



TALLADEGA FRIGHTS



Marisel Maldonado/The Runner
An actor sits in character as a zombie for the Talladega Frights Haunted Attraction on Oct. 22. Talladega Frights Haunted Attraction will be open until Nov. 2 and will have its second annual Zombie Run on Oct. 31 at 7 a.m.

CFA

CSU faculty strike vote ends today

By Patricia Rocha
News Editor

The California Faculty Association held a vote over the last 10 days to see how much California State University faculty supports striking as the union negotiates for a 5 percent raise instead of the 2 percent currently offered by the Chancellor's Office.

CFA Chapter Chair of the Faculty Rights Committee Bruce Hartsell discussed in an email interview the most important aspects of the negotiation the CSU Bakersfield faculty must consider.

"Either we accept the 2 percent that the administration has offered, or we fight for 5 percent, which will bring us nowhere near the rate of inflation over the past several years in which we received only very small across-the-board raises," said Hartsell, a lecturer in the Department of Social Work at CSUB.

According to Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs David Schecter, those small raises are an indication of the attitudes the CSUB leadership have toward their colleagues.

"We certainly understand that faculty feel that they would like more in salary from the university, but we have to deal with whatever budget is given to us by the state," he said. "We're just dealing with whatever Sacramento approves."

"That's part of what the ongoing negotiation is, not just faculty versus university or faculty versus any particular campus, it's all of us together asking the state for more support of the CSU."

Though CSUB is second highest on the list of ranked compensated faculty salaries within the CSU system, there are still things voting faculty must consider, such as inflation rates and cost of living.

"CSUB faculty is leaning strongly in favor of authorizing a strike. We are fed up with the misplaced priorities of the CSU's administration," Hartsell said. "Each university in the system already sets salaries with some awareness of the local cost of living, but CSUB faculty are very aware that we have lost ground to inflation despite Bakersfield's relatively low cost of living."

Schecter explained the negotiations began with bargaining in the summer months.

When an impasse was reached, meaning neither side could find a common ground, a neutral mediator was brought in to meet with both sides.

Because these two meetings did not result in agreement, the negotiation was certified on Oct. 8.

"At that point, the certification means all the other steps have been gone through in a fair way," said Schecter. "Both sides agree pretty much to the certification taking place... we are now a couple of weeks into fact finding."

"Fact finding is another opportunity to try and make a deal... there's a three-person panel, so there's one that CFA appoints, one that CSU appoints and then a third neutral person kind of like the mediator, but it's a different person this time."

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ACADEMICS

IAPs helpful in quarter to semester change

By Katie Aubin
Reporter

As the transition from quarters to semesters in fall 2016 draws near, students of CSU Bakersfield are being urged to prepare themselves.

The big switch has been rumored for years, but students and staff are now striving to be ready for it by the upcoming fall.

The transition to semester will begin on Aug. 22, the first day of the fall semester.

While many have expressed their concern and nervousness, CSUB is committed to "no loss of academic progress, no

extended time to degree completion, and no additional cost for degree completion" to students who create and follow an approved academic plan with their counselors, according to the quarter to semester webpage.

In spite of such encouraging promises, plenty of students remain skeptical.

"I feel stressed," said sociology major Eliza Dyer, who hopes to graduate before the transition.

"I hate semesters because they're so long."

Dyer said she is particularly afraid of not being able to get classes when she needs them -

a fair concern, considering students who miss a class one semester will have to wait a whole 16 weeks for the next semester to take it.

However, the school is making efforts to eliminate this risk by creating individualized academic plans, or IAPs, for all transitioning students.

"An IAP will tell you exactly what you need to take, exactly when you need to take it," explained Jennifer McCune, coordinator for the academic advising and resource center.

While IAPs should provide some relief to transitioning students, they are also expected to help predict course demand.

Another concern for students is the potential cost of the change.

However, the school insists that the full-time tuition for an academic year under semesters will not cost more than it would under quarters.

"There is not a natural tuition increase that goes along with the transition," said McCune.

Although the shift has many feeling anxious, there are also benefits to semesters that some may even prefer.

Having more time to learn material and complete assignments could be a relief to many.

Despite most units for classes

going down from five units to three units because of the transition, CSUB students will still be allowed to take a maximum of 19 units for each semester.

Additionally, the switch will allow for easier transfers between institutions and align with major community colleges — the overwhelming majority of which operate under the semester system.

Students seeking more information on the conversion are encouraged to explore the quarter to semester webpage on the CSUB website. Students can also pick up a handbook at the AARC or talk to an adviser to learn more about the change.

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Coordinator for Academic and Advising Center

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FACILITIES

Athletics plan ahead

By Esteban Ramirez
Editor-in-Chief

After a big year for CSU Bakersfield athletics, Athletic Director Kenneth Siegfried has some big plans to add to the athletic facilities this year.

Some of the projects that Siegfried and Facility Enhancement Karen Langston are working on are the turtle batting cage for baseball (about \$12,000), hitting tunnels (about \$5,000 to \$10,000), netting for the foul balls (still unsure about the price), update seats for the Icardo Center (\$250,000) and they are hoping for lights at the softball field in the next couple years.

They have already put in place the new safety pads for the softball backstop (\$120,000), which was started on Oct. 19.

"It would feel amazing [to get all of these things accomplished], and I know how important it is for the next step in our athletic department," Siegfried said. "To be able to do some of those projects, especially the ones like the strength and conditioning, locker room and sports medicine that impact all of our student athletes that's what they deserve. It's right up there with my top goals."

Siegfried said that the biggest short-term project is the Kegley Center.

"Because all of this takes private dollars, the way this works is we build the plan, get

the money and implement it," he said. "In this case we were able to get the money, so we got \$870,000 grant from the NCAA, which was huge for us."

He said that the Kegley Center will house all of their academics and two-thirds of the NCAA grant, which they received on July of 2015, will go to the center.

"The rest will go into programming, adding some additional advisers, adding some tutors and bumping some people up from part-time to full-time," said Siegfried.

"At the moment, we are in the facility next to the children center and it's about 1,500 square feet and we are going to try and make space that somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000 feet," said Langston.

Langston and Siegfried added that they would like to make a new strength and conditioning facility. They said that they considered making a new facility. However, it would be quite expensive and remodeling the existing one would be difficult as well, due to the limited space.

According to Langston, it would cost around \$80,000.

"As we continue to secure the funding, you'll continue to see more stuff around spirit, while the focus will be around [academics and strength and conditioning] for our student athletes, you will also see stuff with spirit too," Siegfried said.

"We want students as a whole



Photo courtesy of Karen Langston

The Roadrunner Softball Complex getting new safety pads for the backstop on Oct. 19. The CSU Bakersfield Roadrunner Softball Complex is one of many facilities to be improved on.

when they come on campus to see that this is a place that they can have a great time, while earning a very strong education and degree."

Siegfried added that they will do banners and give out rings to the volleyball team and the baseball team winning the Western Athletic Conference Tournaments. The rings will

cost \$300 a piece, and the banners will be about \$400 to \$500 a piece. It'll be about \$9,000 for every player to get a championship ring. They are also going to have banners for all the other teams.

They are still unsure about the date when they will present the teams with the banners.

CFA

Administration hopes for quick resolution

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The three-person panel will have a hearing, the date of which that has yet to be determined, and should a decision still not reached at that point, concerted action such as a strike could occur.

"What the union is doing now is in preparation for the fact finding time period asking their members, 'What would you do?' Should we strike? Should we not strike? But they're doing that in preparation to be organized before any concerted action."

Though concerted action will not affect instruction this quarter, students should be aware of the implications of their teachers' negotiation efforts in the future.

"Faculty members will provide ample notice to students about a strike and how it will affect students, and CFA will plan carefully to minimize any adverse effects on students," said Hartsell.

It has yet to be determined if one school, staggered areas, or all 23 schools will strike at once, or even for how long, should it come down to that.

"Speaking from the administrative side, the hope is that a deal can be worked out at the table and that a negotiation is fruitful for everybody," Schecter said. "I don't think anyone on the administration side wants to see a strike."

The strike authorization vote closes today and will determine whether or not there is enough faculty support for concerted action such as a strike.



Photo from calfac.org

The California Faculty Association's slogan expresses the union's efforts to negotiate for a 5 percent raise instead of the 2 percent offered by the Chancellor's office. The slogan can be seen on posters and T-shirts around campus.

CAMPUS

Students outgrow campus space

By David Kaplan
Reporter

The student population growth at CSU Bakersfield over the past five years, although good for the campus, is causing space issues in the parking lots, at Runner Cafe and in classrooms.

Cheryl Holsonbake with Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment anticipates the CSUB main-campus student population will continue to grow, exceeding 9,000 students next year.

Parking

CSUB Police Chief Marty Williamson says parking during the first week of school was the fullest it's ever been.

"This is the very first year we've put 'Lot Full' signs in Parking Lot K1," Williamson said.

Williamson, who is part of the Transportation Committee at CSUB, said that new parking arrangements are being planned.

"We have to decide what to build and how much to build," Williamson said. "We don't want to impact the fees if we don't have to."

Although it is getting harder to find a parking space, he says there are still spots available.

"In our peak, we had 200 spots in Parking Lot I,"

Williamson said.

Computer science major Jose Valenzuela said he thinks students should save time when looking for a parking spot.

"It's dangerous for people just to be driving around," said Valenzuela. "It's chaos trying to find parking spots. They go try to find parking spots near the library, which there's nothing. They're just wasting time and wasting gas."

Valenzuela said he has to arrive on campus an hour before his class to feel comfortable about being punctual.

Facilities Management Assistant Vice President Patrick Jacobs said future lots are being talked about on the Transportation Committee.

According to Jacobs, there are two locations where potential new parking lots could be built: the grassy area directly east of Parking Lot K, or an extension of Parking Lot A, the dirt space northwest of the Doré Theatre.

"It's about a 15-month time frame from the time we begin design to the time we open up a parking lot, and those parking lots in either location could easily accommodate between 300 and 400 additional spaces," Jacobs said.

Jacobs added that CSUB is looking into rideshare programs using rental cars as a cheaper alternative.

"The goal would be to combine five to seven [people] into a single [vehicle]... and then those students and staff would share the cost of renting the car, which studies have proven is significantly cheaper than each individual driving their own vehicle to campus," Jacobs said. "We hope that program will start probably in the winter quarter of 2016."

Additionally, students receive a discount on monthly bus passes through Golden Empire Transit.

Classrooms

While inconvenient, crowded classrooms prove that CSUB needs more classroom space. In fact, planning is already underway.

"Right now we have a project at the Chancellor's office that would add two 140-station classrooms to the project that we're currently designing, which is a humanities office building," said Jacobs. "If we get that project funded, it would greatly relieve a whole lot of smaller classrooms."

Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs David Schecter said the university is trying to maximize the space they have.

"When we go to semesters we'll be trying to spread things out," Schecter said.

Schecter said there aren't too many of the large classrooms

such as in the Business Development Center that seat 140 students. However, CSUB is looking into more ways to add 120-seat rooms.

Financially, things have changed for the CSUs since Gov. Brown took office.

"How we're funded has changed in the past years," Schecter said. "We're on our own. Governor Brown shifted funding of classes down to the campus."

Dining

More students mean longer lines and less available seating at the Runner Café.

Food Service Director David Hveem said part of this is due to the lack of a dining commons at the new residence halls.

"To build a new dining hall is millions of dollars," he said.

Instead, the students eat their meals in the Runner Café, where limited seating is an issue.

Hveem said he is not aware of any particular long-term plans the university has for the dining situation.

"I do know that there are major concerns though," Hveem said. "I know that it's a topic with ASI. I also know it's a big concern with the school, because they recognize the importance of a food service program."

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HALLOWEEN TOWN

Getting into the spirit of the season



The Bakersfield Halloween Town is an attraction for the community and is running until Nov. 1. The big black cat is located at Halloween Town on Riverlakes Drive on Oct. 22.



Halloween Town has themed houses with different activities for attendees to enjoy.



Attendees at Halloween Town on Riverlakes Drive get their faces painted on Oct. 22.

HOLIDAY TIPS

Last-minute holiday ideas for spooky, fun time

By Marizza Espinosa
Reporter

Halloween is right around the corner. You check your cabinets for some candy — empty. You check your closet for your costume and it’s nonexistent. What do you plan on doing? Sit at home in your jammies and pretend you aren’t home or be one of those people who are last minute on buying candy to pass out to the trick-or-treaters and last minute on costumes. It is never too late for candy and costumes. Do-it-yourself costumes are always in.

Take a look in your closet. You have got a lot more to work with than you think. For example, ladies — we all have a pair of leggings lying around our bedrooms somewhere, a flannel, some vans and some make-up. Put all that together and

tada. You have got yourself a bum costume all put together from clothes you own. No spending necessary.

Guys, grab some dress pants, dress shoes, a bow tie or regular tie, and you have a Magic Mike costume.

Couples, go for Mickey and Minnie Mouse — modernized version. All you need is black and red attire and some ears. If you want to get a bit fancy, get some white mouse gloves and draw on some whiskers.

If you are too lazy to put together your own costume, then feel free to spend money that you probably do not have. Party City has costumes on clearance. For example, ladies can dress up as a green M&M, a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle or a Pink Crayola Crayon for only \$20.

Guys, get a Morphsuit for only

\$15. They comes in different colors, so there are options. Dress up as an Oompa Loopma from Charlie and the Chocolate factory for only \$20. If you really are not much in the Halloween spirit, just go for a mask. There are masks ranging from \$5 to \$10. Now for all the last minute candy buyers, here are a few places with some sales.

Walgreens: Two 14 oz bags of jelly beans for \$6 and two 12 oz bags of mini airheads for \$5.

Target: \$10.79 for a Hersey’s Candy Bars Variety Pack 18 ct \$5.29 for Sour Patch Kids, Sour Patch Kids Watermelon Treat Size pack 40 ct.

Rite Aid: Four bags of Mars Fun Size or Snack Size Bagged Candy for \$8 and \$7 for a bag of Charms Candy Carnival.

Throw some candy at kids and scare some of your friends.



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STUDENT LIFE

CSUB group helps students grow

By Eva Delgado
Reporter

As the name of this organization suggests, Sensational Sophomores are a group of students who are sensational.

With 60 active students, Sensational Sophomores is an organization at CSU Bakersfield that is not only about taking advantage of reaching academic goals but learning leadership skills that will help them become better citizens throughout their lifetime.

Emily Poole, CSUB associate director of campus programming, is the adviser for this group of sophomores, and the organization was founded by Dr. Thomas Wallace, vice president of student affairs. So far, Sensational Sophomores has had their fourth graduating class.

“In order to be eligible for this organization, freshmen need to have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be in good standing,” said Poole. She mentions that invitation letters are sent home to freshmen with the mentioned requirements. This quarter there are 215 sophomores who are eligible, but 60 are active as Sensational Sophomores. Poole



Photo Courtesy of Sensational Sophomores

A recent class of Sensational Sophomores poses during an event.

shows excitement and pride toward these students for what they have achieved so far.

“Get involved in campus activities and becoming the best students with capacities on achieving other roles,” said Poole.

Yvette Hernandez, 19, a Biochemistry major, says that this organization has taught her a lot. She is getting ready to volunteer for the fundraising event “Extra Life,” a gaming marathon taking place on Nov. 7.

This will allow her and her fellow students to raise money for the children’s hospital. Hernandez adds that being part of this organization has allowed her an opportunity to meet new people and feel good about what she is doing for her community.

Among things that Hernandez feels proud of is that she was able to write encouragement letters to freshmen.

“I remember I received one when I was a fresh-

men, and I loved it. It was very nice for me to write them this time,” said Hernandez.

Evelyn Mendoza, 19, Biochemistry major, said “I feel welcome to this group, and I have made new friends.”

She realizes that she has the ability to get involved in many activities and makes her feel happy. Mendoza mentions that her experience has been positive.

She likes the motivational speakers and the way she has helped others.

Erik Perez, 20, communications major, is the Sensational Sophomores’ President.

He enjoys seeing the reaction on students’ faces when they experience different roles, “I love to see how they get prepared to become better individuals.”

Perez feels excited to be part of this group and for all the motivation he has received during the time that he has been president.

“This is my last quarter as president, since there will be new elections next quarter,” he said.

Perez said that they are bringing a project this year to leave a legacy of such a great organization.

STUDENT LIFE

Campus Programming gears up for carnival

By Heather Simmons
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield will kick off the new Runner Nights program with a carnival-themed Halloween party at the Student Recreation Center on Friday, Oct. 30 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

This event is free to any CSUB student with a school ID, and a free meal and dessert will be provided.

There will be a costume contest and various carnival games, and students have the opportunity to win prizes such as theme park tickets, parking passes and T-shirts. Other features include a DJ and dance, laser tag, a superslide and a haunted house.

“It’s intended to really bring all of the campus together in a signature event in the evening to provide a fun, safe environment for our students,” said Emily Poole, associate director for campus programming.

Members of the Runner

Nights committee were inspired by events at universities such as CSU Northridge and wanted to create a new tradition at CSUB.

“There are a lot of campuses that have late-night programs that are intended to keep the students on-campus and in a safe environment, so we wanted to try and recreate a CSUB event,” said Poole. “Naming it Runner Nights was discussed within the division of student affairs, and we brought the best of the best together from the different areas to plan them.”

The Runner Nights committee consists of representatives from different organizations around campus including Associated Students Incorporated, athletics, campus programming, housing, the Student Union and the Student Recreation Center.

“We’re like the United Nations of fun,” said Brittany Lange, residential community coordinator with Student

housing.

“For housing students, we’re going to have a special pathway that’s going from housing to the SRC, and it’s going to be themed, and awesome and spooky,” said Lange, who also said that the outside of the SRC will be decorated like “wicked woods.”

The SRC has had a haunted house for Halloween in the past, but this year’s will be scarier than ever.

“They’re going to have two different mazes when you go in, so you can actually go through it twice,” said Mariah Schultz, who is the SRC liaison for this event.

Students who want to help set up for the event or to volunteer as actors in the haunted house are encouraged to call Mariah Schultz at 661-654-2720.

“We really want this to be an event that students start looking forward to twice a year, and we want it to continue to grow over time,” said Lange.

HALLOWEEN

Getting in the holiday spirit not all that difficult

By Alec Gonzalez
Reporter

Halloween: the time of year where scary means fun and tricks means treats. If done correctly, you are able to submerge yourself in another world where vampires and goblins are plausible and magic really exists.

CSU Bakersfield students can especially benefit from a break from reality. To get the most out of the Halloween spirit, enjoy creepy treats, partake in spooky activities and get creative when decorating and costume shopping.

The anticipation of All Hallows Eve brings out the cravings for creepy candy, pumpkin dishes, and chocolate candy bars. The best way to get into the spirit is to purchase limited time themed goods that are only available at this time of year. Gummy eyeballs and sour spiders are delightfully grotesque. Another element of excitement is that spooky treats

can be enjoyed well after Oct. 31 when they’re half-priced. Halloween represents scary fun, and that can be found in several activities.

Traditional activities include pumpkin carving, attending fright festivals and trick-or-treating. There’s nothing like sticking your fingers in gooey pumpkin to get you in the holiday spirit. Picking out your unique design and watching it come to life with the tea light.

Fright festivals may not be for the faint of heart, but they’re a perfect way to get you into the scary holiday. Your worst nightmares can come to life with characters from horror fiction.

There’s nothing like running for your life in a make-believe setting to get your heart racing and your friends laughing.

For those that don’t enjoy being scared, trick-or-treating may be better suited to get in the spirit. Visiting haunted houses amongst groups of different characters is a favorite

pastime for many generations. The eerie decorations and creative costumes are signature to Halloween.

Houses are embellished with intricate cob-webs and realistic spiders.

They’re illuminated with lit-up pumpkins and flashing lights to resemble magic. Dark hooded characters are mistaken for real people and create hair-raising effects.

Decorating your house with these creepy elements creates another world that brings out the Halloween spirit. It’s the time of year to be whatever you want for a day, and you have creative reign over that decision. To really get into the spirit, it is essential to dress up and become apart of the experience.

Halloween has the potential to bring lots of fun if you’re creative and open to getting involved. There’s mystery and enchantment in this Holiday ready to be enjoyed if celebrated justly.

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COLUMN

Don’t rely on store items

By Patricia Rocha
News Editor

Buying a brand new Halloween costume is cheating. Don’t even open the flyers and packets you get every year from those money-hungry annual costume stores.

They are creativity killers, and you should put them straight into the recycling bin where they belong.

Halloween is such a magical time, and a homemade costume is one of the most satisfying projects to pursue.

Though many people don’t consider themselves the creative type, it really requires a lot less effort than one might think.

The trick is to pick something you like, anything you like at all, whether that’s a specific character or something as abstract of a “sexy version” of a latte. It can be done.

The next step is to take the most visually important aspects of it for recognition. Take the classic Wonder Woman costume for example. You need her trademark colors and silver bangles, but you can be pretty lenient on the rest.

You could wear, for example, a red strapless top, wide gold belt and blue high-waisted shorts with little stars pinned on.

Don’t let yourself get bogged down by petty details like finding the exact shade of gold or attempting to sew an entire cosplay-worthy ensemble.



Courtesy of Patricia Rocha

Patricia dresses as Silk Spectre.

Have as much fun making it as you will in it.

Utilize makeup and accessories whenever possible as well.

Let’s go back to that sexy, breakfast beverage example. In abstract, what does a latte look like?

Perhaps a white bodycon dress with a certain emerald mermaid logo pinned to the front?

With a name hurriedly misspelled in

sharpie across it? Add some green pumps, a headband with a green “splash stick” poking out, and you’re all set.

Should you meet new friends at a Halloween party, tell them your name is Pumpkin.

If they don’t laugh you don’t need that type of person in your life and move on.

All of these examples are things you can easily find in your own, if not a friend’s closet or at your nearest thrift store for prices much cheaper than ready-made costumes.

Other great abstract examples are pop culture references and memes.

Pick one of the million popular ones, run with it and never look back. “Hotline Bling” is the first thing that comes to mind, probably because it’s been stuck in my head 24/7 since it dropped.

All you need is a copy of Drake’s basic wardrobe from the video, a headset or plastic phone and spend the entire day dad dancing.

Bonus points for randomly shouting the song’s end line, “Ever since I left the city...” and abruptly running away to escape from boring conversations.

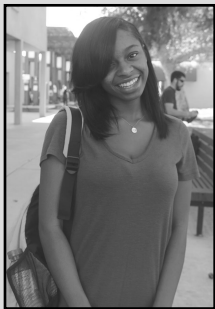
Personally, I’ve been Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, Lydia from Beetlejuice, a circus ringleader, three-eyed woman, and the Silk Spectre from the movie “Watchmen” all from my own closet.

Trust me, Halloween is not about breaking the bank, it’s about pulling the most visually important aspects of a costume and letting your imagination run wild.

RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Annie Russell/ Photos by Dayshanae James

This week, The Runner asked, "What are your plans for Halloween night?"



Daisia Childress, 18, Child Adolescent and Family Studies
"I plan to go the 8th annual Sigma party in San Diego."



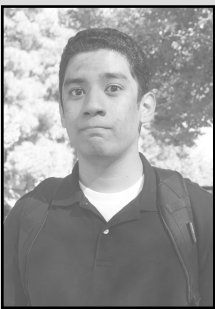
Sebastian Rojas, 18, Chemistry
"Recovering from studying for my midterms."



Josh Nuneasy, 27, Electrical Engineering
"Take our daughter out trick-or-treating."



Jalynn Davis, 20, Criminal Justice
"I don't celebrate Halloween because of my religion. I'll be working."



Christian Ortiz, 22, Communications
"Go out of town to a friend's place in L.A. to party."

COMIC

The Adventures of Runner, Nut and Kit
By Vyonna Maldonado



COMIC



BY JASON GABRIEL/THE RUNNER

STAFF EDITORIAL

Information is power

The digital age has fostered the rise of a new form of currency. Information is power, and all students deserve to have reasonable access to information. When the gatekeepers of that information are not forthcoming, they are denying a fundamental right to students.

Repeated attempts by members of The Runner staff to acquire information were met with delayed responses or outright shifting of responsibility.

For the Oct. 21 issue, a reporter made attempts to retrieve the rules about bicycling and skateboarding on campus. What should have been a simple exchange from campus police turned into administrative stone walling where campus police routed all questions directly to David Melendez, vice president of University Advancement.

While Melendez is a representative for public affairs, the pertinent information rested with Campus Police and should have been provided forthwith. Basic information like what campus policy is regarding riding bikes should not have to go through a public affairs official.

By limiting access to information, the administration is creating apathetic and uninformed university students. The more students are aware of what is happening on campus, the more they will care about the school. If the administration wants a more involved student body, disservices like limiting access to information must stop.

The power balance that is being created, make no mistake even small information is power, is setting a precedent for the future of this university. If administrative foot-dragging and obfuscation is shafting a student newspaper, an objective voice for students, what type of barriers will regular students encounter when they have question for and about their school.

Simple requests for information need to be quickly facilitated by the relevant source, not scrutinized by public affairs for some unforeseen slip-up or less liable wording.

Students should play a part in that power balance and not be relegated to what public affairs choose to release.

A message from
UC Santa Barbara
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
about Halloween in Isla Vista

Dear Student,

As you may be aware, Isla Vista is annually the site of an un-hosted, unsponsored street party that negatively impacts the local community of families, long-term residents, students and small businesses. In previous years, out of town visitors have accounted for the majority of problems including arrests, citations, vandalism, and other serious public safety issues. The hope of the Isla Vista community is to emphasize community pride and ownership and to keep this celebration safe and local. To this end, a number of special measures will be in place to help protect the community. Therefore, it is important that you are fairly warned about the potential serious consequences of a visit to Isla Vista during the Halloween weekend.

Over the Halloween weekend, more than 200 peace officers and deputies will be deployed in and around Isla Vista to enforce the law and local ordinances, heightening the risk of visitors leaving Santa Barbara with an arrest record. Most misdemeanors, such as public intoxication, along with felonies, will mean spending at least one night in the Santa Barbara County Jail. The Santa Barbara County District Attorney is asking for the highest possible fines and anyone under 21 years of age who is arrested for public intoxication faces the loss of his or her driver's license for one year and probation for three years.

- Here are a just a few of the enforcement efforts planned:
- California Highway Patrol (CHP) sobriety checkpoints in the Isla Vista and Goleta areas
 - Stringent enforcement by CHP of vehicle code violations on the Highway 101 corridor from San Luis Obispo to Ventura
 - Alcohol and Beverage Control agents monitoring Isla Vista and Goleta for sales of alcohol to minors and the illegal transportation of alcohol
 - CHP, UC Police, and Sheriff's Department saturation patrols in areas surrounding Isla Vista
 - Sweeps of Goleta hotels by Sheriff's Officers for underage drinking
 - Zero tolerance enforcement (no warnings)

Residents of Isla Vista are being urged to host only private celebrations and not to allow access to people they don't know and those under the age of 21. Potential visitors should also note that there will be no live or pre-recorded amplified music allowed in public in Isla Vista during the Halloween period, from Thursday, October 29 through Sunday, November 1, each evening from 6 pm to 7 am the following morning. Sheriff's officers will be enforcing local ordinances that prohibit people from blocking public right-of-ways (e.g., streets and sidewalks). Street parking in Isla Vista and on neighborhood streets in Goleta will be severely restricted, and tow companies are prepared to tow illegally parked cars. Oversize vehicles such as RVs and campers are prohibited from parking on Isla Vista streets. Out-of-town visitors will not be allowed to park on the UCSB campus or in commercial lots surrounding Isla Vista, and UCSB policies prohibit Halloween weekend guests in our residence halls and apartments.

Given the strict enforcement and the negative impact that out of area crowds have on the community of Isla Vista, I hope that you will decide to stay away for your own safety and protection and choose to celebrate Halloween locally in your own community.

Sincerely,
Debbie Fleming

Debbie Fleming
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs
University of California, Santa Barbara

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Vicente makes mark on team

By Nick Fequiere
Reporter

After suffering two knee injuries during her freshman and sophomore years of high school, Haley Vicente was unsure of her future on the soccer field.

However, after two extensive rehabs that took a year and a half of her life, the freshman forward for the CSU Bakersfield women’s soccer

team is making a name for herself on the Roadrunners by tying CSUB scoring records and earning Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week from Oct. 5 to Oct. 11.

According to Vicente, one of her greatest accomplishments was her return to soccer after tearing the ACL in her left knee during her freshman year at Arbor View High School and tearing the same ligament in her right knee the following year.

“It was really tough [recovering from the injury], but you have to keep your mental awareness strong, keep fighting and never let down,” Vicente said. “It is a setback, but you can always come through it.”

It took her nine months to rehab and return to action after each incident, but she was able to return.

Even throughout her rehabilitation process, Vicente never lost her passion for the game and said she felt no hesitation when stepping back onto that field for the first time since the injury.

“I was confident in the way I rehabbed it and my legs are strong enough,” she said.

“There was a little hesitation, but I think those are just first game jitters.”

Vicente’s bounced back in her senior year and helped lead Arbor View High to three straight state titles. She finished with 43 goals and 23 assists for the Aggies.

Vicente then decided to come to CSUB and, though she has had a slow start, she has shown promise as a talented newcomer.

“It is a setback, but you can always come through it.”

–Haley Vicente
Freshman Forward

She scored five goals in a two game span, with four of them coming against Chicago State on Oct. 11 to tie an all-time school record and all-conference record

for most goals in a single game.

She also tied the all-time school record for most points with eight.

“It was really cool,” Vicente said. “I didn’t even know that I did that until after the game, but it was a really good experience.”

Vicente credits Curneen with taking her game to the next level by pushing her to find new limits. For the season, Vicente has played solidly with 14 of her 20 shots being on goal and five scores, four of which came in her breakout game against Chicago State.

Freshman center midfielder Madi Giammona said that “having a teammate like Haley has been amazing.”

She and the rest of the women’s team finish out their season against Seattle University, Utah Valley and Grand Canyon University before the WAC tournament opener on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Main Soccer Field.

Haley’s song

Freshman forward Haley Vicente

returned from an ACL tear at Arbor View High School. Vicente bounced back and finished her career at Arbor View High with 43 goals and 23 assists. On Oct. 11, she tied the CSUB scoring records for goals in a game (4), points in a week (8) and tied the conference record for goals in one game.



CSUB freshman forward Haley Vicente screams after an attempted goal against Seattle University on Friday, Oct. 23 at the Main Soccer Field. Vicente is the second-leading scorer (5) for the Roadrunners.

Karina Diaz/The Runner

VOLLEYBALL

CSUB wins third match in row

By Esteban Ramirez
Editor-in-Chief

It was a familiar recipe of success for the CSU Bakersfield volleyball team.

For the third straight game, senior outside hitter Kelsee Sawyer led the team in kills and led the Roadrunners to a third-straight victory as they swept Grand Canyon University 3-0 (25-12, 25-11, 26-24) at the Icardo Center on Oct. 24.

Sawyer finished with 15 kills and a hitting percentage of .438 against GCU.

“It’s my last year and my time is running out, and I just think I go hard every time no matter what,” Sawyer said about her performances. “I don’t think about it too much and just give it my all.”

Sawyer is coming off performances against Chicago State on Oct. 15 in which she hit a school record of .722 and against the University of Missouri-Kansas City on Oct. 17 in which she had 23 kills.

CSUB director of volleyball



AJ Alvarado/The Runner

CSUB celebrates after scoring the final point in a clean sweep of Grand Canyon at the Icardo center on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Giovana Melo said that she thinks Sawyer has taken on a leadership role and has improved throughout the year.

“I thought we played decently well,” Melo said on the team’s performance against GCU. “I thought we were getting a little bit better throughout the match. They started to play in the third [set] a little bit better, so once they put the pressure, we were able to respond and continue to play well. I thought it was actually a pretty good match for us.”

The Roadrunners (8-12, 6-2 Western Athletic Conference) took control of the match from the first set. They fell behind

early 3-0, but then went on a 17-5 run before GCU called a timeout. CSUB closed out the set and won it 25-12.

In the second set, CSUB took the lead from the start and really did not look back as it won 25-11. The Roadrunners held the Antelopes to only four kills and a -.079 hitting percentage.

GCU (4-16, 2-6 WAC) responded in the third set as the Antelopes took an 11-8 lead. However, the Roadrunners battled back and took a 25-24 lead before Sawyer’s last kill won the close third set for CSUB.

The third set had 11 ties and four lead changes.

Junior outside hitter Carol Grasso, who finished with 13 kills and team-high 14 digs, said that they struggled at the beginning of the third set because they weren’t serving as hard and passing as efficiently.

Senior setter Luiza Martins finished with 42 assists and 13 digs. Redshirt-sophomore middle blocker Sydney Haynes added 10 kills.

Redshirt-sophomore outside hitter Jordyn Sanchez led the Antelopes with 12 kills and eight digs.

CSUB will host Seattle University tomorrow in the Icardo Center at 7 p.m.

MEN’S SOCCER

Offense paces ‘Runners to win

By Esteban Ramirez
Editor-in-Chief

The CSU Bakersfield men’s soccer team wanted to get off to a quick start on Oct. 25, and that’s exactly what it did against the University of Missouri-Kansas City as the Roadrunners beat the Kangaroos 3-0 at the Main Soccer Field.

CSUB (6-4-4, 3-2-2 Western Athletic Conference) took the lead in third minute when senior forward Simon Doherty gave a lead pass to senior midfielder Christian Duarte to score the first goal.

CSUB coach Richie Grant said that he thinks the early goal by Duarte set the tone for the game.

Only nine minutes later the Roadrunners added another goal.

However, this time it came on a free kick when sophomore defender Jamie Morey-Correll

set up a scoring opportunity for senior defender Mario Iniguez to header the ball in and give the Roadrunners a 2-0 lead in the first 12 minutes.

“We’ve been working on these in practice,” Iniguez said. “We have been focusing in on running for the front post and putting it in.”

After halftime, the Roadrunners’ attack slowed down.

Then Grant put in redshirt-sophomore forward Julian Zamora and he sparked the team and CSUB added one more goal to put the game away. This time Duarte set up Zamora to score the goal at 74th minute.

“I thought we did well,” Duarte said. “I thought it was a good positive result.”

“I’m just really happy with the performance everyone put in.”

Grant said he wants the team to have some momentum going into the WAC Tournament, which starts on Nov. 12.

“We have confidence, so we want momentum going into the next two weekends,” he said. “First, we have to book a spot in the tournament, and then we need to be playing our football by the time we get there.”

CSUB will head to Houston, Texas on Oct. 30 to play against Houston Baptist University.

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