Harrison denies charges of police racism

Police chief responds to accusations made before WASC panel

by Anthony Bruce Gilpin
editor in chief

Office of Public Safety director Edward Harrison denied a student's public allegations that the University Police practices a double standard of law enforcement.

Chief Harrison responded Friday to graduate student Liddell Potts, who accused Public Safety officers of harassing racial minorities accused of crimes while allowing white suspects to go with little or no official prosecution. Potts made his statements Feb. 17 at an open forum with a complaint team from the Western Assn. of Schools and Colleges, who were touring the Cal State, San Bernardino campus.

In a Chronicle interview Harrison discussed each point in a document distributed by Potts, which cites specific incidents of alleged racial harassment of non-whites and preferential treatment of whites by the Public Safety Dept.

There are significant discrepancies between the incidents as Potts reports them and Public Safety records, and Harrison said as Potts reports them and Public Safety investigated a theft of $1000 in cash, not merchandise, from the textbook buy-back department of the Coyote bookstore.

At least five bookstore employees had access to the stolen money. A white student employee became the prime suspect because he had a prior conviction for theft, and had spoken to others before the theft of having money troubles. This student, who maintained his innocence, voluntarily submitted to a polygraph examination. Harrison said the polygraph interview cleared the student from suspicion. Public Safety has closed this unsolved case, pending the discovery of new evidence.

INCIDENT III:

Potts' report charges that an African American student was arrested May 21, 1993, for shoplifting a $30 textbook at Coyote Bookstore. Potts claimed that this student was arrested while browsing the store and was led away in handcuffs. Potts told the WASC committee that this student was the only person ever prosecuted for theft at the bookstore.

Harrison said that bookstore employees apprehended two black males, but outside the store, with $194 worth of textbooks hidden under their coats.

Bookstore employees called Public Safety, but the officers could not arrest the two men (one was a CSUSB student, one was a student of San Bernardino Valley College) because the stolen merchandise was worth less than $400, and, therefore, a misdemeanor. Police officers cannot make arrests on misdemeanor offenses that they did not personally witness. Harrison said.

Two bookstore employees who witnessed the theft agreed to make a citizen's arrest. The officers then took the students into custody, in handcuffs.

Public safety records indicate that the two men confessed to the thefts, saying they had no money. They were given citations, and released on their own recognizance. Harrison noted that the defendants were not fully prosecuted (as Potts claimed) because they failed to show up on their court date. A bench warrant was issued for their arrest.

Student fees go up, but where do the funds go?

by Brian Lees
Chronicle staff writer

Student fees are on the rise again and the California State University system has become increasingly dependent on student revenue in its annual budget.

While many students erroneously believe that student fees fund the construction of new buildings on the campus, they actually go toward general expenditures, including such items as the recently approved pay increase for CSUSB's president.

According to official 1993-94 budget documents, the main reason for student fee increases is to make up for the reduction in the state General Fund's support of education.

Since 1989, the state's general share of funding the budget has fallen from 83.8 percent to presently 68.4 percent. To compensate for this reduction, the share financed by student fees has nearly doubled, from 16.2 percent to 31.6 percent.
### The Week of Wednesday, March 2 - Wednesday, March 9, 1994

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- **AFRIKAN STUDENT ALLIANCE**: Regular meeting. Student Union Multicultural Center 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.
- **CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL**: Weekly Meeting. Student Union Senate Chambers. 8 - 10 p.m.
- **GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL UNION**: Weekly meeting. Pine Room, Lower Commons. 6 - 8 p.m. All are welcome.
- **LATINO BUSINESS STUDENTS ASSN**: Regular Meeting. Student Union Senate Chambers, 4 - 6 p.m. All are welcome.
- **MECHA**: Weekly Meeting. Student Union Senate Chambers. 1 - 3 p.m. All are welcome.
- **SOCIOLOGY CLUB**: Regular meeting. Pine Room, Lower Commons, 4 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 3

#### Saturday, March 5
- **SOFTBALL**: CCAA Tournament/CSUSB Hosting
- **BASEBALL**: CSUSB v. CAL POLY, POMONA at Fiscalini Field, 6 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 6
- **BASEBALL**: "COYOTE CLASIC" ST. FRANCIS OF NEW YORK, U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, KYUNG HEE UNIVERSITY, CSUSB. Through Mar. 12 at Fiscalini Field.

#### Monday, March 7
- **GOLF**: Open at Arrowhead Country Club. 
- **LECTURE**: "Consensual Relationships on Campus: Should they be prohibited?" Sponsored by the Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center. Student Union Event Center "C". Lecture starting at 2 p.m. Performance starting at 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 8
- **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**
- **ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATION**: ELECTIONS! Also Guest Speaker meeting, featuring Janet Boucher. Panorama Room, Lower Commons. 4:00 p.m.

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A reply to D.P.

Funkhouser (Feb. 23 issue, among others)

Editor, The Chronicle:

The whole matter related to Mr. D.P. Funkhouser is getting out of hand, and his seven-page document about “The Dreams of Pregnant Women” is nothing more than a waste. Let’s face it! The majority of the students are not going to read such a long article concerning the dreams of pregnant women, who really cares to read and even to know about some pregnant women with some wonderful dreams?

Mr. Funkhouser has to realize that many of us read enough textbooks for homework, and I am sure I don’t have the time to even start reading his essay anywhere. One thing that I can’t understand is why the editor of The Chronicle wrote a very lengthy article and expected to have it all printed in our school newspaper when the article has nothing to do with the campus or with the students. Why would anyone want to read anything that is completely unrelated to our school, especially when it is seven pages long?

I believe Mr. Gilpin has the complete right to revise or to condense any essays that were sent in, because it is his job as an efficient editor in chief to judge, to revise, to condense, and to reject or to publish the articles. In fact, I had written a lot of letters to Mr. Gilpin before the publication of the latest issue of The Chronicle. It is quite rare that I have the opportunity to meet a person who is an excited as I am to have God in my life. I commend Mr. Gilpin for his zealfulness toward God; however, I can’t understand why he did not choose to publish zealously about God’s love. It seems odd that Mr. Gilpin could overlook love when there are over 500 references to love in the Bible.

Instead, Mr. Gilpin emphasized name calling and judging. I have to assume that our vigorous visitor has forgotten Matthew 7:1-2, and Luke 6:37-38. In Matthew, Jesus says “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Aside from questioning the energetic evangelist’s agenda, I am outraged by the techniques used to deliver his message. His blatant rudeness and unapologetic ability to shoot down any organized society. If a teacher treated his students with that kind of arrogance, he would lose his job. Mr. Gilpin treated the crowd of onlookers as if they were worthless scraps of red meat that deserved to be devoured by wild dogs. I must remind Mr. Gilpin that it was Jesus Christ who sat down to eat with the “sinners” and tax collectors, because “it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick” (Mark 2:15-17). The hypocritical, pontificating, preacher’s tactics of insult, put downs and finger pointing, frame validation serve only to anger, confuse, harass and further estrange people from God, while success in discrediting any kind of message that he is attempting to convey.

I have to wonder what Mr. Gilpin hoped to accomplish by his tactless ranting and raving. How many seeds did he believe he would be planting by hollering insolent remarks to people at will? I feel it necessary to question the rationality behind his reckless antics.

As a Christian and an active member of the Campus Crusade for Christ, I am disgusted with Mr. Gilpin’s agenda of vandalizing and demonstrating mean spirited, caustic, and unapologetic rudeness. His interpretation and representation of Jesus’ teaching about God falls irresistibly short of the doctrine in which I have 100% faith and trust that Jesus loves us whether we live our lives with or out of step with His plan. Yes, God wants us to repent for our sins and for us to believe and have faith in Him, but also loving, gracious, merciful God I hope that Mr. Gilpin re-examines his understanding of God, as well as his objectives and tactics before he attempts to speak to another campus. If he chooses to continue on his current path, I fear that he will make himself an obstacle to the struggling to know God and would succeed in distancing others further away from God. Peace be with you.

Scott Casto
Word is heard at CSUSB's 'coffee house'

by Lori Wyman
Chronicle staff writer

Young creative artists performed their poetry and prose before an eager and attentive audience at Cal State, San Bernardino's Event Center Feb. 24.

Spoken Word: 'Screaming from the Barrel' transformed the Event Center into a cavernous coffee house. Professional writers and performers read from their own works, and members of the audience were allowed to express themselves in an "open mic" session.

Featured performers included Exene Cervenka from the band "X", Professor Griff, and Don Bajema. The event was sponsored by the Student Union Program Board.

The first performer, Don Bajema, was not an effective public speaker, but once he started reading his poems, he came alive!

Bajema had a very angry and depressed attitude as he read his poems. "Black Road" was about how the world is falling apart. His second reading, "Happy Birthday," was a bit more lively. Bajema's poems evoked his personal life stories with vivid realism.

"I felt like I was right there with the characters in his poems!" said CSUSB student Kathi Peterson.

During intermission, promoters threw t-shirts into the audience, and gave away cassette and compact discs of the featured performers' recordings. Coffee and donuts were served as refreshments.

The second featured performer was rap artist Professor Griff. The former member of Public Enemy set one ground rule before reciting his poetry.

"If anything I say offends you," Griff said, "I ain't talking to you."

It's a good thing that Griff made that clear, because he said some harsh things that made the audience stir a little.

Griff encouraged audience participation in his performance, asking questions like "Am I right or wrong," or "Is that cool?" He invited volunteers from the audience to join him on stage to display their musical talent — or lack thereof.

One volunteer, a woman named Susan hummed "God Bless America" as accompaniment to Griff as he recited his original poem, "I Am a Poet."

Griff dedicated the poem "Sista, Sista" to women. This poem had a lot of harsh language in it, but Griff explained "These hard lyrics mean reality."

Griff asked the audience to close their eyes as he read his closing piece, "Imagine A Nation." This poem challenged the audience to consider a range of questions such as "what if Michael Jackson was president?" The message was that we are the ones in this world and we are the only ones that can change it.

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CSUSB speech team competes

by Kara Rizzo
managing editor

Two members of the CSUSB Forensics team placed third in their respective categories in competition at CSU Long Beach Feb. 18 - 19.

Dougie Douglas, who took third place in Junior Poetry Interpretation, was also a finalist in Junior Prose Interpretation. Zelda Thomas placed third in Novice level Dramatic Interpretation.

Forensics coach Scott Rodriguez is impressed with the progress of his team. "We are beginning to get the kind of reputation for ourselves that suits the outstanding work our students do," Rodriguez said.

Seven team members competed in various individual events: Susan Gravell in senior Interpretation and Ena Williams, Lenita Graves, Kim Williams and Stan Wilson performed in the Impromptu Speaking competition.

In speech tournaments, the novice category is for first-year competitors. Junior and Senior Open categories are for more experienced competitors.

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Living in hard times, on borrowed time

Thrown out by his family, rejected by friends, an HIV-positive teenager battles the streets and the system to survive. Against the odds, he finds hope.

by David Keith
Special to the Chronicle

For teenagers there isn’t much of anything that’s scarier than being ostracized by your family and friends and then getting thrown out of your house in no place to turn. If, at the same time you were to discover that you had contracted a fatal illness, such as HIV, you might consider giving up altogether. However, for some kids, these circumstances are becoming more and more common.

Approximately two years ago, at a conference for gay and lesbian youth held at UCLA, an sixteen-year-old boy who was acting as the speaker from a shelter for homeless teens with HIV dramatically illustrated this situation. We’ll call him “Mike.”

“Mike” had curly, dark blond hair, he stood about five foot six inches tall and could aptly be described as “scrawny.” He had a touch of acne which was completely overshadowed by the bright open smile that continually highlighted his face. “Mike” told the gathering how he came to live at the shelter and what the benefits were. A year and a half earlier, his parents had discovered that he was gay. Upon learning this his step-father had then informed his mother about him going to the clinic for an AIDS test. The test came back positive. “Mike’s” step-father told him to leave his home and that approximately 80 percent of the total budget goes toward faculty salaries and 7.4 percent pays the salaries of the management. It is the latter allocation that creates friction among students, faculty and administration.

According to Walter Oliver, chairman of the Faculty Senate, eighteen of the twenty CSU presidents (including CSUSB’s Dr. Anthony Evans) will receive an 8.5 percent pay increase and a variable increase in housing allowances this year. The average salary of a CSU president ranges from $120,000 to $145,000 per year.

Oliver also indicated that the faculty sentiment about executive pay raises at a time when professors will finally receive the first 3% cost of living adjustment in the past three years is one of disgust. One faculty member from the psychology department who declined to be identified added the general feeling that faculty members aren’t heard or valued by the administration. The results of a survey reflecting these sentiments will be released by the California Faculty Association this spring.

Although it is not totally clear as to exactly where every dollar of student fees goes, it can be assumed that the 8.5 percent presidential pay increase is being subsidized for the most part by student fees.

One of several other references leads to an organization called GLASS (Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services). A spokesperson named Margaret claimed that GLASS runs four shelters for displaced gay/lesbian/HIV-positive youth. Officials of the GLASS organization were unavailable for comment over two weeks of repeated requests for information about their shelters.

Obviously, “Mike” had been very lucky to find help in a labyrinth of bureaucracy from government and private organizations that were meant to help young people like “Mike.” It can be understood that many young people whose lives are made even more urgent by the prospect of AIDS often give up hope of ever receiving any help that might be available to them.

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Leasing the store could do, and did, was to fire Goddard.

Eric Perkowski, a representative of Jostens, did not want to prosecute Goddard; he only wanted his rings back. Perkowski and Goddard struck a “Gentleman’s Agreement” in which Goddard would withdraw and return the pawnsed rings, and Jostens would not press charges against Goddard.

Goddard was released from Public Safety custody, but Harrison was unwilling to let the matter rest. Since the rings were worth more than $400, the theft was a felony, a crime against the state. Neither Jostens nor the bookstore had legal standing to handle an investigation or prosecution of a felony. At Harrison’s direction, Public Safety forwarded the case to the San Bernardino County District Attorney.

Harrison acknowledged that some complaints of racism on campus are probably valid. “This campus is not perfect,” he said, “but we try. These are all very sensitive issues. Our Public Safety officers are trained to handle these sensitive matters in a professional manner at all times.”

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It only got worse. “Mike” continued by telling us how his step-father had then informed his friends’ parents of “Mike’s” HIV status, which effectively left him with nowhere to turn but the streets. For the next six to nine months, he survived by prostitution and begging for change.

Eventually, by word of mouth, he’d heard of Citrus House, a shelter for “displaced” youth that specialized in dealing with gay or HIV-positive kids.

After being accepted at Citrus House, Mike began to get his life back in order. The shelter helped him prepare for the GED exam, and even helped him get a part-time job.

The shelter had also been partially responsible for an emerging dialogue between “Mike” and his mother. At the time of the conference he was getting ready to move into his own place. He seemed to be quite pleased about that particular turn of events. Basically, “Mike” appeared to be your average normal teenager, albeit one that was a little more mature than most, but not overly so.

If you take into account where “Mike” had been, only a year before, the change in Mike’s life appears dramatic. The shelter took a young person off the street who would have become a burden to society and transformed him into a self-supporting, moderately educated young man with hopes and dreams of a worthwhile future.

Ostracized by his family and friends, Mike’s progress is impressive for any young man; for one who is HIV-positive, it is remarkable.

However, organizations of the type that helped “Mike” have become essentially non-existent. The few shelters in operation currently that claim to assist kids like “Mike” have become overburdened with a well-entrenched bureaucracy that makes them virtually impossible to find.

Researching this article, this reporter tried, unsuccessfully, to find a shelter similar to the one that had helped “Mike.” The idea was to interview the staff, and report on the operations of such an establishment. The task of just finding a place to start turned out to be harder than the public might think. After nearly three hours on the phone, speaking with practically every major AIDS and homeless organization in Los Angeles, the standard response was, “We don’t deal with that here, but you might try...”
Phone registration system debuts to mixed reviews

by Tasha Swift
Chronicle staff writer

The long awaited new telephone registration system, TRACS (Telephone Ready Access System) has begun with a few glitches and mixed reviews from students.

The system is designed so that no longer will students have to wait months before knowing what classes they get into, go through hours of painful drop and add or look in their mailboxes for weeks to see if they passed a class. Grades will be available through TRACS for final quarter.

The purpose of the system is to save time for the students and the school.

The system was tested before registration began, all 62 of the 64 lines, two of which are used only for testing, were not running simultaneously before the first day of registration on Feb. 12.

Although the system was ready to go, problems on the first day. Brenda Gazzar, Cal State sophomore, tried to call TRACS the first day from San Diego, but the system was down. When she tried back on Monday, she got all her classes. "Once you get in, it's no problem," she said.

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Smile, it's distance learning!

Video conference-call technology brings the classroom to a TV set near you

by Lori Wyman
Chronicle staff writer

Smile, you're on candid camera!

High tech education is scheduled to start at Cal State San Bernardino in the fall quarter of this year, using television to broadcast classes from the campus to classrooms off campus.

Students who live too far to commute, or who are unable to commute can take advantage of these distance learning classes.

Dr. Walter Oliver, president of the Faculty Senate, said, "Distance learning is an educational opportunity to distant sites such as Barstow and Needles. It will be used to completely serve the area." A grant from Air Quality Management District has financed the purchase of equipment for three off-campus sites and will cover the cost of transmission lines. Two state-of-the-art television studios will be built in the basement of the library.

Teachers will conduct classes via television. Students at the other end will watch and listen to the instructor and call on the phone with any questions. These video teleconferences will be made possible by using the data networks from the major television companies, such as GTE or Sprint.

Eventually, both students and teachers will be connected by a microphone.

A monitor will watch the students as they take quizzes and tests which are fixed back and forth. Dennis Hefner, vice president for academic affairs, explained, "Studies show that students can learn just as much from distant learning as those in a live classroom. The method is just as effective."

The cost for these classes will be the same amount as the regularly scheduled classes.

The technology that makes two-way video communication possible is known as "compressed video" and uses a device called CODEC. The system converts information, compresses pictures and sounds and sends picture information to provide educational programming to the various sites.

There are several advantages to distance learning, such as reducing commuting time and reducing smog from auto emissions. But Michael Clarke, president of the faculty union, warned, "The technology and production is costly. Where is the money for this going to come from?"

On Friday, March 4, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Faculty Senate and the California Faculty Association will sponsor a forum in the Creative Arts building for those interested in this issue. The program will offer information about distance learning and its advantages and disadvantages.

"We want to get our ducks all in a row," explained Oliver. A guest speaker from Chico State, Professor Rollie Hauser, has been invited to discuss distance learning.

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Casino Night attendees enjoy a game of craps during Homecoming Week. Photos courtesy of CSUSB Alumni Association.

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Women slam Cal Poly SLO 111-58

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The Cal State Women's Basketball team pounded Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Saturday night in a 111-58 blowout of the Mustangs. The team won with offense with six players in doubles figures led by 26 points each from Kim Young and Cheryl Few.

The win sealed up the first conference title for the Coyotes who share the title with Cal Poly Pomona who finished in the CCAA with identical 8-1-1 records. The Broncos will host the opening round of the CCAA Tournament after winning the coin toss held after the game. The two teams were even through the early minutes of the first half, but the Coyotes were able to capitalize on rebounds on the defensive end to pull out to a 57-26 halftime lead.

The second half was not better as the Coyotes at several times of the game led by 50 points and ended the game winning by 53.

The Coyotes outrebounded the Mustangs with 49 rebounds and shot over fifty percent from the field.

Beckles on and off the court
Sisters give two point perspective on Cai State team

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Luvina and Tammie Beckley are two sisters on campus that are both involved in Women’s Basketball. The way each one is involved, however, is as different as night and day. Luvina Beckley is the coach for the Cal State San Bernardino Women’s Basketball team, while Tammie is a player.

Talking to the two sisters gives two different points of view on the team, but in many ways they overlap. Luvina is a little more involved with the statistical side of the team, while Tammie is in tune with what is happening on the court. Both sisters, however, know the team’s strengths and weaknesses and the team’s overall goals.

As of this writing, the Women’s Basketball Freight Train has rolled through Pomona and Dominguez Hills, both games ending in victory for CSUSB. This brings the team’s record to 22-3, and they are tied for first place in the CCAA.

"I’ll be happier when we’re 23-3," commented Luvina, anticipating Saturday’s game. Saturday will be the last stop for CSUSB before they roll into the NCAA Tournament.

When asked how the team might do in the tournament, Luvina replied, "I hope we can go the distance."

On the other side of the out-of-bounds line is Tammie. She has a different angle to the tournament: "We’re nervous and excited. We’ve been waiting for this moment, and it came pretty quick."

According to both Tammie and Luvina, the team is playing well. Tammie mentions that their strength comes from all the team members working at their own job. She cites the examples of Kim Young running the ball back and Felice Logan nailing 3-point shots.

Weaknesses have a diverging view. "Any kinks better have worked out by now," Luvina said with a smile. "We’re working on finding the strengths of the other teams and disintegrating that."

Tammie sees one weakness but finds it a mixed blessing. The CSUSB Women’s Basketball team only has eight players. Tammie admits it is a weakness sometimes, but usually it gives the opposing team a false sense of confidence. "They see we’re a small team."

On the court, the sisters are just another pair of people. Obviously it would be unfair to treat Tammie better than the other players, and Luvina knows this. She comments about having her sister on the team:

"It makes it easy because Tammie has done one heck of a job. She’s very coachable. She’s a good athlete and it makes my job easier."

Tammie sees mostly a coach while she’s on the court, but sometimes she still sees a sister. "There are times when things [Luvina] does shock me. I look at her and see my sister. [On the court], I treat her with the respect she deserves."

Off the court, the story is different. The Beckley sisters are truly sisters. "She tries to discipline me and teach me responsibilities," said Tammie. "She went to college earlier than I did, so we’re doing a lot of catching up."

Luvina’s immediate response to how she thought of her sister was not unexpected. "She’s a brat!" Luvina said with a grin.

Coyotes lose to Highlanders 88-83; end season 10-16

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The Cal State University San Bernardino men’s basketball team needed some thuds in their final game of the season on as 6 foot 11 inch senior center Bob Fife inside scoring led the University of California, Riverside Highlanders over the Coyotes 88-83. The win upped UCR’s record to 19-6 overall and 10-2 in the CCAA while the Coyotes finished the season at 10-16, 3-9.

Fife controlled the inside game at both ends of the court converting several lob passes into easy lay-ups and forcing the Coyotes to change the trajectory of their shots whenever they came into the paint. The only Cal State player to have any success inside was 6-5 junior Ryan Mack who scored 14 points in the paint including two big dunks over Fife. Mack also grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Coyotes.

Without the existence of an inside game, the Coyotes were forced to shoot a lot of three-pointers to stay in the game which suits senior guard Eric Carpenter just fine. Carpenter was five for twelve from behind the arc and finished with 28 points. As a team, the Coyotes were 10-26 from three-point range.

The Coyotes got into foul trouble in the second half as they tried to press the Highlanders to stay in the game. The referees were not going to let the Coyotes get away with anything. UCR didn’t go to the free throw line in the first half, but went to the stripe a whopping forty times in the second. Fortunately for Cal State, the Highlanders only converted on 21 of them which allowed the Coyotes to stay in the game.

After being tied at 37 at the half, UCR jumped out to a nine point lead in the second half, but Cal State kept close as Carpenter buried a couple of threes and a fall-away jumper from the baseline. Fife was just too tough down the stretch hitting six of ten free throws and two clutch buckets before leaving the game with an ankle injury with three minutes remaining.

The game was the final game at the Coyote Den. The Coyotes will move to the new 5000 seat Coyote Den next season.