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CSUSB
Assemblyman Woodruff headlines CSSA conference

By William Lundquist
Staff Writer

Smaller, less influential campuses like CSUSB may be shortchanged in the new master plan for higher education, according to State Assemblyman Paul Woodruff.

Woodruff is a CSUSB alumnus, and a member of the State Sub-Committee for Higher Education. He gave the keynote address at the Board of Directors of the California Student Association meeting held Jan. 6 at CSUSB.

Woodruff described the allotment of funds for building five new CSU campuses as putting the "cart before the horse." He does not approve of beginning new campuses while CSUSB is being forced to hold classes in portables.

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Slasher films endanger female survival

Gloria Cowan, Ph.D.
Special to the Chronicle

Are slasher films harmful to young viewers?

Or are children learning negative social messages about vulnerability, death, and sex? Slasher films, also called "slice and dice," "splatter," and "stalk and slice" films, are movies that contain numerous scenes of graphic violence in which no relationship exists between the killer and his victims.

Series such as "Halloween," "Friday the Thirteenth" and "Nightmare on Elm Street" have enjoyed financial, if not critical, success. These R-rated films have been popular with children. In a study of 9- to 15-year-old children from San Bernardino and Riverside, my students and I found that one-third of the films mentioned as favorites were R-rated. In addition, more than one-third of ninth graders had seen slasher films, and the percentage increased as the students got older. In fact, over 85% had seen "Nightmare on Elm Street."

Studies of the effects on college students who are exposed to R-rated slasher films have shown changes in their acceptance of interpersonal violence, belief in rape myths such as the false idea that women incite, want and enjoy rape and desensitization to victims of violence (holding them more responsible for their victimization).

Dan Lins of the UCSB, has found that college students exposed to slasher films become less aroused, anxious and depressed with repeated exposure. The violent acts are seen as less violent, less degrading and less offensive with repeated exposure.

In light of the negative effects of R-rated violent movies demonstrated so far on college males and ready availability of these films to people of all ages, it becomes especially important to understand the content of these films and their social message.

Five of my students in a social psychology class decided to analyze the slasher films to answer several questions about these films. In the 56 films analyzed, which included 232 female victims and 242 male victims, surprisingly, women were not as likely to be victims of slashers as men nor were they less likely to survive when victimized. In fact, females were more likely to survive than males.

"Leatherface" is the latest in cheap horror films.

"Nightmare on Elm Street." The message regarding female survival is essentially sexual. The sexy and sexual females were less likely to survive than the asocial females. 33 to 35 percent of the 56 non-surviving female victims were engaged in sexual activity either prior to the attack or immediately preceding it compared to nine percent of the female survivors. Additionally, the non-surviving females wore more revealing and provocative clothing, were nude or shown undressing more often, were portrayed as promiscuous or used sexual language more frequently than the surviving females.

In contrast, the male non-survivors, compared to the male survivors, were more likely to be cynical, obnoxious, egotistical and dictatorial. They more often used verbal obscenities and engaged in illegal behavior. In slasher films, the victims who do not survive are obvious from the start. They are the sexy, stupid females and the obnoxious males.

The message about male vulnerability is not new or unusual—much like the black and white of heroes and villains portrayed in gangster and cowboy movies and most popular films. The message about women also has existed for a long time—as far back as the story of Adam and Eve—that there is something inherently evil and punishable about the expression of females sexuality. The attachment of sexual arousal to images of physical vio-
Five on five basketball - Will be offered on Mondays and Fridays with various times for different leagues. Remember, you need not have a team if you wish to sign up to play. There is a free agent roster also posted next to the team sign up sheets. Sign up in the gym or the pub. For registration deadlines, times, and more information call 880-5235 or stop by the Recreational Sports Office room 111 in the gym.

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCD) - Invites all amateur photographers to participate in their Fifth Annual Conservation Photography Contest. 35mm color slides and 8x10 color prints are being accepted in this year’s two categories - 'Man's' Landscapes and 'Nature's' Landscapes. For more information, rules package and official entry forms contact the District at (714) 683-7691. Deadline for all entries is 3 p.m., March 14.

The Orange County Chapter of Mensa - The international high I.Q. club invites local college students to enter a Mensa-sponsored, national essay competition offering scholarships up to $1,000. Any qualified county student enrolled for the 1990-91 year in an accredited American college or university is eligible to compete. Awards are based on essays of about 500 words describing the applicant’s career goals. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 31. One $600 scholarship is earmarked for a woman returning to school after an absence of seven or more years. All winners must submit proof of Mensa eligibility - test scores of 98th percentile of higher on a standard I.Q. or I.Q.-convertible test.

Further information and application forms are available by calling (714) 550-9933 or writing (SASE required) to Orange County Mensa, P.O. Box 11391, Santa Ana, CA 92711.

The Scholarship Committee of the National Orange Show Foundation - Has announced the establishment of a Nursing Scholarship Program with a total of five $1,000 scholarships to be awarded for the 1990-91 school year. Application packets are being mailed to area high schools, colleges and universities. Students eligible to apply include high school seniors, college freshmen and students who may be entering college after having graduated from high school some years ago. Applications are available from the National Orange Show Foundation, high school counseling offices, college or university nursing departments and hospital personnel offices. Deadlines are April 1 for high school seniors and February 15 for all others.

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 Thursday, Jan. 18 Information meeting with Subway sandwiches Pine Room 11:00 am-2:00pm
 Friday, Jan. 19 Informational meeting with refreshments SUMP 12:00-2:00pm
 Monday, Jan. 22 Breakfast bar SUMP 9:00-11:00am
 Tuesday, Jan. 23 Pizza Fest SUMP 12:00-2:00pm
 Wednesday, Jan 24 BBQ Outside 11:00-2:00pm

 For additional info, stop by from 9:00am-11:00am at our table near the library.
Club Fest
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Car Parade, food, music, introduction of the men’s and women’s basketball teams, and entertainment by student clubs, fraternities, and sororities. Jan. 26
Location: Lower Commons

Dinner
Panorama Room, Lower Commons, honoring Mr. Johnson will precede his speech. Cost of dinner is $11 per person for dinner and speech.
Call 714-880-5008 for reservations

Friday, January 26
Rafer Johnson
World and Olympic record holder in the Decathlon, torch bearer in the 1984 Olympics, is the featured speaker in the gymnasium at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 27
Coyote Basketball
6 p.m. - Women play the University of Redlands
8 p.m. - Men play the University of California, San Diego

Box Office: 714-880-5933
Admission is free to Cal State students, faculty and staff, members of the Alumni Association, and $1 to all other students with I.D. $5 to the general public.
Seize your day today

By William Lundquist
Staff Writer

Carpe diem.

A Latin word that means seize the day.

It was an idea used by English poets in the 17th century to talk their mistresses into surrendering their virginity. College students have been using carpe diem in that sense for 300 years, but the words can mean much more.

In the film "The Dead Poets Society" the teacher played by Robin Williams urged his students to use the idea of carpe diem to make their lives special, even extraordinary. But he also cautioned them to think, to seize what was worth seizing.

If seizing the day has left you with a 1.0 G.P.A., a drunk driving conviction, an unwanted pregnancy, or even AIDS, all you've seized is your own downfall.

Every student at CSUSB has the opportunity for a new degree, a new career, maybe a new life, in the nineties. For some, like myself, it is a second, even a final, chance.

Nearby 20 years ago, I chose to leave college to accept what was then a high-paying job in a low-skill field. At the time, it didn't seem to make sense to pursue a degree for a career that would pay less than a job that I could have right away.

Within a year, high-paying manufacturing jobs like mine began to experience layoffs and cutbacks that are continuing to decimate the American work force.

By trying to seize the day, I sent my life into a tailspin from which I am only beginning to recover.

Success in the '90s will require all the college education you can get. You have already seized the day just by coming to CSUSB. Don't throw your chance away, you may not get another one.

Stay in school. Go to your classes. Clean every last bit of knowledge that you can out of your professors. Get involved in student government, sports, arts, and clubs, even if it means cutting back on the beer, or skipping a couple of parties.

Use your time to get everything available out of your college experience. If you are only seizing the moment to have some fun, you may be missing the future.

Don't count on getting a second chance, like I did.

Make your life extraordinary. The '90s are yours. Seize the decade.

Letters to Editor

Student upset by gay prof

Dear Editor,

It has been brought to my attention that a certain professor of Humanities named Loralee McPike has stated publicly (in one of her classrooms) that she was a lesbian. On first hearing this, I was repulsed not only by the fact that the University is allowing her to teach our students but also that she had the nerve to confess publicly that she is one. In my opinion, the viewpoint that she is putting forth is simply "Perspectives on Gender," is encouraging the acceptance of homosexuals, struck her down as a lesbian, that she is putting forth in her Humanities 325 class, "Perspectives on Gender," is very similar to a class I had with Dr. Cindy Paxton, Health Science 120, which showed a video of an interview of homosexuals en-

Keep your future alive!

Sincerely,
Russell and Eleanor Nicholson

Help Stop Drunk-Drivers

Dear Editor:

You have plans for your future - goals to reach - a brilliant future...

So did Linda Lancaster, a doctoral candidate at the University of Maine, at Orono, Maine. On Feb. 18, 1989, the drunken driver of a pickup truck struck her down as she and a classmate walked along a sidewalk in the campus community.

All her goals and plans for the future were wiped out in one senseless moment of drunken violence - a violence our legislators have yet to recognize as murder - a violence our courts of law waiver over justice for the victim.

You have plans for your life - but, take a moment as you walk across campus to ponder on your chances of becoming the random victim of a drunken driver. We all carry the same risk, as did Linda. But with your help we can - and must - keep our streets and sidewalks safe!

Take a stand. Refuse to ride with an intoxicated driver. Volunteer to drive a friend who has partied too much. Write your congressperson to initiate deterrent legislation against killer drivers: no time off for plea bargaining. Do something positive, if not for yourself or for your friends, then for someone who loves you.

Keep your future alive!

Sincerely,

Russell and Eleanor Nicholson

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encouraging the acceptance of homosexuality. The label that the Health Science field has given to people who fear homosexuals is "homophobia". I would like to say that I am not afraid of them but that I am afraid for them. Why, I am interested to find out, is such a viewpoint being encouraged when no counter argument is being presented? Is it because this campus or this community has just decided that homosexuality is a necessary evil or that maybe if we just ignore it, it will go away? Or do these professors have any moral concept of what homosexuality really is?

I refer you to the Bible for God's view on homosexuality. In the nineteenth chapter of Genesis, it talks about how the men of Sodom tried to have homosexual relations with 2 angels that God had sent to that city. The entire city was subsequently destroyed by fire and brimstone. In Romans 1:26-27 it says: "For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error." Also in Leviticus 18:22, God said, "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination." One can easily see from these Scriptures God's view of homosexual-

ty and lesbianism.

I have heard of teachers in this city being fired by the City Schools because they profess to be lesbian or homosexual. I hope this will not happen with Professor McPike, but I think that this is a soon-coming possibility if she doesn't stop encouraging homosexuality as well as Dr. Paxton. But don't listen to what God says about it. After all, I'm just a fanatical homophobe.

Deeply concerned, John Kocher CSUSB student

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Jacqueline Reinhard, Arizona State University, Class of 1991

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Career Center Answers Job Questions

By Su-Lyn Combs
Staff Writer

Almost all students have questions about their future and their careers. The Career Development Center provides help for students with such questions.

The Center has a variety of programs and services designed to assist students in determining and making their career choices.

Located outside of the center is a Career Employment Opportunities Board. A listing of jobs available on and off campus are posted there. Opportunities are received daily.

There is also a telephone tape service. The tape provides information on jobs in business areas and in teaching, counseling, and school administration professions. They are available 24 hours a day. The number for the business information is 880-5252 and the number for teaching, counseling, and school administrative positions is 880-5251.

The Center also holds numerous workshops ranging from choosing a major, preparing a resume, to interviewing skills. Dates for these activities can be obtained in the Center.

Career counselors also provide individual counseling in choosing a major and exploring various careers. In addition to a counselor there is a computerized aid to career planning. It is called the System of Interactive Guidance and Information or SIGI Plus.

The computer doesn't tell you what career you should choose, but it is useful in gathering and organizing information on careers and gaining knowledge on specific employment fields and jobs.

The Center's services are available to all students from freshmen to seniors and graduate students.

For more information: 880-5250.

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He expressed concern that a cap on fees might hurt the quality of education.

Woodruff told the assembled representatives from each of the campuses in the CSU system that there is always a need for students to voice their concerns with the state legislature.

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ence is undoubtedly related to the high frequency of the sexual victimization of girls and women in American society.

Growing concern has been expressed regarding the popularity and accessibility of slasher films to young people. For several years, the Junior League of Riverside has committed resources to educational programs and legislation directing toward changing the typical availability of these films to children from video rental stores and encouraging the development and use of a more refined rating system that currently exists.

For ethical reasons, it is impossible to study directly the effects of slasher films on young children's thoughts, feelings and behaviors. It might be helpful for parents to more carefully supervise their children's viewing preferences. At the very least, parents should sit down and watch these films with their children to see for themselves what their children are learning. Parents can point out when sex and violence are paired, when the portraits of women are either as "unhealthy" as our children.

The most important thing to keep in mind is that, as a culture, we all have a stake in the portrayal of violence in our society.

When parents discuss these matters with their children they are probably only as "good" or as "healthy" as our children.

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Today
CSUSB Cycling Team and Club - Meeting will be in Pine Room of the lower commons at 2 p.m. Discussion will be about finding new members, officers, and up coming rides. For more information call 867-1466.

Tennis Meeting - Women interested in playing Varsity Tennis for CSUSB will meet at 4 p.m. in the PE Complex Hallway. If unable to attend call (714) 880-5019.

Friday
Gay and Lesbian Union - Topic of discussion for this meeting will be "Biosexuality." It will be held in the Oak Room of the lower commons from 11 a.m. - noon.

Saturday
Working together - healing the Earth - A conference about environmental choices and changes. Bring lunch and a beverage cup. Cost is $10 per person from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call (714) 883-9444.

The California Chicano News Media Association (CCNMA) - Will host the 11th Annual Journalism Opportunities Conference for Minorities (JOC); Feb. 9-10 at USC's Davidson Conference Center. The purpose of the two-day job fair is an opportunity for minority journalists to interview with news media recruiters. This year, the JOC will target journalists for mid-level jobs. CCNMA is the major sponsor of the JOC. Co-sponsors include the Black Journalists Association of Southern California (BJASC), the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA), Capital Communications/ABC Inc., The Modesto Bee, the Gannett Foundation, The Times Mirror Foundation and the Times Mirror Company. For more information, contact Monica Silbas, conference director, at (213) 473-7168.

The U.S. Department of Interior National Park Service - Announced that applications are being accepted for summer lifeguard positions at several National Park Service sites in the eastern U.S. Depending on experience and work location, the summer lifeguards may earn salaries ranging from $479.63 to $857.38 every two weeks. For an application and information about the test and other requirements for these lifeguard jobs, applicants should call toll-free 1-800-NP 8 SWIM.


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