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ASI leaves CSSA, joins in alternative conference

by Elizabeth Akins
Chronicle staff writer

Cal State, San Bernardino (CSUSB) will not be attending the annual California State Student Association (CSSA) lobbying conference in Sacramento as planned. CSUSB will, instead, be holding a Legislative Conference in Sacramento on March 6-7. Approximately 20 student representatives from CSUSB will attend the conference.

In their letter of withdrawal, the ASI Board stated that CSSA membership was “a luxury” that CSUSB could no longer afford. The effectiveness of the organization was called into question, as more and more students turned to their representatives and asked, “what are we getting for our money?” the letter said.

ASI President Sheri Major felt that it would be more beneficial to organize a separate conference for CSUSB and any other interested CSU campuses than to pay additional fees to attend a conference sponsored by an organization of which CSUSB is no longer affiliated.

The Legislative Conference arranged by the three CSU campuses of San Bernardino, Sacramento, and Stanislaus, will be held at CSU Sacramento from March 6-7. Approximately 20 student representatives from CSUSB will attend the conference.

Scheduled topics of discussion include: how to set up a new system on individual CSU campuses for state-wide lobbying status, the possibility of an informal student body president’s council (as an alternative to the CSSA), and group discussion on responses collected from students by representatives, and information sessions on current higher education issues.

Keynote speakers are also expected to attend the conference, “to add perspective” to discussion, according to Larisa Tompkins, ASI Assistant Legislative Director at CSUSB. Chancellor Barry Munits is scheduled to speak March 7.

Student representatives will lobby members of the State Legislature on March 8. Representatives from CSUSB will be voicing issues pertaining specifically to CSUSB rather than the collective voice of the CSU.

If you as a student want to ensure that certain issues are addressed at the conference, you still have time to make your voice heard. Contact the ASI office at 880-5932, room 108 of the Student Union.

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Black History Month

'Exhale' author defends book

by Venus N. Marshall
Chronicle staff writer

Best-selling African American novelist Terry McMillan appeared at Cal State, Sacramento Feb. 25, to autograph copies of her books and deliver a lecture on her work.

"Exhale," the magazine referred to McMillan as a newcomer to the New York Times best sellers list, with over 300 copies sold. Men, women, and children of different ethic groups were on hand to meet and hear the famous novelist. McMillan's latest novel, Waiting to Exhale, is about four successful African American women and their relationships with men.

McMillan acknowledged that some men have accused her of male bashing. "That's not what's done, all I'm saying is there's a way to treat people, and there's a way to treat a woman if you want her to show love and all that kind of stuff," said McMillan.

"Life is hard and it's hard to try and make a marriage or relationship work, it takes a lot of energy," said McMillan. "As African Americans, we have been taught to strive for excellence in everything, and I think it should carry over in our relationships as well, we should try to treat each other in a certain way, and as a result, we have the right to demand basic respect."

McMillan indicated that her characters come from reading, watching and listening to people or friends. She picks up bits and pieces of behavior from people.

"I enjoy my characters," says McMillan. McMillan admits that she identifies with two of the characters in her novel, because they are single mothers like herself. "Women are called a matriarch for a reason, its because we do everything," said McMillan.

The discussion became heated when a question from the audience was raised by an African American male. He stated that most African American males have been raised in a single parent home by mothers. He wanted to know who is responsible when a woman does not get the respect she feels she has earned, given the fact that she raises the males in her family.

Her response was, "I think being a single mother is a huge responsibility, and a lot of other factors come into play, such as environmental and social factors."

The bottom line is, God gave all of us a brain, and we make choices, some of us make some bad choices. "I tried to write about what makes us tick, when people read my novels, I want them to realize they are not alone," said McMillan.

McMillan has received praise from other writers like James Baldwin. She expressed that many African American writers have been a positive source for her.

Best selling African American novelist, Terry McMillan, signing books prior to her appearance at the Recital Hall on February 25. McMillan was the keynote speaker for CSUSB's Black History Month Celebration.
**Wednesday March 3**

- **CLUB TRIUMPH.** Bible talk in the Pine Room of the Lower Commons at 12 p.m. presented by Club Triumph. Come and discuss aspects of the Bible and how they apply to your life. Enjoy in the fellowship and join for lunch after the discussion.
- **RAMADAN.** Dr. Ahmad Saker will be speaking on Ramadan. Find out why more than one third of the world is fasting this month. They will meet in the Pine Room of the Lower Commons. At 12 to 2 p.m., and they will apply to your life. Enjoy in the Lower Commons.
- **FORUM.** An open forum (part 2 of 2). It will be held in UH 351 at 3 p.m. For more information, call 880-5038.
- **GLBU.** The GLBU will meet at the Lower Commons. At 6:30 p.m., for its regular business meeting, in the Pine Room of the Lower Commons. At 6:30 p.m., the Ice Cream Social will begin, with all your favorite toppings (you bring your own).
- **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE.** Meeting of the Environmental Committee in the ASI office at 8 a.m. Volunteers are needed for projects to come. For more information, call the ASI office at 880-5937.
- **CONCERT.** The CSUSB Concert Choir and the CSUSB University Chorale under the direction of Luis Gonzales. It will be held in the Recital Hall at 8:15 p.m. General admission is $5, Students and Seniors for $3.

**Thursday March 4**

- **SAIL WORKSHOP.** Patricia Hayes will be presenting a workshop on Career Planning: How do I get there from here? (series part 2 of 2). It will be held in UH 397 from 12 to 1 p.m.
- **MULTICULTURAL DIVERSITY.** Aurora Wolfgang will be speaking on The Feminization of Literature and the First-Person Narrative in Eighteenth-Century France. This is part of the 1993 Winter Symposium which will be held in UH 261 from 12 to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Dept. of Foreign Languages at 880-5847 or M.A. Gallegos-Ruiz at 880-5858.
- **GMAT SEMINAR.** The Learning Center will be hosting a GMAT Seminar by Kaplan in UH 351 at 3 p.m. For more information, call 880-9038.
- **BASEBALL GAME: CSUSB vs. Humboldt State.** Soccer Field at 2 p.m.
- **BASEBALL GAME: CSUSB vs. CSU Los Angeles at Fiscalini Field at 4 p.m.
- **RECITAL.** Cyndi Wall will be performing in a clarinet recital in the Recital Hall at 8:15 p.m. for free.

**Friday March 5**

- **INTERNATIONAL CLUB.** There will be a meeting of the International Club meeting in PL 237 from 4 to 6 p.m.
- **BACHELOR BID.** Alpha Phi Sorority is holding its 2nd annual Bachelor Bid auction at the San Bernardino Hilton. Social Hor d’ouerves hour starts at 7 p.m. and bidding at 8:30 p.m. Tickets in advance are $5, $7 at the door. For tickets and information, please see an Alpha Phi.
- **FOCUS.** Meeting in UH 262 from 12 to 1 p.m. All are welcome to join. For more information, call Greg Bennett at (619) 956-7546 on MW.
- **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.** Meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Eucalyptus Room of the Lower Commons. For more information, call Dr. Vaziri at 880-5718 or Kim Bresamer at 242-4827.

**Saturday March 6**

- **SOFTBALL GAME: CSUSB vs. Humboldt State.** Soccer Field at 2 p.m.
- **BASEBALL GAME: CSUSB vs. CSU Los Angeles at Fiscalini Field at 4 p.m.
- **RECITAL.** The Senior Composition Recital of Heather Mccluskey as composer in the Recital Hall for free at 8:15 p.m.

**Sunday March 7**

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**Monday March 8**

- **BASEBALL GAME: CSUSB vs. Wayne State, NE. on Fiscalini Field at 4 p.m.
- **IBA.** Meeting in the Pine Room of the Lower Commons from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, call Naomi Hannum at 880-8355.

**Tuesday March 9**

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Future of *The Chronicle* depends on students

by William Lundquist
Chronicle editor in chief

Last year, while searching through old issues of *The Chronicle* for our ad manager, I began to reflect on the past and future of this ostensibly "student" newspaper.

First, the future. The 1993-94 school year will see a new Communications Department Chair, a new Chronicle advisor, and certainly a new editor-in-chief. This is a perfect opportunity for the students on this campus to have some input into what kind of newspaper *The Chronicle* will become.

In the 1989-90 school year, *The Chronicle* was truly a student newspaper, owned and governed by Associated Students, Inc. (ASI). In fact, few of the staff had any journalistic training or experience, and *The Chronicle* was getting to know its first faculty advisor.

That year, the Chronicle staff put out a 16-20 page weekly, covering all aspects of campus life from ASI to Greeks to faculty and student profiles, along with breaking news. It contained a solid sports section and two calendar pages in every issue.

Students took this kind of paper for granted, and the editor was soundly criticized all year for his lack of accomplishment. This writer was among the voices calling for his removal.

Four years later, this same writer, older and wiser, has desperately struggled to push The Chronicle back up to that level that was once considered less than acceptable.

Students no longer own *The Chronicle*, and it would take an outpouring of letters to the Communications Department, and a lot of student support and involvement, to make campus life the main emphasis in the future of this newspaper.

What are the alternatives? The focus today is on education. The Communications Department is a teaching facility, which only makes sense on a college campus. *The Chronicle* serves as a lab paper where journalism students can get some hands-on experience in putting out a newspaper.

Under this system, it is not particularly important what goes into the newspaper, or who it serves, only that it provide a chance for the maximum number of students to try their hands at writing, editing, and production. To give everyone an opportunity, top staff members are rotated out every 10 weeks, just like in a regular class.

To minimize departmental costs, a lab paper should come out no more frequently than twice a month. The only problem with this arrangement is that news is not news when it's two weeks old. It becomes ludicrous to report on two-week-old athletic events, so the sports page is limited to season previews and reviews.

A calendar page becomes nearly impossible, because items would have to be submitted up to a month before each issue, and most events are not even planned that far in advance.

What a lab paper can produce is a lot of profiles, features, and opinion pieces. Quality is variable depending on each quarter's staff, but the ten-week turnover virtually guarantees *The Chronicle* will be returned to Square One at the beginning of each quarter. This ties in perfectly with the education philosophy. Every staff gets to make the same mistakes every quarter and learn from them.

Another option is that *The Chronicle* focus on state and national competitions. Again, it's not important what goes into the paper, or how well it serves the campus, or even how often it comes out. The important thing is that every issue is visually stunning and contains high-quality writing. Under this system, it would be advantageous to keep a unified staff for up to four years, so that they could learn from their mistakes and make constant improvements.

Because entirely new people will soon be making decisions about the focus and goals of *The Chronicle*, students have a rare opportunity to assert their influence.

If you want a newspaper that works to serve and inform the students, send those cards and letters to *The Chronicle*. Our mail slot is in University Hall 019, our production room in UH 037, and our offices in UH 201.8 and 201.9.

If you really aren't interested in *The Chronicle*, and simply regard it as part of someone else's educational experience, do nothing. Your vote is already cast.

Right now, the future of *The Chronicle* is up to you, but remember, depending on your response, you may never be asked again.

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- Bookstore, inside entrance
- Physical Education, trophy case

Next week's paper will come out on Thursday instead of Wednesday and will be the last issue of this quarter.
Head of Career Center honored at banquet

by Angelia Brooks
Chronicle staff writer

Patricia Rodgers-Gordon, acting director of CSUSB’s Career Center, was honored at the “First Annual African American Business and Education Networking Dinner”, on February 13, 1993. The networking dinner was sponsored by the African American Chamber of Commerce and The Daniels Resources Group.

Gordon was the keynote speaker of the evening. She spoke of the importance of networking, which “will enable us to turn turbulence into opportunities.” Gordon said, no man can sincerely try to help without giving of themselves... networking should be a win-win situation.

Lawrence L. Daniels, CEO of the Daniels Group said “one of the goals of the African American Chamber of Commerce is to be role models in the community and in that capacity stress the value of education.” By networking business with education the community will profit from “a win-win situation.”

Following the keynote address Congressman George Brown Jr.’s representative presented Gordon with a special recognition award. Senator Ruben Ayala’s representative presented an award and Mayor Bob Holcomb sent a commendation in recognition of dedicated service.

Juan Gonzalez, vice president for student services, awarded a plaque on behalf of the career center staff. Gordon’s interns presented her with two dozen red and pink roses.

Some of Gordon's accomplishments include: establishment of the career/education fair, which encompasses 80 school districts nationwide; setting up an internship program to research current on campus, with the goal of expanding the majors represented at the career fairs; and was the keynote speaker for the African American Women's Conference in San Diego last year.

Currently, Gordon is working with enrollment services to implement a system where when someone declares their major a list will be included of career possibilities. Also, she is working on starting a part-time career fair, which will allow students to work in career related jobs while in school.

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UCR defeats CSUSB, 100-75
Coyotes' post-season hopes

by Jeremy D. Sporrong
Chronicle sports editor

The Coyote men's basketball team finally ended the long and hard battle to make the CCAA championships. Friday night the men came up against UCR, which was the final game to determine their tie for third place. The Coyotes lost to UCR with a season end score of 100-75.

The Coyotes needed this win in order to rise to the tournament, to be part of the four season finalists. The Coyotes finished 6-8 in the CCAA and 13-12 overall.

According to the Sun Feb. 27 issue Reggie Morris commented, "I don't have a bad feeling about losing this game and not getting into the tournament. I'd like to win every game. But the guys made a good run in the course of the conference season."

"They fought back. They could have just rolled over, taken last place and been pretty much the whipping stick for everyone in the conference. But they pulled together and showed a lot of character."

The Coyotes fought tough in the first part of the game and took the lead 18-17. Then the Highlanders took over, coming out of the first half with a 19 point lead of 53-34.

The second half proved worse than the first with the Coyotes falling behind as much as 27 points, and coming no closer than 14.

The Coyotes were led by Senior guard Develle Walker's 20 points, and Eric Carpenter's 16 points. Senior guard Anthony Thomas had 13 and senior forward Robert Murphy had 10.

This game was Develle Walker's last for the Coyotes. Develle was nominated as CCAA player of the year last year, and was named to the NCAA Division II All-West Region team this week.

The Sun quoted Coach Morris in the Feb. 27 issue, "It's going to be strange without him in a game next year. He's been a warrior all along."

The Highlanders were led by sophomore guard William Wilson, who scored a career high of 16 points in the first half.

Softball Coyotes win double-double

by Jeremy D. Sporrong
Chronicle sports editor

The Coyote Women's softball team defeated both Point Loma of Nazarene College and UC San Diego last weekend, playing two double headers; Point Loma on Friday Feb. 26, and UCSD Saturday Feb. 27.

Junior left-fielder Erica Kilgore went 2-for-3 with a triple and scored one run that led the Coyotes to a victory of 4-1 in the first game, and 6-1 in the second.

The Coyotes (8-0) were led in the second game by junior pitcher Miko Kuwabara who pitched a four-hitter and was 2-for-3, tripled and scored a run.

Saturday Senior second baseman Lisa Hernandez went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI that led to both wins against UCSD, 2-1 and 2-0. Junior right-hander Mikio Kuwabara snagged the win, giving up only a first-inning run for the women.

The second game was pushed by Mika Candelaria who hurled a seven-hit shutout. The women are now 10-0 overall, and have not yet played a CCAA game.

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Coyotes defeat Poly Pomona in double header

by Jeremy D. Sporrong
Chronicle sports editor

The Coyote baseball team came up against Cal Poly Pomona Saturday winning a double header with final scores of 9-7, and 5-4. The men were scheduled to play Wednesday Feb. 24 against Azusa Pacific, and Friday Feb. 26 against Cal Poly Pomona but both games were canceled due to rain.

The Coyote's play against Cal State Los Angeles on Thursday at Fiscaliini Field at 6:00 pm. Saturday, Mar. 6 the men play against CSLA at LA, and Monday Mar. 8 they play against Wayne State at Fiscaliini Field at 4:00 pm.

Coyote women shoot for the CCAA championship

by John Andrews
Chronicle staff writer

After two losing seasons plagued by controversy and uncertainty, the Coyote Women's Basketball team looks to be headed towards its first ever appearance in the CCAA post-season tournament.

At 17-9 the CSUSB women have already more than doubled their victories from last season's 8-18 finish knocking off conference stalwarts like UC Riverside and giving conference champion Cal Poly, Pomona all it could handle in both their meetings.

They have also produced a conference superstar to match the men's Develle Walker in the person of junior college transfer Kim Young who leads the CCAA in individual scoring. Young has averaged 22.8 points per game this season.

The Coyotes were tied for third in a hostage position to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Dominguez Hills. Fortunately, Dominguez Hills and SLO both lost games, and the Coyotes triumphed over Chapman. The win against Chapman handed the women third place, and the Coyotes will play this Thursday at Pomona against UCR. Pomona will play Dominguez Hills, and the winner of both these games will be sent to the CCAA finalist game.

Pomona came in first in the CCAA, UCR second, and CSU Dominguez Hills, fourth.

CSUSB forward Kim Young leads the CCAA in individual scoring. Young has averaged 22.8 points per game this season.