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SRC

Center to make splash with new pool

Aquatics center to be funded with student fee, if passed

By Sonia Lemus
News Editor

A vote is waiting approval for a new aquatics center at CSU Bakersfield. If passed through a student fee referendum, students will have to foot the bill.

The SRC released a survey asking students to rank what they would want most in an aquatics center.

Some of the suggestions are hot tubs, hammocks and even a spa.

"We live in Southern California, and it is warm here most of the time, so we want to provide students a recreational fitness opportunity," said Director of the SRC Mary O'Mahoney.

O'Mahoney said that CSUB wants to build the aquatics center to help with retention rates, and recruitment.

They have considered hosting freshman orientation in the new aquatics center.

Students go and visit several campuses when they are looking for where they are going to go to college or where they are going to apply. They can see that other campuses have these great pool areas, now they would see that CSUB has a pool area also, according to O'Mahoney.

"It will definitely be a top grade pool," said O'Mahoney.

She said that they have already started working with one of the top aquatics company in the country to design the pool.

"It will be student funded for the most part," said O'Mahoney.

The funding for the aquatics center is expected to come from students

through a student fee referendum. The proposal is expected to be written by Associated Students, Inc.

"If they are going to add more to the tuition [fee], they should apply it to a broader range of students and use it for the aquatics center," said Mikaela Becina, a freshman biochemistry major.

If the fee proposal is approved, students will see this increase in their Fall 2018 tuition fees.

ASI is expected to vote on the resolution Friday, Jan. 26.

However, the actual building of the project isn't expected to begin until about another two years.

"Students who graduate will have access to the pool depending on how many semesters they paid the fee. We would also probably have a family reduction price," said O'Mahoney.

Additionally, the aquatics center is expected to bring more student on-campus jobs where they would be working as lifeguards or other available positions.

O'Mahoney said that the aquatics center would also bring new intramural sports such as underwater hockey and synchronized swimming.

They could also introduce scuba classes, lifeguard classes, and swimming classes.

During summer break or winter break when most students are not on campus, the aquatics area may be rented for community events to help make some additional income.

However, its main purpose is to serve students.

"We are never going to push students away for other community



Peter Castillo/The Runner

The Student Recreation Center maybe creating new recreational activities for students with the addition of a new aquatics center. A possible location for the center is the corner of Don Hart Drive East and Kroll Way.

events," said O'Mahoney.

O'Mahoney said student input into the project is very important for them, as the purpose of the pool is to serve the student body.

The SRC will also be hosting a town hall meeting to learn more about what students want in the

aquatics center.

CSUB does have a pool area already available, the John S. Hillman Memorial Aquatics Center.

However, it is mainly used by the men's and women's swimming teams and it is only open to students for one hour of the day.

"If you are going to include a pool, it should have a social feel because we already have an athletic pool area," said Javier Contreras, a biology major.

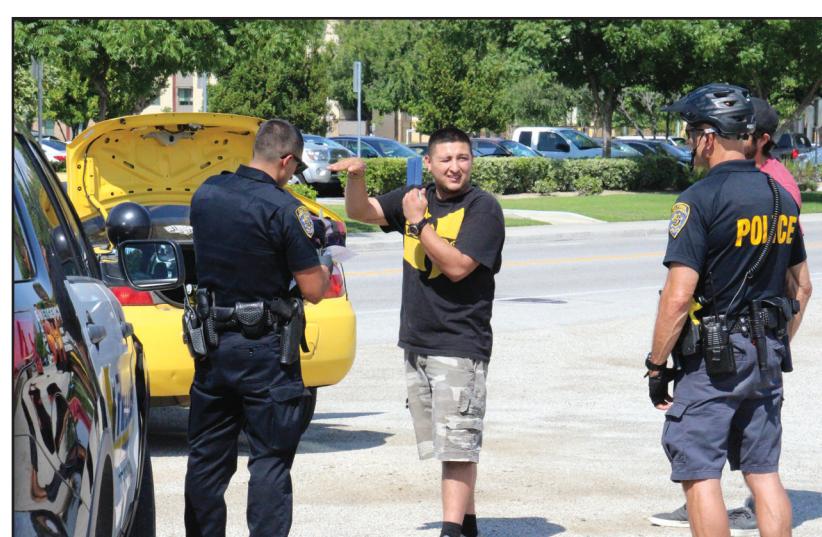
The potential location for the aquatics center is on the corner of Don Hart Drive East and Kroll Way.

The survey will be available for students to take until Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Students can find the survey by going on to the SRC's Instagram page and click the link in the bio.

POLICIES

Despite law change, marijuana still not permitted on campus



The Runner Archives

Two males were cited by campus police for possession of marijuana on campus in May 2016. CSUB still prohibits the use of pot on campus.

By Sonia Lemus
News Editor

On Jan. 1, 2018 the recreational use of marijuana became legal in the state of California.

However, CSU Bakersfield still does not permit the recreational use of marijuana on campus.

Kimberly Morton, a nursing major, said that she is neither for or against the new law.

"I can't really say I am pro, but if anyone wants to do it then they should be able to," said Morton.

Nursing major Emily Tovar said why she is not happy with the new law.

"I am asthmatic, and with the approval of the law, I am not looking forward to it. It is probably going

to make our air quality get even worse," said Tovar.

Tovar also said she has a concern for minors.

"[The level of people using marijuana] is probably going to skyrocket in minors, too," said Tovar.

Executive Order 1108 issued by the CSU Chancellor's Office, which was introduced to all CSU presidents on April 7, 2017, prohibits the use of any smoke or tobacco products, including marijuana, on any CSU campus.

The order states, "'smoke' or 'smoking' means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, cigarillo, pipe, hookah, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, whether

natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form."

Before the order was passed, CSUB had designated smoking areas.

After the order was mandated, all the designated smoking areas were eliminated, and the Breathe Freely campaign was launched to encourage the campus community to stop smoking.

Additionally, since CSUs are public universities, they are also funded by the federal government.

Since they receive federal government funding and federal law prohibits the use of marijuana, they cannot allow the use of marijuana on campus.

Campus Police also posted an image on its Instagram page of SB 65,

authored by Rep. Jerry Hill.

SB 65 states, "A person shall not drink any alcoholic beverage or smoke or ingest marijuana or any marijuana product while driving a motor vehicle on any lands described in subdivision."

The law also states passengers in the car cannot be using marijuana either.

When asked if she thought people would respect the law, Tovar said she doubted it.

"It is probably going to be taken the same way as you are not supposed to drink and drive. We are going to see an increase in the amount of people using marijuana and driving," said Tovar.

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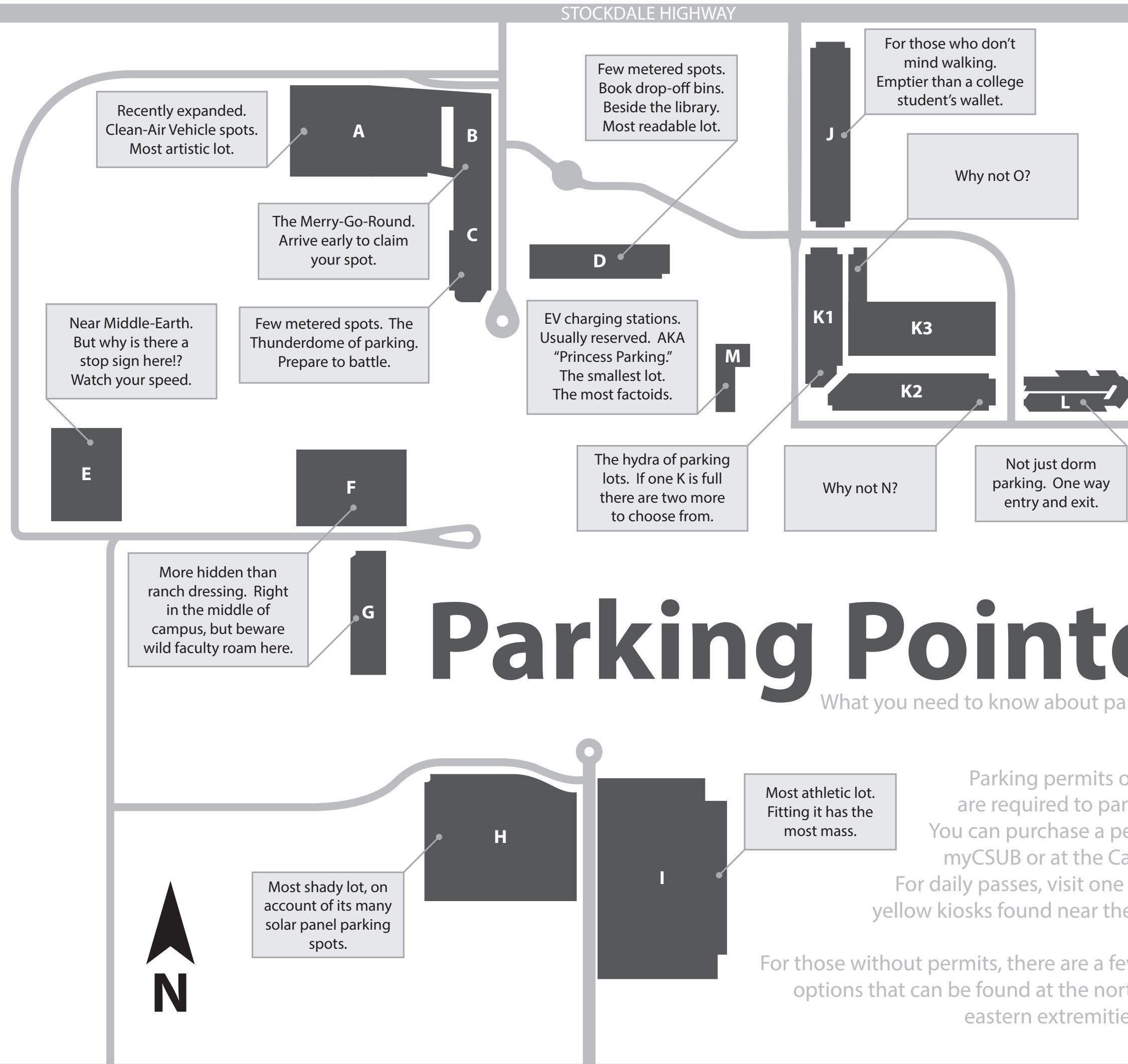
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What you need to know about parking at CSUB

Parking permits or daily passes are required to park on-campus. You can purchase a permit through myCSUB or at the Cashier's Office. For daily passes, visit one of the several yellow kiosks found near the parking lots.

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- February 16** - Last day to withdraw from classes without a "W"
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- March 30** - HOLIDAY: Cesar Chavez Day — Campus Closed
- April 6** - Last day to withdraw from classes for a serious reason
- April 23** - Registration for continuing students (for fall semester) begins
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- May 11** - Last day of classes
- May 14-18** - Examination period

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FACILITIES

Humanities classrooms open for spring

By Sonia Lemus
News Editor

CSU Bakersfield built three new large classroom buildings adjacent to the Humanities Office Building.

There are two large auditorium style seating classes that can sit up to 110 people.

They are equipped with assistive listening available as well as two projectors that can display different images if desired with a whiteboard between the two projectors.

There is one large classroom building in between the two auditorium style seating classrooms.

The classroom holds up to 82 people.

It has moveable tables, and assistive listening is also available.

The classroom building also has restrooms inside and a display case that will be used by the Arts and Humanities department.

"The buildings were completed late in the fall," said Dean of Arts and Humanities Robert Frakes.

The three classrooms were planned by administration to be larger in size than the average classrooms in CSUB, said Frakes.



Peter Castillo/The Runner

Classroom HUM 1109 features auditorium seating, two large projector screens and seats up to 110 students. The rooms will open for classes this spring semester.

Sydney Haynes, a senior kinesiology major, said that having larger classrooms was a good idea.

"I've noticed that I've had a few classes where people had to stand, because there weren't enough seats.

Eventually they had us switch classes. I didn't really notice this problem [of there not being enough

seating] my freshman year, but CSUB has been growing. In just these four years it has grown a lot," said Haynes.

The classrooms are expected to be used primarily for the Arts and Humanities classes, but they will also be open to other fields.

"It is exciting. It gives the university more diversity in venue's space," said Frakes.

Additionally, Frakes said that the university is considering adding tables and a seating area near the location of the new Humanities Classroom Building, where students can eat, study and hang out.

"It will bring a lot more students to the Arts and Humanities area of the school," said Frakes.

When criminal justice major, Kirk Bernardino, was asked if he thought that students would want to hangout there he said, "Yeah, if it is a new building people are going to hang out there now."

Haynes said that if there is food available near the area students will hang out there.

"When there is food around, people will want to hang out there, that is what I have noticed," said

Haynes.

On student schedules, the classrooms will appear as HUM 1107, 1108 or 1109, said Academic Operations and Support Director John Dirkse.

Many students are not aware that the new classrooms were built and no emails or other notices have been sent to students informing them that there have been three new classrooms added.

"I think [sending] an email would be good since every student has [Microsoft] Outlook, but there should also be signs," said Bernardino.

Students are also concerned about the campus maps, that have still not been updated to reflect even the new Humanities Office Building.

"They should have signs and put them on the campus map," said Haynes.

There is no information as to when the campus map will be updated, or when students will be informed that new classrooms have been added.

The new buildings will offer a more spacious area for students to continue learning at CSUB.

CRIME

Former employee sentenced to 3 years probation

By Marilu Cisneros
Multimedia Editor

Former CSU Bakersfield employee Angela Renee Mora was sentenced to 60 days in a work release program and three years of felony probation following a hearing on Jan. 8.

Additionally, Mora will have to make a full reimbursement of the

\$44,000 she embezzled from the university during December 2014 and April 2017.

Mora, who at the time was an administrative aid in the Business Administration Department at CSUB, gave herself special consultant pay, forging the signatures of three university deans.

The money was taken from both state funds and student sources

through the MBA program.

According to KBAK/KBFX, Mora made the payments out to herself, which were then direct-deposited into her Patelco Credit Union Bank account.

When CSUB officials noticed the missing funds, they notified the Bakersfield Police Department.

It wasn't until June 2017 Mora first appeared in court, after a search

warrant was obtained to review her bank account.

After being out on a \$10,000 bail for almost six months, Mora took a plea of no contest to a felony count of grand theft of property and a misdemeanor count of embezzlement.

According to an article by KBAK/KBFX, CSUB has stated that Mora is no longer an employee at the university.

The Runner contacted the Business Administration Department at CSUB to speak about this matter.

The Runner was directed to the Director of Public Affairs and Communications Michael Lukens, whom we have not yet received an answer from.

The Runner will continue to investigate this case as more information is provided by the university.

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24 Clubs and Orgs Social
4 pm - 5:30 pm
MPR 125

25 Brown Bag Discussions 2017-2018
12 pm - 1 pm
Stockdale Rm

27 Wilderness & Remote First Aid
8 am - 5 pm
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First Aid/CPR/AED
11 am - 5 pm
SRC

30 History Lecture/Panel: PHI/KIE EO 9066: Japanese Internment
5:30 - 8pm
Desember Reading Rm

Bicycle Tech Tuesdays
1 pm - 3 pm
SRC

31 Spring 2018 Club Fair
11 am - 1 pm
SU Patio, SU Runner Park, & Runner Cafe

Quad

Spring Volunteer Fair-CECE
2 pm - 4 pm
MPR 125

1 Black History Month Kick-Off
11 am - 1:30 pm
SU Patio

Hijab Challenge Reception
5 pm - 7 pm
MPR

3 Mountain High Skiing & Snowboarding
7 am - 10 pm
SRC

3 Wilderness & Remote First Aid Course:
8 am - 5 pm
SRC - Off Campus

5 ASI Recyclemania - Kickoff
11:30 am - 1 pm
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Questions regarding academic forms and holds
Small schedule adjustments

REVIEW

'The Post' delivers memorable performances

By Peter Castillo
Editor-in-Chief

Steven Spielberg's "The Post" lived up to its lofty expectations and is more than deserving of the widespread acclaim and the several Golden Globe nominations the film has received.

The film was shot and completed in less than one year.

The film details the events that surrounded the Pentagon Papers and the battle that ensued between the free press and the White House which tried desperately to protect its secrets of the Vietnam War.

Meryl Streep plays Katharine Graham, the publisher of the Washington Post, while Tom Hanks plays Ben Bradlee, the publication's editor.

Both of the actors deliver a pair of strong performances.

While it is difficult to create a historical drama that doesn't feel predictable, Spielberg and company are able to pull it off by paying close attention to character development.

For the better part of the film, Streep's character often appears feeble in the presence of a male-dominated era in journalism.

Her advisers and contemporaries often doubt she has the wit and determination to propel the Washington Post to new heights.

As the film gains momentum, Streep's character begins to assert herself and allows the Washington Post to publish the controversial story about the White House guarding secrets of the Vietnam War despite the potential drawbacks and punishments.

A standout performance by Bob Odenkirk, who plays Ben Bagdik-

ian, the journalist who uncovered the source for the Washington Post, adds depth to the already outstanding cast.

John Williams, who has composed themes for Star Wars and the Olympics, provided the Golden Globe nominated score for the film.

In many ways, this film acts as a commentary in today's landscape of politics and journalism.

It is striking to see how much different the relationship between the media and the media. President Richard Nixon feared what would be published about him in the press. While the current president of the United States has made a mockery of the way mainstream news is presented.

One drawback of the film is it downplays the significance of the role The New York Times had in uncovering the Pentagon Papers as



Photo from DreamWorks Pictures

Tom Hanks (center) plays Ben Bradlee, the editor of the Washington Post, gives one of his best performances in years.

it overstates the significance of the Washington Post and Graham to some degree.

Another is the film starts slow and takes some time to develop and gain

momentum.

However, the film compares favorably to similar films of this genre such as "All the President's Men" and "Spotlight."

"The Post" is definitely a must-see due to the strong acting throughout the film by the ensemble cast.

I give the film four out of five stars.

CAMPUS

Revisiting the top stories from the previous semester

By Veronica Morley
Managing Editor

Another year has begun and with it comes another semester. While orientation introduces new students to the school and campus, there is much more to CSUB. Here are the top 10 most viewed stories from 2017.

The most viewed story was the initial post about a controversial speaker potentially coming to CSUB. The College Republicans club later revealed this invited guest to be Milo Yiannopoulos but it was not until after rumors arose. When the story was posted, people flocked to comment with outrage over the possibility. This story resulted in 11,423 views last semester.

In second place was the series "Who Killed Bianca Jackson?" with 7,481 views. The story focused on a seven-year-old cold case about a woman who was not a CSUB student but was murdered by gunshot in a CSUB parking lot on Oct. 21, 2010.

"Neisseria Meningitidis hits CSUB for the first time" ranked in third place with 5,360 views. The story explained that a CSUB student was treated for Neisseria Meningitidis, which is a bacterium that can cause meningococcal disease. The female student, who lives off campus, sought medical treatment quickly. The bacterium can kill a person in 24 hours and cause permanent disability such as amputation of the feet or other extremities.

The next two most viewed stories both regarded the controversial speaker suspected of visiting CSUB last semester. While it had been rumored that Milo Yiannopoulos would be visiting CSUB on behalf of the College Republicans club, "Milo Yiannopoulos will speak at CSUB" was fifth with 1,600 views and "CSUB responds to College Republicans" was fourth with 3,825 views.



Photo from Milo Yiannopoulos' Facebook
The Milo Yiannopoulos drama produced three of the top five most viewed stories from the Fall 2017 semester.-

The sixth most viewed story from The Runner in 2017 was the closure of the temporary parking lot with 1,192 views. The story followed the confusion over parking while the new lot was under construction. Even after the temporary lot closed many students continued to park there for days afterwards.

Corey Costelloe stepping down from his post as the men's basketball broadcaster, was the seventh most viewed story with 1,169 views of the story regarding his departure. Castelloe had been the "Voice of the Runners" since 2003-2004 season and spanned 14 seasons. "I think

Corey was the right person to be here to make sure that when we had those moments in the spotlight that they weren't wasted," said the Assistant Sports Information Director Isaac Comelli.

In eighth place came a story during National Hazing Prevention Week on campus. The story had 1,126 views and told of Brett McClanahan, who was hazed while pledging for an unsanctioned fraternity. He was initially paralyzed from the waist down and sued the fraternity.

The next most viewed story of 2017 was a multimedia video about the new campus dining facilities that opened this year. These included the opening of Which Wich and Panda Express. The school also opened a Starbucks on campus.

The Runner Cafe also made some changes to their interior and dining.

The video came in ninth place with 962 views.

In tenth place, with 873 views, was the tragic death of Bakersfield native Bailey Schweitzer during the Oct. 1 mass shooting at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas. Her funeral was held on Oct. 18 at Valley Baptist Fellowship. Schweitzer was a 20-year-old Bakersfield College student who attended the festival with her mother, Chrissy Schweitzer. Her brother, Brody Schweitzer, was a CSUB student at the time. When asked what he would say to his sister he said, "I would tell her that I love her and that she's the best freaking sister."

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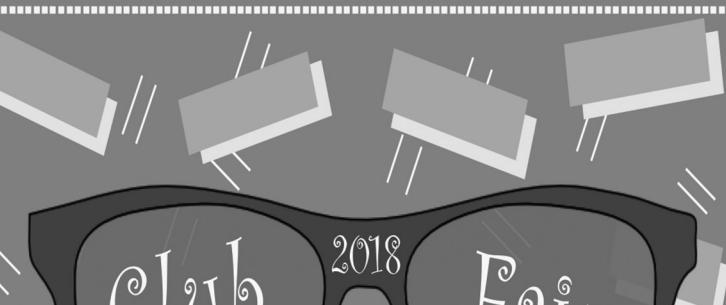
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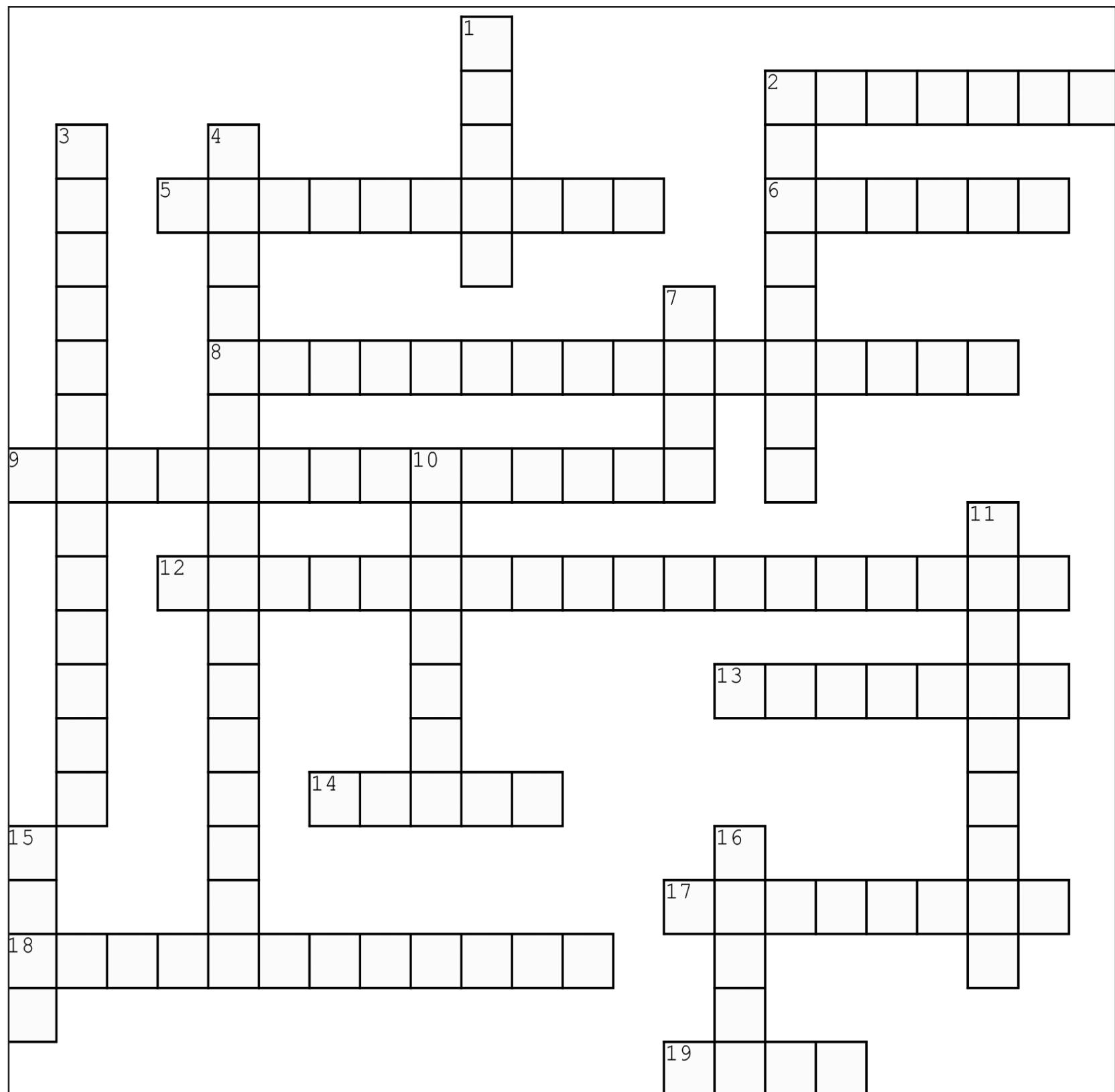


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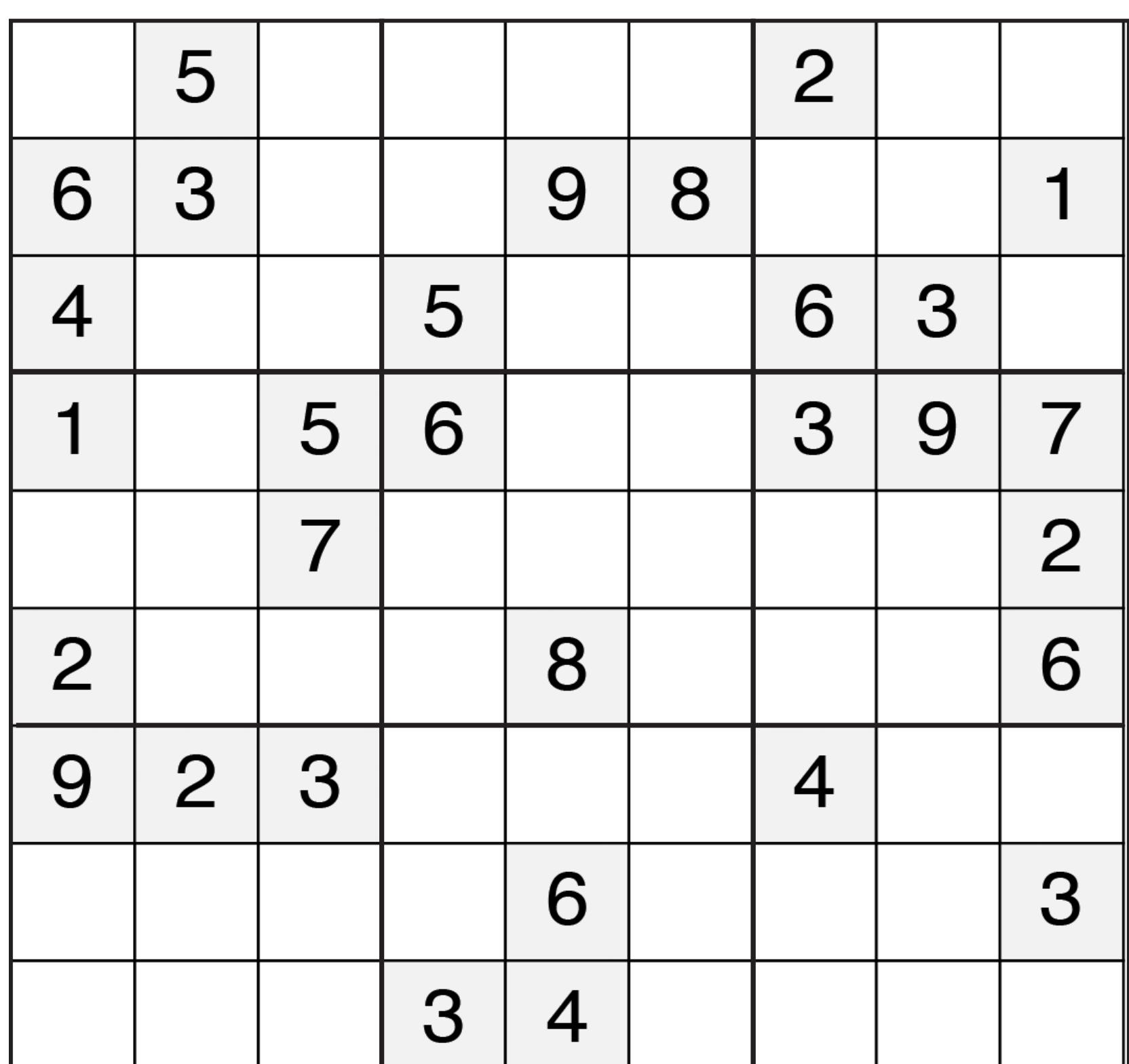
Across

2. Film in which The Disaster Artist is about
5. Three _____ Outside Ebbing, Missouri
6. Allison Janney won best supporting actress for her role in _____
8. Dystopian future where women live as concubines
9. Netflix original set in the 1980's about the Upside Down
12. Musical about P.T. Barnum
13. A Christopher Nolan war film
14. The Shape of _____
17. 2018 Best Comedy
18. Australian actress who won best actress
19. Best animated film

Down

1. Winner of 2018 Cecil B. Demille award
2. Winner Sterling K. Brown won best actor on what show
3. HBO series that will broadcast final season in 2019
4. Gary Oldman won for his role as _____
7. Big Little _____
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

CSUB loses five straight, stumbles in conference

By Vincent Perez
Sports Editor

Second half struggles have plagued the CSU Bakersfield men's basketball team during a recent five-game losing streak.

The Roadrunners, defending Western Athletic Conference champions, last won at home against Georgia Southern University, 55-53, on Dec. 16.

Two wins at home could not carry team momentum going into conference competition.

Two more non-conference losses would follow at the University of Delaware on Dec. 20 (75-62) and at the University of Arkansas on Dec. 27 (95-68).

Looking to shake their losses off, the Roadrunners (7-11, 0-3) began conference play Jan. 6. CSUB lost all three, and for the first time in team history, CSUB is 0-3 in WAC.

The Roadrunners started their conference play in a surprising 75-42 loss at Utah Valley University Jan. 6. Redshirt-freshman guard Justin Davis led the team with 12 points. Utah Valley University shot 80 percent in the second half to bury the Roadrunners.

At home, on Jan. 11, the Roadrunners could not catch University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, in an 87-74 loss. The loss at home could be attributed to missing redshirt-senior guard Brent Wrapp, who sat the entire game due to flu-like symptoms and a team-induced suspension of redshirt-junior guard Damiyne Durham.

Junior guard Rickey Holden contributed a season-high 18 points, but the second half once again, as in their recent losses, got away from CSUB in their second consecutive conference loss.

Senior forward Shon Briggs said,



CSU Bakersfield freshman guard Jarkel Joiner dribbles past a New Mexico State player Jan. 13. Joiner scored 11 points in the loss.

"They came in here wanting to win. They definitely had high-energy but we just have to match and switch it in the second half, because that's where we struggled."

The Roadrunners fell at home against New Mexico State University on Jan. 13, 66-53. Holden once again led the team with 13 points but it was not enough to help the Roadrunners. CSUB suffered their first ever third consecutive conference loss.

On their upcoming three-game road trip, the Roadrunners are still looking for their first conference win. They are back at home against Chicago State on Thursday, Feb. 1 on President's Spirit Night.

Head Coach Rod Barnes said that Durham, as of Jan. 16, is not allowed to practice with the team yet, but is practicing by himself with an assistant coach. Other than that, Barnes remained tight-lipped on details.

"There are steps that Damiyne has to take," said Barnes. Durham has not played since the

conference loss at Utah Valley, Jan. 6.

"He's started that process and if he can complete what he has to do, then he'll be back with us. If he doesn't, then he won't be back," added Barnes.

Durham was suspended because Barnes said he did not see Durham's actions display leadership. "He was not living up to our expectations for him in that position," said Barnes.

Barnes said about the team's five-game losing streak and struggles, "Things fall the way the leadership is."

He added, "We got to keep hammering at it and hopefully it'll turn around," said Barnes.

Wrapp said that the team will need to focus on execution. "We got to keep grinding and stay together. We can't point fingers."

He said that they need to compete in every possession.

"The end goal is to go the NCAA Tournament and win the WAC Tournament in March," Wrapp added, "It's a marathon, not a sprint."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Roadrunners look to take WAC by storm

By Johnathan Wheatley
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The CSU Bakersfield women's basketball team has begun conference play and are looking to take the Western Athletic Conference regular season championship.

CSUB is currently one game back of New Mexico State University after its loss to the Aggies on Saturday, Jan. 13, 56-48.

After ending their nonconference schedule with a 6-8 record, the Roadrunners are currently tied for second place in the WAC after wins over Utah Valley University and University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Junior guard Alexxus Gilbert led the Roadrunners in points in both matchups with 13 points against UVU and 16 points against UTRGV.

"I'm just stepping up," said Gilbert. "Not doing anything spectacular, I'm just knocking down open shots."

Gilbert is averaging 8.4 points per game and 2.8 rebounds per game through Jan. 16.

CSUB women's basketball head coach Greg McCall spoke highly of Gilbert about her leadership and how her scoring has been a big reason for their offensive surge.

"We've been putting her in different spots to score. Which has helped us out a lot because she has been knocking down the three ball a lot and her mid-range game she's been working on tremendously."

Against Utah Valley, the Roadrunners took a lead at halftime and never looked back. CSUB won the contest by five, 63-58. CSUB held UVU to just 25 percent shooting from the field and 31 percent from the three-point line.

Overtime was required for the



Aja Williams, CSU Bakersfield senior forward, attempts a layup against Fresno Pacific University on Nov. 14, 2017.

Roadrunners loss at New Mexico State.

CSUB is currently on a three-game homestand. The final game of the homestand is on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. against Seattle University. It will also be a Blackout Game and National Girl's & Women's in Sports Day.

Upcoming Home Games

Men's



2/1 at 7 p.m.



2/3 at 7 p.m.

Women's



1/27 at 1 p.m.

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