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Leno Leaves Them Laughing



photo by Bob Christie

Jay Leno raises his arms in recognition as a crowd of over 12,000 laugh and applaud at this year's Bakersfield Business Conference held last Saturday at CSUB.

Luminaries Light Up Business Conference

By STEVEN MAYER
Staff Writer

Academy Award winner Shirley MacLaine called the 10th Annual Bakersfield Business Conference "the most extraordinary gathering of speakers I've seen in over 6,000 years."

And she wasn't kidding. Impressionist Rich Little, journalists and political pundits George Will and Sam Donaldson, former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and James Baker, Tonight Show host Jay Leno, ABC News anchor Peter Jennings, radio talk show icon Larry King, and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell were among the luminaries who dazzled the crowd of nearly 13,000 this past Saturday on the amazingly trans-

formed CSUB soccer fields.

The soccer field was literally remade into a Disneyesque kaleidoscope of flower sculptures, rented trees, water pools, decorative fountains, fruit stands, umbrella tables, giant-screen video monitors and scale models of NASA space vehicles. Even an old-fashioned Ferris wheel was whirling in the afternoon breeze. A carnival-like atmosphere predominated and a jubilant mood of excitement and expectation constantly circulated through the crowds.

Under the huge main tent that stretched nearly the length of three football fields, conference guests were treated to a wide range of entertainment and political commentary. They howled at the slightly irreverent comedy of Leno and sent him away

with a standing ovation. They listened intently to Will's conservative critique of the Clinton presidency, as well as his views on education, health care and what he termed "the American crisis of cultural values."

Even the liberal viewpoint was represented, albeit slightly, at this mostly conservative gathering. Television journalist Donaldson spoke about Republican-induced gridlock in Congress and argued against the implementation of term limits.

In contrast, Larry King steered clear of political controversy by concentrating on anecdotal storytelling and jokes. His down-to-earth style of humor was enthui-

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Union Opening Dedication Today

By BOB CHRISTIE
News Editor

In 1985, a young woman, president of the Associated Students, Inc. of the California State University, Bakersfield, had an inspiration.



Rountree

Quinones-Vaughan

Why not have a Student Union, like other universities?" she asked herself.

Now, almost 10 years later, she returns for the dedication of the newly completed Student Union, set for today at 3 p.m.

"The students that voted to make this happen in 1985 knew that they wouldn't see it happen, but they knew that their brothers and sisters and some day their children would see it," said Linda Quinones-Vaughan, now employed in the Bakersfield office of PG&E as community, governmental and media relations liaison.

"I'm really honored (to be asked to speak at the dedication)," she said. "It's kind of like the Olympics; you carry the torch and you run a mile and you hand it off to the next runner."

And now the race is over, and the building is occupied and ready for the official dedication ceremony. The ribbons will be cut and the students will officially take possession and all of the controversy of the past year will be history.

"While I empathized with the administration, I still wore the hat of a student," said

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Steven Mayer's discussion of feminism. My primary response is one of appreciation and applause. It is nice to see an essay which is both well-written and enlightening. It is true that many people hear the word "feminist" and have pre-conceived notions of militant, man-hating lesbians or frigid women. Mayer pointed out that women, men, homosexuals, and heterosexuals can all claim to be feminists. Yes, there are some that fit the stereotypes of the extreme feminists, but aren't there extremes in any grouping? As fellow feminists, I am sure that if Mayer and I were to discuss feminist issues we would disagree upon some points, but that is what allows feminism to grow, improve, and be diverse. We should acknowledge and appreciate the work of feminism for it truly has benefited our world and the ways in which we think.

Part of the general education requirements is a course focusing upon women or American ethnic/racial minorities. I hope that when people choose a course for this requirement they do so with an open mind. When taking "Perspectives on Women in Society" (INST 205) from Joanne Schmidt, I found the class to be much more open and honest than even I expected. Even the non-feminists tended to find the course to be an eye-opener rather than an attack. Just as there are environmental, cultural, spiritual, and political perspectives and issues in nearly every aspect of life, there are also feminist positions to take into account. Once again, I thank Mayer for his opinion and insight ... it's what makes education interesting and truly educational.

Rachel Keene
Cultural Anthropology Major

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Business Conference Points of View

By BOB CHRISTIE
News Editor

Last weekend's Bakersfield Business Conference, held on the athletic fields here at CSUB, had little direct impact on most students.

But for a lucky few, the conference was a chance of a lifetime.

I'm referring to the four staff members of the *Runner* who were given the privilege of covering the event as fully credentialed press, courtesy of the law firm of Borton, Petri and Conron, sponsors of the event.

As I said, few students had the chance to attend the conference. Sure, there were 400 free tickets to the live video hook-up at the Doré Theatre, and there were a good number of students hired to work the event. But aside from the very few who had the good luck of being related to a parent of means (translated: Mom and Dad can afford to drop \$295 to buy you a ticket), most students never got closer than the chain link fencing surrounding the event grounds.

Which leaves us with those four intrepid student journalists.

The conference was covered by all of the local TV news stations, several local radio stations sent reporters, there were representatives from the *Los Angeles Times* and other major news organizations including the Associated Press; CNN had a crew in attendance and there were also journalists from as far away as Germany and Japan.

Stuck right smack-dab in the middle of all these professionals we stood, all jitters and nerves (well, I at least was all jitters and nerves).

And we worked.

We had split up the conference into assignments. Columnist Steve Mayer was to report on the news personalities scheduled to speak. Managing Editor Gavin Markovits was to cover the entertainment figures. Sports Editor Kevin Eubanks drew the job of gathering the reactions of the crowd, the attendees who had paid all that cash to come. And I was set to cover the political guys, the real meat of the event, in my view.

The results of our efforts are printed in this issue for all to see. But there are some behind-the-scenes items that aren't included in our news stories.

Borton, Petri and Conron went out of their way to accommodate the press. They set up a good-sized tent just for the journalists, with refreshments (anyone of us who says they were ever hungry or thirsty is lying), phone lines, fax machines and audio and video feeds for the TV and radio people.

And they hired a top-notch media coordinator, Cindy Pollard, to look after every detail.

Every speaker who wished was ushered into the tent for a press conference. Quite a few of the speakers were, including Henry Kissinger, Larry King, Peter Jennings, George Will, Shirley MacLaine and Lord Callaghan of Great Britain.

For me this was the chance of a lifetime.

I may never have another opportunity remotely like it. I was able to ask questions of several of the speakers, including Henry Kissinger, one of the most respected political figures in the world.

It's too bad. Perhaps next year, Borton, Petri and Conron can donate a hundred tickets to the actual event for students. It's the chance of a lifetime, and it's our campus, after all.

By STEVEN MAYER
Staff Columnist

I had a press pass to the Bakersfield Business Conference on Saturday, but I brought a gate-crasher along with me. His name was Skepticism — and he was about as welcome as Hillary Clinton at an NRA picnic.

I must admit, I had imagined the conference to be an unabashed pep rally for conservative Republicans (or what I like to call radical right-wingers). And it was. But, it was more than that, too.

Yes, as expected, George Will bashed liberals in general and Clinton in particular in his predictably urbane and extremely civilized manner. But grains of salt were not hard to find when he characterized welfare as an "epidemic," yet refused to recognize the health care "problem" as a crisis.

It seems to me that the word "crisis" is less wrought with negative connotations than the alarming buzzword "epidemic." Nevertheless, Will was fun to listen to — and some of his arguments were quite persuasive.

Henry Kissinger was also critical of the current administration, but he concentrated on his area of expertise, foreign policy. Again, there was no deviation from the party line, but I took some perverse comfort in the knowledge that many conservatives still dislike Kissinger for establishing détente with the Soviets during his glory years with the Nixon administration.

But, as I said, the conference was more than just a tent revival for political conservatism. Sam Donaldson, though not exactly an archetypal hero of liberalism, showed a lot of courage in criticizing Republican obstructionism in Congress — in front of thousands of Reagan conservatives.

Larry King, on the other hand, demonstrated no such gumption. The celebrated New York liberal was a joy to listen to, but he made lots of friends at the conference by avoiding any hint of controversy. Cute, but gutless.

But, the biggest surprise of the day had to be my own misty-eyed reaction to the speech by Gen. Colin Powell; essentially, my hard-boiled journalist's skepticism went out the window.

After snapping a dozen or so photos of the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as he basked in the adulation of the crowd, I sat down on the ground in front of the stage among 20 or so journalists and watched as Powell gathered 13,000 people into the palm of his hand.

He spoke about his military career. He spoke about his experiences in Desert Storm. He told us of his admiration and gratitude toward the men and women of the armed services, and he expressed his feelings about his retirement. But most of all, he gave everyone there a sense of the great love he feels for America and the unwavering confidence he has in the nation's future.

If Colin Powell were running for president of the United States, and the election were held tomorrow, I believe all 13,000 spectators at the Bakersfield Business Conference would vote for him — no matter what political party he belonged to.

Myself included.

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Conference Heavy on Politics

By BOB CHRISTIE
News Editor

changed the mood from a critique on the current president's performance to an assessment of the role of the U.S. in the post-Cold War world.

Kissinger insisted the United States "cannot be the global do-gooder; we cannot be the global policeman." The U.S. must pick carefully those areas for which it is prepared "to expend American life ... (and) expend American treasure.

"What we are doing in Haiti I would describe as over-exuberance," Kissinger said.

Speaking of Russia, Kissinger warned of that nation's 400-year history of aggressive expansion, advising everyone in the tent that the nation needed to keep in mind the Russian propensity for adventurism and the need to keep her within her borders.

"If they stay within their borders, there is no reason (for them) to feel claustrophobic," Kissinger said, noting that Russia is still an incredibly vast nation.

The former Secretary of State to two presidents urged a conference among the neighbors of North Korea to decide on how to handle the nuclear problem there, with American promise of support for the decisions of the attendee's.

"Is it too much to ask that our children know how to spell condom before they are distributed to them?"

Will went on to blast President Clinton's Haiti policy and the federal government in general for its failed attempts at social engineering, which have resulted in the breakdown of the family.

"Perhaps the government is the disease for which it pretends to be the cure," Will said. "The first thing government should do is what doctors do, take a Hippocratic oath. First, do no harm."

The next political figure to step into the glare of the spot-lights under the world's largest tent was former Bush Administration Secretary of State James Baker III.

Baker, unusually generous in his initial assessment of Clinton's tenure in the White House, gradually but firmly outlined the administration's failures on the foreign policy front.

Baker praised Clinton for his rapid response to the current crisis in the Persian Gulf, then warned the president not to "negotiate down from the U.N. resolutions."

Baker in rapid succession then hit on Clinton for blaming his overseas problems on his predecessors, for failing to either take control of foreign policy or designate one person to handle it, for making misleading or contradictory statements leading to a loss of American credibility.

"Never forget that Europe is still unsettled," Callaghan said, and don't make the mistake of thinking that it's easy to lead the world.

"It's no bed of roses to be a Global leader," intoned Callaghan.

The most rousing and inspirational orator of the day turned out to be keynote speaker retired Gen. Colin Powell.

Powell marched into view among a sea of waving American flags and a tumultuous

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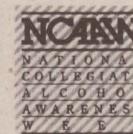
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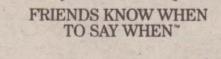
Four CSUB students won rides in Tim Brady's hot air balloon, Tranquillity Too, as part of the Student Union grand opening. Winning students were Kathy Thurston, Tony Lidgett, Janelle Hodge and Lisa Priett.

This week, everybody on campus will be talking about drinking.



Because during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, your school will host all kinds of activities and presentations focusing on the safe and responsible use of alcohol by students of legal drinking age. Among the activities is a "Know How to Say No" poster contest that pays a \$5,000 scholarship for the poster that most creatively and effectively conveys the message.

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GALAU Offers Gay Students Hope for Equality

By AUSA SALEM
Staff Writer

On Oct. 11, the Gay and Lesbian Academic Union celebrated National Coming Out Day at CSUB. GALAU celebrated this day by handing out informational brochures to help break down barriers and stigmas associated with gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual lifestyles.

Nancy Bailey, adviser for the GALAU club has been involved since it was first founded in 1979.

"When the club first started, we received a threatening letter from the Klu Klux Klan stating that we were being watched and to be careful," Bailey commented.

Bailey, who is a gay and lesbian activist in the community, recalled that she only planned to be the adviser for one year. Fortunately, she felt there was a need for a gay and lesbian club for student representation in order to talk openly with one another and to strive for common educational, social, and political goals, and has remained GALAU's adviser for several years.

Rogers needed to live in the dorms due to

CSUB Briefs

Sexual Assault Seminar to be Held

The CSUB Department of Public Safety will be hosting a seminar on sexual assault and women's safety next Thursday, Oct. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Union Conference room.

The seminar will feature speakers from the Bakersfield Police Department, the Alliance against Family Violence, the Kern County District Attorney's office and counselors from CSUB.

The event is designed to inform students and staff on the many safety issues that women may encounter and how to respond to them. Discussions of appropriate victim responses, definition of assaults, and the roles of public agencies

will be topics of the presentations.

This seminar is intended for both men and women, and presentations will be followed by question and answer periods.

For further information, contact Investigator Dave DeWitt at campus police, 664-2111.

Champs Take on Wheelchair Squad

The CSUB basketball team hosts the Rolling Chariots team in a wheelchair basketball game this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Activities Center.

The Rolling Chariots are a group of local disabled athletes who play in charity events around the state, helping to increase awareness of the disabled and raise money for

charity. This Thursday's event benefits and is sponsored by the Bakersfield Regional Rehabilitation Hospital. Co-sponsor is KERO-TV-23 and the event is coordinated by the CSUB office for Students with Disabilities.

Tickets are \$3 for adults (including CSUB students) and \$1 for children ages 6 to 14. Kids 5 and under are admitted free. For more information, call 664-3360.

Swimmers Go to World Championships

Three swimmers from the CSUB Men's and Women's squad have qualified for the World Fin Swimming Championships to be held in China this weekend. Derrick Robinson, Linda Klinke and Sheri

Sacks will compete in this innovative new sport.

Participants wear a dolphin-like fin and swim through the water without the use of their hands. In one event, the 50 meter swim, competitors are not allowed to come up for air in a mad dash to the finish.

"This is a relatively new sport in the United States. It has been in China for 20 years," Robinson said.

The sport will possibly be featured in the 2000 Olympics, if it is in major competition such as the Pan American and Pan Pacifican Games, according to Robinson.

Robinson is lucky to go to the event. "A friend of mine, Aaron Bartleson, made the team ... and when a couple of people dropped out I got the opportunity to go."

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siastically received by the conference assembly. As King mentioned the speakers who had preceded him, he couldn't resist a friendly jab at fellow liberal Donaldson. "As Sam was leaving," King joked, "he fell down and broke his hair."

Even Henry Kissinger's rather dry oratory was punctuated by some lighthearted humor. In reference to James Baker's Texas origins, Kissinger joked he was relieved to learn he wasn't the only guest of the conference to speak with an accent. On a more serious note, the Nobel Peace Prize winner expressed his reservations about the U.S. military intervention in Haiti and his doubts about the stability of democracy in Russia.

Peter Jennings, the Canadian-born anchor of ABC News commented on "the national mood," and the influence the press has upon it. He noted that "the frustration of covering an election is to see once again, and to be saddened once again, that so much complex in our national life is reduced to simple sloganeering." Jennings commented on the national mood of "dissatisfaction" and "disenfranchisement," and he worried that television's domination of political campaigns is trivializing complicated issues that require serious scrutiny and debate.

Ask The Doctor
One-on-One

Wednesday, October 26th
11:00 - 1:00
in front of the
Student Union
Do you have any
questions or concerns?
Come meet your Student Health
Doctor -- and ask!



Bailey

the fact that his mother kicked him out of their home because he had openly "come out" to his family and friends.

People who choose to be more open with their sexual orientation are often targets of homophobic reactions and harassment.

Rogers, 20, transferred to CSUB as a result of numerous incidents at

Taft College because of his choice to "come out" with his homosexuality.

"My situation there got so bad, that I was eventually given two choices; either move into an isolated wing of the dorms or completely move out of the dorms," stated Rogers.

Rogers needed to live in the dorms due to

sured to hide their sexual preference. "The club is successful because it's a good environment, it helps to talk about our fears, and we're not afraid to get bashed because everything is confidential," stated Rogers.

GALAU also hosts potlucks and other social gatherings. Last year the club's members helped with the gay and lesbian phone line and hope to repeat its success once again.

The goals for GALAU are interaction with the heterosexual community, to get a broader scope of information out to the public, and to help break down stereotypes placed on gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual people. Another goal is to focus on all aspects of the gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual lifestyle so that they are accepted as "people regardless of their sexual orientation".

"Sexuality isn't logical, it is human nature to explore your sexuality and your preference," added Rogers.

For further information, please contact Nancy Bailey at 664-2348.

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Trustees Hear Outline of 1995/96 Budget Proposal

At a three-hour financial retreat, trustees and CSU staff discussed the current year's budget, the coming year's fiscal picture and potential student fee increases for 1995/96. In addition, William Baker, vice president of university and external relations for the University of California, and John Wilson, executive vice president and chief economist of the Bank of America, presented trustees with recommendations for restructuring state government.

While a fee level has not been determined yet, Chancellor Munitz and trustees reaffirmed their commitment to having students pay one-third the cost of their education (the total cost is estimated at about \$7,000). Whether that figure is reached by increasing fees 10 percent per year for several years, or asking for a higher figure in 1995/96 has not been finalized. "The goal is a fair partnership between the student and the state," Munitz said. There also is discussion of having graduate students pay higher fees because their instruction is more costly, but again, that has not been finalized. Currently, undergraduates and graduate students pay the same State University Fee - \$1,584 annually for any student taking 6.1 or more units.

The 1994/95 budget is \$2,183 billion, which includes \$1,553 billion from the general fund and \$630 million in receipts and reimbursements (primarily student fees). The increase from the state - the first time in four years the CSU has received an increase - totaled about \$65 million (4.4 percent). This includes \$9.3 million earmarked for the development of CSU

Monterey Bay. While the fall 1994 enrollment is not known yet, the system is hoping to add 2,500 FTE (full-time equivalent) students.

Richard West, vice chancellor for business and finance, characterized the coming year as "a tough fiscal environment" in which the pressure building between state revenue and expenditures will continue to build. He basically concurred with Baker and Wilson's presentation that some restructuring of state government is required.

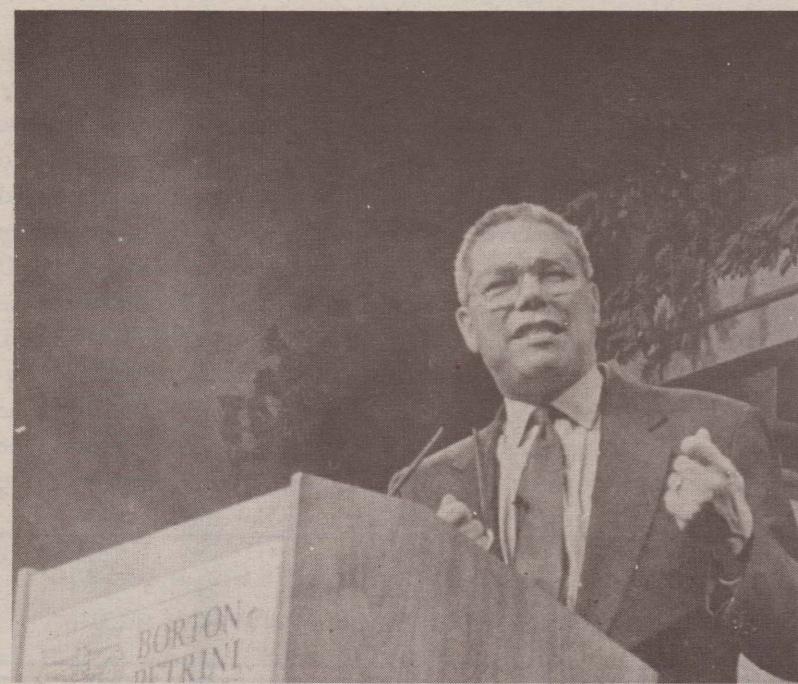
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California needs some kind of strong kick to get it back in gear," Baker said.

In their report, Wilson presented several recommendations from the Business-Higher Education Forum, including one that the constraints on the state budget (for example, Proposition 98 and 111 which mandated funds to designated areas) need to be eliminated and the regulatory climate has to change. The inequities in the state's property tax also needs rectifying, he said, while the sales tax should be extended to some services.

The income tax should remain at the current level.

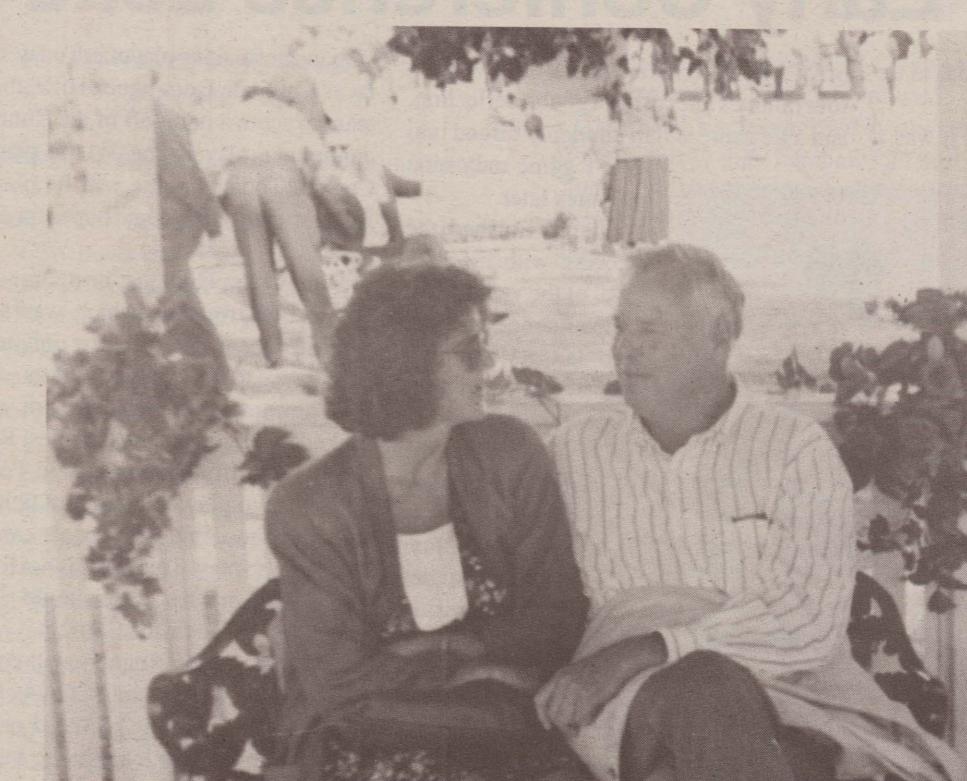
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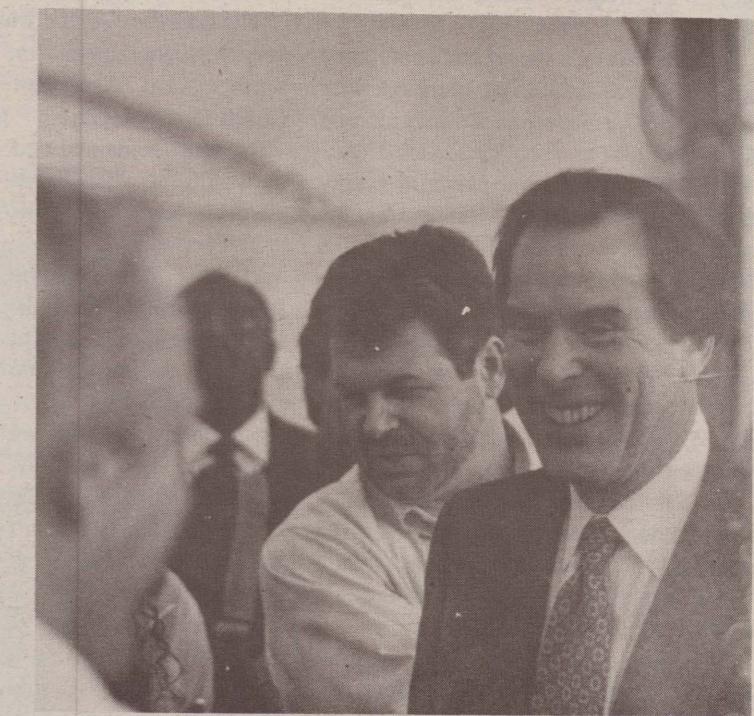
Colin Powell, the headliner for the day's events, had the audience in his hands, as they cheered his every word and gesture.



The wait in line for lunch was windy but provided many with the opportunity to review the morning's speakers.



Jerry and Chris Trussler enjoy a quiet moment in a gazebo outside the main tent, taking a breather after several hours of laughter and stimulating speakers.



Bakersfield Californian business writer Bob Price joins ABC news anchor Peter Jennings in a laugh in the news tent.

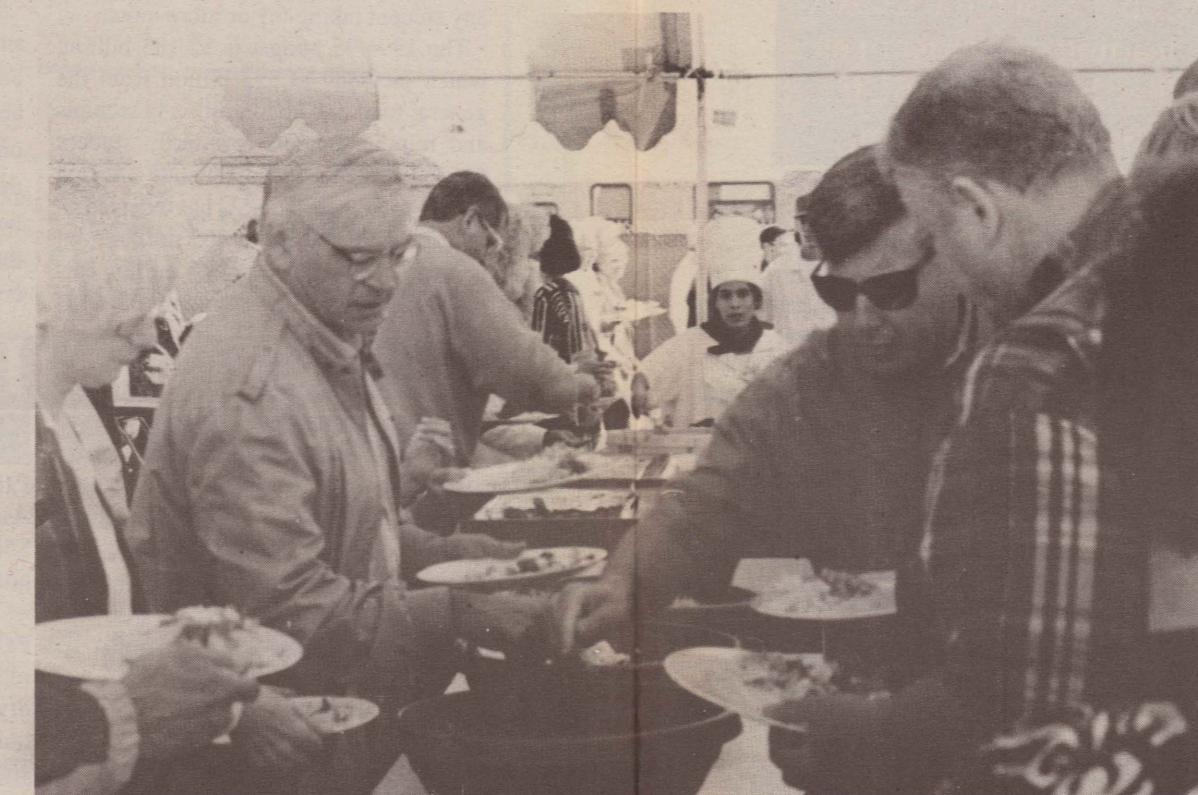


Bakersfield College students Krista Thomas, left, and Shelly Stricklen enjoy the day from vantage point a few hundred feet in the air.

photos taken by Steve Mayer, Gavin Markovits, Bob Christie and Kevin Eubanks



The view from the top of the Ferris wheel gave a rider a sense of the enormity of the day's event.



What they found when they got inside the food tent was a plentiful supply of beans, salad, bread and filet mignon.



For the conference attendees from Bakersfield, the lush landscaping and reflecting pond and fountains belied the fact that the event was being held in a usually arid environment.

The Runner staff would like to thank the staff of Borton, Petrini and Conron, their public relations representative Cindy Pollard, and PG&E and the Bakersfield Family Medical Center for allowing them to enjoy the weekend's events.

Soccer Kicks Out to Early Conference Lead

By KEVIN EUBANKS
Sports Editor

The CSUB men's soccer team continued to roll through the CCAA last week with wins over Cal State San Bernardino and Cal Poly Pomona.

Cal State San Bernardino played an evenly matched game against the Runners, but the main offensive force for CSUB, Ayman Hamid, came up big again with the lone goal of the game to run their record to 7-2-3 overall and 3-0-1 in CCAA play.

San Bernardino is also the only team that has defeated the number two team in the Far West Region Cal State Los Angeles. CSUB is ranked third.

On Saturday, the Runners faced a Cal Poly Pomona team that had only won one game in 13 attempts, but Head Coach Simon Tobin insisted that the game would be a more difficult one than expected.

"They are a good team. When we beat them 6-1, they had four players suspended. It will be a tough game," said Tobin.

In the beginning the game was tough. The Runners got off to a quick 1-0 lead when John Gorz headed in a long throw in. But that was all the scoring CSUB would see in the first half.

The Broncos came back just thirteen minutes later as Ryan Heise took one of only three shots on the game for Pomona on an

indirect kick. Heise scored the goal to tie the score 1-1.

"The goal they scored was crap. It was a very fortunate break for them," said Assistant Coach Jeremy Gunn.

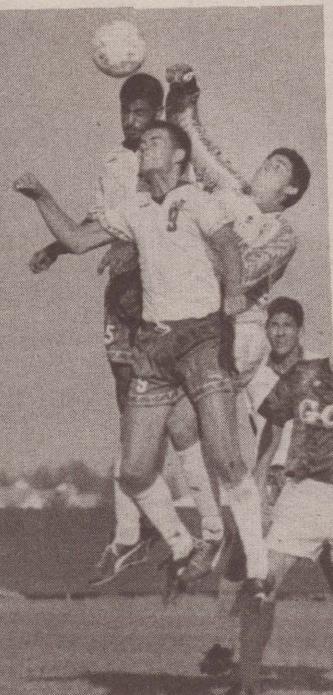
The score remained tied until halftime when Tobin gave his team a very inspired pep talk.

"I think they were the better team in the first half. But I gave them a talk at the half and they came alive," said Tobin.

"Simon just told us if we don't pick it up and play, we can throw away the whole season. It doesn't matter who else we beat this year if we lose to a team like this we can throw away the whole season. It picked everyone up," said freshman Matt Touchstone.

When the Runners have needed to turn things around this year, it has normally been Ayman Hamid that would do it. This game was no exception.

Hamid came out five minutes into the second half and scored a goal that deflected



Ayman Hamid and Henrik Marions battle for a ball in a recent match.

Come watch the CCAA leading soccer team as they host rival CSULA Saturday at 3 p.m.

ship and not making playoffs. Today, CSUB faces Cal State Dominguez Hills, the only team to score a point off of the Runners in conference play in the 1-1 tie played in Carson. Today's game will be played in Bakersfield, and the team hopes for a better result.

"Dominguez Hills just beat Grand Canyon 2-1 in overtime which was a great result for them. They are the only team in conference to get a point off of us with the tie. They are a very physical team, and are ranked number nine in the Far West Region. It will be a difficult game," said Tobin.

"We had to play on their crap field, now they have to come here so we can show them how to play. This game is not for sure, but if we work hard, we should win the game," said Touchstone.

On Saturday, the Runners will continue their quest for their second CCAA championship. They will play Cal State Los Angeles, the number two team in the Far West Region. Cal State Los Angeles is in second place behind the Runners and are the main competitor for a CCAA championship. Game time is 3 p.m.

read and saw movies about America. He always wanted to see the "big country overseas and far away."

After graduating from high school, and spending two years in the military, Birgersson was ready to make his trip overseas a reality. "Somehow I found out about going to the U.S. and possibly getting a scholarship. Here I could get a scholarship and play soccer for a school and there is nothing like that back home," said Birgersson.

Birgersson then sent letters to about 15 American schools, but Tobin showed the most interest. Tobin instructed Birgersson to take the SAT, and Birgersson was ready to come to America for a tryout. "My strength is I'm a typical team player. I do my job as the coach wants me to, I play simple, nothing brilliant, but also with no mistakes. I just try to play consistent at a high level," said Birgersson.

This style of play may not win him many headlines in any newspapers, or television interviews, but it might win many soccer games.

"My first year here, I played sweeper in all the pre-season games, and the first couple of regular season games. Then Simon tried (Andrew Mockett) because he played there before. But I played 20 games my freshman year here and 18 of them were at sweeper. There are better positions on the field, but I just do my best. I just want the team to win," said Birgersson.

"He was our top player last year. He is a very important part of our team. He is the heart of our defense and he knows what it's

The dream for Birgersson coming to the United States came early in his life when he

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STUDENT UNION



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Runners Tame Golden Eagles in Battle for No. 1

By GAVIN MARKOVITS
Managing Editor

They thought it was just another game in just another town.

Little did the No. 1 CSUB volleyball team (25-2) know they were two hours late for a match with Grand Canyon. The match had been moved forward two hours to accommodate the religious services held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the small Jesuit college in Phoenix.

"We were getting ready to go out for dinner when assistant coach Chris Redding ran up to the van and said we were playing at 5 (instead of the scheduled 7 p.m. start). We thought he was kidding," senior setter Jennifer Strelitzhoff said.

"I think we handled it really well. We didn't get to tape up or stretch, we just hit for a couple of minutes and played. I think we responded well, and were pumped up," Strelitzhoff said.

The arrangements had been made with Head Coach Mark Rosen and Sports Information Director Joni Jones, who have both left the institution, without informing their replacements.

The Runners began the week with a much-anticipated road win over No. 2 CSULA 7-15, 15-8, 15-11, 15-11. All-American Christy Wieneke led the team with 25 kills and 23 digs. The Runners outplayed the Golden Eagles in every offensive category.

Head Coach Carl Ferreira was satisfied with the victory.

"Both teams played pretty well. We forced each other to earn points. There were not a lot of unforced errors," he said.

The team was able to rebound from the first game loss to win three consecutive tight games.

"In game one we were not fronting their hitters really well," Ferreira said. "They came out hot. They took a lot of swings when our block was not even in front of them."

CSULA big gun Korina Kemp, who had 19 kills, was confident the Golden Eagles would get revenge.

"We will get them (CSUB). We really match up well

with them (CSUB). When you play a team of this caliber you have to play 100%," Kemp said.

The Golden Eagles were led by Andrea Ferchaw who had 26 kills and 19 digs. Ferchaw told the CSULA University Times, "I think they're a really powerful hitting team, but that's all they do." To the Runner's credit, they outdug the Eagles (85-83), and outblocked them (6-3).

"I think we were really fired up, because of all the smack they talk," Strelitzhoff said. "They have been saying for the

record for the Runners. The Matadors are responsible for both losses on CSUB's otherwise flawless record. In this match CSUN easily handled the Runners 15-4, 15-9, 15-10.

"I am still trying to find answers myself in why we played so poorly. Last week has been so long for us, with so many big matches. A lot of the team is sick and or tired. We didn't play like CSUB can play," Strelitzhoff said.

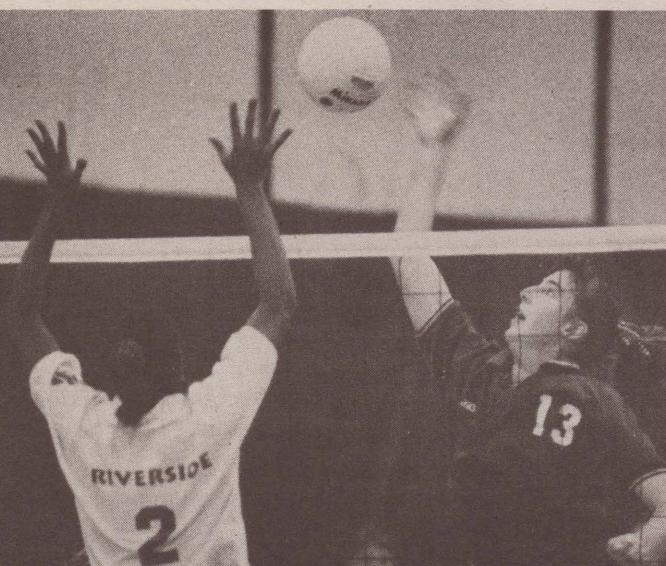
This week the Runners tangled with conference rival CSU San Bernardino last night.

They travel to Santa Barbara tonight to take on Westmont, who Strelitzhoff admits she knows little about.

San Francisco State will be in town Saturday to face the Runners in a 7:30 p.m. match in the Activities Center. The Gators are 4-11 on the year and 1-4 in Northern California Athletic Conference action. Freshmen Dana Steigerwald leads the squad with 124 kills. Junior setter Michelle Cabreros is the defensive leader with 225 digs and 529 assists. The match had been designated as "Girl Scout Night," with all girl scouts who come to the match in uniform be admitted for a discounted price.

Strelitzhoff is confident that the team will be well rested and prepared when it really matters.

"I know we are not playing as well as we can. It is kind of expected, because we are tired and sick. It is kind of good though, because we can peak at regionals and nationals."



Torie Sumner aims for the floor in a recent match against UC Riverside. Sumner leads the team in blocks with 91.

CCAA Standings

Volleyball

	Soccer
1. CSUB 6-0, 25-2	1. CSUB 4-0-1, 8-2-3
2. CSULA 5-1, 19-1	2. CSULA 4-1, 12-1-1
3. Cal Poly Pomona 3-2, 13-8	3. Grand Canyon 3-3, 6-5-1
4. UC Riverside 3-3, 12-6	4. CSU Dominguez Hills 2-2-1, 6-3-1
5. Grand Canyon 2-4, 13-11	5. CSU San Bernardino 1-3-1, 3-7-2
6. CSU San Bernardino 1-5, 10-13	6. Cal Poly Pomona 0-5-1, 1-12-1
7. CSU Dominguez Hills 0-5, 4-24	

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Doubles Team Qualifies for Nationals

By GAVIN MARKOVITS
Managing Editor

The CSUB tennis team started the 1994-95 season out with a smash qualifying a doubles team to the prestigious Rolex National Championships to be held Oct. 25 in Edmond, Okla.

Senior Sue Hsu and junior Nylah Benson advanced through the western regional qualifier to advance to the national tournament.

The Rolex Championships are held in the spring and fall, with only two qualifiers from each of the four regions advancing to nationals. CSUB will play in the Small College Division which will feature competitors from Division I, II and III players.

"This is very important for rankings, because everybody involved in rankings will be there in Oklahoma," Head Coach Gloria Friedman said.

Hsu has played three years at CSUB, and previously qualified for the Nationals in both singles and doubles. Benson, a first year junior, was the top Junior College doubles player last year. This was their first time playing together.

"They have a lot of strengths. They played real well. I think this is great because this opportunity will give them a lot of exposure," Friedman said.

Friedman is unsure how successful the duo can be considering they have not played together long, and they have not seen their competition.

The Runners hosted the Pepsi/Arco Chemical Tennis Classic last weekend, which Hsu and Benson also won. The local tournament featured many CSUB past and present players.

Action continues this weekend with singles play beginning Wednesday night on the CSUB courts. Finals will be held Sunday.

Entertainers Lighten Otherwise Serious Conference

By GAVIN MARKOVITS
Managing Editor

Amongst the political heavy hitters and media giants stood three entertainers who kept the 10th annual Bakersfield Business Conference in constant laughter.

Comedian/impersonator Rich Little warmed up the early morning crowd with his witty impersonations of everyone from Ronald Reagan to Jack Nicholson.

He opened his 30 minute set by comparing the 200' by 740' tent full of 12,500 people to a "prison cafeteria."

Little told the crowd that he was unsure of which of his vast array of characters he should come as to this year's conference.

"I thought about coming as Ronald Reagan," Little said in a perfect Reagan impersonation. "But, I didn't remember the date ... or who you were ... or where Bakersfield was."

He went on to tease the former president's famous problem.

"You know your memory is the second



MacLaine

thing to go ... don't ask me what the first is."

As Jack Nicholson, Little donned black sunglasses and greeted the audience with, "How the hell are you?"

Richard Nixon was the final target in Little's arsenal.

"I can't be here, because I'm in heaven," Little said, followed by Nixon's famous two-fingered wave.

"I got in. I hate to admit it ... I snuck in. I even met God, and I'm happy to report God is a Republican ... she certainly is."

Women and spirituality were the focus of Shirley MacLaine's speech. She concentrated on creating one's own reality, which she said women would be more acceptable to, since they are able to hold two points of

view simultaneously without getting confused.

She did not fail to make reference to her much publicized spiritual beliefs.

"This is the most extraordinary lineup of speakers I've seen in 6,000 years," she said.

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She spent the majority of her time encouraging people to find their own realities.

"What is real? Reality is subjective within each of us. Reality becomes an art and we are each the artist."

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On the ever-increasing price of stamps Leno joked.

"You might as well tape a dollar bill to the back of the envelope."

Leno tried to explain why General Motors should not be liable for cars that burst into flames.

"They (the consumers) were warned. It was right on the side of the vehicle ... Chevy Blazer."

He complained about the media's morbid obsession with mass murders.

"I saw Jeffrey Dahmers' father on NBC. He was pitching his new book, it must be a cookbook."

The huge crowd gave Leno a standing ovation after he ended his monologue.

Paul Anka lit up the night sky with a shining singing performance, followed by fireworks.

Even though the main focus of this conference was on business and politics, these entertainers provided a much needed tickle to the funny bone.

CSUB's Annual Fall Blood Drive

Thursday, Oct. 27

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standing ovation. Speaking of his retirement in a low-key, joking manner, Powell moved on to a description of the recent flurry of diplomatic activity in Haiti, which saw him called by President Clinton to accompany former President Carter and assist in the delicate negotiations.

Shifting to the early days of the Gulf War, Powell told of the emotions he felt on the first night of the conflict, when American planes were en route to Bagdad and Powell was forced to sit and tensely await the results.

"Kuwait will always be at risk," Powell said, "because it's tiny and Iraq is large." Powell voices regret that "Saddam wasn't standing under one of the bombs," but "he'll pass, just like a kidney stone."

The same spirit that carried America through the Gulf War will also carry the country through the problems it faces now at home, said Powell.

"With the Cold War and Containment gone," Powell said, "we can look inward more. We can start thinking of family more. We can do it."

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Quinones-Vaughan of last spring's controversy. "I think when you work on something of this significance, people don't always see eye-to-eye."

All the hard work is now over, and the celebration is on. Participants in today's dedication ceremony include Jason Holmes, current chair of the Student Union Board, CSUB president Tomas Arciniega, as well as administrators Ken Secor, Stan Frazier and George Hibbard, ASI President Roberto Euresti, Bakersfield Mayor Bob Price, and Martha Fallgatter, member of the CSU Board of Trustees. The dedication will be followed by a reception in the Union Multi-Purpose Room, featuring hors d'oeuvres and other refreshments.

"It's a credit to the students," said Quinones-Vaughan. "We should all be celebrating," she said.

Conference Offers More Than Meets the Eye

By KEVIN EUBANKS
Sports Editor

It is not very often when a group of over 10,000 people are together in Bakersfield, except, of course, for an occasional high school football game.

But last Saturday, 12,500 people from around the world gathered in Bakersfield for the 10th annual Bakersfield Business Conference.

"I'm having a great time. My mom asked me so I worked it. This is a great opportunity for me and it will look good to put on resumes," said Wunsch.

The atmosphere was electrifying as speakers such as Jay Leno, Henry Kissinger, Peter Jennings and retired General Colin Powell spoke under the huge tent near the CSUB soccer field.

"I can only describe it with three words:

fabulous, fabulous, fabulous.

Everything is so overwhelming. This makes me feel like I'm in Hollywood, on location in

Greece, and on the grounds of the Kentucky Derby all at once," said Mari Hooper of Long Beach.

The tent was equipped with twenty televisions with various

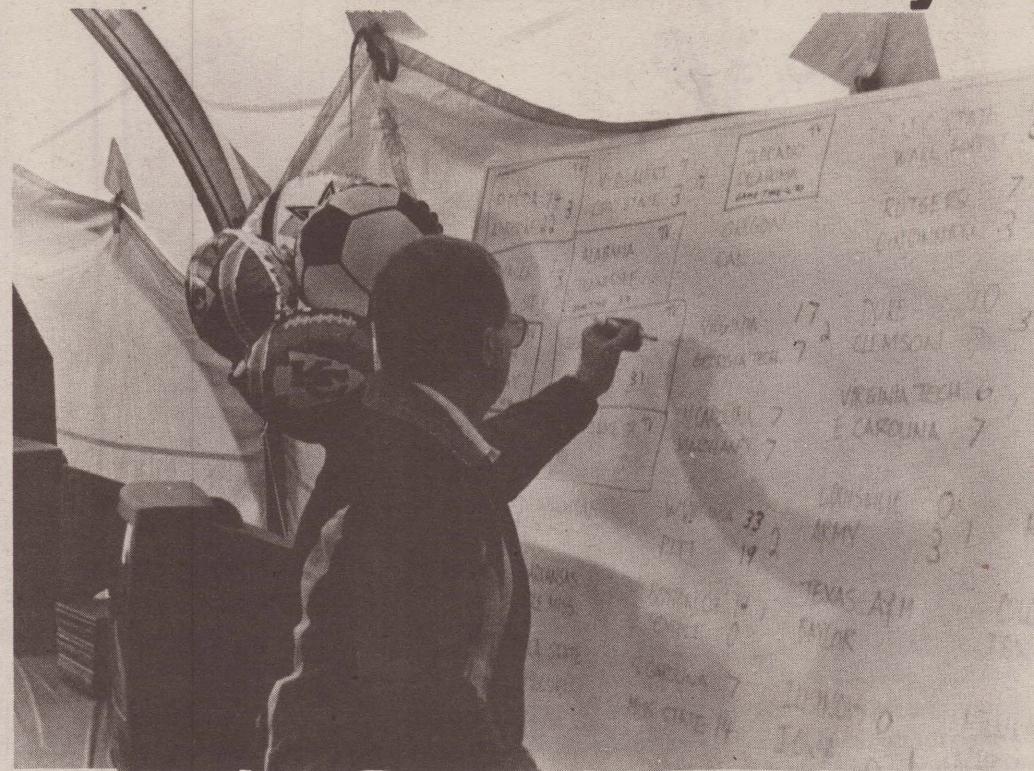
football games on them, portable bleachers and a bar serving

beer, wine and mixed drinks.

"I've been here for about one-and-a-half hours, but I'll end up being here most of the rest of the day. I got to come for free," said Bob May of Fullerton.

Some people in the sports tent were not planning on staying long, but the lure of college football was more than the lure of Colin Powell.

"I just came in to catch a few scores. I'm just happy my alma mater Vanderbilt beat Georgia. I'm just going to stay until the Notre Dame-BYU game is over. Are these



Doug Harbac adds to the up-to-the-minute scores to the college football board in the sports tent at the 10th annual Bakersfield Business Conference. photo by Gavin Markovits

televisions in the front of the tent.

Julie Scheidt from Fresno was not sitting in the back of the tent, but was looking for her dad in the back.

"I'm glad I don't have to sit back here. I would hate to spend \$300 to look at Kissinger through binoculars," said Scheidt.

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all about. His experience really helps. He has helped the team on and off the field," said Tobin.

After one year in Bakersfield, Birgersson has found a new home. The weather, the people and the atmosphere are important factors in Birgersson's love for his new hometown.

"I like it (in Bakersfield). Everyone is friendly here, and everyone welcomed me when I came here. They really took care of me. I am having a great time here. You can't expect to have a good time unless you make a great time, and that is true everywhere. I love it at home where there are four seasons, and here you have summer and something else. But I love the sun. It doesn't bother me at all," said Birgersson.

The best time Birgersson has had since he has been in America was not in Bakersfield, though. Birgersson, along with two Swedish friends and CSUB soccer teammate Jay Gore, took a trip starting in Bakersfield to the Rose Bowl and then on to Detroit to watch World Cup soccer matches.

"The whole thing was an adventure. The World Cup is the greatest event on Earth. The whole thing - a U.S. tour, the chance to watch World Cup soccer, Sweden did great - you can't ask for anything more. It was the best four weeks of my life," said Birgersson.

The group traveled through 15 states and into Canada, taking a southern route to Detroit and a northern route back. "We never traveled on the same road twice."

Birgersson described everything he saw as being awesome. The sights included Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Chicago, Niagara Falls and Mount Rushmore.

"It was a dream come true. I had read about these things, but then they were really there. I could still be looking at Grand Canyon. It is like being on another planet. I never got full of watching it," said Birgersson.

But possibly the most extraordinary thing that Birgersson saw on his trip came in a very unexpected place. In South Dakota, Birgersson and his friends talked about the only thing that could make the trip complete; to see a couple of cowboys riding along and some buffalo.

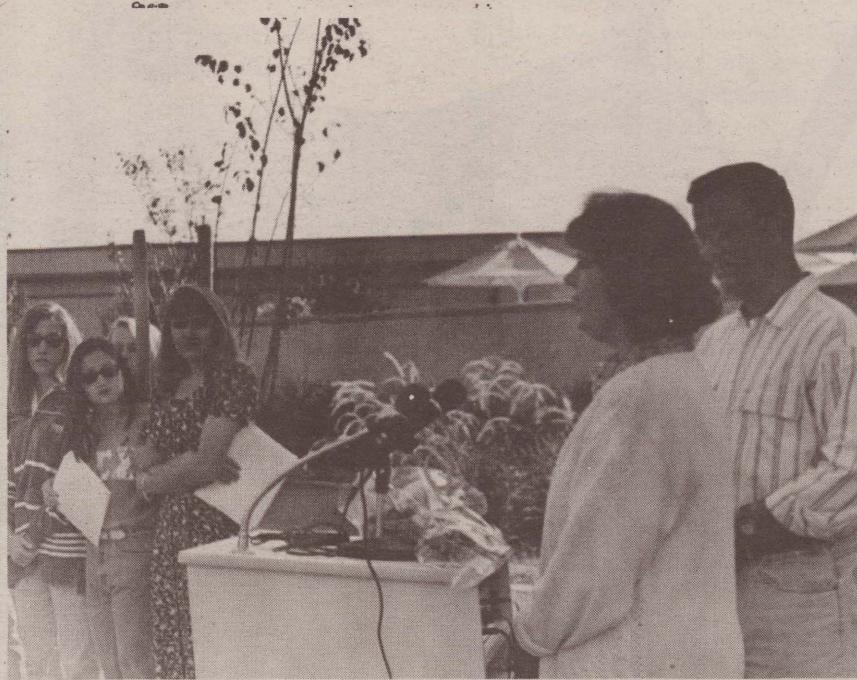
"Then we drove on farther and there were some buffalo, right there on the side of the road. We stopped the car and I rolled down the window and the buffalo was about five inches from my face and I snapped a picture, rolled up the window and got out of there," said Birgersson.

Even though many residents do not admit to enjoying Bakersfield, Birgersson is not afraid to express his positive feelings toward the city.

"Unless something happens, I'm going to stay in Bakersfield. I like it here. It's a big town with a small town feeling."

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Linda and David Weirather thank students gathered yesterday at the Student Union for dedicating a tree in the memory of their daughter, Jenine, who was killed in a car accident last February.

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar



The Student Union Grand Opening will be this week with many events set to commemorate the opening. Today the Student Union Building dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 3 p.m.

The Office of Student Activities is sponsoring its annual "Club Fair" being held in DDH Oct. 20. To sign up and for more information, call 664-3091.

The first of three exhibitions commemorating the 25th anniversary of CSUB in the Todd Madigan Gallery will be Oct. 21. This exhibition will contain the work of each visual arts faculty member and eight alumni artists selected by the faculty. Each faculty member has selected two alumni to show in this student facility retrospective. Reception: 5-7 p.m. For more information call the gallery at 664-2244.

Mandy Rees will direct a children's play Oct. 22 in the Doré Theatre at 11 a.m. Admission is free, and the play is suitable for pre-school and elementary school age children. For more information, call 664-3150.

The 1994 Focus on Women Conference will be held Oct. 22 at the YWCA. The seminar will feature *Los Angeles Times* columnist Robin Abcarian who will speak from 3:45 to 5 p.m. For more information, call the YWCA at 323-6072.

The Kern Law Enforcement will be conducting its "2nd Annual Cultural Awareness Fair," Oct. 22 on the lawn south of the Cafeteria. This day long event will include: cultural entertainment, food and souvenir booths, guest speakers and child

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photo I.D. and finger-printing. For more information, call 664-2418.

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FLICS is presenting "Jacquot," Oct. 26 in the Beale Library beginning at 7:30 p.m. The film directed by Agnes Varda is the story of her late husband's childhood fascination with animated films. Tickets are \$3.50.



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