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Rape Symposium hits home

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Every two minutes someone in the United States is sexually assaulted. This is according to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network.

In honor of April being Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, California State University, Bakersfield hosted the Rape Awareness Symposium, which took place on Wednesday, April 7, in the Student Union. The symposium had an array of guest speakers, but the most empowering came from Bakersfield citizen, mother and wife Donna Bulford.

Back on Jan. 29, 2009, Bulford became a victim and survivor of rape while leaving Babies "R" Us in



SURVIVOR: Donna Bulford shares her story for the first time since her encounter with Anthony Ray Graham Jr.

Northwest Bakersfield, with her 11-month-year-old daughter

She was approached by a man, 33-year-old Anthony Ray Graham Jr., who then

forced her to drive to a near by ATM and later to a local elementary school.

Bulford withdrew all of the money that her bank would allow in a 24-hour period, gave it to Graham, and then was forced to park in front of a local elementary school where he raped her in the backseat of her car.

After sharing her touching story to a room full of people, Bulford received a standing ovation as she walked over and had a long embrace with her husband. Bulford told the audience they can make a positive impact.

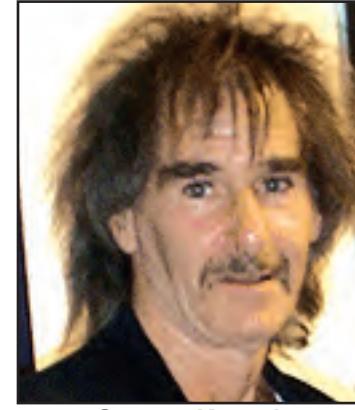
"The actions you take can make a huge and positive difference," said Bulford.

Det. Herman Caldas and Det. Keli Reed also spoke at the standing room only event.

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Here from the start: Two professors share on their 40 years at CSUB

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Celebrating 40 years of education

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California State University, Bakersfield is turning 40 years old this year and to help recognize the event, the 4th Annual Celebrate CSUB festival will be taking place.

This year is expected to be the biggest and best event yet seeing as it is a celebration of the anniversary of the university.

CSUB will be welcoming everyone in the community to come out, hang out and enjoy the festivities.

"We're should have more people than ever," said Shannon Hill, director of alumni relations. "There's going to be a great mix of people."

The campuswide event is open to the public and will be held on April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the main CSUB campus. Admission to the festival is free for all who attend.

There will be many events



This year's event looks to top last year's "impressive" turnout.

and activities taking place on campus, some to celebrate the individual spirit of CSUB students and alumni, others that are just good old-fashioned fun.

The 5K run will take place again this year. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The race starts at 8 a.m.

There will be music, food, games, oral history and a multitude of activities for children, middle and high school students.

In addition to the celebra-

tion festival, it is Freshman Day for newly admitted, first-time students and there will be a dedication ceremony for CSUB's newest emblem -- the official school flag.

"As a culminating event we will dedicate three new flag poles in the library circle median," said Horace Mitchell, president of California State University, Bakersfield "onto which we will raise the U.S. flag, the

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Women's tennis is one of four sports that will be dropped at the end of the 2009-10 athletic season. The move will not affect CSUB's transition to an NCAA Division I program.

Endangered sports fight to keep playing

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The budget crisis at California State University, Bakersfield has led to the

Second of two parts drastic decision to drop four sports programs -- wrestling, men's and women's golf and women's tennis.

All four programs can be

saved if the teams can raise \$1.4 million. All programs must be saved -- no individual program can be reinstated.

The cuts put the futures of nearly 60 student-athletes and six salaried coaches into question.

Junior women's tennis player Ashlee Thorneycroft came from Melbourne, Australia, to play tennis for CSUB. Her coach, Dan McCain, has expressed his shock regard-

ing the cuts saying nobody expects their job to be in jeopardy, especially in a position where they are in charge of girls who are on scholarships who would not be on scholarships otherwise.

In an effort to help cut costs, wrestling coach T.J. Kerr decided to retire early, elevating assistant coach

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Students encouraged to help make CSUB a cleaner, greener campus

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Trash doesn't pick itself up.

That's why all students, faculty and staff are being asked to come out and participate at the second annual Campus Clean Up Day event on April 21.

"This is a nice way to offer the campus community the opportunity for civic engagement," said Laura Catherman, Student Union

director and planner of the event. "It is also an opportunity to move toward sustainability and to continue the greening of California State University, Bakersfield."

Planners of the event have divided the campus into zones, covering the majority of the inhabited areas of campus. Some outlying areas of campus will not be included such as the soccer fields and open field space.

The day of the event, volunteers will be divided and assigned their

zone to pick up trash and clean. After cleaning their respective zones of the campus, volunteers will be given a T-shirt and offered lunch.

"We hope that students can get a sense of pride for the campus, have a good time volunteering their time where they work and attend school," said Rebecca Nosaka, administrative support coordinator for the Student Union. "Then we'll enjoy lunch and recover from cleaning."

Those wishing to volunteer at the event are asked to register, although volunteers are more than welcome to show up the day of the event. Registration helps in ensuring enough lunches for all volunteers.

Planners of the event are hoping for an upward of 200 people at this year's event. Last year's event had about 75 participants.

All that wish to volunteer should meet at the Student Union patio at 11 a.m. The event will finish

around 1 p.m.

"This event has a nice collaboration between sponsors," said Catherman. "We are all hoping to reach out to the community."

Sponsors include the Associated Student, Inc., Aramark, Residential Life, the Student Recreational Center, Student Union and Togo's sandwiches.

For more information or to register contact Rebecca Nosaka at 654-2494.

RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Lauren Ogle, Photo Editor, and Melissa Villagomez, Features Editor

This week, The Runner asked, "If CSUB had the budget, what would you like to happen on campus?"



Caprisha Clayton
Freshman,
Liberal Studies

"Lower tuition."



Daniel Ramirez
Senior,
Biology

"Lower tuition. It's getting too expensive. People are starting to go to BC because they can't afford CSUB."



Kristen Stubbs
Senior,
English

"Parking garages or free parking. Parking here is getting obnoxious."



Mykeasha Clayton
Freshman,
Art

"More food stores and restaurants. We need more variety."

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Dorm life at CSUB no 'Animal House'

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Do not expect to see the typical college scene experience with countless red cups, semi-conscious people and walk of shames spread out and happening everywhere throughout the day and night. The dorms are dead on Monday through Friday and let us not kid ourselves, the weekends are usually more dead.

The dorms are basically a ghost town on the weekends when most college students usually go home or ironically to other friend's college dorms and do activities I cannot mention here. Lawson Cox says, "The dorms die on the weekends because people would rather have fun elsewhere than wither away in their 12x12 jail cells."

Usually the only people who actually stay on campus during the weekend are the unfortunate ones who don't have access to a working vehicle or enough money to catch the next Greyhound bus.

Many dorm residents are usually complaining about being bored all the time and most of them have their own reasons why such situations occur. Ruben Candela says, "The



Janelle Sweet contemplates dorm life.

dorms are very depressing and remind me of prison cells. I'm also pissed off that there is no cable television offered anymore."

Cable television was taken out of the dorms this year because of increased prices to renew the cable bill in the dorms.

Drew Santizo said, "I believe there should be some games included in the dorms like pool or foosball to keep all the students occupied like they have at other college dorms."

Janelle Sweet said, "I don't like the dorms very much, because the

dorms are very boring and small and I feel like everyone on the same floor can hear everything that happens in everyone else's room on the dorm floor and would like a game-room type area."

There are dorm activities every few weeks hosted by the residential advisers to try to battle the boredom. The R.A.s try to get all the dorm residents together to play a few games and activities like 1 vs. 100 and other various spins on different games. Most of the time free food and beverages are offered and a

chance of winning a gift card, but it still doesn't draw the attention of most of the dorm residents.

Katelyn Steele said: "I understand that R.A.s try to do their best to get dorm residents involved, but usually the activities aren't fun or interesting by any means. The only way residents consider going to any planned event is if there is free food or a Starbucks gift card but most don't get off their asses and go anyway. There is no enthusiasm shown by the dorm residents."

Not everyone wants the crazy college experience like they see in their favorite movies or other campuses, though.

Andy Garcia said: "the dorm life is okay if you don't expect much other than going to class and getting through school. I enjoy it because it is calm and simple, while others really dislike how slow and boring it can be."

James Maddox agreed and said: "The dorms are a great place to study and stay focused on what you want out of your university education. I think it is because there is not a lot of distractions and it makes it easy when you are so close to campus."

Drinking with 'The Man in the Glass'

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I'm an alcoholic and an addict – terms used by sorority girls, frat boys, military members and the common civilian regularly to describe their nightlife.

In reality, most of them are only using the term to assert themselves as a consumer of high amounts of

alcohol or drugs.

There is much more to being an alcoholic or addict than that. It is that inability to control your drinking once you have begun, interfering with your ability to lead a "normal" life, consistently late due to hangovers or still being drunk, losing your job or career, losing your wife or girlfriend, not feeling normal or even pained when you cannot have a drink.

When seeking fun and parties here in your college life, there is a chance you could lose yourself without even realizing it. Most students will likely continue on just fine in life, but even with the low chance one may become an actual alcoholic, it is worth watching out for considering the potential consequences it could have.

Substance abuse has cost me a high-income career, a marriage, friends, my physical appearance (for the worse) and left residual cravings that will never completely fade; all before my 26th birthday.

A couple of years back I was

in rehab for alcohol addiction. There was an alcoholic there named Cliff, who had been clean for about 30 years.

He had a very deep low tone voice that was raspy from even more years of smoking. Between each line he would take a deep breath or low drawn gasp of air. His reading of a poem had one of the biggest impacts on me out of all five weeks of rehab. The poem was "The Man in the Glass," by Dale Wimbrow.

Alcohol, cocaine, parties, insomnia and all that comes with the intense life of living the nightlife dream of California are still seen in the media as something cool and edgy.

Remember that illegal drugs are just that – illegal – and for good reason, too. Most of the stuff out there has the potential to take your life no matter how tolerant you think you become, if not by overdose, then by becoming a slave to your addiction.

Just drive around the slums and check out the local meth-heads. If you are using now, you may be one more hit away from dooming yourself to be the next 50-something-year-old hag with ratty hair, leather skin, and mostly toothless, talking to yourself in line at the 7-Eleven.

Keep in mind this behavior does not apply to marijuana smokers.

"The Man in the Glass"
By Dale Wimbrow

"When you get what you want in your struggle for self and the world makes you king for a day Just go to a mirror and look at yourself, and see what THAT man has to say. For it isn't your father or mother or Wife who's judgment upon you must pass; The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life Is the one staring back from the glass. Some people may think you a straight-shootin' chum and call you a wonderful guy But the man in glass says you're only a bum If you can't look him straight in the eye. He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest For he's with you clear up to the end, And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test If the man in the glass is your friend. You may fool the whole world down the pathway of life And get pats on the back as you pass But your final reward will be heartache and tears If you've cheated the man in the glass."

Marijuana is not a drug, you cannot overdose from it, there are more positive effects than there are negative and is free from my observations on drug abuse.

Enjoy your alcohol in moderation and think about the man in the glass in before you take a hit or shot of whatever they are passing around at the parties.

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Former CSUB professor performs at Doré

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Students and local members of the community alike were in attendance for the performance of pianist Charles Badami on Friday, April 9. The performance took place in California State University, Bakersfield's Doré Theatre.

Badami himself is a former CSUB student, graduating in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in music. He then continued his musical studies at the University of Oregon, receiving a Master of Music in Piano Accompanying in 1999.

He returned to CSUB as a member of the music faculty for six years – teaching studio piano and accompanying, class piano, music fundamentals, theory, directed the

men's chorus and was in charge of playing and supervising the accompanying duties for the department.

He also recently completed the Doctor of Music in Piano Performance and Collaborative Arts degree at Northwestern University's School of Music in Evanston, Ill.

Badami is now currently the instructor of music and collaborative pianist at Northwest Missouri State University and is active as a teacher, piano soloist, vocal coach and chamber musician.

Badami played six pieces of music from different famous composers including works by Bach, Beethoven and Chopin.

Local resident and musician Georgann Greene thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

"I was totally enthralled because it's genius at work and of course

"I thought it was incredible," said Mary Bellah, who also attended Friday's performance.

Bellah currently teaches both voice and piano at Bakersfield College, and gives private lessons in each as well. She attended CSUB during the time Badami taught.

"I'm a former student of Charles, I went to Cal State and got my bachelor's degree here, so he was my teacher the whole entire time," said Bellah.

When asked of Badami's performance, Bellah acknowledged his great skill on the instrument.

"I never thought he could play any better, and then tonight he comes back after a couple of years and – oh my gosh, it even gets better. His technique is impeccable, and he plays with such clarity and

strength," said Bellah.

CSUB student Natasha Ramirez was also in attendance for Friday's memorable performance.

"I thought it was amazing, I've never heard the last Rachmaninoff sonata being played because it's so difficult but – it was just absolutely gorgeous," said Ramirez, who plays the cello and is currently a music major at CSUB.

The piece Ramirez makes reference to is Rachmaninoff's Piano Sonata No. 2 in Bb minor, Op. 36. This was the last piece that Badami performed, as well as what seemed his most challenging. His fingers seemed almost a blur at times as his hands danced fervently back and forth across the piano keys.

And for the difficulty of the rest of the pieces? When asked if she had ever performed any of them, Ramirez just shook her head and laughed.

"I was totally enthralled because it's genius at work..."

–Georgann Greene

the emotions that come through in the Beethoven are just gripping," said Greene, who plays both violin and sings in a local church choir.

Another piece, by composer Kreisler, was also memorable for Greene.

"The 'Liebesleid' – I've played that as a violin solo," said Greene.

What's happening this week?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Helping Professions and Criminal Justice Mixer

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Runner Cafe Quad

Blood Drive
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
CSUB Student Union

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Tennis vs. CSU Fullerton
2 p.m.

Sally Ann Silva Courts

ASI Open Mic Night
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Wahoo's Fish Taco

Second Annual Tax Day Tea Party

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Liberty Bell on Truxtun Ave.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
Nic Deuson Concert
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Music Bldg. Room 127

'Hot Tub Time Machine'

Breaking ethical boundaries has never been so funny

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First off – let me just clarify that the storyline of going to another age has been done already.

We've seen it with "Big," "13 Going on 30," "Freaky Friday" and "Seventeen Again." So I sort of went into this movie thinking it was going to be as cheesy and metaphorical as the others.

I was wrong.

"Hot Tub Time Machine" starring John Cusack, who is known for classic teen romance '80s movies such as "Say Anything" and thrillers like "Identity" has stepped into the world of raunchy comedy.

Costarring in the movie with Cusack are other actors that are a little more familiar with raunchy comedy. There's Craig Robinson ("Pineapple Express" and "Zach and Miri Make A Porno") and Rob Corddry, who we've seen in "What Happens in Vegas" and lastly, Clark Duke, who is mostly recognized as the highly religious confederate roommate on "Greek."

The plot is centered on these three middle-aged friends who have drifted apart and separately have realized how their lives aren't what they expected them to be. They're reunited due to a freak incident involving Rob Corddry, alcohol and a song he just had to rock out to on the radio. This reunion takes them back to their old stomping grounds of Kodiak Valley, where they



"Hot Tub Time Machine" came out in theatres on Friday, April 2.

bring along Cusack's nephew (Duke) along for drinking, skiing, and fun.

These men who are comfortable enough to party in a hot tub – naked if I may add – are sent back in time to 1986.

They are then posed with the philosophical dilemma: Do they play out each moment as it happened not to mess up the present? or Do they relive the night with stuff that SHOULD have happened?

This film certainly plays on the much asked question: If you could go back in time, would you?

They certainly do.

This film had myself and those around me moving around in our seats, shielding our eyes, and laughing immensely. From the part where a catheter is ripped

out, to the part where Cusack gets stabbed in the eye (SPOILER ALERT: THAT WASN'T A SPOILER) to a lost bet on a football game where things get a little too over the top, I was laughing up to the point of tears.

The only issue I had with the movie was that some jokes were never explained. I know I wanted to know about the great white buffalo and what ever the hell happened in Cincinnati.

I suppose we'll never truly know.

If you are looking for a downright funny movie that's in theatres, then this would be it. Otherwise, I hear "Clash" is still playing.

"Hot Tub Time Machine" gets four out of five stars.

Editors' latest obsessions



Ashley Sizemore,
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My days of wondering
"What was that line?" are over.



Melissa Villagomez,
Features

"Bones"
Always Entertaining.



Mark Nessia,
Managing Editor

"MLB 10 The Show"
It gives hope to those who no baseball talent whatsoever.



Racella De Guia,
News

God – He's my main priority.



Lauren Ogle,
Photos

"Glee"
It's like a car wreck – too awful to watch but you just can't look away.



Olivia Duncan,
Entertainment

Ice cream because I hadn't had it in over a month and now I can't get enough.



Manny Beltran,
Sports

Old episodes of the "Squidbillies" and Home Movies on Adultswim.com



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"Dungeons and Dragons"
Live vicariously in a world without real life consequences.

Rape Awareness Symposium opens eyes and ears to harsh realities

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Caldas, who has worked in law enforcement for 28 years, opened the event with a few examples of rape victims that have made national news, such as Chelsea King.

He then spoke of the different methods of approach that rapists would use in order to control their victims.

The "con" approach is when the rapist offers assistance or pretends to be a salesman or church worker. The "blitz" approach is when a rapist waits in the back seat of a car, behind a bush or another hiding spot. The "surprise" approach involves the use of a weapon or threat.

Caldas then touched on the issue of different types of rape, such as spousal and date, and different date rape drugs that are used on victims.

Reed gave great tips on how to help prevent rape by staying safe while out in public, in your home, or in your car.

A few tips for staying safe while out in public are to travel in well lit areas, walk in pairs, have your keys to your home/car in hand,



Mark Nessia/The Runner

Donna Bulford, center, sits with her husband during the Rape Awareness Symposium held at CSUB in the Multipurpose Room. Bulford shared her story for the first time since her encounter with Anthony Ray Graham Jr. at Babies 'R' Us.

walk facing traffic and to not get distracted by a cellular device.

If you are in the privacy of your own home you should install good locks on doors and windows, install a "peep" hole, never open the door without knowing who is on the other side, do not rely on screen doors for security, do not feel pressure by door to door sales and do not leave your garage door open.

Guidelines for how to be safe in your car include locking your doors while traveling and when away from your car, be aware of surroundings, if you believe you are being followed do not lead that person to your home, park in well lit areas and if your car is to break down, raise the hood, put on flashers, and stay inside your car.

If a situation ever occurs and you feel you need the help of a professional, the Counseling Center here on the CSUB campus is a great place to turn to. It is located inside of the Student Health Center and the counselors can provide you with the help that you need. The Counseling Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Annual Celebrate CSUB looks to top last year's outcome

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California flag and a newly-designed CSU Bakersfield flag in blue and gold."

After the flag raising, alumni and those gathered with them will march to Runner Park to share in a CSUB 40th anniversary cake.

"I went to last year's event and was really impressed by the turnout," says Andrew Pulido, a CSUB senior. "It's a great chance for the community to come together and really live the name of the event celebrating CSUB."

Various groups on campus,

such as the Associated Students, Inc. and CSUB Alumni Association will be hosting their own booths and activities during the Celebrate CSUB festival.

A variety of events and activities will take place. Events geared toward prospective students and their family will help introduce these potential newcomers to the university. Events for alumni help to celebrate their accomplishments during their time at CSUB.

Activities for children are middle and high school stu-

dents. There will also be a science demonstration, student research presentation, art workshops and the Student Union's spring carnival.

"As an alumni, it's good to see that our contributions to the university are valued even in a fun setting," says Jamie Light, a CSUB Alumna. "It's also nice to see the potential students and the community having a chance to experience our university."

For more information there are informational fliers available or visit www.csub.edu/celebrate.

Marijuana legalization stirs controversy

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Within the past century, marijuana has been under legal scrutiny and caused controversy in the United States. There are many for and against the legalization of cannabis for medical and recreational consumption, and now California voters will be able to decide this November if marijuana can be legally sold to consumers.

On March 24, the California Secretary of State announced the

Initiative to Control and Tax Cannabis will be on the November ballot for voters to decide on the legalization and taxation of marijuana. This voter initiative for marijuana policy reform will be the second attempt at cannabis legalization in California since Marijuana Legalization, Proposition 19 in 1972, was defeated with 66.5 percent opposed.

Almost 40 years have passed since the 1972 initiative and the public's opinions on marijuana may have swayed. The initiative allows for citizens over the age of 21 to be allowed to

purchase and use marijuana. The state would be able to control and tax cannabis in similar ways the state controls tobacco and alcohol, meaning situations like the sharing of marijuana with minors for instance would be illegal.

Many groups in opposition to the initiative, like Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Coalition for a Drug-Free California, state the health concerns over cannabis users and describe marijuana as a gateway drug to other

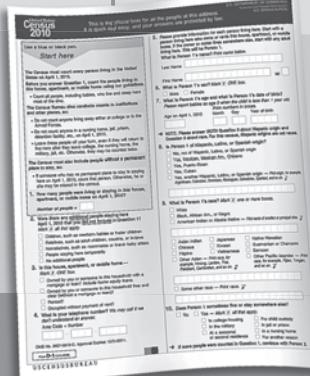
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Kerr roasted during retirement to save wrestling

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Friends, family and fellow staff members came together Saturday evening at the Kern County Shrine Club in honor of T.J. Kerr, CSUB wrestling head coach.

The night was dedicated to coach Kerr's retirement and also in support of the CSUB men's wrestling team.

The night included dinner and drinks. The cost of a plate was \$150 and most importantly the cost to roast coach Kerr started at \$50 for three minutes, \$100 for six minutes and \$250 for 10 minutes or more.

Sounds like a lot of money? Brian Cobb, volunteer coach and organizer of the event, said, "Trust me, it's money well spent to be able to roast coach Kerr in front of everyone."

Anyone would be afraid or nervous if they had to sit in front of friends and family

and have everyone take turns making fun of you.

Not coach Kerr.

"It's all in good humor," said Kerr, "You can't coach for 38 years without being thick skinned."

The night started with the first hour being cocktail hour. Everyone began to arrive and every conversation began with what people were going to say about coach Kerr. As friends gathered around sharing memories, the next part of the evening soon began: dinner.

The proceeds from the plates sold went to help save CSUB men's wrestling.

Everyone was anticipating the roast. While everyone was running their jokes through heads, coach Kerr sat there ready for anything people had to say.

One by one, the roasters came to the front and let coach Kerr have it.

Coach Kamon, who coached alongside Kerr, described when coach Kerr



Eloy Vieyra/The Runner
Darryl Pope had the opportunity to roast CSUB wrestling coach T.J. Kerr during his retirement dinner/fundraiser.

was born: "He was so ugly the doctor didn't know what end to spank! The doctor got so upset he actually slapped T.J.'s mother."

The crowd laughed til their faces turned red.

Every roaster had memories of how coach Kerr has influenced and motivated them in

one way or another.

Mitch Montiero, a CSUB senior wrestler, remembers coach Kerr as always trying to improve every wrestler's life whether it is in wrestling or everyday life. Montiero describes coach Kerr giving him advice about his high school sweetheart and how he got her pregnant: "Get rid of that crazy girl!" Montiero responded by saying, "I should have listened."

The roasters carefully lured the crowd by describing different occasions where coach Kerr inspired or motivated them. Then they would cap it off with a funny twist or phrase that coach Kerr was known for.

The jokes kept coming.

Jeff Schmidt, who wrestled under Kerr, said Kerr was very inspirational.

He recalled a moment when a fellow wrestler won a match and then put his finger in the air declaring himself number one. Kerr responded after the match, "It was a

great match you guys all did a good job, but if you ever put your number one finger in the air I'll hire a sniper and put him in the rafters so he can shoot the fucking thing off!"

The crowd erupted in laughter.

Kerr was that kind of guy, someone to always tell it how it is and motivate people to do their best. Kerr found a way to get the most out of his players.

The roast was centered on coach Kerr and everyone had plenty of material to roast him.

Kerr lives an active lifestyle and still plans on keeping it that way even after he retires. "I still plan on being active with the university. I don't plan on drifting away; I plan to take a little more time for myself."

Coach Kerr plans on saving the CSUB wrestling program and returning next year as a volunteer coach.

The positive and negatives of giving blood

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On April 14 there will be a blood drive held on campus.

Houchin Blood Bank will be at CSUB from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Don't know if you are eligible to donate? Or perhaps you are too scared to donate?

Chase Hicks, who is the community development assistant at Houchin, provided some important details about donating blood. This month, Houchin Blood Bank is in need for O-positive, O-negative, and A-positive.

However, if you are not these blood types, you are still encouraged to come out and donate. Before entering

the Houchin bus and getting a needle stuck in your arm, there is a process that takes place. Hicks said the whole donation process will take up to 30 to 45 minutes.

When first arriving, you must register, after registering you will fill out a questionnaire. A screener will then ask multiple questions relating to your health history. This is when you will

find out if you can donate or not. Once this is done you will be set to sit inside the bus and get your blood drawn. The bus part will take about 10 to 15 minutes. Hicks said it is highly encouraged to stay about 15 minutes after giving blood to make sure you are comfortable enough to carry on with your day.

Before donating, you must

eat a protein-plenteous meal. According to Hicks, some good options would be a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or eggs. Each donor must be at least 17 years old, and at least 110 pounds. If you are having any flu or cold like symptoms, or taking antibiotics, do not donate.

Abnash Toor, a sophomore biology major whose blood

type is A-positive, said on a scale of one to ten, the pain is about two to three. She said, "It only hurts right when they stick you with the needle, so the pain doesn't last very long."

Abnash also said she would "absolutely do it again because there are always people out there that need blood."

Marijuana legalization to be voted on in November

[LEGAL, from Page 4] controlled substances and violence. While a majority of students on campus are for the marijuana reform initiative, there are some like sophomore Jacob Yohn who are against the legalization of cannabis.

"I do not believe that it is the best thing for the state at this point," Yohn said. "It completely ignores federal law, releases prisoners, and will negatively affect the education system."

The supporters of the initiative, including the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, believe that citizens can decide for themselves if cannabis is any more harmful than alcohol and tobacco.

One major argument in favor for the marijuana control and taxation initiative is relevant to California's budget crisis.

"A lot of people who may or may not use cannabis know the state is in need of more revenue," said NORML's CSUB division President Savannah Tarvar.

The State Board of Equalization cites California's current annual marijuana revenue at about \$14 billion and could bring as much as \$1.4 billion after legalization and taxation.

Although the reform initiative may bring in more revenue for the state, some question the ethical means to influence the revenue. "I

don't think we should sacrifice morality and ethics over our budget crisis," said Yohn.

The initiative would also allow Californians to grow pot in a 5-by-5 household area and to possess or transport up to one ounce at a time. Also, the state levy taxes would impose \$50 an ounce for marijuana retail sales. If the voter initiative should pass, California may be the trailblazer of marijuana policy reform for the rest of the nation.

Tarvar believes the Marijuana Legalization Initiative is a huge step in the right direction.

"A lot of people are tired of the criminalization associated with cannabis," Tarvar said, "This initiative is a real big step in the right direction because the people feel they should be able to decide for themselves."

Some of NORML's main goals as an organization are to lobby and inform citizens about legislation and facts relevant to the subject of marijuana. On April 1, NORML hosted the Spring Music Festival featuring bands Dub Seeds, Penny Royalties, The Lillies and DJ Danny Boi.

NORML also plans to participate in the Worldwide Marijuana March May 1 at noon at Beach Park. For more information, e-mail savanaht@yahoo.com.



Run for Associated Students, Inc. student body officer/director positions. The ASI is the student government auxiliary corporation of the University and oversees issues affecting students, funding for clubs/organizations, student advocacy, programming events and activities to name a few.

ASI officers

(President, Exec. VP, External VP, VP of Finance, and VP of Programming)

all receive monthly stipends

for holding office.

All members of ASI receive priority registration, 1 unit of credit, and a quarterly parking permit.

If you would like more information, come to the Election Info Session, Wed. April 14th at 2 pm in the SU Blue Room.

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How prepared is CSUB for the 'big one?'

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The earth shook once more on April 4 as a 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck near the U.S.-Mexico border.

The earthquake was strong enough for some Bakersfield residents to feel a "rolling" sensation on the ground, according to a KGET 17 news report.

During the same report, CSUB geology professor, Robert Negrini, stated that "there are 20 or 30 earthquakes this size in the world every year, so we expect a 7 magnitude earthquake at least every month" so California residents can sleep a little better, although the "big-one" expected

to hit somewhere along the San Andreas Fault still keeps many alert.

With all the recent earthquake activity, it's only natural to ask: Where next? And how safe are we?

The first question requires guess-work, but the United States Geological Survey gives a 50-50 chance that the "big one" will hit California within the next 30 years.

The second question can be better answered.

If you are anywhere on the CSUB campus and feel an earthquake, duck and cover. If you find yourself in the Doré Theatre, Faculty Towers, the Physical Education Building, or the Runner Café, get out.

These four buildings are part of a 180-building list of California public university buildings that have been deemed "dangerous to occupy during a major earthquake" according to californiawatch.com.

According to the article, CSU policies do not mandate that the most dangerous buildings be fixed first, but limited funds also prevent urgent repairs from being made. Nonetheless, until the scheduled repairs are made, the Doré Theatre, Faculty Towers, and the old gymnasium in the P.E. Building are likely to collapse in case of a strong earthquake due to "extensive structural damage" according to a Bakersfield Californian report.

After learning about the condi-

tion of these buildings, students Bethany Mayorga and Jeanette Ortiz expressed their fears, calling the situation "scary, since all these earthquakes are going on." Mayorga, feel it is "horrible to attend a school that doesn't even have safe reliable buildings for us students to be in."

CSUB has known about the need for retrofitting for Faculty Towers

since 2006, and about the other three buildings since 2008. Repairs will begin for Faculty Towers and the Doré Theater in 2011, while repairs will begin for the Runner Café in 2012 and the old gym in 2014.

University Police have provided emergency preparedness guidelines on the CSUB Web site.

In the event of an earthquake, students are recommended to do the following:

- Stay indoors during tremors.
- Take cover under tables or desks, (duck, cover and hold) or stand in a doorway
- Proceed to designated evacuation area for the building you are in
- After the tremor subsides, get out of doors and stand well clear of buildings, trees, or any other structure that has the potential to fall or collapse.

Mixer helps students network, find careers

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There will be two important events coming up for students who are psychology majors or are studying anything related to public administration or social services.

The first event is the Helping Professions and Criminal Justice Expo on April 14, followed by the Business and Public Administration Expo on April 28.

On April 14, representatives from non-profit and volunteer organizations will be available to students in the Runner Café quad from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Some of the participating organizations include: the FBI, California Highway Patrol, State Farm Insurance and many more.

"It's an opportunity for agencies, organizations, and businesses to interact with students who are primarily interested in pursuing careers in the helping professions, and criminal justice," said Jane Evarian, director of the Center for Community Engagement and Career Education.

Although the event has its focus on those who want to pursue criminal justice or helping careers, it will be open to everyone who is interested.

Tanya Boone, who is the faculty coordinator for the center, especially encourages undeclared students to show up and take a look.

"You never know what doors might open when you go to something like that," said Boone.

While all students are encouraged to show up and spend time at each booth, it is best to be prepared. Evarian stressed for students to do proper research on the companies attending and look presentable.

"Company representatives are always very pleased when a student can walk up to their table and say, 'I've done some research on your organization, and I think what you do is really interesting, and here's why,'" said Evarian.

"You only have one chance to make that first impression," said Veronica Kenison, a senior who is studying psychology.

Kenison also works as a career peer for the center.

She specializes in what is called the "clothing closet", which is a list that tells students the differences between Business formal, business casual and casual.

"It's not always going to be based on the physical aspects, but if you present yourself

"You never know what doors might open when you go to something like that."

-Tanya Boone

This holds especially true for the many employers.

"Probably right now in 2010, they are not hiring, but they are always looking for volunteers. Most organizations rely on volunteers for some things," said Boone.

Evarian pointed out that many of these companies are frightened by the tenuous economy and are waiting to see what will happen in the long run.

This should not discourage students from showing up.

"Employers recognize the value of education at CSUB and know CSUB students are prepared with the knowledge, skills and abilities to make them an asset to their organization," said Kim Williamson, the Assistant director for the center, and coordinator for the Business and Public Administration.

Unlike the Helping Professions and Criminal Justice Expo the BPA will host primarily "for-profit companies." Evarian pointed out that many of these companies will be looking for paid interns and full-time employees, while others come to maintain visibility and collect resumes.

The BPA will be held at Alumni Park from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 28.

"It is a little informal, but we still recommend that students dress appropriately, business casual" said Evarian.

The BPA is also open to everyone, and refreshments will be served.

To find the list of all the companies and organizations that will be attending or for more information, visit Runnerlink, which can be found at www.csub.edu/cece.

Ethics Awareness Week brings sense of 'morale values' to CSUB

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"Ethics is an individual sense of moral values and knowing the difference between right and wrong," said Christina Contreras, administrative assistant in the Office of Student Life at CSUB.

Ethics Awareness Week is a first-time event that took place on campus, from April 5 to April 8, during the hours of noon and 4 p.m. in the Multipurpose room. Several individuals that work in Kern county came to CSUB to discuss ethical issues in their work place.

Many people came to present their views about issues they face dealing with ethics and how ethics applies to their particular work environment.

Some speakers included several folks who worked on campus, a police department representative, a few local attorneys, social workers, a couple Aera Energy LLC representatives, a woman who worked for Jim Burke Ford, a real estate agent, a Wells Fargo representative, a couple people who work for the Bakersfield Californian and a Clear Channel Radio host.

All of which spoke about how ethics is applied to their work place, and the importance of going by whichever code of ethics is necessary for each work place.

"It was the first year and it was not a strong student-body turnout, however, it was well-organized, and well-developed. Roopa did an exceptional job getting panelist all over the community, which was very diverse. They handled issues regarding social, cultural and economic values in ethics that are strong and presented here everyday in our community and here on campus," said Meghan Haversack, a graduate representative for ASI.

Roopa Dave, coordinator of the event, took a furlough the day after EAW concluded and said, "Any immediate questions could be answered by Contreras," who was also co-coordinator of EAW.

The meaning of EAW was to "Raise awareness of ethical issues and highlight ethics in

a way so students will see how ethics is important, and how it relates to their education careers, and how ethics will carry on with them to whatever career path they choose," said Contreras.

Not only ethics apply when student's careers begins, but according to J.R. Perez, chair of ASI, being apart of ASI, he has to realize he is an ASI member on and off campus so anytime he sees there is a decision he has to make he thinks about the situation as "is it ethical?" Whether it is sending an e-mail or going out in public, he has to conduct himself in a professional manner that represents both him as a person as well as a representative of the students at CSUB.

"Students face ethical issues everyday. If you are in a bind, you have an assignment due and you're pressed for time — you haven't really started it's due tomorrow — do you decide to pull information off the Internet and claim it as your own or do you decide to do the right thing and make the paper your own piece of original work?" said Contreras.

This simple situation incorporates ethics. Most people who hold professional jobs have to be taught ethics because money is the "ruler of all evil." When money is involved there is no way to determine what an individual might due.

But ethics, ethics tries to teach those who want to do right which path is good and which path is wrong.

During EAW, Miranda Whitworth, director of information services at Clear Channel Radio and also host of Bakotopia Radio on Sundays (Myspace/Facebook for Bakersfield) with Matt Munoz, a staff writer for the Bakersfield Californian and he also creates all information that goes into the print and web side of Bakotopia.

Whitworth discussed what ethics means to her in broadcasting and how ethics is important to follow.

"Ethics in broadcasting means following federal guidelines regarding 'payola and plugola' indecency laws while tailoring your message to your specific community,"

said Whitworth.

Basically, having a clear, clean message to your audience.

In the field of broadcast news, payola is a musician paying DJs for their music to be played on the radio, and plugola is a musician paying a party who has connects to get their band or group to play at an event.

Payola and plugola are not "suppose to be allowed," but it occurs so frequently, it is hard to regulate it. That is when ethics becomes involved.

Also during the social media ethics presentation on Wednesday, Munoz talked about a time where he had to apply ethics.

Munoz was covering a story on Miss Bakersfield, and he found out that she was in a local bikini calendar. He struggled to figure out what to do, he could have easily gone on the Internet and disclosed all the information about this young girl, but he thought to himself, she is young and what could this do to her reputation if I revealed this information.

At first, Miss Bakersfield was unwilling to talk to Munoz about the situation.

In the meantime, whether Munoz should put her on blast was itching at his conscience.

Eventually, Miss Bakersfield willingly wanted to tell the public about her involvement with the bikini calendar and that put Munoz in the clear. He was then able to disclose the information without going against his ethical values.

When it comes the web there are many ethical issues that do not immediately arise.

"Everyone can relate to social media these days, if you're on Twitter, Facebook or Myspace, not only students take part in that but faculty and staff as well, you have to watch out for that because anything put on the Internet is a permanent stamp and essentially its permanently attached," said Contreras.

"The whole world has changed, all ethical issues becomes your personal choice, my advice to students is to be aware," said Munoz.

Relay for Life: Walking for a cure

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Relay for Life is a yearly event that gives our community and communities everywhere a chance to celebrate and honor the lives of people who are battling cancer.

Bakersfield is known all around the world for Relay For Life because it has always raised the most money.

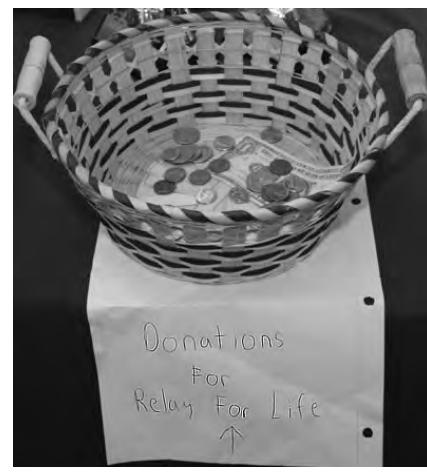
Relay For Life is on Saturday, May 1st at 9 a.m. at CSUB. It is a 24-hour walk for cancer. People everywhere gather into teams, which all share one common goal: raise money for a cure.

The American Cancer Society makes it their goal to make Relay For Life an event to remember for everyone, whether it is visiting the

many booths raising money, listening to the live bands perform as you walk the track, watch as the survivors take their march for the Survivor Walk, listening to the many heart felt stories of survivors or walking the track through its most emotional time, the luminaries, which is when the track is filled with thousands of lit sand bags of people who have fought or still are fighting to beat cancer. Relay For Life is sure to be a weekend to remember!

Relay For Life gives people who are battling cancer and survivors a chance to look around them and know they are not alone in this battle.

Twenty-three-year-old Sarah Mangan was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 2008. Since her years in high school, Mangan has



Lauren Ogle/The Runner
EVERY BIT COUNTS: Donations, big or small, are gladly accepted in attempt to aid cancer research.

participated in Relay for Life and has always loved helping those in need. It was not until May of 2009 that she would join the hundreds of cancer survivors in the emotional

survivor walk.

"The survivor walk is very emotional. But it helps me realize that I am not alone in this fight," she said.

Mangan does not share those emotions alone. Another Bakersfield survivor Leonor Acosta was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2004. She started joining Relay For Life after being diagnosed and is now on her second year raising money with her team, Focusing On a Cure.

"Every time I participate in the survivor walk I am flooded with emotions. However, I am reminded how thankful I am to be cured. Cancer affects everyone and I am not alone," said Acosta.

Both Mangan and Acosta are very excited for this year's Relay For Life.

"Make sure to look out for Team Forever Fighting. We will be raffling many great prizes," said Mangan.

Acosta will also be joining her team in their second year participating in Relay For Life.

Relay For Life is a great experience for people everywhere to share.

"Relay For Life gives me a reminder of God's grace in curing me," said Acosta.

"Relay For Life reminds me I am not alone in this battle. I have the support and love from my family, friends and community. It reminds me that no matter what, there is always hope," said Mangan.

There are already 4,884 participates, 298 teams and \$170,064 raised.

Students stop 'looking for prestige'

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In years past, high school seniors found themselves surrounded by determined, antsy and easily irritated peers, almost ready to make pacts with the devil himself in order to get into the college of their dreams, at least if you found yourself in Advanced Placement and honors classes.

In many of these classes, students don't even speak of going to anything less than a private college or UC, believing they are "cutting themselves short" by even considering a CSU or Community College if they had worked so hard through high school. The most common word used by these students seems to be, prestige.

Whether you ask students who are waiting for acceptance letters, or are already into their senior year at UCLA, their answer for being there seems to always include that word.

Just a year ago Elizabeth Fernandez was one of these students.

A graduate of Cesar E. Chavez High

School, she was excited to receive her acceptance letter to the University of California, Santa Cruz. The Delano, California native found herself in a graduating class that included 16 co-vedadictorians, all driven by the idea of honors and AP classes getting them into the best colleges.

"I kind of always knew I wanted to go to Santa Cruz. My sister lived like 30 minutes away and I liked the environment," said Fernandez. "Cost wasn't really on my mind. I figured I would get financial aid, and if I didn't, I would just take out loans. I knew I really wanted to go to that school so cost didn't matter."

After two quarters at the university, the college freshman found herself in a situation many other UC students are in: the price of "prestige" became too high and she found herself having to pay an additional \$2,000 per quarter that her financial aid and loans would not cover.

Fernandez was not alone in her decision as she recollects.

"One of my close friends withdrew at the end of the first quarter. He moved back

home to Colorado and didn't want to pay out of state tuition. After that two more left and during Winter Quarter five more left. Two of us transferred to CSUB and we will start in the fall. Another will be attending California State University, Los Angeles, and the rest transferred to community colleges."

Aside from students having to pay rising tuition fees in the UC system, Fernandez explained that the university seemed more like a business geared towards making money and not educating.

"I probably would have stayed but they made it almost impossible. They called at 6 in the morning asking if I had tuition money for the next quarter. They e-mailed me constantly. They mail letters home. It was a very aggressive tactic to get the money out of the students, instead of helping to keep students in the UC system."

It seems like this year, students actually have to face the facts as a result of limited funding in the state's universities. Students throughout California are finding themselves having to take a step back and rather

than attend a school because of the "prestige" associated with it. They must first consult their ability to afford it.

The effects of their decision may not necessarily affect their career options, but rather cheapen the costs of their education, and the amount of loans they carry once they earn their degree.

Colleges are also taking steps to enroll as many students as they can in order to "hit their enrollment targets right on the mark." This is according to an April 3 article in The Sacramento Bee, which states that UCs and CSUs are "wait-listing students for the first time," with a record breaking 609,000 students seeking admission into CSUs and 134,029 applying to UCs. Despite these numbers, some students are wait-listed rather than accepted in order for campuses to add on more students if there are vacancies in amount of students who actually decide to enroll.

As university funding continues to decrease, it is up to students to stop looking for "prestige" and start looking for a deal when it comes to their college choice.

Small music venues: Providing more bands for your buck

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Attending a concert featuring a national touring band such as Paramore or Puddle of Mudd at a venue like The Fox Theater or Rabobank Arena costs a fan roughly \$30.

These bands may be on top now, but these mainstream acts started somewhere.

Smaller venues that house independent, local bands are the initial stepping stones toward success and Bakersfield has its share of venues to help artists achieve their goals.

Music lovers can always find a local concert on just about any given night, but shows take place most often on Fridays and Saturdays.

The cover charge is a fraction of Rabobank's ticket prices and every seat is a floor seat.

Local venues are a great place to discover new music and you can always count on your favorite local band to keep coming back if they receive support and encouragement from fans.

Of course the local music scene can't exist without the support of the community and require the support of fans to keep their doors open. A lack of fan support causes problems for venue owners, concert promoters and the bands that play because putting on a concert costs money.

There are alternatives to ease the stress of bands and venue owners and save them extra time and money that may have been spent on promotion.

Rob Allison, owner and booking



In addition to cheaper ticket prices, smaller music venues provide a more intimate environment, which allows fans to get closer to the bands as they perform.

agent of The Gate, can give local bands opportunities at his venue that other venues may not freely give away.

Allison said, "I don't actually draw money for myself personally. Over the course of a year, we don't lose money, but I do have shows that lose money. Because we are a nonprofit organization, I am not charged a rental or a lease for the building. Other venues need to charge a lot to cover insurance, electrical, employees and things like that, but my payout is minimal because of my association with The Garden Community Church."

When a show does well, the profits go into an account that contributes to the venue by buying new sound equipment and allowing Allison to put on more shows.

How much work does a band put

into the process of playing a concert?

Though the band provides the attraction for the show and puts hours into perfecting their performance, their job doesn't end there.

Local bands today are responsible for bringing the crowd.

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Vargas, guitarist for Vanity Avenue, said: "We do a lot of MySpace promotion... Me and Chris [Borbon, drummer for Vanity Avenue] do a lot of flogging. We have a hard time selling tickets, but the people that have been around the band since the beginning always come out and support. Word of mouth is also really important."

What does the fan get in return?

Local concerts often feature twice as many bands in one night for a fraction of the price to that of a major production. Local bands sell their merchandise for only a little over the cost of its production (and sometimes give merchandise away to avid fans), and most importantly, the intimacy of a small venue and the personal connection with the band can only be found at a local show.

At local venues, fans will never get dragged into the rip tide of a sea teeming with other sweaty fans. Local show-goers will never be forced to watch their favorite artist on a projector screen because they can't afford floor seats. Backstage passes are always free.

Fans can check out venues in Bakersfield like The Gate (2010 O

CORRECTIONS

In last week's article on grade replacement ("Grade-replacement awareness more important than ever"), it was written that the new grade must be higher in order for grade replacement to take place. The new grade does not have to be better in order for the original grade to be exempt from grade-point-average calculations. Also, only freshmen reach academic dismissal starting at a 1.5 GPA. Sophomores, juniors and seniors reach dismissal at 1.7, 1.85 and 1.95, respectively.

-Pam Gomez
Academic Adviser

200 refers to some subset of the 330 that Mark heard about from another source.

2. on page 5, column 2....
incorrect: "A student is put on probation if their GPA falls below 2.00, and reaches disqualification if it drops to 1.5 or lower".

correct: "A student is put on probation if their GPA falls below 2.00; freshmen reach disqualification if it drops below 1.50, sophomores reach disqualification if it drops below 1.70, juniors reach disqualification if it drops below 1.85, and seniors reach disqualification if it drops below 1.95."

3. on page 5, column 4....
incorrect: "All grade replacements must be done before grades are finalized and academic standing is run . . ."

correct: "Only grade replacements done before grades are finalized and academic standing is run will have an impact on the standing for that term."

4. on page 5, column 4....
incorrect: "If approved, students will be allowed 18 additional quarter units."

-John Dirkse
Dean of Undergraduate Studies

The following are another set of corrections regarding the same story:

1. page 1, paragraph 2....
incorrect: "Nearly 200 students reached disqualification following Winter Quarter and were subject to dismissal."

correct: "About 330 students reached disqualification following Winter quarter."

Note: I didn't mention the number 200 in the interview, so I can't be sure that Mark wanted to refer to the total number who reached disqualification. Maybe the number

Veterans speak at Information Day

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The first Veteran's Information Day was held in the Albertson Room in the Dore' Theatre, as part of California State University, Bakersfield's Transfer Student Orientation Day, this past Saturday. The purpose of the meeting was to inform transferring veteran students of the educational benefits available to them.

Director of University Outreach, Steven Walkins said, "It was my idea. We want veterans to know about the services available in our county."

He said of some veterans: "They have a desire, but may not know the steps necessary to continue. This is an opportunity to meet key professors and walk through the process. I thought, 'we have a lot of veterans.' Some of them are going to find work; others are going to be using the G.I. Bill."

Veterans Service Representative Benjamin Rodriguez, an eight-year Army veteran with the Kern County Veterans Service Department said, "Several representatives have come out and touched base with students and faculty, but this is the first time it has been combined with orientation."

Rodriguez made veterans aware of the availability of their benefits for higher education, and assists them in "knowing where to start to collect the G.I. Bill."

He said, "Sitting down and knowing who and where your advocates are is one hurdle when you get out of the service."

Seventeen-year Marine Corps veteran William Wallace, a transfer student majoring in nursing, attended the meeting and echoed the thoughts of Walkins and Rodriguez, regarding the hurdles veterans must face to collect their benefits, saying, "The paperwork shuffle is the hardest thing."

He said the application process takes 12 weeks, and that veterans affairs offices must verify student's paper work with that of the schools they are attending. He said that many veterans who leave the military when they are young do not think about using their educational benefits until the eight-year time



Ian Nemeschy/The Runner

Attendees and presenters at CSUB Veterans Information Day.

limit to do so has passed.

Wallace mentored troops in the Marines to seek higher education, and said that word of mouth is the best way to spread information about G.I. benefits, particularly to homeless veterans.

CSUB junior music major Merritt Holloway, who was once a homeless Navy veteran who used his veterans affairs benefits to return to school, spoke at the meeting.

"I love this school," said Holloway, adding that coming to CSUB was "one of the best things I ever did." He will be playing piano at the upcoming Bakersfield Jazz Festival.

CSUB criminal justice alumnus Garrin Orr, an Army veteran, spoke at the event and began the Student Veterans of America club at CSUB, of which his wife, Army veteran Anita, is president.

Garrin, who is the veterans representative at Career Services Center, said, "I try to encourage more vets to use the G.I. Bill."

Dale Berrona, who has been the Veterans Affairs coordinator at CSUB for 30 years, attested to the need to encourage veterans to use their educational benefits, and cited a 2006 Veterans of Foreign Wars report which

stated that less than half of California veterans use their educational benefits. At the meeting, there were five transferring veteran students.

Berrona said that Gov. Schwarzenegger began a task force to make CSU, community college and University of California campuses more veteran friendly and that "CSUB was first to give veterans priority [registration], before it was law."

Berrona is not a veteran, but said, "Regardless of your politics, you have to respect a vet."

CSUB President Horace Mitchell, said at the event, "I want to very clearly express the appreciation from our community," to the attending veterans.

John Dirkse, director of Academic Operations and Support, encouraged student veterans to participate in the clubs on campus, saying, "They need you more than you might need them," referring to the unique problem solving techniques of military service men and women.

CSUB junior criminal justice major Billy Stafford, who worked in military intelligence in the Army for 25 years, said that the

Student Veterans of America association is helpful in passing information on to veterans. He also relies on the campus club as a source of fellowship.

CSUB senior criminal justice major Derrick Everly, a Navy veteran, said that the SVA club is a helpful way to connect and relate to like-minded students, referring to difficulties in relating to non-military students.

Married Army veterans Jason, an English major, and Kim Carpio, a business and public Administration major, attended the event as transfer students from Taft College.

Kim said she felt "very welcomed and privileged. It was a refreshing event, and I wasn't expecting it."

Both Carpions agreed that California universities are taking steps to welcome veterans.

Since September 11, 2001, there have been improvements to veterans' benefits to pay for higher education with the Post 9-11 G.I. Bill, which Rodriguez and Wallace both spoke of. Under the traditional Montgomery G.I. Bill, service men and women were required to pay \$100 a month from their salary for a year to take advantage of the benefits upon leaving the military.

The Post 9-11 G.I. Bill does away with that requirement, and enlistees who switch from the Montgomery G.I. Bill to the newer bill can receive the \$1,200 back. Service men and women are eligible for the 9-11 G.I. Bill if they have served 90 aggregate days after September 11, 2001.

Both bills have a 36-month entitlement limit, but students using the newer one have 15 years to use the benefit, instead of just eight, and the 15 years start from the date an enlistee might switch from the Montgomery bill to the Post 9-11 one. Rodriguez said that congress is attempting to phase out the \$100 a month for a year requirement under the Montgomery Bill.

In addition to paying for tuition and books, the Post 9-11 Bill will also pay veteran students a cost of living allowance based upon their ZIP code, and a \$1,000 a year stipend.

Radio personalities share advice during Ethics Awareness Week

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On Wednesday, April 7, Matt Munoz and Miranda Whitworth from KRAB Radio and Bakotopia were on campus to talk about ethics in social media for Ethics Awareness Week.

Whitworth was pleased with the turnout and said, "It was really cool going out to the campus hanging out in the Student Union." Munoz feels that ethics is a very important part of any facet of journalism.

In regards to ethical policy, Munoz said, "That's the first thing anybody encounters in every career, but particularly in journalism. Between me and Miranda, we're faced with it everyday."

Whitworth offered some advice to aspiring journalists: "Journalism students today have the opportunity to let it pass them by or be trailblazers. It's how they take their knowledge of journalism and the Internet and be able to market that. Don't just say, 'I'm going to be a reporter.' You have to be a marketer, too."

Munoz offered words of caution: "Somebody can creep up. There's always somebody else out there."

Whitworth and Munoz have fifteen combined years of experience in print,

broadcast and Web journalism, making them ideal speakers to educate students about ethics in the media. Whitworth has worked for Clearchannel and KRAB radio on various projects including the KRAB Morning Show, and Munoz has a weekly column in the Bakersfield Californian and formerly managed the production of Bakotopia Magazine.

But after the dissolution of the morning show and a print break for Bakotopia Magazine, their efforts are combined to bring Bakersfield an hour block of Bakotopia Radio.

When asked to describe Bakotopia Radio, Whitworth said: "The best of the Bakersfield arts and entertainment scene in one neat package. If it's something cool going on in Bakersfield, then we'll talk about it."

Munoz is proud to add to that description that Bakotopia Radio is "for locals by locals."

Bakotopia Radio allows listeners to discover new local art and allows local artists to make a name for themselves.

As an artist, Whitworth explained how to become featured on Bakotopia Radio: "If it sounds good and the production is good and you're singing on key

and you fit the format, we'll definitely give you a shot." But, a cautionary bit of advice from Munoz: "Make it sound good before you present it. Even though we're just a small one hour show, you never know who's going to be listening."

The passing of Whitworth's and Munoz's former projects was slightly sorrowful, but these broadcasters are holding their heads high and embracing the success of this new endeavor.

Munoz said: "I'm glad that we had that time with the magazine and I'm really glad that we have this. We can bring people on to speak and we can bring the musicians on to speak. It's a blast."

When asked why the Bakotopia Magazine took a print break, Munoz replied, "It's no different than any other media outlet that's been hit by the economy. It's a tough business right now. The product is still live and that's the main thing."

Fans can listen to new material from Bakotopia Radio on KRAB Radio (106.1 FM) every Sunday night from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. or stream previous episodes on the Bakotopia podcast at KRAB.com

Professors shed light on the early days of CSUB

[FACULTY, from Page 1] again- he found "construction equipment and a padlocked gate where the college was supposed to be."

After a seemingly rocky start, Suter has grown a long and fruitful, not to mention, accomplished career, which includes having worked for NASA, published his book "Health Psychophysiology," coordinating the CSUB Institutional Review Board and chairing other committees on campus. Even with all these personal accomplishments, Suter's "main focus has been getting students directly involved in science." Suter teaches

George Ketterl came to CSUB under different circumstances.

After several other jobs (at UCLA and CSULA), Ketterl stumbled into the opportunity to teach art at CSUB on

his way to interviews at UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz. He said that as a budding school, he was impressed by the philosophy that it harbored: CSUB would be a place where students and faculty were equals and there would not be the extreme and insurmountable hierarchy that pervaded other universities.

The idea of raising his children in a "landscape" rather than the city also appealed to Ketterl.

After his trip north, Ketterl returned to Los Angeles to find an onslaught of messages from the CSUB

administrators, it appeared that Ketterl appealed to CSUB just as much as the job appealed to him.

Currently, he teaches art at CSUB as well. He sees working with the students here as a privilege, saying: "I like doing it. I'm a very lucky man."

Though these two men are leagues different from one another, two similarities have emerged between them. Not surprisingly, both Suter and Ketterl are adamant in their assertion that the best part of being a member of the faculty at CSUB is the students. Ketterl said "I care about students and not much else."

The students are the factor that makes this a place worth staying for 40 years.

The second thing that they have in common is that they plan to continue their careers at the university.

When asked what is next for Dr. Suter, he simply answered, "Year 41."

Ketterl will remain at CSUB as well. He sees working with the students here as a privilege, saying: "I like doing it. I'm a very lucky man."

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Players and coaches maintain focus as potential end nears

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Mike Mendoza to position of head coach. Something Kerr had planned all along.

Bonds Not Easily Broken

Despite his retirement, Kerr still plans to be closely involved with the wrestling program as a volunteer coach. He has turned down various things that people have wanted him to do because he is just not interested. Outside of the "retirement thing," Kerr plans to do what he has always done: support the program and support Mendoza.

"There's a number of juniors and some other kids that I'm real close with," Kerr said. "People don't realize the relationship that a wrestling coach has with his athletes – it's just different."

Kerr said he calls New England Patriots guard and former CSUB wrestler Stephen Neal every week during the NFL season to make sure he is doing OK.

Neal was a two-time NCAA Division I champion at CSUB. He signed with the Patriots in 2001 and started in Super Bowl XXXIX and XLII.

"I know nothing about NFL football, but I'm there to support him," Kerr said. "Wrestling people don't turn their back on wrestling people – that's just the way it is."

The uncertainty revolving the program has made it difficult for players and coaches.

According to Kerr, all but two wrestlers are committed to coming back if the program is saved.

"That's pretty admirable," he said.

Mendoza said the coaching staff and most of the players are confident it will be done.

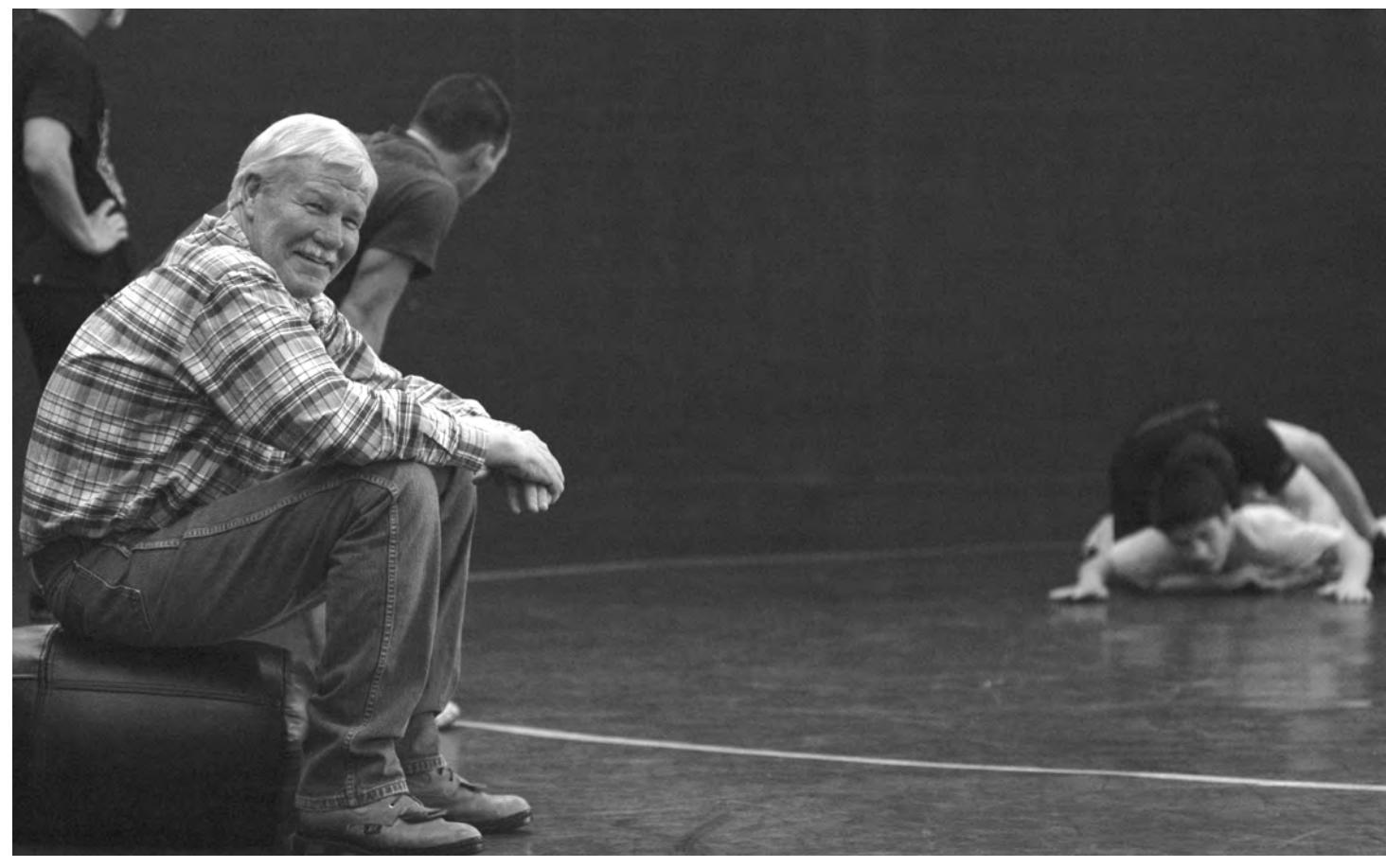
"I'm thinking optimistically," said 141-pound wrestler Elijah Nacita. "I know we have the manpower to do so."

Nacita, a junior business administration major and Bakersfield native, was surprised the school would drop such a successful program. He believes the programs can raise the \$1.4 million and plans on staying, but, "in the very worst-case scenario," is looking at other schools.

Recruiting has also been affected adversely because there is no certainty.

"We had a few great recruits that were looking at coming here, but they moved on," Mendoza said.

Recruiting has been put on the back burner for now, as



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EARLY RETIREMENT: In order to help cut costs, wrestling coach T.J. Kerr, left, announced his retirement. His retirement moves assistant coach Mike Mendoza to head coach – something Kerr had planned all along. Kerr plans on still being closely involved with the program as a volunteer coach. "Wrestling people don't turn their back on wrestling people – that's just the way it is," Kerr said.

the players' and coaches' focus is on raising the money to get the program reinstated.

The wrestling team recently held two fundraising events.

An invitation-only fundraising event was held at the Petroleum Club on April 8 and featured guests such as Dan Gable and Neal.

Gable is one of the most successful wrestlers in college history, having lost only one match in his entire career at Iowa State University, and is an Olympic gold-medal winner.

There was also a retirement dinner for Kerr April 10, at the Kern County Shrine Club.

The dinner was over Kerr's career and featured people from San Jose State – people who Kerr said were "bringing a lot more than what they're asking for."

"Hopefully we can get this thing done," Kerr said. "I can't really do anything about how things were decided, or why they were decided. I think it's a huge mistake."

Kerr wrestled at San Jose State and was the Spartans' head coach for 12 seasons before coming to CSUB. He was inducted to the SJSU Sports Hall of Fame on Sept. 12, 2008.

An Uphill Battle

The women's tennis team recently held a fundraiser on April 6 at the Bakersfield Racket Club in effort to raise money.

McCain said the programs need help from businesses in

town. The teams have been getting a lot of private donors but need more – they need the support of businesses.

McCain said that without college sports, a lot of kids would not have anything to look forward to in the city of Bakersfield. Sports, in general, teach a lot about what makes a good character as well as how to become a better person.

"Bakersfield is losing out in a major way," McCain said. "The mismanagement of funds is unfortunate, but we're going to pay the price."

The pressure to raise money is not only on the four programs being cut, but the entire Athletics Department.

According to men's soccer coach, Simon Tobin, the rest of the Athletics Department has to raise \$500,000 "just to survive as we are right now."

"All the coaches have been asked to really become fundraisers for the general fund, as well as their own sport for this year," Tobin said. "We have to accept whatever they want us to do, so we're all trying hard to get that goal."

The Roadrunner Club is kicking off its drive for the \$500,000 Thursday at one of the boosters' home.

"I've been here 23 years and we've never done \$500,000 yet, so that's going to be a tough task," Tobin said.

According to McCain, if the \$500,000 is not raised, the four sports will not be reinstated – even if it accumulates the \$1.4 million.

"It's not on just us – it's on them, too," McCain said. "The other coaches need to get their butts in gear."

The deadline for both amounts is at the end of May.

While some teams are working to raise the money, others are not as optimistic.

"In this economy, I don't know how that's going to happen," men's and women's golf

coach Dave Barber said.

According to Kyle Morrison, a junior PEAK major and member of the men's golf team, the team has not really done anything in terms of fundraising.

"We see it's basically impossible to raise the money for the four sports – to find a major corporation to support us," he said. "It's a never-ending money pit."

Morrison was "really surprised" that men's golf was being cut. The team drives to

all but one of its tournaments and has a roster of eight players, which translates to very small travel expenses.

"We're one of the cheapest sports, if not the cheapest," Morrison said. "We showed a lot of potential this year – that we can compete in the Big West Conference."

Morrison said the team wants to show the university that it is making a bad decision by playing well and showing everyone that they are a competitive team – that they should not have been cut.

The men's golf team placed second in the two tournaments it hosted this season. Morrison won the CSUB Invitational at Seven Oaks Country Club on Feb. 23, finishing five strokes ahead of the competition and taking the medal with honors.

Barber said his main concern now is making sure his players have the opportunity to play elsewhere next year.

Morrison said most of the players are looking for places to play next year, himself included.

A number of coaches have contacted Morrison, and as of right now, he is looking at UC Santa Barbara. But he admits it will not be easy.

"It's just hard as a transferring senior," he said.

Dreams Put On Hold

It is just as hard for freshman Gabby Horton, who was sold on playing tennis for CSUB when she came to visit.

It has been her dream to play college tennis, especially

of their current contract terms, no later than June 30.

But both Thorneycroft and Horton prefer to be able to play tennis for CSUB next year.

Thorneycroft has played at CSUB for the past three years and would love to play out her senior year. To not be able to do so is "a bit disheartening."

"It's so hard to look around and think these might not be my courts next year and I won't see my team anymore," said Horton. "But at the same time, we can't give up yet. We can still save it."

Horton's decision to stay a year if tennis is not reinstated is strictly a financial one. She plans on maybe going to Long Island University and playing for the 2011-12 season. While in Bakersfield, she plans on playing in a lot of tournaments and to keep training as if she was in season.

For Thorneycroft, it would be best if she stayed.

"I'd love to play out my senior year. But to move and relocate would just be too much of a hassle for me, especially at this stage when I'm almost finished (with school)," she said.

Thorneycroft has played sports all her life, and plans on picking up another if she is not playing tennis next year. Not playing a sport is "not an option" for her. She is looking at possibly trying track and field.

The pending program cuts



Mark Nessia/The Runner
Women's tennis coach Dan McCain, center, addresses his players during practice. McCain said Bakersfield is "losing out in a major way" because without college sports, a lot of kids will not have anything to look forward to.

McCain said. "They're literally not going to be able to go to college as a result of this cut. The careers they were trying to build are now over, unless they can play elsewhere."

When the cuts happened, a lot of realizations came all at once for Horton.

"This was a four-year plan and it became a one-year plan," she said. "I was in panic mode, but as time went on, it got a lot easier."

Horton plans to stay for a year, even if tennis is not reinstated, as will Thorneycroft, who will be entering her senior year.

Student-athletes receiving athletic scholarships that choose to stay at CSUB will have their scholarship honored through the 2010-11 academic year. Those who choose to transfer will be able to do so with immediate eligibility, given proper NCAA and institutional requirements are met.

Coaches will remain CSUB employees through the end



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Wearing a "Save CSUB Wrestling" T-shirt, 149-pound redshirt sophomore Calvin Miller, right, wrestles fellow redshirt sophomore Anthony Box during a P.E. class Kerr runs Thursday afternoon.

"Even if it's not a winning record, we still won as a family," she said.



Senior second baseman Brandon Boren turns a key double play against CSUN.

Defense key as CSUB gets win

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The CSUB baseball team improved its record to 13-15 with a 6-3 victory over CSUN on Friday, April 9.

With solid defense behind him, starting pitcher Mickey Jannis was able to pitch a complete game, allowing three runs on 12 hits and no walks. The win marked Jannis' second complete game of the season and also the second no-hitter game in the program's young history.

Defensively, the 'Runners were able to keep CSUN from starting any kind of rally. In the fourth inning, sophomore catcher Jeremy Rodriguez threw out CSUN's Ryan Pineda as he tried to steal second. In the top of the fifth inning, with one out and a runner on first, the 'Runners' infield was able to turn a double play stopping any kind of threat from the CSUN offense.

Even when things seemed a bit shaky for Jannis, the defense, anchored by senior second baseman Brandon Boren, came up with big plays. In the top of the sixth Jannis gave up a single and hit the next batter to have run-

ners on first and second. With just one out in the inning, CSUN's Dominic D'Anna singled through the left side to score a runner. Still the 'Runners kept their composure and were able to get a double play to end the CSUN threat yet again.

The 'Runners had no errors in the game.

Besides the defense, the 'Runners were able to get key hits throughout the game to insure a 'Runner victory. Head coach Bill Kernen feels his program has Division I hitting and they showed it with 10 hits and 6 runs.

"Mr. Consistency," aka Boren, went 2 for 5 with two RBIs. With the hits, Boren extended his hitting streak to 16-straight games. Senior Jason Kudlock also had a pair of hits including a triple that hit the center field wall and an RBI double.

With the season at the midway point, the 'Runners have matched last year's total victories at 13. The second half of the season will see the 'Runners hit the road as 17 of their last 25 games will be away games.

The 'Runners will host a three-game series against UC Davis starting Friday, April 16, at Hardt Field.

Upcoming Home Games

Men's Baseball

Fri, Apr. 16 vs. UC Davis @ 2:30 p.m.
Sat, Apr. 17 vs. UC Davis @ 1 p.m.
Sun, Apr. 18 vs. UC Davis @ 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Thu, Apr. 15 vs. Cal State Fullerton @ 2 p.m.*

Men's Soccer

Fri, Apr. 16 vs. Cal State Northridge @ 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Sat, Apr. 17 vs. Fresno St. @ 11 a.m.
Sat, Apr. 17 vs. Cal Poly @ 2 p.m.

* Tennis game to be played at Sally Ann Silva Tennis Courts



Courtesy of Sports Information

Male Athlete of the Week

Junior pitcher Matt Reyes pitched a complete-game shutout against Cal State Northridge on April 10. The 5-0 win improves his record to 2-1 and is only the second shutout for the 'Runners program. Reyes has 27 strikeouts with a 3.19 ERA in 42.1 innings pitched. The 'Runners head to Fresno State on April 13 before a three-game home series against UC Davis starting April 16.

Female Athlete of the Week

Senior driver Alyson Moss recorded 12 goals in four games at the Bronco Invitational hosted by Santa Clara University. Moss helped the 'Runners win three of four games and netted hat tricks against Sonoma State and No. 6 San Jose State. The No. 20-ranked 'Runners will end the regular season against Long Beach State on April 17 before competing in the WWPA Championship Tournament starting April 30.

Winds blow in favor of LMU as the Lions sweep series against CSUB



Catcher Jaimey Kleinsmith, right, talks with pitcher Katie Chavez in the circle against LMU.

By Juan Torres
Staff Writer

On a very windy Sunday, the 'Runners dropped the first of a doubleheader game against the Loyola Marymount Lions in dramatic fashion.

The wind played a factor all throughout the game with gusts reaching as high as 40 mph in some cases, giving some hits an extra push with some foul balls going farther than in normal conditions.

The Lions scored first with a run in the third, but the 'Runners answered back with a run in the fourth and three runs in the sixth, with Heather Veitch, Ryane Petersen and Kristen Archuleta leading the way in hits.

The 'Runners were able to stop a run coming in from the Lions with an out at home plate with catcher Jaimey Kleinsmith denying the run to the Lions, but it wasn't enough though.

The Lions were able to get a run in at the bottom of the sixth with a missed pop fly which brought the score to 4-2. In the last inning, the Lions were able to rally in this inning with three runs.

The 'Runners' pitcher Katie Chavez had two strikeouts, allowed nine hits and four walks. Twice both the catcher and assistant coach Christie Hill went to the circle to talk to Chavez.

A single in the bottom of the seventh from the Lions drove in the winning run to secure the victory.



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