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## P90x's Tony Horton to speak at CSUB

By Layne Ogle  
Staff Writer

Tony Horton, creator of the revolutionary exercise regimen P90X, is coming to Bakersfield for one day only. On Saturday, May 17, Horton will be speaking based off his "11 Laws of Fitness" book that was published in February as well as sharing other active lifestyle tips.

"I really honestly believe that these 11 things, that if you apply them to your life, it doesn't only improve you physically but also mentally and emotionally," said Horton.

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Tony Horton

He explains the reasoning behind how eating well creates a happy and healthier lifestyle for individuals. This event is also going to host Senior Vice President of Global Sales from Team Beachbody, Jeff Hill, who is going to speak along with several other guest speakers and top coaches.

The afternoon portion of the event will end with a live workout with Tony Horton.

"I'm really looking forward to it; we're going to have some fun. It's going to be really cool," said Horton about the event during our phone interview.

### Event Info:

Saturday May 17  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
@ CSUB's Student Recreation Center

Tickets available through  
[www.eventzilla.net](http://www.eventzilla.net)

General Admission:  
\$37.50

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(must present student ID): \$5.00

Online Sale ends May 14

Tickets will be \$50 at the door

## BAKERSFIELD GETS JAZZY



Diana Olivares/The Runner

California State University, Bakersfield hosted the 28th annual Jazz Festival on May 9 and May 10.

For more information and photographs of the show, see page 8.

## California 'Takes a Stand'

By Layne Ogle  
Staff Writer

Tuition fees throughout California State Universities are at an all-time high, and yet CSU funding from the state remains at the same level since the '90s. The success of the "Take a Stand" petition could help increase CSUB programs as well as cut down on the time students spend in school to help increase graduation rates.

Ray Finnell, head of CSUB's largest staff union, is one person who is helping to promote the petition. The California State University Employees Union is circulating the petition and will present signed copies to the CSU Board of Trustees.

"The petition requests that more money be distributed through the campuses and academic programs," Finnell said.

Tuition levels cannot be raised without jeopardizing state-allocated funding, but all CSUs — as a result of the petition — could receive additional funding for academic programs.

In November 2013, the Board of Trustees asked for an extra \$237 million to be allocated on top of the current year's funding. Governor Jerry Brown proposed an additional \$145 million at the beginning of this year. The staff unions from every CSU have been putting pressure on the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor, who have done the same with the legislature and the governor to finalize the budget in their favor.

The amount of money that each CSU campus will receive is based off of full-time equivalent students. FTES are calculated by how many part-time students equal one full-time student and by how many single full-time students are enrolled. Allocations will factor in things like graduation rates as well.

CSUB represents between 2 percent to 2.2 percent of total FTES throughout the CSUs. This would mean that CSUB could receive 2.2 percent of the finalized budget for our academic programs.

"I think that's great," said Melanie Sisco, a junior nursing student. "For students that don't get any financial support it could ease their work load."

The CSUEU is seeking 20,000 signatures statewide for the petition that will be presented to the Board of Trustees May 20. The goal for CSUB is 343 signatures from students, staff, faculty and the community.

"We plan on doing some tabling in the quad and other popular campus areas in order to help get the rest of the signatures we need," said Finnell.

There is a chance that if the process goes quickly the CSUs will receive additional money for fall quarter. However, there is so much that goes on behind the scenes that the public does not know about that a budget allocation could not be set for several more months.

"We may see some money in the fall; realistically, probably not until January 2015," Finnell said.

## 'The Magic Pill': fact or fiction?

By Bre Williams  
Staff Writer

Who doesn't want a magic pill that can make you fit and healthy? The world is widely concerned with image and health, which means we are always on the lookout for the next big thing in fitness products.

According to professor Adam Pennell of CSUB, there is no such magic pill. The reality is the products we are being sold are not what they seem.

Pennell has been a PEAK professor at CSUB for two years and specializes in exercise and sport sciences.

In the Wellness Workshop in the Student Recreation Center Solario Room on Thursday, May 8, he discussed products and the truth behind them. He gave tips to students about how to avoid being fooled by over-the-counter supplements and even how to save money.

The main products that he



Bre Williams/The Runner

Students gathered in the Solario Room in the SRC to listen to Professor Adam Pennell give a workshop on supplements and speak about how there is no magic pill.

He mostly discussed his concerns about these products because he believes the way to being healthy does not lie on the shelf, but rather it comes down to time and effort.

The professor dislikes these products, but his least favorite scam is detoxes and cleanses. He questioned what these 'toxins' are in the body because the detoxes do not specify what exactly they intend to remove from the body.

"The best plan for someone who wants to be fit is to shape their behavior and not depend on products such as supplements," Pennell said.



Bre Williams/The Runner

Senior biology major Karina Morga helped other students fill out tickets to win gift cards or SRC merchandise.

focused on in his presentation were energy drinks, pre-workouts, and protein products.

He explained that pre-workouts cannot promise users safety, and so he gave alternative options for energy with suggestions such as sleep, coffee or tea, or music to pump you up before a workout.

Protein powders are expensive and have even been caught with metals in their contents. Pennell suggested that instead of powders just to have two glasses of chocolate milk after a workout and that is scientifically proven to give you all you need post-workout.

The wellness workshop had a successful turnout with almost every seat filled and 60-plus sources could back up the presentation.

After the PowerPoint, they held a raffle where students could win SRC merchandise or gift cards to popular restaurants in town like Eureka Burger. They also offered refreshments for attendees, but more than any prize or treat Pennell offered helpful information regarding living a healthy lifestyle.

He finished up by telling students to always make sure they know what they are putting in their bodies and that sufficient research has been done on the product.

Your body is a fortress. Do not let it be weakened by products that the fitness industry tells you are magic. The secret is out; The magic pill does not exist.

**Hear Adam Pennell discuss protein powder, diet pills and fads in a Podcast at [therunneronline.com](http://therunneronline.com).**



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# RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Juana Martinez, Staff Photographer

This week, The Runner asked, "Do you feel it was a wise decision for ASI to have spent \$27,088 on water hydration stations? If not, what would you spend the money on?"



**Linda Parra**  
Senior  
Art

"No. Maybe more  
buildings to accom-  
modate students for  
more courses to be  
offered."



**Taylor Blakslee**  
Junior  
Business

"It is a lot of money  
to spend on water  
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it did say it will pro-  
mote hydration, and  
it's beneficial as it  
reduces the amount of  
waste of plastic bot-  
tles people use."



**Loren Wines**  
Sophomore  
Chemistry

"I was unaware of it.  
New desks?"

## Hydration Stations: The battle for the bottle

Filling stations will save  
money in the long run

27,088 reasons to remind  
you that ASI exists

By Steven Barker  
Senior Staff Writer

When ASI announced on May 2 that they would be spending \$27,088 to provide 20 water bottle refilling stations throughout the Cal State Bakersfield campus, the pervading sentiment, at least among the students I encountered, was outrage.

"That's a stupid idea," some said. Others complained that ASI foolishly overspent our precious dollars on something few, if any, students would use.

Others still questioned where ASI gained the authority to spend such a significant chunk of students' fee money.

Upon closer inspection, however, what we see is the new refilling stations for what they are – a cost-efficient investment that reduces student expenditures and contributes in perpetuity to the university's larger conservationist policies.

At its core, the water bottle stations exist to save us money.

Not including tax, the price of the cheapest bottle of water sold in the Runner Cafe is \$1.69.

While this cost at first seems paltry, if we substitute the daily purchasing of one water bottle with reusing our current bottle, we save \$8.45 during our five-day school week.

That's an extra meal per week. Across four weeks of school per month, the savings escalate to \$33.80. That's almost eight gallons of gas.

Similarly, the more bottles of water we refrain from purchasing, the more our savings grow.

Drink two bottles of water a day? That's another \$3.38 per day, \$16.90 per week and \$67.60 per four weeks in savings were you to refill your bottle instead.

Drink three? Your per month savings would exceed \$100.

Now those totals don't seem so trifling.

When viewed in comparison with the per-student cost of the water bottle stations, ASI's decision looks even more efficient.

If we were to spread the cost of the stations evenly across the number of students enrolled at CSUB, each student would only be paying \$3.99 for technol-

ogy whose savings exponentially exceed its cost.

Additionally, with every passing year, and with every student who refills their bottles and continues to save, the cost of the stations diminishes while the amount in savings continues to grow.

As Bill Nye recently argued on a segment of CNN's "Crossfire," climate change is the foremost issue that we as humans face today.

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fulfill the moral

obligations we

have to both

others and

ourselves.

As broke students, we have an obligation to ourselves to save as much of our own money as possible.

As citizens of a drought-ravaged state, we have an obligation to other citizens to preserve what little water we have for future irrigation and consumption.

By Richard Garibay  
Senior Staff Writer

As you may or may not know, ASI has recently and unanimously approved the building of "hydration stations" to fit over our old fountains.

These stations will give students a place to refill water bottles which would cut down on plastic bottle waste.

While I do approve of ASI's concern for the environment, I don't like the route

Student Union and fellate each other's sense of self-importance.

It is a desperate attempt to remind the students, and probably themselves, that ASI does more than set up booths and give people free candy.

If you need this type of attention to help you sleep at night, join the club. I do hope, however, that next time it will be in a smarter more efficient manner.

The simple truth is these stations are undeniably and unequivocally unnecessary. Students at this time have the opportunity to refill water bottles at any of the restaurants and water fountains on campus.

If they aren't saving bottles at these locations right now, why would anyone assume they would at a filling station?

Furthermore, why would anyone spend so much money while that uncertainty exists?

Worst case scenario would be nobody uses the filling stations making them a huge waste of money.

There will be, however, people that use these stations and my fear is that they

will be a small group that doesn't provide the benefit so much money was used to promote.

ASI might think that with the addition of these filling stations, every single beating heart at CSUB will stop buying plastic bottles.

For the first couple of months there will be many people using the stations because they are new. After a while the shine will wear off and we'll be left with pricey decorations.

These stations are not at all a single immediate cost either; they will continue to drain resources after their installation.

While proponents may tell you these stations are guaranteed to last 10-15 years, they fail to take into account things like maintenance and repair.

How will an institution that can barely keep up with its existing fountains, which are in need of repair, care for the newer and more technologically enhanced filling stations?

I should clarify that it is not solely a matter of cost. These broken fountains are the result of neglect and this will be the fate of the hydration stations.

with \$22,511 of that coming from reserves.

When this kind of money starts to get thrown around we need to be careful, especially in

these economic times.

The main reason I disagree with this project is because of what it represents. It is no coincidence that this vote and unanimous approval came before the elections.

They are using this as a cheap ploy to hype up the pre-vote atmosphere of the school. This hydration station project is a \$27,088 ego stroking for ASI. It is an excuse they will use to sit around the



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ASI hopes the water stations will aid in conservation.

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opinions are welcome.



# Attend these campus events

By Anthony Jauregui  
Senior Staff Writer

- On Wednesday, May 14, the CSUB distinguished speaker series will be hosting J. Patrick Doyle, Domino’s Pizza CEO. The event starts at 6 p.m. at the Outdoor Amphitheatre.
- On Friday, May 16, the Gender Matters Conference will take place in the Stockdale Room and feature research projects regarding gender by CSUB students.
- Ding! Ding! Ding! The Ethics Bowl is on Saturday, May 17 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will consist of teams forming reasoned answers to ethical dilemmas.
- Saturday, May 17 to May 24 is Greek Week House Building and we will begin seeing beautiful structures in Runner Park built by our very own students.
- On Monday, May 19, the CSUB dance team will be holding auditions in the Student Recreation Center from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for their 2015 season.
- Watch “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” on Wednesday, May 21 in the Multipurpose Room in the Student Union. This event is hosted by the California Mental Health Services Authority Inspire Program.
- On Friday, May 16, the 20th annual Battle of the Badges will be held in the CSUB Icardo Center. The event is hosted by the Police Activities League. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$40 for reserved ringside.

# Meet the ASI presidential candidates

By Stephanie Cox  
Senior Staff Writer

What are your goals for the upcoming academic year if you are elected ASI president?

My main goal would be to increase the student life on campus. Our students have been saying we need more school spirit and better events on campus and I am ready to take action and make CSUB more fun and do away with the “commuter campus” ideology. I also want to expand the Student Union and give our students a reason to stay on campus and come to the Student Union to hang out. I want to make sure our students’ voice is being heard, so I will make sure ASI is reaching out to students on a weekly basis. Lastly, I will make sure that our students are aware of the different events and changes happening on campus by having a weekly YouTube channel update and a monthly report to our students.

What impact do you feel you’ve made on campus this year in ASI?

I think that I have made a positive impact on the students this year and I have brought many positive changes to both the campus and to ASI. I am the only candidate who has lobbied for lower tuition fees for our students on a national level. I have advocated for more student jobs on campus and an increase in grant funds for our students. I have applied for a grant to the State Student Association which was awarded to ASI ... we have decided to use the funds to install modernized water filling stations to replace the rusty and outdated fountains you see on campus. I have gone with students to meet with deans and department chairs when student issues regarding academics have come up. I have also sat on multiple committees to make sure that the students were represented when decisions impacting



Juana Martinez/The Runner  
**Derek Stotler is currently the Executive Vice President of ASI running for president.**

the students were being made. In what ways do you want to improve the college experience for students? If elected president, my main focus in terms of improving the student experience would be to establish a better student life on campus. My goal for this next year is to expand the Student Union to make room for more students and make the Student Union a more fun and enjoyable place, where many students come together and relax. Lastly, I would like to make a student section for the different sporting events on campus so that we can all come together and make our sporting events more of a social event for our students. I have worked closely with the administration on campus and putting these ideas into action is realistic and definitely attainable.

If you were 80 years old, what would you tell your grandchildren?

I would tell my grandchildren that everything you do or say has your name on it. Do everything with excellence and don’t settle for anything less.

Why should students vote for you for ASI president?

Students should vote for me because I am very experienced and familiar with the president position. I have served in many leadership positions on campus and I believe that I am best fit for the position. I have great relationships with our top administrators on campus so it will be easy to voice what students want and make changes. I have a plan of action to enhance the student experience and social life on campus and I am ready to make the students’ voice heard. I am always true to my word and I think that the students’ voice should always come first.

By Stephanie Cox  
Senior Staff Writer

What are your goals for next year if you are elected ASI president?

For next year, I want to create positive change and movements on our campus. First, I will work on extending food facility hours for students. This issue does not only affect one student; it affects all students regardless of class standing. Secondly, I want to collaborate with Aramark to make healthy food cheaper than the unhealthy food. It’s sad to see that purchasing a salad is more expensive than a cheeseburger and fries. Students are here to learn, and healthier food will help them concentrate and succeed in school. Thirdly, I promise to oppose any campus fee that will not benefit the students. If a fee’s purpose is to pay for an administrator’s salary, or to construct parking spaces for only staff and faculty, I will use all my power to make sure that such fees do not occur.

What impact do you feel you’ve made on campus this year in ASI?

This year in ASI, I played a big role in bringing more student life on campus by putting on programs students asked for. RecycleMania was one of our most successful events that engaged and educated students about the benefits recycling has for the Earth and student” finances. I worked closely with Ricardo Perez, the ASI arts and humanities director, on the extension of the library hours project. Thankfully, because of students, library staff, and our ASI leaders, library hours have been extended the week before and the week of finals. Not only have these goals been accomplished this year, but I have also assisted students on a daily basis by talking to



Bre Williams/The Runner  
**Vice President of Programming, Savannah Andrews, is currently running for ASI president.**

them about their needs, and what they want changed on our campus. In what ways do you want to improve the college experience for students? As your ASI president, I will work to improve student life on campus by creating traditions that our students look forward to. I plan to collaborate with various clubs, Greeks, athletics and departments and help these groups collaborate with each other. Students should feel and believe that CSUB is the best university for them, and I will fervently pursue this goal—regardless if I win or not.

If you were 80 years old, what would you tell your grandchildren?

I would tell my grandchildren the following: no matter what people say or how hard you fall, get back up and always remember you are someone worthwhile.

Why should students vote for you for ASI president?

I am here to serve the students. I am dedicated and will stand up for the students even if it means opposing staff, faculty or administrators. This year in ASI, I supported clubs and organizations by helping them acquire the funds they needed, and also by attending their events. Although at times it may not be politically beneficial to be outspoken for the students, I have proven that the students come first. I also have an open door policy that is utilized every day by students to express any concerns they may have academically, personally or professionally. If elected as your ASI president, I will work to make this a reality.

# Student Affairs Report

## Brown Bag Discussion

Wait for it:

Leadership Workshop  
Student Union  
(Blue Room)  
May 21st  
Noon

Brown Bag Discussion  
“The Hip Hop Movement”  
Stockdale Room  
May 22nd  
Noon

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Arranged marriages can turn into love

By Hiba Ali  
Staff Writer

It is a common misconception that within arranged marriages, the two betrothed people have no say in the matter and are forcibly being united by their families. It is believed that their feelings aren't taken into account, and they are forced to live out their loveless marriage until one of them dies.

However, that is not necessarily the case. In fact, there are plenty examples of arranged marriages which have worked.

In arranged marriage, two spouses have a say. Forced marriage, on the other hand, the groom and bride do not. The definition of arranged marriage is when the groom does not propose to the bride, and instead the groom's family proposes to the bride's family. It is different than a forced marriage

"We are honored to ask your daughter's hand for our son's," is what any father of the groom would say to the father of the bride. It is the equivalent of asking a father's blessing in America.

However, if the father of the groom or bride is not in the picture or deceased, any older person in the family can take his place.

Arranged marriage was in fact common back in the days, but then started to be abandoned in the 18th century.

Some countries are still holding on this old tradition, such as the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and Asia. This kind of marriage differs from culture to culture and family to family.

Arranged marriage is mostly dominant in Middle Eastern countries. The reason why arranged marriage is more common in Muslim countries is because generally Muslims do not date. It is a way to protect their modesty and purity instead of committing any kind of forbidden or sinful activities.

This practice does not mean that this particular culture is against love before marriage, and it's not sinful to love before marriage.

When two spouses get together and get married, it is also about two families becoming united.

If a man knows that he is ready to settle down and enter into marriage, he asks his mother or any older female member of the family to look for the

right woman for him.

Once the female member of the family finds an ideal woman, she talks to her older female family member. It is explained that they like the woman and want to ask her hand for their son.

A little time should be given to the bride's family to ask around about him.

If the woman says yes, then her family would meet the groom and get to know him to see if he's someone she would be interested in marrying.

Afterwards, The parents of the bride go back and ask her for a final answer.

If the answer is yes, they get engaged.

During their engagement period, the two spouses are able to get to know more about each other, and if they didn't find any kind of commitment to

each other, the marriage can be called off.

Monera Al-Jassim, a 21-year-old housewife in Kuwait, said that she got married to the man she loved.

Monera Al-Jassim

"The first year or so, was a year full of love and happiness, but then it started to fade little by little, and we started to get bored of each other," said Al-Jassim, who married for love. She said that she supports arranged marriage, because "you get to know something new and interesting about each other every day – better than already knowing the person. And you might lose interest or get bored of by the time they get married."

Zainab Al-Saleh, a 19-year-old English student, also said that she believes in arranged marriage.

"I had the choice of saying no, but I said yes because I knew this man is the right man for me. I was comfortable and happy in the beginning of our marriage, and still am," said Al-Saleh.

"I was scared in the beginning, knowing that I'm getting married to a person I don't know, I wasn't expecting to be as happy as I am right now," said Al-Banderi Al-Hajri, a 21-year-old kinesiology major.

Out of 53 men and women surveyed, 91 percent supported arranged marriage more than love marriage.

"[It's] because they start a new life, and build it together under one roof, and with their own way," said Hala Al-Shamri, a 21-year-old English major at Kuwait University.

No matter what circumstances, arranged or love marriage, it all depends on the two spouses involved.

10 SIGNS  
You DGAF on campus

By Athena Skapinakis  
Advertising Manager

Freshmen, you probably haven't reached this stage of your college career. Read the other articles, or stay tuned to see what you'll be like as a fifth year senior.

It's your choice.

1. Parking in Any Space

With no accessible parking space and a class that starts in five minutes, you will squeeze your P.O.S. wherever the hell you can fit it. Metered, loading and temporary unavailable spaces are blocked off to other students, but not to you. You're special, and silly laws and regulations cannot harm you. You're invincible until you get that \$45 fine.

2. Screw the Pass, You'll Walk

You haven't bought a parking pass since your first year. You'd rather risk the fine or a stroke by walking a short distance in the 100-degree heat. You're not going to let 'The Man' stick it to you more than he already has. You pay enough in tuition and textbooks as it is.

3. No Shame Road Kill

You've taken out squirrels and didn't feel the need to post a RIP Facebook status about it. How could you be so heartless?

4. Get What You Came For and Dip

You go to the Student Union, use their materials for club or non-club projects and then without filling out the required paperwork, you dip. Ain't

nobody got time for that!

5. Always Tardy

Not only do you roll up to the scene super late, you show up in your pajamas – the ones with holes and toothpaste smears. You also brought food because



Image from glogster.com

If you're apathetic and you know it, clap your hands or don't. No one really cares.

you didn't have time for breakfast. Part of you finds sick amusement in torturing your equally-hungry classmates. By the way, they hate you, but you still don't care.

6. The Land of Folly

Forget cardio or weight training. You came to get your hand-eye coordination on and rather play ping-pong, wear a goofy headband and scream for every point you make or miss. Sometimes you mix it up and play the Wii. That's kind of like working out—right?

7. You Didn't Choose the Foodie Life, It Chose You

You don't mind pretending like you're interested in whatever event is being thrown in the multipurpose room so long as

there's food involved. Not only do you plan on leaving ASAP, but you pile your plate so much that there's not much left for the people who attended because they were actually interested in the event.

8. #Selfie

You'll snap a quick picture in the bathroom, at The Runner Dance Marathon, in the quad, in the Runner Café, in class during lecture, next to a kit fox, beside a squirrel, in the head room, in the gym, in the study room or wherever else you can find good lighting or not (that's what filters are for). You don't even care who sees you do it. They're just jealous they're not a part of your super awesome selfie.

9. Much Ado About Nothing

You spend your leisure time in the Runner Café, the Student Union or the quad. You should be studying, but you don't care. There's still a couple more hours before your midterm.

10. Procrastination

You have three 8-page research papers all due sometime next week. You'll start and hopefully finish them the night before they're due. You thrive on the drama and write better under pressure anyway. Hell, you don't even care if you hit the minimum page count because you'll probably still pass the course. That's all that really matters.

All signs point to one fact: You've been in college for too damn long. Stop DGAF-ing so you can graduate already!

“Above all else, the professors made my experience  
a truly memorable one.”

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# ASI VOTER GUIDE 2014

## Meet the Candidates

### President

#### Savannah Andrews



Hello Runners, today is the day to make your voice rowdy by voting. My name is Savannah Andrews and I am running to be your president. Currently, I am a junior study-

ing Psychology and English. While attending CSUB, I have been affiliated with numerous clubs and organizations, such as Club Gen, Sensational Sophomores, Veteran's Outreach, Spark Lab, GLSSN, University Outreach, and Associated Students, Inc. I also had the privilege to reside on campus for two years, which provided valuable insight to the problems that students on and off campus encounter.

While in ASI, I helped make productive and progressive change that benefitted the students. I helped elongate the duration that a person can obtain a temporary disabled parking pass, extended library hours during finals week, and fought for your tuition to not increase. I also helped put on events such as Recycle Mania, DJ Off, Movie Nights, and Sexual Awareness projects.

If elected to be your President, I will work hard to solve the concerns students face, and the relationships that I have built with students, faculty, and organizations will greatly aide me. I will advocate to extend library hours, speak up about healthier food options at a cheaper price, and fight against campus fee increases that will not benefit the students. I also will continue to mentor freshman and transfer students to transition into college life and the quarter system. I'm here to serve you! Vote Savannah today!

#### Derek Stotler



My name is Derek Stotler and I am running for ASI President because I want to make sure that each and every students voice is heard!!! I hear you, and I am ready to put your voice into

action. Students want more and bigger events on campus and crave for a reason to stay on campus and to have fun. The most important thing that I am looking to achieve as your ASI President is bringing more school spirit to the campus and establishing a social scene where students come together and hang out. I support all student groups, including Clubs, Organizations, Sororities, Fraternities and Athletics.

As your ASI President, I would also take on issues like bringing Healthier and Cheaper Food on campus, Extending the Library Hours, and expanding the Student Union to include more fun social activities.

A little about myself: I am a Junior, Business Management Major going into my Senior year. I like to be outdoors and I enjoy exercising and going to the beach. I am always on campus and enjoy hanging out with my fellow CSUB students as well as attending events on campus. Over the past three years, I have served the students in many leadership roles on campus, including ASI Executive Vice President, Sensational Sophomore Club President, Resident Assistant in the on-campus Housing, and a leader on the CSUB Track and Field Team.

Together we can do amazing things next year! Vote Derek Stotler as your ASI President.

### Executive Vice President

#### Vanessa Cofield



Hello Runners! My name is Vanessa Cofield, I am a Junior Philosophy major, and I am running for the ASI Executive Vice President position. Should I be elected to become your

Executive VP, I have plans for student life here at CSUB. My main goal is to better the CSUB college experience. I plan to see this goal through by addressing issues with advising appointments, making courses easily available for students, and remaining accessible to everyone on our campus in addressing student issues or concerns. I am running for you and plan to represent the needs of students to the best of my ability. I plan on making a change by working with students, as well as clubs and organizations, and facilitate us working together to make change happen.

This past year I served you as a Board Member of ASI as Director for the School of Arts and Humanities; I committed two quarters to the internal committee, which is run by the Executive VP. I learned how issues affect students at CSUB and worked diligently to resolve them while bettering the experience at our school. In other leadership roles, I was a member of the Sensational Sophomore Association; fundraising chair for Phi Sigma Sigma; Community Involvement Chair for the National Society of Leadership and Success; and Vice President of Technology for Dance Marathon. With my leadership experience, passion for making change, and advocacy for settling student issues, I can make a difference for you.

#### Mike Kwon



Greetings Roadrunners!! My name is Mike Kwon, I am a junior year Philosophy student and I am running for A.S.I. Executive Vice-President. To me, running for Executive Vice-President is more than a title; it

is a commitment, a promise to the students of CSUB. With that promise, I am committed on focusing on the needs, demands, and interests of all students.

Currently at CSUB, I am a member of the board of directors in A.S.I., and also involved with many clubs and organizations on campus. Outside of campus, I am also actively involved at my church and other community organizations. By also living on campus, I have built a relationship with students living on campus and have helped and supported their academic needs and goals.

I believe that CSUB is a great campus with all students having the potential of becoming great leaders. Along with communicating and meeting with new students everyday, I will devote and plan on: 1) Implementing a free printing process to all students on campus, 2) Raise the funds that clubs and organizations are able to receive, and 3) Increase the choice of foods that are available to students.

If elected into this position, my main focus will be on the students. I believe that there are still some students whose voices are unheard and misrepresented on campus. It would be my honor to be able to represent all CSUB students, clubs, athletes, Greeks and organizations. Go Runners!!

### Vice President of External Affairs

#### Zach Miller



My name is Zach Miller, I'm a third year Business Marketing Major, and former member of the CSUB men's swim team. I am running for External Affairs

because it is my goal to help improve the student atmosphere at CSUB. I plan to make college life more exciting so that students will want to be involved and participate in athletics, extracurricular, and after school activities.

I understand that most students have responsibilities that in many cases exceed the classroom. That being said, it is important that your student government, ASI, provides you with as many opportunities as possible so that you can enjoy and take part in college life when you are free from work, family, sports, or any other obligations you may have. After all, our stay at CSUB won't last forever, so let's make the best of it while we're here.

I would love to put in the extra work necessary to help make this happen. And remember, this is our school, Let's do it #RunnerNation!

#### Ricardo Pérez



My name is Ricardo Pérez and I am a junior Political Science major. I am running for Vice President of External Affairs. This year as a member in ASI, my commitment to the

students has been vast. My involvement included planning Dance Marathon, President of the National Society of Leadership and Success, and attending a number of campus committees. The next step is to tackle issues that affect you at the state and federal level. I will carefully deliberate with other CSU campuses in order to best resolve statewide student issues. As your representative, you, the students, are worth every minute of my time. I plan to focus on student advocacy, campus safety, establishing a lobbying corps, and addressing any non-academic issues that may hinder the students' success. I am a dedicated, progressive leader who will never be afraid to swim against the current. Let us continue the efforts for positive change! I stand for progress, I stand for representation, I stand for students. Vote Ricardo Pérez for VP of External Affairs.

### Vice President of Finance

#### Paul Georgi



The title of Vice President of Finance does not entitle me to unilaterally control school funds. It does not bestow on me the right to dole out cash at my pleasure,

for my reasons, or in my time. The money allocated by ASI is taken from you, and I, and all CSUB students. It's your money and serves only one purpose: to aid, enhance and assist you; the club, the team, the student. I view this election as an opportunity to become a trusted steward of your money, to ensure that it's used in the best possible way to enhance your college experience. I hope to meet with each club and organization on campus regularly to assure your needs are being heard and met. I have an open-door policy for all students, and am genuinely interested in your thoughts on ways that funds can be better allocated.

Now for my qualifications: I attained my AA in one year at BC before transferring here last quarter. I am a member of the Psychology Club, Hawk Honors, Alpha Chi (a society for the top 3% of the student body), am the secretary of Psi Chi (an in-major honors society) and maintain a 4.0 GPA at CSUB while enrolled double time. In addition to my scholastic qualifications, I have held financial positions in several large organizations over the past decade.

I'm capable, ethical and it would be my honor to represent your financial interests for the next year as Vice President of Finance.

#### Gessel Romo



Hello CSUB Students, thank you for taking the time to get involved in the elections and making your voice heard. My name is Gessel Romo and I am a candidate for V.P. of Finance. I

will be a senior next quarter, Psychology major with Biology as a minor. Currently, I am the public relations and publicity officer for Theta Sigma Chi, member of The National Society of Leadership and Success, member of Dance Marathon Club, and also the Psi Chi Honor Society. I was also a part of the Sensational Sophomore Leadership Organization and a member of the Associated Students, Inc. Within Associated Students, Inc., I am involved in the Programming Committee, which is responsible for providing students with events throughout the year. I host Karaoke Nights every other Thursday in Rowdy's. I also help remedy any issues students encounter. For example, I helped make sure that priority registration was conducted fairly last quarter. I want students and organizations to prosper with their education, but also make their college experience memorable. By funding more events hosted by organizations/clubs and giving students the opportunity to create their own clubs on campus, it will increase student life and increase campus spirit. The experiences I have attained at CSUB have prepared me for representing and fulfilling students' needs. If elected, I will follow this motto: You provide the FUN, and we'll provide the FUNDS! Vote Gessel Romo for VP of Finance.

### Vice President of Programming

#### Stephanie Campos



Hello Roadrunners, my name is Stephanie Campos. I'm a Senior majoring in Liberal Studies and I have committed a year to ASI as the current director of Social

Sciences and Education. I have had the opportunity to sit on the Programming Committee and promote programs such as the DJ Off, Karaoke Nights and Recyclemania.

My leadership background includes experience as a member of Sensational Sophomores, a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the Vice President of Morale for Dance Marathon, a teacher for the CSUB Children's Art Institute, and the SSE director for ASI.

My goals as VP of Programming and Publicity are to get rid of the "commuter college" stigma by instilling a strong student involvement and to continue promoting ASI as our student government. I will work to create social, political and cultural awareness on campus through events. My vision is to increase more participation among clubs and organizations through events on our campus.

#### Denisse Silva



As your Vice President for Programming, I, Denisse Silva, will bring forth fresh ideas, creativity, a competitive edge, and ambition into my prospective position. I am a senior, majoring in Political

Science and I would be honored to serve the CSUB community as a member of the executive board in ASI.

I am running for this position to create a diverse range of events that can increase the participation and spirit within you, the fellow students.

I want to bring ideas such as social justice and humanity into our campus in order to conduct projects that are seen in top campuses of higher education.

There is much room for improvement and that is the beauty of this campus!

As students, we can make a difference, and I will!

It would be a privilege to be chosen as your Vice President of Programming for the 2014-2015 academic school year.

Keep calm, vote Denisse and be at peace!

#### Neel Singh



My name is Neel Singh. I am a senior in the nursing program. I am currently an Upper Division Director in the ASI Finance committee. I have been a board member

in the Finance committee for almost two years. I have experience chairing ASI finance meetings, talking to clubs/organizations about finance, and talking to students on campus about ASI. Being part of The National Honor Society of Leadership and Success, I have gained many leadership skills. I am running for VP of finance because I want to help make better events on campus by properly funding them, making use of the money wisely and responsibly, and being a leader. Being a leader to me means listening to students about their issues, being a hard worker, being dedicated, and being an advocate. As a student leader, I have many goals in mind such as keeping the campus clean, exposing students to different cultures, helping make college more affordable, and enhancing campus life. I love being in ASI and am passionate about helping and listening to others. If I get elected as VP of finance, I will be sure to address all my goals.

#### Brent Stronge



I'm Brent Stronge and I'm a criminal justice major in my freshman year at CSUB. I'm currently running for Vice President of Finance and I am looking forward to serving all the

students. While in ASI I want to help improve the social life here at CSUB in a variety of ways. We need more things to do on campus for the people that have a break in between classes. Right now it seems that there are no social activities serving people who have larger breaks in between classes.

Also, we need more events for our students during the weekend and we need to give our students a reason to come to campus during the weekend. I am looking to make the school a fun place and bring CSUB together as a community and get this school the recognition it deserves. I have always been good with numbers and I have previous experience in the finance industry.

This is a call to action to all my fellow CSUB Roadrunners!!! If you want to see big changes on campus Vote Brent Stronge as your Vice President of Finance.

### \*\*\* VOTE \*\*\*

9 a.m. Wednesday, May 14 through 9 p.m. Thursday, May 15  
Students will receive a link to the online ballot via email.

Questions? Contact Emily Poole at [epoole1@csub.edu](mailto:epoole1@csub.edu) or 661-654-3091.



# Moment of my life at Wango Tango

By Athena Skapinakis  
Advertising Manager

Hundreds of people flocked to the Stubhub Center in Carson, Calif. for the 102.7 KIIS FM Wango Tango Saturday, May 10, 2014. Any fan of good music and good vibes would be thrilled to attend. If interested in seeing big-name artists like Tiesto, Maroon 5 and Christina Aguilera, you're getting a bargain. Tickets ranged from about \$60 nosebleed seats to \$89 not-so-bad seats to \$142 floor seats. What you may normally pay to see one artist at the Staples Center — you're seeing over 15 artists for the same price.

Had the price been greater, I'll be real with you: I'd gladly sell a kidney to see Shakira up close. Luckily, I didn't have to do that. Shout out to having a job (and a friend who works the event).

This was my second time attending Wango Tango.

Although last year's line-up was pretty fantastic, I'll have to tip my hat off to 102.7 KIIS FM for managing to recognize that Shakira was an excellent choice as a headliner for the concert.

Adding Iggy Azalea and Ariana Grande last minute was another good decision. I got to see three of my favorite female artists, and that truly made my experience exponentially greater than last year's Wango Tango. Finishing off the event with Tiesto was perfection. His set was the best I've heard, and he got everyone pumped up and



Athena Skapinakis/The Runner  
**Shakira performed her hit "Hips Don't Lie" at Wango Tango Saturday, May 10.**

dancing. Hands in the air, my feet had completely left the ground every time the beat dropped.

**My Highlight:** Sneaking into the pit section and being ridiculously close to Shakira as she danced to and sang "Hips Don't Lie." (The Colombian's hips really don't lie). She also performed some of the songs from her newest, self-titled album. Before she sang "23" she let her audience know that it was the most deeply personal song she had ever written. The song is an open love letter to her boyfriend, soccer star Gerard Pique, with whom she has a child named Milan.

## Tips for Wango Tango:

### 1. Spring for floor seats, always

When I attended last year's Wango Tango, my biggest regret was settling on mediocre seats. I still had a good time and heard the music well enough, but nothing compared to the floor seats I had this year. I made several friends with neighboring music lovers. There were no lines for alcohol or small snacks and I was extremely, stalker close to my favorite artists, and I pretty much got to breathe same air as Shakira. Enough said.

### 2. Bring a sweater

If you're not used to cold weather or just can't stand being remotely cold like me and my friends, bring something light to throw over you. I chose a denim jacket, but my companion Sabrina needed a hooded sweatshirt to put her back at homeostasis.

### 3. Double-fist yo dranks

If you're 21 and over legally allowed to drink, it's best to get two at a time — if you're going that hard — so that you can avoid waiting in a line for over 30 minutes.

### 4. Grab a hotdog

Once you exit the Stubhub Center and make the long trek back to your car, your senses will get hit by the most amazing aroma of grilled hotdogs. At this moment you should reach into your wallet, pull out some cash and buy one. It will be the best hotdog you've ever eaten in your life — guaranteed. You will regret not eating one of these for the rest of your life if you miss the opportunity.



Athena Skapinakis/The Runner  
**Maroon 5's Adam Levine, rocking his new bleached hair, sang some of the band's greatest hits like "This Love" and "Payphone."**

## #WangoTango

# Hunter Hayes is still writing his 'Storyline'

By Shelby Parker  
Features Editor

It's a strange feature these days when a country song actually sounds like a country song, but Hunter Hayes, 22, has managed to do just that in a seemingly effortless way. He released his sophomore album, "Storyline" May 6.

It's refreshing that not once does a track reference drinking a beer, tan legs, bare feet on a dashboard or the cliché lyrics that country music has alluded to more times than anyone can actually count at this point.

"I feel like — and I'm cautious to say this — but I do feel like it goes deeper," said the musician.

"My liner notes start with, 'Everybody has a story.' What I love about records is they are getting to tell stories and they are getting to share stories. The goal is to be a part of someone

else's story," Hayes said in an interview with "The Tennessean."

Hayes proves that he is more than just a 'pretty face' that girls find attractive. His lyrics do run deep and so does the content matter this time around. It's obvious to many that he is an old soul, not only in his bluesy instrumentation, but in his voice and the stories he tells.

He certainly shows that with the first single from the album, "Invisible." The track is about being an outcast, and lets everyone know that it's okay to be different from the rest of the crowd. That's what ultimately led to the gig he has now, so it seems to have paid off.

"And I think in going for more emotion, you have to go deeper



Image from countryweekly.com  
**Hunter Hayes released sophomore album "Storyline" on May 6.**

into soul, right? You've got to be vulnerable; you've got to be

convicted. You've gotta be really, really deep on this stuff. And Storyline was the journey to find whatever that was going to end up being," Hayes also told

**"Hear me out/  
There's so much  
more to life than  
what you're feeling  
now/  
Someday you'll  
look back on all  
these days/  
And all this pain is  
gonna be invisible/  
Oh, invisible."**

—"Invisible"

radio.com.

Hayes co-wrote all 14 songs on the album and worked with some of the best in the business,

including steel guitar player, Paul Franklin, and producer, Dann Huff.

Though his sound shows even more maturity than the last record, Hayes stays true to his unique sound and descriptive lyrics that fans love. The musician goes for deeper emotion this time, but that's not to say it's without those sweet ballads of love and loss that Hayes is known for.

Often thought to be the male Taylor Swift, Hayes includes plenty of songs that will melt your heart, like, "Love Too Much," "Still Fallin'" and "When Did You Stop Loving Me."

If ballads aren't your thing, there are several tunes that resemble the likes of Keith Urban and Rascal Flatts, heavy on the electric guitars, banjo and up-tempo melodies, like "Flashlight," "Wildcard,"

and "Storyline."

Hayes is just getting started and might still be writing his own storyline, but one thing's for certain, he is on the right track.

## Shelby's Top 5 Tracks:

**"You Think You  
Know Somebody"**

**"Storyline"**

**"Still Fallin'"**

**"When Did You Stop  
Loving Me"**

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# Students rock the local music scene

## The Jay Smith Group exudes talent and musical genius

By Christopher Short  
Staff Writer

What happens when jazz fusion, Latin rock and funk are combined? The Jay Smith Group is created.

With a vibrant combination of tonal beauty and cacophony, the group has built its success one tune at a time.

Founded in Bakersfield, CA, six years ago, the group at its core is composed of Jay Smith on piano, keyboards, organ and synth, local drummer Cesareo Garasa and alternating bassists Fernando Montoya and Jay Jay Hicks.

"They're blazingly technical, but always fun. Jay's very passionate, as anyone who's watched him play knows, and he's an outstanding player with incredible musical flexibility," said Zack Clark, 23, a music education major at California State University, Bakersfield.

The group has been accompanied by a variety of incredible performers including Grammy nominated guitarist Andre Bush, Fresno violinist Patrick Contreras, and vocalists Therese Muller and Marlon Mackey.

"There have been various

members over the years as my original idea was to have a revolving door of musicians to work with," said Smith, 30, a music education major at CSUB.

The Jay Smith Group has been an integral part of Bakersfield music culture for the past six years.

**"Music, to me, is an all-consuming thing."**

Jay Smith

Having helped open the Padre Hotel with a two-year musical residency, and performing all over the local area, the group has been extremely active.

"After seeing them play live, I really like how the group infuses different styles of music into their performances. They're truly captivating," said Karlee McGuire, 22, a sociology major at CSUB.

On an international level, the group's freshman release, "Unashamed Portrayal" was featured three times in All About Jazz, was distributed by LA Sound, a Japanese distribution company, was released on iTunes, Amazon, Spotify and 30

other retailers and has been played throughout the United States on various college stations.

The group is currently working on its sophomore album titled, "Too Many Notes."

The album will include the group's core musicians as well as percussionist Jonathan Weinmann and James Russell on tenor and alto sax.

"It's going to be a huge mix of quite a few compositions of mine in a huge melting pot of styles ranging from jazz, R&B, funk, hip-hop, soul, fusion, and Latin," said Smith.

Also hosting a weekly Radio Show on 90.7 KFSR Fresno and working as a piano instructor at Nick Rail Music, Smith lives and breathes music.

"I never really don't have a lot of time outside of music for much of anything. Most nights, I'm rehearsing, performing, writing, doing my radio show or practicing. Music, to me, is an all-consuming thing," said Smith.

"Just recently, my girlfriend Cara and I were coming back from a gig and I didn't even want to listen to the radio which she said was the first time in the 3 years we have been together

that I've ever said that. And it's true: I love music so much that it's really hard for me to shut it off."

For Smith, his time at CSUB and companionship go hand-in-hand with musical endeavors.

"My environment drives me to create music. I try to grab inspiration from everything and everyone around me, especially Cara and my friends. In fact, it was Cara that inspired me to go back to school and finish up my degree."

## Performance Information:

**The Jay Smith Group  
will be performing  
May 18 on Concert  
Window, a worldwide  
performance stream-  
ing website at 5 p.m.**

**Tune into:**

**<http://www.concertwindow.com/shows/5708-jay-smith-group-featuring-marlon-mackey> to check out the live performance.**



# Baseball concludes season’s home games



Diana Olivares/The Runner

Above: Senior pitcher Taylor Aikenhead rifles in a pitch early in Friday’s game against New Mexico State at Hardt Field.  
Below: Sophomore outfielder Chance Gusbeth swings at a pitch against New Mexico State on Friday at Hardt Field.



By **Stephany Bravo**  
Staff Writer

The 'Runner baseball team defeated the New Mexico State Aggies 13-1 on Friday at Hardt Field.

The 'Runners, along with staff and students of CSUB were told the day before that Head Coach Bill Kernan will no longer be with the team.

Kernan will be leaving Bakersfield to be a screenplay writer in New York City.

"I am very thankful for him to have brought me here to sign with CSUB. It was the best thing I could do with my life," said senior shortstop Oscar Sanay.

Sanay along with other members of the team played very well defensively, committing no errors, allowing one run and three hits. Sanay lead the team early to victory with a single to the left field, helping the team get four runs off five hits in the first inning.

"It's bittersweet [having this be my last home game series] I have been really fortunate staying healthy all these four years," said Sanay.

"It's not easy, it's not something flashy, it's very tedious but with the game if you stick to your hard work it will pay you back, I am really thankful to get to this point."

The 'Runners kept their ground and did everything possible from letting New Mexico score. Senior pitcher Taylor Aikenhead allowed a run and two hits at the top of the seventh inning but ruled over New Mexico State with the 13-1 win, only allowing

one hit for the previous six innings.

"The efforts always been there we have just been struggling offensively but lately we've been hitting the ball a lot better, it's how we're going to win for offense," said Aikenhead.

Aikenhead pitched a complete game over seven innings, collecting five strikeouts and only giving up three hits.

"I am going to miss playing but I am glad to be going out on a good note with this game," said Aikenhead.

Although Aikenhead will not experience the strategic plays behind the upcoming new coach, Aikenhead included that it will be different for the players because Kernan has been with the team for last six seasons.

"Coach is big on the mental side of the game, preparing us mentally and giving us the attitude that no one will beat us, he doesn't focus a lot on mechanics which is different," said Aikenhead.

The 'Runners continued their series with the New Mexico State Aggies on Saturday, with a 7-6 win in a 13-inning thriller. Sophomore third baseman Mylz Jones led the team going 4 for 7 with 2 RBIs. Sophomore outfielder Chance Gusbeth went 4 for 7 in the win.

The team dropped the Sunday game 19-7. Freshman outfielder Cody White went 1 for 3 with 2 RBIs.

The 'Runners will conclude the regular season in a three-game series on the road against Seattle starting Thursday.

## Bakersfield has some strange mascots

By **Nate Sanchez**  
Sports Columnist

Mascots are a curious thing. On one hand, I think they're all right in that they sum up all of what your team is. They unite fans by a single symbol under which you can ostracize stupid outsiders. On the other hand, they're annoying and they smell like butt. Case in point: the Philly Phanatic.

Bakersfield has a ton of them, from high schools to colleges and professional teams. I am going to rank them.

Twenty-two teams make up Bakersfield's sports presence, with varying types of mascots. Because of this, I'm splitting them up and ranking the top three from four categories:

Birds, People, Animals and Assorted Nouns/Celestial Beings.

Here we go.

**Birds:** There are a ton of bird mascots in town. I don't know why, since birds mostly take to the air and the air here is terrible. I mean, you can see it on a bad day.

**1. Condors, Bakersfield Condors (Edmonton Oilers ECHL affiliate):** This bird is menacing, and even its babies look like they'll peck a hole in your skull and unapologetically scoop your brain out with their beak. The condor gets a bonus for being brought in as a real-life mascot, then flying around the Rabobank Arena causing real mayhem instead of the 'mayhem' they tell you to do from the jumbotron—which is basically making an idiot of yourself by dancing like an moron. That condor got Bakersfield on Sportscenter.

God bless you, condor. Go eat some dead flesh and thrive.

**2. Golden Hawks, Centennial High School:** What's cooler than a camivorous bird of prey? A bird of prey made of a precious shiny metal, that's what. Okay, the gold in the name comes from the golden brown color of their feathers.

**3. Eagles, Bakersfield Christian High School:** Because America.

**Honorable Mention:** Well, this isn't too honorable. But I have to mention the Roadrunners. Yeah it's a bird, but it didn't place on my list

have to set ourselves apart from the competition.

**Assorted Nouns and Celestial Beings:** This was a weird one.

**1. Jam, Bakersfield Jam (NBA D-League):** Bakersfield's NBA D-League team was tough to write about, mostly because I don't know what a Jam is. Is it code for a monster slam dunk? Do I put it on my toast? Or do they refer to the jams you kick out when you're rocking out? It's probably the former, but their costumed mascot is a fox. Named Swish.

So which is it, a dunk or a sweet swish from beyond the arc? Or a fox who's favorite actor is, you guessed it: Michael J. Fox? Heaven help you, Jam.

**2. Blades, East Bakersfield High School:** I'm not a big fan of naming mascots after nouns. Mostly because a blade can't act on its own. It's like being the State



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What exactly is a "Jam" supposed to be? I don't even think the creators of their logo knew how to interpret it.

because there are way better ones out there. They're small, they mostly eat bugs and small lizards. In real life, the coyote catches and eats the roadrunner.

There's another predator that hunts the roadrunner, and it's No. 2. Has anyone even seen a roadrunner around here? I see more squirrels and kit foxes around campus than roadrunners. It's time for a change.

Not only is Rowdy the Roadrunner nightmare fuel with his murderous glare and menacing snarl, but it's also the name of Western Athletic Conference rival University of Texas-San Antonio's mascot. If we're trying to create a Division I atmosphere around our athletics programs, we

University AK-47s. Dependency on something else is built in. Negative stereotypes aside, when I think of blades I think of prison; either using blades to get there or using them inside the pen itself.

**3. Stars, North High School:** The Celestial Being. It's pretty tough to rally around exploding balls of exploding gas millions of lightyears away. Stars are basically farts in space that you can see from your backyard.

Gentlemen, think about that the next time you take your lady out to a night under the stars. You are looking at farts, beautiful farts.

Stay tuned for part 2 next week.

## 'Runner Roundup

By **Josh Bennett** and **Nate Sanchez**  
Sports Editor and Sports Columnist

**Bill Kernan:** Baseball head coach Bill Kernan announced his retirement from coaching during a press conference on Thursday, May 8.

Kernan, who has been at the helm since 2009 for CSUB's inaugural baseball season, amassed 155 wins and 168 losses. Hired in 2007 to start the program from scratch, Kernan has coached 11 players taken in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Six players were taken last year.

Under Kernan's watch, the Roadrunners won the Western Athletic Conference regular season in their first year as a conference competitor. After going 37-22 in the regular season, He was named the WAC's Coach of the Year, alongside CSUB players Jeff McKenzie and Tyler Shryock, who won Pitcher of the Year and Player of the Year respectively.

"I've got a little bit of breath left and a little bit of energy left and I need to use that if I want to do something because I never wanted to die on a baseball field with a lineup card in my hand," Kernan said to media on Thursday.

The 65-year-old will turn in his cap and lineup cards to return to stage and screen writing in New York City.

Kernan took a break from coaching in 1999 to enroll in

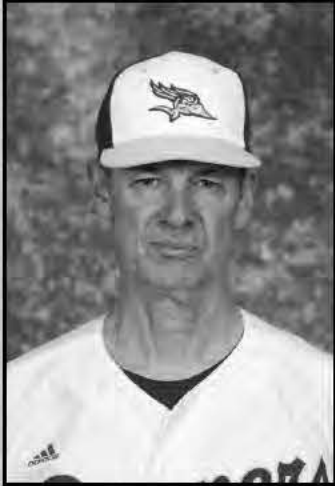


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**Bill Kernan, the only coach in the history of the CSUB baseball program, will leave for New York City to be a screenwriter on July 1.**

Columbia University's dramatic writing program.

"We thank coach Kernan for his six years of service considering he's taken this program from literally a dream to a national competitor in a short amount of time," Athletics Director Jeff Konya told gorunners.com.

**Softball:** The 'Runners concluded their season, after a disappointing showing at the Western Athletic Conference Tournament in Seattle.

On Thursday, the team fell to the eventual champions Utah Valley 4-1. Sophomore outfielder Sydney Raeber drew two walks and had a single in the defeat. Junior pitcher Kelsie Monroe pitched 2.2 innings in relief, only giving up three hits and striking out

two.

On Friday, the team dropped it's second game in the consolation bracket to host Seattle University 2-1. Raeber once again led the team going 2 for 3. Sophomore designated player Jessica Castaneda added a double in the second inning.

Because of her performance in the WAC Tournament, Raeber was named to the All-Tournament team. In the two games she played in, Raeber went 3 for 4 with two walks, which gave her a .750 batting average and a .833 on-base percentage for the tournament.

Two 'Runners were also named to the Western Athletic Conference All-WAC second team.

Junior infielder/outfielder Madison Bundy hit .266 on the season, collecting 10 doubles, hitting one home run, and driving in 17 RBIs.

Bundy also had a .341 slugging percentage and recorded a .940 fielding percentage for the season. Bundy was also 8 for 10 on stolen base attempts on the year.

Senior outfielder Karissa Viega hit .307 on the season, hitting for nine doubles, five triples, and 16 RBIs.

Viega also had a .407 slugging percentage and had a .961 fielding percentage for the season.

Viega was 11 for 12 on stolen base attempts this season.

## Athlete of the Week

Senior pitcher Taylor Aikenhead pitched his fourth complete game of the season, in an abbreviated, seven inning, 13-1 blowout of New Mexico State on Friday. In his seventh victory of the season, Aikenhead recorded five strikeouts, while only allowing three hits, a walk, and one earned run. On the season, Aikenhead is 7-6, with a 3.05 ERA and 71 strikeouts.

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# BAKERSFIELD GETS JAZZY

By Emily Cole & Diana Olivares

Bakersfield's 28th annual Jazz Festival opened on Friday, May 9. This event is held to raise the money needed to award fine art students with scholarships.

The participants range from high school students to Grammy winners such as Poncho Sanchez and Roy "Futureman" Wooten. Crowds flocked to the California State University, Bakersfield amphitheater Friday and Saturday night to be greeted by a modern display of art and a mini bazar of local artisans.

Heineken was a proud sponsor of this year's event.

The music styles varied from Latin Jazz to the Blues giving the audiences a wide variety of Jazz flavor.

There was entertainment and dancing for all ages.

A Blues focused band by the name of the Delfeayo Marsalis Quintet took their younger audience into consideration when they performed the theme song for the beloved children's classic Sesame Street, inciting a crowd of children to take to the dance floor.

