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ASI Faces Crossroads

Referendum Could Potentially Abolish Student Organization

Amber S. Miner
Chronicle Staff Writer

To T.J. Wood, the ASI president, the problems that ASI is having are all products of the administration. And what he wants to see done more than anything else is the expansion of the university radio station.

The school radio station is the number one issue for Wood. He feels it will help increase enrollment, student involvement on campus, and be a key provider of information for the students as well as the surrounding communities.

While Wood is focusing on the radio station, some students don’t even know that ASI exists. They don’t know what services ASI performs for them, and they have no idea why they have to pay fees to keep this on-campus organization running.

One student, Dick Phillips, is questioning the necessity of these fees. Phillips has been collecting signatures for a ballot initiative that proposes to make ASI fees voluntary. Ms. Phillips said, "The students would get more out of their money if they were able to just keep it in their pockets. Most students don’t even know that ASI exists." He went on to attack the benefits of ASI, such as the fact that most movie theaters already offer a student discount and that the 20 minute free legal consultation ASI offers is offered at many other places.

Dick Phillips has been posting fliers around campus asking students to sign a "Voluntary ASI Fee Initiative." The initiative, if signed by 1300 people, would put the initiative on the voting ballot for the next ASI elections. Then, if over 50% of the voting population approves it, ASI would effectively be abolished, making ASI a voluntary entity.

Andrew Simolke, an ASI member, does not believe that ASI would be able to survive as a volunteer association. He thinks that Phillips points to areas and services that need to be addressed, but that abolishing ASI would do the track with a 10,000-seat grandstand, a baseball diamond complemented by 2000 seats for spectators, and an alumni center.

Prospective facilities, funded by private enterprise, possibly include a five-acre experimental school, 15 acres for student housing, room for 4,000 parking spaces, and much more.

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Word was handed down by CSUSB President Albert Karnig that CSUSB Board of Trustees unanimously approved new facilities to house 27,000 students and faculty. The number projects twice the current enrollment. The master plan, slated for completion in 2010, unveils 30 new buildings. Over half of the $245 million cost, in today's dollars, will be funded by the state. Private contributions will make up the balance.

Incorporated into ten new buildings, the university will establish new degree programs in engineering, a new Distance Learning Center, an expanded theater arts program and auditorium. Also slated are plans for an enlarged indoor arena, a running...
Threat of CFA Strike Might Be Over

By Pansie Much
Chronicle Staff Writer
and Jeremae Newhouse
On-Line Editor

Tuesday Jan. 26—The California Faculty Association (CFA) signed a tentative contract agreement based upon the fact-finder’s recommendations, after CSU Chancellor Charles Reed threatened to unilaterally impose terms and conditions.

Thursday Jan. 28—At a crowded lunchtime meeting in the CSUSB Commons, bargaining team member Susan Meisenhelder, professor of English, outlined highlights of the agreement and answered faculty members’ questions. The CFA membership, which will vote on the tentative agreement on February 28, is now reviewing it at the CFA website (www.calfac.org).

Here are the terms and conditions in the order that Dr. Meisenhelder discussed:

Chairs: They will remain CFA members and will not be reclassified as managers.

Lecturers: Those appointed this year and hereafter will receive mandatory two-year appointments and will be eligible for standard salary increases (SSI).

Salaries: Department chairs will now review all.

Faculty workloads: These will remain at current annual limits of nine courses and 180 days of teaching.

Leaves: For lecturers, those without pay will increase from 15 days to either one quarter or one semester. For all faculty, leaves with pay for the purpose of re-creation will be limited to one to two days without travel and two to three days with travel. For new parents, maternity or paternity leaves will be extended from 10 to 20 days to two to four weeks. For faculty engaged in professional development, leaves will now be funded retroactively from a $7.22 million account previously intended to pay retroactive salary increases. As for sabbatical leaves, counselors will now be eligible.

Merit pool: Forty percent of an annual salary allocation of $16.2 million will be awarded to eligible faculty members over the next three years.

The tentative agreement will now go to the CFA Board on Feb. 5-6 for its determination and recommendation regarding the ratification vote by CFA members statewide.

Mainframe Gets Hacked

By D’Lorah De Barge
Chronicle Staff Writer

An attempt to break into the e-mail system on campus occurred sometime between Dec. 24 and Jan. 15, 1999, according to Don McKenzie, director of Telecom and Network services. “There is evidence of an attempted attempt,” said McKenzie, “which you know as hacking.”

Several hacking attempts were made over the summer, McKenzie said, “now we are taking precautionary measures.”

Owen Owens, software specialist, detected the entry and reported the incident to McKenzie, and then to university police. “Should the attempts continue or be successful, the FBI will be notified,” McKenzie said.

While the penalties vary with the circumstances, Sgt. Brian Bodily of university police explained that if someone breaks into the computer system, he or she is violating California Penal Code section 502 subsection C. Essentially, that means if convicted, the guilty party could be sentenced up to anywhere from two to five years in prison or a $10,000 fine or both.

Depending on how much damage occurs, the crime is either a misdemeanor or a felony. The distinction is the difference between a year in county jail or a stint in state prison. This could have a significant impact on how many strikes a person already has.

What’s more, Bodily noted, under California Penal Code sections 502(c)(3) an (e)(g), if a student is convicted of such a crime, the university is required to include the specific violation according to student conduct policies and subject the student to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

The consequences don’t end there. If the alleged hacker has used his or her own personal computer in the commission of such a crime, that computer is subject to forfeiture. In other words, the authorities will take it away and not give it back.

Anyone with access to the internet can order E-mail Hacking for only $5.00. In fact, at informationcenter.com there are over 150 titles of How-to books that can teach everything from “ATM fraud made easy” to “How to unlock a phone.”

Some students attempt entry into computer systems just for the fun of it, Bodily said. Oftentimes, the motive may simply be to test their skills. The movie “War Games” is an excellent example of an electronic exploitation gone wrong.

But that was just a movie and Network Services and the university police don’t want to play.

Liberal Studies Advising Center Has More to Offer

By Angela Feigley
Special to the Chronicle

The PALS advising center is celebrating its 5th year at Cal State San Bernardino. They continue to serve students, through academic advising, who are majoring or thinking about majoring in Liberal Studies, Spanish Studies, American Studies Track II, and their newest option Human Development: Child Development Track II. For the purposes of this story, we will call them PALS.

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ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING

By D’Lorah De Barge
Chronicle Staff Writer

On Sunday Jan. 17, at 9:00 p.m., the student president of Sigma Nu, members of Sigma Nu had entered one of the temporary classrooms to hold a meeting. According to university police, a community service officer summoned university police to report of an unauthorized entry with persons illegally occupying one of the temporary classrooms.

The student was approached and questioned. According to police, he offered an expired entry permit from last quarter. Because the student was admittedly in charge of the other students, only he was arrested, cited for trespassing, and released.

According to Liz Sherrod, from the Events Scheduling Office, the usual papers requesting use of that particular classroom were not filed prior to Jan 17. It was not until Jan 24, that a facilities use request form was submitted by Sigma Nu. The usual waiting period for such a request is five days, after which all parties are notified.

“Generally,” said Sherrod, “public safety opens all the doors about ten minutes prior to schedule.” However, there are over 50 requests to schedule, and because of vandalism from unauthorized use, a daily report is generated to notify public safety of which rooms are to be opened, closed and when.

Sgt. Bodily said that the case was taken to the San Bernardino District Attorney but in the interest of justice both agencies agreed to drop the criminal charges. However, the incident was reported to Craig Henderson, judicial affairs counselor, for further action.

“Fortunately things got blown out of proportion by the community services officer,” said the president of Sigma Nu, “Thankfully, everything worked out to a peaceful solution.”

Romero Aims to Increase CSU Student Voice

Sacramento-Legislation introduced on Jan. 25 by Assemblywoman Gloria Romero (D-Los Angeles) aims to enhance the representation of students on the Board of Trustees of the CSU system.

The bill expands the current number of CSU Trustees by requiring the appointment of a second student trustee by the Governor.

Under bill, AB 213, the Governor would appoint the student trustees from a list furnished by the California State Student Association. Additionally, the bill requires that the terms of the student trustees be staggered. This later provision ensures that an experienced student trustee will be on hand to guide and mentor each new student trustee.

For more information contact the 49th Assembly District office at (626) 570-6121.

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Virtual University: Wave of the Future

The Palm Springs Library opened its Virtual University after a celebration on Thursday, December 3, 1998. The University enables students at the library to be involved in courses taught at participating schools.

IAA worked with the city of Palm Springs and the participating universities, including California State University San Bernardino, University of California Los Angeles, Stanford University, University of California Riverside and the College of the Desert, to develop the ideal network system for the university. The result was 12 workstations, including computers submerged under a glass face, so that students can see the room’s 70-inch television screen unobstructed. They also have a camera mounted on each desk, pointed at the student and equipment enabling students to interact with on-site professors, either on-line or off-line.

For more information contact: Douglas M. Picard at (831)375-7007, or Susan K. Brown at (831)372-2259.

-Michelle Wheeler

Students Flock to Education Job Fair

The future looked bright for over 1,000 CSUSB students, alumni, and community members who attended the annual Education Job Fair hosted by the Career Development Center, the College of Education, and the English Club on January 23 at the Coussoulis Arena. Walt Swartz, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel for Upland Unified, was impressed with the student turnout. “This is one of the very best attended university career fairs in southern California. So well attended in fact, that I ran out of all my materials two hours before the fair ended.”

Over 80 school districts were on hand to recruit applicants, including San Bernardino City Unified School District who conducted on the spot interviews and made seven offers for immediate openings by the end of the day.
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time as their BA.
P.A.L.S. has its largest staff ever this quarter, over 25 advisors, who are each in one of the liberal studies tracks. All of the friendly advisors at P.A.L.S. are typically juniors and seniors, who have excellent academic records, and are interviewed by Dr. Whitaker, Coordinator of Liberal Studies.

In addition, each advisor goes through five weeks of training and Pals attend a weekly mandatory meeting in which Dr. Whitaker resumes training and informs the advisors of any changes, dates, events, or additions to the programs. Pals advisors also have another thing in common, they all love helping students and are sensitive to their individual needs. They understand that not everyone is in the same position in his or her personal lives let alone their education. Some students are married, have children, are single parents, young students, mature students, returning-after-decades students, take care of disabled family members, have subject phobias, and the list continues. They are sensitive to all of these situations, as many of them are in these same positions. They will do their utmost to balance of courses as we and point you in the direction of the nearest tutor on campus.
The P.A.L.S. center also offers appointments with School of Education advisors who have graciously donated their time to advise liberal studies students interested in the credential program.

They recommend to all students interested in obtaining their teaching credential at CSUSB, or at another institution, to see an advisor at the beginning of their senior year. Please don't wait until you have graduated, as there are applications to fill out, possible assessments to take, and portfolios to create. Make an appointment to see one of these advisors at P.A.L.S. in UH-19 or call (909) 880-5482.

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campus a great injustice. "Childcare would lose out big if ASI went away. Also what about the box office, the legal clinic, the Cultural Center, all of the affiliated clubs and associations on campus?" Simolke also feels that students get what they pay for. "CSUSB is the lowest funded ASI in the entire Cal State system. We are limited to what we can offer by what we are given to work with. Why do we have a one year waiting list for the Children's Center? With more funding we could offer more adequate services." Simolke also felt that more could be done to more adequately represent the non-traditional students and that ASI needs to address these areas in a more aggressive manner.

Voluntary fees could mean the abolishment of ASI. However, Wood isn't worried about Phillips succeeding in his petitioning. Actually, he feels that Phillips is the best public relations ASI has had in quite awhile.

I think it's [the petition] great. It is good that an organization can be questioned. It gives the organization a better idea of what questions can be asked, as well as the opportunity to answer those questions," says Wood of Phillips' work. The question that students want answered is: what good does ASI do for us? Discount tickets, emergency loans, and free legal advice are just a few of ASI's student benefits. For these and other services, the students at CSUSB pay $36 a year.

The ASI fees at CSUSB are lower than at any other Cal State campus. This, in turn, makes our ASI budget the lowest of the 23 Cal State campuses. Woods would like to see fees increased, rather than reduced. He feels ASI doesn't have a large enough budget to adequately serve the students and reach ASI goals.

Where are these fees going? Beyond funding clubs, emergency loans, and other student services, the fees pay stipends for the members of ASI. These stipends aren't much: $7269 for the year for Woods. He doesn't have another job. But on top of that, the fees also go to travel expenses for the members. This issue has brought up some concern lately.

Woods was recently granted an extra $2000 for travel money. He has already spent the $2000 that was allotted to him. He has been using this money to attend California State Student Association conferences. His wife, Danielle Stewart, is the External Affairs Coordinator. The External Affairs Coordinator is responsible for attending conferences, workshops, and seminars that will help improve ASI. She only has $300 left in her annual travel budget.

This issue has raised some concern about the validity of the expenses. Woods contends that the CSSA meetings are usually attended by four to six members from ASI. Our campus only sends two members. Since so much was said about Woods and Stewart attending these events, they no longer attend the CSSA meetings together.

Most of the other 23 campuses are members of CSSA, but CSUSB is not. CSUSB doesn't have the budget for the fees required to join CSSA. "At these meetings, our campus ASI is a joke," says Wood. "Even though our budget is $500,000 a year, it is nowhere near the budget that other campuses have.

"For example, San Diego State University has an Associated Student's budget in the neighborhood of 10 million dollars. These campuses have a better means of keeping the students up to date on ASI activities, possibly due to the higher budget.

For almost all of the other Cal State campuses, an ASI web page can be found. But the ASI at CSUSB doesn't have one. On the Associated Students' web page for San Diego State University, it is easy to see that ASI is busy servicing the students. They have a newsletter, they hold craft fairs, and they provide workshops. They make information about club events and fund-raisers easily accessible.

When asked what Woods thought ASI could do to improve student involvement and knowledge of ASI on our campus, he replied:

"Well, the radio station would do that. But students are free to come in and find out about ASI anytime they want." One of the main responsibilities for the Associated Students at SDSU is to gather and disseminate accurate information, not only to the constituency, but to the general student body. Woods is waiting for the radio station to solve these problems on our campus. And he is blaming the administration and a lot of red tape for the lack of progress.

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impact studies to determine what course to follow. Along with San Bernardino City officials, work on continuing plans will address the need to increase access and accommodate the expanding enrollment while easing traffic congestion.

Not to be overshadowed, the new buildings for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences designed into the last master plan, should begin construction in the fall. The up-graded plan includes several additions to the existing plan as well as expanding Jack H. Brown Hall, the John M. Pfau Library and the biological sciences buildings.

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By David Cade
Executive Editor

French fries, while certainly not the healthiest, are perhaps the tastiest snack food and side dish ever created by man. It might sound a little odd, but the search for the perfect french fry has become one of my life's most enduring odysseys. I'm not obsessed with food or anything, just excellence. I figure as long as you're alive, you might as well partake of the best.

So with this in mind consider these tips if you happen to be a fan of french fries.

* Wedge-cut fries usually provide the most hearty taste of potato, although quality can vary considerably between vendors. Because of their size they tend to loosen their crunch rather rapidly after being served. So if you don't like mushy fries, the optimal window of consumption is usually about five minutes. Recommended condiment: Ketchup.

* While Criss-cut fries usually provide the best and longest lasting crunch, they tend to tag a little in the taste department. There's just not much potato left once you've made those tiny little morsels. Recommended condiment: Ranch Dressing.

* Now home-style or seasoned fries are a good blend of hearty taste and a well-sustained crunch. They also have some of the potato peel left, which is always reassuring because it still resembles a vegetable. And unlike the other fries I have mentioned thus far, they seem to have the longest optimal window of consumption, about twenty minutes. Recommended condiment: Ketchup or a creamy dressing of some kind.

* Regarding fast food, my recommendations are somewhat limited. In this area I'd stick with Burger King or any place that serves curly fries. I've never tasted one I didn't like. Come to think of it, curly fries are almost impossible to screw up. They're always tasty, very crunchy, and have an astoundingly long window of consumption. Recommended condiment: Nothing; they're just that darn good.

By Dan A. Farmer
Managing Editor

French fries are definitely one of America's favorite foods. Why else would Burger King spend millions of dollars designing an ad campaign to get people to believe that their fries are better than McDonald's?

But really now, who has the best fries in the land (or for that matter, the Inland Empire). As far as the fast food joints go, I have to go with Arby's curly fries with their cheddar dipping cheese. Simply spuds above the rest.

If you really want a great fry, try Applebee's. They use a seasoning that combines pepper, salt, and garlic salt. If you ask nicely, they'll even sprinkle cajun seasoning on them. Crispy, tasty, and a variety of options, Applebee's has the best fries in my eyes. P.S. try the honey mustard!!

By Kahlil Pyburn
Special to the Chronicle

Billions of people around the world are reaping the "benefits" of technology. But I think it is this same technology coupled with ignorance that blinds them from what really matters. It is my firm belief that technology is slowly separating people not only from each other, but from the outdoor environment that surrounds them.

Companies are always talking about efficiency, making things faster and more productive. Everyday people are pushed to think and behave more like the machines they use. Everyday people are treated more like tools; a means to an end. This only takes a little more of the "human" out of "humanity."

Everyday millions of people are becoming more and more addicted to "surfing the net," talking in chat rooms, playing computer games and checking their email. They're more interested in interacting with a computer than having a real face to face conversation with a human being.

How many marriages and relationships will end because a partner is off in another room, lost in a world of bits and bytes and the mesmerizing glow of a monitor? How many people will lose touch with friends and family members if they remember how to talk to people? Will they actually notice the stars in the sky as they rush into their homes to spend another evening with the evils of technology?

Comic provided by Jennifer Theirry
Matthew Alexander Henson
From Shoestore to the North Pole

press reported this, leading to public belief if it was true, without any proof other than Cook’s claims.

Cook succeeded in dividing the public’s opinion for almost a year until lies became his downfall and subsequent disgrace. He was later convicted of selling bogus oil well stocks through the mail. He was sentenced to 14 years in Leavenworth prison.

During the time frame of 1910, the public had no place for an African American hero, so Henson was never given the recognition he earned through his 18 years and seven highly dangerous, and difficult journeys that he endured.

Henson’s life achievements reflect his noble character, making him a perennial role model to young persons. Everyone who wrote about him used enthusiastic phrases. They described him as a gentleman of remarkable poise and emotional stability, always cheerful and a courageous hero, whose determination and inner strength allowed him to live without fear but with compassion and humility. While Henson accomplished much, he received few rewards in his lifetime.

Henson’s biography, “Dark Companion” was written in 1947. In the book, his entire life story was finally told. The book was a success, and Henson began to be recognized for his vital role in reaching the Pole. Henson and his wife Lucy were honored by President Eisenhower at the White House.

In 1955, Henson died and has since been memorialized in many ways. There is a school in Charles County, Md. that was named in his honor. The USNS Henson sails the world’s oceans. A dozen books in print about him are sold over the Internet. Thousands visit his gravesite. Henson is commemorated in U.S. Postal stamps, plaques, and medals. Delroy Lindo recently portrayed him in a highly successful TNT movie.

and inspire African student bodies, regarding national and international issues in our communities.

The African Student Alliance has been part of California State University San Bernardino since 1990. Currently, ASA has approximately thirty members. Membership is open, requiring dues of $5.00 per quarter or $15.00 per year, and attendance at weekly meetings (Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. in the Cross Cultural Center). ASA functions as a unit with an elected government. Although men make up a percentage of the ASA population, the alliance is predominately female. If you are looking to contribute something important, if you have a positive attitude and are a motivated person, you would be welcome to our growing membership.

ASA has on-campus and off-site events during the academic year. In the month of February, (Black History Month), ASA will hold several events. The Hamburger Sale is for a scholarship fund for Black Staff Association. The panel discussion on Umoja Day is targeting minority college life.

Last year, members of the ASA attended the Black Consciousness Conference at California State University Long Beach. The conference held panel discussions with a variety speakers on introspective topics during the day. There were a number of vendors on-site, and a Kwanzaa gathering off-campus attracted much of the student body.

ASA has many goals and objectives which include, but are not limited to, a

The Afrikan Student Alliance (ASA) is an organization of African (Black) students on the campus of California State University San Bernardino with multi-cultural representation from the student population. ASA’s goal is to unite with black student populations in Universities on a national scale. Ideally, ASA endeavors to enlighten...
Alice Walker fought for civil rights. She has participated in the anti-nuclear movement, the environmental movement, and the women's movement. She has been an activist since she began college in the early sixties. But it is her exquisite writing talent that has won her the most notoriety.

Through her essays, poems, short stories, and novels, Walker has been able to bring the struggles of African Americans to light. Her work is so inclusive and captivating that she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award for her novel, "The Color Purple.""}

Alice Malsenior Walker was born on Feb. 9, 1944, to poor sharecroppers Minnie Tallulah Grant Walker and Willie Lee Walker. She was the youngest of eight children. Shortly after graduating high school she moved to Atlanta, Georgia to attend Spelman College on a scholarship.

It was at Spelman that Walker first became an active member of the civil rights movement. She participated in demonstrations that fought for equality. She attended the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963. It was there that she heard Martin Luther King's address, "I Have A Dream."

From these beginnings, Walker would go on to work in a welfare office in New York City, and walk door-to-door to promote voter registration in the South. Walker would move back and forth between the South and New York City, always being drawn to where she could do the most good for the civil rights movement.

It is through her writings that Walker has been able to do the most good for the civil rights cause. Her works bring to light the struggles of African-Americans; their hardships and their achievements. Walker's success attracted a wide audience, and brought to light, in a most poignant way, the plight of African-Americans in the 20th Century. She shows her audience the incredible spirit of a people forced to overcome unimaginable obstacles.

Alice Walker is still an influential writer today. Her work is widely read. She continues to be a proponent of the civil rights movement, of the oppressed, of women's rights, and of art.
THE CLINTON TRIAL: WHAT'S REALLY AT STAKE?

When truth goes out the window, so does justice!

By James Radomski
Special to the Chronicle

By now everyone is sick of the Clinton-Lewinsky "affair" and wishes that the Senate trial were over. But we need to reflect on the fact that there are two attitudes that lead to this sickness: one is that of self-esteem, would like to resolve the issue in order to start rebuilding impeachment and trial were unnecessary, that the issue is just not worth all the hoopla that has surrounded it and that the Republicans are just making a mountain out of a molehill. It is this latter attitude that frightens me, for it is yet another manifestation of a disease that has run through American society for many years: superficiality.

In other words, the person who would just dismiss the Clinton "affair" as unimportant has not really thought about the deep issues that are at stake. An article by Stanford professor, David M. Kennedy, in the Los Angeles Times on Sunday, January 24, considers the impeachment trial as a candidate for "the trial of the century." That is a powerful and provocative suggestion, one worth paying attention to. For, as Kennedy argues, what is really at stake in the Senate trial is not Bill Clinton and the question of whether or not he stays in office, but concerns of much greater import: "prietists against secularists, traditionalists against modernists, the votaries of sexual restraint against the advocates of sexual license, literal-minded devotees of unbending principle against defenders of situational ethics, pro-choice against pro-lifers. It represents a contest between two fundamentally different temperaments...." I would just take Kennedy's argument one step further and suggest that what is really at stake in the Clinton trial is the American conscience: in other words, the conception of truth that we hold in the United States and its place in the American legal system. Our legal system is founded on the notion that there is, indeed, a truth—upon which we build an edifice of freedom and justice. If truth is attacked, then the entire system crumbles. It is for this reason that perjury is such a serious offense.

In the Clinton "affair" there are two issues of truth that are at stake: one in the moral sphere, one in the legal sphere. Although the matter of having an extra-marital affair with a White House intern was not per se the issue that brought about the impeachment, it is, nevertheless, an issue worth discussing. When it first surfaced, I found myself asking: Why are people surprised? Why are they horrified? Extra-marital sex is glorified every day on film and on television. Young people are indoctrinated to think this is acceptable behavior: it has become part of the "American Way". So why should we be surprised to find our president acting out a Hollywood fantasy?

The fact, however, that a large portion of the population was sickened by the Lewinsky affair, shows that our country is being pulled in two different directions at the same time. Maybe this needs to be laid on the line: if such irresponsible behavior is wrong, then maybe we need to stop glorifying it in the arts and in the news media.

The other issue is that of perjury. I find it absolutely amazing that the polls seem to show that most people believe that the President did lie under oath, but at the same time do not think that he should have been impeached. If this is the case, then it seems that the American people are willing to say that lying is not a big deal. Now this is something we need to think about. What leads people to think that lying is not important? Obviously, it is the polls. If we have come to the conclusion that lying is unimportant, it is a sad state of affairs when people regard truth with such disdain. This is why I am much more horrified by the American public attitude to the trial than I am by Bill Clinton's behavior. It is the same attitude that appears in statistics which show that most American students have no problem with cheating—another form of lying. If we give up on truth, where will society end? If we accept the Scholastic notion of the relation between truth and being (i.e. that they are interchangeable), then when a society loses truth, it loses its very being. And this is why, in my opinion, what is really at stake in this trial is the American public's attitude towards truth: it is the conscience of the American public that is on trial.

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Through arguments in the Clinton case, is political practicality. As revolting as this is, we have come to expect it in politics. But what is disturbing to me is that, according to the polls, the American public seem, at last, to have adopted the same cynicism as the politician and to have acknowledged that they also put political practicality ahead of truth: i.e. if the economy is going well, then we can overlook Bill Clinton's mistakes. This is the argument that I have repeatedly heard from Democrat Senators: if the American public want this, then we should, too. Perhaps this is the American system, but it is frightening: for what, in essence, they are saying is that either truth is irrelevant in the face of practical material concerns, or that truth is none other than popular opinion.

Both of these are destructive of society. There are too many examples in U.S. history of truth being "overlooked" for practical reasons: slavery's role in the cotton industry (the practicality of making money over the rights of individuals) is one, the tobacco industry's cover-up of health hazards (the practicality of making money over public health) is another.

In the case of the Clinton affair it is the practicality of the individual citizen's job, the stability of the economy, which is taking precedence over the preservation of a justice based on truth. In a cynical society, truth goes out the window. When truth goes out the window, so does justice. Perhaps this trial will indeed become the trial of the century. Optimistically, I would like to think that it does, and as it heralds the close of the millennium, that rather than moving us farther along the slope of cynicism and skepticism (which has for years plagued European politics) we might use our thoughtful analysis of the trial as an opportunity to rediscover the essential building blocks of our democratic government and society.

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**Environment**

**Recycling: On the Verge of Extinction**

California's state legislated recycling program is likely to end next year, if consumers don't take active measures now.

By Derrick Edward Sergeant
Chronicle Staff Writer

Why is it that this university provides students with the opportunity to recycle aluminum cans, but does not offer locations on campus to recycle plastic and glass bottles?

Many environmentally conscious students and staff members may have been wondering...

But before this question can be addressed, it is necessary to first explore the states current recycling programs and the grave situation they face.

Recycling is the process by which certain materials, which would otherwise have been thrown away with the rest of the trash, is kept from going to California's many landfills.

These materials (aluminum, glass, plastic, etc.) are separated by consumers from the rest of their garbage and given to product makers, usually through the help of a recycling service provider, so that they can use the materials again in the future. This way, waste is said to be reduced on a worldwide scale and the depletion of the earth's resources slowed, because we are using the same materials we already took out of the earth over again.

Sounds like a great thing, right? Well, as this reporter found out, California's recycling program does not operate quite as smoothly as this definition would lead one to believe. Many consumers believe that all they have to do in the recycling process is to separate out all the materials from their garbage that can be recycled and give it to the recycling service providers.

Consumers can place their recyclables at the curbside on the appropriate day, if their community offers a curbside program. They can also take the materials to the local recycling center, scrap yard, or one of the many convenience centers (that are mandated by state law to be located within one-half mile of a major supermarket outlet with gross annual sales of $2 million or more), where they will be paid the redemption for all that they bring in.

Consumer's think that once they have accomplished this, the rest of the recycling process falls upon the product makers, who should now take the recyclable material and use it to make new stuff. Right? Wrong. The responsibility of the consumer continues far beyond simply providing the material to be recycled. Here's why.

It costs money for product makers to recycle all the material that is brought in. And now, with so many consumers turning in recyclable materials to collect the redemption value, the amount of recycled materials are stockpiling faster than the demand. Because there has been no corresponding rise in the demand for products made from recyclable materials, product makers do not consider it worth their while to do the recycling, since it costs a lot of money to recycle and there's not much money in the recycling industry to begin with.

And it really does take a lot of money to recycle plastic and glass. Hence, this is the most probable reason why this campus does not offer a way to recycle those materials.

At least, that made sense to the owner of Royal Recycling in...
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San Jacinto, California.

While visiting Royal Recycling, I was granted a few minutes with the owner. When asked why it is so hard to find places that will accept plastic and glass containers for recycling, (apparently, this campus is not the only location where this is a problem) he responded by stating that there are not many glass and plastic bottles that can be recycled in the first place. The reasons are very simple.

First, the redemption value of these materials is not very high when compared to a metal like Aluminum and manufactures are just not willing to pay it. Also, there is not a big enough market for the glass and plastic once it has been recycled.

There are two reasons for this, according to a recent Los Angeles Times article, run on December 16, 1998, entitled “State Recycling Program Lags as Funds Lie Dormant.” There are so many manufactures which bottle their product in glass and plastic, like the wine industry, for example, that will fight “tooth and nail” to keep their product out of the recycling program. This means buying those products. Lots of them.

And so far, they have succeeded. This means that there are many plastic and glass bottles that consumers think are recyclable, when they really aren't. For instance, aluminum cans filled with ice tea, bottles containing Gatorade or Calistoga Mountain Spring Water can be recycled. But the manufacturers have kept them out of the recycling program and, therefore, the state cannot recycle them! How is the consumer supposed to know this?

Finally, because there is so much pressure to recycle more, and yet there are not enough buyers and makers of recycled products, the industry in California is losing money at an alarming rate. The current recycling programs would have virtually ended on January 1 of this year had not the state legislature granted a one year emergency extension on the program while they tried to find ways to reform it. The situation is so grave that many say they would not be surprised if, by the end of that extension, the program is completely shut down.

The only people who can prevent this are the consumers. They have done a great job in increasing the rate of recycling throughout the state. Now, they must increase the demand for recycled products.

This means buying those recycled products. Look out for it. It may be only way to keep recycling going and insure our planet doesn’t turn into an uninhabitable dump of rotting waste.

Naturally Resourceful

You can help conserve natural resources by recycling many of the products you are now using in your daily life, from aluminum cans to newspapers. Here's a resource to find out where and how: Environmental Defense Fund

1-800-CALL-EDF

Contact these environmental organizations to see what you can do to help:

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Aspartame: Is it Healthy or Harmful?

By Cheri Dixon
Design Editor

The artificial sweetener in diet soft drinks could be bad for you! Once again, artificial sweeteners are under attack. Is Aspartame causing symptoms which mimic serious diseases such as multiple sclerosis, and therefore causing cancer in the 1960s?

Aspartame is now being called detrimental. It is claimed that aspartame is causing symptoms which mimic multiple sclerosis, and therefore it caused cancer in the 1960s. Additionally, it is charged that aspartame can actually trigger systematic lupus as well as many other problems ranging from headaches to birth defects. Apparently, aspartame contains wood alcohol, which converts to formic acid whenever it reaches 86 degrees or warmer. Some people wonder if this toxin was responsible for the Desert Storm health problems. At that time, several thousand pallets of diet drinks were shipped to the troops. These soft drinks then sat in the hot desert sun for weeks before being consumed.

If aspartame is really responsible for causing such harmful effects, why aren't more people aware of the danger, and why hasn't it been taken off the market? The critics of aspartame say that chemical manufacturers of the substance are suppressing the evidence that is detrimental. Not unlike how the giant tobacco companies suppressed the harmful effects of tobacco.

Supporters of aspartame's innocuousness claim that the critics are "conspiracy theorists" and that the detrimental effects cannot be proved to be linked to aspartame. Aspartame, which is often marketed as Equal, Nutra-sweet or Spoonful, was only approved by the Food & Drug Administration in 1981. The FDA conducted over 200 studies with aspartame in both animals and humans before they approved the substance. A decade earlier, FDA had refused to approve aspartame because of a possible connection between the substance and brain tumors. However, in 1981, they felt that additional scientific information outweighed the bad and this justified their decision to approve aspartame.

According to FDA employee Arthur Whitmore, "The FDA stands behind its original approval decision, but the agency remains ready to act if credible scientific evidence is presented to it."
Arts & Entertainment

By Jason Lazar
Special to the Chronicle

The blues, brought to America through the tragic event of the slave trade, has finally been recognized as the fountain from which jazz, rock and every variation of these flow. The guitar's unique expressive qualities have made it the instrument of choice for aspiring blues musicians. This week's spotlight falls on the late Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Vaughn's collaboration with David Bowie on the songs "Let's Dance" and "China Girl" brought a powerful voice into the "average American household." Stevie's subsequent work with Double Trouble gave a much needed injection of life into a music scene that was (and still is) suffocated by image and commercialism.

Let's consider Vaughn's 1984 release "Couldn't Stand The Weather". The disc opens with a driving Texas-style tune called "Scuttle Buttin". On the next track, Stevie and trio are joined by brother Jimmie Vaughan on rhythm guitar. This title cut grooves so hard you can't help but shake some part of your body to the beat. On track four, Stevie covers Jimi Hendrix' "Voodoo Chile" with the energy and authority that would bring applause from Jimi himself.

The disc's highlight, in my opinion, is track 6. Titled "Tin Pan Alley", it is an achingly poignant song that will send shivers down your spine. Track 8, "Stang's Swang", rounds out the record with an upbeat, jazzy tune that shows Stevie's interest in jazz. Stevie's dedication to blues brought them to the top 40 in the eighties. His tragic death in a helicopter crash in 1990 was a tremendous loss. Through the spirit of music he still lives.

A Great Day in Harlem

By D.C. SPIN
Special to the Chronicle

The year was 1958 and Art Kane, a promising young art director in New York City, had the idea to assemble the giants of Jazz for a group portrait. Since nothing like it had ever been attempted, Kane wasn't sure if anyone would even show up. Word went out to meet uptown at 10am one summer morning. Miraculously, they appeared.

What ensued was an amazing and chaotic gathering, where the legends of jazz seemed more interested in talking than having their picture taken by a young kid with a dream. Filled with many candid interviews and vintage performance footage, this film is a wonderfully entertaining portrait of a moment in history. Featuring Marian McPartland, Maxine Sullivan, Art Blakey, Milt Hinton, Willie "The Lion" Smith, Sonny Rollins, Dizzy Gillespie, Count Basie, Roy Eldridge, Charles Mingus, Thelonious Monk, Colman Hawkins and many more, this film is an inspiring tribute to the people whose music was dubbed America's only original art form.

Dorea Henderson

Dorea Henderson took advantage of the NSE program by going to Northern Arizona University during the Fall '98 semester. She paid in-state tuition while completing CSUSB requirements. During her stay Dorea joined the cycling club and competed in the mountain bike collegiate championships. "NSE gave me the opportunity to experience and explore new parts of the country. It also allowed me to take classes under my major with popular professors in the field. By participating in the NSE program I have gained memories that will last a lifetime. I would urge anyone interested to be part of this great program. Quite sitting around debating and procrastinating. Just do it!! You will not regret it."

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Now it is your turn!
Arts & Entertainment

February 4, 1999

By Patrick R. Pittman
Assistant Managing Editor

The movie She's all that is a great movie for young adults. Starring Paul Walker of Varsity Blue's fame along with recording artist's "Usher" and "Lil Kim", She's all that gives the message that opposites attract.

She's all that focuses on a nerd girl, who is pursued by the campus stud on a bet by his friends, after being dumped by his girlfriend, the most popular girl in school. He gets to know the girl by hanging out in the same places she hangs, and pestering her until she gives to his charm. What's unique about this movie was that the kids excepted the nerd girl almost immediately, quite a change from the typical teen movie.

The plot thickens as the main characters fall for each other in a big way, causing confusion in their already chaotic teen lives. The ending is typical of most movies of this sort, but nevertheless thrilling to see.

She's all that has all of the same qualities of other feel good movies such as Pretty Woman and Sleepless in Seattle. It has some foul language, so parents of youngsters should be careful, but it is definitely a movie that cannot be missed. On a scale of 1 to 10, I give it an 8!

Francophone Film Festival


In Chabrol's sordid psychological thriller about domestic violence, the affluent Leleivre family hire an eccentric woman, Sophie, as the new housekeeper. She befriends the troublemaking postmistress, Jeanne, and together the two women form an insidious and destructive bond. Once united, they unleash a vicious rampage against the family that leads to a shocking finale.

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Shania Twain hit her mark this year with the release of her sophomore album *Come On Over* on Mercury Records. The album, which is currently in its 64th week on the Billboard Top 100 chart, boasts country hits “Love Gets Me Every Time” and “Don’t Be Stupid” as well as two crossover releases. “From This Moment On” and “You’re Still The One” each were well received by the adult contemporary market. Twain is up for six Grammy Awards including Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Country Album of the Year, and Song of the Year for “You’re Still The One.”

By David Cade
Executive Editor

At 7:00 pm on the evening of January 23, the UCR/California Museum of Photography opened its doors to welcome guests of the Herb Quick life retrospective. Gracing the walls on the first floor was the collection of 80 photographs, representing six decades of work by Quick. Although I’m no expert on black and white photography, it was readily apparent that this was the work of a master.

In the subject matter and how it was represented, the work seemed to be expressing or at least searching for a balance between nature, people, and the urban environment in which we live.

Some photographs were strictly urban, with high-rises or freeways, while others showed a mix of nature merging with man-made structures. Other photographs were strictly portraits, while still others captured people in urban settings.

Around 9:00 pm, the visitors were assembled on the second floor for an impromptu meeting with Quick, who had been keeping a low profile throughout the evening. Jonathan Green, the director of the museum, introduced Herb Quick and then spoke very eloquently about the man and his work. When Green ended he offered the stage to the artist, who politely declined.

To all of those present, it must have seemed fitting that a man who has spent his life speaking through pictures had nothing more to add.

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**Dates To Remember**

* Students and senior citizens $4.

**Feb. 10:** Music recital featuring faculty artist Carolyn Beck on Bassoon.
* 7:30pm Creative Arts Building Recital Hall.

* For more info call (909) 880-5859.

**Feb. 12:** CSUSB Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform with conductor, Rob Dunham.
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* Students and senior citizens $3.

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Play Ball!

‘99 Coyotes Baseball Set to Begin

By Michael Bernard
Chronicle Staff Writer

The Coyote baseball team is set to take the field once again this year under head coach Don Parnell. The start of the 1999 season will mark the beginning of Coach Parnell’s eighth year as head coach of the CSUSB Coyotes. Parnell has five starters and a total of 14 team members returning from last year’s team, which posted a 22-22 overall record. The Coyotes were also able to compile a 17-15 record in the competitive CCAA conference.

In the last 18 years, eight national champions have come from the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference, and over 35 players have been drafted to play professional baseball from this conference since the Coyotes joined in 1992. To carry the 1999 team to new heights, Parnell will draw from over 18 years of coaching experience.

Parnell began his coaching career in 1980, as an assistant for the Cal Poly Pomona baseball team, then moved on to his first head-coaching job at Bloomington High School. He was able to skipper the Bloomington team to four straight CIF playoff appearances during his successful tenure. After a brief two year run as an assistant at UC Riverside, Parnell came to CSUSB and helped boost the team to the Division II level.

"Put the team before the individual, that we will all be successful." Said Parnell.

As the Coyotes take the field, coach Parnell and the team look to the faculty and students to attend the games in support of school spirit. Cal State home games are played at Fiscalini Field in San Bernardino. Hope to see you at the ballpark!
Softball

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Quick Facts

**Softball History**

First Year of Softball: 1987
Overall All-Time Record: 298-274-5
No. Years in NCAA Tournament: -

**Tennis History**

First Year of W. Tennis: D-II: 1996
First Year of Program: 1985
Overall All-Time Record: 49-121

**Women's Water Polo**

First Year of Women's Water Polo: 1998
Overall Record: 2-16
CCAA Record: 0-10
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**Other Sports**

WOMEN'S TENNIS HISTORY
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Women's Water Polo

First Year of Women's water polo at Cal State, San Bernardino.

Team History

Women's Water Polo

Head Coach: Danielle Alman
Alma Mater/Year: U. of Redlands/97
Career Record: 1st Season

Team History

1998-99 will be the first season of women's water polo at Cal State, San Bernardino.
Coyotes Overtake Bakersfield, 72-59

The Coyotes were down but not out after the first half of Friday's game against Cal State Bakersfield.

A slow start left San Bernardino trailing 29-38 at the half, but the Coyotes quickly overcame the deficit during the second half. A series of exhilarating plays by point guard Jimmy Alapag brought the 1,171 fans to their feet inside the Coussoulis Arena to watch the Coyote comeback that led to a 72-59 victory.

San Bernardino is 8-5 in the CCAA and 12-6 overall. They remain tied for third place in conference standings.

Team Stats

Cal State San Bernardino

Field Goal Percentage
First Half 11-27 .407
Second Half 13-30 .433
Game 24-57 .421

3-pt. Percentage
First Half 3-12 .250
Second Half 5-11 .455
Game 8-23 .348

Free Throw Percentage
First Half 4-8 .500
Second Half 12-13 .923
Game 16-21 .762

Women Hold Off Stanislaus, 71-69

The women's basketball team held off the Warriors of Cal State Stanislaus during the final seconds before winning Saturday's game, 71-69, at the Coussoulis Arena.

The Coyotes maintained a one to five point lead throughout the first half. A hungry Warrior offense returned in the second half and though they outscored Cal State 41-40 it wasn't enough to overcome the Coyote's 31-28 half-time lead.

A foul on Coyote forward Karen Maínez gave Stanislaus a chance to tie the game with five seconds left in the game, but the Warriors did not convert the free throw.

Guard Renee Ross led Cal State in scoring with 18 points. Forward Blanca Loza contributed eight points and a game high 12 rebounds, including ten defensive boards.

Marieisha Naulls led the game with five assists and Stacey Phillips contributed two blocks. They were the only blocked shots in the game.

The victory over fourth place CSU Stanislaus improved the Coyote's record to 2-10 in the CCAA and 7-12 overall.

The women are on the road this week travelling to Cal Poly Pomona on Friday and Grand Canyon University Saturday evening.

Team Stats

Cal State San Bernardino

Field Goal Percentage
First Half 13-31 .419
Second Half 15-32 .469
Game 28-63 .444

3-pt. Percentage
First Half 1-2 .500
Second Half 3-8 .375
Game 4-10 .400

Free Throw Percentage
First Half 4-4 1.00
Second Half 7-8 .875
Game 11-12 .917

By Crystal D. Chatham
Advertising Manager

Women's Basketball Schedule

February 5 (F) @ Cal Poly Pomona 5:45 p.m.
February 6 (S) @ Grand Canyon University 5:45 p.m.
February 12 (F) San Francisco State 5:45 p.m.
February 13 (S) Sonoma State 5:45 p.m.
February 19 (F) Cal State Dominguez Hills 5:45 p.m.
February 20 (S) Cal State LA 5:45 p.m.
February 26 (F) @ U.C. Davis 5:45 p.m.
February 27 (S) @ Chico State 5:45 p.m.
March 4-6 (Th-S) NCAA West Regionals TBA
Susan sat down at the kitchen counter to examine the mail. There were the usual bills and junk mail, but one envelope caught her eye. The return address was Booker, Texas. The letter was a surprise, but the message was even more so.

As she got close to Booker, Susan realized that very little had changed. Except for the addition of a fast-food restaurant, the town was the same three blocks of buildings with the courthouse at the center of the main drag and the water tower at the east-end. It was as if the clock had turned back ten years.

As Susan passed through town and headed in the direction of Leonard's farm, she could feel her anxiety building. Leonard was a hard man to figure out and she wasn't sure how he would react to her showing up without notice, but she hoped that any disagreement could be overcome without making a big issue of it.

She steered the Toyota off the main highway onto a farm road. Leonard's place was about eight miles further. The signs here hadn't changed either. There were magnificent mulberry trees that reached out to the blue sky and a few puffy white clouds. Some trees had already lost all their leaves, a sure sign that winter was just around the corner.

After eight miles Leonard's house came into view. Shady Creek meandered along the north side. Susan reckoned that it got that name from all the pecan trees that grew along the bank. On the other side of the creek was a pasture. Leonard loved that pasture. He used to sit nearly every morning with a cup of coffee and cigarette and gaze at the fields from the kitchen window.

The house seemed much smaller than she remembered and the white paint was peeling badly. The front porch sagged, the shingles were dried and gray, and the barn in the back wasn't any better. A lean-to on one side of the barn housed Leonard's work shop and a room where hired help sometimes stayed. Weeds had all but taken over the yard except for the driveway and a path to the barn and chicken pen. Ted was right. The place was showing signs of neglect...

The Toyota rolled to a stop and Susan got out. It was time to face Uncle Leonard. She started towards the house, but even before she reached the porch the screen door came open. She halted in amazement.

Leonard shouted, "Sam, is that you?"

"It's me all right."

Time had changed Leonard. He looked tired. Gray whisker stubble sprouted from his weathered face and his body was stunted. Susan tried to fight back the tears but they flowed uncontrollably down her cheeks. Leonard held out his arms and said, "Well, Sam, are you gonna give me a hug or not?"

Susan ran up and hugged him with all the affection she could offer. It had been years since she'd been called Sam. It was her initials and Leonard always called her that, probably to signal to everyone how proud he was. The sound of his words warmed her and she felt a tear that was not hers on the side of her cheek.

Leonard glanced at Susan's arms and pushed her away to look into her face. "You didn't just happen by did you?"

She told him about the letter she had received from Ted Murdock.

Leonard grunted, "That figures. Every since he became a vet he seems to know everybody's business. You remember he got out of high school a couple of years ahead of you and went to the University of Texas."

Susan grinned and shook her head as if she understood, but her recollection about Ted was far away.

Leonard, though, was still the same man she had always known, just older and maybe more crotchety. Well, as long as you're here, you might as well stay a while." He was happy that she was there, but it wasn't his nature to say so.

They went out to her truck and retrieved her things: two medium sized suitcases and a cardboard carton. Leonard took the suitcases and led the way to her old room upstairs.

Susan stood in the doorway and slowly panned the room, the place where she had spent many happy hours listening to records.
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"We'll work it out," he said. "I thought you knew."

Susan laid her head against his chest and put her arms around him. "Yes, dear, I'll do that too," she said sweetly. Leonard growled. "What the hell's those people doing here?"

Ted looked over the fields of cotton and grain. Knowing that it was near harvest time, he said, "I see you're ready for harvest. Has Leonard lined up any hired help?"

"I'll be handling those matters. Leonard's not up to it."

"There's a black couple camped in city park that have been asking about work. And I know a couple of high school kids who do a decent day's work."

"Okay," Susan said. "You talk to the kids and I'll go into town and see those people."

The farm had none of the urban luxuries like supermarkets just down the street, beauty shops, recreational facilities, or other conveniences that Susan had gotten used to in California. Water was pumped from the well and piped into the kitchen and bathroom. A unit out back near the barn generated electricity. Periodically, the engine needed repair, or sometimes just ran out of gas. At those times, the power and water were off. The kitchen stove operated by propane. The tank had to be changed about every two weeks. Leonard had a telephone and a radio in the kitchen. Those were his only luxuries. Susan had forgotten how different life was there. The days were long but rewarding with a sense of accomplishment. George, the hired man, and his wife, Nell, fixed up the lean-to and were excellent field workers. George did some repairs to the house and was great in the shop. If anything was broken, he would fix it. If a part was needed, he would make it or find a way to work without it. A month passed by and Susan learned everything necessary to keep things going. George organized the work for the two high school students so the crops were in and the place was looking prosperous again. By the end of December snow was on the ground, so they worked mostly on the inside of the house. Susan made new curtains for the windows and pressed flower crafts.
to hang on the walls. The house was beginning to look and feel very homey. She tried to make the place as cheery as possible and always tried to keep a smile on her face. But it was hard.

Leonard's condition was not improving. He was having a hard time doing even routine daily chores. He grumbled, but refused to rest or complain in any intelligible words. Reluctantly, he agreed to let Susan lease some of the unused land to pay the note. Truthfully, he was simply too weak to fight about it.

One afternoon Ted came by and insisted that Susan take a break and go with him to the Christmas dance at the Grange Hall. It was a nice change—just enjoying the evening and forgetting her troubles. Ted mentioned how busy he had been and that he really could use an assistant. This time he was serious about the offer, but he had more than a work relationship in mind.

"I'll think about it," Susan said. She had already written to her old boss in California and resigned. Perhaps destiny had returned her to her roots, where she belonged.

The winter season passed and mother nature began brightening a little; spring was busting out. The pasture was full of flowers. The leaves were budding and showing their color. A cool, clear stream was flowing in Shady Creek; tall green grass was growing along both banks. George and Nell were handling most of the chores, so Susan had time for some extras. She added a glider swing to the porch and made padded quilts to go on it and for a short time, forgetting her troubles. Ted mentioned how busy he had been and that he really could use an assistant. This time he was serious about the offer, but he had more than a work relationship in mind.

Susan put her head down on his chest and could feel the last of his breath leave his body. The grip of his hand holding hers slowly gave way. The room became silent and peaceful. She knew he was finally out of pain. His face had a serene look, even in death. "I love you," she whispered. Then she began to weep. Two days after the funeral, Susan found Leonard's will in his old desk and took it to the courthouse, where she transferred the title of the farm to her name. She loved the house where she could watch the pasture and observe nature, just as Leonard had done. She called Ted and told him that she would be glad to be his assistant.

In the months Susan had spent with Leonard, she learned how to move forward with her life instead of fretting over what might have been. She learned to focus on the good memories and think happy thoughts, thoughts that would guide her way. The future had much to offer.

Susan's relationship with Ted had grown to the point where she was almost indispensable in the management of his practice. But more importantly, romance was only a step away. One of Susan's happiest thoughts was that when she became Mrs. Murdock, she'd still be Sam. Leonard would have liked that.

No," she pleaded as the tears began to run down her face.

Leonard took Susan's other hand and said, "Now you listen to me. You must go on. I want you to live your own life. I don't expect you to forget about me, but you have to look to the future. I will always be with you, no matter what."

Leonard lifted Susan's chin up, "Promise me, Sam, you will begin living your own life."

"I promise, but I will never forget you. You have taught me how precious life is and I love you."

Leonard's last words were, "You have brought more joy into my lonely world than anyone has a right to expect." He squeezed her hand and gave her a peaceful smile.

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Leonard called Susan over one day and thanked her for all her work.

"I would have lost this place if it hadn't been for you. It's only right that you should have it after I'm gone. The papers are in my desk."

Susan started to cry. "You shouldn't talk that way."

He took her head and put it on his shoulder, then embraced her with his fragile arms. "Your mother and you are the only people who ever meant anything to me."

In the days that passed, Leonard's health was noticeably worse. One morning when he didn't come out of his room on schedule, Susan began to worry. She went back to check on him and stood in the doorway.

From his bed, Leonard looked at her and said, "Come here, Sam." He was gasping for air; his face was as pale as the snow on the ground. He sat on the side of the bed and took her hand. It was cold. He said, "I'm tired Sam. I'll be seeing your mama soon."

* Mickey Bevis is a retired civil engineer, pursuing a degree in creative writing at CSUSB. "An Act of Kindness," another of his short stories, will appear in the summer 1999 issue of Nostalgia Magazine.
Winter Rush 1999!!

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The gentlemen of Delta Sigma Phi and the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha man the rush tables. Social Greek associations will have rush tables out throughout the month of February. Stop by and see what all the fuss is about!

Pikes Win Academic Excellence Award For the Third Straight Quarter

The colony member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity here at CSUSB has won the IFC Academic Excellence award for the third straight quarter. Ed Caldwell, President of the colony, accredits the streak to the stresses placed on scholarship and the quality of the last few rushes. He said, "We've been really fortunate to pick up some outstanding scholars the last few quarters and it's really beginning to show." The award goes to the fraternity with the highest GPA.

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How come we don’t have more carpool spaces to park in on this campus? You can buy a carpool pass, even stamp that blue card, but every time my wife and I do we never find a spot. In the whole parking lot in front of University Hall there can’t be more than twenty spaces! It’s absolutely ridiculous!

It’s a catch 22 in the highest order. Sure more people should carpool. It’s better for the environment and would help relieve a lot of the congestion we already have here. But where are we supposed to park?

—Joshua Reynolds

### Events Calendar

**Monday, 15**
- **Friends of Bill W. & Dr. Bob**
  - Student Union Board Room
  - 3:45 PM
- **opraH afternoonS**
  - Women’s Resource Center
  - 4:15 PM
- **Monday Night Movie**
  - Student Union Board Room
  - Screening of "The Family Man"
- **Monday Night Movie**
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  - Screening of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"

**Tuesday, 16**
- **friends of Bill W. & Dr. Bob**
  - Student Union Board Room
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- **opraH afternoonS**
  - Women’s Resource Center
  - 4:15 PM
- **ASI Board of Directors Meeting**
  - Student Union Board Room
  - 1 PM
- **Latina Empowerment Group**
  - Student Union Board Room
  - 1 PM

**Wednesday, 17**
- **Video Lunch Series #4**
  - Student Union Board Room
  - Noon
- **Friends of Bill W.**
  - Student Union Board Room
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**Thursday, 18**
- **Friends of Bill W. & Dr. Bob**
  - Student Union Board Room
  - 3:45 PM
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  - Women’s Resource Center
  - 4:15 PM
- **Survivors Group**
  - Student Union Board Room
  - 3:45 PM
- **Latino Business Students Association**
  - Cross Cultural Center
  - 3:45 PM

**Friday, 19**
- **Friends of Bill W.**
  - Student Union Board Room
  - 3:45 PM
- **Friends of Bill W.**
  - Student Union Board Room
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**Saturday, 20**
- **Escape to the African American Museum**
  - Student Union Board Room
  - Noon

**Sunday, 21**
- **Friends of Bill W.**
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