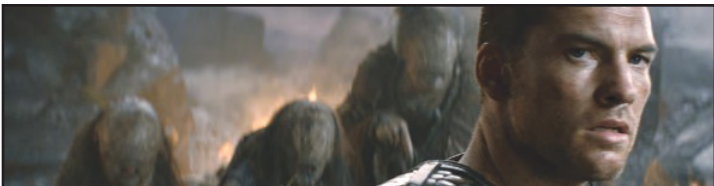




CSUB-Fresno State has the makings of a bitter rivalry.
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Does the “Clash of the Titans” remake live up to the hype? Review on Page 4.



The Club Fair took place April 1 at Runner Park. More photos on Page 7.

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Grade-replacement awareness more important than ever

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Recently implemented changes to academic standing at California State University, Bakersfield have greatly affected students' chances of academic dismissal should they consistently perform poorly in classes.

Nearly 200 students reached disqualification following Winter Quarter and were subject to dismissal.

Approximately 70 students were taken off the disqualification list and placed on probation with the help of grade replacement, allowing them to continue their education at CSUB and improve their academic standing.

Grade replacement allows students to retake a course, in which they received a C-minus or lower, and replace the previous grade if they score better the second time.

Upon receiving the improved grade, students can download the grade replacement form from the Admissions and Records Web page, fill it out and submit it to the Admissions and Records office.

No signatures or approvals are needed.

When the grade is changed, the old grade is taken out of all grade-point-average calculations, and only the new grade - provided it is higher - is counted toward the GPA.

“Students just assume that whatever the transcript says is accurate,” said John Dirkse, director of academic operations at CSUB. “We’ll go back and look at things and there were many students who had done courses over again - done well the second time - but that F was [See **GRADE**, Page 5]



Mark Nessia/The Runner

ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK: In an effort to save money, the CSUB athletic department has decided to discontinue four sports programs, including women's tennis headed by coach Dan McCain (pictured). The proposed move would prevent an annual deficit of \$700,000, but force coaches and student-athletes to look elsewhere to continue their careers.

Athletic cuts go far beyond the playing field

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For Ashlee Thorneycroft, the past three years have been a dream come true.

Hailing from Melbourne, Australia, it has always been her goal to come to the U.S. and play college tennis.

While Thorneycroft had several colleges interested in her, she only had her sights on playing for California State University, Bakersfield.

Though it was hard being by herself and not having family, being on her

own was a good challenge and having her education paid for in addition to being able to play the sport she loves was a great opportunity.

First of two parts

every moment of,” said Thorneycroft, a junior physical education and kinesiology major and member of the CSUB women's tennis team.

But shortfalls in state funding have led to drastic changes to the CSUB athlet-

ics department - changes that threaten to cut Thorneycroft's collegiate career short, in addition to approximately 54 other student-athletes and six salaried coaches.

A Difficult Decision

On Feb. 11, CSUB President Horace Mitchell announced that wrestling, men's and women's golf and women's tennis would be officially discontinued at the conclusion of the 2009-10 academic year.

Each sport will be able to finish its respective season in compliance with NCAA scheduling regulations.

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CSUB searches for new chief

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On Thursday, April, California State University Bakersfield's Police Chief Search Committee began interviewing applicants to fill the position of campus police chief.

The three candidates are James Miyashiro, Donald Landers and Martin Williamson.



Miyashiro

A fourth candidate, Robert Clements, was scheduled to be interviewed on Friday but withdrew his name.

Miyashiro is currently the chief of police for the Riverside Community College District Police Department, which incorporates the Moreno Valley Campus, the Riverside City College Campus and the Norco Campus - all in Riverside, Calif.

Miyashiro was interviewed by Interim Vice President for Student Affairs John Hultsman, Interim Executive Director for Associated Students, Inc. Taren Mulhause, Interim Assistant

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Sports management major dropped

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CSUB has been cutting many programs, causing students to have limited options on what they choose to study.

With the budget cuts becoming worse each year who knows what academic majors will be left.

One program that CSUB

has cut from next year is sports management.

Sports Management is basically the business aspect of the world of sports. Students learn the logistics of sports and how to make sport events enjoyable for everyone. Jobs in the sports industry include game operations, finance, accounting and facilities managers.

CSUB it is the only CSU that offers sports manage-

ment as an undergraduate major. “I chose to attend CSUB because it is the only CSU that offers sport management, and it was the only school within mine and my parents price range,” says, senior Casey Spinetti. Students who desire the degree must look at other schools because other schools only offer it as a master's degree. The sport

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Health care reform looks to benefit students

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On March 23, President Barack Obama signed the very politically controversial health care reform bill into law thus taking a significant step toward universal health care.

The bill is intended to make health care more easily accessible to 32 million Americans who are currently uninsured.

The new health care reform law will also make important changes in the health care system, such as forcing insurance companies to no longer deny coverage for citizens based on pre-existing conditions and raising the age limit for children to stay on their parents' insurance plans from age 21 to 26.

The new legislation will affect all citizens of the nation including our own campus students and staff leaving many to wonder if there is need for concern or praise.

Since the contents of the bill

may be hard to comprehend in such a lengthy document, like many other citizens in the country, students may not grasp the new reform policies in entirety. Some feel that more time is needed to have a higher understanding of the bill to voice an opinion for or against the new legislation.

When asked for a brief outlook to the passing of the health care reform bill, freshman Sonny Cha said, “For me it goes both ways, but it is a little too soon to make a concrete opinion.”

Junior Evabelen Ventura also gave a mixed opinion. “I think it's great that more students will be able to get the health care they need, but the bad part being the rise of taxes for the taxpayers,” she said.

There are many that are in the middle when it comes to the new changes in health care, but there are students like junior Marc Miller who have dealt with the troubles in health care that are appreciative of the

[See **HEALTH**, Page 5]

Trees moved to make way for solar panels

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If you've noticed some rather large holes on campus where you swore there used to be a tree, you're probably not crazy.

A number of trees on campus, roughly numbering between 40 to 50 trees, have been or will be removed and relocated from their original homes to other spots around campus.

In order to make way for



Photo courtesy of Facilities Management

CSUB will have solar panels built over lots I and E similar to those pictured above.

the construction of solar paneling in parking lots I and E, the tree relocation project is being conducted during the spring months to ensure the highest chances of survival for the trees.

“This time of year is optimal for the replanting of the trees and ensures a high survival rate,” said Patty Keefer, Interim Public Affairs official at California State University,

Bakersfield. “The trees are not being removed by any means. They're being relocated to continue to beautify our campus.”

The expected start date for the construction of the photovoltaic paneling project is between June 15 and 20, and is expected to not only create shaded parking, but generate between 20 to 30 percent of the power usage for CSUB.

Shade canopies with solar panel roofs will cover 500

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Ian Nemeschy, Assistant Editor and Blanca Martinez, Staff Writer

This week, The Runner asked, "What do you think of the athletic department cutting men's and women's golf, tennis and wrestling?"



Andre Garcia,
Junior
Psychology

"I think it is disappointing to see sports taken away without seeing other alternatives."



Beau Larimer
Graduate Student.
English

"It was a bad choice going to Division I. They have had to cut one of their strongest programs because it's expensive."



Shannon LaBare
Senior,
Business Admin.
Mgmt.

"Sports should be an integral part of school, there are other places money could be cut from."



Jasmin LoBasso-Spencer
Senior, History

"It's not fair for the people involved. I'm sure that them being cut makes it harder for people to choose affordable schools."

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Budget cuts make dorm food hard to swallow

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The dorm food dining experience is no five-star feast, even if super baked.

It will make you want to run to your nearest run-of-the-mill fast food restaurant and order until you run out of money. Any vending-machine food will make you feel like you're eating like a king compared to the bland, unsatisfying food that dorm residents get served daily at the Commons.

Brendon Esteves said, "Dorm food merely exists to keep you alive and barely keep you from dying."

What you get served at dinner will more than likely be lunch's unsatisfying leftovers.

The dining hours are also another subject that needs to be discussed.

A lot of dorm residents don't get to actually eat or finish their meals because of the limited time food is being served at the dorms.

There have been many times people have gone hungry and not been able to get the food they wanted served to them throughout the day because they missed the time of the food being served at the Commons.



Matt Bernacchi/The Runner
A student struggling through a culinary experience.

There have been people who have rescheduled their whole class schedule to fit in with the hours that the food is being served.

Waking up hungover and finally getting up out of your bed and stumbling to the Commons, only to find out that you missed the time the food is being served is probably one of the most disheartening events that can happen in a student's time at col-

lege.

The cooks on the other hand are very professional and great at what they do. I've been to many eateries and not many have as great as staff as the ones that work at the dorms.

The staff usually gets all your food served on time, even though you kind of get pissed off when you got to go to class really quick and you are getting served cheeseburgers by

a rookie who shouldn't be five feet near a grill. Eventually, after a few days, they usually get everything worked out and make their food without too many mistakes. Working hard and always sociable, the staff that works at the dorms are pretty chill people who manage to make you feel like you're not about to eat something that you might regret in a few hours.

The food that is served at the dorms has to fit within the budget of Cal State and as anyone that can attest from attending here, we know is extremely low.

The food and materials that they have to work with aren't the greatest either and the cooks and chefs are not using their full potential in the way they can prepare the food that is served. I hope one day they are able to use their full potential and get the proper food and equipment and be able to show what world class dining experiences we are missing out on.

At least they got some bomb cereal, just in case you come in after getting lit. So until the school gets an increased budget, and is willing to spend more money on their food and quality of the dorms' dining, don't expect to be leaving the Commons with a big ass smile on your face.

Healthcare with good intent

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President Obama's new fix on health insurance plans to benefit all Americans, counting those who have insurance and those who do not.

People who have health insurance will count on more stability and security. Insurance companies will not be able to turn down or cut services on people who are very ill and need insurance the most or discriminate against people with pre-existing

conditions.

In an attempt to not destroy any person financially, it will also rid the extra charges for flu shots, testing for diabetes, and mammograms and will eliminate expenses so that people will not be broke after getting sick. In addition, it will ensure Medicare for seniors.

Those who do not have insurance will have more affordable choices by providing new marketplaces and tax credits that offer uninsured people and small businesses the opportunity to evaluate plans and buy at more beneficial prices. Furthermore a new public health insurance will protect people with pre-existing conditions financially.

Moreover, all Americans will lead in the cost of health care for our families, our businesses and our government, largely due to the fact

that large employers will be required to cover their employees who can afford insurance-malpractice reform projects. It will not add a cent to the shortage because it will be paid for upfront.

With an independent commission for doctors and other medical personnel it will be easy to identify any type of fraud, waste and abuse in the health system.

With a history of failure, Congress must have a different mentality from past attempts in order to make this reform successful. With this in mind, a plan of more efficient health care is at hand. To bring down costs, and expand coverage, \$360 billion will be put on reserve over a period of 10 years. It will serve as a down payment to provide support for the health care work force.

\$330 million will improve HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment. \$19 million will modernize the health insurance system.

\$211 million will go toward research, \$3.2 million will aid low-income families, in particular cooling and heating expenses.

This reform will also aid an additional four million uninsured children part of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

With the downturn the economy is facing presently, it will require strategic planning to enact this health reform.

"Addressing health systems issues and strengthening the health systems within which health programs operate, rather than

investing in programmes alone, will improve programme effectiveness and the chances of sustainability," said Director-General of WHO, Dr. LEE Jong-wook.

Thus, it is a known fact that in the past support for the social interest dies down when one must contribute more to cost.

Historians argue that many reasons contributed to the factors that led past attempts at National Health Insurance fail, the difficulty of the matters, ideological differences, a weak president, a distributed Congressional power, and the lobbying strength of special interest groups.

In my opinion, Obama's intention for the social interest are good-intentioned. The billions of dollars that he plans to set aside is a sign of definite implementation of the reform. It will benefit millions of Americans and will take a burden off of those who can not afford or spend too much on health insurance. Finally, we will be more convinced to visit the doctor.

However, I worry that some people might take advantage of the services offered through this new reform and abuse the use of these. I assume that the government will take extra precaution to prevent this from happening. Even though I support the reform, I am aware that the government will face trade-offs to meet this new law.

But which trade-offs will the economy face in order to enact this health insurance reform? Where will the government cut benefits from?

As a college student, it is a great concern for me that more budget cuts will be made from universities or financial aid will be provided to students who pursue a higher education. Nevertheless, if Obama decided to sign this reform it means that the marginal benefit exceeded the marginal cost of the tradeoff that is to come.

Alpha Chi National Honor Society offers papers at national conference

Press release courtesy of
Hawk Honors Program

On March 25 - 27, three of CSUB's top honors students accompanied sponsor Dr. Michael Flachmann to Little Rock, Arkansas, where they gave papers at an Alpha Chi Honor Society National Conference. The group joined six hundred other students and faculty members from throughout the United

States for this yearly event during which they gave scholarly talks, took a tour of the Clinton National Library, listened to an inspiring speech by Carlotta Walls LaNier (one of the original "Little Rock Nine"), and socialized with their counterparts from throughout the country. CSUB student Matthew Mason delivered a talk entitled "Family Responsibilities Discrimination in American Employment," Alex Contreras spoke on the subject of "Evolutionary Creation: Ism Free," and Daniel Musquez gave a recital in which he performed three songs that he

had set to music. Flachmann was extremely enthusiastic about the trip: "Matt, Daniel, and Alex did an absolutely wonderful job of representing CSUB at this important national honor society conference," he said. This year's Alpha Chi Candlelight Initiation Ceremony will be held during the University-Wide Honors Convocation in the Dore Theatre at 5 PM on Sunday, May 2. The featured speaker will be Dr. Carl Kemnitz, Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Programs. All members of the campus community are invited free of charge.

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Spring fashion

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It's a new season and a new quarter at California State University Bakersfield with birds chirping, flowers blooming and temperatures rising.

As the weather changes, so does the fashion of that season. So with that being said, drop those heavy sweaters, crochet scarves and dark colors for a more light, delicate fill of mini dresses, vibrant sandals and a nude-color palette.

With the beginning of a new quarter, CSUB students have to be concerned with new classes, new exams and the stresses of budget cuts. However, with the spring season in full swing, students can also prepare for new color schemes, new prints and a new closet filled with pieces that will make this quarter a breeze.

This spring, be light, fluffy, daring, innovative and bold enough to plunge into the sea of blues, explored the grassy greens, travel the plains of purples and the sunny rays of

yellows.

Fashion magazines of all calibers have comprised lists of what is "in" this season, so to save students the trouble of browsing rack after rack and flipping of page after page, here's a list of do's and don'ts of spring fashion 2010 according to Glamour magazine.

The key to keeping up with the Joneses is to first be confident in your style, be aware of what works and what doesn't and last, but not least, a trend is just that: a trend, which goes away as fast as it flown is in, so buy pieces that can surpass any seasons and become a lifelong resident in any wardrobe.

So, challenging the fashionistas and trend-setters of CSUB to embark on a journey of enlightenment – literally by shedding the trend of layering up, disposing of heavy fabric, hibernating chunky jewelry and bleaching dark colors-in order to become a roadrunner of spring by embracing the higher temperatures, advocating for sheer fabrics and becoming pro-color by accepting the bolds of neon's and the delicates of pastels.



Photo courtesy of www.piercemattiepublicrelations.com.
Chunky jewelry is a must have item in order to complete any spring outfit.



Photo Left courtesy of Zimbio.com
Khloe Kardashian sports a blue dress.



Photo Right courtesy of cubradio.com
Tie-dye is recommended for this season of spring fashion.

Editors' artists of the week



Ashley Sizemore,
Editor-in-Chief

Cobra Starship

“They are a hot mess”



Mark Nessia,
Managing Editor
Of Machines
“An immensely-talented band, whose knack for perfectly blending catchy melodies and aggressive vocals shine through in every track.”



Melissa Villagomez,
Features
Deathcab for Cutie Lyrics that sound as if you'd written them yourself with an amazing score to match. Check out “Soul Meets Body” or “Tiny Vessels”



Olivia Duncan,
Entertainment

Britney Spears

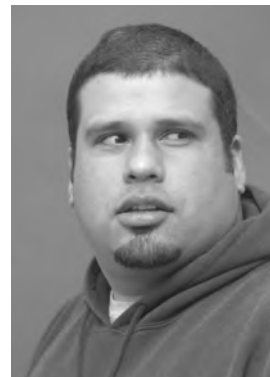
“Her songs are catchy, fun and she knows how to put on a great show.”



Racella De Guia,
News

NickiMinaj

“She’s crazy.”



Manny Beltran,
Sports
The Roots
“They have been the hardest working band in hip-hop and Black Thought is one of the top-5 emcees EVER.”



Lauren Ogle,
Photos

The Police

“It plays all the time on the CD at work.”



Derek Bato,
Web and Opinions

Jared Leto

“The beautiful frontman of 30 Seconds to Mars.”



CAREER CORNER

The Center for Community Engagement & Career Education

Welcome to the CSUB Career Corner, a monthly article to help you with all things related to career development! We have many exciting events and workshops happening this quarter all designed to assist you with your job search. Be sure to take advantage of these opportunities to help make your job search a success!

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Date & Time: 4/7/10, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: Community Engagement & Career Education Center

HELPING PROFESSIONS & CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREER EXPO
Date & Time: 4/14/10, 10:00 am - 1:00 PM
Location: Runner Café Quad

Career Day Prep Workshop
Date & Time: 4/21/10, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: Community Engagement & Career Education Center

BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION CAREER FAIR
Date & Time: 4/28/10, 5:00 - 7:30 PM
Location: Alumni Park

Furloughs, Fondue & Fridays
Date & Time: 4/23 or 5/7 or 5/21, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Location: Community Engagement & Career Education Center

Volunteer & Internship Workshop
Date & Time: 5/5/10, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: Community Engagement & Career Education Center

JOB SEARCH SERIES FOR GRADUATING SENIORS & ALUMNI
Part I - Marketing YOU!
Date & Time: 5/12/10, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: Community Engagement & Career Education Center

Part II - Crafting a Plan
Date & Time: 5/19/10, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: Community Engagement & Career Education Center

Part III - Mastering the Interview
Date & Time: 5/26/10, 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: Community Engagement & Career Education Center

What Now? A Comprehensive Job Search Workshop
Date & Time: 6/14/10, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Location: Community Engagement & Career Education Center

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Multi-instrumentalist puts on a show

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The California State University, Bakersfield Music Department was pleased to welcome performer Danny Holt to the Doré Theatre on Thursday, April 1.

Holt's performance, entitled "The Piano/Percussion Project," involved him playing both a 7-foot grand piano, and various percussion instruments simultaneously. Holt performed pieces composed by six different composers from around the globe.

Holt, currently residing in Los Angeles, is a freelance educator and performer and teaches part time at the Herb Alpert School of Music at California Institute of the Arts.

His primary instrument is the piano, which he began playing at the age of 7, and then later began playing various percussion instruments as a teenager.

Holt came up with the idea for the project a few years ago when playing another composition.

"It kind of came to me in a vision actually. I was playing a piece in which I was asked to play keyboard and there was a little bit of kick drum with the foot pedal.

"That gave me the initial idea, and then I just thinking 'Wow, what else could I play?' And so I devised this whole setup," said Holt.

Holt described the preparation for Friday's



Mark Nessia/ The Runner
Danny Holt simultaneously plays the piano and drums during his "Piano/Percussion Project." Holt performed classical, yet experimental music on April 1 at the Dore Theatre.

performance as being "extraordinarily athletic and taxing" on his whole body, not just his arms and hands, as with playing the piano.

"One of the things I have to do is to break things down, so if there is a part that I'm playing with all four of my limbs, I have to learn each part separately," said Holt when asked about the unique difficulties of performing on two instruments simultaneously. "It's a process of working very, very slowly and carefully, and breaking things down into small pieces and then putting them together."

Holt said that his favorite piece of the evening to perform was a work by his friend Andrew Tholl entitled "Hitting Things Won't Solve Your Problems (But it Might Make You Feel Better)."

Holt described performing the piece as being "very fun" and "cathartic."

Besides the piano and standard drum kit consisting of kick drum, snare, two toms, hi-hat cymbal and crash cymbal, Holt made use of a wide array of percussion instruments.

Some of these included a set of bongos, a triangle, three wood blocks, a glockenspiel, a gong, tambourine, a piece of scrap metal tuned to a specific pitch, and even a brake drum from a car.

"Piano is hard by itself, drum set is hard by itself – this guy is playing both of them at the same time. It's pretty crazy stuff," said Daniel Musquez, who recently graduated from CSUB with a Bachelor of Arts in music.

Musquez said that though the kind of music performed was not something he would usually listen to, it was unique and entertaining to watch.

"I like more aesthetically different stuff

and he was very different, and it was really pleasing for my ear. It was definitely the first time I had heard anything like this," he said.

Heather Wright, current junior at CSUB and a music major, also thought that the performance was very entertaining.

"Not really something I listen to like on a CD in my car, but it's definitely something that is nice to watch live," said Wright.

Wright, who primarily plays percussion instruments, thought that Holt demonstrated tremendous talent and skill during the performance.

"It's one thing to play drum set and be able to combine all of the little elements with your hands and feet, but being able to put it with piano is just awesome," she said.

For those who did not attend but are interested, there is a podcast of the performance available at www.csub.edu/music

More information is also available at www.dannholt.net



Mark Nessia/The Runner
Danny Holt directs the audience's applause to his instruments at the end of his performance at the Dore Theatre April 1.

'Clash' fails to impress

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Photo courtesy of aceshowbiz.com

The original "Clash of the Titans" was released in 1981 and featured Laurence Oliver, Claire Bloom, Maggie Smith and Harry Hamlin.

Flash forward 29 years and "The Incredible Hulk" director, Louis Leterrier, brings to you the new "Clash of the Titans," which has been remade and hit theaters nationwide Friday, April 2.

With a running time of roughly one hour and 40 minutes, this movie is available in 2-D and 3-D format.

The new cast consists of Sam Worthington as Perseus; the son of Zeus, Liam Neeson as Zeus, Ralph Fiennes as Hades, Mads Mikkelsen as Draco, Gemma Arterton as Io and Danny Huston as Poseidon.

The movie has gotten mixed reviews among film critics.

"Solid teamwork by a host of digital animators, special effects personnel, art directors, hair, makeup and prosthetic designers and game and athletic actors makes "Clash" a popcorn movie that reaches back to the fantasy epics of old and forward into the digital future, where the word unimaginable no longer exists," said The Hollywood Reporter.

While The Hollywood

Reporter seemed to enjoy the movie, The Los Angeles Times had a much different take.

"Obviously, no one comes to a

Normally, I do not like to see these types of movies and after seeing "Clash of the Titans" I have to say I am still on the fence with the mythological fantasy genre. If you do not have background knowledge of Greek Gods and Goddesses you will find yourself confused and asking a lot of questions. Although the storyline was great and the mystical setting was very interesting, many of the fight scenes were poorly acted out and way too over the top.

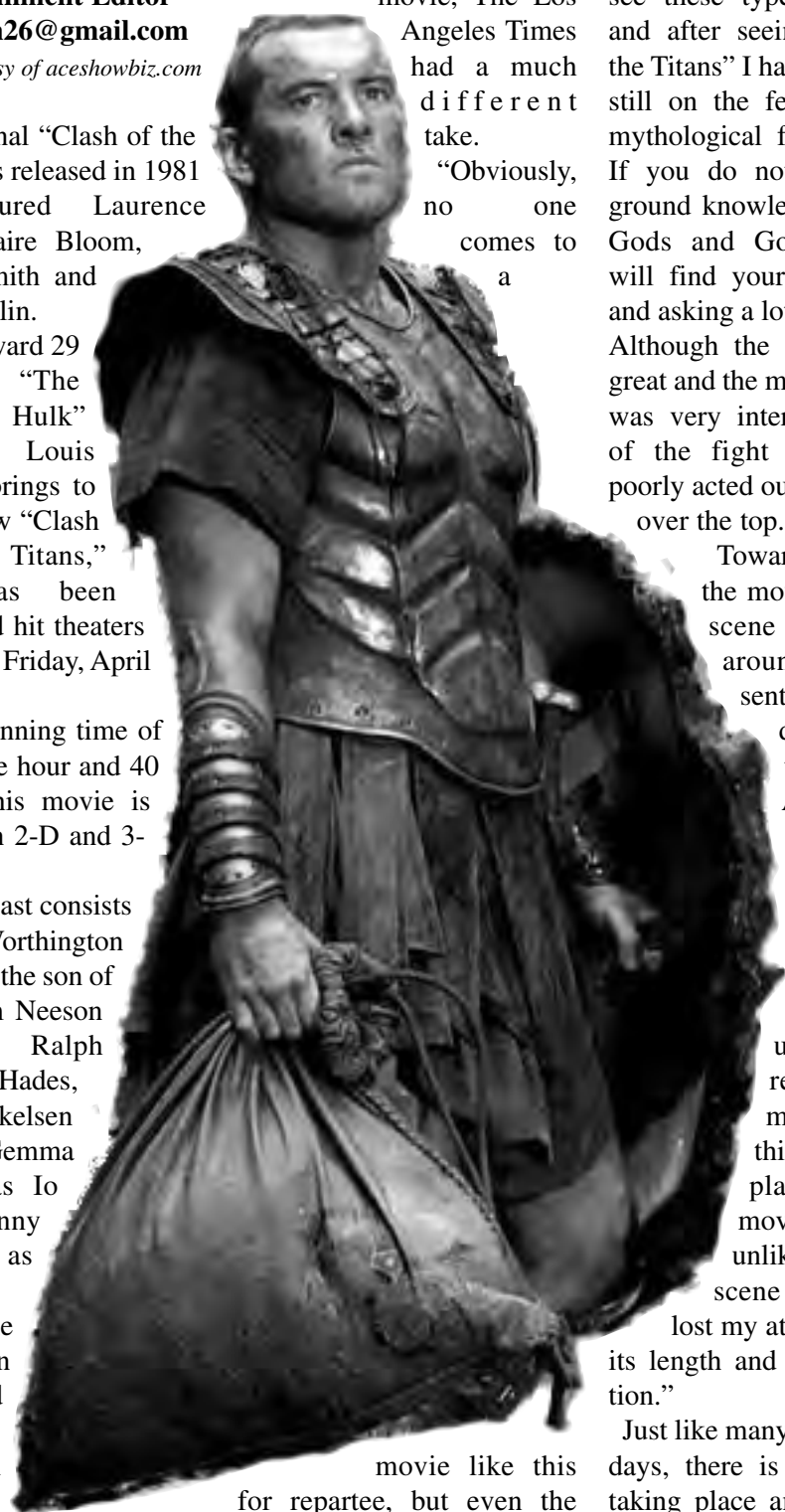
Toward the end of the movie, there is a scene revolving around a dragon sent by Zeus to destroy the town of Argos. The scene drags on for way too long with an ending that was completely unrealistic. I realize that most everything that took place in the movie was highly unlikely, but this scene completely lost my attention due to its length and "over animation."

Just like many movies these days, there is a love story taking place amongst all of the action.

Io has been watching over Perseus since he was born, and throughout the movie the two characters formed a strong bond and fell in love with each other. Even when Io was killed, Zeus brought her back to life, so they could live happily ever after.

I would give "Clash of the Titans" two out of five stars because I believe that it was an average film, but not one that is suited for all people.

movie like this for repartee, but even the action scenes, with ancient Greek hero Perseus facing off against an entire menagerie of mythical monsters, come off as lethargic and clunky. Possibly because this film was converted to 3-D late in the game, the third dimension, especially in those action scenes, is more of a distraction than an enhancement," said Kenneth Turan, a film critic for The Los Angeles Times.





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Changes in academic standing bring greater need for grade-replacement awareness

[GRADE, from Page 1] still there on their GPA, dragging them down. They can remove that.”

The process to change GPAs is run every night, but the grade-replacement procedure is not done immediately. The records office will process it “as quickly as they can,” Dirkse said.

“There aren’t many policies that seem to go in [students’] favor, but this one does,” Dirkse said.

Dirkse believes that many CSUB students are unaware of grade replacement, and how it can help maintain good academic standing. He also thinks there are some faculty and staff that do not know the details as well.

Psychology professor and adviser Karen Hartlep said she has suggested grade replacement to some of the students she advises, which is roughly 40 students a quarter.

However, she was unsure about the details.

Hartlep was not aware that students had to download and fill out a form in order for the grade replacement to take place – she thought it was done automatically. She was also unaware of the newly-implemented limit on the number of units a student can replace.

Grade replacement is covered in the CSUB catalog, but Dirkse suspects that because it is in the catalog, students do not know about it.

“Students just don’t read catalogs,” Dirkse said.

Ursula Lloyd, a senior psychology major, was unaware of grade replacement.

“It’s not sounding familiar,” she said.

Kelvin Calvin, a graduate music major, said he used grade replacement last year at the recommendation of his teacher. The class was for his major and he “did not do good.” His teacher suggested he use grade replacement.

Dirkse said that students probably memorize the pages of their respective majors, but do not read the “other policies.” Unless it affects them – even adversely – they are not really going to care, he said.

But grade replacement is a policy Dirkse believes students should know about and take advantage of.

Executive Order 1038 went into effect fall 2009 saying there can only be three academic standings: good, probation and disqualification. Before that, CSUB had standings of good, probation, subject to dismissal and academic disqualification.

Under the new system, students who in one term do poorly and go to probation would be at that probation status for a whole term and have a chance to redeem themselves. But if



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Through grade replacement, students who receive a C-minus or lower in a class can retake the class and have the new grade replace the previous one – provided the new grade is higher. The old grade will then be removed from all grade-point-average calculations.

they did poorly again, they would be dismissed. Having a subject-to-dismissal status gave students an extra opportunity to recover before possibly being dismissed.

A student is put on probation if their GPA falls below 2.0, and reaches disqualification if it drops to 1.5 or lower.

However, since students did not receive a lot of information regarding the change, CSUB did not implement the changes until the end of fall. Students at the end of fall still reached subject-to-dismissal status.

In mid-December, the Student Success and Retention Center notified all students who had reached probation status or worse by e-mail and hard-copy letter informing them of their academic status, the dropping of the subject-to-dismissal status in winter and what could happen to them.

According to Dirkse, barely 50 percent of students looked at the note.

But this being the first time through the change, faculty deemed it was “just too critical.”

“The first time through, we’ve got to do something to help the cause,” Dirkse said.

The university took the students who would not have reached disqualification had they done grade replacement and moved them back to probation.

“We changed their grades for them,” Dirkse said. “We notified all of them. We’re not going to do this ever again.”

Dirkse believed those students were unaware of the policy. He thinks if they knew about it, they would have done it so they do not get disqualified.

The “Petition for Repetition of Course” form can be found online at www.csub.edu/admissions/OfficialForms/.

Dirkse added that there were close to 100 students who reached disqualification even if they did do grade replacement, but suggested they do them anyway.

“I’m hoping many of them will come back after they go elsewhere to make up their grades and want to be reinstated (through the Academic Petitions Committee),” he said. “We’d love to have them. Why not have a better situation than when you left?”

Dirkse said the campus is “really getting proactive in intervening.”

The SSRC will send e-mails every term to all students that reach probation or worse, informing them of their status, as well as what they can do to appeal their situation.

E-mails will be sent out this week, Dirkse said.

Dirkse recommends students repeat courses right away.

“The longer you wait, the longer that bad grade stays,” he said. “To help your GPA, and help your situation of staying eligible, take the course right away.”

Some students may want to “save” replacement units for harder classes they must take later on, but Dirkse suggests another alternative.

“We let you reallocate (units),” he said. “If it turns out that you have to do a replacement on another course later, and you want to remove one of the earlier ones, you just submit a petition to us and it’s almost automatic.”

Dirkse also suggests students repeat courses with different professors, if possible.

Students can get complacent when they take the same instructor too soon, he said.

“Too often, when students take [classes] with the same instructor, they’ll come up to it and say, ‘I did well on the first test, I don’t have to study for that,’” he said. “Of course, my response would be, ‘Then you wouldn’t be here now if you remembered it well.’”

Dirkse said that if taking a different professor meant waiting a term, then students should go ahead and wait a term.

Dirkse also suggested students submit grade replacements immediately.

“As soon as you see it on your myCSUB account, download that form and submit it to records,” he said. “As soon as that’s done, and as soon as it’s processed in records, the grade will be taken out of your GPA calculations – your GPA will be changed.”

Grade replacement forms should be submitted before the final day that grades are rolled, Dirkse said.

All grade replacements must be done before grades are finalized and academic standing is run – a process Dirkse does himself.

Grade replacements can still be submitted after grades are rolled, but at that point, academic standing has already been determined.

There is a limit on how many units a student can replace, however – a CSU-established limit of 24 quarter units put into effect by Executive Order 1037 beginning with the fall 2009 term.

Students can check how many replacement units they have used on myCSUB. There is also a spreadsheet that shows what courses the replacement units have been put toward and how many units are remaining.

If a student wants to go beyond 24 units, they can submit a petition to the Academic Program’s Office. The Academic Petition’s Committee would then determine if a student should be able to go over 24 units or not.

If approved, students will be allowed 18 additional quarter units.

“That committee is made up of faculty, and faculty feel that 24 units is already very generous to students, so no one should ever count on having a petition approved to go beyond,” Dirkse said.

Also, all grades for courses repeated using the 18 additional units will be used in GPA calculations – no grades will be replaced at this point.

CSUB students will also be limited to 28 quarter units of W grades.

In the past, students were able to retake as many courses as they wanted, regardless of the grade they had before.

Dropped major a lose-lose for students and university

[MAJOR, from Page 1] management classes have been filling up each quarter.

After Spring Quarter, those seats will be empty.

Although there might be some students that may not be aware that CSUB has this program, those that have chosen to study sports management they are at a loss.

Senior Jannette Frausto is

one of few students that this cut is not affecting because she is graduating this spring.

“This cut may not be affecting me now but it will in the future because there will not be other students to network with,” said Frausto.

However, for the new students that had hoped to pursue this degree must now

join the disappointment of many other students who’s major have been cut.

Sport Management Club president and senior Casey Spinetti feels that CSUB will be at a loss for cutting this program because more and more students are becoming aware of this program.

“If CSUB took the time to market this program properly,

it could have been huge,” said Spinetti.

She also feels that this program could have helped athletes choose CSUB for their university.

Many students of this major share the same feeling – that CSUB did not care enough for this program to see it flourish into something great.

Planning spring concert a ‘convoluted process’

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This year’s planned spring concert has been postponed until ASI can finalize its budget.

California State University, Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell and the board of administrators denied the proposal for this year’s spring concert.

Associated Students Inc. President Stephen Muchinyi said, “Last year’s concert was canceled because it was not planned in a timely manner.”

This year’s spring concert was postponed because of the lack of sponsors and the convoluted process of finalizing the event with the university administrators and artists.

The spring concert expense was about \$162,000. If ASI sold out its general public tickets they would be making \$106,000 revenue. The school administrators along with Mitchell stated that it would be financially irresponsible to risk losing \$56,000 to \$60,000.

Muchinyi said: “The argument offered by the university administrators did not feel

comfortable approving an event that would end up losing \$56,000 especially in this particular climate, you have furloughs and state budget cuts.”

After the extensive process of negotiating and finalizing the deals with the artist ASI had in mind the University Board of Administrators decided to cancel the spring concert.

ASI had finalized its contracts with Fat Joe, Nina Sky and Busta Rhymes, but it was still not enough for the administrators to approve the concert.

Muchinyi said: “It was difficult to attain sponsors due to the economy this year. We didn’t attain sponsors because of the tough economic climate that Kern County is facing. Local businesses were not easily willing to donate like they have years before.”

The administrators weighed their decision upon the number of sponsors ASI retrieved and risks of losing money.

Essentially the university administrators canceled the concert because ASI did not achieve the level of sponsors that they said they would.

ASI provides a multitude of

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Campus medical center still beneficial to students

[HEALTH, from Page 1] new policies. When asked for his opinion on the new policy, Miller said, “I am for it; I watched my mother die of cancer, and I feel that if there was more financial assistance for treatment, she may have had a better shot.”

It is stories just like Marc Miller’s that the new health-care regulations are intended for: to provide better health-care for more people.

One piece of the new health care reform policy is that it allows for students to remain on their parents’ healthcare plans longer. Since a majority of the students attending universities would be of age to remain on their parents’ plans, one could wonder if there would be any need for campus medical centers. CSUB



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The Student Health Center still benefits students by providing convenience and availability.

Medical Director and Chief of Medical Staff Dr. Oscar W. Rico does not have this concern and believes that there will always be a need for the campus medical center.

“The health center has been of great import to many lives of students,” Rico said. “Due to the convenience and availability to the students, the campus medical center is a great necessity.”

Rico has seen several cases of student ailments in the past and has helped treat students with various cancers, malaria, valley fever and even early cases of tuberculosis.

During the last swine flu epidemic, the campus health center was able to quarantine dorm rooms and isolate infected students to cease the spreading of the H1N1 virus, as well as distribute vaccination to protect against infection.

When it comes to how the campus medical center will change, Dr. Rico said, “The effects of the new health care bill remain to be a mystery at this point since the program will not be fully implemented until the next few years.” Within the next month, Rico will attend a biannual meeting with the other 22 CSU health center campus directors and discuss what the new health care regulations will be on the agenda.

Sacrifices necessary as cuts ‘had to happen’

[CUTS, from Page 1]

There is a chance all four sports can be reinstated, however.

Mitchell proposed the programs raise \$1.4 million - enough to keep them going for two years - then a yearly amount to keep them going after that.

Enough money must be raised to bring all four sports back - no single sport can be saved.

“I was in shock,” said women’s tennis coach Dan McCain, who became the program’s sixth coach after taking over in 2007. “Nobody expects their job to be in jeopardy, especially in my position being a leader of 10 to 12 girls who are on scholarship who would not be on scholarship otherwise.”

McCain was shocked also because he said the athletic department was in trouble with gender equity – CSUB needs “a lot” of women’s sports to contend with Title IX rules.

Title IX requires that women be provided an equal opportunity to participate in sports as men. It does not require an identical sport be established, but provide an equal opportunity for women to play.

“Given gender equity and [CSUB’s female] population, it makes no sense to drop a women’s sport,” McCain said. “We’re already struggling to meet gender equity standards set by the NCAA.”

The recommendation to discontinue the four programs came at the hands of the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee, in consultation with Athletic Director Rudy Carvajal. The IAAC is composed of faculty, staff, students, campus and athletics administrators, and community members.

The move will prevent an estimated annual deficit of \$700,000 beginning in the 2010-11 season for CSUB athletics.

McCain mentioned that two years ago, when the school was \$700,000 in debt, it added baseball. CSUB already had the requirements to transition to Division I at that point, and adding a new sport meant more money was needed – money the school did not have.

However, the addition of baseball was necessary to meet the membership requirements for admission into the Big West Conference.

In order to be accepted in the Big West, CSUB must mirror the conference’s seven



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PREPARING FOR THE END: Women’s tennis coach Dan McCain (left) watches freshman Julie Hutton work on her serve during practice. The CSUB women’s tennis team hosts what could potentially be its final home matches April 9 and 15.

“priority sports”: baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s soccer, softball and volleyball.

Men’s soccer, water polo and softball belong to conferences, but men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, track and field, cross country, baseball and volleyball remain independent.

“For us to survive in Division I, you have to get in a conference,” men’s soccer coach Simon Tobin said. “That’s the reason baseball was added. If we hadn’t done that, then you would have just said, ‘We’re going to be an independent Division I school forever,’ and that just can’t happen. It was something that had to happen, I’m afraid.”

If CSUB is accepted into the Big West, all sports - including those already in conferences - will be a part of the conference.

The addition of a new men’s sport meant existing men’s sports’ budgets would be reduced.

“Men’s baseball was added, which as a men’s sport, meant that I got cut a little bit with money because we don’t have a lot,” Tobin said. “Adding a new men’s sport was hard for us, but at the end of the day, if we want to get into the Big West that addition

will certainly be very beneficial.”

Tobin, who has been at CSUB for 23 years, was upset and “a little bit surprised” about the cuts. He said there was talk about cut-backs before, but since he has been there, the administration and the athletic director have always done everything possible to keep all the sports functioning – even in “tougher times.”

Mainly, Tobin was upset for the students and the coaches involved with the four sports.

A Necessary Sacrifice

During the NCAA Division I Championships at Omaha, Neb., March 18-20, CSUB wrestling coach T.J. Kerr found himself hiding in the stands.

All the coaches were going up to him, shaking his hand in disbelief. They did not like what was going on, telling him, “If there’s anything I can do, let me know.”

Kerr usually tries to sleep for eight hours, but he admits he probably slept one. There

was a lot of pressure – he knew it was going to be his last tournament.

“When we finally got done with Saturday’s early session, it was a huge relief to me,” said Kerr, who has coached wrestling at CSUB since 1984.

Kerr’s squad finished what could potentially be its last season by producing CSUB’s 44th Division I All-American in 37 years in senior Mitch Monteiro, who placed fifth in the heavyweight division.

Wrestling has been Division I since 1987 when it joined the Pac-10 Conference.

Kerr was stunned by the decision to drop wrestling.

“We have a huge history of success,” he said. “People don’t understand what it takes to be a Division I All-American. It’s tough. Everywhere I go, people are in disbelief.”

Even if the \$1.4 million is raised to keep the program going, it will still be Kerr’s last season as head coach.

In attempt to help cut costs, Kerr announced his retirement.

“It’s going to come down to a money thing, so I’ve retired early to take away that portion of money that would have to be my salary,” he said.

The decision moves assistant coach Mike Mendoza to head coach, which, according to Kerr, was the plan all along.

“We’ve told everybody that he’s co-head coach, although that’s not his title - but it really has been,” Kerr said. “I’ve been grooming him for this for years.”

Mendoza wrestled for CSUB from 1996 to 1999 before joining Kerr’s coaching staff in 2003.

“I know coach Kerr has been talking about retirement, but certainly this forces him to retire earlier than he was planning,” Mendoza said. “He cares about this program and would like to see this program continue.”

Kerr wanted to coach two or three more years to “get a little more time on the retirement thing.”

“I lasted 37 years. That’s a long time,” Kerr said with a chuckle.

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ASI postpones spring concert



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(From left to right) Busta Rhymes, Nina Sky and Fat Joe were scheduled to play at this year’s spring concert before it was postponed.

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services to the students of CSU Bakersfield ranging from club funding, free access to athletic events, discounts, and special events.

ASI is funded by the student body. Every quarter \$14 out of each CSUB student’s tuition is given to ASI. The money that ASI does not utilize automatically transfers into an account called the reserves, which throughout

the years have accumulated up to \$700,000.

To gain access to that money Mitchell must sign and approve any proposal.

“We still have to charge students because our goal is to be financially responsible. This idea that the students will not be charged, that is very unrealistic,” said Muchinyi.

However, students should not get their hopes down

because ASI is planning on having its very first end of the spring quarter dance. ASI is also going to be investing money toward the Jazz Festival to get students in for free because a typical Jazz Festival ticket can range from \$20 to \$30.

Muchinyi said, “I am confident all these events will occur, even though they are pending.”

Trees relocated for construction of solar units

[TREES, from Page 1]

parking spaces on campus and will be built, maintained and operated by SunEdison, one of the largest solar energy companies in North America.

The photovoltaic solar units will generate up to 2.1 million kilowatt hours of electricity for use by the university, which would eliminate up to 2.2 million pounds of carbon dioxide

emitted by CSUB each year.

“The project is being done at no cost to the university,” said Keefer, “It will not only save the university money on its power costs but it will move us in a greener and more sustainable direction.”

By embracing green energy and strategically relocating trees to specific places on campus, the university is not only creating more shade by installing the solar

paneling as shade, but is spreading out healthy trees to parts of the campus where they may not have been before.

“It’s awesome to see CSUB taking the steps needed to become a greener campus,” says James Winfrey, a CSUB senior. “I just hope that with the money they save in energy costs that the university will lower student tuition and parking fees.”

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Honors societies give students distinction

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Today it seems tough to impress an employer with a resume that only shows a few schools attended and maybe a handful of previous jobs. This is especially tough when unemployment is at historic highs.

So what can one do to distinguish oneself from the other college graduates?

Perhaps becoming part of an honors society can help.

“Honors societies recognize students who demonstrate a high level of academic achievement,” said professor Miriam Raub Vivian of the History Department.

She also is an adviser to Phi Alpha Theta, which is the honors society for those who study history.

Many of these societies are unique to each industry and field of study.

Alpha Chi is the only honors society that is open to students of all areas of study.

Having extra recognition at graduation is one thing, but what is the real benefit? “I’m certain that it helped me get this job,” said English

Professor Michael Flachmann, referring to his Phi Beta Kappa certificate that he had hanging on his office wall.

“It’s a good thing to put down on your resume and you know you did a good job in school.”

Sigma Tau Delta Student President Chris Dison and adviser Emerson D. Case, also agree that being part of an honors society reflects well on a resume.

“It can’t hurt,” said Dison.

Dison further explained that an honors society is a great way to network with like-minded individuals, especially since many honors societies also have clubs. These clubs are the social arm and do not require membership by the honors society. This is a great benefit because of how hard it is to be accepted into an honors society.

“We only take the best of the best,” said Dison.

The Sigma Tau Delta membership guidelines state “a



The Dorothy Donahoe Hall features banners from various honors society clubs.

student must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average, have a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English, must rank as the highest 35 percent in his or her class, and must have completed at least five quarters/three semesters of college course work.” This is all excluding one-time membership fees, which vary depending on the honors society.

Despite the difficulty of becoming a member of an

honors society, all memberships are for life, even if a member’s GPA goes south.

“It’s not like we’re going to take it all back and say here’s your 40 bucks back,” said Vivian.

It happens, but most students take their education seriously. She went on to explain that membership is like Calvinist predestination in colonial America. Students want to show they deserve being honored.

Additionally, honors societies benefit the campus in many ways.

Flachmann explained that

honors societies bring good students to campus and they help spread the good word of the university in general.

“Plus it is really nice to have smart students in the class, they make the faculty really happy.” Said Flachmann.

College students and the university are not alone in benefiting from the honors societies. Both Dison and Case have been working in the community to raise literacy in the county. By partnering with Target and Russo’s books, they have been able to give out books to high school students.

Part of the problem that Case has been noticing is the amount of remediation courses that incoming freshman have to take to get caught up in English and/or math. Remediation classes are going to delay graduation and increase the cost to the student.

Now that spring quarter has arrived, many honors societies, like Sigma Tau Delta, Phi Alpha Theta and Alpha Chi are having their induction ceremonies, where new members are initiated. For more information on how to

join an honors society, see a faculty adviser in a related department. Students can also visit the CSUB Student Activities link, which lists many of the honors societies and clubs and can be found at <http://www.csub.edu/StudentActivities/>.

To learn more about the Hawk Honors and Alpha Chi visit <http://www.csub.edu/Honors/>.

Phi Alpha Theta will be having their annual regional conference Saturday, April 11, which is open to the public.

Sigma Tau Delta will be sponsoring the 2010 Betty Creative Writing Awards. The deadline is April 28.

First place contestants will receive a \$500 cash reward. This writing contest is open to all students at CSUB and Antelope Valley.

Submission guidelines can be found at: www.csub.edu/EnglishClub/Betty_Creative_Writing_Contest_Rules.htm

Applications can be found at: www.csub.edu?EnglishClub/Betty_Awards_Applications_2010.htm

Police chief candidate Miyashiro relies on experience to improve campus security

[CHIEF, from Page 1]

Director for the Student Union Inc. Emily Poole and Manager of Student Financial Services Catherine E. Byrne, this Thursday.

He has been involved in law enforcement for 26 years, beginning his career at UCLA, and has also worked at California State University Long Beach and has also worked for the Lapalma Municipal Police Department and for the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Police Department where he worked in the canine and traffic units, among others, and was also a detective, moving up from the rank of sergeant to lieutenant.

He has currently been the police chief for the Riverside Community College District for 13 years, and finds police work “much more rewarding on a college campus” than in a municipality.

“I like the collegiate environment, it is a fun environment and more positive” said Miyashiro, adding that he enjoys the interaction between campus police and student life and the various clubs. “I try to meet with different groups as often as possible every semester.”

Miyashiro would plan on meeting with the Student Union to discuss needs for various events, in regards to policing them.

Currently, with the Riverside Community College District Police Department, Miyashiro said, “I help in training with the Emergency Preparedness Committee, and make sure exits are posted” to prepare for disasters or Virginia Tech-style tragedies.

He also said, “There is more structure with municipal police departments,” regarding policy, adding, “There is more flexibility and differences between campus police policies.”

The Riverside Community College District has been impacted by the CSU budget

cuts, resulting in unique concerns for the district’s police department.

“We have 47,000 students, which is 15,000 over enrollment,” said Miyashiro.

The increased enrollment is due to the forced enrollment reduction of the CSUs.

“We had six students arrested this semester, some for serious crimes, including assault with a deadly weapon,” said Miyashiro of some of the challenges facing his department.

“The biggest issue is parking,” said Miyashiro of the issues facing his current college district, adding that they have had to bus people from downtown.

“We cite about 150 tickets a day on each campus,” he said.

Miyashiro oversees a unique program in his department, in which students review citations, and added that they are often hard on faculty and staff.

“Officers would toss 10 percent of citations, students tossed 2 percent,” he said of the program.

Miyashiro realizes that money in any college district goes to paying for educational programs first, before it can pay to keep police departments running. Due to this, he has implemented a way of generating revenue for his police department from parking ticket fines from the three Riverside Community College campuses.

Money from parking tickets, which is about \$2,500, returning to the Riverside Community College district makes its way to his police department, money which Miyashiro said goes along way.

“CSUB could do the same thing, dependent on the policy regarding general funds and the police department,” said Miyashiro.

When asked what is the biggest concern regarding CSU law enforcement, Miyashiro said, “The budget. There is less money to do things, and equipment must be kept longer.”

Miyashiro hopes to work at

CSUB, partly due to its location, saying that he likes Bakersfield’s climate and low cost of living, but also said “It is an easier transition from a big college police department to a small one, and it is easy to implement changes in policy where needed.”

He also said, “I would like to see more events here, such as games.”

On the day of Miyashiro’s interview, the National Organization for Marijuana Legalization had a booth outside of the Student Union building, during a concert, prompting the question of confrontations between various political and activists groups at demonstrations on the Riverside Community College campuses.

Miyashiro said that there are occasionally confrontations between such groups on the campuses he polices.

“Abortion activists brought on signs of aborted fetuses, which offended some groups,” he said.

To deal with such events, Miyashiro said he “weighs the first amendment with good taste and what the law states.”

At such events, Miyashiro usually maintains just enough of a police force to make a presence, saying “some arrests have been made, but usually of people who wanted to be arrested.”

The Native-Hawaiian Miyashiro, who moved to California in high school, is also an adjunct faculty member at Westwood College and Laserria University, and earned an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice at Golden West College and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from the University of Phoenix.

Police Chief applicants Donald Landers and Martin Williamson have both been scheduled for open forum interviews on April 5 and 7, respectively, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both days, but could not be reached for comments prior to the interviews.

CECE helps students start careers on campus

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As of Spring 2010 the CDC building is no longer known as the Career Development Center.

The Department’s title has changed to the Center for Community Engagement and Career Education which helps students find work opportunities.

Spring Quarter has finally approached, and for those students who are looking for work on and off campus, the CECE is interested in helping students find jobs in addition to an assorted selection of other services, such as internships, jobs on and off campus, volunteer programs.

Every month the center changes their “Spotlight Link” online to various majors that includes information about careers and internships.

As of right now, there is information on the CECE Web site for students majoring in Natural science and mathematics, including Nursing.

According to Kim Williamson, Community Engagement and Career Education assistant director at CSUB, when students are granted work-study funds through financial aid packages, students are able to work on campus through departments who are looking for work-study students.

Also inside the CECE building, there is a folder solely dedicated for jobs available for students who are granted work-study funds.

“Students do not have to qualify for work-study to work on campus,” said Williamson.

According to Williamson, to work as a student assistant undergraduate, students must be enrolled in eight units and graduate students must be enrolled in four units.

Student assistant jobs on campus are funded through the department that is seeking employers.

“The CECE is basically the housing unit for students, whatever the department tells us the application process is for specific jobs, we post it,” said Williamson.

“In the past years, unfortunately when the budget has been better, there has been more opportunities for student assistant jobs on-campus,” said Williamson.

But do not get discouraged. Right now

there are opportunities for student assistant jobs in which are funded through departments, and also jobs off campus.

There are many advantages for students who work at CSUB. Not only these students get the experience, but “there are also opportunities to advance,” said Nick Rowland an information technology consultant at CSUB.

“I started working for Information Technology Services Support Center six years ago doing the same thing that our help desk assistant is doing and now I’m running the department as a full-time staff,” said Rowland.

“ITSS has four different places that students are employed with an array of job duties from the Tech shop, where they work on the hardware of computers and do work on computers in different offices; the help desk, where they are answering the phones solving software problems dealing with more software related issues; the lab consultant; are in charge of operating and maintaining the computer lab; the Photo ID Off-Scan which is the web base where the grading of Scantrons take place and also the media lab; where they help students convert projects, video tapes converted onto DVD and audio cassettes to DVDs as well. We can do a wide variety of services such as that,” said Rowland,

According to Rowland, there are 14-15 full-time staff working for ITSS and nearly half of them used to be student assistants. There are 30 student assistants who also work for the department who are allowed to work up to 20 hours a week.

“We take applications year round and because we have 30 students there is always someone graduating. There is a guaranteed turnover. When students graduate, we can not have them as student assistant anymore,” said Rowland.

“Every quarter we hire one to two people,” said Rowland.

The ITSS is only one department which fulfills various job titles, but there are also other jobs parallel to this where students can advance and have first job careers.

For students looking for jobs, internships, programs in student’s field of study, volunteer programs or maybe even future careers visit the Community Engagement and Career Education Center, or go online for more information at www.csub.edu/cece/.

Spring Sport Rowdy Day

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A spring sports rally was held in front of the Student Union Monday afternoon. Several different tables were set up for different causes. A table dedicated to voter registration was available, along with a table giving more information about Ethics Awareness Week. Kappa Sigma also had a rush table. Baseball and softball players were at the rally playing games with the attending students related to their sports. The rally provided free popcorn and Gatorade for all students in attendance.

Right: Mike McCarthy, a baseball player at Cal State Bakersfield, feeds baseballs into a pitching machine. Students stood several feet away and attempted to catch the baseballs in a spontaneous game of Three Flags Up.



Above: Students operating the Register to Vote booth were very excited about attracting students to their table.



Above: (From left to right) Jamie Miller, Sammy Rodriguez and Emily Bliss of the CSUB softball team pose for a photo at the rally on Monday. The softball players were at the rally helping the baseball players promote their upcoming games.



Above: (From left to right) Korie Walkley, Mike McCarthy, Stuart Smith and Mickey Jannis of the CSUB baseball team stand at the rally in front of the Student Union. The baseball team provided games for the people passing by.

Right: Water polo players were in charge of handing out free popcorn to all people attending the rally.



Let's go CLUBBIN'!



Left: Fatima Lucio sits at the booth for Judo Club. Prizes for the raffle were Easter baskets full of school supplies at various gift cards.

Below: The Club Fair was held in Runner Park on Thursday, April 1st. Several clubs had informational booths with impressive decorations.



Several clubs constructed well-decorated booths in the Runner Park at Thursday's Club Fair. Two fraternities, two sororities, M.E.Ch.A., Community Service Club, Judo Club, and many other clubs offered informational fliers, raffle drawings, free candy and lemonade and live music for the students attending the event.

Below: Japan and Beyond scattered beautifully colored paper origami balls and boxes around their booth.



Above: Girls of the sorority Gamma Phi Beta stand behind their hot pink display. The young women, whose table at the Club Fair was covered in photos, stuffed animals and feather boas, will hold recruitment next week.



Above: Phillip Ontiveros, a member of the Delta Zeta Tau fraternity, entertains the crowd with accordion music. Delta Zeta Tau will be holding recruitment next week.

Left: International Students Club representatives Ilya Dolgiy and Anastasiya Skripnik present their cultural display. The International Students Club hosted a Russian dinner and dancing event on March 12th in the Runner Cafe.



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Rivalry heats up as Fresno St. takes two from CSUB at home

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The CSUB baseball team is competing in only its second season but already there is a rivalry that has been building up since last season.

That rivalry – or better yet – the signs of the rivalry have appeared against the Fresno State Bulldogs.

The three games played starting April 1, were all what CSUB head coach Bill Kernan would call “dog fights.” The game played on April 1, was played at Fresno State and started a pattern for the next two games that the ’Runners would have rather not formed; that pattern was getting an early lead and maintain it through most of the game before eventually succumbing to Fresno State’s consistent hitting.

At Fresno the ’Runners had an early 4-0 lead heading into the fourth inning before Fresno answered with three runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Starting pitcher Mickey Jannis responded by allowing just three hits and no runs in the fifth and sixth

innings. When CSUB coach went to his bullpen that’s when the pattern that would carry over to the next two games started. The bullpen gave up seven runs, a deficit the ’Runners could not overcome.

“We took control of the games, all three of them, from the beginning through the middle and a couple of times late and we weren’t able to get the stops from the bullpen. We’re not going to be able to keep a team like this that hits the ball well without locating and doing a superior job from the mound,” said Kernan.

The following day the ’Runners were facing Fresno State at home and in familiar territory, up 5-1 after three innings. However, Fresno State responded with five runs in the top of the sixth inning courtesy of Bobby Coyle’s two-RBI double and Jordan Ribera’s three-run home run.

One ’Runner in particular would not take the hit lying down.

As the Fresno State players rounded the bases after Ribera’s blast catcher Jeremy Rodriguez had a few choice



Mark Nessia/ The Runner
CSUB catcher Jeremy Rodriguez, right, confronts Fresno State's Bobby Coyle after the Bulldogs tied the game at 6, capping a five-run sixth inning during Friday's game.e.

words with Coyle. The exchange prompted the umpires to get in between the players and both benches cleared although nothing more came from the incident.

Fresno added two more runs in the top of the sixth but the ’Runners responded with two runs of their own in the bottom of the seventh. Fresno recaptured the lead in the top of the ninth with and RBI double by Coyle. In the bottom of the ninth JJ Henry reached first on a bunt and

Kevin Younger had a sacrifice bunt that advanced Henry to second. With Henry in scoring position senior Joey Mills, who is an outfielder, singled up the middle to bring Henry home and tie the game.

Then it came to the ’Runner’s bullpen.

Sophomore Martin Medina, who started at first base, went to the mound in the tenth and gave up four runs on five hits. Again the ’Runners couldn’t recover

and lost the game 13-9.

It was more of the same on Saturday’s game as the ’Runners jumped to a 5-2 lead in the second inning. Fresno answered back with three runs in the third off of starting pitcher Matt Reyes, a CSUB junior.

Reyes, like the ’Runners have done all season, fought back and allowed just three hits in innings four through six and had help from his infield when the ’Runners converted double-plays in

the fourth and fifth innings to keep Fresno State from starting early rallies.

In the bottom of the seventh and the ’Runners holding on to a 7-6 lead senior second baseman Brandon Boren drew a two-out walk, then senior shortstop Kyle Richardson hit a two-run blast that gave the ’Runners a 9-6 lead.

And as the pattern had shown the last two game once the ’Runners’ bullpen came in Fresno State was able to respond scoring seven runs in the last two innings. The ’Runners would lose the game 13-9 as Fresno State’s reserve pitcher Greg Gonzalez kept the ’Runner batters off balanced with a change-up that was on target.

Still, Kernan can take some positives from the series. He feels that he has Division I quality hitting.

“The encouraging thing is that we’ve played very well offensively this weekend. We scored runs, came back and never gave up. We controlled the game very well offensively,” said Kernan.

The ’Runners will be heading to Los Angeles to face USC on Wed, April 7.

Male Athlete of the Week



Sophomore Martin Medina went 9 for 20, a .450 batting average, with eight RBIs and a home run in the last four games. Medina is hitting .325 with a .623 slugging percentage for the season and leads the team in RBIs with 32. Medina has started all 26 games of the season thus far. The ’Runners will go to L.A. to face USC on April 7 before a home game against Cal State Northridge on Friday, April 9.



Female Athlete of the Week

Senior Danielle Lyman became the first Roadrunner in softball history to homer in three straight games, going 5 for 15, with seven RBIs and three home runs, over a four-game stretch at the Pre-Conference Tournament at St. George, Utah. Lyman’s first home run of the season was a walkoff, two-run blast that led to a 12-10 upset of No. 26-ranked BYU.

'Runner Roundup

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Water polo

Women’s water polo held the second Roadrunner Invitational on Sat, Mar. 27. The ’Runners faced UC San Diego in the first round and lost a close match 13-14. Senior Alyson Moss had five goals in the game while sophomore Kaitlin Torres had four.

In the second game the ’Runners were able to come away with a victory as they defeated UC Davis 10-9. The ’Runners jumped out to a 7-4 lead and were able to hold off No. 15 ranked UC Davis.

In the final game of the invitational the ’Runner blew out Chapman University 18-5.

Men’s and Women’s Track and Field

In the Cal-Nevada Championships held at Drake Stadium on the campus of UCLA, Derek Kasselstrand placed 10th in the hammer throw with a season-best throw of 172-05. He also placed fourth in the discus with a season-best throw of 170-00. Michael Davis placed third overall in the 200 meters with a personal-best 21.57 and fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.73.

On the women’s side, senior Connie King placed ninth in her 400 meter final, running a 1:06.18. Junior Arianna Celis place 13th in the 1,500 with a time of 4:43.89

Softball

In the Pre-Conference Tournament held at St.George, Utah the CSUB softball team split four games winning the first two against BYU and Idaho State and took losses against Loyola Marymount and UNLV.

In the first game Danielle Lyman hit a walk-off home run in the seventh inning to upset No. 26 BYU 12-10, then capped off the day with 6-3 win over Pacific Coast Softball Conference rival Idaho State.

The second day of the tournament saw more offensive explosion from the ’Runners as the team belted six home runs in the two games against Loyola Marymount and UNLV.

Trailing Loyola Marymount 5-2 in the fifth inning Kelli Bailey and Kristin Archuleta hit back-to-back solo home runs to cut the deficit 5-4. The ’Runners took the lead as Lyman, the previous day’s hero with a walk-off home run, hit a three-run shot that game the ’Runners a 7-5 lead.

Still the ’Runners couldn’t hold on to the lead and Loyola Marymount would tie the game and send it to extra innings. Loyola would win the game of a single by Jennifer Nayudu brought Priscilla Satete home for the winning run.

Against UNLV, the ’Runners got off to a solid start when Jill McClelland hit her first home run of the season with a two-run blast. Unfortunately, that was not enough as UNLV hit five home runs and won the game 6-4.



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Paul Caudillo is a senior Physical Education and Kinesiology major with an emphasis in Exercise Science. He is a Certified Personal Trainer through the American Council on Exercise. Paul’s exercise philosophy is “A sound mind in a sound body.”



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