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## Human trafficking issue sparks interest at CSUB

By Lawrence Lyons  
Staff Writer

The Intervarsity Club launched a human trafficking awareness campaign on campus last week. From Tuesday through Thursday they had a tent set up in front of student union.

Inside this tent were two stories, whomever wanted to go through would listen to one or both stories while looking at pictures throughout. After the person finished they were asked on the other side of the tent how they felt about the situation – some felt sorrow, others shock, many felt hopeful, and some didn't know how they felt.

On Thursday there was also a documentary shown all day in the Student Union. The stories were about men and women who were told they would have a better life but instead they were enslaved and had to do whatever the owners wanted them to do whether it be housework or actions of a sexual nature. One of the stories was about a woman from Mexico who came to California to stay with her family, one day she was stopped by a woman on the street who asked her

if she would like to work for her and her husband. She agreed, so she went to the address given to her just to find out that she was "bought" and had to do whatever they said or else, after years of servitude her captors were killed, though she did not commit the crime she was convicted of it.

She served many years in prison for



Lawrence Lyons/ The Runner  
A young woman demonstrates slavery and human trafficking.

a crime she had nothing to do with. Her case caught the attention of a lawyer who helped her appeal and eventually aided in her release. She is now living the life she was supposed to be living when she first came here.

Thursday night Ellen Bender, a volunteer who works with trafficked people in Nepal spoke in the Student Union. She talked about the different kinds of trafficking going on there and how her and others are trying to eliminate the problem. One way is that when they see suspicious people at the border of Nepal, they question them to see if the person is trying to traffic someone in to Nepal. The local police have given them permission to do so.

There are also homes for rescued slaves in Nepal.

She also spoke on ways people in the U.S. can help. One way is to just educate people about it. There is an estimated 10,000 people trafficked through just the U.S. alone every year. And the number is growing.

For more on this story check out *Runner Online* at [www.csub.edu/runner/runnero](http://www.csub.edu/runner/runnero).

## Club Day – Better than clubbing in Bakersfield

By Wendy Hernandez  
Staff Writer

Would you go club hopping on a Wednesday? Most people wouldn't, but at CSUB that's what students did on Club Day.

Club Day is the day every club, association and organization on campus sets up a table in DDH in order to recruit. Recruiting is a major goal, but for

was club day. Some were surprised to see so many students in DDH. Chris Gutierrez, a senior majoring in computer science and math was one of those students.

"I wasn't even aware it was club day. I just needed a drink and saw more people than usual. It was convenient as well, because I wanted a snack and they give them for free," said Gutierrez.

Gutierrez does not plan on joining a club because



Kaibigan club members sit at their club table ready to recruit new members.

some it is about networking and getting students familiar with what the campus has to offer.

"It is a good opportunity to get to know people and network, occasionally getting new members to join," said Amy Niday, a senior and President of PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America). Like a handful of students, Niday has a full schedule. Not only is she the president of PRSSA, but captain of the cheer squad and a member of the National Honor Society in English.

Not every student was aware that last Wednesday

he is too busy with math and computer science research, as well as being a TA and working. However, he is already part of one of the most prestigious clubs on campus, the Math Club.

When one thinks of clubs, memberships and fees come to mind. Yet, not all of the clubs taking part of Club Day require a membership or prerequisites. Most welcome students with all backgrounds and majors. Some don't even require a fee.

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## It all started with a dare – said the mayor

By Juan Torres  
Photo Editor

It all started with a dare.

A close friend of Harvey Hall dared him to go on a ride-along with an ambulance. The ride-along sparked an interest that would lead to the Hall ambulance service.

"In 1971 there was a local ambulance service that I was a manager of at the time. Being a manager, there was only so much that I could do in terms of service. When I first started Hall Ambulance, I had two ambulances and four employees. Now it has grown with over 400 employees," said Mayor Harvey Hall.

His initial interest however wasn't always with urgent care.

"When I went to BHS I was a part of the Blue and White, which was the campus newspaper. I knew that I could write and communicate well. By the time it was my senior year I was the assistant editor," says Hall.

After high school, Hall attended Bakersfield College as a Journalism major. After about a year, he attended San Francisco City College.

"I worked as an orderly for a hospital," says Hall.

"One of the jobs that I had was as a cook and a salad chef for the hospital," says Hall.

See Hall cont. on page 2



Two-time mayor Harvey Hall spoke in a meet and greet in the Multi-purpose Room Monday night.

## CSUB swimmer passes

CSUB men's swimmer Alexy Belyy collapsed in his apartment Friday afternoon and was later confirmed dead by doctors at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield.

The 26-year-old Rostov On Don, Russia, native complained of chest pains shortly after returning to his off-campus apartment from Friday afternoon's practice. According to his two roommates, both members of the Roadrunner swim team, Belyy passed out around 4 p.m. The two called 911 and performed CPR until paramedics arrived.

Belyy was taken by ambulance to Bakersfield's Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield where it was reported that he never regained consciousness.

The cause of death has yet to be determined.

Belyy, a breaststroke and



Photo courtesy of GoRunners.com

Alexy Belyy

freestyle sprint swimmer, was in the midst of a standout senior season for the 'Runners, recently winning titles in three events at the Las Vegas Invitational.

Belyy also holds the CSUB school record in the 400 yard individual medley, a mark he achieved in his third place finish at the American Short Course Championships last February.

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## Crime Beat

Compiled by:

**Ryan Bell**  
 Staff Writer

This week there were no naked-streakers or reported diamond heists, however suspicion on our campus comes in the handful. The New Year has not disappointed the Cal-State Police Department, with lost property, returned money, suspicious URF's (Unidentified Raving Fools), and occasional indecent exposure the Police Department have their hands full. Here is what's happening this week in the Crime Beat.

Jan. 10, 2008

9:37 Annoying Phone Calls

—This week prank calls were dialed to the Admissions and Records office, however this state employee would not stand for this and hung up on him. There is now an ongoing investigation.

10:14; 17:36; 20:47; 20:14 Four Accounts of Suspicious Subjects  
 —Within the last week there were four suspicious subjects reported. Not all in the same day of course, but what is up with the Weirdos? Don't forget the loser repellent, ladies!!!!

15:31 Found Property Report

—Apparently a Black Wallet was found in the old Gym probably after a pick-up-game or P.E. class. The item has been seized for safekeeping at the Police Dept.

18:04 Suspicious Circumstances Report

—Over the week a state vehicle was left with the gas tank open. Open! Open! Really c'mon as high as gas prices are this is just absurd.

That's this weeks Crime Beat. Readers Tune-in next week to see what is happening then.

## Club Day Cont. from page 1

Besides who would want to pay to be part of a club just to do something they like?

"We go on fun trips like to six flags, and anyone that's interested can join for free," said Maiko Yoshioka, president of Japan and Beyond.

Being at Club Day was just like being at the clubs in Bakersfield in the sense that you see the oddest and most interesting things. Walking down DDH there was a guy in a green skirt trying to do a Mexican dance. Later a girl in that same skirt was dancing a traditional Mexican dance to the right music.

On the east side of DDH a group of students were being entertained and forming a circle like one would see at the clubs. As curiosity drew bystanders near one quickly saw the commotion. Two members of the Fencing Club were actually going one-on-one with all the gear. That was like seeing two guys Krump at the club.

Josh Thomas, a sophomore who just recently transferred to CSUB, was on his way to class when he noticed what was going on. He feels that Club Day is a positive thing that may assist students with certain interests and helps channel them. He also likes that it adds to the university feeling on campus.

Not only are undergraduate students interested in these clubs, but also graduate students

such as Mike Butler. Butler is a graduate in psychology who started school at CSUB five years ago and currently is President of Community Service Cooperation.

Now the only question remaining is, 'why isn't it club night?' Its true club day is only held during the early part of the day, 9:30 a.m. to around noon. what about those who work during the day and go to school at night?

"I think it would be better to have Club day be all day or to have both an A.M. and P.M. for the night students," said senior Toshia Goland. She feels that students who attend school at night are less likely to know about the great opportunities the clubs on campus have to offer because they can't attend club day. The only way they can get informed about any club is if they did their own research online or asked members of such clubs.

How else would students know CSUB has clubs like Hogwarts Honour Society, a club that provides a forum in which to discuss and explore the wizardry of Harry Potter? Our campus has fun clubs and of all interests; a way better variety than the clubs in downtown Bakersfield.

"Club Day is better than 'clubs' in Bakersfield because we can actually hear ourselves talk here and there isn't crappy music being played like downtown," said Gutierrez.

## CSUB holds annual e-waste recycling event

By Amanda Galindo  
 Assistant Broadcast News Editor

On Saturday January 12, CSUB held the third annual electronic waste, or e-waste, recycling event at the Southwest Little League parking lot from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The event was open to everyone in Kern County, including businesses, and was held due to state regulations that prohibit the disposal of "universal waste" in regular trash receptacles. California's Universal Waste Rule became effective on February 8, 2002.

"Universal Waste" is defined by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control as "hazardous wastes that are generated by a wide variety of people." These items include batteries, mercury-containing equipment and materials in aerosol cans.

However, car batteries are regulated separately under state law, and should be taken back to the place of purchase when no longer needed.

The Universal Waste Law was implemented to reduce the amount of hazardous waste in the municipal solid waste stream and to assist universal waste handlers in collecting these items so that they can easily be sorted and sent for proper disposal or recycling.

Saturday's event was free of charge to Bakersfield residents. CSUB staff only asked for a small amount of information before citizens were authorized to proceed with the discarding of their unwanted electronic waste.

CSUB benefits from recycling events such as these, only when the items recycled contain a monitor screen. With these funds, we are able to purchase a variety of items for campus use.

## Mayor Visit Cont. from page 1

The cost of living in San Francisco became too high so Hall returned to Bakersfield.

After becoming Mayor of Bakersfield, he dedicated his salary for scholarships to students who wanted to attend Bakersfield College or CSU Bakersfield.

"I have been doing this for seven years. Over \$100,000 dollars has been given away to students to help assist them with the cost of education," says Hall.

One of the things Hall has established as mayor is the Mayor's City Clean Up. Once a month for about 2 hours a group of volunteers go from Ming Avenue to White Lane near Highway 99 picking up trash near the highway ramps.

"One of the weird things found on a clean up is a complete computer system just thrown out," says Hall

"This past weekend's clean we had about 60 volunteers. We collected about 40 to 45 bags of garbage," says Hall. "Over the time we have been having the clean up, an average of 2,000 bags of garbage have been collected."

## New Dorms Cont. from page 1

Ruelas, vice president of Student Affairs, was unavailable for comment as of this writing.

Catherman also added that the new buildings will hold at least 500 students.

"We're at the starting point. It's exciting," said Catherman

Those students interested in participating in the focus groups may contact Catherman at (661) 654-2497 or at [lcatherman@csu.edu](mailto:lcatherman@csu.edu).

If you missed the event on Saturday, there is still time to recycle your electronic waste. You can always recycle unneeded cell phones at the Student Union's front desk.

Batteries are generally recyclable at stores like Best Buy and Home Depot, and non-working computer monitors and television screens are recyclable at thrift-stores and non-profit organizations such as Goodwill Industries and BARC. Just call BARC 834-2272 x 270, E-Waste. You can also go online to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control's website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov) to find a recycling location near you. For more information about the e-waste recycling event, please call CSUB's Safety and Risk Management office at (661) 654-2066.

*Don't forget to visit the Runner Online for exclusive video on this event at [www.csu.edu/runner](http://www.csu.edu/runner).*

## Kappa Sigma Fraternity

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## RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Ashley Sizemore

This Week, The Runner asked, "How do you plan to spend your three day weekend?"

"Watching Football, the playoff games...hoping the Giants lose."

Mike Wilson  
 Senior  
 History

"Studying."

Gregory Winkler  
 Graduate Student  
 Social Work and  
 Mental Health

"I'm going to a community and the rest is homework."

Seth Phillips  
 Graduate Student  
 Social Work

"Studying and that's all, not too much really. We're going to study the homeless people."

Aba Aikins-Adjaye  
 Freshman  
 Social Work

## CSUB student runs non-profit organization to aid U.S. soldiers

By Erin Patteson  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 24, 2008, CSUB student Teresa Leach's organization Global Acts of Kindness will be sending Valentine's Day care packages to soldiers stationed in Iraq and at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

Using the name Operation Sweetheart, the care packages include handmade valentines for the soldiers, handmade or purchased valentines for the soldiers to send back home, ink pens, 2008

Leach, whose son is in the military, founded Operation Sweetheart in June 2007. Leach first became interested in getting involved after visiting a military base in Korea in 2001. She has traveled all over the world as part of her job as an International Protocol and Etiquette Consultant.

She volunteered for the protocol department in Germany, where she was assigned a JAG officer named Capt. Dan Shepherd. They visited soldiers at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center with a suitcase full of cards from children in Bakersfield.



Photo provided by Operation Sweetheart  
Operation Sweetheart sends care packages to American soldiers over seas.



Photo provided by Operation Sweetheart  
An example of the care packages that Operation Sweetheart mails out.

calendars, Dewar's chews, Kern County pistachios and Smith's heart shaped cookies. Other items included are hygiene kits and hard candy. The hard candies, especially cinnamon-flavored ones, are very popular with children in Iraq.

Operation Sweetheart is partnered with Operation Military Kids and the Rosedale Lions Club of Bakersfield, which supplies stuffed toy lions to give to the soldiers. Leach fills the boxes herself at her home, with help from fellow CSUB students.

Some soldiers who receive the packages take the stuffed animals and distribute them to doctor's offices or orphanages in Iraq and Afghanistan.

According to Leach, the feedback from the soldiers who receive the packages is extremely positive. One especially meaningful item in the care packages is the small stuffed lion. They are given to wounded soldiers as a way to inspire them to get well so they can take the lion toy home to their family.

Leach plans to return to Germany this summer. Her long-term goal is to go to Iraq when the current war is over and help stock newly built schools with supplies such as pen, pencils, paper and computers, if possible.

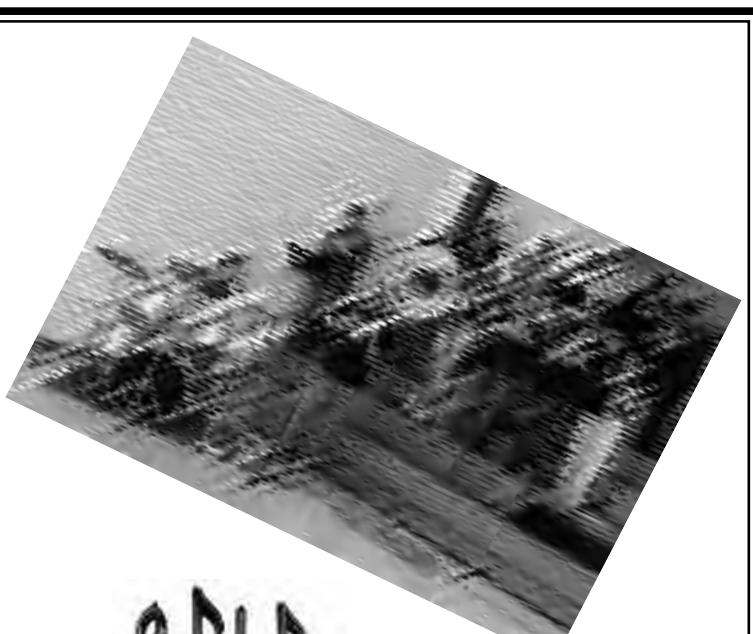
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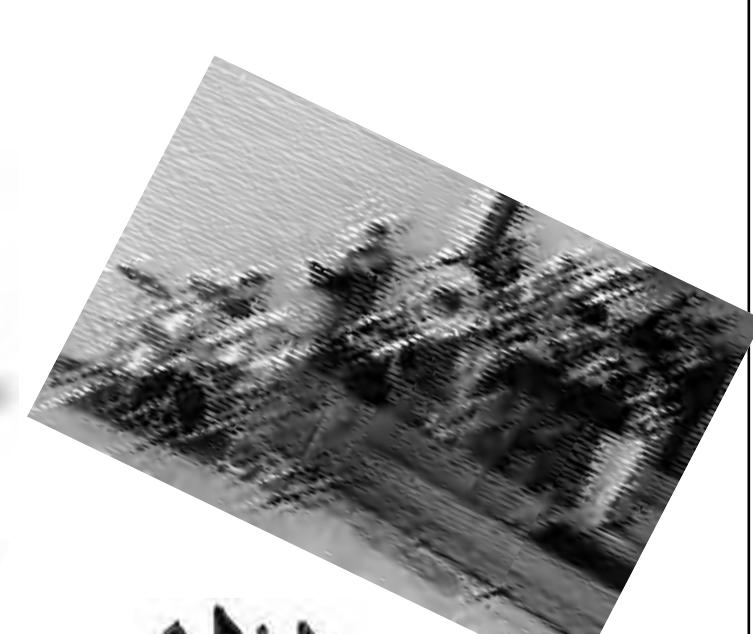
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## 'Leave Britney Alone': Why celebrities shouldn't gripe about their privacy

An opinion by John Paul Horn

Staff Writer

Lindsay Lohan, Britney Spears, Paris Hilton. Three women who have drawn more media attention with their bad decisions than many would like.

Many in the public criticize the media for invading the "private" life of celebrities. People find themselves feeling sympathetic to celebrities who beg the media to stay out of their private lives, yet continue to create sensation by participating in questionable activities. Some feel that the media should respect the privacy of celebrities and allow them to go about their daily lives in peace. Some feel that the media goes too far in reporting details about celebrities. I say bull.

Certain freedoms are given up when one becomes a celebrity. Celebrities are no longer private citizens and are subject to public scrutiny. All of their actions, whether charitable contributions to needy children in under-industrialized nations or arrests for driving under the influence, become matters of public information within hours.

Some celebrities handle their notoriety appropriately. Shia LaBeouf, in an interview with the OC Register, mentioned that he makes an effort to stay away from the party scene.

"To not party is part of the plan. I make a calculated effort to stay away from the party scene because that can have as much impact on your career as your performances," stated LaBeouf.

Although LaBeouf has been the subject of public

scrutiny due to charges filed against him for trespassing in Nov. of 2007, the charges were dropped and no other news of actions painting LaBeouf in a negative light have surfaced. LaBeouf strives to be an ideal model of young Hollywood.

Celebrities who are constantly generating public attention with their outrageous behaviors, such as Spears, Lohan and Hilton, often cite the stresses of the industry as the trigger for their actions. The media attention and the need for public approval drive these celebrities to drugs and nervous breakdowns. While this pressure might be hard to handle for these celebs, I refuse to feel sorry for celebrities who cite media coverage as a trigger for these actions.

Celebrities put themselves out in the public eye by appearing in films for

millions of dollars. The flip side of the coin is that they set themselves up for the media wanting to watch their every move. The public wants to know what these people are doing. Celebrities are well aware that the public is interested in them and should make every effort to keep their lives safe from public scrutiny by keeping themselves in check.

Many fans criticize the media for watching the every move of celebrities, but ironically these same fans seem to know everything about their celebrity idol, from what they order at Starbucks to their fashion and shopping habits. Fans know what clubs

their idols are spotted at, how often they go out and what they do in their spare time. Many fans support charities that their idols support, raise awareness for diseases and illnesses that plague their idols and then urge the media to give their idols their privacy. If that isn't the pot calling the kettle black, I don't know what is.

One of the most notable fans to urge the press to leave their idol alone is Chris Crocker. The 20-year-old self-proclaimed "edutainer" created a video that he posted on youtube.com urging tabloid journalists to "leave Britney alone."

"All you people care about is readers and making money off of her. She's a human. What you don't realize is that Britney is making you all this money and all you do is write a bunch of crap about her. She hasn't performed on stage in years," said Crocker in his video.

Oddly, although Crocker urges the media to give Spears her space, he appears to know much about her personal life, such as the reason why Spears

and Federline separated, Spears feelings about her aunt and the reason for her new song "Gimme More." Since I doubt that Crocker is a close, personal friend of Spears, I am pretty sure that all the information he has received is from the media. I think that his argument is hypocritical. Why bring up information pub-

lished to use as evidence to give a celebrity their privacy? That information wouldn't even be public knowledge without the media coverage that brought the information to the public eye.

While I don't advocate tabloid journalism, Crocker seems to overlook the fact that Spears gives the media fuel to write about her. Does it matter that she's not given a concert if she continues to spark the public interest? Probably not. The public wants to

know about what Spears and other celebrities are doing with their lives and the media has an obligation to cover those stories for their readers.

Many feel that Spears's life is old news and Crocker's video is something of the past, but the press continues to receive criticism for their coverage of celebrity gossip.

If celebrities are going to have nervous breakdowns, do drugs or get pregnant at an incredibly young age, that's their prerogative, but they need to deal with the fact that the media will be all over it. Celebrities need to accept the consequences for their actions.

Of course credible media sources are going to cover those stories. Anything that a celebrity does to generate news is something that the public is going to read about. Do celebrities criticize the media for reporting on charitable contributions? Obviously not. But the minute the media covers a story about a celebrity going to rehab or hashing out their divorce, celebrities beg the media for privacy. Sorry guys, you can't have your cake and eat it too.



Spears attacks a car with an umbrella

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Hilton's glamorous mugshot

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# CSUB graduate returns to campus as director of communications

By Ashley Sizemore  
Staff Writer

Last quarter, we said goodbye to our former Director of Communications Mike Stepanovich, as he left for Bakersfield College. This quarter, CSUB welcomes Kathy Miller as the new director of communications. She is a CSUB alumna, class of '89.

Miller, whose prior work experience includes director of marketing for Golden Empire Mortgage for the past four to five years, learned about the job opening and saw it as a new opportunity.

The new director was excited to return to CSUB because "it was an opportunity to take what I learned and implement it [into a career]."

"This job seems to wear a lot of hats," said Miller, "You have to deal with media relations, public relations, press releases and also engaging in other forms of communication."

Miller's first day as CSUB's Director of Communications was January 7.

Miller smiled as she talked about her experiences with CSUB.

"I was very excited about the job. It's like coming back home. CSUB has so much potential and it's still growing. To me, it's one of the best kept secrets of the community," said Miller.

Her professional goals are that she really wants to get to know the staff and faculty.



Ashley Sizemore/The Runner

**Kathy Miller returns to her alma mater to replace Mike Stepanovich as director of communications.**

"It's important to know the department as we try to make an impact," said Miller.

Miller was born in Bakersfield. She graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1984, and immediately went to CSUB.

"I was Student Body President," Miller said smiling, "We put the I in ASI."

The new director went on to say that the student body that year had launched the plan to build the Student Union.

"We were just a group of students who wanted to make a difference," said Miller.

Miller was involved with the other aspects as well as Greek life of CSUB.

"I was in Phi Sigma Sigma," said Miller, "I remember we all seemed to hang out in DDH [Dorothy Donahue Hall] a lot."

Miller said, "I also attended a lot of classes ... I really enjoyed my time at Cal State. The school has grown but is still small enough to have a close relationship with the professors."

After graduating from CSUB in 1989 with a B.A. in Communications, she attended Michigan State for the Master's program. In 1991, Miller graduated with a Master's in Public Relations.

Miller went on to say that a series of events led her back to Bakersfield.

"I've always liked communications," said Miller.

When returning to Bakersfield, the she took a job as Director of Communications at the hospital in Delano, just 30 miles north of Bakersfield.

Today, Miller has been married for nine years and has two stepchildren, both of whom will be graduating from college soon.

All photos taken by Juan Torres/The Runner

## Club Day!!!



## CSUB professor and team – bone detectives

How did Mummy No. 7 die? Was he murdered? Was he in some type of accident? It is his mysterious 1,500 year-old death along with the work of Robert Yohe and his team that intrigued television producers.

So much so the CSUB anthropology professor and his fellow explorers will be featured on Discovery Channel's "The Bone Detective" this spring. The 13-part series will devote an hourlong episode to the project scheduled to air Monday, March 3, at 10 p.m.

Yohe has spent each summer since 2003 studying the archaeological site Tell El-Hibeh, an ancient town and necropolis on the frontier of Upper and Lower Egypt. The town is in the middle of the country, 100 miles south of Cairo on the Nile River.

Yohe returned to Egypt for about two weeks last September to study Coptic, or Christian, mummies from a late Roman or Byzantine area of the site. The project started in 2000 through UC Berkeley.

The Copts, the original Egyptian Christians (Copt is from the Greek word meaning Egyptian), took to the teachings of the apostle St. Mark. Tradition states that St. Mark went to Egypt about A.D. 60, founding what became the Coptic Orthodox Church.

It wasn't until the seventh century when the Arabs invaded Egypt that Islam took root.

In fall 2006, the company producing the show for Discovery approached Yohe. The program travels the world investigating human remains and the mysteries behind them.

The team discovered Mummy No. 7 in 2004 in a pit uncovered by looters. In 2005, they opened his wrappings and determined he was a male who lived between the fourth and sixth centuries. "We use this date based on the textiles that he was interred in," said Deanna Heikkinen, a CSUB graduate student and member of Yohe's dig team. Her specialty is textiles. She is able to determine the time period in which a mummy lived by analyzing cloth.

"The textiles are reminiscent of the Greco-Roman period because of the criss-cross patterning of the cordage, but also use coarse linens for the outer shroud, which is later in tie. His digits were not individually wrapped, indicating less care was given to the wrappings than in previous periods," she explained.

The male mummy, who was likely between the ages of 20 and 30, was not of wealth. Researchers knew the body was male because preservation was really good, Yohe laughed. The mummy was buried with 30 pounds of salt, which shows a transition in techniques. Yohe said, "While early mummification methods were slow, Christianized Romans wanted bodies buried quickly."

His death is still not quite as clear. The cause, Heikkinen said, was a blow to the back of the head, which is clearly marked by the oval-shaped hole on the back of his skull. "X-rays have shown this is a spiral fracture that you don't get from falling down," Yohe said.

Yohe added Dr. Keith Korver, a heart surgeon and the project physician, discovered large carbon deposits on the mummy's lungs, probably from smoke buildup from sitting near cooking fires.

In addition, the group is working to relate their findings to the number of other bodies that were buried around the same time in that area. "Was there a plague or a conflict?" Yohe speculates. Many remains discovered at the site have been adults in their 30s or 40s.

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ter understand Byzantine burial practices at the site," Heikkinen said. "We defined a cemetery feature with distinct walls. We also were able to discern the burial techniques of these people. People were buried with their head to the west in an east-west pattern. A palm reed was placed by the head to mark the burial, sticking straight up. When we were excavating we discovered the ends of the reeds and initially were not sure what they meant. We also uncovered the burial fill, the mummies were first covered with fill dirt, then limestone blocks (some reused from other areas of the site), and then a mud brick cap."

In addition, researchers found ruins of a temple dedicated to a pharaoh or Egyptian god.

"This year we discovered a textile fragment that had two human figures, probably saints," Hekkinen said. "Although the piece was fragmented and out of context due to it being found in a looter area, it is important since it is the first piece from the site that has human figures on it."

Heikkinen graduated from CSUB in June 2007 with her master's degree in anthropology and is working to finish up her master's in history. She is currently teaching at Bakersfield College. In addition she also plans on getting a doctorate in history or religious studies, focusing on Coptic studies.

The Discovery Channel film shoot was an interesting experience for Heikkinen. "I was nervous at first and especially before," she said. "But once I began talking about my research, which I love, I forgot the cameras were there and was just talking to the host, Scotty, educating him about the textiles and what we can learn about them....I love digging in Egypt, it is such an amazing experience. There is nothing like unraveling history in the dirt."

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# Runners start slow but finish strong in two Pac-10 meets

By Phillip Barnett  
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the Runners went 1-1 in their first two Pac-10 matches of the season.

The Runners opened up conference play with a dual match with a 35-6 loss against the Broncos of Boise State, who had been ranked number 25 in the nation before the match.

The Broncos ran through the Runners roster, only giving up six points through a forfeit to Daniel Alejandro. The score suggests that the Runners were dominated from top to bottom, but there were a few matches that they let slip away.

The second match of the afternoon saw senior Ryan Bergman go head-to-head with Boise State's Nick Smith. The match was close throughout. In the final period Bergman tied the score 4-4 with an escape but was taken down in the final 30 seconds of the match to give Smith the 6-4 win.

In the 125 weight class, Junior Zack Bigboy was pressing the Bronco's Alan Bartelli early in the match, but a couple of mistakes in the second put him down, but not out of the match. Up 6-5, Bartelli earned a takedown in the third to seal the win for the team from Idaho.

Two matches later, freshman Elijah Nacita was dominating

Boise State's Cam Jones through two periods and looked like he would continue in the third. With about 1:25 left in the third Nacita earned a takedown pushing the score to 14-1, one point away from earning a technical fall. Just seconds later Jones was able to reverse Nacita's hold and pin him with 44 seconds left in the match.

"I think we had five matches that we could have won. Elijah's was an 11-point team swing. We should have had five and we gave them six," said head coach T.J. Kerr.

Jeremy Doyle lost by three to Boise State's Adam Hall and Daniel Atondo, ranked third in the Pac-10, lost by two to the second ranked wrestler in the 165 weight class, Kurt Swartz. Both wrestlers kept their opponents from getting up big, but neither were able to get anything going offensively.

Between matches coach Kerr had some words for his team, "I told them unless I had a new team out there they weren't going to like me much this week."

Against Arizona State, CSUB fans saw a completely different wrestling team, winning seven of their 10 matches in a 22-13 win for their first Pac-10 victory of the season.

At the 197 weight class, Junior Garth Wara got things started

with an overtime win against the Pac-10's number one ranked wrestler in the weight class, Jason Trulson.

Wara was down 6-3 at the end of the second period but was able to comeback and force overtime with the point he was awarded for riding time.

"No matter what, I just wrestle hard. I don't have the best technique all the time but I just went out there and didn't really care what he was ranked or anything," said Wara. I just wrestled my hardest and tried to do everything the coaches told me. It just turned out well."

Nacita picked up a 4-1 decision with a take down in the final seconds to jumpstart five consecutive wins for the Runners.

After falling to the second ranked wrestler in the Pac-10, Atondo picked up a 3-1 decision against the top ranked wrestler in the conference at the 165 weight class.

Senior Jeremy Doyle was able to pick up his team-leading 20th win of the season with his win over Orlando Jimenez.

Coach Kerr picked up his 397th career win and the Runners have nine more dual matches for Kerr to pick up his 400th career win.

The Runners come back home for their conference closer against UC Davis on February 10 in the Icardo Center.

# Runners defeat University of Texas Pan American

Courtesy of Sports Information

EDINBURG, Texas. — Just 24 hours after one of its least inspired performances of the season, the CSUB women's basketball team responded with one of its best efforts as an NCAA Division I program, pulling away from UT-Pan American for an 87-63 victory Saturday night at the UTPA Fieldhouse.

Guard play told the tale in this game as CSUB's top four guards combined for 71 of the 87 Roadrunner points. Junior Kelley Tarver led the scoring with a game-high 24 points. She balanced that effort with six assists and a pair of steals.

But the biggest statistical achievement belonged to backcourt mate Krista Arase, who posted her first collegiate double-double with 15 points on 5-of-8 three-point shooting and a career-high 12 assists. She also committed just one turnover as CSUB turned the

ball over a season-low six times.

The game was close for most of the first half. CSUB (7-10 overall) kept its lead in the four to eight point range until

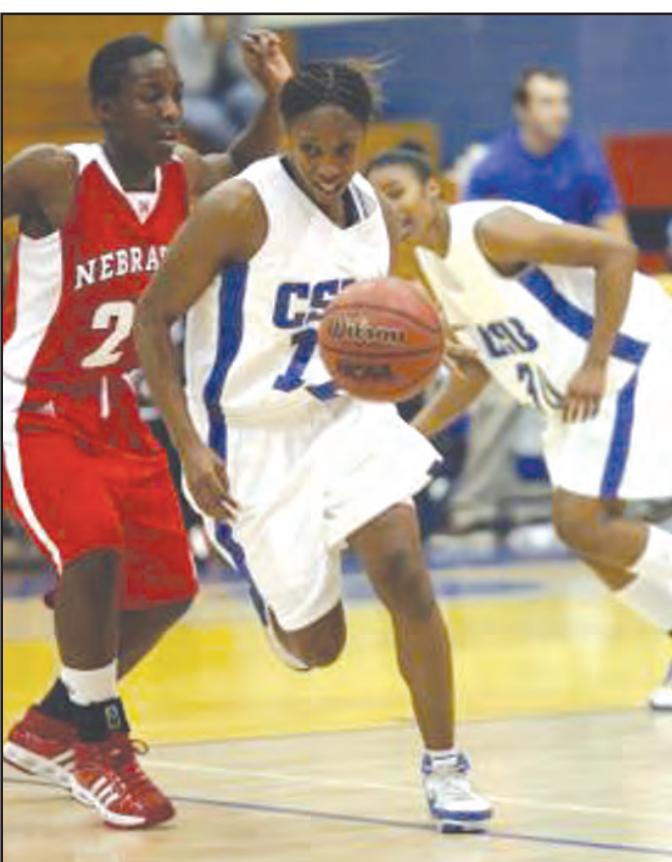


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Sophomore guard Tiffany Belt drives against the defender

The Roadrunners opened the second half with an 11-3 run to get the lead over 20 points for the first time at 57-34. The advantage grew to as many as 31 points before the Broncos scored the last seven points to account for the final margin.

In addition to Tarver and Arase, sophomore guard Tiffany Belt (West HS) poured in a career-high 19 points for the Roadrunners. Christine Kepenekian added 13 points as she scored in double figures for the fourth time in the last five games.

Maria Erlingsdottir led UTPA (8-10) with 12 points. Gray, one of the nation's top three-point shooters at better than 50 percent on the season, finished just 2-of-6 from beyond the arc

Saturday and added 11 points. Saturday's game concluded a seven-game road trip for CSUB. The Roadrunners return to the Icardo Center to host a Big West Conference opponent for the first time when Cal Poly visits on Jan. 17.

# Runners top University of San Diego

Courtesy of Sports Information

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Still riding the high of Monday's 32-point win, the CSUB men's basketball team used its stifling defense and another strong shooting performance to hold on for an 80-72 win over University of San Diego Wednesday.

Led by freshman guard Donavan Bragg's career-high 20 points, the win was the Roadrunners' second straight and fourth in the last six games as they improve to 5-12 on the season.

Without the services of starting point guard junior Brandon Johnson (leg injury), the swarming 'Runners defense forced USD (7-10 overall) into 15 first-half turnovers, one under their per-game average.

Despite the loss of Johnson, who averages a team-high 18 points per game, the Toreros used their rebounding and points in the paint to hold a 28-21 lead at the 7:41 mark.

But Bragg calmly nailed a pair of free throws and Johns buried

back-to-back three pointers to give CSUB a 29-28 lead with 6:11 remaining in the half. The 'Runners opened up an eight points spread before De'Jon Jackson's buzzer-beating baseline jumper made it 41-35 at the half.



Sophomore guard Donavan Bragg.

The Toreros would get to within five points at the 3:09 mark, but the 'Runners fought off any hopes for a San Diego comeback in the waning minutes. A long buzzer-beating three by Bragg at 2:30 pushed the lead back to eight and a 6-for-6 performance

from the charity stripe closed out the win for CSUB.

Johns finished with 18 points, senior Demarcus Hall had 16 and Grasmick chipped in 11 to round out four 'Runners in double figures.

After a 6-for-14 performance from the free throw line in the first half, CSUB made them count down the stretch, nailing 12-of-13 in the second, including an 8-for-8 performance by Hall.

Gino Pomare finished with 18 points and a career-high 16 rebounds for the Toreros. Rob Jones added 18 points and Jackson chipped in 17 points for San Diego which shot 43 percent from the field.

The 'Runners remain on the road Tuesday, traveling to Sacramento State for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

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