Edgar Talks On Conspiracies

By Bill Marshall
News Editor

Three bullets from Lee Harvey Oswald’s rifle killed President John F. Kennedy, said former Democrat congressman and Kennedy assassination expert Robert Edgar in his recent talk at CSUSB. Edgar also affirmed his belief that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. died at the hands of a single shooter, but that the killer was part of a conspiracy.

Edgar, a member of the 1976 House Select Committee on Assassinations which probed the slayings in the wake of the controversial Warren Commission Report and persistent conspiracy theories, reaffirmed his committee’s findings before a packed house in his Monday, November 22 talk at the Events Center.

The House Select Committee originally supported the Warren Commission’s verdict that Kennedy was not the victim of a broad criminal conspiracy, and Edgar still supports that position. They found that Lee Harvey Oswald, the man arrested in Dallas on the day of the shooting who was later shot to death by nightclub owner and

Protest Halts WTO Meeting in Seattle

By Bill Marshall
News Editor

A crowd numbering at least 50,000 clogged the streets of Seattle Tuesday as protesters and spectators poured into downtown for demonstrations aimed at the controversial World Trade Organization (WTO). The protests have been called the largest since the Vietnam era.

Nearly 6000 protestors managed to surround the Washington State Convention Center and successfully deny WTO officials access to the Paramount Theatre, where opening ceremonies for the WTO’s Third Ministerial Conference were to take place.

“Nothing is going to go on downtown today...it’s not a normal day,” said demonstrator Dwayne Davis of Port Townsend, Washington about the efforts to shut down the WTO conference.

By 9:30 that morning, protestors had set up human chains blocking all entrances to the convention center. The protests caused the cancellation of meetings scheduled for 10:00 a.m. that day. City streets were blocked for hours by crowds of angry demonstrators, causing traffic jams and trapping many non-protesters “behind the lines.”

Police responded with tear-gas and pepper spray in attempts to move the human chains that blocked WTO delegates’ entry to the Paramount Theatre and to clear the streets.

There have been scattered reports of violence, with some protestors attacking a police car after an officer allegedly waded into a crowd swinging his baton. Also, an altercation erupted between a group of demonstrators and some youths bent on looting businesses when the demonstrators tried to stop the looters from stealing.

Another point of protest, one that brought out 25,000 members of the AFL-CIO labor union, is that the WTO is seen by labor interests to threaten domestic jobs by encouraging firms to use cheap, unregulated foreign labor to produce goods at a higher profit.

Whatever the motives for an individual protester, it is clear that the demonstrations will continue in Seattle, and that the controversy over the WTO will not die anytime soon.
SIB Club Reinstated at Cal State

By Michelle Wheeler
Production Assistant

The Student International Business Club at CSUSB is making a comeback. As of November 1st the club has reformed, with 24 members. The first club was established years ago, but slowly vanished from this campus. The club is designed to assist students in the International Business major.

It was created because of the lack of information and support for this particular major. There is no charge to join the club unlike most clubs on this campus. They also do not have mandatory meetings because most of their communication is done on the Internet. The club has also set up a message board for students to ask questions. Students can talk to different companies around the world and find jobs in their field that are local or out of the country. This message board is located at www.www.messages.com.

Next Quarter the club plans on having a web page which students can visit and use to look up information. They also want to link with other campuses in the country and over seas. To be a member you must apply through their e-mail address, which is ibc.csusb@hotmail.com. There is a meeting planned for January 14 at 6:00pm. It is highly recommended that students attend as they are planning on selecting officers.

CSU Buckles Down on Remedial Education

• Seven Percent Disenrolled Until Ready

By Katherina Seigworth
Executive Editor

CSU has a new policy which will crack down on students in need of remedial education in math and English. While this new policy may seem rather harsh to some people, it will help cut down on the extra classes that are needed every quarter just to get students ready to take the regular classes which are needed to take to fulfill their general education requirements.

This was the first report ever compiled on first-year remediation rates at CSU campus. In the fall of 1998, 54 percent of entering CSU freshmen needed remediation in math and 47 percent needed it in English. Last year these students were informed that they needed to show proficiency before their sophomore year or face disenrollment.

About 79 percent of the freshmen who need remediation education became proficient in English and mathematics prior to their sophomore year, according to a report given to the Trustees by David Spence, executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer. Of the remaining 21 percent 7 percent were granted temporary acceptance on a case-by-case basis, 7 percent were asked to seek assistance at a community college before returning to the CSU another 7 percent left the CSU system for other reasons.

The Trustees were quite pleased with the results. "This is one of the most exciting reports I've seen in all my years on the Board. I applaud the presidents. Californians can feel very proud of this," said Trustee Denny Campbell.

"This is great news for CSU, for the state and for the students themselves," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. "We are still working very hard with the high schools to see that these students are ready for college when they graduate, but if they are not, it is essential for them to get this assistance as soon as possible. Once they get the basics down, they can dedicate more quality time to getting their degrees."

CSU's goal is to go beyond the limits that the Master Plan of Higher Education sets. They call for CSU to accept the top third of all high school graduates. These students are the ones that have at least an equivalent of a B average and have completed four years of high school English and three years of mathematics. The CSU system has allocated $9 million to campuses to help with the remedial education. The campuses will provide CSU student tutors to work with the high school students in order to strengthen their Basic English and mathematics proficiency skills.

They will also provide in-service training for teachers to help them align with CSU and their high school standards. The campuses will also help the schools develop English and mathematics teaching methods which are more effective and help them administer and interpret diagnostic testing.
Voices from the Village

By Mindy C. Stevenson
Chronicle Staff Writer

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of Grievances."

Amendment I to the constitution of the United States.

Over the past couple of weeks I have received many forms of criticism regarding my column "Voices From the Village." My intention is not to hurt anyone or make the Village look bad. As a reporter my job is to report on the truth. Note the title of my column.

"Voices from the Village." Students come to me with their concerns and I am their vehicle or "voice" through the articles I write. It is not my responsibility to only write about good things, it is my responsibility to write the truth. If more than one student tells me that there is a problem with noise and I ask other students from other halls about it and they confirm this problem, it deserves coverage in the Chronicle. No students have come to me yet with any "good news" or even positive comments of any kind concerning residence life. However, if you note my column in the October 28 issue you will see that it is all about Battle of the halls and fun upcoming events, doesn't this qualify as good news, which makes the village look good?

Another thing I have been accused of is inserting my own opinion on these issues. This is not true. I am not expressing my views; I am expressing the views of the students who live in the Village. The article that I was most criticized for putting my own views in was the in the November 4 issue of the Chronicle, if you didn't notice the column did appear on the opinions page. My only mistake may have been agreeing in the column with the students I had talked to. In response to Phil Shahbaz's letter, which greatly upset me, I would like to say a few things. First of all he stated "Stevenson also claims that..." But I did not "claim" anything! I wrote about the issues the students came to me with it was not my "claim" if it was anyone's "claim" it was that of the students who brought the issue to my attention.

Shahbaz also stated that I wrote about two main themes, noise and drinking both of which aren't tolerated on this campus and go against the rules in the handbook. This is true, but the handbook can not enforce these rules. Simply because it says something on paper does not mean it is done in real life. Take for example freedom of the press. I tried to exercise it and got criticized and called an irresponsible journalist by Frank Rincon for it. I have a suggestion for those of you in the administration and who feel my "negative" articles are somehow detrimental in any way to Serrano Village or the school as a whole. Fix the problems so there will be nothing to complain about. You are the ones with the authority to do so, not me. I only have the authority to bring to light the problems you have successfully ignored.

News Briefs

By Cutler Fetherston
Chronicle Staff Writer

Free Global News Service for Students

Students and faculty in International Affairs have a fantastic new resource: UN Wire, a free online news service covering the United Nations and global affairs. Monday through Friday the UN Wire will provide a daily summary of key news and events from hundreds of sources around the world.

The news summary will provide links to the full texts of these articles, as well as additional sources of information. Topics covered include: war and peace, human rights, population, health, the environment and the United Nations itself. The UN Wire also features a searchable archive for researching events, trends, facts, figures and quotes.

"The UN is needed now more than ever to address the major challenges we face in the next century," said Timothy E. Worth, President of the United Nations Foundation. "Environmental degradation, human rights, the spread of disease such as HIV/AIDS and global cooperation are all subjects that the UN is working hard to address. We hope that students across the country will use this free news service to become better educated about these issues."

UN Wire is available free online at http://www.unfoundation.org.

More Scholarship for Ethnic Students

Recently The LaGrant Foundation of Los Angeles announced the donations of $15,000 from Nissan North America, Inc. and $10,000 from the Bank of America Foundation. These are the two largest contributions made to the ethnic minority scholarship foundation to date.

"I am extremely enthusiastic that the Nissan North America, Inc. and Bank of America Foundation have chosen to continue to support us with their significant contributions," said the founder/president of The LaGrant Foundation, Mr. Kim L. Hunter.

The mission of The LaGrant Foundation is to increase the number of ethnic minorities in the fields of communications and business. The Foundation provides mentors to students, career advisement, internships and educational support to its scholarship recipients. Both the Bank of America Foundation and Nissan North America, Inc. say they are glad to help the Foundation build on its success and continue to provide educational support to those who need it.

Dyslexia Workshop

By Bill Marshall
News Editor

Dr. Levine, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Chapel Hill, North Carolina will be giving a workshop on the "phenomenological approach" to coping with children's learning disorders.

Registration for the January 26 and 27 workshop starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Marriott and, until January 11, costs $90.00 for the first day and $155.00 for both. A discount of $15.00 will be offered to those who sign up as a pair. After January 11, the price will rise by $15.00 for one day and $20.00 for both.

For further information regarding this workshop, sponsored by the Inland Empire Branch of the International Dyslexia Association and the Special Education Region 10 Coordinating Council, call (909) 686-9873, or visit this website: www.dyslexia-ca.org

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Texas A&M Students Pull Together

By Zach Hoffman
Chronicle Staff Writer

The Texas A&M 'Aggie' students rebounded with strong social and emotional support following twelve student deaths resulting from the tragic Bonfire collapse early on the morning of November 18, 1999.

The Bonfire, built to be burned at a sort of pep rally called 'Yell Practice', represents much more than just a burning stack of wood. The tradition, which has carried on for over 90 years, links the A&M students together in a common goal. This totally student organized and run tradition promotes strong friendships and teamwork towards a difficult but rewarding goal. The camaraderie, companionship, and school spirit experienced and built upon through this great tradition are unmatched.

About three months before the Texas A&M football game against the University of Texas, A&M students begin construction on the mammoth bonfire. Nearly every student is involved in the grand task of cutting down, trimming, moving, and finally stacking nearly 10,000 logs necessary for the immense structure. All work is done by hand, from cutting down the trees with hand held axes, to the stacking of each log by hundreds of students. When finally completed, the six-tiered stack stands nearly 80 feet tall. Traditionally, the Bonfire is set ablaze the night before the football game against the University of Texas. The students injured and killed during the collapse were honored by nearly 100,000 people at this modified pep rally; and the next day's game was dedicated in their remembrance. But during the game, the Aggie football team was slow to get started, and it seemed like the Aggie spirit would not prevail as A&M still trailed behind at halftime. During the second half, on their home field with 100,000 Aggies in attendance, the Aggies heroically came from behind prevailed against the University of Texas Longhorns - the school's longstanding rivals.

Everyone reflected on what an awesome life this individual had lived, and what an invaluable resource it was to be part of such a caring and unified group like Texas A&M. People were reminded that life is short, and that everyone should be cherished today, because they might not be around tomorrow. The student's parents wanted everyone to remain positive, remember the good things, and use this terrible accident as a motivation for the future. The Aggie spirit was alive at this funeral.

Texas A&M held a Bonfire candle light vigil the night before the football game against the University of Texas. The students injured and killed during the collapse were honored by nearly 100,000 people at this modified pep rally; and the next day's game was dedicated in their remembrance. But during the game, the Aggie football team was slow to get started, and it seemed like the Aggie spirit would not prevail as A&M still trailed behind at halftime. During the second half, on their home field with 100,000 Aggies in attendance, the Aggies heroically came from behind prevailed against the University of Texas Longhorns - the school's longstanding rivals.

Admission is free and open to the general public. Interested persons may visit the Career Development Center website at career.csusb.edu or call 909/880-5250 for information.

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Seattle: The War Has Just Begun

By Donald Willis
Opinions Editor

The World Trade Organization, also known as the WTO, is holding its Third Ministerial Conference in Seattle and 50,000 concerned people from all over the world have amassed there to oppose corporate domination in the world. The WTO is a private, pseudo-governmental agency that was established to support the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). This powerful global commerce agency seeks to further corporate influence on the world in the name of "free trade". It is the main tool to advance multi-corporate corporate globalization.

The WTO is completely undemocratic as it is non-elected officials and holds secret meetings where decisions are made that affect the world's population. The WTO has increased global economic inequality, instability which has resulted in the collapse of national economies, increased environmental and social degradation in the name of "free markets" and globalization, and the workers of the world have no voice.

The WTO agenda emphasizes short-term corporate profits by demanding "free" access to international markets, capital, and labor while showing disregard for the nation's environmental laws, food safety regulations, labor rights, and basic human rights. The WTO demands that exclusively multi-corporate corporate interests make decisions affecting all the economies of the world, while the social and environmental costs are borne by the people. Nations whose social and political economies are dominated by the corporate elite can challenge the social and environmental policies of countries where labor and environmental social movements have established laws to protect the people.

An example of this occurred when Venezuela claimed that the U.S. Clean Air Act, which was implemented to improve our environment, was biased against foreign competitors, and took this grievance to the WTO. The WTO ruled against this American policy, and in 1997 the EPA was forced to change its clean air regulations. The EPA acknowledged that this change created the potential for adverse environmental changes. Today foreign refineries are allowed to sell dirtier gasoline, which will further deteriorate our environment.

It is difficult to imagine how this secretive world order could yield so much power to have its decrees obeyed by governments, including the U.S. and arouse the fervent protest from people around the world and in Seattle. The workers of the world stand united against greed, and will not allow our civil rights to be destroyed.

Finals Prep

Jeremiah Newhouse
Managing Editor

As we get ready for finals, one idea continuously goes through our minds: PANIC. Many of us are not ready, myself being the most unready student on campus. It is good to know that there are organizations on campus that are willing to help.

For example the Cross Cultural Center is giving out "Final Packets" which include Scantrons, pencils, pens, bluebooks, candy, promotional items from various companies, and a bottle of water to cool you off before your biggest final. Also the Student Union and Woman's Resource Center are sponsoring "quiet zones" where students can have some peace and quiet while they study.

No matter how much we stress, no matter how hard the finals are, there is one good thing that will come out of finals, our one month break until we come back for the winter quarter. And a break is always welcome.

I have no choice but to admit that this quarter I had the pleasure of working with what I consider to be the one of best staffs the Chronicle had ever had. I thank all of the people that had anything to do with the Chronicle this quarter, and I thank all the students that took the time to read the paper. I also have the pleasure of knowing that most, if not all of the staff from this quarter is going to come back next quarter. If so, then next quarter is going to be the best quarter The Chronicle has ever seen. If you would like to be a part of that then let us know, we are on campus at ext. 5289.

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Risks Women Take for Hygiene

By Karen Brown
Chronicle Staff Writer

In the November issue of Essence magazine, an article dug up “rumors” that tampon companies were knowingly putting excessive amounts of rayon in tampons, thereby putting women at risk for cancer and Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS). However, the FDA denies them. Rayon, used for absorbency, and Dioxin, a carcinogenic chemical used in bleaching tampons, when in contact with the skin long enough, can be absorbed into the bloodstream. "The dioxin produced in this bleaching process can lead to very harmful problems for a woman," stated Karen Houppert, author of "Pulling the Plug on the Tampon Industry." "Rayon contributes to the danger of tampons and dioxin because it's a highly absorbent substance. Therefore, when fibers from the tampons are left behind in the vagina, it creates a breeding ground for the dioxin. It also stays in a lot longer than it would just with cotton tampons." The scare of TSS has been with women for several years, but a new cancer risk may have been knowingly incurred. The article quoted a woman in the Ph.D. program at the University of Colorado at Boulder saying, "The tampon industry is convinced that we, as women, need bleached white products in order to view the product as pure and clean." However, it has been noted that countries such as Sweden, Germany, and British Columbia have switched to cotton tampons without bleach. They have "demanded a switch to this safer product," says Houppert. "While the US has decided to keep us in the dark." However, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disagrees with the Essence story about the level of risk; "there really is no set 'acceptable' level of exposure to dioxin." If there are harmful chemicals in tampons, then why aren't there more explicit warnings guarding against constant use? There has been speculation whether or not tampon industries are aware of this and have decided not to say anything because they need the high sales of tampons. If women constantly purchase tampons because of their convenience, this only benefits the companies. However, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have heavily denied the tampon allegations made on the US. Nonetheless doubts linger.

An article in the July issue of the Buffalo News raised the question of whether or not tampons were contaminated with asbestos, dioxin, and rayon fibers that can cause TSS and other health problems. In another article, the FDA answered with a definite "no." "The Food and Drug Administration, the government organization that monitors these kinds of things, reassures us that tampon manufacturers do not add asbestos to their products," said Eileen Nechas and Denise Foley of the Buffalo News. 'It's not an ingredient or even a trace contaminant in any brand of tampon made in the United States.' With arguments coming from both sides, the FDA did a study to see if any harmful substances were present and tested the actual levels. "Researchers found that levels ranged from non-detectable to one part in three trillion," stated one of the authors. "That's a tiny amount and far below the threshold that's considered a risk for cancer. The only reason any dioxin might be found at all - even in these minuscule amounts - might be because of environmental resources such as air, water or the ground before processing the cotton or rayon." Yes, the concern is still evident, even though it has been said that there is no asbestos, dioxin, and very little rayon in tampons. For women still in doubt, they should consider alternating between pads and tampons, or switching to pads altogether. For women who still want to use tampons, products that are 100 percent cotton are becoming more popular and are fairly easy to find in chain and alternative stores alike. It may requiring going a little out of their way, but isn't their health worth it?

Famous Insomniacs

If you can't sleep, you may be in good company. Some of the world's most interesting people were insomniacs and today's overbooked schedules are prompting more people to join the ranks of the sleep-deprived. Famous insomniacs include Benjamin Franklin, Mark Twain, Teddy Roosevelt, and Thomas Edison. Some say out national sleep debt began when Edison, who slept only four hours a day, believed that too much shut-eye was unhealthy and made people stupid.

However, too little sleep may endanger a person's healthy and safety. Sleep problems depress the immune system and sleepy drivers account for at least 100,000 car crashes each year. To counter sleep problems caused by such transient problems as menstrual discomfort or an arthritis flare-up, there is an over-the-counter product known as Melasgeic PM. Each extra-strength caplet contains 300 mg of acetaminophen combined with 1.5 mg of melatonin, a natural substance produced by the pineal gland of the human brain to regulate the sleep-wake cycle. For more information, call 1-800-324-1880.

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   a) Narcolepsy
   b) Portney's Complaint
   c) Sleep Apnea

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2. Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks
3. Less than seven hours
4. Sleep Apnea
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For more information, you can call 1-800-324-1880 or you can visit www.bfascher.com.
Autism Program at Cal State San Bernardino

By Zakiya Holman
Chronicle Staff Writer

The school bells ring, and off they go. It is time for the kindergarten class to go to recess. With great enthusiasm all the children, except one, burst out of the classroom ready for their favorite pastime, playing in the sandbox.

On my way out of the classroom, I noticed “Richard”. His classmates call him Ritchie. He sits in the corner of the classroom, isolated. It seemed that an invisible glass wall separates him from the rest of the world.

I approached Richard and asked him if he would like to go outside. Silence persisted as he remained in a dreamlike state of mind, never acknowledging my presence.

It is typical for Richie to disappear completely from sight—extremely familiar to others. For he is one of the many children living with autism.

There is an overwhelming need for programs that assist people with autism. Thus, at CSUSB, the University Center for Developmental Disabilities (UCDD) emerged through the efforts of the Inland Regional Center and CSUSB, and is one vehicle to help rectify this problem. This program provides assistance to autistic children and their families, exclusively those dwelling in the Inland Empire.

Although the program caters to residents of the Inland Empire, it makes additional stipulations. A Regional Center case manager must refer the families that attend. Furthermore, the acceptance of a client must be based upon a home evaluation, followed by another at the center.

UCDD is located in a small trailer that sits between Sierra Hall and the Children’s Center. It is an evening program operating every Monday through Thursday from 5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday mornings. The program targets three groups: the client, their siblings, and the parents.

UCDD is not designed to substitute for institutions or other programs. Rather, it serves as an after-school program. The difference is that there is more one-on-one interaction between the client and the teacher than in traditional after-school programs. In addition, the staff puts tremendous emphasis on enhancing social skills, not academic ones.

The clients are in a formal school-like environment where they do fun activities such as playing games, constructing puzzles, and using the computer. Simultaneously, the parents participate in a program of their own. The parents find this session very beneficial. In coming together, they are reminded that “no man is an island.”

Finally, the siblings occupy the cafeteria in Sierra Hall. They likewise are in a playful atmosphere.

The UCDD program is a resource that helps bring students into closer contact with autism and the people whose lives are affected by it.

National Journalism Awards

By Jorgie Salazar
Features Editor

The Scripps Howard Foundation would like to remind everyone that the National Journalism Awards for College cartoonists is coming up soon. Do you have little sketches in the margins of your notes from all those boring classes? Do you feel that you are artistic and can draw or paint? Then enter to win! There is no entry cost and the prize is $2,500 and a trophy. The contest is only open to student cartoonists, the material must be published in a college newspaper or publication during 1999.

There is one entry per person. The entries are composed of ten to twenty samples that could be panels, strips and/or editorial cartoons/illustrations. All entries must be accompanied by a short written statement 250 words or less, telling about the artist’s future goals in cartooning. All entries must be entered and postmarked before January 7.

The awards will be presented at an awards dinner at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. The cartoon entries will be judged by Charles M. Schultz, the creator of Peanuts, Lucy Caswell, the curator of Cartoon Research Library at Ohio State University, and NBC’s “Today Show” weatherman Al Roker.

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Toy Story 2 Doesn’t Live Up

By Jennifer Lynn Thierry
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Woody and Buzz Lightyear are back. Disney and Pixar have released a new chapter in the lives of Andy’s toys. Unbeknownst to Woody, he is a rare cowboy toy, the other toys must convince him his place is with Andy not in a museum. Though good in its own right, Toy Story 2 doesn’t live up to the blockbuster original.

While playing with Andy one day, Woody’s arm is accidentally ripped. Though Andy loves him, his tear comes between them and results in Woody being placed on the dreaded dusty top shelf. Now an outlaw Woody discovers an old friend also stuck in exile. Wheezy. Riped. Though Andy loves him, his right, Toy Story 2 doesn’t live up but already ASI and X103.9 has set Andy’s mom comes in to have a wonderful way to celebrate the other toys must convince him Woody, he is a rare cowboy toy, of Andy’s toys. Unbeknownst to are back. Disney and Pixar have the other members of the “Woody’s Roundup” gang convince him to go to the museum in Japan. Buzz and the other rescue toys must convince Woody the love of Andy is more important than the fear of abandonment.

The animation itself is once again breathtaking, but the plot just doesn’t match the “feel good buddy movie” of it’s original. As an avid Toy Story fan, I had to see this movie, though not my favorite. I suggest anyone who enjoys the antics of Woody and Buzz should watch the movie and decide for themselves.

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X-Mas Fest ‘99 Comes to the Coussoulis

By Katherina Selgworth
Executive Editor

Finals week is almost upon us, but already ASI and X103.9 has set up a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the Fall Quarter. It’s the annual X-Mas Fest! And what better way is there to celebrate the beginning of Winter Break and the end of the millennium then with other CSUSB students and some of your favorite bands? The bands that will be performing live include SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

KoRn: Letting Us Know We All Have “Issues”

By Karen Brown
Chronicle Staff Writer

A tattered rag doll lies on the cover of KoRn’s new album "Issues", beaten and torn. Knowing KoRn’s style for screaming and creatively inviting themselves into their listener’s consciousness: I was eager to listen to their fourth album.

From the beginning, I was brought into a somber note with the first track called "Dead". Jonathan Davis, the lead singer for KoRn had vocals that were synchronized with slow, yet intense rhythms of the drums and the guitars. Davis gave a sample of his bagpipe abilities while his voice intertwined with the unavoidable power of the drums.

The rest of the CD contained pure intensity and anger. It could especially be felt through songs like "Falling Away From Me", "Trash" and "Make Me Bad". "Falling Away From Me" gained an instant recognition as the lyrics spoke to the youth telling them to not fear looking for their own salvation.

"Trash" was speaking to anyone who has been taken advantage of by someone in his or her life. The emotion of wanting to get rid of all the baggage in their lives was also presented in this song. "Beg For Me" presented an impression of having all this misery in our lives and having this emotion of helplessness. Davis reiterates in this song, "who is sticking up for us"?

This song also had different interpretations that could be attributed to it. This track also had the voice of KoRn speaking to their fans asking them to allow themselves to be touched by them as KoRn is touched by their fans. Again, it’s an album that you can take in and interpret for yourself.

This CD may not touch some people due to their different views on life. But for those who have been true fans, it is not hard to empathize with and feel the power of KoRn’s lyrics and the messages in them. In an interview on the website "KoRn TV," Davis said that "the fans just seem to be able to identify with what we’re saying because we’ve all been through the same s—t and we’re connected."

As always, KoRn has a message to bring to their listeners and their true fans. The message in the "Issues" CD is to stand up for yourself. Through the lyrics, "Trash," the idea of self-expression was most evident. Through the bluntness of Davis’s words, there is a sense of connection and understanding between Davis and the listener.

This is what was conveyed to me while listening to this CD. Again, through Davis’s unique vocal style, the meaning and understanding was felt much deeper.

To describe this CD in one word, I would have to say "superb!". It contained the rawness and realism required to grab a listener and makes them think about their surroundings and their personal lives. I highly recommend this piece of work as it reminds us that we all have "issues".

Culture Corner

Book: "Like Water for Chocolate" (Como Agua Para Chocolate). It’s a great story about culture and family values.

CD: Garth Brooks. The song "The Dance" it has special meaning and it’s how I feel about life.

Movie: "Grease." I believe different groups should interact like Sandy and Danny.
Restaurant Review: Ravi’s India Cuisine
By Gilbert Cervantes
Chronicle Staff Writer

Experiencing new things is what makes life exciting. So my goal this time around was to try some kind of exotic food. This took me to Ravi’s India Cuisine. The establishment was quaint with its calm colored pastel and Indian décor. Indian music was playing in the background to set a peaceful mood to your dining. Because of my busy study schedule, I ordered take out which they offer. I think that was a big mistake. I order the popular appetizer the Mixed Vegetable Pakoda. This dish consists of mixed vegetables deep-fried in batter. This appetizer was okay; there was nothing special tasting to it. For the main course of my dinner I order two other popular dishes the Chicken Tikka Masala and the Lamb Koorma. Both these dishes were extremely disappointing, I hardly received any meat. The portions of the takeout meal were meager, I hardly received any meat. The meals were served with white rice. The rice was fairly good, you really cannot mess-up white rice. Different types of sauces were served with the meal. These sauces were alright. The two things that I enjoyed out of my whole exotic food experience were the Nan bread and the Mango Lassie. The Nan bread was excellent. This bread had the qualities I look for in bread, great tasting and being plentiful. The Mango Lassie was delicious it is made with mango, yogurt, lemon, and louse nuts and blended to a creamy beverage. I just hope that eating in the restaurant will be a better experience. However, I don’t think that I will ever return for food, just their bread and Mango Lassie.

Location: Ravi’s India Cuisine
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On a 1-4 Scale,
Food: 2
Service: 2
Atmosphere: 2 1/2

Speculative Fiction Contest
By Jeremiah Newhouse
Managing Editor

Would you like to break into an industry worth billions of dollars? And I am not talking about the internet. I am talking about the world of writing science fiction, horror and fantasy novels. Many aspiring authors are getting their first break in the field of writing through the L. Ron. Hubbard Writers of the Future Contest.

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By Stacey Fullwiler

With two major holidays coming up, plus Spring Break not too far off, many of us are thinking about visiting family or making plans to get away from it all (two things generally not related). For anyone who’s traveled, especially internationally, you know the biggest cause of anxiety is finding airline tickets. This is where CheapTickets.com comes in.

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I played a little part in history two weeks ago.

My voice, along with hundreds of others screaming appreciation for New York rock outfit moe., will forever be part of the joyful noise on the band’s upcoming live album. moe. (that’s how they write it), touring in support of their 1998 Sony release “Vin Cans and Car Tires,” are planning to use recordings of recent west-coast dates to compile the band’s first official live album.

I was fortunate enough to catch the Saturday, November 20 show at the world-famous House of Blues in Hollywood, and judging from the ambient enthusiasm - both on stage and off - the live album will be very special.

Dan Ackroyd’s intimate House of Blues (HOB) was filled to capacity with “moerons” (moe. fans’ self-appellation) as well as the usual LA types who always seem to be taking up space at HOB shows. In fact, despite the message of unity that pervades the HOB’s iconography, and the motto “All Are One,” there was a division in the crowd between those who came to groove to their favorite band and those who apparently came to be seen at a pseudo-swank Hollywood hot-spot.

Social imbalance aside, the music was immediately impressive. The band launched into their opener, the funky, psychedelic “32 Things” with power and precision. Rob Derhak’s dextrous “slap-style” bass intro was a sonic wake-up call, rousing the crowd and setting the tone for a raucous, jam-heavy set. The tune crested and wheeled, moving into exploratory, yet focused improvisational jamming that went on for nearly ten minutes - pure “Head” heaven.

Next, the boys broke out a crowd favorite from “Vin Cans...” called “Nebraska,” with Derhak taking lead vocal duties. The tune moved seamlessly from a nearly melancholy mood to the silliness of guitar/vocalist Chuck Garvey using a “talk-box” to double his guitar lines with his voice (reminiscent of bizarre bassist Oteil, formerly of Col. Bruce Hampton’s Aquarium Rescue Unit, now with the Allman Brothers Band) while accompanied by fellow guitarist/vocalist Al Schnier playing goofy ragtime mandolin. The silly profundity of moe.’s music is summed-up in “Nebraska” by the line “I don’t know jack, but I stay sincere.”

The next tune, “Bad Medicine,” featured Schnier on vocals and raised the energy level from the more introspective “Nebraska.” Loud, and framed by heavy-metal style “power chords,” the song progressed from bombastic to downright trippy. Arabin-style guitar leads developed into a feedback and effects fest, bending the minds of appreciative “Heads” and baffling Armani-suited onlookers.

“Blue-Eyed Son,” a bluegrassy new song followed, with Schnier again taking the lead vocals. The “moerons” in the crowd accepted the new tune gratefully, cheering their approval. Next came “Meat,” not to be confused with the Phish tune of the same name. This “Meat” was a feast of harmonized guitars and percussion pyrotechnics. The style and arrangement were like a combination of the Allman Brothers and prog-rockers Queen eryche. The song wound up with a percussion-driven jam that was reminiscent of Carlos Santana’s band with their polyrhythmic drumming and soaring guitar sounds.

By the conclusion of the first set, the crowd had grooved itself into a lather. Unfortunately, a friend who accompanied me to the show fell ill at this point and we were forced to beat a retreat from the House of Blues, despite the promise of an epic second set.

As we walked down Sunset Boulevard, though, we felt consoled that we had been a part of something that will live forever.

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Great Moments from Our Generation

By Chris Walenta
Sports Editor

The end of the century is rapidly approaching, and all I keep hearing about are great sports moments of the 20th Century. I love to look back on the great moments of the past one hundred years, however, there is only one problem: not all of us are one hundred years old. Most of us, at least the people reading this paper, are under thirty. We don’t know, or for that matter, really care what happened in 1932 on a snowy night in late November at Soldier Field. If you do care, then I apologize for that last statement. Some of us do care, but we were not old enough to witness those events.

For the most part, we all became sports fans in the late 1970’s and have been since. We hold the events that we witnessed closer to heart than some story our grandfathers told us at bedtime. So come with me on a look back at our generation’s great sports moments.

Our generation started in the mid-1970’s, so we will start our glance back in the grand year of 1975. The Boston Red Sox were back in the World Series for the first time in over fifty years and “Bean Town” was rocking. They were matched up against the Cincinnati Reds. The “Big Red Machine” was in the middle of their championship run of the seventies and Boston was standing in their way. Even though the Reds went on to win in seven games, the most memorable moment of the series came during game six at Fenway Park. The Red Sox had come back from three runs down in the eighth inning to tie the score up at four. In the eleventh inning all of Boston eruped in jubilation. Carlton Fisk’s long fly ball off the left-field foul pole gave Boston fans a ray of hope of finally ending the “ Curse of the Bambino” and winning the World Series. The most memorable part of that game winning homerun was Fisk’s efforts to wave the ball fair.

We now shift our attention to the great year of 1979. The “Steel Curtain” was in its fourth and final NFL championship run. Willie Stargell and the rest of the gang were in a “family” style run over the Baltimore Orioles in the World Series. But the most important thing that happened in 1979 was the discovery of the future saviors of the National Basketball Association. Even though they did not know they were going to be the men that would change the shape of the NBA, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson put on quite a show in the championship game of the NCAA tournament. Larry Bird had led a no-named Indiana State team against a favored Michigan State squad. Even though Magic’s team went on to win the National title, the stage was set for classic duels to come and the NBA would never be the same.

“Do you believe in miracles?” That was the statement made by Al Michaels, who was the play-by-play announce during the 1980 semi-final hockey match-up between the United States and the Soviet Union at the Winter Games of 1980. This was a match-up nobody thought the United States could win. That is what made the victory even sweeter.

It was a rainy day in San Francisco in late mid-January of 1982. The upset 49ers were trailing the veteran Dallas Cowboys by a score of 27-21. There was less than a minute to go in the game and a second year quarterback by the name of Joe Montana was leading the 49ers down the field for the go-ahead score. Montana rolled to the right and looked into the end zone. Nobody was open, so he continued to roll. The pass rush was getting closer to him so he pumped the ball back to Montana heaved the ball, presumably a lateral to Save the Dall^ Cowboys and just maybe they would have a chance. Montana rolled to the left and looked into the end zone. Then, miraculously, two hands reached up, and the ball was stopped to watch the ball go out of bounds. Montana erupted in jubilation. Carlton Fisk and the rest of the gang were in a “family” style run over the Baltimore Orioles in the World

We have talked about the first twelve and half years of our generation’s twenty-five years of great sports moments. We will continue our journey after the change of the millennium when we look back at other great sports moments, ranging from Wayne Gretzky’s breaking of Gordie Howe’s NHL scoring record, to OJ Simpson, and finishing up with the late 1990’s run of the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees.

If you have a great sports moment from the 1970’s then e-mail your responses to sedit33@aol.com

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Player Profile: Jimmy Alapag

By Jesse Gonzales  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Jimmy Alapag, CSUSB’s men’s basketball team’s point guard, is the focus of this week’s Player Profile. Jimmy attended Santa Ana Junior College his freshman and sophomore years. He then made the decision to transfer to CSUSB. Alapag is now a senior at CSUSB majoring in Liberal Studies with hopes of becoming a teacher or coaching as well.

In his first year as the starting point guard for the Coyotes, Alapag recorded 11.3 points and 5 assists per game. Alapag led the team in minutes played with 897 (29.9 mpg), proving that he could run in the elusive CCAA, arguably the best conference in the nation for division II sports.

When asked about the difference between junior college basketball and Division II basketball, Jimmy replied, “the competition is a step up in Division II. Everyone at the J.C. level is trying to get to the next level, so it’s competitive in that sense, but the caliber of players is better at the Division II level.” Jimmy emphasized there is an understanding amongst the team and coaches that the goal is to do as well or better than last year. The Coyotes finished 16-6 in conference with a 23-7 overall record last year, winning the Regional Tournament and making it to the Elite Eight.

HT: 5’9”  
WT: 165  
MAJOR: Liberal Studies  
HOMETOWN: Upland, CA.  
HIGH SCHOOL: Upland High School  
CC: Predict the top three teams in conference this season?  
JA: Cal State Los Angeles, CSU Bakersfield, and us.

Paralyzed Woman Skydiver Becomes a Master

Zach Hoffman  
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Corral Degagne, a partially paralyzed Tehachapi woman, completed her 200th skydive linked in the air with thirty-three friends during a beautiful sunset jump on Sunday, November 28. The 200 jump mark completes a nearly a ten year long quest of this 34 year old single mother to obtain her rating as a “Master Parachutist” despite her disabilities. Corral’s legs were paralyzed was broken in a tragic ATC (3-wheeler) accident when she was only 18 years old. In 1992, while relaxing at a club with a friend, Corral was asked when she was going to make her first skydive. “He told me that he would set everything up, and I agreed,” said Degagne, “I had never really thought about it before.”

For Corral to be able to skydive, she must jump using the tandem method, a common skydiving learning tool where the student is attached to the front of the instructor’s harness, and both share the same parachute. Her friend, Jay, taped Corral’s knees and ankles in place to keep them stable while in free fall. “I knew that I was hooked after the first jump,” says Corral about her instant love affair with skydiving.

The sport of skydiving in the United States is governed by the United States Parachute Association (USPA). Among its numerous tasks, the USPA devises training programs, administers tests and evaluation, and distributes skydiving licenses. The highest license, the “D” license, requires a skydiver to make 200 jumps and pass a written test. It then qualifies the skydiver as a “Master Parachutist”. It has been Corral’s long-time goal to reach this elite mark in the skydiving community.

After skydiving quite a bit over the summer, the possibility of making the magical 200th jump by the end of the year seemed a reality for Corral. After scheduling and weather problems delayed the jump for two weeks, everything fell into place on Sunday morning, the 28th. The weather and conditions were perfect and skydivers number 198 and 199 went beautifully. Each of these included between 20 and 25 other skydivers linked together in an aerial formation with Corral and her tandem. Corral wanted to make the 200th jump a special one. She organized what is known as a “Formation-Load.” Thirty-four skydivers, including Corral, jumped from two airplanes, and met up in the air to build a formation with Corral in the center. The capstone 200th jump took place with a beautiful, majestic California sunset as a backdrop. Corral was mobbed and cheered as she made a beautiful landing in the center of the landing area to end a magical skydiving day.

Corral’s determination doesn’t end here. “Next, I want to do high altitude skydives from 35,000 feet with oxygen,” says Degagne concerning her future skydiving goals.

Skydiving continued on page 14
This awesome story of a woman overcoming life's hardships provides inspiration for all. Anything is possible with the right determination. Corral Degagne, a 34 year old mother from Tehachapi, California, earned the title of a "Master Parachutist" by completing her 200th jump in true skydiver fashion - with lots of friends flying through the air.

Blue skies forever Corral.

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minor organized crime figure Jack Ruby, was the sole assassin of the president.

In his talk, Edgar reiterated the Committee's findings, which echo the conclusions of the often maligned Warren Report, but which arose from much more credible evidence. Edgar indicated that, while he believed in the final judgement of the Commission, he felt that the proceedings were hastily conducted and did not go far enough in challenging the authority of figures who may have been withholding or obscuring pertinent information.

The controversy surrounding the Warren Report came from many sectors, but perhaps the most dissenting view from the images captured in the famed "Zapruder film." In a home movie shot by a bystander, President Kennedy's head can clearly be seen pitching backward as he is struck by bullets. This backward motion has led some to theorize that the president was attacked from the front as well as from the rear, where Oswald was positioned.

Edgar countered the "second gunman theory" by offering the explanation that medical research has shown that when the central cortex of the brain suffers traumatic injury as Kennedy's did, a muscular reflex causes the body to move backward - just like the Zapruder film shows.

Edgar also cited new acoustic analysis of sound recordings of the assassination event which indicate that no gunshots came from in front of the president, but only from the direction of the book depository from which Oswald had allegedly fired.

While Edgar predicted that conspiracy theories will flourish well into the millennium, he did see lasting value in the intense analysis of presidential security measures that arose from the investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

Now we have [adequate] security measures in place because we know we live in a time of terror," said Edgar of the development of security for the president.

He also addressed the House Committee's findings that the slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an independent act, and not the result of any conspiracy beyond the shooter, James Earl Ray, and possibly his brothers, all of whom were known professional bank robbers and racists.

Edgar brought to light a $50,000 bounty offered by Missouri-based racists for the murder of Dr. King. He suggested that Ray may have had contact with this group, noting that Ray turned up in Europe immediately following the shooting, a trip that would ordinarily have been beyond his means.

It is true that we may never know the exact circumstances of the deaths of two of America's greatest leaders. But now, even though it is nearly forty years since those dark days in the 1960s, we still feel a need to find answers. As Edgar indicated, the value of this quest for truth may not lie in solving these riddles, but instead in the self-awareness and preventative knowledge that can be gained.
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