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Bakersfield's brainiest team is ...

By Johannah Isaacs
Staff Writer

Students, faculty, staff and guests all competed for the title of "Bakersfield's Brainiest Team" at the first annual "Brains of Bakersfield" contest Thursday evening in the Icardo Center.

The evening started with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. with beverage donations from Lengthwise and a winery, which kept the bar stocked for the pre-quiz festivities and the main event.

The first annual "Brains of Bakersfield" contest had 23 teams. The cost was \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 10 players. Each round had 10 questions ranging from movie trivia and science to sports and music. The game had 10 rounds of questions.

"This is going to be a fantastic event," said Simon Tobin, CSUB soccer coach.

The idea behind this contest was a co-collaboration of the creative minds of Cliona Murphy, CSUB History Professor and Tobin.

"We are always looking for new fundraising ideas," said Tobin.

Tobin's idea came from when he was visiting his home in England over Christmas break. He recalls quiz night being a big thing where he came from. He also mentioned that these games are big in Ireland, where Murphy is from.

Through Murphy and Tobin's friendship is where the idea of hosting a charity event for the Diabetic



Johannah Isaacs/ The Runner

"The Empty Space Cadets," the winning team of the Brains of Bakersfield Contest held Thursday night in the Icardo Center.

Youth Foundation and for the soccer scholarships originated.

Murphy's 11 1/2 year old daughter Maeve Talamantes, suffers from type 1 diabetes. Through the diabetic youth foundation, which operates the Bearskin Meadow Camp, Talamantes gets to spend camp time with other children that suffer from type 1 diabetes.

"This camp is the only place she feels normal. She looks forward to camp every year and afterward she spends the rest of the year remembering camp," said Murphy.

The event was filled with entertainment, jokes and of course the halftime meal catered by Luigi's and Ceasar's Deli.

The competition was fierce with teams with imaginative names like Triskaidekaphobia, Grey Matter and the Empty Space Cadets to name a few. The teams worked hard to make it through the 10 rounds of tough questions and only one team can be named "Bakersfield's Brainiest Team."

At the end of 10 rounds, three teams were tied. A sudden death tie breaker was planned in case such a quandary arose. One person representing Grey Matter, Grey Matter Envy and the Empty Space Cadets could participate in the tie breaker.

After answering four grueling tie breaking questions, only one team emerged the winner.

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School of Education exhibits new talents in teaching

By Ranjanpreet Nagra
Assistant Features Editor

Graduate students had a chance to show off their knowledge in teaching last Thursday in front of their peers and professors.

Graduate Research Symposium was held in the Stockdale Room and many CSUB students presented their research projects about educating elementary and junior high students.

The symposium was organized by CSUB School of Education and sponsored by Chevron Corporation.

Director of Graduate Studies, Louis Wildman, introduced all the graduate students, who were giving table talks on their research, and the School of

Her research proved that Mexican students who regularly went to school in Mexico often have high levels of math proficiency than American students.

But when they are transferred they are put in classes that are below their level. In that case these students lose their previous math skills because of lack of practice.

The 15-minute table talks were given by nine CSUB students on their respective areas of research. There were two rounds of table talks so each person could listen to two table talks.

Throughout the symposium the guests were free to walk around and see the displays of each student's research project.

The symposium is only for Graduate students, but undergraduate students from Professor Diane



Ranjanpreet Nagra/ The Runner

Students present their education research projects at the Graduate Research Symposium.

Education Faculty.

Two students, Christine Frazier and Carol Kohn, who earned their Ph.D. from CSUB gave a brief summary of their dissertation.

Kohl, adjunct faculty member at CSUB, presented her research about Mexican students and their math skills.

During her research she talked to many teachers and asked questions about Mexican students and how they are placed in their math classes after they transfer from a Mexican school to an American school.

There is no mathematics evaluation test for transfer students. They are put in a particular level according to their age or graduation requirements.

Turner's Art 402 were also invited to exhibit their research projects in visual arts.

The purpose of each project was to educate elementary school students about different cultures by analyzing their art, and their food.

Turner's Art 402 students exhibited art pieces and prepared foods from their specific cultures. Each group consisted of two to three students.

Cheryl Ellis, an undergraduate art student, with her partners presented their project called 'The importance of Hex signs in the Pennsylvania Dutch Culture'.

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GOING GREEK



KAPPA SIGMA crowned Greek Week Champions

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Castillo leaves mark on CSUB

By Staff Writer
Janet Rodriguez

Highly acclaimed and distinguished author, poet, novelist, essayist, and artist/xicanista Ana Castillo visited CSUB this past Friday. Castillo was the guest speaker for an evening that was filled with poetry literature and lovely music.

The "Chicana Experience" course has had many notable scholars as guest speakers as part of the course with Castillo being the culminating speaker for the chicana(o) lecture series.

The event was sponsored by many campus and community clubs and organizations. Edna Molina, CSUB's Sociology professor, who also teaches the "Chicana Experience" course, took the lead in organizing the event.

"The chicana/o lecture series is part of the rein-

vigoration of the Chicano Studies Program here on this campus, so we are trying to bring here some prominent speakers to revitalize the program and reenergize people and to expose people to chicana(o) discourses," said Molina.

The event started off at the Multi-Purpose Room at 1 p.m. Attendees were able to enjoy delicious appetizers and refreshments. As Castillo arrived, Molina gave a short but wonderful introduction of Castillo.

Castillo was born in Chicago where she is currently residing. She holds academic degrees from Northeastern Illinois University and University of Chicago. She obtained her Ph.D. at the University of Bremen in Germany. In addition, she wrote her dissertation in chicana feminist literature at University of California, Santa Barbara. Presently, she is an English professor at

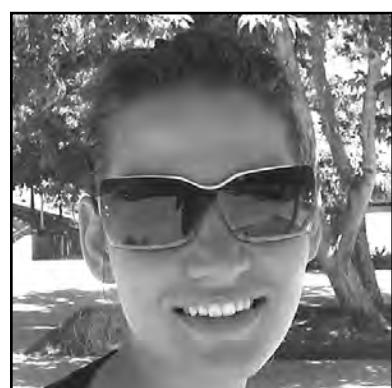
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Runner on the Street

By Marcus Mulick
Staff Writer

This week The Runner asked:
How do you handle the stress of
finals?



Katherina Chaffee
Junior, Liberal Studies

"A lot of chocolate ice cream."



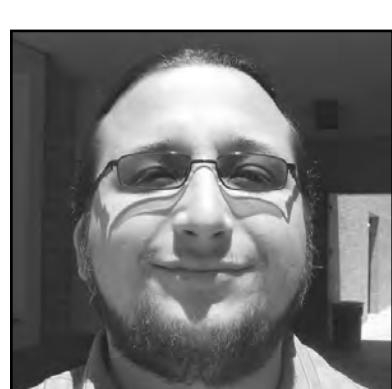
Tara Rana
Sophomore, Chemistry

"I don't sleep, I don't eat, and I freak out on my friends. I guess I'm not really good at dealing with stress."



Marlon Mitchell
Senior, Communications

"I procrastinate until the finals come, then I unleash all my stress and pressure on my test or paper."



Blake Duncan
Senior, Psychology

"I go out with my friends and have some drinks."

CSUB Commencement Schedule

School of Education

June 9, 2006
7 p.m. in the Icardo Center
Speaker: Christine Fraizer, Associate Superintendent for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

June 10, 2006
7:15 a.m. in the Amphitheater
Speaker: Tara-Nicholle Nelson, real-estate broker, author and attorney.

School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

June 10, 2006
1 p.m. in the Icardo Center
Speaker: David Gross, Nobel Prize winning physicist.

School of Business and Public Administration

June 10, 2006
5:45 p.m. in the Icardo Center
Speaker: Raymond Bishop, director of Kern County Airports.

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Sarah Davis presented Navajo graders.

"You just take it granted the things they know, but they don't know," Ellis said about her students.

Several liberal studies students came to the symposium including Betty Oran and Yanett Diaz.

"We mostly came to hear our instructor Carlo Kohn speak," Oran said.

"All the different table talks give you different ideas for teaching in class," Diaz said, "the types of incentives you

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DePaul University in Chicago.

Castillo's work varies; from poetry and essays to children's books and plays. Nonetheless, she concentrates on exploring chicana feminist themes.

"She explores the tribulations of womanhood and her narratives are filled with social political commentaries that speak to issues of social justice," said Molina.

"I have to talk about the things that are forbidden to talk about at any risk," said Castillo.

Castillo's work includes poetry like "Women Are Not Roses" and novels like "Peel My Love like an Onion."

She has obtained many awards and recognitions for her work throughout her 30-year writing career. Among these recognitions is the American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation that she obtained from the success of her first novel, "The Mixquiahuala Letters."

During the lecture, Castillo read pieces from her most recent work "Watercolor Women, Opaque Men."

"You can love your mother and father even if they put you

to work at 11, even if there were no celebrations..."

Castillo also spoke about the killing of women in Tijuana.

"Poor women around the world mean nothing. They are being killed not only in the Tijuana border but all along the Mexican border. There are cultures or people who say killed the women for being women," said Castillo.

In the future, Castillo plans to explore cultures outside the United States.

"It is important for this country to acknowledge that we are not the center of the world. There is a whole other world out there," said Castillo.

Following the poem reading, the audience had the opportunity to ask Castillo any questions. Finally, the event culminated with a book signing.

"The whole goal of the event was to demonstrate the importance of making curriculum meaningful to the now 40.5 percent Latino population on this campus. Latinas is estimated that by Fall of 2006 will be the single largest group on campus, therefore, we just wanted to provide the kind of curriculum that would energized that group," said Molina.

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And "Bakersfield's Brainiest Team" is the Empty Space Cadets. Each team member won a Brainy Bunch Trophy.

According to Tobin, the people participating in this event raised money for a fantastic cause and this is the first of what is to be an annual event. Tobin hopes that more people will participate and that there will be between 50 to 75 teams in the years to come.

Half of the funds raised in this fundraiser will go to the Diabetic Youth Foundation for the Bearskin Meadow Camp and

towards soccer scholarships.

The Diabetic Youth Foundations is an independent non-profit organization located in Concord, California. They serve approximately 1300 children, teens and families affected by type-1 diabetes a year. The mission is to improve the quality of life for children, teens and families affected by diabetes. The Foundation provides education and recreation within a supportive community, encouraging personal growth, knowledge and independence.

Benefit Concert for Beverly Weber

June 1, 2006
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Runner Park

Come out and support CSUB student Beverly Weber and her fight with Leukemia. Local rock and hip hop groups will be performing.



Hosted by CSUB Hip Hop
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Weekly Calender of Events

Wednesday, May 31

Staff Forum Spring BBQ
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Alumni Park

Commencement Meeting
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Stockdale Room

Student Activities Awards Banquet
4:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.
Cafeteria

Annual End of Year Party for the Phone-Athon Callers
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Albertson Room

CSUB Chamber Music Ensemble
8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Music Building 127

Thursday, June 1

Staff Forum Book Sale
7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Runner Park

Benefit Concert for Beverly Weber
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Runner Park

CAMP Banquet
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Cafeteria and Stockdale Room

Friday, June 2

Club Council Officer Breakfast
9:30 am - 11:00 am
Multipurpose Room

Graduation Dinner
1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Cafeteria and Stockdale Room

CAMP Summer BBQ
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Runner Park

CSUB Jazz Ensemble Concert
8:00 p.m.
CSUB Dore Theatre

BMOC Dance
Multipurpose Room

Saturday, June 3

Humanities Graduation
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cafeteria and Stockdale Room

CSUB Community Band Concert
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dore Theatre

Sunday, June 4

Honors Brunch
7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Cafeteria

Theatre Senior Projects
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
CSUB Arena Theatre

Monday, June 5

Last Day of Classes

Tuesday, June 6

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Seniors exhibit their best work at the senior art show

By Kyle O'Connor
Staff Writer

With graduation only a few weeks away, senior art majors were treated to an early celebratory event in their honor as the Todd Madigan Gallery showcased some of their best works at the Graduating Artists Spring Exhibit last Wednesday.

The free event included a total of 37 pieces of art created by the 13 artists who will graduate next month.

One of the most striking pieces in the exhibit was a three-piece creation from the "Women" series by Jaye Lyn Martin.

These sketches were drawn using charcoal and graphite on paper and were so well drawn they could very easily draw attendees away from other works in the room competing for attention including the elaborate sculptures and paintings saturated with color.

Another attention-grabbing artist whose work was on display was Sophie Rasmussen. One method she employed was depicting nature and juxtaposing it with the seemingly frantic pace of other pieces of her artwork.

"I feel that I am a Painter who enjoys the process and experience of what artistic creativity offers," said Rasmussen.

The attention to detail in these sketches was awe-inspiring. Camillo Reyes, a CSUB student, frequently attends on-campus exhibits in support of the budding artists.

"I try to attend as many as possible, especially our student shows," said Reyes.

The art show was bustling with art enthusiasts when it began and many artists were making conversation with enthusiasts. The whole scene was pleasant for all in attendance and thus a huge success for the department and its soon-to-be graduates.



Kyle O'Connor/ The Runner

Pieces from the Annual Senior Art Show.



Greek Week 2006 a great success

By Gabriel Alvarez
Staff Writer

CSUB was a live and well during Greek Week. Many students stopped by and took time to check out the houses of the fraternities and sororities. The groups invited curious visitors into their houses with open arms and welcomed them. They just simply made new comers feel at home.

All through out Greek Week ASI served free food to CSUB students. People stopped by, not only for the free food, but to check out the games, relays and the talent show presented on Runner Park.

The talent show on Thursday had a great turnout. Lots of people were there supporting their colleagues in the talent show. The tables and chairs, that were nicely set up for people to sit, eat, and watch the entertainment, were all filled. A few people had to stand or sit on the grass because there were no more chairs to sit on. The talent show was pretty exciting.

All the fraternities and sororities did great. There was some great costumes, sexy dancing, some disciplinary action and some marching, mama jokes, cheers, and a little bit of fighting. It was all brought together to give CSUB students some excitement and fun.

The theme was "Movies."

After the Talent show, a number of people stayed and mingled with the CSUB students. A DJ situated his equipment and let out some great music for all to enjoy. People were playing catch with the football and some were playing volleyball in the middle of the park. Students were dancing to the music and water gun fights were spread throughout Runner Park.

Greek week was a great success. The students got involved and put life back onto the campus.

The Greek Week awards ceremony was held on Friday evening and on Saturday everything was cleaned up. By noon on Saturday, everything was put away gone. What remains now are the memories of fun, entertainment, relays, talent, and excitement of Greek Week.



Alexis Stokes/ The Runner
The men of Delta Zeta Tau, winners of the 2006 Greek Week Talent Show



Alexis Stokes/ The Runner
The ladies of Phi Sigma Sigma perform their talent show act based the film "A League of Their Own"



Alexis Stokes/ The Runner
The ladies of Gamma Phi Beta came in first place for structure for Greek Week house building. Their house was a military tank to go with their "GI Jane" movie theme

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- Visit the Oasis Tutoring Center or schedule a meeting with your instructor to review your paper before you hand in the final draft.
- Follow standard guidelines for footnotes and bibliographies. Use proper citation to attribute every passage, idea, and quote that you incorporate into your paper.
- Don't submit the same work in more than one course without receiving prior approval from the instructors of the affected courses.
- Leave all extraneous materials home when you head to your exam – carry only writing utensils and any authorized items.
- Have a conversation with your professor if you are unclear or anxious about an exam or assignment.

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Class of 2006: What are your plans after graduation?

By Ranjanpreet Nagra
Assistant Feature Editor

Bianca Gutierrez
Communications, Studio Art
"Go to Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM)."

Brittney Alldredge
Liberal Studies, concentration in English Literature
"I'm coming back to CSUB in the fall as a grad student to get my credential."

Danay Sampell
Communications, Marketing
"Go to Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM)."

Javier Lopez Bojorquez
Spanish

"Teaching Credential to teach high school Spanish classes. Master's degree in Spanish as well. Graduate School at CSUB."

Joanna Oseguera
Geology
"Work seven years, prep for GRE and head off to grad school."

Katy Bacher
Biology, Psychology
"To go to Graduate school, hopefully."

Maria Garcia
Criminal Justice, Sociology
"Work for probation with juveniles or child protective services and come back for my masters degree."

Maria Morales
Psychology, Criminal Justice

"I plan to apply for the MSW or counseling."

Sergio Gallegos
Spanish, Chicana Studies
"To join the LAPD. It's something I always wanted to do before I start teaching high school."

Shannon D. Beach
Liberal Studies with concentration in English Literature
"Become a teacher in the Wasco School District, preferably grades K-4. I would like to get my masters in English and become a high school or college teacher."

Shara Bito
Counseling, Student Affairs
"I am going to Disneyland. Visit my friend in Nebraska. And take surfing lessons."

Donors treated to performance during dinner

By Valente Lule
Staff Writer

The annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon was held in the stock room inside the Student Union last Tuesday.

This event has been organized every year for more than 20 years and Financial Aid has organized this year's event.

"The event is organized to thank the individuals that have donated or given scholarships to help the students and athletes in this campus," said Ron Radney the Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

During the 2004-05 academic year 993 academic recipients received scholarships totaling \$1,956,843 and 336 student athletes received

athletic grant-in-aid funds totaling \$560,325.

The Master of Ceremonies John Casdorph and Robert Marshall greeted the attendees.

The donors that attended were also treated to a delicious dinner and some desserts.

For the entertainment the attendees received the opportunity to get a preview of the Shakespeare's play Twelfth Night. Everyone laughed and enjoyed the preview.

"The students in this play really know how to take the role and make it believable for the viewers, I appreciate their effort and I will surely make plans to attend one of the presentations," said John Davis, one of the attendees.

The event ended with closing remarks from president Dr. Horace Mitchell.

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Question #3



This is part of a series of questions that will help clarify the meaning of academic integrity.

Question: You have been ill and have fallen behind in your classes. You want to ask your professor for an "incomplete," but you're not sure of her answer. You didn't see a doctor this time, but you have a doctor's excuse from a previous illness. You decide to alter the previous doctor's excuse and use it for the current situation. After all you were sick, weren't you?

Answer: Not a good idea. Falsifying documents is dishonesty, whether or not the falsification supports "the truth." Faculty have a tendency to check on medical excuses, so apart from undermining your own integrity, you stand a good chance of being caught. Students often neglect the obvious in this kind of case: talk to your professor. He or she may be able to offer suggestions or alternatives for relieving your situation.

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Umholtz and Barnes sweep hammer events at Track and Field Championships

In what is likely the swan song for Cal State Bakersfield athletics at the NCAA Division II level, the Roadrunners are going out in a blaze of glory.

With Bakersfield expected to announce a move to the NCAA Division I level in the coming weeks, throwers Nick Umholtz and Cecilia Barnes opened day one of the NCAA Division II Track & Field championships by sweeping the men's and women's hammer throw events Thursday afternoon at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan.

Umholtz got the ball rolling by throwing two personal records on the way to his first NCAA title. After fouling his

first throw, he launched the winning throw of 202-4 on his second attempt. That mark was a lifetime best by more than two feet.

"Nick kept warming up around 60 meters (196 feet), and he looked real smooth doing it," said Roadrunner head Coach Alan Collatz. "Even after he fouled his first throw, I knew had a couple of big ones in him today and he came through when it counted."

Umholtz came into the championship ranked third nationally in the hammer throw.

Barnes, meanwhile, entered the championship ranked No. 1 in the hammer throw, even

though it is the weaker of her two events. After two solid throws to open the meet, she unleashed a bomb of 193-6, six feet better than her previous best.

That effort proved more than enough to bring home the second NCAA Outdoor title of her career. She beat runner-up Morgan Acre of Grand Valley State College by nearly 10 feet. In fact, she finished with four throws that would have placed either first or second in the meet.

"Cecilia was full of life and very confident today," said Collatz. "The hammer isn't her strongest event, but she came in and took care of business. This was huge for her

and should give her a lot of confidence as she tries to defend her title in the discus on Saturday."

The sweep of the men's and women's hammer events marks the second consecutive season in which Roadrunner throwers have swept the event. It is the first time in NCAA history one school has swept the event two consecutive years. Even more impressive is that four different CSUB throwers won the titles. Chris Figures and April Burton did the honors in 2005.

Press Release Provided by Sports Information

Lafranchise earns NCAA academic accolade

Long after the swim season has ended, the awards continue to roll in for Cal State Bakersfield senior diver Laura Lafranchise. The 2006 NCAA Division II Diver of the Year, Lafranchise has been awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

In the pool, Lafranchise is a four-year All-American diver who finished first on the 1-meter board and second on the 3-meter board at the 2006 NCAA Division II Championships in Indianapolis this past March. In the

process, she set the NCAA Division II record on the 1-meter board en route to diver of the year status.

In the classroom, Lafranchise carries a 3.68 grade point average as a chemistry major. A member of the prestigious Hawk Honors Program at CSUB, she will use her scholarship to study pharmacy at UC San Diego.

Lafranchise becomes just the seventh student-athlete in Cal State Bakersfield history to win the honor. She is CSUB's first winner since former All-American

swimmer Cassie Baur earned her scholarship in 2004.

The NCAA awarded postgraduate scholarships to 29 men and 29 women across all three divisions. Lafranchise was one of only 10 winners from Division II. She was the only winner to compete at a California Collegiate Athletic Association school.

Press Release Provided by Sports Information

New women's soccer coach is former CSUB star

**By Ariana Estrada
Sports Editor**

Former soccer star Nicole Van Dyke has been hired to become the new head coach for the CSUB women's soccer team for the 2006 Fall season.

She will take over for Simon Tobin who has been the head coach for both men's and women's teams since the women's program began in 1996.

The decision to hire a new coach came about when long-time assistant coach, John Smith, resigned earlier this spring.

Before Van Dyke was hired she had been coaching at CSU Stanislaus for the past three seasons. Last season Stanislaus had a record of 15-3-2.

Van Dyke played for CSUB from 1998 to 2000 at the forward position. She holds CSUB single-season record with 17 goals. She ranks second on CSUB's all-time career list with 36 goals and 88 points.

This move will be great for the soccer program for Cal-State and especially now that CSUB will be making the announcement very soon this week about beginning the reclassification process to move from Division II to Division I.

It's also a positive because now the difficulty of coaching two teams can be lifted from the shoulders of Tobin, allowing him to focus directly on the men's team and Van Dyke can focus on the women's team that ended its season last Fall with a 6-13-1 overall record and 5-9-0 in conference play.

This will allow CSUB to be great contenders against the tough Division I competition that awaits them in the final move to DI.

Immunization Recommendations for Mumps (MMR vaccination)

To all CSUB students,

As you may be aware, the Midwest has been experiencing a large outbreak of mumps cases. The majority of cases have been in Iowa among persons 18-25 years of age with additional cases in at least 8 neighboring states. Many of the infected were previously vaccinated against mumps. Though we have not experienced any suspected or confirmed cases on our campus, CSUB Student Health Services continues to monitor information from local and national health organizations, and recommends that all students check their immunization records to ensure that they have received the appropriate vaccinations.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently states that the outbreak may have begun on a college campus in Iowa. Colleges have group living, dining, learning, studying and social areas that make disease transmission more likely, and increase the chance of outbreaks. Therefore undergraduate and graduate students, in colleges and universities may be at increased risk of acquiring mumps.

The effectiveness of MMR against mumps is approximately 80% after one dose and approximately 90% after two doses. Therefore, the CDC, American College Health Association (ACHA) and the Kern County Department of Public Health recommend that all college students receive two doses of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine or provide other evidence of mumps immunity (physician diagnosis or laboratory evidence). Currently, the CSU only requires one dose of MMR.

Mumps is an infection caused by the mumps virus. Anyone who is not immune from either vaccination or previous mumps infection can get mumps. Transmission of the mumps virus occurs by direct contact with saliva or respiratory droplets through coughing and sneezing of an infected person. If symptoms develop (generally 16-18 days after exposure), the person should not go to school or work for at least 9 days and should contact their medical provider. The most common symptoms of mumps are fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness and loss of appetite followed by the onset of swollen glands under the ears, on one or both sides.

Severe complications from mumps are rare. However, mumps can cause deafness, meningitis, inflammation of the testicles, inflammation of the ovaries and/or breasts, and miscarriages in pregnant women.

For more information about mumps or to get the vaccination, visit the CSUB Student Health Services or call us at (661) 654-2394. You can access more information at the Health Services website at www.csub.edu/healthcenter or you also can visit the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/ncip/diseases/mumps.

Oscar W. Rico, M.D.
Director, Student Health Services
California State University, Bakersfield

CSUB Student Media Arts Festival
Thursday
June 8, 7 pm
Multipurpose Room

Open to all CSUB students!

Submit your work for all to see!

Films, videos, and computer animations.

Deadline to submit June 5, 5 pm.
Bring work to BDC Office 248.

Intramural Softball Championship

By Marcus Mulick, Intramural Expert

Wednesday, May 31, 8:00 pm

(1) CU@ Da Pub vs. (4) Sandbaggers

In a game that is sure to go down in the history books as one of the greatest intramural championships ever played, Pub hopes to continue their impressive win streak and take down the Sandbaggers. Pub survived a scare from sixth seeded Kaibigan in the semi-finals, while the 'Baggers had to pull out impressive wins over XYY Supermales and SUWF. Pub features very powerful and reliable hitting, while Sandbaggers run a balanced offense and very efficient defense. In the regular season, these teams played a very close game, with Pub coming out on top. Tempers are sure to be flaring tonight when they take the field for the final time.

Outlook: Although Pub is the number one seed and hottest team in the league, Sandbaggers have a veteran roster that has been to the championship game three consecutive years. Look for rallying cries from the 'Bagger veterans to bring them home their second championship in three years.

Be sure to come out and watch as **free** food and drink will be served during the game.

Home Run Derby and All-Star Game

Home Run Derby, 9:30 pm: Anyone that played in this year's softball league is welcome to take part in the Home Run Derby. Some of the league's most powerful hitters will be on showcase to compete for bragging rights for the most powerful hitter in the league.

All-Star Game, 10:20 pm: Immediately following the derby, the players in this game are to be hand picked by league officials to represent their teams. Players are picked primarily based on defensive skill. This game will be a joy to watch as the teams are sure to produce a thrilling game.

X-Men 3: highly anticipated conclusion or bittersweet ending?

By John Paul Horn
Staff Writer

Crowds gathered early in the evening on Thursday, May 23. Moviegoers waited in lines, starting at 6:30 p.m., eagerly anticipating the conclusion of the highly rated series of movies based on the popular comics of the same name by Stan Lee. While they waited, many discussed their predictions about what the movie would hold. Would there be a battle royale between Colossus and the Juggernaut? Would the good guys triumph yet again? Would the Phoenix rise from the ashes? Would there be any surprising losses on either side?

These questions and more were answered in this last installment of the X-Men series.

X-Men: The Last Stand, directed by Brett Ratner, begins with a flashback 20 years into the past at the Grey household, where Magneto (played by Sir Ian McKellen) and Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) meet Jean Grey for the first time. After an amazing display of power, a cut scene to Worthington Labs occurs with a little boy sawing away at his back. The



Photo courtesy of www.yahoo.com
Magneto (center) and his band of deviant mutants

veterans Storm (Halle Berry), Wolverine (Hugh Jackman), and Rogue (Anna Paquin).

In this film, the conflict is between the Mutant Brotherhood and the X-Men over a new mutant anti-gene that has been developed by Worthington Labs to help "cure" mutants of their horrible affliction. Worthington Labs CEO Warren Worthington Jr. develops this anti-gene to help his son who is a mutant called Angel rid himself of his wings. The audience finds out that a mutant called Leech (Cameron Bright) is the basis of this new anti-gene.

While the anti-gene receives a mixed reception, the Mutant Brotherhood stands in strong opposition of this new development. Pyro (Aaron Stanford) and Mystique (Rebecca Romijn), who have made up the taskforce in the previous film, are joined by Multiple Man (Eric Dane), the Juggernaut (Vinnie Jones) and Callisto (Dania Ramirez), along with her ragtag band of mutant outcasts.

Jean Grey (Famke Janssen) does indeed rise from the ashes as Phoenix, but something is not right with her. Her psyche has been torn and she joins the Mutant Brotherhood.

All in all, this movie left much to be desired. The dialogue was a little cheesy and clichéd, the directing style left a bitter taste behind and the conclusion left a lot of questions unanswered. X-Men: The Last Stand is rated PG-13.

My Grade: C+

Because it did not live up to the expectations set forth in the previous films.

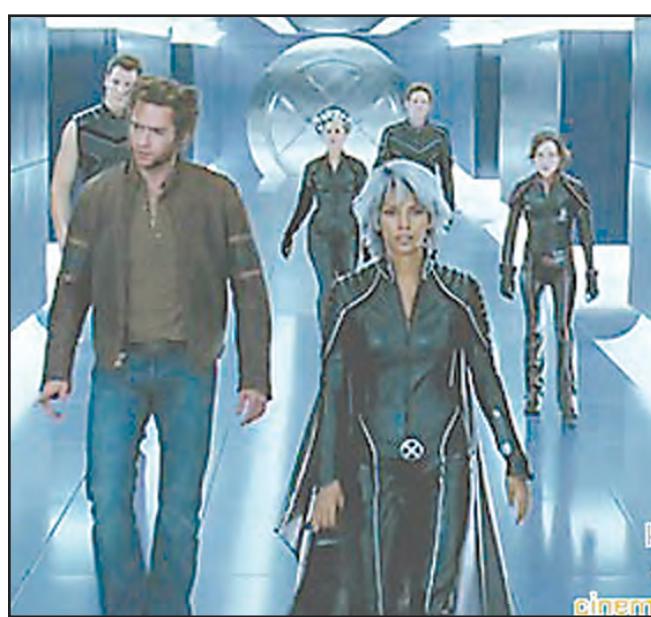


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The X-Men after finishing intense training.

audience learns that this is the child that will become Angel (Ben Foster) anxiously ridding himself of his wings.

With some surprising twists and turns, this movie provides some endings of prominent characters and new beginnings for characters that had been downplayed in the previous installments.

Around the Town

Compiled by Evelyn Martin
Entertainment Editor

May 31

Nature in Focus. Exhibit featuring photographs by Casey Christie, award-winning Kern County photojournalist; CALM's DiGiorgio Education Center. Exhibit runs through August 31. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. California Living Museum. 10500 Alfred Harrell Highway. 872-2256.

"No Empty Walls" art exhibit from the Stan and Ginnie Eschner Collection. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bakersfield Museum of Art. 1930 R. St. 323-7219. Runs through June 11, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Sundays 12 a.m. - 4 p.m.

June 1

Talent Quest National Karaoke Singing Contest. Weekly local contest with regional competition Aug 4- Sept 3. 8 p.m. Belvedere Lounge. 3090 Brundage Ln. 325-2139.

Wine and dine night at Xander's Grill. Featuring gourmet appetizers and wine from a selected winery each week. 5 p.m. -10 p.m. 1419 19th St. 869-2474.

Major League Improv. Family-friendly sketch comedy show. \$5-\$8. 6 p.m. Spotlight Theater & Cafe. 1622 19TH St. 634-0692.

Concerts By the Fountain featuring Analog In. FREE. 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. The Marketplace. 9000 Ming Ave.

June 2

Belly dancing with Bahiyya Almas, Tribal Underground, Gypsy Fusion and other guest dancers. 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Kosmos Restaurant & Sports Grill. 1623 19th St. 324-4286.

Smoke Rings & Angel Wings, Morna Feast, End of the Downside, Left Desolate, Prone and special guest Makeshift Armada in concert. 7 p.m. Jerry's Pizza & Pub. 1817 Chester Ave. 633-1000.

Blacklist Comedy. Improv that refuses to suck. \$5. 11 p.m. The Empty Space. 706 Oak St. 327-PLAY.

June 3

"The Thing About Men." Directed by Justin Brooks. The Spotlight Theater & Cafe 7:30 p.m. 1622 19th St. 634-0692.

Rockin' Boots Festival featuring local bands including Idle Revolution. \$20. 1 p.m. Stramler Park. 3907 Chester Ave

Bakersfield Blitz vs Amarillo. Arena football. 7 p.m. \$10-\$40. Rabobank Arena. 1001 Truxtun Ave. 852-7777..

June 4

An afternoon of jazz music and dancing with Southside Chicago Seven. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. The Hill House. 700 Truxtun Ave. 323-8547.

June 5

Line Dancing with Helen. Lessons available for beginners and intermediate dancers. FREE. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Montgomery World Plaza. 3201 F St. 871-2706.

June 6

Sammy Hagar and The Wabos live in concert. \$40-\$60. 8 p.m. Bakersfield Fox Theater. 2001 H. St. 324-1369.

June 7

Open Mic Night with host John Wells. 7 p.m. Kosmos Restaurant & Sports Grill. 1623 19th St. 324-4286.

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Students step up and seek to preserve cultural art form

By Cristina Reyes
Staff Writer

The Mexica Tiahui Ballet Folklórico celebrated its second Noche de Cultura (Culture Night) dinner celebration last Wednesday at the cafeteria sponsored by ASI. The commemoration had the purpose of raising money so that its members could attend a national conference in Washington, D.C. July 27, 2006.

"This event is to express culture awareness through dancing," said Jose Alejo, president of the club.

This national conference is for two weeks in which the students get the opportunity to interact with folkloric teachers from around the country and Mexico. At this conference, many students get together and learn new folkloric steps. What they learn at the conference will allow them to continue dancing and entertaining audiences elsewhere.

Green, white and red tablecloths along with colorful decorations made the cafeteria resemble some characteristics of the Mexican culture--characteristics that this student organization wants to transmit to others. Their goal is to preserve the culture and customs of the Mexican ancestors via traditional dance.

"I feel great that we are showing people, especially to our generations, our traditions," said Consuelo de Casas, member of the ballet folkloric group.

The sound of the guitars played by Professor Jose Reyna and Saul Rico gave the welcoming so peo-

ple could start eating. There was no need for attendees to leave their seats and help themselves to the rice, beans and enchiladas available, since members of the ballet folkloric were serving and delivering dishes to them.

"I would like to thank everyone for coming. Enjoy the event and the mariachi music," said Alejo.

Not only did the sound of guitars make the night enjoyable, but also the sound of mariachi music. A student-formed group named Aguilas de Oro (meaning "Golden Eagles") played song after song until it was time to see the Mexica Tiahui Ballet Folklórico performers.

This student organization is derived from a group of students who in the early 1990s felt a need to develop a cultural program in which they could actively participate. It was not until 1994 that the Mexica Tiahui was founded and became a class. Cristina Reyes/The Runner

The Ballet Folklórico dancers performed traditional dances in festive attire.

Now the students are able to learn and perform different regional dances of the Mexican Folklore.

The night could not be finished without the members performing what they do best: dancing. They performed dances from the northern, central and southern states. The audience's applause was a sign of joy and gratitude.

"I came to look at the folkloric dancers and for the food as well. This is real good," said Luz Cruz, a CSUB junior.

Jazz concert slated to end year for jazz program on a high note

By Evelyn Martin
Entertainment Editor

This week students and members of the community alike can experience a unique and timely concert that will function to usher in the new month of June and also bring the Music Department's stellar jazz program to a close all while keeping the audiences' toes tapping and fingers clapping to the sounds of jazz.

The CSUB Jazz Ensemble is teaming up with the CSUB Jazz Singers and special guest composers Scott Lavender, Greg Yasinitsky and Mac McClanahan for night filled with music that will most assuredly not disappoint local jazz enthusiasts. The event will take place on June 2 inside the Doré Theatre.

The format of the concert will feature the Jazz Singers who have established local fame for their harmonic skills and modern renditions of some of the most beloved classic tunes including "Over the Rainbow" and "No More Blues."

The event's featured composers will bring with them the sum of their respective and extensive musical backgrounds: Lavender has built his career with over 200 compositions and is currently filling the dual role of musical director and pianist for living legend Johnny Mathis.

Yasinitsky is a celebrated teacher of jazz and directs and composes for the jazz program at

Washington State University. Moreover, he has seen 120 of his works published and has had the privilege of mass exposure to his music courtesy of the 30 countries in which his compositions have been showcased.

McClanahan is saxophonist/composer/arranger and a CSUB alumnus, who at one time was a member of the CSUB Jazz Ensemble.

Aiding the efforts of these acclaimed composers will be the CSUB Jazz Ensemble.

The event kicks off at 8 p.m. and admission is \$10 general, \$6 all students and seniors and children under 12 can get in free.

While the jazz program is wrapping things up for the academic year, the Music Department has a few remaining concerts including the CSUB Community Band Concert June 3 at 3 p.m. in the Doré Theatre and the CSUB Singers Concert June 4 at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Additional concert information is available at 654-3093.



Photo Courtesy of Doug Davis
The CSUB Jazz Singers will be the featured performers in the first half of the concert this Friday in the Doré Theatre.

Please remember to donate and help Beverly Weber on her way to recovery from Leukemia. Submit donations by credit card at www.beverlysue.org.