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Prop 187 still tied up in courts as CSUSB's Chicano Coalition takes action

By Brian Lees
Editor in chief

Proposition 187 is still tied up in the state courts, despite an anticipated decision on February 15, as previously reported by The Chronicle.

According to Colleen Beniley-Adler, Manager of Media Relations for the CSUSB Chancellor's office, Prop 187 is "still blocked pending any trial, and none of the initiative's provisions will be in effect until an expected trial some time in June."

In reaction to the recent developments pertaining to the initiative which passed in last November's election, the CSUSB Chicano Coalition held a panel in the Eucalyptus Room in the Lower Commons on March 1.

The coalition comprised of the campus chapter of M.E.Ch.A., Delta Sigma Chi, the Latino Business Association, Los Amigos Club, and the Hispanic Women's Council. Approximately 40 people attended and contributed to a lively discussion.

An introduction given by Ismail Avilez of M.E.Ch.A. cited Prop 187 as another "scapegoating" action in a long history of racist attacks by American politicians against the Latino community. Avilez concluded his introduction by stating the need for "people on this campus to organize" in order to fight the latest attacks on their people.

The next speaker, Dr. Elsa Valdez, assistant professor of sociology, presented statistics that suggested that the "undocumented worker problem" was blown way out of proportion. According to Valdez, undocumented workers just came to America to receive welfare. In fact, according to Valdez, African-Americans are the most likely to receive welfare, followed by U.S.-born Latinos, Asians, Anglos, and undocumented immigrants.

Another issue of concern was the proposed elimination of remedial courses. According to Valdez, this is "just another way of shutting the door in the face of minorities," who comprise most of the student body in remedial courses. One student reacted to this by stating that the elimination of remedial education is a "mass cover-up of the real problem in California: improving our poor K-12 education standards."

Another problem that minorities are facing is Governor Pete Wilson's veto of the "Voter Motor Bill," which would make it much easier to register to vote and would increase minority involvement in the voting process. Valdez expressed concern over the fact that California is one of the only states not to implement this bill, and that Wilson is using our tax dollars to sue the Federal Government to keep them from forcing him to implement this bill.

Governor Pete Wilson learned of a U.S. District Court ruling on the constitutionality of the National Voter Registration Act on March 2 and had these remarks.

"Despite California's legal efforts challenging the constitutionality of the National Voter Registration Act, today the court has chosen the side of the federal government. However, this ruling does not end our efforts to reaffirm the rights of states, which are, after all, independent and sovereign governments, not mere extensions of the Washington's out-of-touch bureaucracy. Those concerned about the federal government's ever increasing size and reach into the matters of all Americans need not give up hope. We will appeal this ruling and we will seek a stay barring its enforcement."

"In addition, I will urge the Congress to pass Senator Coverdell's legislation which would make the states implement the National Voter Registration Act only to the extent that federal funding is available to pay for it."

"Without relief from the courts or the Congress, Californians will see longer lines at the Motor Vehicle offices and more mandated growth in the size and cost of government. I am determined to not let that happen. Our fight has just begun."

Nevertheless, this decision is a victory not only for minorities, but also all students. According to Valdez, the recent UC proposal that Affirmative Action be eliminated and the state proposal that the citizenship rights of children of undocumented immigrants be curtailed. In closing, Valdez suggested that these and other actions will lead to conflict relations in normally progressive California to continue to deteriorate.

Student speaker Cynthia Olivo addressed the most recent specific issues affecting undocumented immigrants. The main issue of concern was the recent notification that financial aid will be denied to undocumented immigrant students at CSUSB, and that these students will now be charged out-of-state tuition rates.

Word was received at this campus on February 1 that a January 24 court decision affecting these policies was to be enforced. Approximately 50 students were sent notices from Admissions and Records that the new rules would be enforced for the Spring 1995 quarter.

According to Olivo, only about half of the affected students have supplied the Office of Admissions and Records with their papers. Olivo fears that the others may not be aware of what they need to do in order to avoid these imposed financial hardships. Furthermore, there is no "grandfathering" clause being given to CSUSB undocumented students as has been applied to UC students.

The meeting closed with questions, comments, and suggestions from the audience as to how to fight these perceived injustices. Those interested in participating in the meetings should contact one of the campus organizations that comprise the coalition.

Fun and Festivities!

Photos by Run Ann Leonard

Rolling Stone Magazine sponsored a concert tour featuring the bands Dag and Mother May I, who played in the Student Union Courtyard on March 8. Some of the additional activities included a demonstration of Sony's Mini-Disc digital audio system and bicycle polo.
CAMPUS
CALENDAR

Events From Wednesday, March 8 to Wednesday, March 22, 1995

Wednesday, March 8

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - Regular meeting. Student Union Multicultural Center 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

TALK SOUP: "O.J. Simpson: The Media, The Madness." Soup will be served or bring your lunch, located in the Multicultural Center, 12 Noon - 1 p.m. All are welcome.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT GROUP - Regular meeting. Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center, 11 a.m. - 12 Noon.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE - Provided by volunteers from CSUSB Accounting Ass'n. Bring W-2 forms, last year's returns and IRS forms mailed to you. Jack Brown Hall, Room 141, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Free.

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL UNION - Regular meeting. Pine Room, Lower Commons, 6 p.m.

FRENCH TABLE CLUB - Regular meeting. Pine Room, Lower Commons, 5 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSN. - Regular meeting. University Hall, Room 249, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

ART EXHIBIT- Annie Siems: "Recent Work." Original works in found materials, ink, paint and graphite. Daily through April 7. University Art Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. - Sun., 12 Noon - 4 p.m. Free.

CONCERT: Multi-Music Series presents: "Skip Tooth." Located in the Student Union Courtyard, 12 Noon - 1 p.m. All are invited.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH VIDEO SERIES: "Howard's End." Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center, 12 Noon.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST - Regular meeting. Eucalyptus Room, Lower Commons, 6:15 p.m. Free speech & free coffee.

CLUB ANIM8: Japanese Animation Society, Pine Room, Lower Commons, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday, March 10

HISPANIC WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT GROUP - Regular meeting. Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSN. - Regular meeting. University Hall, Room 249, 4 p.m.

VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE CLASS: Sponsored by Vietnamese Student Ass'n. John Pfau Library Classroom 217, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Free.

THEATRE: "The Illusion" by Pierre Corneille. University Theatre, 8:15 p.m. S8 General Admission, $5 CSUSB Alumni and Seniors, S3 students.

BASEBALL: CSUSB v. MASTER'S COLLEGE. Fiscalini Field, 1 p.m.

THEATRE: "What Are Your Thoughts On Dying Outside Of Your Race?" Located in Events Center A, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, March 11

HISPANIC WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT GROUP - Regular meeting. Temporary Classroom 007, 4 p.m. Free.

SUPPORT GROUP - Regular meeting. Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

THEATRE: "Images of Ireland." Foods, Documentary or contemporary Movies, Music, etc.. Student Union Multicultural Center. Continues through March 17. Everyone is welcome.

BASEBALL: CSUSB v. POINT LOMA. Softball Field, 2:30 p.m.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS: Provided by volunteers from CSUSB Accounting Ass'n. Bring W-2 forms, last year's returns and IRS forms mailed to you. Jack Brown Hall, Room 141, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Free.

Sunday, March 12

SUPPORT GROUP - Regular meeting. Student Union Multicultural Center, 5 p.m. All are welcome.

BASEBALL: CSUSB v. MASTER'S COLLEGE. Fiscalini Field, 1 p.m.

CONCERT: SATURDAY CONSERVATORY RECITAL - Creative Arts Recital Hall, 3 p.m. Free.

TV SHOWS: "Job Search Preparation", "Successful Interview", "Negotiating the Job Offer" Career Development Center, University Hallroom 324, 12 Noon - 1 p.m. Free to students and Alumni Assn. members.

ALPHA DELTA PISORORITY - Regular meeting. Eucalyptus Room, Lower Commons, 7 p.m.

SIGMA CHI - Chapter meeting. Temporary Classroom 007, 4 p.m.

SIGMA GAMMA PHI FRATERNITY - Weekly meeting. Temporary Classroom 16, 7 p.m.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY - Chapter meeting. Eucalyptus Room, Lower Commons, 5 p.m.

TAU KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY - Business meeting. Temporary Classroom TC-16, 6 p.m.

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TAU KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY - Business meeting. Temporary Classroom TC-16, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14

VIDEO: Job Search Preparation.

BASEBALL: CSUSB v. POINT LOMA. Softball Field, 2:30 p.m.

THEATRE: "What Are Your Thoughts On Dying Outside Of Your Race?" Located in Events Center A, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

CONCERT: CSUSB CONCERT CHOIR. Creative Arts Recital Hall, 8:15 p.m. S3 General Admission, S5 students, staff and seniors.

PSI CHI LECTURE: "Domestic Violence after Separation: Sometimes, Leaving Doesn't End the Abuse" by Dr. Geraldine Stahly. Student Union Events Center "C," 5 p.m. Free and open to the public.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - Regular meeting. Student Union Multicultural Center, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

MULTICULTURAL MOVIE NIGHT: "Far And Away." Student Union Multicultural Center, 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, March 15

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSN. - Regular meeting. University Hall, Room 249, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE CLASS: Sponsored by Vietnamese Student Ass'n. John Pfau Library Classroom 217, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Free.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES. Student Union Courtyard, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE SERIES: "Women In Performance" by Professor Jennifer Reed. Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center, 12 Noon - 1 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION: "What Are Your Thoughts On Dying Outside Of Your Race?" Located in Events Center A, 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH VIDEO SERIES: "Enchanted April." Women's Resource & Adult Re-Entry Center, 12 Noon.

THEATRE: "The Illusion" by Pierre Corneille. University Theatre, 8:15 p.m. S8 General Admission, S5 CSUSB Alumni and Seniors, S3 students.

BASEBALL: CSUSB v. UC RIVERSIDE. Fiscalini Field (Highland 7 p.m. 6 Harrison, next to Perris Hill Park), 7 p.m.

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What America Needs Most is a Legitimate Third Party

By Brian Lees
Editor in chief

In the wake of the actions of our most recently elected officials and the overall direction in which this country is heading, it is becoming increasingly apparent to many American citizens that a legitimate third party would be quite attractive in the upcoming 1996 Presidential Election (and no, Ross Perot is not the answer).

The problem is that both of our major political parties have failed us tremendously. Years of Republican corporate greed and corporate welfare have seriously damaged our middle class economy and threaten to damage it even further. Years of Democratic liberalism in the courts have allowed our "criminal" justice system to deteriorate. The result is a rapidly decaying American society.

In California, the problem seems to be greatly exacerbated by the continuing battle over a scarce tax base used to fund California's struggling educational system and overcrowded prison system. Although funding education properly could produce more productive members of society and reduce the number of impoverished, uneducated, oppressed criminals in this state, Governor Pete Wilson has promised to spend more money to build prisons to house Three-Strikes and One-Strike offenders.

While building more prisons is definitely politically expedient at this time, the type of prisons we are building is a major contributor to our problems. Instead of housing violent criminals in dirty, undesirable dungeons (as many civilized countries still do), we place them in "country clubs," complete with color cable television, a built-in "Family Fitness," and buffet-style gourmet food bars. In fact, some of our state officials have been recently investigating the claims that some of these prisons are accused of being enemies of education and other worthy social programs in order to fund corporate welfare. Perhaps the greatest example of this corporate welfare is the federal subsidies to tobacco companies.

Another issue of concern is the so-called "family values" principle. Family values is a great idea and we certainly need to strengthen American families, but what really is "family values?" It is obviously a rather ambiguous term even to the Republicans who propose it, since their definition of "family values" often involves pinching middle class families in order to support corporate welfare policies. Family values are evidently preserved for families of a higher socio-economic status.

In addition to this, it is also quite unfortunate that those who talk about "family values" the most are also those who are the poorest examples of a good family role model. This is very disappointing, mainly because our families are in such need of help. As the American family goes, so goes the nation.

With all of this in mind, it is a sad commentary on American politics when most of us are using the phrase "voting for the lesser of two evils" these days. It doesn't have to be this way, though. It is quite depressing to think that our "two evils" in November 1996 might be Bill Clinton and Phil Gramm.

If, for one, there were a balanced third party candidate that could recognize both the importance of punishing convicted criminals justly and harshly and turning off the faucet of corporate welfare in favor of education and worthy social programs. Does such a candidate exist? Perhaps only in fairy tales, or possibly in our wildest dreams. But if one does not exist or does magically appear soon, partisanship will only get worse, and the middle class will continue to suffer immensely, and if we continue in this trend, it could be the end of the great American empire as we know it. After all, Rome didn't last forever.

Gramm went on to graduate school, which was paid for by yet another government program—a National Defense Education Act fellowship. With his new Ph.D., Gramm became a full professor at age 30 at Texas A & M University, a state-supported school, until he got on another government payroll as a member of Congress 16 years ago. If Gramm goes all the way to the White House, a Presidential pension would certainly round out his life of warning against government handouts.

Gramm is not the only one who has demonstrated an uncanny ability to either live off of the dole or distribute its spoils to other undeserving parties. It is almost guaranteed that the Republicans will put up an extremely corporate-friendly candidate once again.

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By Jimmy Hwang
Special to The Chronicle

This is my last quarter here. I am taking a position as full professor and department chair at another private institution in San Diego, where I reside. I came to this campus in the fall of 1991 from San Diego State University. Although I have been emotionally attached to this campus over the last four years, it is really hard for anyone to pass on an opportunity and promote my love for this campus. The closeness and friendliness with the students and faculty are reasons why I love this campus. I want to voice my gratitude and concerns for the future and wellness of our campus. I have lots of good memories of San Bernardino. I shall return.

Jimmy Hwang is a professor of Business Administration at CSUSB

To the Editor:

In Neil Derry’s commentary, February 22, opposing the University’s “Statement of Commitment to Diversity,” he made reference to the photographic work of Robert Mapplethorpe. He states, “...have an art display recognizing the benefits of child sodomy (perhaps Robert Mapplethorpe’s photographs at the California Museum of Photography in Riverside which opens March 4.)

Is it obvious that he is unfamiliar with Mr. Mapplethorpe’s work (and is equally uninformed about most of the material covered in his article). Mr. Mapplethorpe never made photographs displaying the act of child sodomy or promoted such an act. I suggest that he visit the exhibition of Robert Mapplethorpe’s photographs at the University of California, Riverside, which opens March 4.

Sincerely,
Sant Khalsa
Associate Professor of Art, Photography Program Coordinator

CSUSB Memories: "Things That I Remembered On This Campus"

Angered Student Speaks Out About Campus Bureaucracy

To The Editor:

The following is a list of events that took place at CSUSB, while I tried to accomplish the petition of the University regulations. First of all, I was notified by mail on Monday, February 6, 1995, that I needed to register on February 11 (Saturday), between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

I immediately found out what I needed to do in order to take Psych 311 lab from 1:20 p.m. to 4:10 p.m., while also taking my last integrative capstone in Humanities. The only problem was that Hum 335 meets on the same day as my Psych 311 lab, does Hum 335 is scheduled on Monday and Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.

I went and picked up a university petition. I had Dr. McDougall, my current biochemistry instructor, sign the petition. He stated that it was okay if I left the lab 12 to 15 minutes early. With his approval, it allowed me not to have to attend Dr. Whitaker’s class at all.

After trying to contact Dr. Whitaker for a week via personal office visits and visits to the Peer Advising for Liberal Studies office I was told that Dr. Whitaker would sign my form, but at 2:35 p.m., the door was locked and Dr. Whitaker was nowhere to be found.

I then proceeded to go see my EOP Counselor. I was upset at this point, because not only did TRACS not let me register via phone or by Admissions and Records, the petition became very time consuming.

Why are two instructors’ signatures needed when one is sufficient due to the fact that the first signature would be by the instructor who will release the student early, whether it be a lab or a lecture class? No one at this University could answer this question, not even Dr. Pritchard.

I finally found an answer from Raymond Navarro, Jr. He informed me that the policy had been changed specifically to cater to one faculty member who at the time was the Chair of the Academic Senate and did not personally like the previous policy. He felt that too many students with time conflicts would abuse the university’s regulation policy. In reality, he did not like the fact that students were being “unfair” to his class.

EXCUSE ME? But this is not high school and it is not the instructor’s responsibility or the obligation of the university to make sure students attend classes. That is why adults attend colleges. How dare an individual on the Senate take the power to please himself.

The university is a series of inter-related networks that provide educational opportunities for all people. The university is for the students, not for the faculty to benefit from in such a way that harms the university’s image or the general student body here at CSUSB.

I am truly disappointed with the Committee of Educational Policy and Resources and the university as a whole. I am outraged that such a bureaucracy floursish at CSUSB, I refuse, as a student, to allow this to continue.

I believe that the petition policy should be changed back to its previous form. I also demand formal apologies from all parties/department/individuals who disrupted my learning process.

Continuing with my ordeal, I spoke with Nadine and Larry. After they did everything they could, I was advised to talk to the Dean of Humanities after which she would sign my form. Finally, after a week and a half, not to mention the two and a half hours after school that I spent on Monday, I signed the form and returned it to Advising and Academic Services.

Saturday, via mail, I received my copy of the approval to my petition. On Wednesday, February 16, I was also given a great deal of misinformation, not to mention catching a cold by running around all over the campus in the rain while departments played “pass the buck.”

This ordeal has taken valuable time and energy from my studying and from my educational journey.

I demand that action be taken, not only for myself, but for the entire student body here at CSUSB! I insist on fairness, and will take whatever measures or steps necessary to obtain equality and justice.

Another point to ponder is how it is possible for an individual to make his/her registration window via TRACS, when it is a one day, five hour time period? It is impossible.

Because of this mess, I did not complete my registration until the middle of Priority III, instead of an earlier Priority. Why was the issue of the petition form and the TRACS system not discussed in the October 1994 revision of the petition form? Could it be because it was not a personal concern of a member of the Senate? The TRACS system was in full operation in October 1994.

This unfairness is wrong and I believe immensely that the university owes the student body at CSUSB a formal apology due to the fact that the university has caused other students, as well as myself, loss of time, emotional strain, stress, and any other inconveniences it has inflicted.

Finally, this measly ten minute time confliction is not addressed anywhere in the CSUSB catalog. Why? I expect answers on all these issues. I have no problem discussing these issues or topics, and I want all of them resolved.

Thank you,
Damian R. Ochoa
Student
Plaguing Parking Problems

To The Editor:

So what sneaky agendas hide behind the parking lot survey handed out on February 21st? Are we supposed to assume some warped justification buried in the issue of student unwillingness to use public transport as reason to raise parking fees?

Have you "higher powers" considered the truly practical aspects of transportation by privately owned vehicles? If not—try these on for size:

1. Our cars help us to be time efficient. Many of CSU's students commute long distances. What can be traveled in minutes by car takes hours by bus! This is no exaggeration! We use our cars like lockers.

2. Most of us sign this letter are art majors. We not only lug tons of required materials of awkward size and massive weight. Do you have any idea of the difficulties associated with getting canvases, paint, sculpture supplies, clay, and other supplies around all day?

3. Now, shall we get on to those students who are also parents? Sure there are buses that will pick up parent and child, go to day care, wait a couple minutes while junior is deposited at the sitter's doorstep, and then get us to class on time—Ha! Ha! Ha! What are you thinking?

We students are not trying to aggravate the parking problem but you sure are aggravating us with promoting alternatives to the most practical means we already use. We just come here to get an education. So help us reach this goal instead of holding stress management workshops for all the grief we encounter from an excess of bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Linda Wolfe
Frederick A. Johnson
Debbie Crowell
Jennifer Allen
Michelle Finney
Bob Anderson
Erin Saxton
Alana Paratore
Juliet Conlon
Susan Wendi

And the Quest for a Mate Continues...

Comer
Jeremy Heckler

I always wondered why it seemed that, at least for me, mysteries of the opposite sex abound. The ever-popular phrase, "You're a really nice guy, but..." was recently translated by a sitcom character into, "I'm going to be dating leather-wearing alcoholics and then complain about them—to you."

When will women realize that it's okay to tell a guy you don't want him you be your boyfriend, but that it's emasculating to try to compensate by making him a girlfriend?

Now I thought that this was a little far-fetched, but considering that it was February, and Valentine's Day, I decided to pursue the question of what women want and how I should go about getting out of the "Good Friends Society of America."

The Society is a small, unofficial group of poor guys who are the best people to talk to when you have a personal problem, but for all other intents and purposes—off-limits. I thought that the only way to cure this problem was to find out why women were so crazy. Hey, it seemed like a good idea at the time.

The first thing I did was to actually ask people what they wanted from a perspective mate. Some women wanted or had nice guys and some said that they liked dating jerks. The thought of women who actually like dating jerks amazed me. From what they told me, some of them were trying to look beyond the surface and try to find the good person underneath. Others considered them a challenge and wanted to change them. "Whatever!"—that's what I thought, because it seemed to me that they were heading down that rocky path toward the cliff only to fail off.

Not entirely wanting to buy all that, I went and talked to a professional psychologist, Dr. Robert Cramer, one of the professors here on campus. He told me that, from a scientific standpoint, men and women tend to agree on a number of things that they look for in a potential mate. They include: people who are loyal, kind, and interesting. He then said that men have a tendency to be attracted to physical appearances more than women. Then he gave the real answer to my question and said that women tend to look on the surface for those who are ambitious and motivated with an air of confidence. I could see that in many cases, but not all.

He also said that men and women were interested in having other people to talk to, but those are not necessarily the people that they date. That was an interesting concept especially for me because the obvious escapes me at times and I don't know any better. Dr. Cramer also said that friendship and dating may not always be compatible and that the way you deal with romantic partners and friends is different. One must identify those they would want to be romantic with and communicate that to them.

Basically dating and relationships as far as I'm concerned is not an exact science, but hopefully experience will teach me what it is to have a relationship that does not end up making a total fool out of myself. If anything, I should be who I am and try to be honest with my feelings with others.

Still, during the whole process of developing this idea for the column, I thought that it was someone else's fault for my circumstance. Hey, maybe it is—but for now, all I do know is that I may not have what someone else is looking for. Maybe because I stopped searching for it. Maybe she'll find me, and we'll find each other, and life will go on. It's not that important but, hey, it's better than nothing. Nobody ever said you have to live happily ever after.

HOW TO KEEP PEOPLE'S HANDS OFF YOUR MONEY.

1. Carry only enough cash to last the day.
   Anyone who tries to borrow your last five spot isn't a friend, anyway.

2. Label your spare-change jar "beetle farm."
   Then, put your beetle farm in a jar labeled "spare change."

3. Mark up every space on checks.
   Don't leave room for someone to fill in their name and extra zeros.

4. Keep your wallet in your front pocket.
   It discourages pickpockets. So does wearing really tight pants.

5. Put your picture on your credit card.
   A Citibank Photocard is tough for anyone else to use, unless they look just like you.
Monthly CSSA Report

from News Services

The California State Student Association (CSSA) provides an annual voice for the 320,000 California State University (CSU) students at the CSU Chancellor's Office and the State Legislature. Each month student representatives meet to be briefed by staff on collective bargaining system, and legislative issues.

The monthly meeting of the CSSA Board of Directors was hosted by Sonoma State University on February 19-20. Although CSUSB is no longer a member of CSSA's statewide level of representation of the entire CSU system, student participation in the Collective Bargaining (CB) arena continues to be strong, and focused on protecting the quality of services offered to CSU students. Within the next few weeks, all six unions are expected to be in either full contract or reopening negotiations.

One of the main issues that the Board will monitor in the next several months is the potential for a faculty compensation package based partly on a true merit aspect; this concept is subject to bargaining. What CSSA will advocate is strong student input in what constitutes meritorious performance by faculty.

The Interest Based Bargaining (IBB) agreement between the CSU and the California Faculty Association (CFA) was officially declared over; a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CSSA and the new Interest Based Bargaining served as the model for the CB package. What CSSA will advocate is a resolution to support the continuation of reme­dial education in the CSU system.

The Legislative Affairs Committee continues to strategize for the 1995 Legislative Session. An integral part of which is the annual CSSA Legislative Conference to be held in Sacramento on April 23-25, 1995. This event will climax with the student lobby day and a rally at the front of the state capitol.

February 24th is the legislative deadline to introduce all bills for the 1995 session. At the Board meeting staff presented nine bill analyses, which the CSSA Board of Directors discussed and took positions on. Highlights of the positions taken include:

1) Oppose-Assembly Constitutional Amendment 2 and Assembly Bill 221 (Richer), both of which would seek to limit the use of Affirmative Action.

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The Board of Directors also reviewed the February 18th Draft of the proposed CSU policy on campus based student fees. A final CSU policy should be worked out in the next few months. The CSSA Board also approved a resolution to support the continuing support of remedial education in the CSU system.

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California Leaders Are Convinced Higher Education Is Top Agenda

from News Services

Higher education’s problems need to be moved higher on the state’s agenda, or California may be split into a society of “haves and have-nots,” according to prominent business and professional leaders interviewed in a report released today by Public Agenda for The California Higher Education Policy Center.

“California leaders fear that with higher costs, decreasing state support, and a new influx of students, those who are unable today will be flushed out of the system, causing California to become a two-class society of haves and have-nots,” principal author Dr. John Immerwahr said in summarizing opinions from the report, entitled Preserving the Higher Education Legacy: A Conversation with California Leaders.

The 29 leaders included a former Governor, a Nobel Prize winning economist, news media executives; religious, community and civic leaders; and corporate presidents. They were selected from outside the ranks of higher education professionals in order to obtain a broader understanding of the issues facing higher education today.

“The report echoes our strong contention that higher education must be moved up on California political agenda, and that the public must be invited into the conversation,” said Pat Callan, executive director of the Policy Center. “Otherwise, higher education will move beyond the financial grasp of most of its citizens.”

The leaders also strongly agreed that the state currently does not have an effective way of dealing with higher education issues. One interviewee said, “What do I think of its citizens.”

“What we need to do is to look forward to the future of California, and ask what are our educational needs and how are we going to meet them, and only then try to talk about how to pay for them,” one interviewee noted.

Ideas which drew consensus from the interviewees included the need to use existing facilities more efficiently, setting fee levels on the basis of student’s ability to pay, exploring new uses of technology, focusing support on a few high quality graduate and professional programs, and reviewing teaching loads.

These views provide “another piece of the picture which we hope will be helpful to those who are dealing with higher education issues today,” Immerwahr concluded.

The leaders interviewed stressed the importance of the future of California higher education and its tradition of high quality and affordable fees as one of the state’s strongest resources, citing the importance in their own lives of access to some of the best schools in the nation at a reasonable price.

“Again and again, as we conversed with leaders, they called for some ‘public space’—some public forum or public process that would generate a widespread discussion of the issue,” said Deborah Wadsworth, executive director of Public Agenda.

The leaders also did not want to focus on the “moral failings of educational bureaucracies but on a perceived bankruptcy in the process for debating and discussing critical issues such as higher education,” Immerwahr wrote.

It would be interesting to engage the entire state on the questions of the future of higher education. The discussion of the issue would be as important as the solution,” one interviewee stated.

The report also state these influential Californians felt an urgent need for more fundamental thinking about the purposes of higher education. Their sense was that much of the current discussion is more “budget-driven” rather than concerned with education and the goals of education.

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Are These Chicken Scratches?

By Paul Pai
Special to The Chronicle

Yes, they are. But if you look closely, they are also basic strokes for writing Chinese characters. There are only seven basic strokes. And if the chicken can do it, you can do it.

Chinese language classes have been offered on this campus for nearly seven years. I often hear students say that the Chinese language is too difficult to learn. This is absolutely stereotypical, misinformed, and erroneous. The truth of the matter is that Chinese is so simple, it’s ridiculous.

The Chinese language, like any other language, is made up of words (ideograms or characters) and arranged in a syntactical order known as grammar. Unlike English grammar, there is no tense, no number, and only one gender. You do not have to conjugate the verbs and all verbs are not inflected. You may virtually learn the language within minutes.

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Discrimination in Journalism

By Sean Bilbrew
Chronicle Staff

Have you ever felt that you’re not getting information because of your ethnic background or gender? A name or the way you speak can indicate one or the other.

Whether or not the person has an accent can indicate their ethnicity. For example, a person who is Japanese or German will have an accent when speaking English. The individual that the person is talking to may not know exactly where they are from, but they will know that they are from a foreign country. Usually the person whom you are talking to will know if you are male or female.

If you are told to get information for a class project or even a research paper and it requires talking to a professional who works at the administrative area, make sure you are calling by what information will be used for. Some professionals may be hesitant when it comes to giving out information.

Most people get information easier than others because of how they carry themselves on the phone or in person. For example, if you were to go see the doctor and wanted a little information on him like his background, he may feel a little bit worried about someone asking him that question. To you it may seem alright, but the doctor may start thinking about the last time he saw you. Doctors don’t want anybody pointing the finger at them for any reasons. Someone of the opposite race, gender and language barrier can cause a person to feel out of place or hesitant when it comes to giving you information.
CPC Michael Druan to speak at CSUSB

by Melissa Pinion, Chronicle Staff

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Opposing Viewpoints on the Abolishment of Affirmative Action

**Pro: Governor Pete Wilson Calls For Ending Racial Preferences in California**

*From News Services*

Governor Pete Wilson told Republicans gathered near the State Capitol on February 25th that California must end laws which grant preferences based on race or gender. He also told delegates that the state must cut its taxes and overhaul education in order to compete with other states and nations.

Wilson told the GOP delegates that California must prepare all its citizens to compete in a fair and honest, and truly color-blind society. He said our efforts to keep alive the belief in hard work and individual merit cannot be sustained if our laws create a system of preferences to be conferred, not by merit, but by reason of membership in a group defined by race or gender.

"We have not yet achieved the ideal of a truly color-blind meritocracy," Wilson said. "To do so, we must vigorously and conscientiously enforce the laws that prevent discrimination...and we must end the system of compensatory reverse discrimination that confers preferences on whole groups."

He added that too many children do not enjoy real equality or the opportunity to succeed and said that he was determined to provide genuine equality to access opportunity. "We will prepare all our young people to compete in a fair and honest environment," he stated.

Wilson said that to the full extent of his authority he would repeal preferences in state government with an executive order. "But to repeal statutory authority and to provide the certainty that future legislatures and governors do not again engage in this practice, I will support and urge you to support the California Civil Rights Initiative to restore fairness and equality," Wilson said.

If passed by the voters, this initiative would amend the state constitution to permanently prevent racial preferences and discrimination in California. The President says he will defend affirmative action, Wilson said. "I say the anti-dote to do so, we must vigorously and conscientiously enforce the laws that prevent discrimination... and we must end the system of compensatory reverse discrimination that confers preferences on whole groups."

Wilson said if we really want to improve education in California we should recognize and reward teachers who perform with merit pay. In addition, noted that California's education code is 7,523 pages long and dictates everything from the number of electrical sockets in a classroom to the number of fruit trees allowed on campuses.

"These 7,523 pages stifle innovation and feed bureaucratic bloat," Wilson said. "No other state in the nation has an education code that so micro-manages its schools."

Governor Wilson said he was sponsoring legislation introduced yesterday that will overhaul the education code by rewarding excellence, set higher standards and promote parental involvement.

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**Con: Speaker of the State Assembly Speaks Out**

*From News Services*

But make no mistake. No minority group in America effectively controls a single aspect of American society.

This true even for women, who have the status of a minority despite holding a slight numerical majority.

Indeed ethnic minorities have a long and tragic history of prejudice and discrimination that includes:

- Slavery.
- The near-annihilation of the Native American population.
- The anti-Semitism that has marred every era of American history.
- The brutal exploitation that met the early Chinese immigrants to the western United States, and... The relocation camps to which Japanese Americans were cruelly consigned.

Issues such as affirmative action are matters of both principle and survival for us because they are our best defense and strongest bastion against an ugly history which threatens in every generation to repeat itself.

The University of California system is currently considering eliminating affirmative action programs that apply to itself. A decision should be reached in June.

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**Cal State Forensics Team Vocalizes Their Continued Growth**

*By Corina L. Borsuk, Advertising Manager*

"Our squad has won more awards this year than in any other year of competition." These words were uttered, not by one of the coaches of CSU's many sports teams, but by J Scott Rodriguez, the director of the Coyote Forensics Team. Forensics is a public speaking team that competes in regional competitions in several categories. There are team and individual events which include: novice debate, impromptu, extemporaneous, and prose and poetry oral interpretation.

Rodriguez's small squad of public speakers has entered events in all of the regional competitions that have been held since fall and have walked away with quite a few awards. In the five tournaments that the team has attended so far, they have won nine awards (6 trophies and 3 certificates).

"I enjoy speaking and thought it would be fun and I would meet new people. I also wanted to try competing to see if I could hold my own," said Heather Bellamy. She and partner Wendy Roland were awarded second place for Novice/ROokie Team Debate at the Point Loma Nazarene College Sunset Cliffs Tournament in 1994.

Wendy Roland has a different reason for joining Forensics. "I have never been athletic and [forensics] gives me a chance to win awards for my school." She also joined Forensics because "Scott had a great presence and he made Forensics sound interesting." Rodriguez has been coaching Forensics for five years and is extremely enthusiastic about the team's current and future prospects. This year's team has several sophomores who will be returning next year and Rodriguez is trying to expand the size of the team by recruiting students transferring from community colleges. "Part of the challenge (of being director of forensics) is to develop interest, to get student involvement..."
"The Illusion" Opens March 10th at CSUSB

From News Services

A father's determined attempts to restore his strained relationship with his son prove educational, comical, and surprisingly magical with his son prove educational, to restore his strained relationship March 10.

The scene is post-revolutionary France and Mr. Pridamant, played by Vint Shurtliff of Riverside, has been befriended by a magician who shows him pieces of an oracle. Amazed by his son's life through the magic of his son's life through the magic of an oracle. Amazed by his son's adventures but not always amused by what the young man thinks of his son's life through the magic of an oracle. Amazed by his son's adventures but not always amused by what the young man thinks of

James' "Wah Wah" is on the cutting-edge of musical experimentation
By Brian Lees
Editor in chief

Last June, I picked Laid by the British sextet James as the top album of the 1993-94 academic year. It was definitely a collection of some of the freshest, most melodic and thought-provoking music in the "alternative" scene.

The recently released Wah Wah is not truly a "new" album, but rather a compilation of experimental tracks recorded in a separate studio at the same time that the great songs of Laid were being recorded. The results are often staggering, fascinating, and slightly intoxicating.

The musical genius of James is thoroughly mixed with the musical and production genius of well-traveled record producer/ecclectic electronic music composer Brian Eno (of U2 and Talking Heads fame).

Wah Wah captures the true spirit of raw musicianship and the creative genius of jam sessions right as it is happening. Although most of the tracks are simple experimentation with synthesizers, industrial sounds and dynamic range challenges (such as the speaker-bursting bass sounds of "Low Clouds"), several tracks show great potential and promise as possible hits on a forthcoming album.

These tracks are surprising, since the major intent of Wah Wah appears to be strictly an experimentation with sounds and recording techniques destined to influence future James recordings. Nevertheless, they showcase just the magnitude of the talent that James has, especially since songs this good failed to make the final cut for Laid.

The standouts here are the epic ballad "Pressure's On," the bluesy "Rhythmic Dreams," and "Rain Whistling," the Eno-saturated "Basic Brian," the industrialized "Honest Joe," and the dreamy concluding track "Sayonara."

The instrumentation and the recording quality are consistently excellent throughout Wah Wah. It is definitely a compliment to James that an album of B-side material is so good, but it is also somewhat disappointing that this is all that Wah Wah amounts to; melodic experimentation and far better-than-average B-sides. This is unfortunate, as Wah Wah will appeal mostly to hard core James fans only.

Nevertheless, the potential for greatness is definitely there, and Wah Wah provides a sprinkling of hope for greater things to come from James. As experimentation or B-side albums go, this is one of the best, and James appears to be on the cutting edge of some of the freshest music today. Only time will tell if they can take it all the way to the other side of today's fickle music scene.

World-famous magician Harry Blackstone, Jr. served as a consultant for the illusions that occur in the play, tricks, says Ervin, that take a surprising amount of work to make convincing. "The Illusion," staged in the University Theatre, runs March 10-12 and 15-19. Curtain time for the evening shows is 8:15 p.m., the Sunday matinees March 12 and 19 are at 2 p.m. Tickets are $8 for general admission, $5 for CSUSB Alumni Association members and senior citizens, and $3 for students. For reservations, contact x5884 from 9:00-4:30 p.m.
Jim is an Average Guy Who Bakes Pretty Good Brownies

By Audra D. Alexander
Copy Editor

Jim is an average guy. In fact, Jim is so average that if one reads his comics with any sort of intelligently humorous expectations, you might wonder why they paid him to write comics about his average life in the first place. Jim is not hilarious... he’s not witty... he’s just not even pleasantly funny... he’s just average...

But strangely enough, that’s what makes Scott Dikkers’ comic strip entitled, “I Made Some Brownies and they were pretty good” an unequivocal success. Dikkers encapsulates Jim, a copy-store employee with an extremely mundane existence. Let me take you through the day I read the book.

Choral Music Recital to be Held from News Services

The Cal State Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Tamara Harsh, presents a concert of American choral music on Wednesday, March 15 at 8:15 p.m. in the Recital Hall at Cal State.

The featured works of the evening will be Leonard Bernstein’s “Chichester Psalms” performed by the Concert Choir. Other works in the program include “American Indian Songs” by Kenneth Jennings, settings of e. e. cummings’ poem by Earl George, Lloyd Pfautsch and Vincent Persichetti, spirituals, and traditional folk songs.

Anne Siems’ Naturalist Art to be Exhibited at CSUSB from News Services

The natural and organic work of Seattle-based artist Anne Siems will be on exhibit March 9 - April 7. Siems, whose love for botanical forms and gardens took root some four years ago, has used such materials as ink, paint, graphite, wax on paper she has found, open grocery bags flattered and sewn together for large pieces, and newspaper, old sheet music and pages from a turn-of-the-century ledger for smaller pieces to create what she calls “invented natural history.”

Organizers of the show said that her “artwork suggests complex forms found in nature that are based in the mystery of imagination.”

Women Rockers show that they can rock and roll with the best of ‘em

By Brian Loes
Editor in chief

A recent wave of strong releases by women rockers has reaffirmed that women can rock with the best of ‘em. Four strong releases by four different, distinct women that drives this point home.

The first of these releases, Whip-Smart, is the product of Chicago native Liz Phair. The follow up to her critically acclaimed debut album, ‘Exile in Guyville,’ Whip-Smart is just as the title indicates: smart as a whip.

The lyrics are astonishingly profound and hauntingly memorable. The instrumentation is on several tracks, but never too dominant in the overall mix. This allows Phair’s songwriting to shine through.

Particularly good are the opening track “Chopsticks,” the singles “Supermono” and “Whip-Smart,” and the quirky “Go West” and “Cinco de Mayo.” Phair is frank, open, and surprisingly adept at focusing on the obscure and often overlooked aspects of life. This is what makes Whip-Smart so fresh and one of the best.

Another release is highly touted for its originality and songwriting is Sheryl Crow’s Grammy-nominated Tuesday Night Music Club. Although the Grammy Awards have come under fire in recent years for their monochromatic choices and arcane homages to “has-been” records, Crow were certainly well-deserved.

The instrumentation is very consistent and the songwriting is strong. The first three tracks (“Run, Baby, Run,” “Leaving Las Vegas,” and “Strong Enough”) are instantly memorable. Other highlights include the quirky “What I Can Do” and the wonderfully beautiful ballad “I Shall Die.”

Meanwhile, Martina and Bikinis does establish its own unique sound with tracks such as the single “Baby I Can’t Please You.” The Grammy-nominated “Circle of Fire,” the environmentally flavored “Bleak Mountain,” and the vibrant “When I Fall.”

Although the instrumentation is solid throughout (and in some places, phenomenal), the songwriting is lacking and sometimes quite weak. The lyric four rather stale and are often recycled, and Philips’ attempts at progressive political commentary frequently come across as ridiculously lame. Other than the obvious weaknesses in songwriting, Martins and Bikinis is still quite pleasing to the ear.

Women Rockers show that they can rock and roll with the best of ‘em...
Cult (Kult) n. An exclusive group of persons sharing an esoteric interest.

This definition is exactly what this column will be exploring in the new feature "Cult Movies." Each year hundreds of films and television programs are produced. Many of these are considered "mainstream," which means they are supposed to be enjoyed by the largest possible audience. Others are targeted for narrow audiences. Most cult films come from this second category, though occasionally a mainstreamer will become a Cult Movie.

How does one recognize a Cult Movie? One way is to wait ten years and take a poll of who remembers the movie. A Cult Movie will be recognizable by the fact that some people may remember the movie, maybe. Now here is the catch: those that remember it well will quote lines from the movie and most likely be able to list the actors, writer, director and producer. These fans usually have postcards and clothing that resembles what their favorite character wore. Yes, the fans can be seen wearing their moments.

Cult Movies can be films such as the renowned "Rocky Horror Picture Show," or a TV series such as "Star Trek." There are instant Cult Movies such as "Star Wars" or "Star Trek the Next Generation." Within a few days or weeks, occasionally before they even come out, these movies gain large followings. Some movies are made to be Cult Movies but fizzle out, holding only a few devoted followers.

**Buckaroo Banzai:**

For this first column the mystique of the movie Buckaroo Banzai will be examined. This 1984 film began with a small cult following. Being a "B" film, it was not in the box office for long. It's target was very narrow consisting of pre-teen through young adult science-fiction fans. I personally was not introduced to Buckaroo until the late eighties by a devoted fan. You can recognize a Buckaroo fan by his distinctive Japanese style headband. This head band is half yellow and half red with Japanese characters. They call themselves Blue Blazer Irregulars and talk about Bucktrooids and Lektroids from Planet Ten by way of the Eighth Dimension. The film's impact is so great that the author of one of my text books for this quarter made herself known as a fan with like references.

The main protagonist of this film is a person called Buckaroo Banzai, played by Peter Weller. Much of the attraction of this film comes from this character. Buckaroo Banzai is portrayed as a modern style Renaissance man. His history is written in text at the beginning of the movie. He is accounted as having become bored with being a brain surgeon so he became one of the foremost physicists in the world. His avocations include being an alternative rock star and being popular comic book star. His position as a statesman is shown by his being on intimate terms with the President of the United States and that his deceased wife was the Queen of the Netherlands. Buckaroo Banzai represents the ideal idles of a generation of intellectuals and artists. Another appeal of this film is its clear-cut villains. The primary antagonist is Dr. Emilio Lizardo, alias Lord John Whorfin and is played by John Lithgow. He and his band of Johns--everyone from the Eighth Dimension is named John--are bumbling and inept, but deadly. John Whorfin is not one of the aliens, but due to an unfortunate accident, has gone insane and joined with the black Lektroids, who are the evil aliens.

Below the simple science fiction action adventure facade is a deeply satirical framework. The wry and sometimes raw humor poking fun at the political and social structure of the U.S. as well as cheap science fiction movies.

Be it because of the humor, social irony, or hero worship Buckaroo Banzai has made a lasting impression on a section of our society. If you have not seen this movie before, or have not seen it lately, now would be a good time to treat yourself to this gem.

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**The Bunch is Back!!!!**

By Shannon Burns
Arts and Entertainment Editor

If you were a fan of the original "Brady Bunch," you will totally dig this movie. If you were not a fan but would like to see the movie, I would encourage you to take a few moments at the show first. The entire foundation of the film lies within the series itself.

The majority of "punchlines" are satirical, such as the famous "Something suddenly came up" episode where Marsh gets hit in the nose with the football. But there are also some brilliant bits of humor. Bear in mind your Brady knowledge while watching the film. Remember that Mike always had some moralistic message at the end of the episodes and Carol was sickeningly cheerful. Remember also that each Brady kid had their own little trademark and/or peculiarity, like Cindy's lisp.

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Frauds and Scams: You and Your Money

By R. Chadwick Moore
Special to The Chronicle

Everyone is subject to fraudulent schemes and con-games. Some suggestions on how to deal with financial frauds and scams are grouped into three categories:

1. Fraud on the phone
2. Fraud at the door
3. Fraud through the mailbox

Despite the nearly $10 billion swindled annually by con-artists, even the most cautious person can be the victim of a telemarketing scam.

Although the phone is the instrument of choice for many swindlers, much phone solicitation is of low price which is only available if you pay with a credit card. Once the caller has your card number, they can use it to place fake orders.

Fraud at the Phone

Watch out for fraudulent telemarketers! They may start with "verify" your identity. Then come the caller says that representation of the company. Request reference and written materials. Always read carefully any forms before signing.

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California State University's Regional Economic Impact

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Cal State, San Bernardino's presence in the Inland Empire boosted regional output by some $145 million in 1992-93 and raised regional earnings by almost $66 million, according to a university-commissioned study prepared by economics professor Tom Pierce and 1994 CSUSB graduate Marcus Cuda.

"CSUSB's existence increases local economic activity on a year-to-year basis in two general ways," explains Pierce. "The university directly increases local output and earnings by delivering educational services and employing some 1,300 faculty, administrators, and staff members in the process. In addition, Cal State indirectly stimulates local economic activity when it purchases goods and services from San Bernardino-Riverside County businesses and when university employees and students spend locally."

In estimating the university's direct and indirect economic effects, the authors focused on the extent to which the university's presence brings "new money" into the local economy, thereby causing a net increase in regional output and earnings.

The study reveals that the university's direct provision of instruction and other educationally-related services associated with the Office of Extended Education, the Child Care Center and grants in-Kind and grants in-Kind respectively. Student expenditures increased local output by $35.9 million and household earnings by $11.2 million, and university purchases of goods and services from local businesses indirectly increased business output and household earnings in the two-county area by $7.9 million and $2.7 million, respectively.

"Cal State educational activities funded through the state budget infuse dollars into the local economy which would not otherwise come to the area," explains Pierce. "As a result, the expenditure of those funds raises regional output and earnings."

In contrast, Pierce adds, Cal State activities financed, for example, through student fees paid by local residents (who would not leave the area to attend another college if Cal State didn't exist) do not bring new monies to the local economy. There is no net local economic stimulus in that instance because student expenditures for educational services merely replace other local spending which those students likely would have undertaken had they not been required to pay Cal State fees.

The study, therefore, carefully examined the university's funding sources and spending patterns as well as the spending behavior of its employees and students in an attempt to ensure that the university's net contribution to the San Bernardino-Riverside Counties' economy was not exaggerated. Campus data was used to estimate the university's direct economic impact, and a combination of local data and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Regional Input-Output Modeling System was utilized (after adjustment to reflect the structure of the San Bernardino-Riverside Counties' economy) to estimate the "multiplier" or indirect effects associated with university, employee, and student spending in the local economy.

The multiplier effect, Pierce notes, is the chain reaction of economic activity created when, for example, the university purchases products from a local business, which in turn hires additional labor and buys materials, among other items, from still local businesses in order to fill Cal State's order.

While the study demonstrates the university's substantial yearly impact on the regional economy, it's important to keep in mind that the university's greatest impact is on the intellectual and personal growth of its students. Pierce says, he also noted that in addition to its year-to-year local economic impact, Cal State contributes to the long-run economic health of the region by helping improve the quality of the local labor force, which makes the Inland Empire more attractive to prospective employers and raises general wage levels.

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Classes Combat Campus Crime
By Victoria Besedin
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One Saturday a month, a small group of students march at 0800 hours to the Eucalyptus Room in the lower commons armed with $20. They desire not to combat a major battle with heavy weaponry, but with pepper spray. A Certificate of Training and Identification in Tear Gas Training for Citizens is the peace lovers’ way to project themselves against being the victim of an assault. For the last six months, CSUSB Police Sergeant Randy Keller has taught the two-hour sessions to students. Mace and pepper spray instruction is covered in the classes. After viewing a video on the consequences of the weapons, students may ask questions or address any concerns about the sprays, take a written exam on what they have learned, and demonstrate their ability to “shoot” the target in the face.

The video’s emphasis was on mace, but Sergeant Kelly emphasized pepper spray usage on campus because it is not a chemical. Also, it is not lethal, and affects everyone, even those under the influence of a drug or who are insane, unlike mace, which isn’t always full-proof. The pepper spray itself is composed of concentrated pepper, unlike mace, which isn’t always a solution law enforcement carries. Pepperspray is not lethal, and affects addicts are not allowed to carry pepper spray. Once the pepper spray is purchased supplies anywhere in the state. California Penal code 1234.7 limits the use of pepper spray to the person threatening the use of pepper spray to the danger of the threatening of assault. If sprayed directly (3 to 10 feet) in the face of the assailant, the throat and eyes swell-up, causing shock, panic, headache, dizziness, and shortness of breath. The victim has 15 minutes to leave before the assailant can open their eyes again. Once the victim is safe, they can call police to file a report, and the police can discipline or administer first aid as needed.

Yomi Wrange, a communications major, says she would attend a class, but has some concerns. “I think that students would benefit less from pepper spray if taught. They should be taught as part of a larger, all-encompassing self-defense program. I think the university should provide self-defense classes free to students. “There are physical self-defense classes going on all the time in the city. Not a lot of people know about them, though,” Sergeant Keller said. Those interested in taking a CN/CS class may call x5165.
Women of Eritrea are becoming Fighters
By Sheryl Mathis
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In the Pine Room of the Lower Center on February 15, spokes- woman Sandra Hale spoke about a nation on a comeback: Eritrea. Eritrea lies along the southwestern shore of the Red Sea and north of Ethiopia.

Looking down on Eritrea from the sky, one can see that the country has mountains covering a majority of its 43,405 square miles. Because of its location near the Red Sea, Eritrea's weather can be compared to southern Florida in some areas and the Midwest in others.

At present, the population is 5 million people, who speak 9 different languages. A majority of the people either farm or herd animals as a means of survival.

Eritrea was an Italian colony for 52 years. Unlike Libya and Somalia, Eritrea did not gain their independence after World War II. Instead, the United Nations created a loose "federation" between Eritrea and its southern neighbor, Ethiopia. In 1962, Ethiopia violated the U.N.-authorized federal constitution and annexed Eritrea by force.

For thirty years Eritreans fought away for their independence. Eritrea will now have to make a choice between independence or affiliation with Ethiopia, as this war ended in 1991. It is expected that the vote will go for independence; if so, that contributed more pain to the Eritreans. Not only has their economy decreased year after year, but the continued drought problem has not helped either, as famine is also widespread. In order to understand why Hale spoke about the rebirth of Eritrea, this background information needed to be provided.

Hale has her doctorate in anthropology and teaches women's studies at UCLA, a discipline in which she is still quite active. This lecture was an analysis of the EPLF (Eritrean People's Liberation Front) and the women fighters of Eritrea. Hale wanted to convey in her lecture a key word that the audience should understand: CHANGE, meaning the emancipatory possibilities for women.

Hale discussed the background of how a woman fighter develops in Eritrea from an early age. The term fighter applies to everyone that was in the field protecting their land. Eritreans have established what Hale calls a microcosm society, which starts with altering race, class, and gender at birth. This in fact creates Eritrea's ideology for this generation and the next. Therefore, becoming a woman fighter at age 10 or 11 is considered normal or the natural order of things in Eritrean society.

The life span of a woman fighter lasts 16 to 18 years of their life. The men stay at home and watch the home front along with caring for their children. These women fighters not only fight, but they hold down other jobs as well. For example, many are dentists, doctors, and teachers, while comprising a third of the combat force.

When the women fighters are not fighting or working other occupations, they are recruiting more girls to become women fighters.

There is a need for education and domination to be taught at an early age for every Eritrean, because this keeps their society strong and creates the elite attitude. At a young age, Eritrean children are educated about the term "they," meaning people who display such features as unwashed, uncivilized, and backward, and these particular traits would not be allowed in the microcosmic world of Eritrean society.

Finally, another factor is that Eritrean women are liberated in every sense of the word. There are marriage laws for the Eritrean woman, the rights and duties of the husband and wife, relations between parents and children, laws on divorce, the upbringing and education of children after divorce, property and upbringing after divorce, and finally the points that must be satisfied in the special conditions of marriage between two armed fighters. Where can the women of America find equal laws on marriage and other related issues.

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Support for the environment and the laws that protect it remains strong, according to a new Peter D. Hart Research Associates poll commissioned by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF).

"Anyone who thought this election was a mandate to undo 30 years of environmental protection had better think again," said NWF President Jay D. Hair, "protecting our health, our natural resources and our children's future is not a partisan matter."

The poll found only a small percentage of voters considered environmental positions when choosing candidates, with issues like crime and the economy playing a far greater role in influencing decisions.

"Candidates weren't talking about the environment and the voters had other things on their minds," explained pollster Peter J. Hart. "But when we asked them about the environment, they had very strong opinions."

Respondents expressed overwhelming support for the environment and regulations designed to protect it. About 41% of all voters and 54% of those who cast Republican Congressional Ballots said existing laws don't go far enough in protecting the environment. About 21% of both groups said existing laws strike the right balance, while only 18% and 25%, respectively, felt existing environmental laws go too far.

Support was equally strong among voters expressing particular concern for the economy—often cited as a reason for limiting environmental protection. Again, 41% said current laws don't go far enough, and there was little sympathy for claims that environmental laws place an undue burden on businesses. About 21% of voters said those laws properly balance the needs of business and the public, 46% said the businesses should be required to do more.

"Voters clearly believe existing environmental laws provide insufficient protection," said Hart. "And they don't want those protections rolled back, even on the most controversial issues."

Among all voters:

- 76% favor strengthening safe drinking water laws.
- 56% oppose requiring compensation of property owners prevented by environmental regulations from doing what they want with their land.
- 57% favor maintaining the strong provisions of the Endangered Species Act.
- 63% say mining, ranching, and logging operations should be charged a "fair market fee" for use of public land.
- 64% favor redirecting crop subsidies to encourage the use of pesticides out of food and water.
- 63% favor requiring compensation of property owners prevented by environmental regulations from doing what they want with their land.

"Conserving this earth isn't Liberal or Conservative, Republican or Democrat. It's the only way to ensure that our grandchildren enjoy a quality of life much better than ours." —Jay D. Hair

The poll found public support for several protection measures that do not mesh well with the stated positions of incoming Republican Congressional leaders. But Hair points out that the current Democratic Administration got a less than favorable rating from poll respondents as well. Only 26% rated the Clinton Administration's work on environmental issues as good or excellent.

"Nature and the environment should be our common ground. We won't make protecting them into a partisan game," said Hair. "The NWF will work with all parties to make sure voters get the protections they want. We'll take on anyone in any party who won't provide it!" Hair cited upcoming legislative action on the Farm Bill and Safe Drinking Water Acts as opportunities for bipartisan progress that benefits all Americans. Meanwhile, he pledged to continue NWF efforts to educate individuals and grass-roots groups "outside the Beltway."

"The election may have been about change, but this isn't a change for us," said Hair. "We've always believed that if we help the people lead, the leaders will follow."

But the head of the National Wildlife Federation did have criticism for one well-known opinion leader. He noted that broadcaster Rush Limbaugh used election results to attack environmental laws.

"Now we have proof," said Hair. "When it comes to the environment, Rush is wrong!"

The National Wildlife Federation is the nation's largest conservation education organization. Founded in 1936, the Federation works to educate and assist individuals and organizations to conserve natural resources, and to protect the Earth's environment.
Lady Coyotes’ Season Ends with Conference Tournament Loss

By Ben Wirick
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Coyote Baseball

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Coyotes completed a double play in the first and beginning of the sixth inning. Between the end of the fifth and start of the sixth inning, things began picking up by inning seven, the seventh inning is a very important inning in a game. By inning seven the Coyotes had a full head of steam. They could tap home for the second run.

The second through fifth innings was when the game was on. In the fifth inning, pitcher Jim Allen gave up just about every pitch behind Fiscalini Field. On weekends, dedicated gun-toting practice at the range, which is exactly what was happening on Saturday. It was a good thing because the long, slow minutes, between the end of the first and beginning of the sixth innings almost put me to sleep. If it hadn’t been for the sounds of bullets flying I might have slipped into a coma.

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Slashing Student Fees Becomes a Hot Topic in California Legislature

On February 27, 1995, Senator Petris stood with students leaders and parents on the steps of UC Berkeley's Sproul Hall to announce his legislation to cut fees at public colleges and universities.

Symbolically, Senator Petris smashes boxes representing the fees hikes that students have endured over the past several years and declared that, "Since 1991, fees have gone up 134% at UC, 103% at CSU and 290% at community colleges. My bill will reverse this ever expanding tax on the middle class by reducing student fees by 15%." To back fill the loss of revenue, campuses will receive increased state funding from the Governor's proposal to continue the top 10% and 121% personal income tax brackets.

These funds would also go towards supporting the anticipated student enrollment growth into the 21st century.

"The California State Student Association (CSSA) strongly supports Senator Petris' fee reduction proposal, stated Christina Hartzell, director of Legislative Affairs. "We believe that it begins to amend the broken promises made by the legislature and the system over the past five years."

Historically, the state has been committed to an accessible and affordable public education system. To help ensure that fee increases were moderate and predictable the legislature passed into law a policy which made it illegal to raise fees over 10% each year.

California commitment was challenged in the early 90s with the onset of the budget crisis. Fees started escalating in 1991 when...
CSUSB anthropology professor examines the history of Uganda

By Gail Ann Uchwat
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Teaching within the Anthropology department of our university, is an investigative archeologist, Peter Robertshaw Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anthropology. Dr. Robertshaw has been with CSUSB since 1989. He received his B.A. in 1973, M.A. in 1977, and Ph.D. in 1989, at Cambridge University. During the Summer he conducts research into the precursors of the pre-colonial kingdoms of Uganda, in Central Africa.

"I'm trying to reconstruct what has happened over the last 1,000 years. I have two interests in doing so. One is in the development of states or kingdoms and how they came into being. The other is to simply reconstruct the history of this particular part of the world," Robertshaw said.

He explained that when European explorers, looking for the source of the Nile river, first reached the Uganda region, in the mid 19th century, they were surprised to find kingdoms (or states) there. A society with rulers, courts, armies and peasantry, but without a writing system.

The history of the Uganda area was kept by oral tradition. The oral traditions go back to an origin myth and then contain all important events since then. After European influence, people began to collect and record the historical and oral traditions. As the Central African people became literate they added to the collection. So there is a mass of historical traditions about this area that describe the rise of the current kingdoms that have come from European contact and their predecessors.

Of particular interest to Robertshaw are traditions indicating that around the 14th and 15th century, there may have been a large empire in Central Africa that stretched from the present Uganda into neighboring countries. "I'm trying to see what is on or in the ground that matches or dismatches these traditions," he said.

Dr. Robertshaw has been working in Africa for about 8 years. There has been little previous research although there was a little at the end of the colonial period, during the last 1950's.

"I'm trying to take some students this year. I'm hoping to take 3 or 4 students from Cal State. Logistically I'll be able to do it because I'm not going to be moving around as much. It's not an easy region to move around in, you know." Because some of last summer's investigations involved a sort of exploratory work, gathering archeological evidence that was scattered over a broad region, in and around Uganda, he was unable to give CSUSB students field experience.

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Traffic Light Lets Drivers "Go With The Flow"

By Victoria Besedin
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After years of patiently fighting daily gridlock of University Parkway and the Interstate 215 on and off ramps, some students will welcome the sight of a red light.

A traffic signal has been installed at the site, replacing the stop signs which have caused accidents and lengthy delays for years. The San Bernardino Mayor, Tom Minnor, celebrated the new traffic signal in a "turn-on" ceremony Feb. 22 by flipping the switch to operate the signals. Officials from the California Department of Transportation, the city of San Bernardino, and Cal State were also present.

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In addition to the signal, the south-bound ramp to the I-215 has been widened from one to two lanes. Meanwhile, delays still occur.

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