The Front Page

Stories that mattered in the 1991-1992 year as they appeared in The Chronicle

by Stacy McClendon
Chronicle managing editor

A newspaper is in the business of writing history and putting it in readers' hands before the ink is dry. Sometimes journalism is the heart and soul of history. Other times, contemporary reports do the worst possible job of telling a story completely or fairly.

With this in mind, we at The Chronicle took a second look at the stories we told in the last nine months. Below are the stories we feel had the most impact on CSUSB and on a campus that is increasingly fenced off.

Was it possible to get through a day at Cal State, San Bernardino without talking about the effects of the budget and growth? CSUSB is the fastest-growing campus in the CSU system. Despite students' protests and ASI's trip to Sacramento, fees will increase next year while faculty and services will be cut—the Health Center has even been hurt, it will be closed for the summer. Yet the building of this campus continues.

Many meaningful changes have taken place on this campus. One of the most noticeable changes these days is that the campus is a lot harder to get around. Buildings were in three stages of construction this year: U Hall was newly completed, the business and information sciences building's frame went up and they fenced off much of the campus to begin the library expansion.

Accessibility for disabled students remained an issue on campus, both in the new University Hall which was built and gained approval without the required sliding door, and on a campus that is increasingly fenced off.

Sports on page one

Surprisingly, the news that dominated the front page was that which usually belongs on the back: sports. Both the women's basketball coach and the sports information director were "reassigned" amidst controversy.

Men's soccer had a successful season, ending up in the Division II finals. Basketball made the transition to Division II and while not entirely successful, they did manage to upset rivals University of California, Riverside.

Activism

Two of the more recent stories that have dominated the front page involve students voicing their opinions on important political issues. The verdict in the trial of the four Los Angeles Police Officers in the Rodney King beating sparked riots in L.A. and discussion at CSUSB.

Similarly, when two prominent figures in the ongoing Abortion controversy showed up, students went to hear the debate.

Another issue that got students talking was the rape that occurred off campus recently. Perhaps more than the rape itself, people asked questions about how The Chronicle covered the issue.

Another story that sparked questions about news coverage was the inclusion of "Seeking Sexual Literacy." Tiffany Wright's column covered topics from AIDS prevention to masturbation. These articles brought in more letters than any other issue has in the last two years.

Coyotes

Coyotes. Need we say more. The coyotes were an important piece of investigative reporting, and the issue culminated with the euthanization of a coyote.

Finally, the mystery of the year—who broke into the KSSB radio station's office—was solved when a non-student was apprehended with master keys to the buildings.

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Ode to Theater

The 1991-92 year in review

By Amy Heritage

What can we say, it's all been said.

The Theater Department was happening. When the rest of student life was dead.

It started with Fresno ACTF in the fall. When "A Warring Absence" took it all.

Then came "The Roar Of The Greasepaint And The Smell Of The Crowd."

And again they did CSUSB proud. The lastest bash held this year. Was "The Perfect Party" held right here.

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On the Spot

What was the most important event of the year?

Ami Murata
"I don't know about importance, but the saddest thing this year was the riots that happened in L.A. A lot of people's lives were destroyed and it made me very upset. Even though I am not Korean, lots of Japanese people got killed also."

Chris Adenihoo
"Probably the most important event that happened was the gay pride that happened in L.A. Hopefully, you know, that comes out well. That seems to be the most important thing that has happened in quite a while."

Paulita Udou
"I would say the most important thing that happened this year on campus was the building of the U-Hall, because it had been very hard for us, with the lack of classrooms and the lack of lecture halls. That is the most important thing happening here."

Kimi Hernandez
"The most important event, I think, is the construction, watching the new building going up and seeing all of the differences on the campus. I guess just watching the whole school grow, and being a part of it."

Hugh Rist
"The confirmation of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. It was a victory for the Court because he got a conservative majority, which was nice. But it also brought the question of sexual harassment out into the open, and that's the most important thing that could have happened in the country."

Margaret Tackett
"I think an event that was very important was when the astronauts and the space shuttle program went out and put the satellite back into orbit so that it could be useful. I believe that with the development of the space program at the end of the cold war that is where we are headed in the future."

Ping Chiu
"I'm going to be graduating this summer. I've got finals from Tuesday to Friday, and Saturday is commencement, so that is a very busy week for me. My life is going to change after graduation because I'll have to find jobs and things. My student life is finished."

Gina Grisham
"The most important event of this year was the racial tension erupting in Los Angeles. It raised a lot of issues that we have been repressed from society's awareness. I don't know, maybe it will cause us to rethink all of the things that are due for a change."

The results of the year's On the Spot are as follows:

Do you support animal research on the CSUSB Campus? 4-no 1-yes (January 31, 1992)

Should celebrities be able to buy their way out of prison? 4-no 1-yes (February 28, 1992)

What does Black History Month mean to you? Answers: It is a time of reflection and awareness of the Black American culture. It is also a celebration of equality and unity. It is a great time for celebrating the achievements of Black people. (February 21, 1992)

Should smoking be banned from inside campus buildings? 2-no 4-yes (April 13, 1992)

Do you think that the rioting in Los Angeles will further the Civil Rights Movement? 4-no 1-yes (May 11, 1992)

Where do you stand on abortion? pro-choice-4 pro-life-2 (May 25, 1992)

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Recap of year's editorials

Looking back at the year’s editorials written to convey the opinions of The Chronicle’s editorial staff, we see that some things we have commented on have undergone positive change. The following is a summary of each issue’s editorial along with any actions taken by the university.

Our opinion: We addressed the “Parking Woes” on campus and asked for: courtesy between drivers, improvement of the car pool program and an increase in parking space.

What has happened: The university streamlined students’ efforts to increase parking space by placing a barrier at the entrance of the dirt fields behind the dorms.

Our opinion: We decried the lack of security of computers on campus, in the wake of the KSSB radio thefts.

What has happened: The Chronicle’s computers were locked down within 24 hours and the administration acknowledged a serious need for computer security.

Our opinion: We denounced the Press-Enterprise’s education writer Jack Robinson for his ridiculous grading of CSUSB as a “D+” institution.

What has happened: Letters to the Editor poured in to this publication and several faculty members rebuffed Robinson’s statements.

Our opinion: We requested a change in the university’s requirements for enjoying dean’s list honors.

What has happened: Although interest was indicated, no action has been taken.

Our opinion: We urged research disclosure from Professor Stuart Ellins regarding Coyotes held on university property.

What has happened: The university’s Animal Care and Use Committee voted to euthanize one of the coyotes.

What has happened: The greatest example of this problem which immediately come to mind. ASI created the College Legal Aid Clinic to provide legal assistance to students, free of charge. Apparently, this legal clinic has proved either to be useless to the students, or the task of running it was too ambitious for ASI to handle. The clinic is in shambles; the program’s administrator has resigned, the staff lacks to keep appointments with the few students who seek the service, and the attorneys contracting with the school are next to impossible to contact. It seems that ASI should focus more of its energies on programs that serve all students. An instance in which ASI did act in the interest of the students was the protest trip to Sacramento. The purpose of the trip was just—serving the students interest in having an affordable education. But some members of ASI did not take the trip quite as seriously as they should have. One officer was heard to say that they were going to Sacramento “just to let them know the students are angry.” Why “just let them know?” They probably knew that much from the beginning—students were going to get upset at fee hikes.

The "field trip" yielded no positive response for students and, for some ASI officers it was a pleasure trip. In addition to the trip, some other effective means of change could have been pursued as they were on other campuses. Perhaps ASI could have vigorously organized a protest or sit-in. But that would mean ruffling the feathers of the school’s administration and our ASI earnestly avoids that type of conflict, even when the conflict is justified and necessary.

That brings us to the next problem with ASI—its lack of action on the students’ interest. The greatest example of this inaction is the closing of the Health Center for the summer. ASI received a memo about the impending closure of the Health Center in the fall and they sat on it. They may have sent out press releases, but they failed to serve the interest of the students by organizing opposition to the administration’s neglect of necessary student support services. ASI officers said the students would accept the closure as long as arrangements could be made so that prescriptions could be filled. How did students approve this? More importantly, which students approved this? Again, does ASI understand that its duty is to represent all students?

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ASI must serve all students

by Steven Jennings
Chronicle editor in chief

Stop and take a minute to look back at the school year at CSUSB. Something is missing from the picture. In a year in which students showed unprecedented interest in the world around them, the Associated Students, Incorporated has demonstrated a conspicuous disinterest in reflecting those concerns. Perhaps ASI did take some action, but in who’s interest? We feel that in some cases, ASI acted in its own interests and, in others, it failed to act in the students’. After all, it is the students who give ASI power and through fees, its budget. There are a few examples of this problem which immediately come to mind. ASI created the College Legal Aid Clinic to provide legal assistance to students, free of charge. Apparently, this legal clinic has proved either to be useless to the students, or the task of running it was too ambitious for ASI to handle. The clinic is in shambles; the program’s administrator has resigned, the staff lacks to keep appointments with the few students who seek the service, and the attorneys contracting with the school are next to impossible to contact. It seems that ASI should focus more of its energies on programs that serve all students. An instance in which ASI did act in the interest of the students was the protest trip to Sacramento. The purpose of the trip was just—serving the students interest in having an affordable education. But some members of ASI did not take the trip quite as seriously as they should have. One officer was heard to say that they were going to Sacramento “just to let them know the students are angry.” Why “just let them know?” They probably knew that much from the beginning—students were going to get upset at fee hikes. The “field trip” yielded no positive response for students and, for some ASI officers it was a pleasure trip. In addition to the trip, some other effective means of change could have been pursued as they were on other campuses. Perhaps ASI could have vigorously organized a protest or sit-in. But that would mean ruffling the feathers of the school’s administration and our ASI earnestly avoids that type of conflict, even when the conflict is justified and necessary. That brings us to the next problem with ASI—its lack of action on the students’ interest. The greatest example of this inaction is the closing of the Health Center for the summer. ASI received a memo about the impending closure of the Health Center in the fall and they sat on it. They may have sent out press releases, but they failed to serve the interest of the students by organizing opposition to the administration’s neglect of necessary student support services. ASI officers said the students would accept the closure as long as arrangements could be made so that prescriptions could be filled. How did students approve this? More importantly, which students approved this? Again, does ASI understand that its duty is to represent all students? ASI is undoubtedly one of the many organizations on campus plagued by the prevalent apathetic attitude of CSUSB’s students. However, the organization must be more responsive to student needs and interests—students’ needs and interests. Successful programs such as the A.S. Box Office and the recycling program should serve as models for other endeavors.

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Students experience journalism

by Steven Jennings
Chronicle editor in chief

It's been a long year, full of surprises and a great many achievements at The Chronicle. I've been with the staff since last year, and the changes in the paper have been astounding. We have a new advisor, Dr. Joseph M. Webb, who has taken us in design and journalistic directions we had never thought of before. We've moved our production room three times. We have changed the design of The Chronicle on the front page three times. That consequentially, goes on the front page three times. I must say that I feel I have been the most fortunate of all.

As with any campus organization, Spring is the most difficult quarter to get things done. People seem to disappear on you when you need them most. But the staff at The Chronicle has been here, right to this most sweet ending. I thank all of you who stuck it out with us this quarter, and especially the 6 a.m. crew—the Vivarin is on me.

Just as the bulk of our staff stuck with us, so did you—our readers. You may have noticed things that you liked about the paper this year. And undoubtedly, you saw things you didn't like. Well then, why not get involved in the production of The Chronicle?

Working for the Chronicle is hard work, there's no doubt about that. But the rewards are tremendous. Speaking from experience, I can tell you that it's very flattering to have someone tell you that they enjoyed your article. It's even better when you get someone so pissed-off at you that they send in derogatory letters to the editor of the paper. Try your hand at journalism, no matter what your major may be. The Chronicle is here to represent all students of all fields of study. If you feel that someone or something is being neglected, then you are welcome to fill that void by submitting a news story to the paper. Writing is a skill that's learned by execution. Good writing can't be taught, only recognized. In fact, that's how I became a journalist; I saw an injustice and I decided to do something about it.

We've welcomed many new staff members this year under those same circumstances.

For more information on how to get involved with The Chronicle, call the Department of Communications at 880-5815.
Enrollment decline expected

by Amy Heritage
Chronicle news editor

CSU Board of Trustees Chairman Anthony M. Vitti addressed the CSU community in a letter that explains the severe financial problem facing the CSU system and advocates contact with Governor Wilson and the Legislature.

The letter reads, "CSU's current student population could be reduced drastically below the current 362,000. We will simply not be able to say to the upper one-third of California's high school graduates, and to qualified community college transfers, 'Come, our doors of opportunity are open.' The message to many prospective students will be, 'Sorry, CSU can no longer provide you with an affordable, accessible university education.'"

Approximately 85% of the California State budget is tied up by legally mandated entitlements, leaving about 15% open to discretionary cuts. It is this non-mandatory 15% of the state budget that provides 94% of the CSU budget.

"Because of the nearly 23 month recession, state revenues from tax collections and other income sources are far below what had been originally projected, and are insufficient to keep up with increased demands for health, social programs and education as the state's population continues to grow," said Vitti.

A reduction of the Governor's January budget proposal by $5.7 billion is being considered. This includes a deficit in the current 1991-92 fiscal year, as well as a projected deficit for 1992-93.

Vitti said, "Depending on how Proposition 98 K-12 community college funding is adjusted, and whether Governor Wilson's proposals for budget reductions made in January are adopted, the Department of Finance is now projecting anywhere from a 14.7% to as much as a 37.5% across-the-board reduction in the non-mandatory remainder of the budget. Therefore, the CSU's 1992-93 budget may be substantially reduced even further if no other solutions can be found.

Chancellor Barry Mintz had asked each president to develop a plan to address an 8% reduction in the initial campus budgets for 1992-93 and to describe how such a reduction would effect students and personnel.

However in a recent Trustees' Finance Committee meeting, Mintz said he had been advised in Sacramento that an 8% reduction was perhaps too optimistic. The news release of the May Budget Revision read, "...California's economic and fiscal situation is the worst since the late 1930s."

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-Anthony M. Vitti
Chairman, CSU Trustees.
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**The Gender Gap...**

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**Hey Bob, how many women does it take to screw in a light bulb?**

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**white male world**

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Our opinion: We questioned the CSU system’s adherence to its mission statement that all qualified students receive a quality education.

What has happened: The system continues to stray further and further from its abandoned mission statement.

Our opinion: We decried the abuse of University Hall and asked all of its tenants to take better care of it.

What has happened: The halls seem a little cleaner and marks appear on the walls less frequently, but more improvement is needed.

Our opinion: We requested an increase of course offerings needed by certain majors to graduate and a decrease in offerings of courses that appeal only to the professors who want to teach them.

What has happened: Take a look at the fall course schedule...

Our opinion: We decried the university’s blatant neglect of disabled students concerns.

What has happened: The Health Center remains closed and rumors about permanent Health Center closure persist.

Our opinion: We decried the campus administrator’s willingness to close the Health Center to students over the summer.

What has happened: The Health Center remains closed and rumors about permanent Health Center closure persist.

Our opinion: We decried ASI’s “unearthly” campaign of generating paper waste during yearly officer elections.

What has happened: ASI has not yet responded with a policy to eliminate this massive waste of paper and other posting materials.

Our opinion: We applauded the decision to euthanize the suffering coyote and suggested that researchers provide information disclosure when requested.

What has happened: Dr. Ellins conceded defeat.

Our opinion: We applauded the rally organized by the Student Union Program Board and the Black Student Union following the announcement of the verdict in the trial of the four Los Angeles Police officers involved in the Rodney King beating.

What has happened: None, as of yet. But, we hope to see more of these “islands of activism” amidst CSUSB’s “sea of apathy.”

Our opinion: We requested that the university increase its emphasis on academics rather than focusing large amounts of its resources ($22 million—while students face huge fee increases) on athletic facilities—the new gym.

What has happened: Groundbreaking is expected sometime this summer while teachers and other staff are being laid off, course offerings are dismal and support services are being harshly curtailed.
DIVISION II: Coyotes deliver a mixed blessing

by John Andrews  
Chronicle sports editor

For those following Cal State, San Bernardino Athletics, the 1991-92 year promised to be an interesting one but who could have predicted the rollercoaster it became?

This was CSUSB's first year of NCAA Division II competition, a double-edged sword that promised greater notoriety but substantially tougher competition. Athletic Director David Suenram was to lead Coyote athletics into these uncharted waters he and his department hoped would bring attention and eventually revenue to the campus.

An always competitive men's soccer team hit the ground running bolting past Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo to claim the (gasp) CCAA title on its first try. Coach Carlos Juarez and his team exuded confidence all season and it showed when they came up with clutch wins over Chapman and Cal Poly, Pomona at the end of the season to claim the title.

First year men's basketball coach Reggie Morris jumpstarted a program that had begun to stagnate, bringing his exciting, uptempo style that had earned him 305 career victories at Manual Arts High School and most recently, LA City College. After being picked to finish in the conference cellar by just about anyone who offered an opinion, the Coyotes stepped up to challenge conference stalwarts like CPSLO and Cal State Bakersfield. A late season run that included a stunning victory over UC Riverside left them just a tie-breaker short of the final conference playoff spot. Guard Develle Walker carried the team on his back at times offensively, leading the conference in scoring and steals which earned him CCAA MVP honors.

Women's basketball was marred by the "reassignment" of coach Gary Schwartz at mid season leaving the team with unanswered questions and an obvious state of confusion on and off the court. Salvation may lie in coach Luvina Beckley whose commitment to the players and even the community may be the kind of approach the program needs to be a conference contender, instead of a pretender.

First year baseball coach Don Parnell was just about hamstrung from the beginning. You see, Parnell was given little more than a New York second to recruit a team that would play in what many consider the toughest conference in Division II baseball. He was given a little over two weeks to do something most coaches spend the better part of an entire year doing. Still the Coyote baseball team played valiantly. Blue-chipper John Smith provided us with an inspirational comeback story, earning All-Conference honors.

Another blue-chipper, Tana Cash led an even more short-handed softball team that played most of the season with only ten players. Cash set a conference record for innings pitched in a season and earned All-Conference honors.

The Coyote golfers surprised many with a trip to the Division II National Championships finishing 11th out of 18. Their "Cinderella" season featured an upset of powerhouse Cal State, Stanislaus at the West Regional in Portland.

Unfortunately the 91-92 year also had its share of off-the-playing surface controversy. Men's basketball lost two key forwards to academic ineligibility in January, a snack that was fed to the press in tiny morsels.

Then there was the Schwartz debacle. His program had been under investigation by the NCAA for rules violations the previous year and when reports that he may have misused expense accounts surfaced in January, he suddenly got the urge to pursue that doctorate he always wanted (or so we thought- Schwartz has since taken the head coaching job at the University of Northern Colorado, hmm...).

And to top it all off, there was the even more mysterious "re-signment" (that word again) of Sports Information Director Dave Beyer. The Athletic Department chalked it up to the "budgetary constraints" scapegoat while Beyer claimed he was the scapegoat and felt he lost his job because Suenram thought he was a little too chummy with the press.

Oh well, we can't say it wasn't interesting.
Uncle Rex needs you
Will Work for Food

That's right sports fans, if you are hungry and in desperate need for money to buy food, then we need you. Rex Ports is trying to become "EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR" for the 1992-93 school year, but he's missing one thing - EMPLOYEE'S. If you need money for grindage (brrrrrrrrrrrrrr), or something to do with your somewhat educated lives, or are just in need of some serious fun, then give Rex a call on the official "Rex Ports Unemployment- Don't Spectate Recreate" hotline at 880-5235 (or X5235). Remember "Uncle Rex Needs You!"

First Mates Wanted
Hey little buddies, did you ever think that Gilligan would have been a better skipper than the Skipper? Do you think that Dennis Conner is just a rich white flake? Well, then you are the type of people that the Cal State Coyote Sailing Club wants to come aboard.
So hoist the mast, and

The Holy Grail exposed--The Rex Ports t-shirt

scrub your starboard bow, and let's give America 3 a run for the Cup in 1995. Call X5235.

D-Sigs Top Honors O'Plenty
Delta Sigma Phi was deemed the first annual Chris Topoleski Award winner, for being the Fraternity with the highest sportsmanship GPA on campus. The award's namesake was the quintessential participant--he always put sportsmanship and fair play above winning. If you weren't fortunate enough to have known Chris, you can still benefit from his examples on and off the Rex Ports playing field. Rex would also like to congratulate the following:

The Rex Ports Official of the Year- Larry Snyder
Team Manager of the Year - Scott Wickersham
Participant of the Year - Hector Padilla

Air Coyote Blow Out- Catch It
This is your final warning. If you have even a Carnac-like premonition that you might have won a Rex Ports t-shirt, then scoot your forgetful self to PE111. These tee's are being compared to the Holy Grail (of course that comparison was made by me), and are the hottest campus fashion statement since go-go boots. The remaining tee's are now on sale.

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Now's the time to say goodbye to the Rex Ports family. Thank you to all of those who participated. To the good athletes; the good participants; the fantastic help; the good-natured; and the not-so-good athletes, participants, and/or natured--the staff, friends, family, and the ill-legitimate children of Rex Ports give you a robust thank-you!!! And as always--Don't spectate, RECREATE!!!
Keep stormy year in perspective, Suenram says

by John Andrews
Chronicle sports editor

It’s been a topsy-turvy year for Cal State Athletics (see related story) first place, last place, hirings, firings, and allegations that reached all the way to President Evans. In the eye of this hurricane is Athletic Director Dave Suenram, a man many have held accountable for the controversy that sometimes gave CSUSB negative attention.

Suenram said he and his department were faced with trying to gauge competition it had seen little of before moving up to Division II and anticipated the year much like everyone else.

"Going into Division II we wondered how we would fair in just about every sport on campus," said Suenram. "In the competitive aspect, it was better than I thought it would be."

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"We’re making progress in that area," said Suenram. "A combined student athlete GPA of 2.54 this year was the highest ever."

He says he has been able to shield much of the personal criticism thrown at him by keeping it in perspective.

"I’ve had a very good idea about where that stuff is coming from," he said. "and the people that are most important to our program have remained supportive."

For the sports that did not fare as well this year, Suenram says more time to recruit and get familiar with first year coaches will strengthen their programs.

"It’s certainly been a year of ups and downs," he said. "I think you’ll see an improvement next year in every sport we have."