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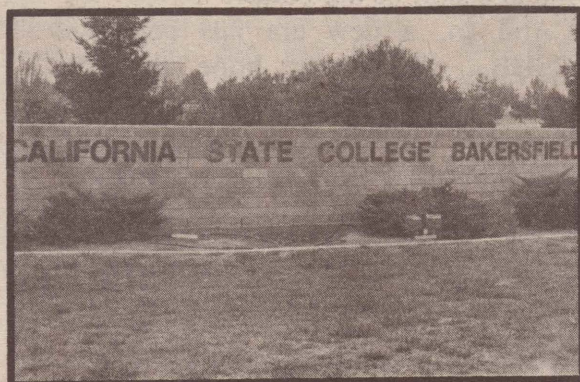


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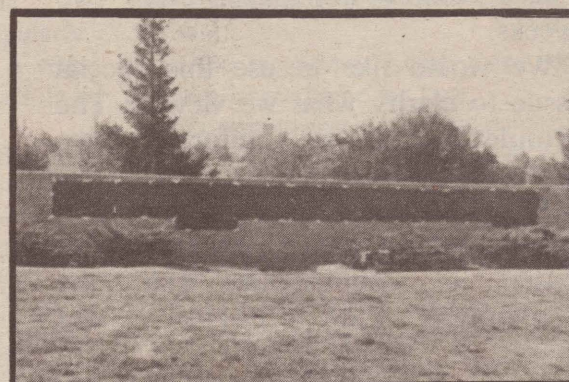


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In days gone by...

but now...

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a new look for CSUB's front door.

Cranes and bulldozers change CSUB skyline

by Sal Diaz
Guest writer

Cranes, bulldozers and earthmovers will become a familiar sight at Cal State for the next five years.

Students continuing their education will see a dramatic change in the university's physical appearance.

Several facilities, besides the new gymnasium/activities center, are scheduled for construction beginning this year and continuing into the early 1990s.

The projects include a music building, public safety and financial aids offices, student union, amphitheater, bookstore, library, clock tower and additional temporary buildings and landscaping for the university.

"Currently, the proposed projects

are part of CSUB's Master Plan," said Dr. Ken Secor, vice president, administrative services.

The Master Plan is the architectural design and layout of the university. The Master Plan, proposed in the 1960s, has undergone numerous changes from its original design due to budget cuts in the state's funding of campus projects and the slow growth in student enrollment.

"But that's all going to change," said Dr. George Hibbard, dean of students.

"With the increase in student population and the college becoming a university, it's all very exciting," said Hibbard.

But, Secor said, construction on planned projects would not begin any earlier than previously scheduled.

"There must be an understanding that most to all of the funds for the college's facilities come from the state's budget," Secor said. "Additional buildings or facilities must be planned, designed by architects, given a construction cost and then it is submitted for approval. However, the other 19 CSU campuses are submitting their own project proposals and each campus feels that their own projects should be given a priority classification."

Even with the stiff competition among all 19 CSU campuses, for limited state funds, Secor is very optimistic about the changing face of Cal State and said that additional construction projects could begin as early as this summer.

Secor confirmed that office space has been in great demand lately. Even

with the temporary facility recently installed on the east side of campus, the space shortage has not been alleviated.

"With the recent increase in the student population, the offices of Public Safety and Financial Aids must be allowed to expand and provide necessary and adequate services to students," said Secor.

The proposed building, which Secor says will be located north of the old gym, will be somewhat larger than an average size house and will cost an estimated \$190,000. The estimated completion is set for early 1989, about the same time the new gym nears completion.

The gym or Activities Center, when completed, will seat approximately 4,000 people and cost \$5 million.

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Editorial

The Runner clarifies its role in the university

As Cal State College, Bakersfield grows up, the staff of **The Runner** is trying to bring to it a more mature newspaper, one which will be as successful as CSUB.

Growing is not always easy. Transitions are often hard to adjust to, and **The Runner** has seen its share of those. Despite the many changes, our small but dedicated staff puts out a campus newspaper every two weeks.

We would like to use this special issue to clarify what we view as **The Runner's** role at California State University, Bakersfield.

The Runner is a laboratory newspaper published on a regular basis in conjunction with the Department of English and

Communications at CSUB. This newspaper provides students with instruction and practical experience in reporting, editing and designing a newspaper.

We inform readers about issues of importance to them, and provide a forum for reader discussion and opinion. **The Runner** cannot stress strongly enough our desire to hear our reader's viewpoints.

We are dedicated to reporting accurately and fairly, providing students, staff and faculty with information about the university and its activities.

However, under no circumstances will **The Runner** serve as a public relations journal for the university, any group therein, or individual

faculty members.

Editorials are the opinions of the student editorial board. All other opinion page material will feature a byline, and is not necessarily the opinion of **The Runner** staff.

Individuals or groups criticized in the editorials or opinions will be given equal space for reply, depending on space limitations and the decision of the editor.

And so, a new era has begun at CSUB. It is our hope that the university and its newspaper maintain healthy relations during our adolescence. Again, **The Runner** congratulates CSUB on acquiring university status. We are proud to serve you.

Write a letter to the editor

The Runner

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To: Faculty, staff and students

On Thursday, February 4, we will be recognizing our designation as a University with a formal ceremony in the Dore Theatre at 2 p.m., followed by a celebration at 3 p.m. in the cafeteria. Chancellor Reynolds, the chair of the Board of Trustees, several other trustees and representatives of the Chancellor's office, as well as members of the community will be joining us.

I encourage the faculty and staff to join in this celebration. To meet our obligations to our students, we cannot cancel classes during this time. I hope that faculty will be

able to provide some flexibility in their class schedules so that those who wish to participate may do so.

I have urged each of the cabinet officers to work with their supervisors to allow the maximum number of staff to participate. It may be necessary to maintain a very skeleton crew in key areas of our campus.

I am looking forward to having everyone share in the activities connected with University Day.

Tomas A. Arciniega
President, CSUB

Letter to the editor:

I would like to commend the CSUB Afro-American Student Union for its excellent Third Annual Black History Observance Celebration, which was held on January 31 in Dore Theatre. To each student who helped in the planning or who participated in this event, I want you to know your efforts are greatly appreciated. It is a disgrace that so few CSUB staff and faculty attended this celebration. Yet, it is their loss, for they missed an opportunity to support black students and an opportunity to take part in a tribute to some of America's giants: Maya Angelou, John Coltrane, Marcus Garvey, Mahalia Jackson and Paul Robeson.

Again, I applaud the members of the Afro-American Student Union.

Charles Toombs
assistant professor,
Department of English

This Levi will never be worn

by Gidget Valenzuela
Guest writer

It's a bird. It's a plane. It definitely is not Superman. To be exact, it has the characteristics of a handbag.

If alligator comes to mind, that's correct.

Kelly Kemp finds alligators so fascinating that he tried his hand at having one as a pet.

Kemp, 24, a native of Bakersfield, is currently enrolled at Cal State majoring in biology.

He has raised many different animals, the most exotic was a hawk loaned from the fish and game department.

Other pets Kemp has raised have been birds, kittens and rats.

"I raised a rat and a kitten together. After awhile, I could call the rat by name and he would come to me," he said with a grin.

One can see why Kemp chose to major in biology.

Levi (short for Leviathon) is Kemp's pet alligator.

Kemp obtained the unusual pet while working at Crystal Tanks Pet Shop in Bakersfield. Kemp assisted a customer who wanted to sell his

alligator.

When Kemp asked why, the man said, "It's a bit too much for me."

At first, Kemp was not sure of purchasing the alligator but he changed his mind.

Kemp had Levi for two years before attending Cal State. The dorm rules about pets stated "no furry pets." They said nothing about reptiles.

"Usually people are afraid because they don't know how to deal with it," he said.

Luckily, Kemp's roommate didn't mind the unusual pet.

"We tried one night to let it loose to get his exercise but we put it back in the tank when he started to climb on the beds," he said.

"I only use Levi under controlled environments," Kemp said with a serious voice.

"At open house, I dressed him up in a safari outfit, put him in a sack and pretended to be daring by sticking my hand in the sack of the unknown animal. The kids loved it," he said smiling.

Levi will eat anything, although his feedings consist of mice or rats.

"People always want to watch me feed him," he said.

"One guy watched and said 'that's

no big deal,' so I put Levi on the floor and the guy ran out of the room horrified," Kemp said laughingly.

"He moved fast," Kemp added.

The alligator is about 30 inches long now and has not grown any more.

"One summer, my roommate fed him regularly and he grew about four inches," he said.

Kemp presently has Levi in the Science Building aquarium. Kemp is still in charge of cleaning and feeding him.

"If you feed them a lot, they will grow quickly. That's why we feed him only once a week," Kemp said.

If the alligator is fed regularly, it can grow up to one foot a year. There is concern that the aquarium is too small for Levi.

"Alligators need room for two things: to mate and to find food. After awhile in a small container, they become accustomed and situate themselves in one spot," he said.

Animals play a large role in Kemp's life, not only as a biology major, but because of his feelings.

"I can't imagine not having them around," he said.

He believes the pet industry has caused a diminishment of other

animals.

"People think it's cheaper to breed animals here and sell them," he said.

The American alligator was heading toward extinction but now you can hunt and breed them. There are booklets on how to run an alligator farm, Kemp said.

"This animal is getting killed instead of preserved," he said with concern.

Kemp takes a great interest in the preservation of all animals. Most people have ordinary taste in household pets. Whatever their preference, they should preserve the species so that it does not diminish, he said.

In the meantime, Kemp plans to build a larger home for Levi.

"We want to give him a more natural aquarium so he'll be more comfortable," he said.

There is also a possibility that he will lend Levi to a man who wishes to breed alligators.

In the future, Kemp plans to transfer to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Of course, he also plans to take his unusual pet with him.

"Yeah, I guess I'll take him with me. You never know, he might like the climate over there."

Festivities set

Alumni, friends and members of the community have been invited to the University Day ceremonies and celebration at CSUB on Thursday, Feb. 4.

Dr. Ride, chair of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Reynolds are scheduled to attend. Several other trustees are also expected.

The following is the schedule of events:

- 11 a.m. Unveiling of campus entry signs.
- 11:30 a.m. Press briefing with Chancellor Reynolds in the President's Conference Room.
- noon Luncheon for official party and invited guests in the Stockdale Room.
- 2 p.m. University Day Ceremony in the Dore Theatre.
- 3 p.m. Celebration in the cafeteria.

The Dore ceremony will include comments from the Chancellor, the Trustee Chair, Duane Bloom representing the CSUB faculty and Kathy Mehling, representing the CSUB students.

The cafeteria celebration will include light refreshments. Parking will be more limited than usual. Only a few spaces will be reserved for the trustees and the permit requirement will be suspended in the afternoon.

Short Scan

Gallery opening

The Dorian Society is presenting the paintings of Richard Schloss at the Todd Madigan Gallery through Feb. 21.

The exhibit of 29 oils and pastels represent landscapes of Santa Barbara and the Santa Ynez Valley.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Bake sale

The CSUB Children's Center is sponsoring a bake sale to be held Thursday Feb. 11 in DDH.

Orders are being taken for decorated single layer Valentine cakes which are being sold for \$5. Personalized cakes are available for \$5.75.

To place orders contact the CSUB Children's Center at 833-3165.

INF Treaty 'right?'

The Political Science Department has invited Patrick Towell, national security affairs writer for *Congressional Quarterly*, to lecture on campus on Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Romberg Nursing Bld. room 105.

Towell will lecture on "National Security Politics in the Reagan Years: Is the INF Treaty a Step in the 'Right' Direction?"

Intramural basketball

Registration for intramural basketball is continuing in the Office of Student Programs. Men's and women's teams are now being formed.

Deadline for registration is 5 p.m. Feb. 12.

Reading conference

The first Reading Conference will be Feb. 5 and 6.

The conference, "The Blending of Theory and Practice" is sponsored by the CSUB School of Education.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. Friday Feb. 5. The agenda for opening night includes an overview of the presentations scheduled for the following day.

Activities begin Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. From 9 to 10:30 a.m. the lecture "Effective Teachers of Reading: Who Are They and What Do They Do?" will be given by keynote speaker Dr. Richard Robinson of the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Lectures will continue throughout the day. A preregistration fee of \$20 will cover the cost of breakfast, lunch and hor d'oeuvres at 4:30 on Saturday and entry to all lectures. On site registration is \$25.

For more information contact the School of Education at 833-2219.

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CSUB skyline

As for the space that will be created once the Financial Aids and Public Safety offices move, Secor said that Reprographics will expand and take over the vacant Public Safety offices and the Student Activities office, or the Counseling Center will incorporate the old Financial Aids offices.

"The final decision of office space lies in the hands of the other campus administrators such as the dean of students and the vice president, Secor said.

"We have to determine how the additional office space will best be used by the adjacent offices and what impact these changes will have on the students. Then we will make a decision," Hibbard said.

Besides providing additional office space, Hibbard said that the quality of existing programs must be upgraded. Specifically, this would mean the construction of a new music facility tentatively scheduled for construction by late 1989 at a cost of \$2 million.

"This isn't a newly proposed facility for the college," said Dr. Jerome Kleinsasser, chair, Fine Arts Department. "It's merely a completion of the Fine Arts Complex already housing the Dore Theatre and the Madigan Art Gallery."

The new music building would include several small practice rooms, a large choral and instrumental room and space for at least six faculty offices. Providing that the state approves the funds, Kleinsasser is hopeful that construction will take place soon.

"This facility will greatly increase the efficiency of the rehearsal spaces for the performing groups that we have, Kleinsasser said.

"A facility of this quality is needed by our campus and when completed, I believe that it could be used as a tool for recruiting more students."

"If all goes according to schedule and there are no delays, construction

could begin on the music facility in late 1989 and the project could be completed by 1991," Secor said.

By the time that the ground breaking is scheduled for the new music facility, Secor said, construction should be well under way for the first phase of the Student Union.

"The only thing that the student government lacks is a clearly defined body that will oversee the construction and regular operation of the facility once it is completed," Secor said.

Associated Students, Inc., Vice President Susan Costmagna, currently in charge of the Student Union committee, said that the \$3 million project will be located on the lawn area south of the cafeteria.

"When the fee referendum passed last year, it made it possible for the ASI to tax the students by an added \$40 per year," said Kathy Mehling, ASI president. "Therefore, the additional revenue generated is being set aside in a special account and no state funds will be needed for this project."

Both Mehling and Costmagna said that a central place is long overdue for students. "The proposed project would include the ASI offices, different food services, gift shops and other multi-purpose rooms which are still on the drawing board," Costmagna said.

"I'm not sure what the second phase of the ASI Student Union will entail. However, there is a plan to move the current bookstore and relocate it with a new facility adjacent to the proposed Student Union," Secor said.

The construction of the new bookstore, Secor said, is needed to alleviate the overcrowding already occurring in the cafeteria. Secor said that such a facility should cost from \$1.5 million to \$2 million to construct, with a tentative starting date in 1990 and completion expected in early 1992.

"Along with the Student Union and bookstore is a proposed clock tower," Secor said. "The clock tower would

not only provide the time but it would also be the permanent home for the chimes currently located atop the Dore Theatre.

Construction will not be confined to the south side of the campus. The north side of the campus adjacent to Stockdale Highway will undergo a major renovation project. Plans are to construct an amphitheater where a large hole exists dividing the two entrances to the campus.

According to the college's Master Plan, a small lake was to be located in that area. However, Secor said that costs for construction and maintenance would have been too great.

"The proposed amphitheater would seat 12,000 people and cost less than \$1 million to build," Secor said.

"Currently, Q.U.A.D., a consulting firm, is working on the project and if we were to receive aid from a grading company, the amphitheater could be reality in as little as three years. A facility like this could be used for graduation and concerts."

Next to the Amphitheater and north of DDH will be what Secor calls "The New Center of the Campus." This

facility will house the college's new six story library.

"The library is now in the planning stages and construction should tentatively start in late 1991 and be completed in late 1993," Secor said. "When the new library is completed, the old library will be converted into classrooms and additional office space."

Since additional office space could not be provided to the college until the construction of the new library, Secor said that several more temporary buildings will be added to the one already existing on the east side.

"In time and with a little landscaping that section of the campus will become a small academic village of temporary buildings," Secor said.

"When the college was originally proposed, the Master Plan was done in such a way as to allow students to walk from the center of the campus to any campus facility within seven to 10 minutes," Secor said.

"When all the newly proposed projects are completed, this ratio should remain the same."

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