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CSUSB
Storm pounds campus

by Steven Jennings
Chronicle photography director

University officials scrambled to combat the widespread flooding that occurred on campus Wednesday during the second of three powerful winter rain storms. The flooding disrupted normal operations in the campus' newest building. The deluge frustrated students in University Hall, jeopardized valuable electronic equipment, and forced physical plant personnel to work overtime.

According to Paul Frazier of the Custodial Services office, problems occurred in U Hall once the heaviest of the day's rains began coming down.

"University Hall is equipped with sump pumps to clear out rainwater through the storm drains," Frazier said. "The pumps became overloaded and then the circuits blew, shutting down the whole system."

He said the overload then triggered the building's automated emergency system.

"The emergency flood alarm sounded and because of it Custodial Services was able to control the flooding within 10 to 15 minutes," he said.

By two o'clock Wednesday afternoon a section of the downstairs corridor in U Hall was cordoned off and a detour was made through a computer classroom.

Frank Slaton oversees the computer facilities in the building's lower level and pedestrian traffic was directed through his make-shift office. Slaton was forced to pick up his high-tech equipment, including robots and newly purchased computers, and move them to higher ground.

Slaton did not feel the situation was too serious.

"I had to unplug and move the equipment, but I would say this is a disruption, not a disaster," he said.

Across the hall from Slaton, Communication Department administrators scrambled to remove computers from room number 33, The Chronicle production room. Water began seeping underneath the room's baseboards around one o'clock and reached a depth of a quarter inch of standing water by four o'clock.

Newspaper production was then conducted Wednesday night in The Chronicle's upstairs office, once the computers were on-line.

"We moved production of the paper upstairs to our business office," said Charlene Hurley, editor in chief. "Fortunately, we have a dedicated staff that overcame the afternoon's setback and struggled to get a special edition of the paper out, despite the adverse working conditions."

Vice President for Administration and Finance David De Mauro said the problems created by the rains in U Hall were not surprising, based upon his previous experience.

"There are always some problems when you commission a new building," he said. "Once these problems are discovered they can be investigated and handled accordingly."

De Mauro said U Hall was experienced flooding because of the type of building it is.

"U Hall is a below grade structure, that means it's built below the ground level," he said.

Behind the library, between the Physical Sciences building and the temporary classrooms, a large pool of standing water collected. Associate Director of the Physical Plant Jim Hansen supervised the draining of the water with two pumps.

"The amount of water we received in such a short amount of time exceeded the capacity of the drains," he said. "We will be observing the draining of this area until the evening hours."

On the other side of campus, water caused a few moments of havoc in the campus' bookstore. Water collected in the store's outdoor unloading bay to a depth of one foot.

Bookstore workers were then confronted with a deluge of water on the inside which covered the storeroom floors with two inches of water. The flood endangered the bookstores display computers and soaked numerous boxes of inventories.

Employees called the physical plant and advised them of their situation, asking for assistance.

"It took them 20 minutes to respond," according to a bookstore employee. "Apparently, they had to make the sandbags right then; they did not have any prepared."

When physical plant workers arrived they sandbagged strategic areas around the bookstore after they cleaned out the clogged storm drains.

Forecasters are predicting the largest of this series of storms to hit the area tomorrow.

The Chronicle
Students plan protest of fee hikes

by Stacy McClendon
Chronicle Managing Editor

Students concerned about the proposed 40 percent fee increase for Cal State system students have called a CSUSB rally for Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Pub. The rally is scheduled to run through the afternoon.

CSUSB students and California State Student Association officials will speak and those attending will be invited to write postcards to state legislators voicing their opinions. These postcards will be hand-delivered by Associated Students, Inc. members who are going to Sacramento to lobby against the fee increase on Feb. 22-24.

Last year, the trustees voted to raise the fees by 20 percent with the guarantee that this year, the fees would be rolled back by 10 percent. Rather than following through with the decrease, the trustees voted in January to raise the fees by 40 percent.

According to the CSSA, state law requires that CSU fees drop by 10 percent this year to remove the 1991-92 surcharge. However, Gov. Pete Wilson has proposed that the CSU Board of Trustees raise fees by 50 percent, which is the maintenance of the 10 percent surcharge and an additional 40 percent increase, to close the $130 million budget gap.

This is a clear violation of the Metty act, said Cal State, San Bernardino's CSSA representative, Russell Bogh. The only way the trustees can legally raise the fees is for the legislature to change the law.

He emphasized that the 40 percent increase has not been enacted yet, and there is still time for students to respond to it.

"We're on our own. The Board of Trustees proved they did not want to work with the students. They did not understand what they are doing to students; they are locking them out. If fees are raised by 50 percent, it's like showing students the door. I've lost faith in the Trustees," Kim Williams, chair of the CSSA said.

Students and Student Senate President Tom Hayden, chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, think there are alternatives to the fee increase. They propose reforms which include cutting journals from libraries which would save $5 million to moving to a year-round collegiate system which would save $200 million.

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Summary of CSSA proposed fee reductions

- Sliding scale student fees. Establish a graduated fee system based on a students' ability to pay, thereby reducing the state's $11,000 subsidy to wealth students while protecting access for low and middle income students. Estimated Savings: $50 million.

- Faculty Teaching Load: Direct CSU to reverse its recent decision to reduce faculty teaching load during the crisis, and require UC faculty to each one additional course per year. Estimated Savings: $35 million.

- Targeted postbacalaureate subsidies: Charge substantially higher fees to students in professional degree programs, such as law, which are not in undersupply and thus less appropriate for public subsidy. This alternative could be coupled with a loan forgiveness program for students who, after completing the professional degree program, work in low-paying public service or underserved areas. Estimated savings: $10 million.

- Transfer guarantee: Encourage more students to complete their first two years of higher education at a community college by expanding the availability of transfer guarantees at UC and CSU. Estimated savings: Unknown.

- Faculty salaries: Eliminate faculty merit salary adjustments in years when no other state employees receive such adjustments, and reconfigure the academic salary-setting methodology to prevent annual bidding-up of salaries. Estimated savings: $50 million.

- Faculty degree inflation: Direct CSU (a teaching institution) to cease requiring the doctorate (a research degree) for the appointment and promotion of faculty, thereby reducing the demand for additional funded UC doctoral students. Estimated Savings: $5 million.

- Administrative growth and savings: Set a maximum ratio of administrators to students (as is the law for elementary and secondary schools) and calibrate the salaries of administrators to those of other state agency officials. Estimated Savings: $30 million.

- Journal proliferation: Curb subscriptions to esoteric but extremely costly academic research journals, especially those for which subscription rates have risen substantially. Estimated Savings: $5 million.

- Regulations and paperwork: Simplify and consolidate the maze of state regulations and reporting requirement with which public colleges and universities must comply. Estimated savings: $5 million.

- Full utilization of facilities: Use existing capital resources during the summer with a state-supported summer term, and offer courses and programs in the evenings and on weekends. Estimated savings: $210 million.

- Bond funds for new facilities: Place a $1 billion bond act before the voters in order to provide funding to accommodate the 725,000 new students who will be seeking higher education over the next decade.

- Senate Committee on Higher Education

CSUSB in brief

Financial Aid Deadlines for 1992-1993
Financial Aid priority filing date, scholarship application deadline and Cal Grant deadline is March 2, 1992.

Communications Club
The next Communication Studies Club meeting will meet on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. in CA 223.

GLU Dance
A Valentine's Day dance will be held in Cal State, San Bernardino's Lower Commons tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. It will be the quarterly dance held by the Gay and Lesbian Student Union. Admission to the dance is $4 per person. Proceeds will go into GLU's general fund. The fund supports a newsletter and scholarships.

Christian Fellowship
Cal State Christian Fellowship meetings are held on Wednesdays at noon in PL 296.

Career Workshops
The Social and Behavioral Sciences Student Advisory Committee will be presenting two workshops that will focus on career and educational development. The workshops cover a wide range of subjects including, resume writing and the application process to enter graduate school.

The workshops will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 5-7 p.m. in the Eucalyptus Room of the Lower Commons and on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 12-2 p.m. in the Panorama Room of the Lower Commons. For information, call Dr. Lanny Fields at 880-5956.

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Valentine's Day marked by tradition, celebration

by Lee Romano
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It's Valentine's Day, 1992, and you can bet there will be plenty of hugs, kisses, flowers, candy and all the other romantic notions that go along with this holiday. But where did it all come from?

Valentine's Day comes on the feast day of two Christian martyrs named Valentine. The lives of these saints had nothing to do with the customs associated with this holiday. The World Book Encyclopedia says that the holiday probably originated with an ancient Roman festival called Lupercalia which took place every February 15. The festival honored Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage and Pan, the god of nature.

The festival of Lupercalia was a lovers' festival for young people. Partners were chosen for the festival by drawing names from a box. In many instances courtships evolved and eventually marriage.

The pagan festival changed with the spread of Christianity. In 496, Pope Gelasius moved the Lupercalia festival to February 14 and changed the name to Saint Valentine's Day, but the romantic and sentimental meaning of the holiday endured to the present day.

Many beliefs and customs have been associated with Valentine's Day over the centuries. An old English superstition warned that unmarried girls in a household would not be married within the year if white snowdrops were brought into the house before Valentine's Day. Many customs involved the choice of a mate. Single girls would write the names of boyfriends on scraps of paper and roll them in pieces of clay. They dropped the clay in water and the first name to pop to the surface was supposed to be her true Valentine. Others pinned five bay leaves to their pillows on the eve of Valentine's Day. The charm was supposed to cause the girls to dream of their future husbands that night. Other customs included circling churches, chanting, looking through keyholes and striking foreheads with rose petals.

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Thanks for being a wonderful roommate & for laughing with us! Happy Valentine's Day! Kwunida & Rose

Randy,
Remember, you taught us everything we know even our basketball mannerisms! Thanks for your support.
Your Loyal Fans!

To my adorable Joshua.
You hold a very special place in my heart and are truly decrying my life. Thank you for all the laughter and smiles you bring me.
Yours truly, Bridget.

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Tuesday January 14, the Board of Trustees voted to increase your student fees 40%. This fee is in addition to the 10% surcharge that was implemented last year. The university fee is to be increased from a base rate of $936 to $1310, yet the Trustees cannot guarantee that classes will not be cut or financial aid increased.

In order to collect this fee increase, the Trustees will have to seek legislation which will enable them to collect over the state mandated 10%.

WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO?

* CALL OR WRITE YOUR STATE LEGISLATURE AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE OPPOSED TO THE FEE HIKE.

Drop your letters off at the ASI Office and we’ll pay for the postage.

Your local Legislators are:

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*FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND DROP IT OFF AT THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OFFICE, WE WILL DELIVER IT FOR YOU.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RUSSELL BOGH IN THE ASI OFFICE.

DEAR SENATOR / ASSEMBLYMEN

I am a student at the California State University, San Bernardino. I am opposed to balancing the state budget on the backs of students. I urge you to VOTE NO ON A 40% INCREASE IN STUDENT FEES.

Name
Address

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Phone#