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Students struggle to put their education first

BY SHANNON WALTER
Coyote Contributor

The California State University system is raising tuition by 9.1 percent for the 2012–2013 school year, increasing the amount that we pay every quarter.

Tuition has skyrocketed in the past decade and the new increase marks an extra $498 for students next year. It makes it hard for a lot of students to even think about coming to school because the amount of units that we can take is now capped at 17 beginning Fall 2012.

Last academic year’s limit was at 21.5, which made it easier when you have to worry about some classes being canceled and you have to rack your brain trying to figure out what you should write for the grad issue. That revelation was that I actually am good for CSUSB.

CSUSB gets a lot of slack for being a commuter campus or “accepting anyone,” but year after year I read about national honors or recognitions that CSUSB receives. Despite the feel of a “real” college, the programs offered are pretty legit.

I can’t imagine any other school offering me the opportunities that CSUSB has. I’m a part of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), have worked marketing at the Rec Center for this school year, interned at Coyote Advertising where I was given a free trip to tour one of the largest ad agencies in the world (Chiat/Day) and of course, am an editor for the Coyote Chronicle.

That last one is my favorite. Imagine going to a larger school—would those opportunities still be available? Would you have had the chance to build relationships with your professors? I was able to gain a lot of knowledge, experience and friends because I came here.

I’ve come in contact with some amazing people—like my Comm. professors who have done something other than teach. Through that I can honestly say that I can apply their teachings to real life situations.

Thanks to CSUSB, I have some great memories to reflect on. I’ll never forget the people that I’ve come into contact with in my Comm. classes, the friends I made working at the Rec Center and all those long nights spent in the Chronicle office playing the best friends game or going on rants.

Although students are frustrated with the problems they may have to face financially, the harsh reality of the increase is “you can’t cut a price on education” says graduating senior Stefany Zacarias.

The uproot among students however, is they might have to put more money into buying books and other school supplies because of the high cost of tuition and less financial aid will be disbursed to students.

Students will have to work harder, not smarter, to make sure that they are able to pay for the necessities that a college degree entails. Which gives them less time to study and more time working for a little extra cash just to get by.

On top of all of that is the raise in the annual percentage rate of student loans. Along with worrying about how their financial aid will be disbursed, students have to worry about how they will pay for their loans upon graduating from CSUSB.

This on top of registering for classes for Fall 2012 and making sure they meet the 17-unit max seems to be the main topic of discussion in the student union.

With this huge pressure looming overhead, many students are finding themselves to juggle their teeth and bear it, looking for some sort of positive outlook on it all.

“No one can take your education away, it’s yours, you worked hard for it and it will hopefully get you a good paying job in the end to help pay back what you loaned out,” says freshman Gianna McCoy.

Students try to find the light in the darkness due to the tuition hikes that will take place in the upcoming Fall Quarter.

“Before they raise tuition they should let us know where the money is going and let us vote on what they raise and let us know just what we are paying for. Instead of just sending us an e-mail and letting us know a couple months after they already made the decision,” says senior Melissa Moreno.

The big conversation among students isn’t about what they did this past weekend or what their future plans for the summer are; it’s more of how they feel about coming back to school in the fall and whether or not they think that it’s worth the time and money.

With graduation right around the corner, students are constantly talking about what their futures at CSUSB hold.
Vanessa Brodeur

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Finding hope and herself at CSUSB

BY ANDREA BRANDSTETTER
Coyote Contributor

Not too long ago I thought I would never finish college. Like many young hopefuls, I graduated from high school with all of these dreams for my future. I planned to attend UCR, major in psychology, graduate in four years and make new friends while keeping in touch with old ones.

Well, you know what happens when you’re busy making plans. One word. Life. I did attend UCR for a year as an undeclared major but transferred soon later. As for the rest of my dreams? They went up in smoke.

Old friends left and I forgot about making new ones. Instead of moving forward with my life I mourned for what I had lost.

Before long I was in an emotional academic wasteland and all I wanted to do was stop. So, in 2007 I took a two year break from school and wanted to find myself but continued to flounder. Thankfully after a period of reflection and prayer I came back, this time to CSUSB.

It was here that I decided to major in mass communication and write for the Coyote Chronicle. I always knew that I

By Alex Hedstrom
Coyote Contributor

For my graduate school, I chose The Ohio State University, in Columbus. They offered me a chance to study with some of the most interesting, and I’d ever met, in a city far away from home.

Not only will I be progressing my academic career, but I’ll be studying amongst the top in my field. How could someone say no to the proposition of being able to study with those who your kids will be reading about in their textbooks? Either way, I chose Ohio State because their research piqued my curiosity.

My field of study was initially applied physics, then it became film production and theory, then critical and cultural studies, and now its going to become communication research involving quantum statistics.

In a way it has become a full circle, but in reality, I’ll be staring down an entirely new beast. They claimed to have been interested in me, particularly Dr. Zheng Joyce Wang, because of my background in Physics, though I’d like to think it was my irresistible charm and enduring sense of humor.

After school, I hope to take my Master’s degree, or Ph.D, whichever I end up with, schlep back to Hollywood and make it as a cinematographer, or something like that—whatever I know, I don’t.

If I’m able to look back in 10 years and smile, I’ll be happy. In the mean time, I’m going to party like there is no tomorrow and study like I don’t realize there is a world outside, because what else is grad school good for?

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And finally, don’t be scared to let go of the past and make new dreams.
Unlike the average college student, my journey was anything but ordinary because it took me nine years to finally say, “I am graduating from a university.”

I started off at Arizona State University, a school big enough to follow any interest, and I loved it.

I was pursuing my passion in my second year of school by working on sets for commercials and independent films.

I rocked Arizona by playing a role in an independent feature film, which claimed my fame on imdb.com.

This is the part where the TV blurs and goes “SCHHH.”

My friends have always said, I have a gypsy’s soul because I can never stay in one place for too long.

After taking a “sabbatical...” from classes, I moved to Chicago with my best friend Stacy.

I don’t even remember shutting a darn thing off. I may have left with the vacuum cleaner running, but it did not matter, I was eager to explore.

But the winters took a toll on me, so I headed to Los Angeles.

After leaving Millennium Dance Studio one evening, it hit me.

Not only was I not a good hip-hop dancer but the competition in cities like L.A. are stiff.

Although I was at the studio for fun, I realized that your social capital will only get you so far, but if you want to be on top you need to push yourself and really know your stuff.

It had reminded me of a quote Thomas Wolfe wrote, “A young man is so strong, so mad, so certain, and so lost. He has everything and he is able to use nothing.”

A week later I hopped on a plane back to Chicago and tried to figure it all out.

Well as we know, that is impossible.

I enrolled in school and told myself I need to have a degree before I step into the lions den again.

Although a few survive without proper schooling, I was not going to attempt that feat again.

For a while I was beating myself up for not having attained my degree in four years like the rest of my friends.

But when talking to my friend Jeff, who was a modern day drifter like myself, we came to a realization that life is not a destination, it’s a journey. I learned to accept and appreciate my journey.

I know firsthand that you can learn anything you want in life by actually doing it as well as reading the books.

I gained more life lessons that I need, and have overcrowded my schema of experiences.

I came to CSUSB with an immense thirst for knowledge and to conquer a goal.

I found that school was more interesting and easier as you get older.

I love this place, I have learned so much from Dr. C. Rod Metts and Professor Jim Smart. Both are very talented and a real asset to this university.

Thomas Wolfe once said, “you can never go home again,” but I did, and I am glad I found my way.
THE END
OF AN ERA

The Coyote Chronicle celebrates
President Dr. Albert K. Karnig and
his 15 years leading CSUSB

By ALEJANDRA ARANA
Staff Writer

After 15 years as CSUSB’s President, Dr. Albert K. Karnig will complete his last commencement on June 16 in the Coussoulis Arena.

In light of increasing tuition costs, Dr. Karnig and his wife donated $50,000 towards the CSUSB President’s Academic Excellence Scholarship program during a honorary gala on May 12.

With the help of another $50,000 raised by the community, Dr. Karnig has pledged to match that by donating another $50,000, possibly ensuring that they will exceed the program’s goal of $400,000.

“Scholarships have always played a crucial role in attracting and helping students. But in the wake of massive government spending cuts to higher education, the need for scholarships has never been greater,” said Dr. Karnig at the event.

CSUSB’s third president, Dr. Karnig has broken records when it comes to enrollment and student retention.

“Improvement from 75 percent to 89.1 percent overall for first-to-second year retention—now third best among the 23 CSU campuses; highest or second highest African-American and Latino retention rates among CSU campuses,” stated the CSUSB website.

Dr. Karnig has said in talks at multiple diversity events held on campus that he is very proud of the amount of diversity this campus has and is impressed with the students that attend.

Student Raul Martinez said, “15 years have passed and CSUSB has grown as a university, as a community and as a place where students feel comfortable to be a apart of what Dr. Karnig has worked very hard to do.”

Dr. Karnig has also received numerous awards throughout his years at CSUSB, some include the Excellence in Education Award, from Inland Empire Young Visionaries (2012) and Educator of the Year Award from the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, (2012, 2007).

Although 15 years have gone by, what this university gained from having Dr. Karnig as president will continue to have a positive effect on the students, faculty and staff.

Goodbye Dr. Karnig, the Chronicle wishes you well.
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I have been accepted and appreciated for who I am.

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By ANGELINA GARIBAY  
Staff Writer

Two years ago I applied to CSUSB to earn my bachelor’s degree in communication.

I was a transfer student from Victor Valley Community College (VVC) and I transferred there from Rio Hondo Community College (RHCC).

I did mention that the RHCC transfer was from over 30 years ago?

That’s right, I am what you might call a gray-haired granny. Well, no gray hair, there’s a box of magic for that, but I am a grandmother to 11 beautiful, adorable and smart children.

My first days on the CSUSB campus were a bit hard. At VVC there seemed to be a larger population of older folks.

After all, we had things in common and I am always looking for an excuse to talk—okay, brag about my grand kids.

Here at CSUSB, everyone is so young. Most of the kids are younger than my own children. I felt totally out of my element.

But I discovered a wonderful truth, friends are waiting to be made at any age. And I have made many friends over my two years here.

Although I might have perceived myself as being too old to relate to younger students, the students didn’t feel that way.

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Now it’s time to walk up the aisle and pick up that prized diploma and wave goodbye to a chapter of my life.

You might be asking yourself what’s happening in my next chapter.

What am I going to do with my major in human communication and minor in public relations?

Those precious grandchildren have been waiting patiently for Nana to have more time for them. They have heard the homework excuse for two years.

Tea parties, driveway chalk drawings, dancing in the sprinklers, painting pictures and shopping for clothes and toys are at the top of their list for me.

My husband, Alex, has been impatiently waiting to take me on a road trip.

On my to do list is a glut of reading on my new Kindle Fire, teaching a quilt class, traveling around to visit relatives and friends, and trying to find neglected friends to shop and lunch with.

For my career aspirations, I am looking into some public relations opportunities with non-profits.

I need to beef up my resume as I’m pretty sure tea parties in the treehouse and chalk drawing on the driveway won’t add up to much.

On June 17, I will be dancing onto the stage with many of my new found friends to pick up our diplomas. Life is sweet.
It was intimidating transferring from a community college to a four year university, but I have learned so many valuable things, both in the classroom, as well as about myself.

When I first stepped onto this huge campus, I had some doubts. Would I be able to cut it at the university level? Would I be able to cut it at the huge campus, I had some doubts.

Success is measured by effort, which is something that I have always shown, giving maximum effort in all of my classes throughout my entire academic career. What really struck me upon reaching the end of my college career is that I have what it takes to be successful.

What I have learned most about myself from an educational and career standpoint is that my passion and talent is in writing. I have a God-given gift to write. I like to write essays, but I love to write about sports.

My favorite learning experience here at CSUSB was covering sports events and writing on them for the Coyote Chronicle. I proved to myself that I have what it takes to become a full-time sports journalist. I am able to conduct good interviews, and get good quotes from the players and head coaches of the respective Coyote athletic sports teams that I covered.

I am able to write a story that sports enthusiasts want to read, as I know how to incorporate the quotes I got from the players and head coach in a way that keeps the readers engaged and eager to read on.

I loved getting the opportunity to intern as the assistant sports editor for the Coyote Chronicle this spring. This university helped me to grow into the writer I need to be in order to flourish as a sports journalist in the real world. I am forever grateful to Professor Jim Smart and this university for helping me grow.

While my journey is now complete at CSUSB, I know that there is so much I will take from this university and use in order to reach my future goals. I also know that there is still plenty for me to learn.

This university has shown me that no matter what you have accomplished and done in your life, learning never stops. You can learn something new every single day.

I began my college career as an 18-year-old teenager, and I am graduating as a 23-year-old man.
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** Achievements in the outfield **

By J. LEVI BURNFIN Coyote Contributor

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** I love college **

By BECCA BENFIELD Coyote Contributor

Standing up to walk across the stage at the Croussoulis Arena means something different for each student.

For some, it is a way to bring their family pride. For others, it brings deep relief to their pockets; they can finally make it.

For me the “party” is still alive. Yes, today I walk across the stage thinking the college party is not quite over.

I had no direction on where to go after graduating, I took on the challenge for me was to prove to myself that I can be successful in our current environment, where class sizes are constantly increasing and harder to get into and tuition and fees has cleaned out my wallet. But I have done it and I now believe I can virtually do anything I set my mind on.

For me personally, that’s on top of taking on becoming a wife and soon a mother. Our window of opportunity is so small; we have to take advantage of it while we can. And as I sit back and think about the day I started college, I was fresh meat, straight out of high school and didn’t necessarily seize those opportunities.

So as Dr. Karnig speaks for his last time president at CSUSB, we celebrate the gift we have earned: the right to shake his hand in the middle of that stage and boast of our accomplishment.

We can celebrate the amazing things we have done and are going to do for our future. And tomorrow, when the party is over, I will begin to sing Asher Roih’s tune, “Man, I love college…”

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Blood, sweat and baseball. Those three little words basically de-
scribe my life a year after graduating from
CSUSB.

I now live in Visalia, California, located
in the Central Valley of California about 40
minutes south of Fresno. I work for the Visalia Rawhide, a Mi-
nor League Baseball team affiliated with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

After graduating in June of 2011, I was
excited and scared at the same time of
where I would end up and where I would
work.

I knew I wanted to work in sports, pri-
marily in baseball.

After the summer I landed a job with the
Rawhide and have not stopped work-
ing since.

Just because there is no baseball from
November through March, doesn’t mean
there is no work to get done.

I moved up to Visalia in October to work
in the front office as the Groups and
Events Coordinator and Hispanic Market-
ing Coordinator.

In Minor League baseball we do many
jobs like sales calls, presentations, commu-
nity appearances, bartending, the mascot,
groundskeeping, taking videos, working
social media, wedding planning, day wed-
ding planning, because of a promotion that
the ball club does every year and so much
during planning, because of a promotion that
the ball club does every year and so much
more.

At least I can put all these on a resume
at the end of the year.

During the offseason it is up to the
front office to get sponsorship and sell sea-
son tickets for the ball club. Many teams
actually rely on sponsorship just to make a
profit at the end of the year.

While in the offseason it is normal
8 a.m.-5 p.m. work days, but during
the regular season it is an entirely different
story.

When the team is at home our sched-
ule is usually from 8 a.m. until about an
hour after the game ends, which is about 11
p.m. to midnight.

After a seven-game homestand we are
working about over 100 hours a week and
most of us are worn out.

The long hours aren’t bad because in
college I would work two jobs and go to
school.

Everyone might be thinking that this
isn’t too bad for money because I am rack-
ing up a ton of hours. Wrong.

Obviously, I am not doing it for the
money, I am getting paid with experience.

Just like the ball players moving up to
the big leagues, that is exactly what I am
trying to do. And I will get there.

I just have to put in some years and
make some great contacts, which I already
have in my short time.

All in all, I love my job and the people
I work with. Most people have “a case of
the Mondays,” while I get to go to the ball-
park.

By JESUS ROMERO
Coyote Contributor

I thought that I’d have
everything together by
now, at least the small
stuff, like my life. But, alas I don’t. The year after gradu-
ation was one of the toughest
of my life thus far, and it hasn’t
slowed down.

This isn’t your Cinderella story. I didn’t get a glass slip-
per and I’m far from living in a
mansion with Prince Charming. At any rate, I am on my way
to fulfilling my dreams and each day I’m getting closer.

I was a naïve graduate. I
thought with a bachelor’s degree
in communications how could I
NOT find a job.

I couldn’t have been more
wrong.

Two weeks after graduation
and I still couldn’t find an intern-
ship, not even an unpaid one. I
was confused; I didn’t know what
to do or where to go. I just kept
hoping and praying somebody
would give me a chance.

Finally, after a month of
searching, I got an e-mail from
Bryant Fairley with Service
Learning and Community Part-
nerships at CSUSB. He had an
internship opportunity for me
working at the Humane Society
of San Bernardino. It seemed like
my luck was starting to change.

A couple of months later I found
myself interning in downtown
Los Angeles.

Then in February of this year,
I was accepted into an internship
program in Seattle, Wash.

Two weeks after I found out,
I road tripped from California to
Washington. I packed my tiny car
with only my essentials; clothes,
shoes and of course my Harry
Potter collection.

Saying goodbye to my fam-
ily, and if I remember correctly,
one friend, was difficult. I had
never been to Washington and
I didn’t know a soul. It was in-
timidating.

Not to mention I had
lied about my internship and told
people it was a job offer.

My internship experience
was truly amazing. I was able
to really immerse myself in the
world of public relations and I
found different areas of interest.

At the end of the internship my
risk paid off and I was offered a
position as an Account Coordina-
or.

It took me a year to find a
full-time job. It’s not easy. You
have to make sacrifices, but my
journey has allowed me to meet
so many different people many of
which I still keep in touch with.

I’ve met CEOs, fellow interns,

I’ve worked with senior vice
presidents of agencies and each
day I learn something new.

I can’t say that I’m not still
homesick. Every day I miss Cali-
ifornia and everyone close to me.

I haven’t made friends outside of
work just yet because I’m such an
introvert. What I can say though,
is that I love my job.

I learned that you have to take
risks in life if you want to make
tings happen. You have to be-
lieve in yourself and you have to
take everything as a learning op-
portunity and know that it’s okay
to make mistakes and it’s okay to
try new things. That’s how you
figure out what you want.

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