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A.S.I. Elections Begin Today

by John Andrews
editor in chief

Elections for the three executive positions in Associated Students begin today, a fact most of the CSUSB campus is probably unaware of.

"Last year about eight percent of the campus voted," says current President Sheri Major. "Since I've been here, we've had about 1,000 to 1,200 voters every year."

Signs and flyers currently decorate the campus and most of the candidates have made themselves available to students for questions about their platforms. Yet this year's executives don't foresee an increase in voters for a couple of major reasons.

"There's a tremendous amount of apathy on this campus," says Major. "Students really don't care, until something happens."

Major says she has attempted to encourage students to become more aware and involved with AS this year but has seen little interest.

"We changed our meeting times from mornings to evenings to include more students at large," she says, "and we got very little response."

CSUSB is still considered a commuter campus, a fact that current Vice President Cheryl Osborne says is another reason for the lack of voters and interest in AS. She says there has been a failure to publicize the elections to commuting students not able to witness promotional events leading up to the voting days.

Attempts have been made to increase participation this year however. The presidential and vice presidential candidates participated in two forums, one at 12 noon and one at 7 p.m., on Monday Apr. 12 in Wylie's Pub.

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The presence of three candidates this year creates the likelihood of a run-off because candidates must receive at least 51 percent of the student vote to win the election. All three candidates have made themselves visible enough to prevent one from capturing the required majority says Major.

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In their own words...

John Jones,
A.S.I. Presidential Candidate:
"By committing more A.S.I. resources toward student services and by improving the communication between both individual students and the assorted clubs, we can solve the problems "together" on this campus."

Lou Monville,
A.S.I. Presidential Candidate:
"I believe in student government by the students, and on behalf of the students...the students of CSUSB need to stand up and act together on their own behalf."

Larisa Tompkins,
A.S.I. Presidential Candidate:
"This is not, and was never meant to be a popularity contest. It is the responsibility of the students to elect someone who has the experience to make our student voice heard...I have the experience and the vision."
The Associated Students budget for next year passed, according to one finance board member, "without a flinch."

Associated Students Vice President Cheryl Osborne says the process of bringing in the budget has been more difficult in years past.

"At least one person on the board has always wanted to amend it," said Osborne.

Board members reported several internal cuts for the second year in a row. The Guess program, a syllabi service, was eliminated completely from Associated Students. The student assistant position for the Legislative Director was also eliminated.

The College Legal Aid Clinic and ever popular Rex Sports fared better as they received moderate increases in funding for the 1993-94 year. The number of ASI scholarships was also increased.

Though some programs obviously fared better than others, finance board member Lou Monville says the budget was drawn up objectively.

"I think we did it fairly and uniformly," says Monville. "Everybody got cut a little bit but..."
When lives are at stake, smokers have no rights

by John Cowley
Chronicle staff writer

Recently, the faculty, student and administrative officials of Cal State, San Bernardino approved a non-smoking policy banning smoking throughout all campus buildings. In my opinion, it has not gone far enough.

The ban should not only include the inside of the campus, but the outside as well. Recent studies have shown that secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death, and that smoking is just as insulting outside as it is inside because it travels and there is no way to avoid it.

Some would say that those who do not want to smell the smoke can walk another route or go out some alternate door. That is wrong. We have the right not to be assaulted by deadly poison while on a facility of a state which recognizes tobacco smoke as such.

Some argue that banning smoking outside would be an affrontment on smoker’s rights. In my opinion, as well as that of many others, there is no such thing as smoker’s rights.

No one has the right to poison the air which we all must breathe. Air is communal, and there is no distinction between air for smokers and air for breathers. Outdoors is not a “smoking section.”

In the April 2 Friday Bulletin, a secretary from one of the departments on Cal State was quoted as saying she felt her rights were being taken away and that she felt that “they should have a place in every building to smoke.” Taxpayers build the buildings and we at Cal State are taxpayers. The “they” in her quotation refers to smokers, but in our understanding it is actually we the taxpayers who don’t smoke that would somehow be responsible for building the minority of smokers their own separate smoking facilities.

Smoking kills. Period. Why make separate arrangements which might cost the taxpayer for a minority who persist in slow suicide? I look forward to the day, hopefully in the not so distant future, when we’ll all look back and say, “Smoking, I can’t believe people used to do that.”

That day will not be so far away and one way to make sure of that is not to go halfway on the new anti-smoking policy. We know smoking is wrong in every sense, now let’s show it.
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RU 486: a 'Morning-after pill' inflames new abortion debate

Chronicle staff writer

Few words are likely to evoke as emotional a response as "abortion." Mention the word to one who is "Right to Life" oriented, and his or her response is likely to be permeated with accusations such as "murder" or "infanticide" or "killing." Pose the term to a "Pro Choice" advocate, and prepared for the inevitable fusillade of exultations citing Roe v. Wade or "maternal prerogative." Casually mention abortion to an incumbent or aspiring politician, and then quickly move aside while he or she bastes a hasty, if not vague verbal retreat until a determination can be made as to a consensus of those within ear-shot.

Enter into this melee RU 486, what's Enter sometimes referred to as the "French abortion pill." Some tout RU 486 as an idea whose time has come, while others condemn it as an unacceptable rationalization of the abortion question. Still others know of the drug's existence, but don't know much about its inception or how it works.

An informal survey of forty-three predominately female CSUSB students ranging in age from 22 to 49 yielded the consensus that RU 486 "terminates" or "aborts" an embryo. Interestingly, more than one respondent alluded to RU 486 being connected in some way to the "Star Wars" saga.

RU 486 was developed several years ago under the auspices of the thirty-six percent French governmentally-owned Roussel Uclaf pharmaceutical company. The drug's chief developer, Dr. Etienne-Emile Baulieu, a 1989 Albert Lasker medical research award winner for his work with steroid hormones, felt that his discovery of RU 486 was purely coincidental to his research of hormone antagonists. He realized that with the discovery of a compound that inhibits progesterone's action(s), pregnancy could be impeded, if not prevented. Progesterone is essential for pregnancy in that it surrounds a fertilized egg and facilitates its attachment to the uterine wall. Functioning as a progesterone "antagonist," RU 486 binds to the uterine wall cells and blocks progesterone cells, subsequently preventing the egg from attaching itself to the uterine wall.

One dose of 600 milligrams of RU 486 is administered within twenty-one days of a missed menstrual period. Three days later, a small dose of prostaglandin, a naturally-occurring group of fatty-acids found in menstrual fluid, semen, and other tissues of many species, and which among other things stimulates the contracting motion of the uterus is administered. The prostaglandin thereby allows for the contents of the uterus to be expelled, as would happen during a normal menstrual cycle.

Baulieu prefers the term "contraception" to "abortion," and contends that his motivation in further developing RU 486 is not borne of a belief in abortion, but rather an affinity for the health of women in general. His interest in women's health arose primarily when, as a medical school resident, he witnessed numerous dilation and curettings of "Dand C's" and the accompanying pain and indignity the patients suffered. Baulieu would like to simplify the RU 486 process. The prostaglandin must be physician-administered seventy-two hours after the RU 486, a factor which might not be easily facilitated in many parts of the world, particularly those.

World Research has been proposed for uses beyond that of an abortifacient; as an alternative to a Caesarean section when inadequate cervix dilation would normally warrant such a procedure; as a treatment for certain types of breast cancer-related tumours; as a treatment for a condition of the adrenal function called "Cushing's syndrome," as a treatment for glaucoma; and as treatment for burns or wounds.

Care should obviously be keynote when contemplating the approval and introduction of any drug, lest tragedies such as Thalidomide or Acutane repeat themselves. It should be noted that RU 486 has been tested and used with success in England and China, and testing is ongoing in the U.S. as well.

That RU 486 will prove to be a panacea likely to quell the abortion issue is unlikely. It may however prove at least one viable option for some seeking an answer to most difficult question.
"A.S.I. Budget Passes Easily"

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nobody suffered large cuts."
In addition to allocating the money objectively, Osborne says the Finance Board managed to make the most of a variety of fund sources to make the budget cover a greater number of programs.

“We are expecting a grant for health education so we didn’t fund the Health and Safety program at all,” she says. “They will be able to run strictly off that grant.”

The AS Finance Board is committed of students at large, members of the board of directors, two AS executives and a faculty advisor. In the task of the finance board to hear presentations from on campus organizations of their specific budgetary needs and then allocate the total amount given to Associated Students for the year. The completed budget is then presented to the AS Board of Directors where they, as Osborne says, have the opportunity to amend it. Osborne sees a couple of possible explanations for this year’s easy passage. First, the annual budget is coincidentally brought in just prior to the AS elections and members of the board of directors are often simultaneously running for an executive office.

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This year only one board member is running for an AS office, perhaps giving support to Osborne’s claim.

She also says, however, that Osborne’s claim. In years past, political candidates running for office would politic and try to change it,” she said. "I also think it says something about our board to hear presentations from on campus organizations of their specific budgetary needs and then allocate the total amount given to Associated Students for the year. The completed budget is then presented to the AS Board of Directors where they, as Osborne says, have the opportunity to amend it. Osborne sees a couple of possible explanations for this year’s easy passage. First, the annual budget is coincidentally brought in just prior to the AS elections and members of the board of directors are often simultaneously running for an executive office.

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Naked Soul Plays
A Fast One at Pub

by John Andrews
editor in chief

It must be said, however, that Scotti Bros. wasn't completely off in signing these guys. Conley has paid his dues on the power punk circuit and is an excellent guitarist. His all-too-brief solos were like an up-dated version of Neil Young's wonderfully reckless wranglings. Sewell and Pearson are a churning rhythm section that followed Conley's musical and lyrical twists all night without missing a beat.

The show loosened up toward the end with Conley talking to the crowd about trying a new song ("we just finished this one last night"). The band delivered a faster-paced version of their latest single "Lonely Me, Lonely You," and then put their own stamp on two British Invasion classics "Connection" (Rolling Stones) and "So Sad About Us" (Who).

It ended, however, before it had a chance to really gain momentum. The band was apparently contracted to play just one 45 minute set so as I began inching to the edge of my seat, they had pilled into the tour van and headed back to Costa Mesa. Perhaps they were giving us just enough to follow them.

Proposal':

by Anthony Bruce Giplin
editor in chief

A young, yuppie couple, hit hard by the recession, go to Las Vegas to parlay borrowed money into a stake to save the dream house they built. Of course, they promptly lose their last dime. A high-rolling tycoon, smitten by the young woman's beauty, offers to end the couple's money worries, in exchange for a sexual encounter with the young wife.

The couple talks the matter over, and agree to accept the deal. As soon as his wife is out of his sight, the young man instantly regrets his decision, and dashes to the roof of the hotel, arriving just as a helicopter is whisking his wife away to parts unknown.

If the plot of Indecent Proposal sounds familiar, it isn't without reason. If you have seen Honeymoon In Vegas, you have seen Indecent Proposal, and you've seen it done better. The major difference was that Honeymoon was a comedy, which delivered big laughs. Indecent Proposal also gets laughs. This is unfortunate, as Proposal is not a comedy, and not all the laughs were part of the filmmakers' plan.

As young marries David and Diana Murphy, Woody Harrelson and Demi Moore convincingly portray two people who love each other, despite the strain this incident puts on their marriage. Harrelson's histrionics occasionally get out of control, but Moore never waivers from her character, despite her and Harrelson having to utter dialogue like this:

David: Have I ever told you I love you?
Diana: No.
David: I do.
Diana: Still?
David: Always.

Honestly! Have you heard that kind of calculated, instant catch-phrase-making since Love Story? Screenwriter Amy Holden Jones has created an awkward hybrid by blending elements of Fatal Attraction and Divine Proposal. The result is a script that only Ms. Jones' mother could love, full of impassioned speeches, moral high-ground-taking, and such cliches as an agonizing, slow-motion roulette scene with a thoroughly predictable outcome.

When he made Fatal Attraction, director Adrian Lyne created a new film genre, which might be called "The film in the blank" From Hell movie, (The Hand That Rocks the Cradle was The Nanny From Hell, Single White Female was The Roommate From Hell. You get the idea.) Indecent Proposal brings us the Billionaire From Hell, who won't stop harassing the Murphys until they concede that everybody has their price.

Robert Redford limps through his performance of a character written far beneath his talents. Apparently, Lyne just wanted a name star to fill a tuxedo. (While I'm thinking about it: while Robert Redford does look great in a white dinner jacket, I would think the failures of The Great Gatsby and Havana would convince anyone that Redford is not Humphrey Bogart.)

The major production difference between Indecent Proposal and Honeymoon In Vegas is that instead of Sarah Jessica Parker in a clingy dress, Indecent Proposal offers Demi Moore naked. Save your money, and wait until Indecent Proposal comes to home video.
Golfers in the swing of things

by Ric Rivas
Chronicle sports editor

The Cal State, San Bernardino Golf team surprised everyone but themselves last spring by compiling a 10-0 mark in the conference, with freshmen Joe Walsh and Maik Andrews, both key linemen, Coach Bob Smith has assembled a team that should get that far.

This edition of the Coyotes had the fewest penalty shots of any of Smith’s teams. Averaging 73.5 per round Wilson is the team captain and has taken much of the pressure to set the standards. Andrews has assumed the role of being “Mr. Steady.” His swing is the prime example of good tempo,” observed Smith. Walsh and Mouw are two of us who are learning the college way of playing.

“The high school players have to learn to stay away from the miracle shot, to play within themselves, handle tournament golf and course management,” said Smith.

The team has proven that they can compete with anyone. They are learning to believe in themselves and play smart Golf. “This is the best organized group of guys I’ve been with,” said Smith. “No prima donnas and they are just realizing their potential.”

Randall Beckley is named coach of the year

by Adam Bailey
Chronicle staff writer

It has been a successful season for Randall Beckley, the women’s basketball coach at Cal State. After a 19-10 season, a trip to the conference championship game, a new two year contract extension, and the coach of the year award, she should be quite pleased with her efforts this season. But rather than all of the glory for herself Coach Beckley selflessly attributes all of her good fortune to, “A lot of hard work by my players, and a lot of prayers. I had high expectations, goals, and hopes for my players this season and they responded. I made them believe that they could win in any situation they were in. I feel that faith, high expectations, and hard work pay off.”

Coach Beckley’s relationship with her players seems to be a key ingredient in the success of her team. “I feel that my players and I have an excellent relationship. They come to talk to me about everything, and because of that we develop a stronger bond. The girls know that I am there for them and not for the position. I want them to have the best possible college experience, academically and educationally.”

Considering the success that Coach Beckley has received over the past year it would seem likely to maintain the status quo for next year, but not for coach Beckley. “We have 8 members of our team returning from last year, and are currently trying to recruit two new key players for next years squad. With the combination of talent and strength Beckley is the sky’s the limit for women’s basketball next season here at Cal State.”

Earth Day Approaches

by Nadine Webber
Chronicle staff writer

ASI sponsors Earth Week April 19-21 and “Earth Day” April 22 on the Cal State, San Bernardino campus, to encourage environmental awareness with exhibits, fun and games. Any club or dorm interested in vinding contact ASI at 880-5739 or 880-8890.

Guest speakers including David Salish from the Sierra Club will be at the Earth Resources Library. The lunch will encourage students to experience how the Earth’s various resources are located in terms of international cuisine depending where you are on the planet. Tickets will be on sale outside this event. Students are encouraged to bring their old eyeglasses and deposit them in the Lens Crafters boxes (outside library) to help benefit people in countries where not enough optical care is accessible.

The latest developments of the Project Bio-Sphere II will be shown live via-satellite at a location on campus to be announced. A question and answer portion of the show will also be included.

Games will include a can crushing contest and there will be live music and videos. Have fun and Happy “Mama” Earth Day.

The Geek by Grace Dowling

Food had all of the moves, everything about him... down to his doltish smile, walked... so cool... So what was it that revealed his true identity? Perhaps it was... Perhaps it was...? It remains a mystery... to food...