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Sides clash during Iran debate at CSUB

By Nathan Campbell
Editor-in-Chief



Nathan Campbell/The Runner
Bahram Moshiri speaks in favor of military intervention with Iran.

Last Tuesday, Nathan Gonzalez and Bahram Moshiri squared off in the Student Union Multi-Purpose Room over the controversial topic of global affairs with Iran. The two men were invited to talk at CSUB by the Global Affairs Club as part of the public forum entitled "Iran – U.S. Relations: Compromise or Confrontation?"

Gonzalez is the author of "Engaging Iran: The Rise of a Middle East Powerhouse and America's Strategic Choice," and has been recognized by UCLA for his research on Iraq.

Moshiri is a former resident of Iran who holds degrees in Material Science and Chemical Engineering. Moshiri is the author of "From Athens to Hiroshima," and is a scholar of Iranian history.

The debate was moderated by Kiyoshi Tomono from KGET Channel 17.

Gonzalez was the first speaker to take the podium and spoke in favor of a diplomatic approach to relations with Iran. According to Gonzalez, the United States has a "policy that is leading toward confrontation" with Iran.

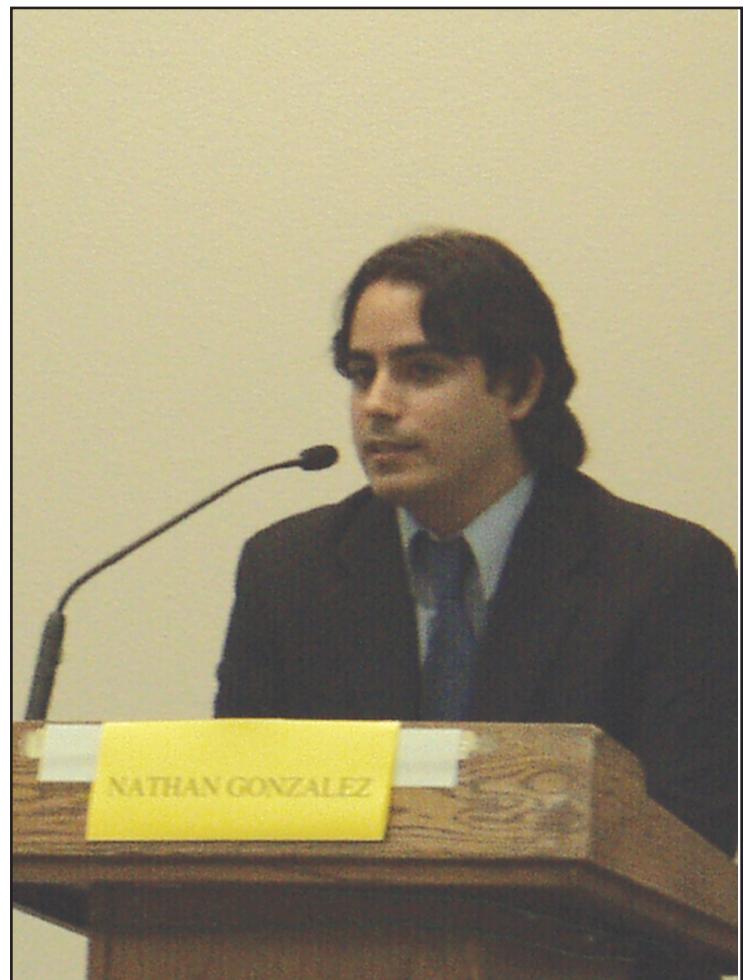
Gonzalez argued that the U.S. and Iran have mutual interests including the stability of the government in Iraq. He also said that Iran's population is pro-American, and that a diplomatic approach would probably have a favorable outcome.

Moshiri said he believes that Iran's nuclear power will be a threat if it is not taken care of immediately. Moshiri also said that the people of Iran hate their current regime, and an armed conflict with Iran would likely receive the backing of the Iranian people.

The event allowed each side to speak, and then allowed each side to comment on the statements of the other.

The stimulating debate roused the packed audience, and people streamed forward to the mic for the question and answer session. There was such an overwhelming response, that a line was made for asking questions that had to be moved, because the line was blocking video cameras.

After the debate, Gonzalez sold and signed copies of his book, and both sides, as well as related interest groups, stayed around to speak with interested audience members.



Nathan Campbell/The Runner
Nathan Gonzalez argues for engaging Iran diplomatically.

Life behind a barbed wire fence

By Jenica Kent
Staff Writer

The crowded room fell silent as speaker Ellen Miller stood at the podium to introduce Ben Nagatani, a Japanese internment camp survivor, last Monday in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Student Union.

Ellen Miller began by telling the audience that she met Mr. Nagatani while she was working on her thesis in college. Miller interviewed him as a part of her research on the Japanese during the depression. She explained that her focus was on the Japanese in local counties such as Kern County and Tulare County.

Miller also discussed history of Japanese immigration, marriage, and rights in the United States during World War II. She talked about how the United States outlawed the interracial marriage between an Asian American and a Caucasian and how an American citizen who married a non American citizen automatically lost their citizenship in order to prevent the Japanese population from immigrating to the United States and producing more children. Miller explained various reasons why a Japanese family or person would want to move to the U.S., their success in agriculture in America, as well as the discrimination they faced from Americans who felt threatened that the Japanese were taking jobs and ruining the Western culture.

Miller read quotes from some of the people she interviewed in order to give the audience an idea of the sentiment during the time of the depression. One quote discussed how people were refused enlistment in the U.S. army because they were seen as alien enemies.



Photo by Jenica Kent
Ben Nagatani speaks to a CSUB audience Tuesday night.

Before Mr. Nagatani took the podium Miller introduced a couple of key terms to the audience, which would allow them to better understand the information that would be presented during the speech.

Nagatani was only 13 years old when he was put in his first internment. He described his experience in the internment camps as an "insane odyssey" He would live in three over a course of one year, two which were named Jerome Arkansas and Rohmer Arkansas.

Nagatani began discussing how all Japanese fathers in the Bakersfield/Delano area were arrested and taken to a

Bakersfield jail before sent to an internment camp and how all Japanese persons who lived throughout the coast had 48 hours to move inland before military force was taken. They were required to only take what they could carry, but items like cameras, record players and souvenirs were not permitted.

Six Greyhound buses were said to have taken them to the internment camp, but Nagatani has no recollection of who took them to the internment camps and how they got there.

Nagatani explained what the internment camps were like to the audience. He described the barracks, the strategically placed guard towers and the barbed wire fences.

"There were 20 barracks. They were 20x100 feet and divided into six groups. The guard towers were equipped with search lights and an armed

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'Lend Me a Tenor'

By Erica Juarez
Staff Writer

"Lend Me a Tenor" received a cheering applause for their astounding performance.

"Lend Me a Tenor" is a play about a man named Max who had been a follower instead of a leader.

Henry, played by Adam McCabe, is his boss and his girl friend Maggie's, played by Toni Kerley, father. He is scared of Henry and listens to his every order.

Henry is arranging a concert and has invited famous opera singer Tito Merelli to be the star in the show.

Tito comes to perform for him and he brings along his wife Maria, played by Andrea Sanchez, whom are having marital problems. Maria is angry at Tito for flirting with women and accuses him of cheating. "He loves da bosoms," said Maria.

Maggie is Tito's number one fan and is so infatuated with the man and his music that she ignores Max and his marriage proposal.

Before the concert begins Maria is fed up of Tito's deception, that she leaves him. This leaves Tito devastated. He overdoses on medication and is

presumed dead. This causes an up roar for Henry who decides he wants Max to sing in place of Tito, that no one will ever know he is not the real Tito Merelli. It is then that the drama begins.

Max and Maggie's relationship is put to the test. Love is very interested and anxious to know the outcome of the play?

Lend me a Tenor, a play by Ken Ludwig and directed by Zoë Saba, took place at the CSUB Dore Theater and had exciting reviews from the public.

Marla Delgadillo said, "My favorite part was the end when they re-enacted the whole play in three minutes."

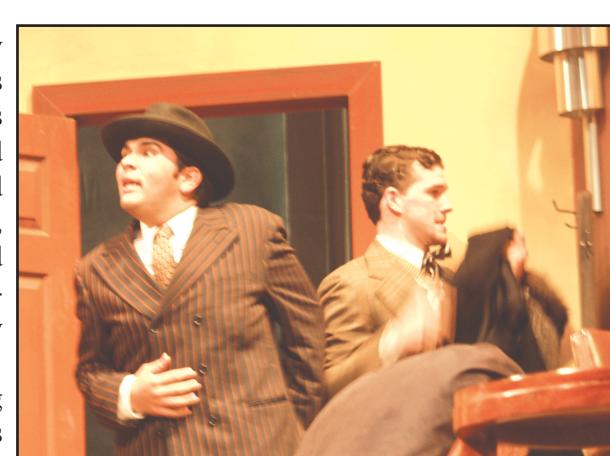
Jessica Aleman loved the character Max, played by Max Jacobs. She described his character as a man who is timid, scared and hopeful. "He was so funny when he was being taught to sing opera by Tito Merelli," played by Michael Mejia. "He was being taught to yell, express himself and to come out of that shell

that keeps him from experiencing the excitement life has to offer."

The actors such as Jacobs, Mejia and McCabe are all students at CSUB.

Jacobs is a drama major that once he graduates he hope to teach high school drama.

Mejia is an English major. He hopes to write sitcoms. McCabe, the actor who had to turn into a selfish man to fit the role, he is also an English major and his passion revolves around television and radio. "It was a good play and I enjoyed watching every minute of it," said. Delgadillo.



Juan Torres/Runner
Henry welcoming Tito Merelli to his apartment.

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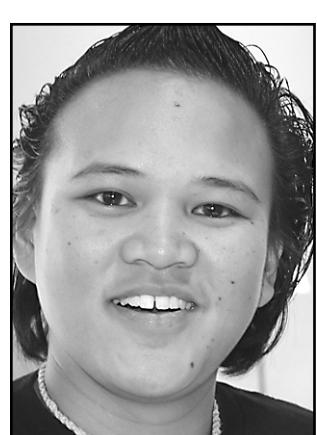
By Emily Shapiro

This Week, The Runner asked, "What would make CSUB a better place to be?"



"More parking, smaller classes."

Nancy Rodriguez
Freshman,
Biology



"A parking garage structure, a football team and more classes offered, that would be better."

Shelle Cura,
Junior, Nursing



"Entertainment, so it keeps kids on campus instead of going off campus."

Steven Mele
Senior, Marketing



"More school spirit."

Grecia Barrera
Sophomore,
Business

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BPA searches for permanent Dean

By Emily Shapiro
Assistant News Editor

"I see the Business and Public Administration School as educating business leaders, managers and as being a resource to the business community," said Dr. Dennis Guseman, candidate for the BPA dean position.

The search for a permanent dean continues, with the BPA Dean Search Committee heading up the process.

The search committee, comprised of 10 faculty and staff members, has had to look through many applications in order to determine who would be best for the school.

"We have launched a national solicitation for national and international candidates, a sort of national call. We have received 24 applicants and from these we have narrowed the selection to five applicants," said John Stark, chair of Management, which is a part of the BPA School.

The five applicants are Dr. Anthony Rhee, Dr. Dennis Guseman, Dr. Gordon Patzer, Dr. John Emery and Dr. Renee Florsheim.

Dr. Anthony Rhee is Campus Dean and Professor at Sorrell College, Troy University Montgomery Campus in Montgomery, Alabama.

Among Rhee's many accomplishments is a recently initiated a co-op partnership with HMMA (Hyundai Motor Manufacturing of Alabama). He is in the process of developing on-site bachelor and master programs for Hyundai's 3,000 employees.

He earned his B.S., M.A. and Ph.D from Kent State University.

Dr. Dennis Guseman is the Dean of Business Administration at CSU San Marcos. He is not a new face to CSUB.

In 1988-1992 he was the Department Chair of Marketing at CSUB and from 1992-93 he was the Interim Dean for the BPA school.

He earned his B.B.A. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing from Wichita State University. He also earned his M.S.B.A. in Marketing from Wichita State University and his D.B.A. in Marketing from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Dr. Gordon Patzer hails from Chicago, Illinois. He is the Dean of the Walter E. Heller College of Business Administration at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

He is also a familiar face in the CSU system, having served for four years as the Dean of the College of Business Administration at CSU Stanislaus from

Aug. 1995-July 1999 and as the Dean of the BPA at CSU San Bernardino from July 199-September 2003.

He earned his B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Business Administration from Minnesota State University Moorehead. He has an MS in Psychology from Pittsburg State University in Kansas and an MBA from the University of Minnesota Minneapolis.

He earned his Ph.D in Business Administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Dr. John Emery is the Dean of Business Administration at The University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

Emery also had CSU experience; from 1985-1994 he served as professor and department chair of finance in the School of Business and Economics at CSU Fullerton.

While at CSU Fullerton, he chaired the University Strategic Planning Committee through the budget collapse of the early 1990s.

He earned his BS/BA in Building Industry and Real Estate and his MBA in Finance from the University of Denver and his Ph.D in Finance and Real Estate at the University of

Washington.

Dr. Renee Florsheim is the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

She is also a licensed attorney and Notary Public by the state of California. She has taught overseas in countries such as the United Kingdom, Japan, Belgium, Germany, France and Ireland. She has held a variety of administrative positions, including Chair of Marketing and Business Law, and also was a member of the Chief Academic Officer's Council.

She holds a BS in Hotel/Restaurant Management, an M.B.A. in Marketing, a Ph.D in Marketing and a J.D. from Loyola Law School.

The search for a new dean is a time-consuming process. According to John Stark, after the five candidates are interviewed, the committee will then welcome input from BPA faculty and staff, the business community and other university faculty and students.

Based on this information, the committee will choose the three top candidates and will forward to Provost Coley, who will then confer with Dr. Mitchell. According to Stark, Dr. Mitchell has the final say.

Urban planning expert to speak at CSUB

Story provided by Public Information

James Kunstler, a nationally known urban planning expert and author, will speak in the Icardo Center at California State University, Bakersfield on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

In a slide-illustrated talk, he will examine what he views as failed, sprawl-inducing urban planning models of the past and suggest future solutions for Bakersfield.

Kunstler has analyzed the current state of policy regarding growth development, both in Bakersfield and Kern County.

As the author of "The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-made Landscape" and "Home from Nowhere: Remaking Our Everyday World for the 21st Century," Kunstler has long been recognized as a fierce proponent of New Urbanism, strident critic of sprawl and the high costs and inefficiencies associated with an automobile-centric

culture.

His latest book, "The Long Emergency: Surviving the End of the Oil Age, Climate Change, and Other Converging Catastrophes of the Twenty-first Century" (2005), expands on his past critiques of suburbia by exploring the sweeping economic, political and social changes that will result from the end of access to cheap fossil fuels.

"The future will require us to build better places, or the future will belong to other people in other soci-

eties," Kunstler said.

The talk is sponsored by the CSUB environmental resources management program, the CSUB Public Policy and Administration department, the Kern-Kaweah chapter of the Sierra Club, and the Central California section of the American Planning Association.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Douglas Dodd in the History department at CSUB at (661) 654-6815 or at ddodd@csu.edu.

CSUB and Federal Reserve to host symposium

Story provided by Public Information

California State University, Bakersfield's School of Business and Public Administration in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco will host a symposium on the Federal Reserve System on Thursday, Nov. 8, from 6 to 9:45 p.m. at the Business Development Center, room B153.

The symposium is a partnership between the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and selected universities in the 12th Federal Reserve District. Its purpose is to enrich the

economics curriculum of undergraduate students through presentations and dynamic simulations relating to the Fed.

During the first half of the program, professional staff from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco will make presentations on the Fed, current banking conditions and trends, and the Federal Open Market Committee's role in conducting monetary policy.

In addition, there will be a simulated meeting of the Committee. And as in actual meetings, a Federal Reserve economist will provide an economic briefing.

The briefing will be followed by a

simulated meeting with CSUB economics students taking on the role of Committee members and voting on monetary policy and the target federal funds interest rate. The program will conclude with the Fed participants debriefing the simulation and opening the floor to the audience for questions.

Mark Evans, interim dean for the School of Business and Public Administration, said: "This will be an especially interesting symposium for students interested in economics and finance and for professionals who have a vital interest in monitoring credit conditions and the current economic outlook."

"The School of Business and Public Administration is very excited about this opportunity to directly involve professionals from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in the education of our economics majors," Evans added.

"This truly is higher education at its best. We look forward to opening up our macroeconomics classroom on this evening to other students and the community."

The symposium is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Evans at (661) 654-2157 or at mevans@csu.edu.

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By Ashley Sizemore
Staff Writer

Country Boy Drive-In

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Bagels & Blenders

Bagels & Blenders, 8200 Stockdale Highway Suite K1, is a good place to satisfy your breakfast needs. They serve unbelievable smoothies and have a great assortment of bagels. Because let's face it, they have what you can't get at Starbucks or Supreme Bean or Jamba Juice. It's all three combined into heaven. It's across from the Garden District flower shop. The atmosphere is all about professionalism. You can see the businesswoman having coffee reading the paper, the morning jogging club meeting for post run smoothies and the students who are on the way to class grabbing a breakfast sandwich. No matter what your type, you'll be welcome here.

Caesars Italian Delicatessen

If you are looking for a great sandwich, Caesars, 9500 Brimhall Road No.304 or 4701 Wilson Road, or is the way to go. They have speedy but great service and even offer Italian meals you couldn't usually get at a sandwich shop.

China Bistro

As a college student, I've learned that I really want something to fill my appetite. Chinese food does just that. China Bistro, 9000 Ming Ave. Suite F2, is located at the Marketplace and offers a variety of different combos while maintaining a speedy service.

Baja Fresh

I'm always seeing students at Baja Fresh. It's a great place to study and enjoy a great meal. It's a little pricey however their quality of food makes up for it entirely. It's definitely worth that extra dollar. The closest Baja Fresh is in the Marketplace next to Jamba Juice.

Toro Sushi

Toro is a newer addition to the marketplace that offers high quality Japanese cuisine. Toro has a sushi bar with all of the typical sushi rolls as well as a nicely dec-

orated traditional dining area. For college students the prices may be a bit steep, but happy hour specials offer discounts on certain rolls and drinks.

Miyoshi Sushi

Miyoshi Sushi is another excellent restaurant located across the street from CSUB on the Stockdale Highway side. They offer a wide selection of sushi as well as teriyaki dishes. Miyoshi is priced similarly to Toro, however for sushi fans, it is worth every cent.

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Calling all interested persons and members of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Our next meeting is this **Friday, November 9th 2007**, at 2 p.m. in the Pub in the Student Union.

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guard," said Nagatani. "If we were really there for our protection the guards and the search lights would have been facing outward instead in towards us."

Nagatani also talked about the living conditions in the internment camps as well as the feel-

ings he possessed while in the internment camps. Then he went on to talk about his life after being released from the internment camps.

He was the first Japanese at Delano High school after the war and he was often discriminated

against. People would lash out racial slurs and try to fight him because of his ethnicity. He was able to befriend one boy who endured being called a "Japan-Lover" for the sake of doing what was right.

Nagatani finished by saying, "I

do not have any animosity against our government. They did what they had to do and what was done is done."

At the end of the speeches the audience was free to ask questions which were answered by Miller and Nagatani.

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San Francisco State upsets Runners

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team fell in a heart breaker, 76-73, to San Francisco State, a team that they've dominated over the years.

The Gators came into Bakersfield as a basketball team that was better than they've been in a while. The Runners came into the game as one of NCAA's newest members in Division I.

Early in the first half the Gators took control of the pace of the game and were able to establish a small lead. The Runners were able to keep up with the Gators, never letting their lead grow larger than four in the first half. The Runners took the lead a few times and tied the game six times in the first half, but never had a lead larger than two in the game.

The Runners had plenty of opportunities to establish themselves inside but continually failed to finish around the rim. They shot 23 percent from the field in the first half with many of those misses coming in the paint.

"In the first half, we had 15 offensive rebounds and we only made eight field goals. We were eight for 35 from the floor," said head coach Keith Brown. "We didn't play strong when we needed to play strong, we had posses-

sions where we needed to go back up on the rim and we didn't get good balance. We got stripped several times and missed some shots down there."

CSUB went into half time leading in rebounds, had fewer turnovers and shot more free throws, but still trailed by two because of poor shooting and their inability to finish in the paint.

The Runners were being led in scoring by junior college transfer Terrance Johns who had 12 points. Senior guard Zach Grasmick led the Runners in assists at the half with three.

The second half the Runners were able to pick up their intensity and energy to pick up the pace of the game to complement their guard heavy roster.

The Runners were able to take the lead back with about 13 minutes left to play off a Ryan Brown lay-up. The next two minutes the lead went back and forth.

The Gators were able to go on a run to extend their lead to nine points being led by David Van Someren who finished with 19 points.

The Runners came roaring back with great interior play by Santwon Latunde and some big shots by guard Donavan Bragg, and Brown.

With 1:37 left to play the game was tied by a Latunde lay-up. The Gators' Chris Rodriguez hit a big jump shot on the other end to give the Gators a two-point advantage. Bragg was fouled on the ensuing possession, but only made one of two free throws.

An uncontested Van Someren lay-up gave the Gators a three-point lead with 50 seconds left to play with the ball in the Runners' hands.

Latunde found an open Grasmick who hit a big three-point shot to tie the game with 39 seconds left to play.

The Gators' Van Someren grabbed a wild pass and threw up a three pointer that fell through the net with 1.2 seconds left to play. Grasmick got a shot off as time expired, but the shot was off and the Gators escaped with the win.

"I like the way we responded in the second half. We played with some energy. I thought we did a nice job of attacking, making decisions and being aggressive. I thought we rushed some things offensively, which led us to force some things. We made some big shots when we needed to, but there were some things defensively that gave them some extra possessions," said Coach Brown.



Guard Tiffany Belt drives by a Melbourne Roos defender.

Runners defeat Melbourne Roos by 14

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor

Last Monday the Women's basketball team won their first home exhibition game 94-80 against Melbourne Roos, a team from Australia.

The Runners came out in the first half flat footed. They seemed uninterested and were lacking intensity.

Sophomore guard Tiffany Belt hit an early three to give the Runners a lead that they wouldn't relinquish. The Runners were able to expand their lead to 12 with about 10 minutes left to play in the first half before the Roos made a run that would cut the lead to one with about five minutes left to play in the half.

"I thought we could have picked up the pressure a little bit more. Help defense needs to be a little bit better. We got the win, but we can improve," said Belt. She finished with 12 points.

The Roos' Chantella Perera and Claire McLeod gave their team the spark to cut the lead to one. McLeod went into halftime with nine points and six rebounds. Perera forced a couple turnovers and had six points at halftime.

Junior guard Christine

Kepenedian provided an offensive spark off the bench. After the lead was cut to one, she came in the last 4:30 to score five points and grabbed one key offensive rebound.

The Melbourne Roos were able to shoot 61.1 percent from the field and went to the free throw line 11 times in the first half despite being down 12.

"There was an offensive display for both teams," said head coach Tim La Kose. "There wasn't a lot of defense played tonight, the final score was 94-80, that's a lot of points for an early season exhibition game. On the bright side, we scored 94 points. On the negative side, we gave up 80. We had to many breakdowns defensively tonight."

The second half was a completely different story. They came out with improved energy, forced some turnover and hit six of their first seven shots, including both of their three-point attempts.

The Runners were able to extend their lead to 20 points in the first two minutes of the second half.

The Runners played more aggressive than they did in the first half, especially the backcourt. Junior point guard Krista

Arase had three second half points, assists and rebounds. Arase finished with five points, eight assists and four steals.

"We're definitely small this year. We need to keep the pressure up so we can keep the ball out of the middle and keep the pressure on the defense. We have a lot of work to do," said Arase.

Junior off guard Kelly Tarver started the second half off with two early assists and scored seven of her nine points in the second half.

Kepenedian lead the Runners with 17 points. Naomi Johnson added 16 points and seven rebounds.

Freshman center Shawnee Carter started off her collegiate career with two jittery misses, but finished strong with 12 points. Nikki Leon also added 12.

The Roos' McLeod finished with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Perera finished with 16 points and 9 assists.

"We're happy to be home here in the Icardo Center," said La Kose. "It's a great atmosphere for the students and out fans."

The Runners season opener is Friday Night at the Icardo Center against UC San Diego.



Guard Donavan Bragg drives past a San Francisco defender.

CSUB Men's and Women's Swimming

Courtesy of Sports Information

Mens Swimming

The CSUB men's swim team picked up its first dual meet win of the season with a 165-125 victory over visiting UC San Diego at the Hillman Aquatics Center Saturday afternoon.

CSUB won nine of the 12 swimming events contested en route to the win. Junior Henry Holmberg and senior Alexy Bely led the way with three events wins apiece for the Roadrunners.

Freshman Luka Leskur chipped in a pair of victories. Leskur also swam lead-off for Bakersfield's victorious 400 medley relay team to give the Roadrunners an early lead they would not relinquish.

Holmberg's first win came in the 1,000 free where he beat Bely by 18 seconds with a solid early-season time of 9:38.88. Holmberg also cruised to victory in the 200 butterfly in 1:54.53, beating UCSD's Michael Schwartz to the wall by nearly five seconds. He closed out his

treble with a 14-second victory over teammate Nathan Vizcarra in the 500 free, finishing in 4:36.18.

Bely notched his first win of the day by going 59.62 to hold off UCSD's Brandon Maryatt in the 100 breaststroke. He came back to add victories in the 200 breaststroke (2:10.27) and 200 individual medley (2:00.52).

Women's Swimming

Despite double victories from three swimmers, the CSUB women's swim team couldn't hold off UC San Diego as the Tritons edge the Roadrunners 159-136 Saturday at the Hillman Aquatics Center in Bakersfield.

Although she swam under the weather, sophomore Astrid Amsalem dominated in the 1,000 free, winning by more than 21 seconds in 10:59.32. She still had enough petrol in the tank to out touch teammate Leah Faber by 23/100ths of a second to win the 500 free in 5:20.65.

Team captain Lexi Kelly also pulled off a double. She just beat

UCSD's Carianne Cunningham to the wall to win an exciting 200 butterfly in 2:13.25. She came back to win the final individual event of the day by posting a four-second victory over UCSD's Tori Edmiston in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:15.82.

CSUB's final double came in diving, where sophomore Victoria Kreutz was victorious on both the one and three meter boards. She started the day by scoring 227.50 to win on the low board before scoring 249.00 to post a convincing win on the three-meter board.

"We had a lot of people battling injury and illness this week and, considering what they battled through I thought it was a monumental performance," said CSUB Head Coach Pat Skehan. "There were so many gutsy performances that I hate to single out just one, but even though she was ill, Astrid was brilliant once again on a day when most athletes wouldn't even have come to the pool."

Courtesy of the Bakersfield Jam

Following the conclusion of Thursday's draft, the roster for the Bakersfield Jam's training camp is now set at 16 players. The roster includes three returning players from last year's team, the 10 draft picks from Thursday's NBA Development League draft, including two from Cal State Bakersfield standouts, and three players selected from the Jam tryouts in October. The 16 players do not include any players that will be assigned to the Jam by their NBA affiliates, the Golden State Warriors and Sacramento Kings.

"I think we're better in every area than last year heading into the season," says Jim Harrick, head coach of the Jam. "We wanted to be more athletic at every position and without question we accomplished that. In addition, with the potential assignment players from our affiliates, we expect to get off to a strong start."

Returning for the Jam is forward Brandon Bowman, center Roderick Riley and guard Yuta Tabuse. Bowman appeared in 43 games with the club last year, appearing in 43 games, 29 of them starts, averaging 11.4 ppg and 5.7 rpg. Riley returns as the only Jam player to appear in all 50 games last season, 14 of them starts. The 6'11" big man averaged 5.8 ppg and 4.9 ppg, ending the season on a high note by posting 20 points and 18 rebounds in the Jam's last game.

Tabuse, a Jam fan favorite who is the only Japanese-born player to appear in the NBA, appeared in 43 games for the Jam, ranking third on the team in assists while averaging just over six points per game.

The Jam's first selection in the draft was Jamison Brewer, a 6'4" guard from Auburn University who played with the Indiana Pacers and New York Knicks during a five-year NBA career. The Jam also selected former Cal guard Brian Wethers, a 6'4"

Bakersfield Jam drafts two former Runners