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ASI Election Invalid, Investigation Looms

By D'Lorah DeBarge
News Editor

ASI elections were declared invalid last week by Ycenia and Dr. Patsy Opheim. Even though a run-off was announced early in the week, rumors were rampant voter fraud had occurred.

"Now we're investigating," said Patsy Opheim, "When we are sure who it is, we will call them in. The election was compromised because we found that almost 200 call-in votes came from two phones in a closed office. That's enough to invalidate the election," she said.

Candidate Mary Ellen Abilieze said, "the students need to take an interest in the election." Students need to know that these are paid positions she said, "it's a $7,000.00 per year job." Abilieze said they will probably have to go to paper ballot or use a service.

Candidate Dick Phillips said he believed that certain students wanted to control the ASI money and would go to any lengths to get control of the government.

T.J. Wood, current ASI President said "I am taking a risk telling the truth because once before I told the truth and I got crucified for it."

Speculation by some students noted that numerous students called ASI to complain that Tracks was rejecting their ballot saying they had already voted.

A source close to the election

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Scholar Finds Unlikely Fame
As Language Detective

By Amanda Beeler
Chicago Tribune

Uncommon word usage, unusual punctuation and repeated misspellings might be the sign of a bad writer to some, but in Donald Foster's eyes they are dead giveaways that help solve linguistic puzzles.

A Shakespearean and Renaissance literature professor at Vassar College, Foster has gained unlikely fame as the man who fingered Newsweek columnist Joe Klein as the author of the novel "Primary Colors" and helped bolster the FBI's conclusion that Theodore Kaczynski wrote certain incriminating documents, including the published manifesto, in the Unabomber case.

His role as a sought-after expert in attributing authorship to anonymous works grew out of his scholarly pursuits. He gained worldwide attention in 1995 for having ascribed to Shakespeare an anonymously-written 17th Century poem that eulogized a murdered man.

The 48-year-old professor, who says he never intended to become a specialist in textual attribution, described the exploits that have carried him far from the classroom in a lecture Saturday night at the Chicago Vassar Club's 1999 Scholarship Benefit at the Arts Club.

No two people have the same vocabulary or writing style, Foster said, describing individuals as prisoners of their own language.

"As a result, when given an anonymous document, and comprehensive text samples with which to compare it, I can usually locate the nameless author—not because I'm so clever but because a writer's use of language is as distinctive, as inimitable, as unique, as one's DNA," he said.

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Common(s) Problems

By Mindy C. Stevenson and D'Lorah DeBarge
Chronicle Staff Writers/ News Editor

Two hundred out of 470 Serrano Village students signed a petition last weekend to make it a choice of whether to eat at the Commons or not.

Student Khanh Doung Started all this when he discovered that Serrano Village students may be overpaying for their meals.

He discovered this when he noticed that food service charges on his quarterly receipt did not correspond with the point system used by housing to calculate how much residents are paying for their meals.

First, Duong questioned other students to find out whether they too had noticed this discrepancy. Students were always told that they were getting discounts on their meals, but no one quite understood the system. Then he asked a Commons cashier what each point was worth.

Then he went to Tito Calderon, and he described the relationship between points and cash differently. Calderon told Duong that a student's quarterly $640 food fee translates into 148 points.

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Business women learn to contract with the Federal Government

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is organizing a special seminar along with the State of California, The Inland Empire Small Business Development Center for women who want to start their own business or who already are in business and want to learn how to contract with the Federal Government and win by taking advantage of the opportunities the Federal Government is listing through the internet.

"The Federal Government is bidding opportunities for contractors or service products in non-specific areas," said public information officer Stacy Sanchez. They want to move away from traditional ways of commerce and encourage a new trend of commerce "on line" using the internet, e-mail and Fax systems.

The seminar will teach about available programs like HUBZone and Pro-Net, HUBZone (Historical Under Utilized Business) provides opportunities for small businesses to grow which in the long term helps to empower communities, create jobs and attract private investment. PRO-Net is an electronic program to help business owners to gather information and advice about small businesses and connect them to procurement opportunities.

Contracts apply to any product or service such as supplies, airplanes, auto, parts, etc...

Public Agencies or the Federal Government usually require payment bonds to assure the job will be completed. For that purpose, the Small Business Administration will give security bond assistance. They guaranty up to 1.25 million dollars payments to security companies in cases where the bond cannot be obtained through conventional channels.

The seminar will take place April 29, 1999 at the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center, 1157 Spruce St., Riverside. The workshop’s cost is $15.00 if pre-paid or $20.00 the day of the event. For additional information and registration call (909) 781-2345.

"Students were given inaccurate and misleading information," he said. "They give us a sheet that converts dollars and cents into points, but they cannot tell us the ratio."

After further discussion, both Trevan and Jones agreed that, as Jones put it, "it was a bad system to start with." Several months ago, he and Trevan began revamping the plan, which has been approved for the 1999-2000 school year. Perhaps this new plan, along with Duong's petition will turn the presently twisted and misleading board fee system into an equal one that everyone can understand.

The key question is: what’s a point really worth? If the cashier said a point is a penny, and Calderon says the CSUSB Foundation takes 23.33% of the $640 board fee for each student’s quarterly meal card, the figures don’t add up. If you take 23.33% of $640, you get $149.31.

Duong began to question where the rest of the money, $491.61, went. So then, he circulated a flyer to the 470 dorm students asking them the same question.

To get some answers, he began contacting administrators. He spoke briefly to Food Services Director David Jones, as well as Calderon and Student Services Vice President Patsy Oppenheim, and became convinced that they were not accounting for all of the board fee.

Duong then contacted Maury Huerta, the Building Maintenance supervisor for Housing and Residential life, to confirm this information. He said I was in way over my head. Duong said, "but he did say that no money from the student fees came to maintenance."

Huerta later denied this response, "I did not tell Duong that he was in way over his head...not exactly," but he did say, "none of the board fees are for pay maintenance."

Oppenheim advised Duong to wait until Housing Director Tim Trevan returned from a conference in Hawaii to discuss the students' concerns.

While he waited for answers over last weekend, Duong circulated a second flyer to the residents, explaining the new but confusing system, Kathleen Marcelino; but his questions remain.

Jones said the ratio the CSUSB Foundation used was "an internal thing" and insisted that Duong was the one who didn't understand the formula.

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Foster

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Foster says his expertise as a detective began when he was a graduate student in the 1980s and was able to identify the authors of anonymous critiques of his Ph.D. dissertation, which centered on the elegy.

A product of the northwest suburbs of Chicago, Foster now receives 40 to 50 requests a week for assistance in identifying suspects or authors and has consulted on such high-profile cases as the JonBenet Ramsey murder in Boulder, Colo., and bombings at the Atlanta Olympics and a Birmingham abortion clinic that authorities believe are linked.

Though he is frequently referred to as an expert in computer-aided handwriting, Foster is quick to point out he is neither.

There is no magic in my attribution work and no computer wizardry,” Foster, a balding, bespectacled man who frequently refers to himself as an absent-minded professor, told the crowd of almost 200 Saturday.

The computer, which he uses frequently for word searches, allows him to dowhat the human brain cannot: read up to 1 billion words in the time it takes an individual to read a sentence.

And while he might look at the handwriting in a document, Foster is interested in the words themselves: how sentences are put together and what words and phrases a writer uses.

“When I finished (“Primary Colors”), I didn’t know what happened in it, but I knew the language,” he said.

Foster researched the Bill Clinton roman a clef at the behest of New York Magazine. He says he started by jotting down unusual words in “Primary Colors” and then searching via computer for similarities in blocks of text from the Bard, a process Foster describes as “word frequency for word searches, allowing him to develop a thick skin.

A recent CBS “48 Hours” broadcast on the JonBenet Ramsey case implied that Foster had identified the wrong killer after reading passages on an Internet chat site that he thought might have been written by JonBenet’s brother. The postings had been made by a woman with no connection to the case.

Foster cannot comment on the investigation, but said he stands by statements he has made for the record in the case. “Don’t believe everything you read in the paper,” Foster warned the Arts Club audience.

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Why Do We Have To Take Capstone Classes?

By Dan A. Farmer
Executive Editor

For this week The Coyote Chronicle is taking on whether or not CSUSB should require integrative Capstone class for graduation. They sure do take up a lot of time. 12 units to be exact. So why is it that CSUSB requires them?

Without checking with administration or faculty, I’ll take a stab at the question from a purely student point of view. Let’s start with the vision statement for our school. “California State University, San Bernardino will become one of the leading comprehensive universities in the nation, distinctive for its contributions to the understanding of learning and for the creation and study of innovative partnerships to promote educational, social, economic, and cultural advancement in the region.

We have the privilege of participating in one of the country’s most diverse curriculums in the nation, and on a larger scheme, the world. CSUSB has a duty to embrace this uniqueness and address the fact that with multiple cultures comes multiple ways of understanding and learning.

Capstone classes are CSUSB’s answer for reaching out and building a bridge to unite all of these cultures and create an environment of understanding in which we all can learn and adapt to our multi-faceted center of scholastic enrichment. Classes such as Perspectives on Gender, Ideas in American Culture, and Roots of Modern Racism in America provide avenues of understanding and acceptance of our diversity and place us on a pedestal for the rest of the educational community to learn and take example of.

In a selfish light, Capstone classes give us an edge in the real world. We have the advantage of being prepared for an evolving workplace where more and more the standard is knowing how to work side by side with people from many different backgrounds and many different beliefs.

Our path for success is paved by these Capstone classes. We are an elite group of scholars that will be able to enter a new era in the American workforce that actively seeks people who can function and excel in a diverse environment. We are the leaders of a new business mentality that needs to be able to adapt to new and enriching surrounding. Embrace and enjoy this opportunity presented to us in the form of Capstone classes. It can be your biggest edge in entering the “real world.”

By Danielle Stewart
Layout Editor

Higher education is a wonderful concept. I love learning, discovering, and using acquired knowledge. Education systems have worked well by providing individuals with opportunities to develop their knowledge and use it in a specialized job setting. One aspect of the curriculum I do not agree with is the upper division Capstones required in humanities, natural, and social sciences.

“Everything I ever wanted to know I learned in kindergarten!” That is the title of the book. Seriously though, the Capstones are repetitive courses of the lower division, general education requirements. During the last two years, students should plainly focus on the major. After all, that is the reason they are there in the first place.

The Capstones impose three problems on the student; they take focus away from the major field of study, the level of work involved is left to the teacher’s discretion, and the information mimics concepts learned in previous classes. If you think about it, the first two years of the higher education process are just a reinforcement of the things relearned in high school.

Capstones are four unit upper division classes requiring constant studying. Since they are so time consuming, they divert attention away from the student’s major.

Extensive reading is involved in understanding key concepts, which are usually buried underneath a bunch of jargon. It seems that these classes are unnecessary for a well-rounded education and without them, students can continue.

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Letters to the Editor

Educationally Correct

Contributed by Holly Carlson

♦ No one fails a class anymore, you’re merely “passing impaired.” ♦ You don’t have detention, you’re just one of the “exit delayed”
♦ Your bedroom isn’t cluttered, it’s just “passage restrictive.” ♦ These days, a student isn’t lazy. He’s “energetically declined.”
♦ Your locker isn’t overflowing with junk, it’s just “closure prohibitive.” ♦ Kids don’t get grounded anymore. They merely hit “social speed bumps.”
♦ Your homework isn’t missing, it’s just having an “out-of-notebook experience.” ♦ You’re not sleeping in class, you’re “rationing consciousness.”
♦ You’re not late, you just have a “rescheduled arrival time.” ♦ You’re not having a bad hair day, you’re suffering from “rebellious follicle syndrome.”
♦ You don’t have smelly gym shoes, you have “odor-retentive athletic footwear.” ♦ No one’s tall anymore. He’s “vertically enhanced.”
♦ You’re not shy. You’re “conversationally selective.” ♦ You don’t talk a lot. You’re just “abundantly verbal.”
♦ You weren’t passing notes in class. You were “participating in the discreet exchange of penned meditations.”
♦ You’re not being sent to the principal’s office. You’re “going on a mandatory field trip to the administrative building.”
♦ It’s not called gossip anymore. It’s “the speedy transmission of near-factual information.”
♦ The food at the school cafeteria isn’t awful. It’s “digestively challenged.”
The $700 Blue Plate Special: Greek Housing?

By Dick Phillips
Chronicle Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered where your ASI fees go? On April 13th, I attended the ASI Finance Board Meeting. I discovered that the board was going to vote to spend $700 on food for an information night dinner regarding how to change the city ordinance prohibiting off-campus Greek housing.

The event, which is being promoted by ASI Vice President, Mary Ellen Abilez, will attempt to bring together 5th ward city Councilman Jerry Devlin, various ASI representatives and selected representatives of the fraternities and sororities at CSUSB. As discussion of the agenda item started, I had the feeling that the board was grossly ignorant of the facts concerning off-campus Greek housing. It seemed to me that the board was more concerned with throwing a bone to Greeks in the form of a worthless dinner, rather than looking at the facts.

As of right now, the City of San Bernardino has an ordinance that bans fraternity/sorority houses. The only way to get around the ordinance entails a host of environmental studies, neighborhood approval and a formal OK by the city council. With this in mind, I think it is highly improbable that Councilman Devlin could convince his fellow councilpersons to throw out the ordinance. But, if the city council threw out the ordinance, there still wouldn't be Greek housing. Why? To put it simply—money.

The current state of the Greek system at CSUSB could not support a "Greek row." The Finance Board, in their wisdom, failed to notice that it takes hundreds of thousands of dollars to build Greek housing. Since the Greek system at CSUSB is around twelve years old, most if not all the fraternity/sorority's national organizations will refuse to fund Greek housing because our Greeks are not economically viable. This means that CSUSB Greeks have a hard enough time paying their dues and tuition without having to worry about having their dues tripled or being forced to live in the fraternity/sorority house to maintain occupancy.

Don't get me wrong. I'm all for Greek housing. I've lived in my fraternity's unofficial fraternity house for 2 years. My problem stems from the carefree spending of ASI fee money that you and I are forced to "contribute." After debating the issue with the board, they ultimately voted to spend the $700 on the dinner. When will ASI learn that it doesn't take $700 to figure out a way to change the Greek housing ordinance? Why can't they pick up a phone and call fraternity/sorority presidents about the ordinance? Is this $700 dinner really necessary? You be the judge.
Spotlight on Kevin Grisham

By Karen Wesche
Chronicle Staff Writer

Kevin Grisham has not always studied world politics and international diplomacy, but his considerable knowledge in these areas helped the CSUSB Model United Nations (MUN) team earn the "Outstanding Delegation" award at the National Model United Nations Competition in New York.

The weeklong event, held March 29 through April 4, takes place annually at the United Nations in New York. The competition hosted 2,700 students from 183 universities around the world. CSUSB represented Saudi Arabia and took home the highest honor. The competing universities included Georgetown, BYU, University of Wisconsin at Osh Kosh, University of Tokyo, Heidelberg University in Germany and other impressive competitors.

After the 1998 competition, Grisham was elected Secretary to the Model United Nations. The duties of this office involved yearlong preparations for the 1999 event, and coordinating and facilitating the flow of proceedings at the actual competition.

Most of the 20 MUN team members are also on the Model League of Arab States team, which is just as successful. At the Southern California tournament, hosted by UCLA on March 28, CSUSB took home its eighth consecutive victory.

The success of these teams is the result of many factors. They have excellent leadership in Dr. Ralph Saimi, who trains the teams, and the members display extraordinary commitment. Throughout the year, they are researching from four to six hours a day. They study the political position of several countries on a variety of topics and stay current on international events. Grisham said that he considers himself privileged to be surrounded by so many intelligent people.

The spirit of the team, according to Grisham, may be another key element of success. "It's all about teamwork," he commented. "Because of the extensive process, you tend to bond. I feel a real sense of family. The relationships we've formed mean much more to us than even the winning of the award."

This attitude has relevance and value in international diplomacy. Grisham stated that diplomacy should not include an 'I win or you win' mentality. "As Americans, we have a competitive spirit, but diplomacy is more than I win or you win. When we both walk away from the table with something, we've both won," he said.

As enlightened as Grisham is today, his early college years were not spent studying these disciplines. After moving to Victorville from Louisiana, he attended Victor Valley College and received two associate degrees. He was a pre-med student aspiring to be a psychiatrist. However, when he transferred to CSUSB he changed his major and received his Bachelor's in criminal justice.

It was as a student, that Grisham became involved in the MUN and Model League of Arab States. He became fascinated with the study of the Middle East after taking a political science elective in his senior year and decided to pursue a Master's in Interdisciplinary Studies, encompassing National Security, Criminal Justice and Political Science.

Grisham will attend UCIR in the fall to work on his doctorate in political science. He plans to be a full-time professor, write books, and travel the Middle East, to do in-depth research in the region. Later in life, he would like to obtain a law degree and possibly work for the United Nations investigating human rights violations.

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Mestizaje

What does the term Hispanic mean? What does the term Latino mean? What purpose do either of them have? Oddly enough, there are many people who are divided over these two words. And there are some that really rather not use either term. The term Latino, as it is most often used by people of Latin American descent, has become a loosely identifying term for anyone who is descended from any of the Latin American nations: ranging from the Southwest United States to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and the farthest reaches of the South American continent.

The word Latino, on its own, is actually based on the language of a person. People who have a Latin-based language as the dominant language within their culture, are Latinos. For example, Romanians are Latinos. In French, the term is translated Latin, but nonetheless refers to French being a Latin-based language. Spaniards, Italians, even Filipinos are considered Latinos (in the Philippines, Spanish is still a somewhat dominant language, although fading rapidly). So, in review, a people that speak a Latin based, or Romance language, are considered Latinos globally.

Hispanic. Hispanic has become almost a slur for some and yet, a simple misnomer for others. The term Hispanic was instituted by the United States Federal Government in an effort to more easily categorize people of Latin American origin. Rather than listing each nation on government and private business forms, it was found simpler to initiate an all-inclusive term for the population census taking, ethnicity statistic studies, school entrance applications (of all ages), etc.

Since the majority of these nations have Spanish as their national tongue, Hispanic seemed to fit the task well. But, there was and is a bit of a snag with the term, which has bothered and even enraged quite a few people of Mestizo heritage. (Remember Mestizo meaning mixed heritage of Iberian and Native American culture/blood; also used to identify general European and American Indian mixtures.)

Hispanic infers of Spanish origin. Again, this term is based on language, yet it implies more. People that take pride in their Native American Heritage resent the idea of being labeled originating from the Spain. The very people that caused so much devastation in the Western Hemisphere, some 500 years ago. The argument is legitimate. The idea is that the term Hispanic denies Native heritage, nullifies it in not so many words, if you will.

Both terms are based on language, not so much on cultural origin. That in no way legitimates it. But among many people of Hispanic/Latino origin, there has been an invisible line drawn. Some that utilize the term Hispanic, view those that use Latino as militant or radical, undeserving of legitimate griev...
Private Franchising

An Opportunity to Succeed

By Victoria A. Seitz, Ph.D.
Special to the Chronicle

For some of you when you graduate you’ll want to go with a large company and work there. Others may want to go into business for themselves.

So, you work for a company and you help them to achieve a $2,700 profit. Where do you think that most of the profit goes? To the company. Yes, you’ll probably get a bonus but not any where near the amount that the company gets, or for that matter, the bonus that the CEO gets.

For those that want to be independent business owners you have several options today that include buying a franchise or opening the doors to your own business. With your own business you start from scratch building awareness, finding suppliers, training employees and so forth. When the company makes a profit, whenever that is, you get the majority of it, if the company survives.

Small businesses may employ the majority of Americans but they also have the highest attrition rate of all company structures. In this day and time, if you’re in business for five years that’s a plus; however, it doesn’t guarantee your future survival.

Another option is buying a franchise such as MacDonalds at $1 million dollars, free and clear, or Baskin Robbins at $64,000.

Owning a franchise has a lot of benefits that include the instant awareness of your company as well as the training and supply functions that accompany the franchise agreement. Further, if you make the company a $2,700 profit you get the majority of it where the company gets a small portion.

I don’t know about the rest of you, but I don’t have $1 million dollars to invest in a MacDonalds or $64,000 for a Baskin Robbins.

Private franchisingstreamlines distribution by providing the following:

1. Efficient one-stop channels of distributions for major corporations.
2. Incentive buying and personalized shopping for consumers, and

To further understand the growing role of private franchising, let’s review traditional distribution channels. Manufacturers have, in the past, used various means to get products to consumers. These included brokers, jobbers, wholesalers, advertising and retailers, and where 65% of the revenue generated was absorb in paying for this overhead.

Manufacturers have since tried to find more efficient and profitable means to get products to consumers such as selling directly to Warehouse Clubs such as Sam’s or now, selling through online services via the Internet.

In private franchising you are the contracting corporation rather than the warehouse club or the online service that provides products to consumers.

All in all, private franchising combines the successful marketing trends that are currently being used and the latest technology to satisfy consumers needs and wants with you making the majority of the profit. Rather than paying wholesalers, jobbers, retailers, that 65% goes into your pocket.

Private franchising gives you the opportunity to distribute national brands of products and services without the huge expense of buying a traditional franchise. Further, if you get others involved in distributing these products and services to consumers, you make a percentage of what they make.

Some of you will say this sounds like direct sales, yes it does, but this is the way many national companies are going. For example, American Express Financial Services, Excel telecommunications and Softview Computer products are just some of the companies that have chosen to let people be their own boss while expanding the service area of the company without the expense.

Other direct sales companies include Mary Kay, Avon, Nikken, CUTCO, Herbal Life and Pampered Chef. Another company that you’re also probably familiar with is Amway, which started out in the soap business, now distributes products and services for MCI, Kellogs, Sony, and many more national brands through independent owners. Incorporating the Internet, Amway will be opening their mall Quixtar September 1, 1999.

What exactly does your committee, The Inland Empire Environmental EXPO, do for the campus?

Stoner: The committee provides events to help people find solutions and resources to guide them to solutions for environmental concerns. The committee has been on campus for 13 years now. They provide the environmental EXPO with displays and exhibitors. They work with the Student Union and A.S.I. The committee sends out mailings and a newsletter called NESTnews to all schools in the Inland Empire, and runs an environmental web-page which you can see at sco.csusb.edu/nest/

The committee is also responsible for the recycling bins we now have on campus, but their major contribution is the EXPO.

Chronicle: What classes can students take on campus concerning the environment, and how can we get more involved?

Stoner: The majority of environmental classes are part of the masters program. There is one undergraduate class called environmental studies that everyone can take. Also students can help A.S.I. in passing out flyers and come to the EXPO.

Chronicle: What kinds of environmental issues can we expect to face in the future and what goals do you have for the future of the environment?

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Stop by Jack Brown Hall and discuss private franchising issues with Dr. Victoria Seitz.

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Dr. Darleen Stoner seeks to change the lifestyles of our society to combat the degradation of the earth.

CSUSB Professor Embraces Earth Day

By Mindy C. Stevenson and Michelle Wheeler
Chronicle Staff Writers

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Emerging on stage in bright red Divo-esque body suits and gold helmets, the 2 Skinnee J's opened the Everlast and Sugar Ray concert in Coussoulis Arena a few weeks ago.

With music I can only describe as industrial-funk meets hip-hop, the two front men gave an electric performance, delivering their infectious rap with aggressive flamboyance. Backed by live drums, electric guitar and bass, the music had a hard edged, organic sound. Add to that a funky, hip hop back beat and you've got a style refreshingly different from the mainstream—your typically over sampled and unoriginal rap groups.

After the concert, I had the good fortune to meet and talk with Andy Action, the band's drummer.

INT: So how long have you been on tour with these guys?
AA: This is the last day of seven weeks with Sugar Ray and Everlast. I'm feeling a little bit emotional right now, to be honest.

INT: How so?
AA: Well, we made really close friends with all of them and they've treated us amazingly well. They've extended all manner of courtesy in us that they didn't have to.

INT: Tell me about the tour, how you got picked up for it?
AA: Well, that's sort of an interesting story actually. In October, before Everlast's single blew up, he came out and opened up for us on the east coast for about twenty dates. And that was a really interesting way to meet one of your idols because he's like a legend, and there he is opening for us. It was a little awkward. But in a nutshell, I think he was very appreciative of that.

And when Everlast and Sugar Ray decided to tour together, Sugar Ray initially didn't want to bring a third band. They wanted to bring a D.J. less equipment, less people, less hassle. And Everlast went to bat for us and said we're bringing the Skinnee J's. So we just lucked out.

INT: Now as far as your band, you originated on the east coast?
AA: Yes, we're based in Brooklyn, New York. Several of us went to college there and that's where we started.
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Arts & Entertainment

The Offspring is a band in transition. After the success of 1994's Smash and 1996's Ixnay on the Hombre, they are no longer certain what type of music they are in the business to make. As songs like "Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)" and "Get a Job" indicate, the band has been compelled to cater pop ditties to FM radio. At the same time, they still want to thrash like hard core punk rockers, as on the songs "Starling at the Sun" and "Walla Walla." This leaves us with an uneven album that's just as frustrating as it is pleasing. Once the Offspring decide whether they want to be the Beatles or the Sex Pistols, their work will be far more significant.

Barenaked Ladies

Stunt

1998 Respise

Canada's music scene has always been like a leaky faucet, and the Barenaked Ladies are yet another delightful drop. With melodies to drool over, Stunt is like Pavlov's bell for music fans. From the eccentric and wacky "One Week" ("Chickity China the Chinese Chicken/ Have a drumstick and your brain stops tickin'") to the wicked "Alcohol" ("Would you please ignore that/ you found me on the floor/ trying on your camisole?") the Barenaked Ladies have made the kind of album that both popular radio and college radio should finally praise together.

Dixie Chicks

Wide Open Spaces

1998 Monument

If the Judds had been a trio, this is the music they would have made. As a result, it is hard not to like Wide Open Spaces. The Chicks' excitement is contagious and they compel you to sing along. Yet, like most recent country albums, the Dixie Chicks choose to play it safe within the confines of country/pop structure as defined by Reba McEntire and Shania Twain. It would be refreshing if these three free spirits bared their souls instead of belting out tired lyrics about independence ("If these are life's lessons, she'll take this test"). Despite the cliches, the Dixie Chicks rise above it all with talent to spare on this breakthrough debut.

By Patrick Pittman
Chronicle Staff Writer

Looking for something fun to do? Well all of my out of state friends always say the same thing, "There must always be something to do in California"? I have found that while it is not quite as lively as out-of-towners think we are lucky enough to live in an area with a wide range of activities happening all the time. For the music lovers out there, check out the many concerts that are happening. If you feel up to the drive, R&B artist Dru Hill will be performing at the Universal Amphitheater at 8:15 p.m. The cost is $48.50 and the concert features Faith Evan and Total as the opening act on the April 17th event. If you're in town along with music then April 24 is your lucky day. California Speedway in Fontana is offering an infield show featuring Chris Isaak to all its ticket holders that day. Remember Isaak from his Wicked games? All of you dance fans out there don't feel left out. There is a concert for you, and it is right here on our own campus. The Cal State University Dance team is presenting their spring dance concert, "Move It, Show It, Dance It." A special children's matinee will be held 12:00 p.m. on April 21, with regular shows at 7:30 p.m. April 22-24. The cost is $4 for students, and $5 for the general public, with $1.00 of each ticket sold going to help research in AIDS.

If music or dance is not your thing then go out and see Riverside's Landis Auditorium's production of Sugar Babies. Performed by The Riverside Civic Light Opera group, the show runs through May 2 with 8:00 p.m. curtain times and costs running from $17-25. Hope this helps out for those last minute weekend plans.

STABTS APRIL 23 AT A THEATRE NEAR YOU.
I haven’t seen a good 3D movie since the days of the paper and plastic glasses that never quite fit right. Until my recent viewing of “Encounter in 3D.” This movie is playing at the IMAX at Edwards Theatres in Ontario. The audience receives wrap-around glasses equipped with personal speakers. Once these high-tech glasses are in place, the 3D experience begins.

This 3D experience teaches as well as entertains. The movie takes the audience on a visual tour through the history of 3D, even showing some of the first 3D movies to have been made. It gives a brief explanation of how 3D technology works. It is used to tell the story.

There is a mad scientist, a flying robot, and of course, Elvira. Things never seem to work “just right” for the scientist. So, as each malfunction occurs, the robot takes the audience away while the scientist is fixing the problem. Elvira is the main show, (the show that the scientist is trying to blow the audience away with) but because of the malfunctions, keeps getting cut off.

While Elvira gets put on hold, the audience gets to see three of the most amazing 3D short films ever made. These are incredible. I couldn’t believe how realistic the effects were. They bring you right into the screen with them, and before you know it you are sucked into a whole new world.

In the end, Elvira gets to do her show. The entire film is interesting; the 3D effects are very advanced. It had me ducking in my seat and closing my eyes. They throw monsters, trains, and other various objects your way. It is worth seeing mostly because this new, advanced 3D is so unique compared to the everyday 2D movies we’re used to.

Art on the Internet

I can reach an audience that can’t reach me. The Internet is changing the art world. Web pages are becoming works of art in themselves. Galleries are going online. Unknown artists now have a forum in which they can reach an audience that until the advent of the Internet, was unreachable.

The potential audience that is available on the Internet is perhaps the most important factor of the changing art world. Everyone can be essentially “equal” in that anyone’s web site can be “hit” on at anytime. Anyone can post a virtual gallery of their own.

But what happens to traditional galleries? Many are wary of going online mainly because of the ease in which images can be downloaded. All it takes is a click of the mouse. This makes art dealers nervous for two reasons.

The first reason art dealers are wary of the Internet is that if work can be easily downloaded, it can then be easily reproduced and re-sold, even without the necessary permission. Second, the Internet as an artist’s forum makes dealers nervous because of how difficult it is to track down and “catch” people who are downloading works illegally.

A common misconception of works posted on the net is that anyone is free to download them. The truth is that once an original piece of work has been posted on the net, it is copyrighted. It doesn’t have to have the copyright symbol in order to be protected. The only pages in which it is legal to download images and text are government pages, or those which have a URL ending in .gov or .mil.

The Internet has the potential to be the first forum in which everyone has an equal chance to have their art seen, read, or heard. One no longer has to find an agent who believes in them in order to find an audience that does.

Art on the Internet
30 Years of Earth Day

By Gaylord Nelson
Special to the Chronicle

For today's college students, there has always been Earth Day. Growing up, almost all of you participated in school, scout, or community activities that marked this occasion.

But, as recently as 1969, there was nothing called Earth Day. As a U.S. Senator, I was dismayed the Senate and the rest of the political establishment were simply blind to the environmental deterioration all around us. I could count on one hand the number of senators who would have described themselves as "environmentalists," and I was searching for some way to change that.

From my travels around the country, I knew Americans were much more aware of and concerned about the state of the environment than the political establishment. Finally, it occurred to me that if we could organize a huge, national demonstration on behalf of the environment it might force the issue onto the nation's political agenda.

After proposing the idea in a September 1969 speech in Seattle, I sent a letter to every major college newspaper and took other steps to spread the word—and wondered if it would catch on.

The public response was overwhelming. On the first Earth Day, which was April 22, 1970, some 20 million Americans took part in a wide range of activities. Just as remarkable was the fact that I did not organize all this; students and teachers and other citizens simply felt strongly enough about the planet's condition that they rushed to support the cause.

American Heritage Magazine called Earth Day "one of the most remarkable happening in the history of democracy." I never dreamed that 29 years later Earth Day would still be going strong.

Will the new millennium be good—or bad—for our planet's health? The answer depends in large part on the generation now most young people understand the importance of environmental protection and what we need to do to be responsible environmental citizens. The key question, then, is: Will your generation act on this knowledge and commitment? If you do, you will be remembered as the generation that made the critical difference.

The key challenge for you is to forge and maintain a sustainable society—one that meets its own needs without depriving future generations of the chance to meet their needs. No country has managed to achieve that goal. We are all consuming our capital and accounting it on the income side of the ledger. That is not sustainable. What is our capital? It's our resource base: air, water, soils, forests, rivers, oceans, minerals, scenic beauty, and biodiversity. Take that base away, and all that is left is a wasteland.

We have only one planet. Nothing could be more important that making sure it is a livable planet. Through community work, political activity, and lifestyle decisions, you have the power to save Earth.

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The Watershed Project

Cal State Professor Receives Prestigious Grant

by Danielle Stewart
Design Editor

A Cal State University, San Bernardino professor is the recipient of the competitive $10,000 NEA Grant, the National Endowment for the Arts grant.

Sunt Khalsa, photographer and CSUCB art professor, receives the grant with Chico photographer Geoff Fricker. They plan to use the grant to explore California's waterways and use their research in a touring art exhibition involving visual art, spoken word performance, and a public lecture series.

Photography, art, water, and the environment. What do these things have to do with one another? Well, they are the foundation for Khalsa and Fricker's exhibit, called watershed. It will be comprised of photographic and sculptural works studying human interaction with lakes, streams, and rivers. They plan to create an interactive art exhibit with the audience engaged in environmental issues through her work for more than 20 years. Her works can be seen in regional and national museums including the Center for Creative Photography in Tucson, AZ. The lecture series of this exhibit will tour sites in California and Nevada. It will begin in September at Cal State, Chico, then move on to Humboldt State University of Nevada, Reno and Cal State Fullerton.

Editor's note: Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, a former U.S. Senator, is Counselor of the Wilderness Society.
Ecocriticism: A New Approach to Studying Literature and Environment

By David Cade
Chronicle Staff Writer

"Much of literature is designed to bring about social change. But it's not often that literary criticism and scholarship has been intended to help bring about social change," said Daniel Patterson, professor of English at CSUSB.

ASLE, the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, is a world-wide academic society pioneering ecocriticism which looks into the relationship between human culture and nature. Members bring together their interests in environment, environmentalism and natural history and join them with the study of literature.

This growing movement of scholars has legitimized ecocriticism and made it possible to study nature writing texts in university courses as literature.

"A lot of the fun scholars have been having with this movement," Patterson said, "is the fact that we can go back and recover texts that haven't been read in a long, long time. Because they were nature writing (texts) and nobody in academia knew what to do with them, there was no place for it (in universities)."

Even publishers didn't recognize it as a distinct genre of literature. Patterson mentioned a writer by the name of Sarah Orne Jewett. Apparently, when she sent a story to a New York publisher, they rejected it because it had trees and birds in it.

That was in the 1890's, but Patterson said, "that kind of prejudice still exists...people for the most part are not interested in nature. Today we like TV. We like immediate gratification. We like cars and action adventure films."

This pop culture mentality doesn't discourage Patterson though. If anything, it reaffirms the urgency and importance of the work ASLE is doing.

Two-thousand members strong and growing, ASLE's ecocritical movement is rapidly building momentum. Now there are courses being taught all over the world in nature writing. Because the movement is interdisciplinary at its core, you might have a teacher in a biology or philosophy department, not just English, teaching a course in the nature writing of that region.

The end result is a curriculum in the nature writing that helps people study all the written representations of that particular place.

"It helps give people a sense of their place as a particular place," said Patterson, "which is a fundamental governing principle of ecocriticism. It is a social goal. Because if you get to know your place, you're much less likely to treat it with disrespect or to trash it."

New Major

Environmental Concentration to begin in Fall

By Karen Wesche
Chronicle Staff Writer

The management department has added an environmental concentration that will begin this fall. The program was inspired and developed by Dr. Elizabeth Ryland, along with many of her colleagues.

This is the first time that an environmental management program has been offered to undergraduates. If all goes well, a minor program will be added by Fall, 2000.

According to Dr. Ryland, career opportunities in this field are growing. "Environmental literacy is vital to the 21st century," she said. Companies are pressured by law and the public to use resources efficiently and rely less on non-renewable fuel sources. The concentration will emphasize these and other points.

Research Project

Relationship of hopeless people & environment

By Karen Wesche
Chronicle Staff Writer

CSUSB has provided a mini-grant to fund Dr. Ryland's current research project. She is exploring the relationship between a sense of hopelessness in people about the environment, and their unwillingness to act on environmental issues.

She feels that apathy may stem from the notion that an individual cannot make a significant impact. Ryland came to the United States from Europe on a Fulbright Scholarship. She attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she received her doctorate in organizational behavior. She has been teaching at CSUSB since 1986.

For more information, contact Professor Elisabeth Ryland, Department of Management, at (909) 880-5748 or Eryland@csusb.edu.

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Good Genes Make Good Teachers

Joan Fryxell & Geology

By Jill Dahlman
Chronicle Staff Writer

If intelligence runs in the family, the Fryxell family has proven that genetics play a huge role. With a mother who is an oceanographer, a father who is a botanist, one brother a chemist and another a geneticist, CSUSB's Dr. Joan Fryxell in the College of Natural Sciences had no choice but to excel. And she did that very well.

Fryxell received her B.A. in Geology from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, her Masters in Botany at the University of Texas at Austin and her Ph.D. in Geology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Her distinguished career includes having been a lecturer at Harvard University's department of Earth and Planetary Sciences in Structural Geology and Introductory Geology. While at Harvard, she studied and team-taught with Brian Wernicke, one of the foremost geologists in the country.

Fryxell’s Geology 101 course, a general education course, is a lesson not only in geology, but also in one person’s genuine love and affection for their subject matter. This attitude is contagious to students. As a student, we expect our instructors to be “top of the line,” knowledgeable in their field, and impart their knowledge to us in a clear, concise way.

Occasionally, we find an instructor who is willing to poke fun at themselves, make a class interesting and to take a subject we are intimidated by and make it understandable.

But it isn’t often that we have someone who does all of that, and still manages to find time to be a published author of ten refereed publications, eight articles, 15 abstracts, and five manuscripts in progress. (A refereed publication is one that has been submitted for peer-review and approved for publication. It is a very long, tedious process, often involving several years work from start to finish, together with major revisions.)

So why is Fryxell at CSUSB? She had three choices: work for a top rank research university, work for a major oil company (i.e., Exxon) or teach here. “I made the decision not to work at a top rank research university, because the people are not well balanced. You would have to be a modern maniac and devote your life to your field. Outside interests are not really possible. They expect all of your life (nights, weekends, etc.) to have a life, I like having a life. This precludes teaching for these types of universities,” Fryxell confided.

As for the Exxon option, a position that would have paid twice the salary she is currently earning, Fryxell said, “In their research lab, every person in the lab is a friend of mine—they are all nice people, first rate geologists, etc. It would be a fabulously enjoyable environment to work in—money to do projects, friends, benefits, etc., but...the geologists don’t get to do field work and very little work is publishable. Whatever I discovered, I wouldn’t be able to disseminate. It would remain as in-house reports for Exxon. I really strongly believe that your obligation in doing research is to share the knowledge. What is the point of learning it if you can’t share it?”

And as for CSUSB, Fryxell is happy: “Here, I have more opportunities for field work. Seeing it, putting the ideas together while I’m standing on the problem has a reality that looking at the seismic sections will never get. I enjoy teaching; I like sharing the ideas that I find exciting and stimulating with other people, and it’s especially satisfying when they catch fire about it and think it’s really cool,” said Fryxell. “I think the CSU system is a very important way to make a university education available to people that can’t move to the university, live in the dorm and be a full-time student. We have to go to the students, otherwise they couldn’t have a first-rate university education.”

Geology 101 is an introduction to physics, one of the general education requirements. It is also an area where some people are introduced to geology, and sometimes science for the very first time. “With people taking geology, they have the opportunity to connect with the idea that science is relevant, science is accessible and in particular geology plays a role in their lives,” said Fryxell. “Those are my objectives in 101. With geology majors, I can provide a solid, broad background that will stand them in good stead regardless of which direction they choose to apply their degree.”

One of Fryxell’s current projects includes serving on the steering committee of the Water Resources Institute. “The serious issues facing local water supplies are some of the reasons that CSUSB is developing a Water Resources Institute,” said Fryxell. “Its goals are to (1) provide a neutral, accessible data repository; (2) support academic programs that are water related; (3) provide opportunities for research on water-related issues. The term ‘hydrology’ usually refers to atmospheric and surface processes; ‘hydrogeology’ refers to what is underground. Most of the reserves in this basin (sub-surface reserves) need to be properly understood to be properly managed. We will need people who understand these processes to manage the system and preserve & use it efficiently. Geology as a field is becoming more and more applied. To address this need, we are developing a hydrogeology option within the geology degree program and are thinking ahead to expand other degree options.”

Why Study Geology? Because, she said, “Geology is relevant to humans. We depend on the planet we live on for our very survival: we are dependent on geological processes ultimately for the food we eat, for air, for water. In many places, especially California, geologic hazards are a factor for land use planning, insurance rates and many aspects of day-to-day life. ‘Our interaction with geology works both ways. It can affect us in every aspect of our everyday life and we can affect it. The most obvious example is the way human activities affect groundwater. We can use it up many times faster than it is replaced, we can contaminate it in a myriad of ways, i.e., leaking gas storage tanks at gas stations, industrial run-offs, leakage from landfills, etc. The very fact that we were ignorant of our impact on the processes has created the problem. In large part, understanding geology prevents these kinds of problems. It is always cheaper to prevent a problem than to fix it.”

The ultimate reason for loving, geology is because, “It’s fun! What other kind of job requires you to apply your mind to solving a major puzzle in 3D? When I’m out doing field work, I get to gain a more detailed knowledge and experience with entire mountain ranges than is possible in any other way,” said Fryxell.

“Sometimes I hate the weather, the gnats, or even the rocks, ... but sometimes it’s the best experience I could ever have.”

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RIVER AND STONE:
MODEL AFTER A MASTER (second in a series)

Derrick Edward Sergeant
Chronicle Staff Writer

The beaver had a small problem. When the good Lord created the living things that would inhabit this world, He made some animals to be very unique; he created an unusual breed of beast that can survive without any difficulty in a wide range of different environments. The beaver is one such animal. It can live on the land or survive in the water. It can roam the wide open spaces on its short, webbed feet, or it can use those same feet to swim through the waves. It is a beautiful, amazing, and intelligent animal. I say beautiful for with its beauty and water resistance that a dam determined, and builds a dam. This creature is intelligent enough to know how to build a structure in water that will be hollow and dry on the inside. In this way, the beaver can retreat into this lodge when dangerous predators are near and not have to fear being eaten alive. He is a master at building these water structures.

The people in San Bernardino County had a small problem. Especially those living near the Santa Ana flood plain. For years they had been forced to buy costly flood insurance because the area they lived in was described by not high enough to effectively stop floods from reaching over it's top. So, billions of dollars and lots of human effort have gone into raising this dam so that the threat of floods can be reduced. This is part of a massive project along the Santa Ana River that will dramatically lessen the chance of any flooding ever taking place again. It is truly an amazing feat of human engineering and ingenuity.

The Santa Ana River Woolly Star had a small problem. Making its home near the banks of the Santa Ana River, this sandy, flowering plant can grow up to thirty inches tall. It has wool colored, divided leaves and a slender, tubular flower that opens up brilliantly near the tip. This flower has a slightly lavender color. It lives for about five years, starting it's life as seeds in granular sand deposits that the Santa Ana River carries in it's waters and deposits on the shores of the woolly star's habitat.

But with the massive flood control project underway on the Santa Ana River, the flow of water has been reduced. The sand that this flower depends on is no longer reaching them. Without this sand, the seeds of the flower cannot grow. The species will be exterminated. But man will not be stopped by something as small as this.

Some 764 acres have been permanently set aside for exclusive use by this flower. And scientists will even bring the much-needed sand to the woolly star so that it can survive. The species has been dis

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Contributed by Jill Dahlman

Adapted from "Another Lesson in Life" (from the book "First Things First" by Stephen Covey)

One day an expert on time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget.

As this man stood in front of the group of high-powered over-achievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz.

Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?"

"Everyone in the class said, "Yes.""

Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks. Then he asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted.

"Good!" he replied.

He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel.

"Is this jar full?"

"No," the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good!"

Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

"One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all.

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By Paulie Kimball
Chronicle Staff Writer

One professor was giving a big test one day to his students. He handed out all of the tests and went back to his desk to wait.

Once the test was over the students all handed the tests back in.

The professor noticed that one of the students had attached a $100 bill to his test with a note saying "A dollar per point."

The next class the professor handed the tests back out. This student got back his test and $64 change.

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The Unseen Disability

By Carrie Anne Still
Chronicle Staff Writer

So, you think your eyes are bad? Start counting your blessings now, it's probably not as bad as you think. Thousands suffer from various kinds of retinal blindness in America, and end up with all or part of their vision seriously impaired or destroyed.

Macular Degeneration is one of those diseases, and Sam Romero is one of those people. The extremely sensitive macula is located in the center of the retina. It provides us with sight in the very center of our visual field. Sam Romero works in the Public Affairs office here at CSUSB. Among other things, he deals in media relations, writes for the Cal State Magazine, writes press releases, etc. Sam has Macular Degeneration.

The macula allows us to see fine details when we look at something. It is the sharp detailed vision necessary for reading, driving, recognizing faces and other close-up work. Macular Degeneration damages that central vision. Sam tried to help me understand a little of what it was like.

"When I look straight at something, I don't really see it," he said. "It's like when someone takes a picture with the flash on, the person getting their picture taken is blinded for a moment by the flash and they have that little spot there . . . This is kind of at those last stages just as the spot is disappearing. You can't see anything in that spot."

MD is more common in people over 60; however, some develop it as young as 40. There are some rare cases—like Sam's—when it is developed at a very young age. In his case, like many others, it was hereditary. "I first started noticing it when I was about 13 . . . it was several months before they actually diagnosed me as someone having Macular Degeneration." When they first started measuring his vision it was around 20/100 and since has progressed to about 20/450 (with corrective lenses) where it has stabilized for the most part.

The "good" news is that MD doesn't effect peripheral or side vision. Sam's peripheral vision is in effect, his main vision. When, for example, he talks to people he looks at them from the side. "It throws people off a lot of times, because they think I'm not paying attention." He laughed.

The cause of Macular Degeneration is unknown, and at this point it is not curable. The goal is to better or stabilize the condition. This can be done in different ways, from nutrition to laser surgery.

"I find the limitation more annoying than I do life-altering," Sam said. "I still play basketball, I still play volleyball, I still read. . . ." Macular Degeneration is potentially a very limiting disease. But some, like Sam Romero, just choose not to be limited. To live life to it's fullest in spite of it all.

For more information on Macular Degeneration you may contact the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

The Most Common Form of Blindness

By Ruben Aceves
Chronicle Staff Writer

What is it that everyone has, but doesn't always use? Better yet, takes for granted until you lose it? The answer is—your brain! The brain is perhaps the most fascinating conundrum to have puzzled both philosophers and scientists alike.

Of us should practice using it more often, yet no one is really sure how it works.

The real mystery about it is that as you try and figure out how it works, your brain is what you're using to decipher the mystery! Most of us take it for granted and often forget that it's even there, until you get one of those million-in-one Excedrin headaches. But I guarantee you, if you ever lost any portion of the use of your brain, you'll never neglect it again.

Closed Head Injuries (C.H.I.), Traumatic Brain Injuries (T.B.I.), and Acquired Brain Injuries (A.B.I.) are just a few of the labels given to the disabilities stemming from damage to the brain. Inclusive of any injury to the brain that a person is not born with or inherited. Acquired Brain Injuries can range from blows to the head during an automobile accident, to a stroke or heart attack restricting oxygen to the brain or to a simple fall on the old noggin while skateboarding. Nonetheless, any damage to the brain from an outside force/source can be detrimental.

I am a disabled student here at CSUSB. I became disabled in 1993, when I was struck by an 18-wheeler diesel gravel truck on the 605 freeway while driving a Toyota Corolla. To say the least, the accident was horrific, but I survived. Among a cascade of injuries, the worst was the damage to my brain.

Acquired Brain Injury.

The left hemisphere of my brain was severely damaged, as well as the frontal lobe in the sinus area. The damage to the left hemisphere left me without the ability to read, write or talk. Physically, my spinal cord was twisted out of its natural curve, my left shoulder was separated from the collar bone, and my left jaw was knocked out of socket. In essence I was a mess.

After rehabilitation and therapies of all kinds, I was allowed to go back to school. At the time of the accident I was a junior at Cal-State Long Beach. After the accident I had to take pre-baccalaureate classes and make up months of lost time. I was able to graduate in a year and a half. I'm now a full-time graduate student at CSUSB. My future endeavors are to pursue a Ph.D. in Health Science.
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ate classes to relearn how to read and write well, also to work my way back into freshmen level classes.

Today, I am at that freshmen level again. I never gave up, although many times I wanted to. This is the beginning of the rest of my life. I learned to appreciate the brain and body that God had given me.

ABI, CHI, and TBI are all interrelated symptoms of the same problem, but the most detrimental part of my experience were those times when I felt I couldn't handle my new life, the new Ruben. There is hope for anyone who must go through such trials and tribulations, as long as you do not lose heart.

Brain injuries are most elusive, many times categorized with epilepsy and other related seizure disorders, but that is only due to the lack of research done on the topic. They remain elusive simply because doctors and scientists do not yet fully understand the workings of the brain. They cannot fix what they don't understand.

These are some of the mysteries behind Traumatic Brain Injuries. That being said, take some time to say, "Hello" or "How are you?" to a disabled person. Or just offer some help to those you may come across. Don't worry we don't bite!

Health Fair

By Robin Johnson
Special to the Chronicle

The ASI Health & Safety Chair in accordance with CSUSB Student Health and Counseling Center, MAPS, Nutrition Students, and Kinesiology Students are proud to present the Student Health Fair '99. The Fair will take place on April 28th in the Events Center and quad area from 10am to 3pm. Please wear comfy clothes and shoes for there will be a power aerobics instructor on campus that day teaching a step class. Other entertainment will be line dancing and Hip Hop music.

The CSUSB student's health fair has been in existence for five years. The whole event started when 5,000 measles shots needed to be dispensed. But since, much more has happened. In the past there have been booths sponsored by the local Police and Fire Departments. There also has been TB and glucose screening's. Additionally, the nutritional students have provided recommendations for healthy diet.

This year the nutrition students are planning to hand-out special healthy menu's to students. Admiral Richard B. Yarnell, commanding officer of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, has agreed to give the students the chance to prove themselves capable of being a leader.
Coyotes Sweep Cal State Los Angeles

By Richard Contreras
Sports Editor

CSUSB beat Cal State Los Angeles 9-5 Sunday April 18 to complete a home and home series sweep over the weekend.
The Coyotes (15-17, 22-20, overall) moved within two and a half games of a post-season playoff spot.
Freshman pitcher Eric Hulfert went the distance striking out four while allowing five runs, all earned.
The Coyotes struck early using a three run second and a four run third to overwhelm CSLA.
Senior catcher Adam Dick went 3-4 and Senior shortstop Todd Rasmussen drove in three runs.
The top four teams out of the CCAA will advance to the baseball championships to be held at Chico May 6-8.
Cal State San Bernardino is in a favorable position because conference-leading Grand Canyon is not eligible to compete in the tourney this year.
CSUSB has eight games left in the regular season to determine their post-season fate.
They will play a final home series this weekend against San Francisco State at Fiscilini Field.

CSUSB Wins Two at Bakersfield Tournament

By Richard Contreras
Sports Editor

The Coyotes lost to UCR 2-1 to cap off play at the Mountain Dew Classic held at Cal State Bakersfield last weekend.
CSUSB did triumph over Cal State Bakersfield and Cal State Dominguez Hills 5-2 and 4-2 respectively before bowing out and failing to place in the non-conference tournament.
Cal State continues to maintain its third-place position in the CCAA, and keeping its hopes alive for a post-season berth.
The Coyotes face tough back-to-back doubleheaders on the road this weekend against Cal State Bakersfield and Cal State Dominguez Hills before returning home next Friday to face San Francisco State.

Eating Right

Percentage of Californians Who Eat Healthy Foods

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Results
For Week of April 12-18

Baseball:
- 4-15 @ CSLA W, 14-10
- 4-15 CSLA W, 4-2(7)
- 4-17 @ CSLA W, 5-4
- 4-17 @ CSLA W, 9-2(7)

Softball:
- 4-14 Hawaii-Hilo L, 7-5
- 4-14 Hawaii-Hilo L, 6-2

(Wakersfield Tourney):
- 4-16 CS Bakersfield W, 5-2
- 4-16 CSD Hills W, 4-2
- 4-17 Hawaii-Pac. L, 2-0
- 4-17 Chico State L, 2-0
- 4-18 UC Riv. L, 2-1

Women's Tennis:
- 4-15 @ UC Riv. n/a
- 4-16 @ Chapman n/a
- 4-17 @ CSD Hills. n/a

Golf:
(no matches scheduled)

W. Water Polo:
(no matches scheduled)

Ccaa Standings
Games as of April 18

Baseball
- Grand Canyon* 28 7 .800 --- 35 14
- Chico State 22 9 .710 4.0 32 12
- Sonoma State 16 11 .593 8.0 30 19
- UC Davis 17 14 .548 10.0 27 17
- UC Riverside 17 14 .548 10.0 23 17
- Cal Poly Pomona 16 16 .500 11.5 21 19
- CS San Bernardino 15 17 .469 12.5 22 20
- CS Los Angeles 11 20 .355 16.0 12 28
- San Francisco St. 10 19 .345 16.0 17 27
- CS Stanislaus 10 22 .313 17.5 19 27
- CS Dominguez Hills 8 21 .276 18.5 15 28
* ineligible for 1999 CCAA championship

Games as of April 18

Softball
- UC Davis 22 4 .846 --- 36 9
- CS Bakersfield 17 5 .750 3.0 29 15
- CS San Bernardino 11 9 .550 7.0 19 25
- CS Stanislaus 12 12 .500 8.0 24 23
- Chico State 12 13 .480 7.5 15 20
- UC Riverside 9 10 .474 8.5 18 26
- Sonoma State 7 8 .467 8.5 13 21
- San Francisco St. 2 14 .125 13.0 6 33
- CS Dominguez Hills 2 18 .100 15.0 7 30

Schedules

Baseball
- SF State 7:00 PM
- SF State 12:00 PM (DH)
- SF State 1:00 PM
- @ Asuza-Paci. 5:00 PM

Softball
- @ Cal State Bakersfield (DH) 1:30 PM
- @ Cal State Dom. Hills (DH) 12:00 P

Men's Golf
- @ Cal State Sanedius
- @ Cal State Stanislaus
- @ Cal State CCAA Cham
- @ Cal State CCAA Cham

Women's Tennis
- @ Ojai Tournament TBA
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Women's Water Polo
- No matches scheduled

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placed by man, but at least man is trying to make up for the displacement. They have made a wholly star reservation of sorts.

Everyone in Southern California had a problem.

This place is notorious for droughts. Nearly all the water used here has to be either imported or pumped up from the ground. And that has given rise to major complications.

Groundwater comes from rain and other forms of precipitation that has trickled through the ground until coming to rest in an area where it can no longer trickle down.

Over the years, if left undisturbed, this water can build up to quite high levels, the top of which is called the water table. On average, the groundwater in most areas rises about four inches per year. But in very dry areas, such as Southern California, the water is pumped at a rate of ten feet per year! Obviously, something is out of balance. However, man will not be made to give up because of something like this.

Dams are built on nearly ever available river and the water is brought from that area to this one. Indeed, in the 1930's, many water districts and even Congress considered it a colossal waste of a vast amount of potential water resources to have any Western river flow uninterrupted to the sea. Whether needed or not, there must be a dam of some sort built on it. This is a concept that has endured, to a certain degree, even to our modern times. In this way, the potential problem of using up one water resource is eliminated by tapping into another.

Why does man do all of these things? In order to eliminate the threat of flooding, we build dams to hold back the water. But in holding back this water, we also hold back the sand that another species needs in order to survive. If those flowers were sentient, that might be called genocide. In order to have enough water, we build dams on rivers far away, a

The huge pump house whose 12 pumps can move 1,400 gallons of water per second, looms over the 34 acre forebay, which served as a 163 million gallon pool to hold water to be later pumped into the reservoir. Photo by Carrie Anne Still.

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Stoner also talked about the EXPO and Earth Day.

EXPO has received numerous awards such as from Keep America Beautiful. This years EXPO will receive a proclamation from the City of San Bernardino. EXPO is one of the largest environmental fairs and Earth day activities nationally. Cal State San Bernardino has become known for it's environmental commitment because of the environmental EXPO. EXPO is free because of it's sponsors such as CSUSB, San Bernardino County Sun, County Of San Bernardino Waste System Division Norcal/San Bernardino, Inc. California Department of Education, South Coast AQMD, just to name a few as well as Volunteers who are mostly high school students. There are 30 member of the planning committee which is made up of alumni, students, faculty, staff and the community. Over 150 Volunteers will be helping the day of the event. This years EXPO will be great fun for kids and adults and all are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Stoner also included this comment in her interview.

Earth Day gives us all a chance to address environmental challenges that are vast and woven into the entire fabric of our life. To Solve them we need a shift in our way of thinking and doing things. This is what I call developing an environmental consciousness. We must not be afraid of dreaming of the possibilities for a sustainable lifestyle that is compatible with all life on earth. A Healthy Economy goes hand-in-hand with a health environment. Along with this, we must be willing to dedicate some of our time to making these dreams possible. This dedication can be through the job we chose and/or our volunteer efforts. Some of today's visionaries will be tomorrow's leaders. We have an urgent need for a unified effort by all of us. If anyone is left out they are endangering both themselves, and society.

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Either way, both views are unnecessary. Both terms are labels based on language. Hispanic in English, Latino in Spanish, Latino, Italian, etc. There should and must be a reconciling of this difference among our people. We have enough struggles in life, why add to division over terms that very few seem to recognize the insignificance of? We are the Hispanics, Latinos, Mestizos, etc, why allow a label to cause division and to change our fortune? The lesson for this week, don't be deceived by the hype! Somos uno, somos familia! We are one people, we are family! Until next time... Dios lo venga! God bless you!

If you want to share some of your own stories of your mixed family legacy, contact Ruben Añez at chicano@pe.net
## Events Calendar

### Thursday, 22
- **COUNSELOR’S DAY**  
  *General Meeting*  
  Sponsored by Admissions  
  9 A.M. - 12 noon  
  Event Center  
  X5253

- **STUDENT UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
  10 A.M.  
  Student Union Board Room

- **FRIENDS OF BILL W. & DR. BOB**  
  12 noon - 1 P.M.  
  Student Union Board Room

- **AFRIKAN STUDENT ALLIANCE MEETINGS**  
  2 P.M.  
  Cross Cultural Center  
  X7204

- **OPRAH AFTERNOONS**  
  3 - 4 P.M.  
  Women’s Resource Center  
  X7203

### Saturday, 24
- **HEARTS AND MINDS DIVERSITY CONFERENCE**  
  Conference sponsored by Extended Education  
  9 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
  Event Center  
  X5975

### Monday, 26
- **PALS MEETING**  
  2:30 - 4 P.M.  
  Student Union Board Room

- **OPRAH AFTERNOONS**  
  3 - 4 P.M.  
  Women’s Resource Center  
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### Friday, 23
- **HEARTS AND MINDS DIVERSITY CONFERENCE**  
  Conference sponsored by Extended Education  
  9 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
  Event Center  
  X5975

### Sunday, April 25th, 1999
- **The Ramona Pageant**  
  Hemet, California

- **FRIENDS OF BILL W. & DR. BOB**  
  4 - 5 P.M.  
  Student Union Board Room

### Tuesday, 27
- **ASI FINANCE BOARD MEETING**  
  10 A.M. - 12 noon  
  Student Union Board Room

- **ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
  Open Meeting  
  12 noon - 2 P.M.  
  Student Union Board Room

- **OPRAH AFTERNOONS**  
  3 - 4 P.M.  
  Women’s Resource Center  
  X7203

- **MAPS MEETINGS**  
  12 noon - 1 P.M.  
  Student Union Board Room

### Wednesday, 28
- **HEALTH FAIR ‘99**  
  Speaker/Lecture  
  Sponsored by Health Center  
  9 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
  Event Center

- **OPRAH AFTERNOONS**  
  3 - 4 P.M.  
  Women’s Resource Center  
  X7203

### Thursday, 29
- **FRIENDS OF BILL W. & DR. BOB**  
  12 noon - 1 P.M.  
  Student Union Board Room  
  X5253

### April 22 - 29
- **FUN FLICKS**  
  Club Meeting  
  Sponsored by Student Union Program Board  
  10 A.M. - 4 P.M.  
  Fire Place Lounge

- **GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL STUDENT UNION MEETINGS**  
  6 - 8 P.M.  
  Women’s Resource Center  
  X7203

## Student Union Corner

### To place an event in the Calendar,
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"...centrate more on their majors."

The professors teaching in these departments usually emphasize their issues to students not familiar with the topic. Sometimes the assigned workloads are very heavy and the tests are too comprehensive. Some of these classes require more responsibility than mandatory courses for the major. The amount of work involved in this requirement should be limited, and instructors should follow the same curriculum when teaching them.

The information learned is not new to us. We have been learning about humanities, social and natural sciences since we began school, familiarizing us with these areas thoroughly by now. They think we do not comprehend concepts the first time, so they force it into our heads until we don’t care anymore, causing our grades and GPA to suffer miserably.

The average student knows the basics. We should be freed from the heavy loads and the useless information these Capstones require us to learn. Don’t they think we have enough to learn already? Rather than focusing on a specific goal, the distraction confuses the mind. Students should be focused only on their majors and what they want to do with that. How am I going to use natural science in my journalism career? How is a math major going to use humanities on his or her calculations? These are the questions that make me ask: Capstones, do we need them?"
some new romance so keep your part of what's happening to you, this week. Everyone wants to be a eyes and ears open. This special abuse it. There's a possibility for someone will add spice in your Trumpeting your own life.

Stress from work is piling by the to promote yourself. Like callous disregard. Virtues may sound a lot thing by being more subtle. In fact, minute, but you won't lose any­

quick to believe in you. You may be rewarded with more

like an agenda, but associates are paid off. Your wish list looks a lot self busy with work and studies.

Quick! Gas masks up!

Almost there... Almost there!

Look out, Fred! We're approaching the cancer zone! Yikes!

How did you do on that quiz?

Dunno, Rob...

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