASI President

Five years. 260 weeks. 38,919 hours, and my time at CSUSB has come to an end. The cliché holds true, time really does fly when you are having fun. The last few years have been one of the most influential, exciting, nerve racking, and terrifying experiences of my life.

In the moment I didn’t realize it but every professor, every grade, every boyfriend, and every friend shaped who I am.

I am leaving CSUSB with more good memories than bad. I’ve left my mark on this campus; one that I can be proud of.

I’ve made mistakes. Actually, I’ve made a lot of mistakes. I’ve failed, succeeded and stumbled along the way but I always got back up (maybe not immediately, but I stood back up each and every time).

In my head, I couldn’t understand it – simply show-up when you are having fun.

The last Kardatian is engaged and that Charlie Sheen is a father by this time.

I am a firm believer that college is supposed to be the learning lab. What I learned is that the walls of this university are very forgiving. They allow you to fail, but they also allow you to reboot.

If you learn from this place, you might just take more than your degree away from CSUSB.

Take away memories you can smile and blush at. Take away adventures you can be proud to tell your kids and some best kept to yourself.

To those of you who have a little more time left to enjoy the spoils of college I say, soak this place up.

Do things outside of your comfort zone. If you make a fool of yourself, it won’t last long. Gossip goes as quickly as it comes, trust me.

I have been a leader, a follower, a friend, and an enemy at CSUSB. Regardless, I’m leaving with my reputation. People will hate and love you for your success, but if they’re still talking, I think you must be doing something right.

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To the mentors, bosses, counselors and administration that guided me gently and to those that kicked me in the back, when I needed it: I hope to run a team as effectively as you all do.

To my ASI family, SMSU family, EOP family, the ladies of Alpha Delta Pi, the gentlemen of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Chi, and my very closest friends: Thank you. These people all stood by my side as I succeeded and laid down with me as I wept.

Lastly I’d like to give credit to one last person -- myself; because all the talent, brains and support in the world is worth half their salt they should be able to speak with their fingers as never before.

Becoming a voting citizen who came of age during a technological explosion. Social networks have de

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Tools that can help us realize the things “they” say we already are.

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So, we will see. I hope we can live up to our name. I hope we can kick the you-know-whats of generations before us, come together and bring change to a world that needs it.

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By NIC GIBBS
Coyote Contributor

“I is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed” Theodore Roosevelt

I look down at the end of my time here at CSUSB, I can only think about one thing: we can not fail. Too harsh?

Okay, maybe too harsh, but one thing is for certain, the world is truly at our fingertips as never before.

They say that we are going to be the generation that most represents our grandparents of WWI. They say that we are the future.

They say that this generation has all the tools to change the world. We will see.

Twitter, Facebook, e-mail, smartphones and the global network have taken over and we are the generation that came of age during a technological explosion. Social networks have defined us and have made some of our elders despise us.

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It’s been fun telling everyone and no one in particular on Facebook that I am eating a pastrami sandwich.

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We helped vote in the first black president. We are the generation that sees the fewest color, gender, sexual orientation and cultural barriers.

We have an obligation now to move forward together and succeed in surpassing expectation.

I know we can, I just hope we will.

If we fail we have few excuses; no pressure though.

I don’t know about you, but I’m excited. Congratulations class of 2011, let the games begin!

For those of us sticking around, it’s time we got a move on

By LOUIS PENNA
Opinions Editor

I remember when I was still in high school, and the dozen or so students that did not graduate in the intended and customary four years that almost all of the other students had done.

Granted, high school was as easy as the open note, open book, open laptop final I’ll take on Thursday in my [very] general education geology class; nonetheless, children were left behind.

These children, in my school, were usually the kids with the self-help abilities of a soon to be clubbed sea lion. They were usually ostracized after being left stranded by their previous class. They were “Super Seniors,” a title that seemed too mocking of oneself to be self originating.

In my head, I couldn’t understand it – simply show-up ing up to class would deem someone a D at the very least, passing. The classes were practically spoon fed to you with a funnel.

Many students from CSUSB’s graduating class of 2011 can be deemed “super” or for lack’s sake even “super-duper seniors.” According to the CSUSB Statistic al Factbook, from 2005-2010, senior enrollment rose 12.6 percent while freshman enrollment only rose 3.7 percent.

CSUSB is currently accepting applications for the 2012 Winter Quarter but are not certain how many will be accepted due to another potential $500 million in budget cuts. If you originally intended graduating in four years but have experienced a non-coercive rearrangement of your graduation date, you may be the reason behind someone’s denial letter.

I am not trying to compare the kids in my high school that are now working dead end jobs to CSUSB graduates of 2011, but I’ll be the first to admit that I’ve felt helpless as a club munching baby seal here before. Regardless of devastating budget cuts, this university’s number one priority should be getting degrees to students. Practically every decision concerning this university, should be constructed and decided based upon that commitment. Raising tuition 32 percent is not one of those decisions.

That principle should be agreeable considering that if you believe that every professor has the burning desire to educate as they should, and every student here takes classes with the goal of graduation in mind, that these two would work together cohesively towards that goal.

However, sometimes both fail at reaching the day when you get a piece of paper and a first-class ticket to the “real world” where you apparently lose all significance.

It’s easy to blame falling behind on financial woes and a busy schedule but these are the decisions you made, this is the experience you chose to have.

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Come out of your shell and live a little

By JESUS ROMERO  
Sports Editor

I am sad to finally leave the place I have called home for the past five years. Ever since I came to Cal State San Bernardino I have been getting the question, “Why did you ever leave San Diego?” To this day I cannot tell you why. But I wouldn’t change that decision for the world.

I came in like most freshmen; cocky and thinking I would live large at college. I quickly learned that college is tough, with tons of reading, late nights of homework and rushing at the last minute to compile something sort of an end product.

When I first came to San Bernardino, the only guy I knew was my buddy Marcus, who was one of my good friends from high school. If it wasn’t for him, I would have been back in OceanSide after the first year. We made a deal that we would give San Bernardino a chance, and little did we know, we would grow to love this place.

I made some friendships here that will last forever. Although some of those people longer go here, we will always stay friends and I could depend on them no matter what. So thanks to Malcolm, Will, Marcus and Sam for making my years at CSUSB the best of my life.

CSUSB is also where I found love. Who knew two kids from San Diego would meet in a town like San Bernardino? And who knew that we would end up falling in love in this town, because when it all began she hated me and would never give me a chance. Well thanks Sara for finally giving me a chance and becoming my best friend. We’ll get through whatever life throws at us.

A special thanks to Jim Smart for believing in me. Although Jimbo could never remember my name, I knew what he meant. As a professor he was tough, but fair. Coming in freshmen year I knew I wanted to work for the Coyote Chronicle as the sports editor, but Jim was going to make me earn it. I’m grateful for everything he has shown me, and for being a hell of an advisor for the newspaper. Jim is man with great knowledge and a Hawaiian shirt to brighten up your day. Thanks Jim.

The Coyote Chronicle has opened up doors for the future and giving me that experience that all jobs are looking for. I’m sad to finally leave my great mega desk, but I know that it is in good hands for Levi and the next great sports editors to come.

Richard Bowie and Eric Brown have done a great job with the newspaper and I know it is going in the right direction, so keep up the good work guys.

I’ll miss the fro-yo runs as well as the runs to the pub before we edit and chairs with wheels races, but most of all the laughs, jokes, accents and friendships we made in a small room in the basement of University Hall.

So for once hating this city and this school because everyone went home on the weekends, (even in the dorms) it’s not so bad. Get out and meet people that will change your life forever.

As I leave CSUSB I want to give some advice for those who will graduate soon. First, don’t just come to campus and leave right after your classes. Go have lunch with people, do “Open Mic,” go play pool in the common areas, go have a beer at The Pub, (and if you go to the pub, be nice to Trudy), or go to sporting events on campus. Actually, please go to sporting events. Take pride in where you go and go show some school spirit, and most of the teams are good here, they just need that extra crowd to hype them up.

Get involved! No matter if it is a club, athletics, intramurals, Coyote Radio, Local Matters, the Coyote Chronicle, or even going Greek, just go do something and meet people. It makes college go a lot faster and you will enjoy it.

For the last words of encouragement, enjoy the times that you have here at CSUSB. Take a moment to soak it all in, because the moments you have right now, will be the memories you will look back on later.

My final thanks is to my family! Without them, I am nothing. They love me so much they are flying across the country to see me graduate and I appreciate it. Thanks for telling me “Be aware of my surroundings” (quickly I learned that was good and bad). Thanks for telling “Primero Dios,” (God first), because with God, you can do anything. And finally to takes things “One day at a time.” I Love You all K20ten!

Come out of your shell and live a little

By DIANA CANSINO  
Features Editor

I started here at CSUSB in the Fall of 2009. I didn’t know anyone at school and at home in Victorville, I literally only had about two friends on a good day.

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I am sad to finally leave the place I have called home for the past five years. Ever since I came to Cal State San Bernardino I have been getting the question, “Why did you ever leave San Diego?” To this day I cannot tell you why. But I wouldn’t change that decision for the world.

I came in like most freshmen; cocky and thinking I would live large at college. I quickly learned that college is tough, with tons of reading, late nights of homework and rushing at the last minute to compile something sort of an end product.

When I first came to San Bernardino, the only guy I knew was my buddy Marcus, who was one of my good friends from high school. If it wasn’t for him, I would have been back in OceanSide after the first year. We made a deal that we would give San Bernardino a chance, and little did we know, we would grow to love this place.

I made some friendships here that will last forever. Although some of those people longer go here, we will always stay friends and I could depend on them no matter what. So thanks to Malcolm, Will, Marcus and Sam for making my years at CSUSB the best of my life.

CSUSB is also where I found love. Who knew two kids from San Diego would meet in a town like San Bernardino? And who knew that we would end up falling in love in this town, because when it all began she hated me and would never give me a chance. Well thanks Sara for finally giving me a chance and becoming my best friend. We’ll get through whatever life throws at us.

A special thanks to Jim Smart for believing in me. Although Jimbo could never remember my name, I knew what he meant. As a professor he was tough, but fair. Coming in freshmen year I knew I wanted to work for the Coyote Chronicle as the sports editor, but Jim was going to make me earn it. I’m grateful for everything he has shown me, and for being a hell of an advisor for the newspaper. Jim is man with great knowledge and a Hawaiian shirt to brighten up your day. Thanks Jim.

The Coyote Chronicle has opened up doors for the future and giving me that experience that all jobs are looking for. I’m sad to finally leave my great mega desk, but I know that it is in good hands for Levi and the next great sports editors to come.

Richard Bowie and Eric Brown have done a great job with the newspaper and I know it is going in the right direction, so keep up the good work guys.

I’ll miss the fro-yo runs as well as the runs to the pub before we edit and chairs with wheels races, but most of all the laughs, jokes, accents and friendships we made in a small room in the basement of University Hall.

So for once hating this city and this school because everyone went home on the weekends, (even in the dorms) it’s not so bad. Get out and meet people that will change your life forever.

As I leave CSUSB I want to give some advice for those who will graduate soon. First, don’t just come to campus and leave right after your classes. Go have lunch with people, do “Open Mic,” go play pool in the common areas, go have a beer at The Pub, (and if you go to the pub, be nice to Trudy), or go to sporting events on campus. Actually, please go to sporting events. Take pride in where you go and go show some school spirit, and most of the teams are good here, they just need that extra crowd to hype them up.

Get involved! No matter if it is a club, athletics, intramurals, Coyote Radio, Local Matters, the Coyote Chronicle, or even going Greek, just go do something and meet people. It makes college go a lot faster and you will enjoy it.

For the last words of encouragement, enjoy the times that you have here at CSUSB. Take a moment to soak it all in, because the moments you have right now, will be the memories you will look back on later.

My final thanks is to my family! Without them, I am nothing. They love me so much they are flying across the country to see me graduate and I appreciate it. Thanks for telling me “Be aware of my surroundings” (quickly I learned that was good and bad). Thanks for telling “Primero Dios,” (God first), because with God, you can do anything. And finally to takes things “One day at a time.” I Love You all K20ten!

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Sadly for me I came out of my shell a little later … like two quarters ago. But, when I did I realized there are a lot of people who appreciate my sarcastic witiness, and one-of-a-kind sense of humor.