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## A new librarian— a great resource for students in need

By Joshua Wuillamey  
Staff Writer

Do you need help finding research for your latest paper? Are you lost in the tangle of the internet searching for scholarly sources? Head on over to the reference desk in the library and talk with Sarah Fay Philips, the new assistant librarian.

Having grown up in Bakersfield, Philips can easily relate with many of the students on campus. Philips also has experience from across the United States, with her last occupation at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Md., a great resource for any project related to agriculture in the United States.

She returned to California and began her new occupation as assistant librarian at the Walter W. Stern Library in late August 2007.

Philips spends most of her time at the reference desk where students can easily locate her. She considers that her most important duty.



Josh Wuillamey/The Runner  
Sarah Fay Philips, the newest addition to the library staff.

Philips teaches English 110 research labs to help students navigate the areas of the web that are harder to reach, yet more rewarding for research. But this help is not limited strictly to these labs. She can help anyone at any time if they have the need.

Philips also presents orientations for students, to help familiarize them with the CSUB library. Philips' connection with the Education Department provides students interested in that department with an added benefit.

"I really like it here. I enjoy working with the students," Philips remarks. With a constant smile on her face, she receives students' requests for help with enthusiasm. There is no better place to get help than from someone with experience who is willing and eager to share it. Philips is more than willing, as any librarian would be.

"Come to the library," Philips said. "It's here for you!" With the winter quarter just beginning, there is no better time to get acquainted or get help.

## CSUB Writer's Series features Iraq War veteran

By Nathan Campbell  
Editor-in-Chief

The relative quiet of the Dezember Reading Room was broken last Wednesday, as faculty and staff trundled in – finding shelter from the cool January air in the warm personality of Brian Turner.

Turner was the latest featured author in the California Writers Series, who came to present poetry from his book, "Here, Bullet."

Turner is your modern day warrior-poet. He served the United States Army for seven years and saw combat in Iraq. He is also a graduate of CSU Fresno and received an MFA from the University



Nathan Campbell/The Runner

Brian Turner recounts stories of his time in Iraq between readings from his book, "Here, Bullet."

of Oregon. Turner's experiences in Iraq are the inspiration for his poems in "Here, Bullet."

The night was started off with an introduction by representatives of the Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society, which sponsors the writers series in conjunction with the English Department, ASI and the Walter Stern Library.

The audience eased into their seats as Tuner took the podium and began reading his book's namesake work, "Here, Bullet," a sonnet, which Turner himself described as "weird."

One of the author's self-proclaimed goals with his lecture tour is to motivate people to act on the topic of the war in Iraq. Turner did not really abdicate any certain standpoint on the war of Iraq, but urged them that they should become involved in the controversy, whether for or against it.

The poet was very discontent with the attitude of Americans about the war. He said that to many Americans, Iraq does not seem real. To make it seem real he described a situation that was probably going on right then at that time – a soldier preparing to leave his base on a mission "outside the wire." He described, a soldier sitting in the back



Nathan Campbell/The Runner  
Brian Turner signs a copy of "Here, Bullet," which was being sold by Russo's Books at the presentation.

## CSUB names new vice president for University Advancement

Beverly Byl, associate vice president of advancement for University of the Pacific, has been named as California State University, Bakersfield's new vice president for university advancement. Byl replaces W. Michael Chertok, the university's long-time vice president for university advancement who retired late last year. Her appointment will begin on March 31.

Byl brings more than 20 years of experience in fund development, including a year as the interim vice president of advancement at University of the Pacific. She has a proven track record in capital campaigns at both University of the Pacific and Indiana University. Most recently she executed a successful \$330 million fundraising campaign that far exceeded the university's initial goal of \$200 million.

"I am extremely pleased to have someone with Beverly's talents and experience joining our team," said CSUB President Horace Mitchell. "She is a proven leader in her field and will be an asset not only to the university, but to our community as well. I look forward to having her as part of our management team."

As a member of the President's Cabinet, Byl will have direct responsibility for the university's advancement programs, including alumni affairs, community and governmental relations, public affairs and communications, and fundraising and develop-

ment operations. In addition, she will serve as the executive director of the CSUB Foundation.



Photo courtesy of the Southwest Voice  
Beverly Byl, vice president for university advancement.

"I am excited to be coming to Bakersfield and meeting the challenges of a new position," Byl said. "I look forward to working with administrators, staff, alumni, and volunteers in advancing the mission, vision and priorities of CSUB. There are so many wonderful opportunities the university provides to students, and I look forward to sharing the CSUB news with the community."

Ted Leland, vice president of university advancement at University of the Pacific, added, "Beverly is the consummate professional. We just completed, for us, an extraordinary \$330 million fund raising drive. She was the senior staff person most responsible for this community accomplishment and the lynchpin that made the whole thing work. We wish her the best."

Prior to her tenure at University of the Pacific, Byl served as the executive director of development for the university libraries for Indiana University Foundation in Bloomington, Indiana. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in art and secondary education from Morehead State University, and a master of science degree in educational psychology from Indiana University.

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## Legends of Jazz Series brings Ron Haynes to Doré

By Ryan Bell  
Staff Writer

"God damn, y'all out there Bakersfield?" were the words from the historic Grammy nominated Jazz drummer Roy Haynes.

The award winning artist seemed disappointed in the turn out of the Bakersfield audience, with empty seats and rented equipment the dynamic drummer was intensely discouraged. However, the jazz legend's musical ability spoke loud and clear based on applause coming in. Haynes performed conductions from his genius album "A Life in the Time: the Roy Haynes Story," and related works among his triumphant career.

Haynes, 82 years old, impressed the audience of Dore Theatre through the sheer melodic seduction, encompassing a soothing bass thrust (David Wong), floating piano keys (Martin Bejerano) and sassy rhythmic saxophone notes (Jaleel Shaw). The Roy Haynes Quartet is purely a well-needed escape from ring tone jingles, and downgrading rap lyrics into an oasis of melody and harmonization.

Haynes, among his many successes, has an award winning history in the life of jazz, including being inducted into the Downbeat Magazine Jazz Hall of Fame, several Grammy nominations and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Jazz Journalist Association.

However, by shortening his performance and ridiculing the audience



Ryan Bell/The Runner  
Roy Haynes greets saxophonist prior to beginning the show.

of a HUMVEE, loading a magazine into his rifle and cocking it and then drawing a deep breath and silently hoping he will make it back safely.

"The humanity is lost in the numbers," said Turner.

Turner went on to read a medley of his works,

pausing after each to tell a story about the events that inspired the poem.

"Non-commissioned officers love to tell stories," said Turner.

One such story was about Thalia Fields. A woman who was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq and whose story was the inspiration for

"AB Negative (The Surgeon's Poem)." Turner told the audience how he knew the woman as the person who counted people at a base's chow hall that Turner and his soldiers would frequent on stops, because of its good food.

Turner read the poem of her death and recalled the lady's last words, "go get those bastards."

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## Application Deadline Extended

The Office of the Chancellor has amended the original plan of closing all 23 CSU campuses to first-time freshman applications on February 1. Now seven campuses, including California State University, Bakersfield, will be allowed to remain open to new first-time freshmen applicants until March 1, 2008.

This change was made after detailed analyses of application trends suggested that there would be a severe negative impact on access for local students.

Prospective freshmen wishing to attend CSUB in the fall quarter must have their application submitted no later than March 1. The application deadline does not apply to fully eligible upper division transfer students, international students and non-resident students.

"We are pleased the deadline has been extended slightly, but students wishing to attend CSUB in the fall will need to act quickly," said CSUB President Horace Mitchell. "We will continue our all-out effort to be in the high schools and to offer assistance with the application process. We cannot stress enough the importance of submitting an application to a CSU campus prior to the March 1st dead-

line."

Application submission assistance for prospective students will be held at CSU Bakersfield on Thursday, Jan. 24, from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the CSUB Walter Stiern Library. There will be designated parking in Lot D during these times. CSUB admissions staff will be on-hand to assist with the application process.

Additionally, CSUB will be holding on-site admission sessions at many local high schools. School counselors have the details for each campus. Applications may also be submitted online at <http://www.csumentor-edu>

The decision to stop accepting applications for the fall term is in response to the \$386.1 million shortfall in state funding to the CSU as proposed in Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's 2008-09 state budget. This funding gap will mean that 10,000 eligible students will not have access to the CSU this fall.

For additional information, please contact the Admissions and Records Office at (661) 654-3036.

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## Jazz Coffeehouse on Saturday, Feb. 2

The award winning CSU Bakersfield Jazz program will present the first Jazz Coffeehouse concert of 2008 on Saturday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m.. This event will be held in the Albertson Room inside the Doré Theatre on the CSUB campus. Tickets can be obtained at the door on the night of the event for \$10 for general admission tickets and \$6 for student and senior tickets (seniors are 60+).

The concert will feature current and former students from CSUB's department of music performing traditional jazz standards and original compositions in intimate small jazz combos. The CSUB Department of Music is excited to feature guitarist guest artist the Ron Christian

Quartet. This group will feature the compositions of trombonist Ron Christian. Joining Christian in his quartet are Jim Scully (guitar), James Dethlefsen (double-bass) and Brian Palla (drums).

The Jazz Messiahs, featuring CSUB music majors Greg Kalar (guitar), Sam Jarvis (guitar), Daniel Musquez (trumpet), recipient of the FAMAS scholarship at CSUB, and Tom Keel (trombone) will be performing a set of original compositions. Original compositions by Musquez, Kalar and recent graduate Eddie Ziegler (drums) will be performed.

The new CSUB Friday Afternoon Workshop will present a set of standards by composer Thelonious Monk,

including I Mean You, Well You Needn't, In Walked Bud and others. The goal of this ensemble is to narrowly focus on a specific composer or genre each quarter. This group is led by its front line which consists of CSUB students Daniel Musquez (trumpet), Mat Willis (alto sax), Tom Keel (trombone) and Ray Harker (tenor sax). The rhythm section consists of Scott Roberts (guitar), Nathan Yeasley (drums) and Jim Scully (electric bass).

The Jazz Coffeehouse Concert Series is a five-concert series where CSUB students and community members perform live jazz in all of its many guises.

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Would like to congratulate its Winter 2008 pledge class.  
Good luck on your quarter and remember,  
"May diligence be your watchword,  
whatever you do do well,  
and may success attend your efforts."



## Crime Beat

Compiled by Ashley Sizemore  
Staff writer

## Saturday, Jan. 12

\* 2:47 am Disturbance (on campus). Occurred at Rohan Dorm on 300. Verbal, RP stated she needed an officer to room, garbled voices in background, stated "disturbance had left", phone line disconnected. Disposition: No Further Action Required. Subjects were alright.

## Sunday, Jan. 13

\* 9:50 pm Suspicious Circumstances. Officer initiated activity at Lecture Building. Unknown activity. No Further Action Required. Subject checked the area.

## Monday, Jan. 14

\* 2:41 pm Found Property Report. Occurred at Gosford Rd/Ming Ave. knife. Report Taken. The property was seized for safekeeping.

## Tuesday, Jan. 15

\* 4:49 pm Suspicious Circumstances. Occurred at Rohan Dorm. Suspicious odor.

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## RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Emily Shapiro

This Week, The Runner asked, "How safe do you feel on campus?"



"70-30. 70 percent safe and 30 percent not safe. The 30 percent is because anybody can walk on campus. I've seen people coming on campus who don't even go here."

Cris Rosete,  
Freshman  
Pre-Engineering.



"I feel safe."

Brit Bankston,  
Freshman  
Criminal Justice



"Pretty safe."

Sandra Alvarez,  
Sophomore  
Communications



"I feel safe enough. I can walk around at night."

Jason Ragudos,  
Junior  
Civil Engineering

# STAAR program offers help

By Emily Shapiro  
Assistant News Editor

The STAAR program on campus provides a vital service for students who need that extra bit of help.

The Student Achievement, Academic, and Retention program (or STAAR) is a federally funded program that provides services to qualified first-generation, low-income undergraduate students.

The program can offer services to 250 applicants. It helps students in a variety of areas including Academic Advising/Counseling, Career Planning and Guidance, Peer Counseling, Financial Aid, Reading and Writing Assistance, CBEST Preparation, and social networking. There are also classes offered through the program, which can help students to prepare.

Classes include GST 61 Math Brush up and GST 116 Reading for College Success.

However, STAAR does not help with grad checks putting to rest a certain rumor that had been circulating around campus.

"We don't do official grad checks," said Gillermina Martinez a counselor for the program.

STAAR does perform other services, which are just as valuable. For example, they help with degree evaluations.

According to Martinez, Banner has the ability to do the degree evaluations, but most students do not know how to read them.

"We log into Banner and we help them – our students – to look over the degree evaluation. We sit down and we discuss what

it means. We only focus on general education courses. For the major we tell them to go and see an advisor," said Martinez.

Martinez also explained that the program hosts workshops, which deal with life skills among other areas. Martinez pointed out that STAAR used to help with GWAR but that area has now been taken over by the English Department.

Even though STAAR is a program – in all senses of the word – the counselors will help those in need, even if they are not officially part of the program.

"If there are some students out there that need help we'll help them, but they must be undergraduate students," said Reynaldo Rey Cuesta, director of STAAR. According to Cuesta the program is intended to not only help them academically, but to help the students save money and time.

Three clubs are also part of the STAAR family. The Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE), the Trio Parapro Club (TPC) and the Student Activity Club (SAC). XAE is an academic honors society, TPC and SAC are clubs that strive to promote a sense of community between the student population and the faculty and staff at

CSUB. Both TPC and SAC sponsor social and fun events every year.

STAAR is also a viable option for students who wish to obtain a job. Positions as Paraprofessionals (or paraprofs) or peer advisors, and Academic Assistants are available.

The paraprofs deal strictly with the nitty gritty of student life, basically, financial aid, academic advising and counseling, among other duties.

The Academic Assistants or AAs are STAAR paraprofs who provide tutoring services.

The program staff consists of two counselors, the director and the administrative support assistant.

Eligibility for the program is based on four areas.

First the student must be a U.S. citizen or resident, he/she must be an undergraduate, must demonstrate academic need and he/she must be low income, first generation college student or meet established CSUB disability standards set by the CSUB services for Students with Disabilities.

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# P.S., celebrities are people, too

Staff writer Ellen Piris responds to an opinion article in last week's Runner

Do celebrities deserve their privacy? The answer to this question should be an obvious: Yes. Every human being is entitled to the same respect regardless of his or her chosen profession. This includes the right of entertainers to not have their every move monitored by society.

People seem to have a strange obsession with the intimate details of the lives of entertainers and the otherwise wealthy. Entire websites, magazines and television programs are dedicated to every insignificant move, extravagant purchase and outrageous home of the rich and famous.

Why do we need to know whether or not Britney Spears gets custody of her children? What does it matter how many times Lindsey Lohan goes in and out of rehab?

Many infinitely more important events are happening in the world and the media is wasting air time and ink on how much J. Lo spent on her wed-

ding dress. The general public should be more concerned with issues like global warming or the genocide in Darfur.

These people are entertainers. They are not life saving surgeons. They are not peace-making foreign diplomats. Why does the public admire them enough to pry into their personal lives?

The fact is that the issues the tabloids prey on are personal and should not be acknowledged or even known about by the general public. Celebrities should get to do their job, go home and be in peace to deal with their problems, just like everyone else.

People have problems. It happens. We take our privacy for granted. Life is hard enough to get through for the average person without having to worry about his or her personal life being flashed around the world for all to see. Famous people are just like anyone else, with an extra few million dollars.

So the answer is yes. Of course celebrities deserve not to have their personal lives obsessed about. The real question should be:

Why does anyone care?

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# Remembering Alexey Belyy's life in and out of the pool

By Wendy Hernandez  
Staff Writer

One of CSUB's greatest student athletes passed away Friday, January 11th. Alexey Belyy, 26, unexpectedly collapsed in his apartment around 4 p.m. Friday. He had complained about chest pains after Friday's practice, but his passing was unexpected.

"We were all shocked by Alexey's death and saddened by his loss," said Dr. Horace Mitchell, President of Cal State, Bakersfield.

Belyy was an only child. He was raised in Rostov On Don, Russia, where his mother lives. His father had passed away some time ago. He had come to the U.S. with big dreams; to become a professional swimmer and to get a college degree. He dreamed and hoped to swim for Russia during this year's summer Olympic Games.

Belyy was a grand swimmer with great achievements. He had recently set the school record for 400 yard individual medley. He was the season's and team best in the 500 freestyle. Just recently Belyy had won all three of his events in a Vegas invitational.

"CSUB has had a history of swimmers from overseas. Alexey was the best Russian we've ever had and he's up there with all the people who have helped us win the national championships. You can list the names of all the top people here and he belongs right in the middle with all of them," said Jay Ericsson, from Gold Wave.

This past Friday, CSUB held a

memorial service for Belyy. A couple hundred people showed up. Tears were shed and memories shared. A long line formed of those waiting to sign the memory and guest book. All of which would be sent to his mother in Russia. There was not one sad moment shared about Belyy. Everyone, including teammates, friends and coaches that spoke about him had nothing but good and happy memories to share.

"I remember him always being up late. Always making soup and cooking all the time," said Quinn Chaves, a friend.

"He was a dominant athlete, one of the best we've ever had. The best in this program," said Chris Turbeck, also a friend.

"One thing Alexey told me at the last Division II swim meet we had was, 'this is the first time I have swam for a team, even though I been swimming all my life, this is the most fun I've had swimming,' we can be really proud to know him," said Ericsson.

"When I first met him, he spoke no English. I remember he used to sit on the deck with his huge leather book; his dictionary. He used to write every word in there. Then Alexey started to read the Harry potter books, he learned his English from Harry Potter," said Coach Pat Skehan, the women's head swimming coach.

Even though everyone recalled him as a quiet guy, a man of few words and no emotions, those close to him got to see his 'soft' side. Skehan got the pleasure of spending Christmas with him this school year. She smiled and

enjoyed watching Belyy sit on her living room floor playing with her four year old son.

Belyy always pushed hard and never complained about anything. He was a hard working young man. He worked every chance he could, whether it was being a life guard or covering the pool; all to be able to send money to his mother back in Russia.

"Alexey was very coachable. If it made him faster he would do it," said Coach Bailey. "I recall a meet this fall in Riverside. Alexey had adopted the team principles by then, and I can just hear him yell and cheer on his team."

Belyy came to swim for CSUB without knowing much about the culture or the place. He came alone, leaving his only family, his mother back home. He once told his previous coach that with time swimming, next to his family, became the only thing he had.

Although everyone that spoke about Belyy had some memory to share, Bailey had words to say to Belyy's family, friends, team and community.

"I don't know how one recovers from losing a teammate or friend so suddenly. But I know that on this journey up this mountain we securely rode together. Only one has fallen. Tomorrow will be better than today," Bailey said. "I don't know if there really is a right way to handle the widespread grief that has affected so many people so many different ways, I do know that our campus and community has come as close to finding that right way as any organization I know."

"It has been an unbelievable past losses for CSUB. One expected, and this one unexpected. It's life. We all have to understand that we are all vulnerable. We all have to renew our commitments

"I believe that God knows what He's doing," said Chase Kreitler, a junior on the swim team. "There really is no right way to handle such a grief, but there is always ways to make it better."

Friday's memorial was not enough to show how much Belyy will be missed. But it showed how much those around him cared. Belyy's burial will be in Russia. A burial in Russia is very expensive. It runs around \$15,000 in costs. A fund has been started for those who want to help his mother with the burial.

How does one explain his death? It was unexpected. Belyy had been normal as far as health screenings go and there had been family history that may have caused his death. It is believed that Belyy died of natural causes and the toxicology reports can take up to six weeks to come in.

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Wendy Hernandez/ The Runner  
CSUB President Horace Mitchell speaking at the memorial service  
remembering Alexey Belyy.

as we move forward in life," President Mitchell said, "Alexey was an outstanding student, an outstanding athlete, a champion. We will keep him in our memory and honor him."

## Runners get the best of the top of the Big West

By Phillip Barnett  
Sports Editor

Kelly Tarver scored 19 points to help lead the women's basketball team to a five-point win against the Big West division leader Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

In their first game back from a seven game road trip where they finished 2-5, the Runners welcomed a Big West opponent into the Icardo Center for the first time in the team's history and closed them out on an eight-point run in the final minutes of the game to seal the win.

The Runners built an eight-point lead with a little over 15 minutes left to play in the second half making the score 37-29. Cal Poly immediately went on a 7-0 run and cut the lead to 37-36.

With a little over eight minutes to play, the Runners had their largest lead of the game when they lead 52-42, but again, Cal Poly came roaring back and took a 55-54 lead with about 4:10 to play.

A few scores later, Cal Poly lead 59-56. With a little under two minutes left to play, Tarver came off of a high screen and, with no hesitation, nailed a three-pointer to tie the game up.

"She gave me so much space off of the screen I had to take the shot," said Tarver on the momentum changing shot.

son, combined with Tarver to hit four free throws in the final 40 seconds of the game.

Johnson finished with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Sophomore guard Tiffany Belt added 15 points off of the bench and Christine Kepenekian added 10 points.

"This was a historic game," said head coach Tim La Kose whose

team is now 8-10 in their first season of Division I play. "Playing the first Big West opponent in the Icardo Center and a first-place team, beating them makes this much sweeter."

The Runners play again on January 24th against Utah Valley, another Division I Independent team. The game will be at 7 pm in the Icardo Center.



Juan Torres/ The Runner  
Forward Rhonda Johnson holding the ball against a Cal Poly defender.

**The Men's Basketball team fell short against Utah Valley. Check the story online at [www.csu.edu/runner/runnero](http://www.csu.edu/runner/runnero)**

## Wrestling coach reaches new milestone

Courtesy of Sports Information

PORTLAND, Ore. - Seven Roadrunners won their respective bouts Saturday, helping CSUB's wrestling team claim a 37-12 win at Pac-10 rival Portland State. The win was a monumental victory for Head Coach T.J. Kerr who became just the fifth active NCAA wrestling coach to achieve 400 career wins. Kerr's all-time record now stands at 400-198-7 through 35+ seasons.

"Being in the middle of the year right now, I will probably look back after my career is over and appreciate it more," said Kerr of the milestone accomplishment. "Right now we're focusing on this team and this season."

Daniel Atondo got the meet started off strong for CSUB (5-1, 4-1 Pac-10) with a 22-12 major decision over Jordan Toney at 165. The Vikings Dale Seley then closed out a 7-3 decision over Jason Points at 174, but redshirt freshman Riley Orozco pinned Jacob Antoine at the 4:35 mark to give CSUB a 10-3 lead.

Portland State would go on to claim wins at 197 and 285, taking its only lead of the night 12-10, but the 'Runners quickly went up 22-12 with a pair of forfeit victories at 125 and 133.

CSUB then closed out its final three matches on a solid note as Elijah Nacita defeated Greg Einerson 10-3 at 141, Jeremy Doyle pinned Alan Dickey at 149 and Trevor Hall capped things



Photo courtesy of Sports Information  
Wrestling coach T.J. Kerr earned his 400th career win against Portland State.

off with a pin of Brady Garner just 37 seconds into the 157 bout.

"It is very hard to come up to Oregon and win at all three places," said Kerr of his team's weekend sweep of Oregon, Oregon State and Portland State. "I don't know the last time we were able to do that, so this is a big deal."

The 'Runners have another busy road swing next week, beginning Wednesday with a Pac-10 dual at UC Davis and continues Thursday at Stanford. CSUB then heads to San Francisco State for a dual meet on Friday and the annual San Francisco State Open on Saturday.