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Morris' contract dropped
Basketball coach ends 3-year tenure, reasons for his dismissal not revealed

by Jeremy Heckler
sports editor

CSUSB decided Feb. 28 not to renew Coach Reggie Morris' contract for next season. The decision ends Coach Morris' three-year association with the university.

The official reason for Morris' dismissal was not revealed by the university which is legally bound to confidentiality in personnel matters.

In his three seasons at Cal State, Morris compiled a 37-41 record overall, finishing the 1993-1994 campaign with a 10-16 record. Morris' tenure was also noted with several controversies, including one this year involving former Cal State player Develle Walker and current player Wayne Williams, in which during a pickup game Williams threatened Walker with a handgun.

In both of Morris' first two seasons there were incidents involving academic ineligibility and Cal State players. Two players were declared ineligible hours before a game involving Chapman College on Jan. 10, 1992. Last season five players were declared ineligible but one was reinstated a month later. The university began its search for a new men's basketball coach March 1 with a press release announcing that the position was open. The selection of the next head coach will be made by a search committee headed by assistant athletic director Nancy Simpson.

The guidelines for the committee include someone with a college degree, preferably a master's degree and a college teaching credential, because the position will involve some teaching. Other requirements include at least four years of coaching experience preferably as head coach.

The search committee will sift through the resumes and reduce the number of applicants to less than 10. Screening will begin about March 25 and formal interviews will start about April 1. Athletics Director David Suehrman said.

Morris replaced Jim Ducey, the first coach in Cal State history. Ducey coached the Coyotes for seven seasons, all at the NCAA Division III level.

Before coming to Cal State, Morris spent fifteen years at the high school and junior college level amassing a combined 305-97 record. It also included a state high school champion (1985) at Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles, and several appearances at the state community college playoffs with Los Angeles City College.

A 'love affair with students'

Cal State gets a mixed review from WASC accreditation team

by Kara Rizzo
managing editor

The reaccreditation team that visited Cal State, San Bernardino in February left the campus impressed with "many aspects of university life," including the faculty, staff, and the overall "commitment to students," according to university President Anthony H. Evans.

The WASC review of CSUSB was not totally uncritical. The team's report, which is still in progress, will point to weaknesses in campus communications, grant acquisition and the self-study program.

In a status report issued by Evans to the university community, the Western Assn. of School and Colleges team compliments CSUSB's "'love affair with students' despite the budget constraints" that have predominated lately. Evans met with the chair of the WASC reaccreditation team from Feb. 21-25, in order to discuss a few overall impressions of CSUSB campus life.

Evans said that Dr. Deane Newbauer, the chair of the accreditation team, reported that he was impressed by the amount of "professional and scholarly endeavors," including a high level of grant activity, "in addition to the university's primary teaching mission."

The WASC members were also pleased by the maintenance of CSUSB buildings and grounds. The WASC team did find some areas needing improvement. Evans reported. He said the team cautioned against grant activity consisting "the university's human infrastructure to support these operations."

Chair Newbauer pointed out weaknesses in the university's self-study program. He thought that CSUSB "would have benefited from broader participation throughout the campus in the self-study process," Evans said.

Evans said certain areas of campus planning and student achievement assessment were considered to be somewhat fragmented. He said he was advised that "a better organizational structure and broader faculty, staff and student participation" would improve the situation.

While the WASC team applauded CSUSB's attempts to expand diversity, they found that many people were uncomfortable "with the diversity climate" on campus. Evans said he recognizes the difficulty of accommodating "the exact concerns of all groups on all occasions," but affirmed that "we must try harder."

Evans indicated that the final report, which will be finished in a few weeks, will recommend a higher level of communications in order to improve campus governance and the overall level of communications in order to improve campus governance and to make CSUSB "a truly distinctive university."

The rest of the story...

Graduate Equity Fellow Yvonne Atkinson could not read in junior high school. She decided to learn when a teacher left school without finishing a book being read aloud.

to being a recipient of this year's Graduate Equity Fellowship, Atkinson won a pre-doctorate award of $3000 which allows her and her mentor to travel to different universities in order to explore possible doctorate programs. She is also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and the 1992 Pacific Review writer of the year for a short story she submitted to that publication.

What makes Atkinson unique is that she did not learn to read until the age of 15 due to...
The week of Wednesday, March 9 - Wednesday, March 16, 1993.

Wednesday, March 9

VIDEO: "Sexual Harassment Oscar Award Winners", Sponsored by the Women's Resource and Adult Re-Entry Center. Student Union Event Center "C", 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

SPANISH TABLE CLUB: Weekly Meeting. Student Union Senate Chambers. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 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.

INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES: "Literature, Education and Technology in Japan". Presented by Dr. Rowena Santiago and Dr. Timothy Ervin. Student Union Event Center "A", 4 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM: Multicultural Diversity. "World Economy", presented by Dennis L. Hefner, Vice President for Academic Affairs, CSUSB. Pine Room, Lower Commons. 12 noon. All are welcome.

Friday, March 11

VIRTUAL REALITY DISPLAY: Sponsored by Kramer Entertainment. Come check out the Cyberspace World! Student Union Event Center. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LECTURE: "Date Rape and the Second Rape" by clinical psychologist Nancy Gamble, author of The Second Rape. Sponsored by the Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center. Creative Arts Building. 4 p.m.

FORUM: Sponsored by the African American Students and Faculty Members of CSUSB. Student Union Event Center. 5 p.m.

LEcTURE: "A Doll House by Henrik Ibsen. Creative Arts Theater. 8:15 p.m. General Admission: $8.00 Seniors, Alumni, Staff and Faculty: $5.00 Student Admission: $3.00

Monday, March 14

LEcTURE: "Return of the Goddess" by Marla Vandemere. In the Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center. 1:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Philip Agee. "CIA War Against Cuba." Sy camore Room, Lower Commons. 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

RIX: "Women's History Month Celebration". Sponsored by the Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center. Creative Arts Building. 7:30 p.m.

THEATER PERFORMANCE: "A Doll House by Henrik Ibsen. Creative Arts Theater. This performance benefits the Women's Resource Center. 2:00 p.m. General Admission: $8.00 Seniors, Alumni. Staff and Faculty: $5.00 Student Admission: $3.00

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.

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'Three strikes, you're out': an idea out of left field

by Anthony Bruce Gilpin
editor in chief

Is "three strikes, you're out" a good idea?

In baseball, the answer to that question depends on whether you're rooting for the pitcher or the batter.

Lately, "three strikes, you're out" have become the hot buzzwords in the field of criminal justice. Ever since President Clinton suggested a "three strikes" policy during his State of the Union address Jan. 25, politicians of both parties have seized on the idea of sentencing third-time felons to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Working with the cooperation of a largely Democratic Congress, Clinton has had a winning season. But with "three strikes", he's pitching high and outside, and a lot of criminals may walk.

Congressional Democrats see this idea as the capstone to their hard-core, anti-crime legislation. California, notably Rep. Michael Huffington (R-Santa Barbara), co-sponsor of the House "three strikes" initiative. Huffington lauds "three strikes" as a way to "secure" our neighborhoods from crime.

"There's anybody pay attention to history anymore?"

During the Reagan administration, the Republican "war on drugs" required a slew of laws requiring severe minimum penalties for any crime even remotely related to drug trafficking. The result was that the prisons filled to overflowing with small-time crooks, serving long sentences for minor crimes. It was a mistake that taxpayers will spend decades paying for.

What does this have to do with "three strikes and you're out"?

Simple. Last week, the California Dept. of Corrections released a study which estimates that, if "three strikes" is implemented in California, the state will have to pony up $2 billion per year to operate these new prisons—forever.

The Dept. of Corrections already consumes seven percent of California's $40 billion General Fund budget, spending over $25,000 per year per prisoner. "Three strikes" will effectively create a new class of prisoners, a nation of mortal parasites whose feeding, housing and medical care needs will burn a permanent, multibillion-dollar hole in society's pocket.

Like the Death Penalty, "three strikes" is a popular idea because people think it will be a deterrent to crime. The opposite argument is that "three strikes" may make our streets even more violent, and perhaps turn to assault and murder to eliminate witnesses, in an effort to avoid that third conviction.

"Three strikes, you're out" at the old ball game. It was never meant for the real world.

Clinton is playing an uncharacteristically obvious political ploy to offer the public a simple plan to eliminate crime, a plan that will be very attractive to people who don't ask many questions. It will attract attention, votes, and money will come out looking good, for now.

The trouble with such a plan is that Clinton will probably be long out of office by the time the public realizes what the format is already known: it just won't work.

When the problem is as complex as criminal justice, simple solutions are almost guaranteed to fail. Leave "three strikes, you're out" at the old ball game. It was never meant for the real world.

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Letters to The Chronicle

Reply to D.P. Funkhouser

Editor, The Chronicle:

The pain and anger of being denied a choice was stated clearly in Mr. D.P. Funkhouser's essay concerning the "prospective father".

That essay was slipped into the pages of CSUSB's Chronicle the second week in February, after the newspapers had been distributed on campus. I am glad we had the opportunity to read that essay, because a college newspaper best serves its readers by presenting different viewpoints and causing a dialogue between students. I do not believe in abortion. I am a fervent believer in a woman's right to choose whether to become a mother at any point in her life. I believe it is morally wrong not to allow her that choice, just because she accidentally or unwillingly becomes pregnant.

A death will occur after accidental conception, no matter which choice is made. If one of the parents chooses to raise the child along with the other parent, then the child together, either the father or the mother must substantiate career goals to the needs of the child. This is the death of fulfillment of potential, the indefinite postponement of the goals that have governed the decisions of whomever decides to sublimate his/her needs to the child's needs. If neither father nor mother is willing to put the dependent child's needs first, the child will be raised by other people, perhaps relatives. The adult who takes responsibility for the child is often thrust into that position, and will have to deny his/her own potential for the sake of the child.

If the child is raised in an environment where he/she is not wanted, then the child's ultimate potential as a member of society will die, over and over. If the choice is abortion, Mr. Funkhouser has already graphically described the death of the embryo, which he called a child. No matter what abortion is chosen, both parents of that "child" will grieve. Mr. Funkhouser's angry reaction to his girlfriend's decision was caused by that anguish. If the choice is adoption, there is a death in the relationship between the child and his natural parents, and in the bonding between the mother and the baby she nurtured for nine months.

Mr. Funkhouser equates the fetus and a child. What? The "pro-life" movement states that a fertilized human embryo is a human being. Their argument is: Human beings grow and mature constantly. A fertilized cell grows and matures into a human being. No matter what "three strikes" is, he/she are human beings and should be treated as human beings under the law. We have a tendency to equate who we are with who we are in the past. We show others pictures of ourselves when we were on vacation from grade school saying, "this is me." Therefore it is easy to accept this reasoning.

An unborn baby does turn into a human being. Before it is born, it begins as a fertilized egg. As the eggs matures, it takes on more and more human characteristics until finally, at birth, it is a human being. Are the two political movements trying to dehumanize human beings, people, with rights under law? Pictures of fetuses at all stages of development show major differences as well as similarities. The fetus has substantial value and is not, at all stages, substantially the same as a human being. It resembles humans at twenty-four weeks than at one, two, or nine weeks. Pro-choice evidence, looking at all stages of development instead of the selected parts of the early fetus and selected later development, humanity is identified as something a fetus grows into only gradually. If the fetus is only becoming a human being and is not yet one, how can it be considered to be a human being?

The resources available to the decision-making process, and the options available, are polarized by the two political movements. We should be promoting the creation of life, the carrying of the potential child to term. Scaring or horrifying the mother with graphic images that do not solve the dilemma of what will happen after the child is born is not the way to do that. How many women would have chosen adoption if they were offered a choice to stay, therapy to help them through the grieving process, a chance to investigate adoption agencies to discover what criteria they require for adoptive parents, and perhaps the opportunity, after twenty-five years or so, for the child and parents to find each other again. If the anti-abortion movement had spent its funds developing adoption programs sympathetic to the mother's needs instead of attacking the people who disagree with them, perhaps more of the women who are choosing abortion would elect to take nine months out of their lives and preserve the life within them.

The point where the choice to avoid pain occurs is before conception. Abstinence until a couple are ready to raise a family is the ideal choice. The other choice is protection.

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Letters to The Chronicle

Reply to charges of campus racism

Editor, The Chronicle:

...a racial balance of students that does not represent the surrounding community, and racial insensitivity practiced in the classroom by students and faculty, all condoned or supported by the administration" were part of the charges.

These are serious allegations against our esteemed faculty! I was alarmed, as any concerned student would have been, so I read on in order to find the facts supporting these charges. To my chagrin, I found none, so I decided to find out if there were truths behind these incriminating remarks.

Statistics I use focus primarily on blacks—not to single them out or maliciously isolate them—but because Anthony Gilpin's article singles out the students who leveled the accusations of "institutionalized racism", as being "African American".

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THE WEEKLY

Anthony Bruce Gilpin
editor in chief

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Anthony Gilpin mentions Anita Scott, a student present at the meeting, who purported that "... black faculty and staff are afraid to work with (black students) out of fear for their jobs." The paper goes as far as to say that most of those professors have left the university, despite an effort to hire minority faculty. If this is true, there would be a decrease in the number of black faculty—not so.

According to the Statistical Abstract for the 1989 Fall term, published by The California State University Office of the Chancellor, the total number of full-time faculty in the CSU system grew from 11,721 to 13,303 between 1985 and 1989, an increase of 4.3%. Meanwhile, the number of full-time black faculty rose from 298 to 341—not just keeping up with the growth rate for full-time CSU employment, but more than doubling it to 27.9%.

Looking at the Statistical Factbook for December, 1993, prepared by the Office of Institutional Research, we find encouraging numbers as well. The total full-time faculty at CSUSB grew from 2653 to 4346 over the same period, a growth rate of 63.8%. In turn, the full-time black faculty on our campus grew from 9 to 23, thus increasing by 155.6%; the only drop came between 1992 and 1993, falling from 23 to 21.

Instead of finding decreases, there are actually increases in both cases—a rate of growth faster than the whole. These statistics hardly support Anita Scott's contentions. The racial "balance", or more correctly, "imbalance" that pundits and self-declared watchdogs of campus racism are accusing our school of is also unassailably fallacious.

If we look at San Bernardino County's population (the "surrounding community") from the 1990 U.S. Census, we find it is 1,418,380, with roughly 8.1% being black. Weigh that against CSUSB's total student enrollment for the Fall of 1990 which was 11,324; 7.4% were black. Proportionately, CSUSB's student body is an equitable representation of the surrounding community.

The slight disparity that appears becomes negligible if you consider that the entire percentage of the county's black population who are of college age are not currently attending our university.

Our campus' numbers are better than CSU systemwide numbers, which show only 5.7% of the entire CSU enrollment in the Fall of 1989 being black. Our school also ranked in the top five of all 20 CSU schools for black enrollment.

As for the want of a "comprehensive black studies curriculum", what one wants and what we need are two different things. In a time of budgetary cuts and tuition increases, forms of unwarranted gratuitous spending are unwise.

Dr. Thomas Sowell, an economist, columnist, and senior fellow of the Hoover Institution in Stanford, California (and who also just happens to be black, for those who are "sensitive" to those matters), refutes the notion that "...make any discernible academic difference at all!"

It's all so very easy to make sweeping, general accusations, but in these allegations are leveled against fellow students, faculty, administrators and our school without any foundation, they can not be tolerated and left unchallenged.

"Through constant haphazard screams of "racism," along with the generous applications of the label "racist" to everyone and everything, minority activists do us a great disservice. Very much like in the case of the boy who cried wolf, they habituate minds to the true cries, to where these words lose their value and ability to warn of danger. Accusations of genuine racism will then be dismissed simply as "boring" and "uncreative," because the terms were carelessly used."

My fellow CSUSB students, teachers, and I should not have to entertain ungrounded accusations harbored against us by the few students whose baseless rhetoric merely assumes the guise of the louder they are shouted.

"One student's vision of America"

Editor, The Chronicle: Okay, last time, here is the way it works.

America was founded by people seeking a better way of life for themselves and their posterity. They were rugged individualists who were not afraid to get their hands dirty carving civilization out of the untamed wilderness. The land did not "belong" to the Indians (Native Americans for you p.c. people) any more than it "belongs" to us now. Land belongs to whoever can hold it Period. These adventurous pioneers created something out of nothing. They had a dream, and that dream compelled them to found a country based on that same ideal. A country that would provide the opportunity for people to go as far as their dream, and their efforts would allow them to go, unencumbered by the government. A country that would reward individual achievement with wealth beyond imagination. A country of entrepreneurs.

The dream of wealth, and of achievement drove these people to push across the continent. Unrestrained, they gave us cities, railroads, highways, automobiles, airplanes, and, ultimately, rockets to fly to the moon.

In building this glorious country, they used many resources, including African and Chinese slave labor. They justified this in their minds by believing these races were below them. According to our present-day social values, this was wrong. At their time, the thought was different.

Should we impose our morality on them any more than on the Maya, who tore the beating hearts out of living people in their religious ceremonies? There was a country that needed building. The very reason we are able to sit in an air-conditioned classroom here in California debating these issues is because cheap slave labor was employed in building the country. We should be grateful. But to whom? Those who had the vision of this country and drew up the blue-prints, or those who labored to build it. Clearly, to both. Because it took both to build it. This country see LETTERS page 5

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The "open mic" section was the most important and "telling" thing that happened all night. It offered time at the end of the show for audience members to ask questions of the performers. What it quickly turned into was a heated debate about such frustrating topics as the media, sexual inequalities, and mostly racial inequality. Those of us who were there had an eye-opening evening. I guess Lori Wyman left just after her face, Professor Griff.
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Even More Commentary

The Heckler's Corner

By Jeremy Heckler - Sports Editor

The are three weeks left in this mystical tour we call Winter Quarter and the points of accusation are still flying.

This week has been an interesting one in which we could actually be compared to a box of Cracker Jack, because we have free surprises in every paper.

My good buddy Pete Wilson has been busy trying to get him on our good side. He isn’t succeeding by deciding that the only way to do it is by sending The Chronicle a ton of useless mail and junk faxes that means nothing to the students of CSUSB.

But whatever the abuses of the past might have been, the job got done, and the reason it got done was capitalism. Capitalism awards achievers, while leaving non-achievers to wallow in mediocrity.

We have telephones today. Russia does not. You see, socialism, in contrast to capitalism, says, in essence, "everyone is equal, and there will be no incentives." In the words of Winston Churchill, "socialism equalizes poverty." In other words, there is no chance for material gain, and everyone is brought down to the level of the underachievers. There is no reason to work harder, so people don’t.

My fellow students, you are the leaders of the next century. It is up to you to decide which philosophy to embrace, the one that created America, or the one that destroyed the Soviet Union. Stop rewarding the underachievers. Keep this country a meritocracy, where people are rewarded for their efforts. This country wasn’t founded to reward laziness and excuse, but to foster achievement and genius. Let’s keep it that way.

— David Patterson

Letters to The Chronicle (continued from page 4)

Philip Agee, a former Central Intelligence agent who has become an outspoken critic of U.S. intelligence policy, will visit CSUSB to speak on secret U.S. campaigns against Castro’s Cuba, since resigning from the CIA in 1968. Agee’s free lecture is on Mon. March 14, in the Sycamore Room, Lower Commons.

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MONEY for COLLEGE!
FILM REVIEW: On Dangerous Ground

An ecological message from action king Seagal

by Kara Rizzo
managing editor

"On Dangerous Ground" is the type of action-packed movie that many people have come to expect from Steven Seagal, the movie’s star and producer.

The age-old theme of good vs. evil is manifested as the struggle between the inner spirit of man and nature against the exploitative capitalist (is that redundant?).

Michael Caine, the costar, is at his dastardly worst as the money-hungry oil baron who drills for the black gold in Alaska without consideration for the environment or the native people of that land.

Seagal, originally Caine’s employee, becomes a “marked man” when he learns of the corporation’s malpractices. Saved by the Eskimos, he soon learns how to “get in touch” with his inner spirit and the spirit of nature.

Hence, aided by a snarly young Eskimo woman, he returns to the scene of “impending doom”: the ill-equipped oil drill that is about to be put on line.

For those who never tire of seeing the good prevail over evil, this is the movie to watch. A caution must be given, however: there is a great deal of violence in this movie. Again, for those who are well-acquainted with Seagal’s style, the violence will come as no surprise.

One of the best parts of the movie is the end. A very graphic warning is given to the population of the world: if we do not stop our abuses and exploitation of the environment, there will be no environment left to enjoy.

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ATKINSON: beating learning disabilities to earn top grad honors

learning disability; however, she was not diagnosed until much later.

While other children were learning to read in school, Yvonne could not.

“I never equated the marks on the page with the sounds that people were making. I knew there was a connection, but I couldn’t make that connection.”

She felt that she was in the middle of a game in which everyone knew the rules and had their “pieces set up on the board,” but she had not even been given a “game board.”

As she went from one grade to the next, the teachers, who had been made aware of Yvonne’s “problems,” just let her sit in the classroom; they never asked her to read or write anything.

The turning point came in junior high school. The teacher had been reading *Green Mansions* to the class but, due to illness, took a leave of absence. Yvonne, who had been enjoying the story, felt that she was missing out by not knowing how it ended. “That was when I decided to learn how to read.”

Atkinson began to visit the library during children’s hour when Yvonne would listen to the slurry, memorize it, then match the “marks” on the page to the story. After a great deal of hard work, Atkinson learned to read, an achievement that “opened a whole new door” for her.

Atkinson’s biggest inspiration during childhood was her father, Luther Jefferson. He told her that she could do anything she wanted, regardless of her performance in school. “He made me feel that even if I was a failure at school, I was not a total failure, and that I could do other things.”

Another important boost came from Yvonne’s husband, Donald Atkinson. Knowing that Yvonne wanted to go to college, he encouraged her to enroll. He knew that she was afraid, given her previous scholastic experiences, but told her to “try it, they can’t take anything away from you.” “My husband has been there every step of the way,” said Yvonne.

Once Yvonne Atkinson did enter college she did well in everything except mathematics. No matter how many times she signed up for the class, she could not complete it. Finally, it was suggested to her that she get tested for a learning disability.

As a result of that testing, Yvonne discovered that she has dyscalcula, a difficulty in dealing with numbers, which explained her problems in math. She also learned she has dyslexia, which affects reading and writing, and dysgraphia, which, for example, makes it difficult for her to copy down information from the chalkboard into her notes.

After learning that there was an explanation and a name for what she had experienced, Atkinson no longer felt “alone.” Knowing that there were other people like her in the world was a great feeling. “For the first time, I thought that I wasn’t just stupid.”

Atkinson has a B.A. in English from CSUSB, and she entered the English Composition program in the fall of 1993. “I wanted to go to the English Comp grad program here at this university because they already understood my disability. Also, I am interested in rhetoric and composition, and since CSUSB has one of the few programs in this field in the U.S. and is on the cutting edge, I want to be involved in it.”

According to Atkinson, “I also thought if I took English Comp, I would have a more clear idea of how I learned to read and write so I can help somebody else.”

After attaining her M.A. Atkinson plans to go on for a Ph.D, preferably at UC Irvine. She is interested in the oral tradition, especially the black oral tradition, and how the oral tradition has been transferred to the written text.

Atkinson, who is a professional storyteller, visits classrooms in order to lecture about Black English and the oral tradition. She tells her listeners that she is a learning disabled person so that if someone in the class is learning disabled or knows someone who is, she can act as a touchstone and help people to see learning disabilities in a different light. “I wish I had known someone like me when I was a young person.”

Atkinson receives services from the learning disabilities (LD) program in the Services to Students with Disabilities office. “They have been wonderful to me. I have a place to go that understands what I need, and I don’t have to explain every step of the way.” Atkinson appreciates the fact that the staff of the LD program doesn’t just wait around to see if she succeeds; “they expect me to succeed.”
SEXUAL HARASSMENT:
How CSUSB deals with a hard-to-define problem

by Brian Lees
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Although there has never been a huge, scandalous incident of sexual harassment on the CSUSB campus, there have been at least fourteen relatively recent informal accusations that have been filed with one of the campus' twenty sexual harassment advisors.

Sexual harassment is simply defined as a violation of a person's civil rights based on sex. It can take many forms: verbal, written, physical, or visual. According to Dr. Craig Henderson of the Psychological Counseling Center, sexual harassment eats away at one's self-confidence, self-esteem, and sense of security.

Henderson, one of the "troika" of the counseling center's sexual harassment advisors, is quick to add that there is no static definition of sexual harassment. The list of behaviors which are considered sexual harassment continues to grow, based on the kinds of courts cases being fought and the level of severity.

Reported claims of sexual harassment are either informal or formal. An informal claim begins with a conversation with a faculty sexual harassment advisor who may help the victim resolve the issue at that level. A formal claim of sexual harassment proceeds from an informal claim when a faculty sexual harassment advisor deems the claim to be serious enough to be brought before the sexual harassment committee and investigated further by a sexual harassment officer.

Henderson is responsible for investigating charges made against students, while his colleagues, Dale West and J. C. Robinson, handle those against staff and faculty respectively. According to Henderson's recollections, of the fourteen recent overall reported cases, only seven advanced to the formal stage. Of those seven formal cases filed, Henderson recalls four of them being against students.

It is difficult to determine just how successful the sexual harassment policy of approximately the past decade has been because of the large number of unreported incidents. But Henderson believes that the program is successful because people know it exists, know how to use it, and those who have used it have said that the policy is successful.

Henderson said that several steps have been taken in order to educate the public about the program. Presentations are regularly made in general education classes, as well as in faculty departments, and in deans' offices.

In addition to this, the week of March 7-11 is the First Annual CSUSB Sexual Harassment Prevention Week. Scheduled events include a debate over consensual relationships on the campus, a series of award-winning films on the subject, and a lecture on date rape by Dr. Nancy Gamble, the author of a book on the subject entitled The Second Rape.

By educating people on the subject, the sexual harassment counselors hope to prevent incidents of harassment from happening. They also hope to allay anyone's fears of reporting sexual harassment by assuring any possible victim that confidentiality will be maintained, and that no retaliation against the victim will be tolerated.

Henderson urges any possible victim to report any incident which is assumed to be sexual harassment. He says that if you think you are or have been sexually harassed, talk to somebody, preferably a sexual harassment advisor, who will help you to resolve the problem and prevent any future sexual harassment.

Ibsen's A Doll House opens Friday

by Monique Thomas
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"A Doll House," the turn-of-the-century play by Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen, is set to open March 11, at Cal State, San Bernardino's University Theatre. The story focuses on the self-discovery of Nora Helmer, and the hard decision she must make in the process. Though many believe this to be a play about feminism, its director, Dr. Ronald E. Barnes disagrees. "This is simply a play about people," says Barnes, "If people in the audience find an idea to associate with, that's wonderful. That's what good drama is about."

The cast includes Jennifer Tafolla in the role of Nora, and Phillip Chavez as her husband, Torvald Helmer. Additional cast includes Tex Acosta, Andrea Ellis, Ken Hostetler, Luke Hunt, Jeremy Rowley and Paula Sernack.

Performances of the play will be held at 8:15 p.m. March 11 and 12 and on March 16-18. Sunday matinees will be held on March 13 and 20 at 2 p.m.

Tickets prices start at $8 for general admission, $5 for senior citizens and Cal State alumni with an Alumni Association membership card and $3 for students.

Proceeds from the March 13 show will benefit the Women's Resource Center. The admission for this performance will be $10.

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Baseball swept by Cal Poly, Pomona

by Jeremy Heckler
sports editor

The Cal Poly Pomona Broncos brought out the brooms to CSUSB last weekend, sweeping the Coyotes 11-5, 14-10, and 10-8. The losses lowered the Coyotes record to 3-11 before heading into the week-long Coyote Classic.

Saturday the Coyotes lost both games of a double header to the Broncos. In the first game the Coyotes broke out early, scoring five in the fourth inning, pulling out to a commanding 10-5 lead. The Coyotes would not be denied by scoring one in the eighth and three in the ninth to send the Coyotes to defeat.

The second game of the double header the Coyotes once again scored early but were not able to hold on, building a 4-1 lead by the second, but the Broncos were able to catch up by the fourth. The second big inning for the Broncos came in the sixth, scoring four to take a 10-7 lead. The Coyotes were able to get back one in the seventh but could not put away the Broncos.

On Friday the Coyotes were on the losing end to Cal Poly Pomona 11-5. The Coyotes were out of it for most of the game letting the Broncos pull out to a 11-2 lead by the seventh. The Coyotes cut the lead to 11-5 in the eighth but could do no more, going down in defeat.

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Women's win clinches first NCAA berth in team history

by James Trietsch
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One year ago, the Cal State San Bernardino Women's Basketball team lost the finals of the CCAA tournament by 8 points to Cal Poly Pomona. Last Saturday, at UC Riverside's Student Recreation Center, history did not repeat itself. The Coyotes defeated Cal State Dominguez Hills 70-55 to win the CCAA tournament.

The win gives CSUSB an automatic berth in the NCAA Division II tournament, the first in Coyotes women's team history.

Besides receiving the plaque that went along with winning the tournament, several individual awards were handed out. Some of these included Cherry Hill Few and Tammie Beckley, who received All Team and All Conference awards. Kim Young also received Co-MVP for the conference and MVP for the tournament.

Dominguez Hills opened the contest with 4 quick points, but the Coyotes retaliated with 13 setting the tone for the rest of the game. Shots were traded back and forth along with it, everybody's hearts. It was resumed seconds later, but the game wasn't over.

The second basket missed and the ball was recovered by Dominguez Hills. However, the ball was stolen out from under Dominguez Hills by Mary-Alice Lott who took it home to the basket, bringing the score to 23-15.

A 3 point shot by Felice Logan only helped lengthen the lead, which ended up being a 13 point gap at the half as CSUSB lead, 36-23.

In the second half, the action was swift, including one of Kim Young's trademark runs back to the basket with just a minimum of defense from Dominguez Hills. After a series of free throws, Logan nailed another 3 point shot, bringing the score to 51-39. Soon after, Dominguez Hills got as close as they were going to get to the Coyotes when the score became 55-44.

With three-quarters of the game gone, Logan made another 3 point shot, taking the score to 60-48. In the last 6 minutes, there were a flurry of free throws, and a basket by CSUSB that didn't count.

It wasn't long before the crowd began to chant the final 10 seconds. At 6 seconds, the clock mysteriously stopped, and along with it, everybody's hearts. It was resumed seconds later, but the game didn't matter. With 1 second to go, the team members were already walking off the court to their sideline positions.

Amid cheering that nearly drowned out the buzz, the Coyotes smiled at each other and did high-fives. The cheering slowly dissolved into a rhythmic chant of "Whoop! There it is!" All Coyote fans were on their feet cheering and applauding.

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