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Union Weekly Celebrates 30 Years of Provocative Writing and Publishing

Long Beach, CA – The Union Weekly, the only exclusively student-run newspaper at Cal State Long Beach, will be celebrating 30 years of renegade writing with a reception at the Soroptomist House on April 26, 2007 at 7 p.m.

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With a circulation of 12,000, the Union Weekly has found great success by staying true to its open door policy. All students are welcomed to submit fictional works, satire, poetry, comic strips, artwork and photography. Over the last three decades, the non-traditional newspaper has earned a bold reputation for publishing some of the most controversial, edgy and provocative works on campus.

"The Union has always had a rebellious spirit, since it was born out of response to the journalism department's Daily 49er," said Brian Dunning, editor-in-chief. "And because of that, it attracts the type of person who wants to work on their own terms."

Thirty years later, the publication's rebellious spirit has remained strong and has taken its writing, website and overall presence on campus to new heights. During the 2006-2007 school year the Union staff proved that they were much more than a newspaper by earning the 8th annual Long Beach State Athletics Beach Pride Award. This award recognized the outstanding leadership and school spirit the staff has demonstrated on campus.

The reception will give past and current staff members a chance to learn about the Union's progress over the years, as well as meet, network and share their experiences with the publication. Guest speakers include Jack Shinar and Debbie Arrington, the first and second editors-in-chief of the Union Weekly, and former staff member, David Lowery. Lowery is a film storyboard artist and has worked on many films including *War of the Worlds*, *Minority Report*, *Jurassic Park*, *Basic Instinct* and the soon-to-be released *Spider-Man 3*.

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