According to recent data on college graduates compiled by PayScale.com, CSULB ranks 40th among all universities in the nation for mid-career salary potential.

Alpha Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon perform in the 1957 Spring Sing.

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CSU Long Beach is ranked 4th in the Nation for Awarding Mathematics and Statistics Graduate Degrees to Minority Students.

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

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Taught school in Bellflower, California through 1993, was named the Bellflower Unified School District Teacher of the Year in 1989. Received a Master’s degree in School Counseling in 1984 from La Verne University.

Two children, Susan of Winter Haven, Florida and Robert of Bellflower, California and five grandchildren. Clyde Wilson and I have been married since 1955. We live part-time in Bellflower, California and part-time in Winter Haven, Florida—Bi-Coastal Grandparents!

I love spending time with my family and friends, traveling, reading, and knitting baby items for stitches from the heart.

I am sorry I will in Florida and can not attend the 50th Reunion.
Returning from the Korean War, coming to college was the most memorable time of my life. I was asked to join the Sigma Pi fraternity and experienced lots of fun times; being young and happy.

After I graduated from Long Beach State College with a degree in business, I was hired to work for the State of California Division of Highways. They were also three very interesting years working for the Water Resources on the Feather River Project. Later I worked as a Real Estate Broker and Appraiser for 30 years and retired in 1995.
When I first transferred to Long Beach State as it was then known from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, it was because I could easily drive there daily from where I lived from my parent’s home in Anaheim, California. In those days, California State University Long Beach was just a bare bones skeleton of a campus and not nearly so vastly grand as you view it today. We had upper and lower campus and usually a student found themselves scampering from upper to lower and lower to upper during a good part of the day. The Cal State bookstore was on the lower campus as was my gold course class. Although I never came very proficient as a golfer, I considered myself a success since I didn’t break out any windows in the bookstore and I said, “hooray” when the class was finally over.

In my English Composition class, I remember doing a lot of writing in various topics, but it was my art and science classes that I most dearly loved. Eventually, I transferred from being an art major to being an education major.

Now that I am fully retired as an elementary school teacher, I still pursue other interests. At 73 years of age, I am a participating member of a ladies drill team on horseback. We are known as The Mane Attraction and enjoy sewing our own costumes as well as performing in rodeos and parades. Life is still full of action and dynamic for me.
Helen Krolikowski Wilson McCue

After graduation from Long Beach State in 1958, I started my teaching career with Los Angeles County Special Schools– Juvenile Hall Division. After two years with L.A. County, I started teaching with Montebello School District. I took maternity leave after five years of teaching physical education and home economics at Montebello Junior High. I then moved to Manhattan Beach to raise my family (1 girl and 2 boys). In 1973, I moved to San Clemente. I then went to work for San Clemente City Lifeguards as dispatcher and administrative assistant. I worked for 27 years with the City in various departments (Lifeguards, Fire Department, and Planning Division). I have been retired for seven years and enjoy my children, grandchildren, traveling, gardening, swimming, surfing, bicycling, hiking, skiing, and reading.

My greatest joys and successes are my children, grandchildren and receiving the San Clemente Police Department Lifesaving Medal (I saved the Mayor’s life by successfully performing the Heimlich maneuver on her at a Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting and rescuing a drowning woman in the surf as I was walking to work.

San Clemente is my ideal city for almost all of my leisure activities and definitely a great place to live. I really can’t believe it has been 50 years since I graduated from Long Beach State.

She had the most hits (13) in the 1948 playoff series, helping the Peaches win their second championship. They repeated in 1949. After the season, she got married and played, thereafter, as Snookie Harrell Doyle.

At the end of the 1952 season, she retired and went to college. In September 1958 Dorothy began teaching. She retired from the Compton Unified School District in June 1984 after teaching Physical Education and Math and being a counselor and head counselor.

I entered LBSC in September 1956, my junior year. The first day there I ran into some students that were involved in a Young Republican’s Club. They were looking for a president so I said let’s do it.

About three weeks later a LARGE rally was being held for Presidential Candidate, Eisenhower. The site was the Hollywood Bowl on a Saturday night in early October. The Bowl was BOOMING—it was almost a frenzy.

Our LBSC Club made a canvas sign that was about six ft high and ten ft long. As I recall the sign language was LONG BEACH STATE’S YRC LOVE IKE.... There were about 25 of us there. Right in front of us there were about 300 Young Republican Club Members from USC really hooping it up. Their signs were small and roughly said USC supports IKE. The cheering and noise was mostly from the USC youngin’s (they had the numbers).

Anyho, IKE must have stopped a half dozen times to say LOOK AT THOSE YOUNG FOLKS FROM LONG BEACH STATE! We had the largest sign by far in the entire Bowl. Never a word from IKE for the USC group. They were really mad at us - MY WE HAD FUN THAT NIGHT.

Barbara and I were celebrating our 48th Anniversary. It will be 50th in August 2009. We have five kids, sixteen grandkids (ages from 3 to 12; 8 boys and 8 girls). Two of them are in TX, one in PA, one in NJ, and I in Tampa, FL.
Roger Leue and I (Pat Carey Leue) enrolled at California State University, Long Beach in September 1954. Of course, it was called Long Beach State College at that time. During our first semester, all classes were held on lower campus - the library, student store and cafeteria were located there. Upper campus had not been completed at that time. Everyone gathered in the quad between classes for coffee and conversation including our professors.

Of course there were not that many of us enrolled at that time. It was only around 4,500 students including night students. Classes were usually small (about 25-30) as the bungalows would not hold much more of that. When the first buildings were completed on upper campus, it was not unusual to have half your classes on lower campus and half your classes on upper campus resulting in hiking up and down the hill several times a day. Bixby Ranch was still a working ranch so you could enjoy the cows in the field along with the birds and wildflowers as you walked up the road. The cement sidewalk was built right down the middle of the hill. We never used it. We formed our own trails up and down the hill or walked along the road.

Rog was in the first 49er band and in 1955 we had our first football team. On Homecoming, the entire band got into the back of a truck and drove through downtown Long Beach playing the fight song. During our junior year we were both on Associated Student Council. Roger was President of the junior class and I was Secretary. Huey Shepperd was AS President that year.

Roger and I married in February 1958 and graduated that following June. I began teaching in Long Beach and Roger went back to school for his Master’s degree. We both retired as school administrators. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last February. We have 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

During 1958, I lived on Anaheim Road in an apartment in Park Estates so I didn’t have to commute - there were no dorms or sorority houses during my years at LBSC (not CSULB yet).

My parents didn’t think I would ever work but I ended up teaching for 46 years at Long Beach Poly, Long Beach Community College, Rolling Hills High School and Palos Verdes Peninsula High School.

I remember cars sliding down the upper campus hill during the rainy season (upper campus was in the process of completion and parking was scarce (what’s new?) and many parked on the bare hills.

There was an explosion at an oil refinery on Sepulveda and ashes rained down for two days on all of our cars.

We went to Coffee Houses in Seal Beach - Jazz and Art shows.

There were a number of exchanges with sorority and fraternity functions at UCLA and USC.

Dinner dances were at the The La Fayette Hotel and Pacific Coast Club on Ocean Blvd with the Delta Delta Delta and SAEs.

Seal Beach had a movie theatre exclusively for foreign films only on Beach Blvd. They served coffee at the intermissions and featured art exhibits.
Hector and Betzy sat in their porch rockers watching the sun as it dropped below the ocean and listening to the waves as they broke on the shore.

Suddenly, Betzy turned to Hector and said, “Honey, do you remember when we first started dating and how you would casually reach over and take my hand?”

Hector looked at Betzy, smiled and took her hand in his.

After a while and with a bashful smile, Betzy spoke again. “Honey, do you remember how after we were engaged you’d sometimes lean over and surprise me with a kiss on the forehead?”

Hector slowly leaned over and gave Betzy a soft kiss on her forehead.

Growing bolder, Betzy said, “Honey, do you remember how, after we were married, you’d kind of nibble on my ear!”

At this point Hector rose from his rocker and headed into the house. Confused, Betzy asked, “Where are you going?”

“To get my teeth.”

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for the excellent preparation for my teaching and coaching career.

Long Beach State College was staffed by some great professors. Dr. Patricia Reid and Dr. Ericson really were wonderful role models and were an outstanding influence on my 36 years of teaching.

I enjoyed junior high, high school, middle school, and junior college experiences in a variety of subjects, as well as exciting coaching assignments.

I was fortunate to be the first woman coach of the College of the Canyons women’s basketball team.

I’m sure that I am only one of the many outstanding teachers with degrees from Long Beach State College.
Already an Air Force Veteran of the Korean War, I decided that I was in need of more education, so I enrolled with Long Beach State College, where I graduated with a BS degree in Finance.

First I participated in Water Polo and later sang with the College Chorus and also was a member of the business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi.

Some of my memories take me back to those great days, when I was typing up my class papers on a portable typewriter in my car.

My late brother, Lee Jensen and one of my daughters, Kirsten Jensen were also graduates of Long Beach State University.

First I found employment where I sold securities and later ventured into the Real Estate Industry, working with leasing, condemnation and acquisitions for the public agencies and eventually retired from the County of Los Angeles in 1989. Besides studying, my side job as a life-guard for the City of Long Beach was my most enjoyable one; with lots of good air, exercise and pretty girls.

Attending Long Beach State College in fall of 1954 was a unique experience. Sheep grazed on what would become upper campus while classes were held in bungalows along Anaheim Road. Many of us who had just graduated from high school were challenged by the seasoned Korean War veterans who resumed their education on the G.I. Bill.

Since LBSC was a commuter campus, many students scheduled classes around jobs and other obligations. Those who participated in campus activities were a close-knit group, eager to develop new programs and events. Student Government welcomed policy ideas from future leaders. Campus organizations were formed and grew with room for everyone to contribute to their development. Athletic events, including football games, drew students to campus with associated activities, decorated floats and Homecoming Queens. Sororities and fraternities organized on campus, encouraging strong friendships among members, many who lived miles apart. My Alpha Phi sisters are very special friends more than fifty years since our installation. Eventually, the sheep were sent to another pasture and construction of the permanent upper campus began. New classroom buildings changed the landscape quickly. I was impressed with state of the art equipment we used to produce The 49er campus newspaper.

Many of us involved with music and theater arts were thrilled to perform in the beautiful New Theater. The spacious library provided me with, not only a job on campus, but a place to study with typewriters available to use for a dime. Professors came from many other colleges and universities to teach at State. Academic expectations were high, but my instructors were always accessible and helpful.

My training to teach has been rewarding. I have retired from that career and, now, write a little, paint and exhibit my watercolors. My husband, Wally Herring, (BA Sociology, LBSC '58) retired as Chief Probation Officer of Butte County, CA. We have two children and five grandchildren. Our home is in Paradise, CA, a town in the northern Sierra foothills.