

CSUB wins against Loyola Marymount, 98-64



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Matt Johnson: Remembered for his sense of humor

By John Paul Horn
Staff Writer

him, you'd forget about it," said Robin Flores, Administrative Support Coordinator and friend to Johnson.

A former CSUB student died on Jan. 5, 2008. Matthew Johnson, a 25-year-old CSUB communications graduate, passed away due to complications of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Johnson was the former chair of the Student Union Board, the body of students and faculty which oversees the direction of the Student Union.

Johnson enjoyed the simple things in life like hanging out with friends, listening to music, dancing and watching the crowd.

One of the most remarkable traits that defined Johnson, according to friends, was his unwavering strength despite his disability.

Even though Johnson was confined to a wheelchair, his spirit and attitude could not be contained to the simple shell of a two-wheeled chair.

"You always forgot about his disability. After talking to



Photo courtesy of John Kirby

Matt Johnson, CSUB alumnus.

According to Flores, Johnson was devoted to being a leader on campus and enhancing student life. An avid Cowboys fan, Flores claimed that she always joked that she would put a 49ers sticker on the back of his wheelchair, which always elicited a witty response from Johnson.

Many remember Johnson for his sense of humor. When asking many of his friends and colleagues what was considered his best quality, all reply that Johnson was a genuinely funny guy.

According to Johnson's obituary, he was an ambassador for the Kern County Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He is survived by numerous family and friends.

A visitation will be held on Jan. 9, 2008 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Basham Funeral Care Chapel. Johnson's funeral will be held Jan. 10, 2008 at 11 a.m. at the same location.

Johnson will be missed by all.

Rest in Peace Matthew Johnson June 28, 1982 - Jan. 5, 2008.

Longstanding Greek organization suspended for grades and lack of members

By Ashley M. Sizemore
Staff Writer

promoting greek life," said George.

"It's happened with other universities. Places like USC or Berkeley, their chapters usually return in a few years, but we're appealing to get ours back," said Broida.

Broida hopes to appeal the decision.

Appealing will include attaining signatures from the alumni and contacting their national headquarters in Lexington, Va.

"I would hazard to guess that yes, of course, [Greek council] would support Broida appealing. I know that Kappa Sigma would like to see KA return. Greek life does have a friendly competition amongst the fraterni-

CSUB was home to 10 fraternities and sororities, however as of last quarter, the number is down one.

Kappa Alpha Order had their charter suspended in the fall quarter due to grades and low membership. "It all came down to certain standards and goals, but basically GPA and membership," said President Mike Broida of the former fraternity.

During the fall quarter, the Kappa Alpha Order had 14 active members. It was brought to Broida's attention in early November that they would be facing suspension of their charter.

Vice President of CSUB Greek Council Danielle George was saddened by the decision.

"For the greek community, it's really sad because KA was a national fraternity and that also means there is less people



Runner file photo

Kappa Alpha members performing during Greek Week 2007.

ties," said George.

George was referring to Greek Week and other activities. Activities Coordinator EJ Callahan speculates that Student Activities supports KA's decision to appeal.

"I cannot speak for the entire office but if I could speculate, then I would definitely say yes," said Callahan.

See KA cont. on page 2

Building updates: Construction on campus keeps rolling along

By John Paul Horn
Staff Writer

The new Math and Computer Science Building is scheduled to open Spring quarter.

While rumors have previously indicated that the building was to open Winter quarter, Pat Jacobs, the assistant vice president of facilities, planning, operations and development, explained that only the construction was to be completed Winter quarter.

Jacobs, who had previously held a similar position at CSUB from 1999 to 2005, has returned to CSUB after a year and half in private industry.

Jacobs was involved with the initial planning stages of the new building before he left the university.

After taking a tour of the unfinished building, a student might gather an idea of what the completed structure will look like.

Large lecture rooms dominate the first floor with a smattering of offices and side



Juan Torres/ The Runner

Inside of one lecture halls of the building.

rooms. The first floor bathrooms provide spacious accommodations for students, being much larger than most bathrooms on campus.

The second floor seems dedicated to faculty offices and a student lounge.

The third floor contains more classrooms and two new libraries: a Computer Science Library and a Math Library. There will also be sections for computer science and math tutoring.

Be aware - several new laws being implemented in 2008

By Alexis Stokes
News Editor

Get ready, new laws are never fun to get used to, and 2008 will be no exception. This year be aware of changes affecting the roads, from cell phone laws to offenses regarding smoking in the vehicle, there are many new laws and changing laws people need to know.

Cell Phones

The law regarding cell phones does not go into effect until July 1, 2008, but many have had some confusion over the cell phone restrictions for some time now. Let's clear some of the confusion up.

The cell phone laws require drivers to use a hands-free device while operating their vehicles. Minors under the age of 18 are not allowed to use cell phones while driving, even with a hands-free device. The exceptions – minors can use their cell phones in the

event of an emergency, and while driving on private property. The fines for this law are \$20 for the first offense and \$50 for second or subsequent offenses.

Smoking while operating a vehicle

For those used to smoking while driving, be aware, if caught smoking with a minor in the car, there could be repercussions. The secondary infraction is not something police can pull a driver over for, but can be an added infraction to something like speeding.

Required declaration

For those renewing their licenses after July 1, 2008 there is a new declaration that new drivers and those renewing driver's licenses must sign stating the awareness that if driving under the influence and a person is killed the driver may be charged with murder.

Electronic personal assistive mobility devices

Persons using Electronic personal assistive mobility devices

(i.e. motorized scooters, Segways, etc.) will be prohibited from operating on a sidewalk, bike path, pathway, trail, bike lane, street, road or highway at unreasonable speeds regarding the conditions. Also, EMPAD users are required to yield to the right-of-way to on-foot pedestrians.

Other

Cyclists– during darkness it is required that bicycles and riders utilize specified reflectors on the bicycle pedals, and cyclist shoes which should be visible from 200 feet.

There are also more restrictive penalties for assault on a parking officer.

Police can impound a vehicle for false documentation. This includes false license plate tags, registrations and pink slips.

Those charged with DUI, hit-and-run and reckless driving may not be able to dismiss their violation with traffic school or any other offense that results in two points on their driving record.

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Crime Beat

By Joshua Wuillamey
Staff Writer

Burglary Report

Dec. 3
10:44 a.m.

Occurred at Music Building. Sony Handycam stolen from office. Investigation is continuing.

Indecent Exposure in Progress

Dec. 6
3:07 p.m.

Occurred at AYSO Soccer Fields. Subject left the area no crime or victim was located.

Petty Theft Report

4:11 p.m.

Occurred at Parking Lot H. Pair of jeans stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Investigation is continuing.

Assist Other Agency

Dec. 10
9:44 p.m.

Officer initiated activity at Rivendell Dorm. Situation was handled by the Bakersfield Police Department.

Found Property Report

Dec. 18
6:27 a.m.

Occurred at Dorothy Donahoe Hall. Men's watch found in men's restroom. The property was seized for safekeeping.

Found Property Report

Dec. 19
3:07 p.m.

Occurred at Dorothy Donahoe Hall. Driver's license found in DDH. Reporting Party looked her up in Banner and attempted to contact her with the number listed. She advised it was the wrong number. The property was seized for safekeeping.

CSUB E-Waste Recycle Day

California State University, Bakersfield will host the third annual electronic waste, or e-waste, recycling event on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Southwest Little League parking lot on campus, the event is open to all residents and businesses in Kern County.

The recycling event is in response to state regulations that make it unlawful to dispose of "universal waste," including all electronic devices, in common trash receptacles.

"Our January 12th event will allow companies and area residents to bring their e-waste to a convenient site for recycling," said David Beadle, CSUB's director of safety and risk management. "The event is free, residents just have to bring their e-waste, provide some information for recording requirements, and it will be properly disposed of."

Electrical items that will be accepted include

answering machines, camcorders, compact disk players, copiers, DVD players, electric typewriters, electronic games, fax machines, laptops, mainframe computers, cell phones, modems, pagers, PDA's, personal computers (CPU, monitors keyboards, mice, and peripherals), printers, radios, remote controls, scanners, stereos, tape players, telephones and telephone equipment, televisions, testing equipment, two-way radios, uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), VCRs and word processors. "If you can plug it into a wall socket, we can generally accept it," Beadle added.

"We will also take all batteries, and battery packs at the event, however we can not accept car batteries, as they are regulated separately under the universal waste law," he said.

"By adding e-waste to our recycling program, we're able to not only provide a place where com-

munity members can bring their old computers, TVs and other obsolete electronic devices, but also we're able to provide a much needed source of income for campus environmental sustainability projects," Beadle said.

CSUB only receives a fee for recycling of electronic waste that contains a monitor screen, the fee received offsets the cost of recycling all the other e-waste, and the remaining money is used to purchase various items for use on campus. For example, the "plastic lumber" handrails on campus outdoor stairways, which are made from recycled plastic milk and water jugs, were purchased with funds generated by campus recycle programs.

Courtesy of CSUB Public Information

60 plus teaches Gardening

California State University, Bakersfield's 60+ Club and the Bakersfield Rose Society are teaming up to teach rose gardening tips on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 8 a.m. at the Walter Stiern Rose Garden on campus. The event is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome.

The group will be tending to the roses and provide a demonstration on how to care for the flowers in prepara-

tion for spring growth.

The Walter Stiern Rose Garden is located north of the Doré Theatre and Todd Madigan Gallery on campus. Parking in Lot B will be free. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring gloves and gardening tools to participate.

The 60+ Club was founded as a service club for the university in March 1986. The club is a partnership

between the university and the community of retired persons, and is made up of persons from all walks of life who are concerned citizens, active, curious and with the time pursue life-long learning. The club is a member-motivated and member-governed organization. Its purpose is to provide personal enrichment, educational opportunities, volunteer challenges and social activities in a campus envi-

ronment utilizing the resources of the university and the experience of its members.

The 60+ Club is for anyone 60 years of age and older or retired. The club holds meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. and has 14 interest groups and eight volunteer groups..

Courtesy of CSUB Public Information

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Broida, along with the rest of KA, have been doing a lot of community service to try and get their name out in the community.

"We helped out at Mercado Latino in East Bakersfield, we helped with a carnival for the homeless and we also helped at 'The Enchanted Forest', which is a carnival for children," said Broida.

Callahan suggests to make sure this doesn't happen again is to make sure you keep balance of campus requirements and national requirements.

Danielle George also agrees with Callahan. She advises that organizations should be in good standing

with headquarters.

The president hopes KA will be active soon. On a CSUB campus profile, Broida stated that KA "is based on the ideals of chivalry, brotherhood and respect."

"It's a tough situation. KA is a great group of guys," said Callahan. "They are a strong presence on campus and do a lot of [community service] locally."

According to wikipedia.org, there are currently 36 suspended chapters in the entire Kappa Alpha Order fraternity.

KA was founded in 1865 nationally and was colonized at CSUB in 1987. They are the oldest fraternity at CSUB.

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Check out the table in DDH for more Information



RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Erin Patteson and Emily Shapiro

This Week, The Runner asked, “What complaints do you have if any regarding your classes?”



“ They don’t offer all the classes I want at once, so I have to spread them out, so it takes longer.”

Matt Bhone
Senior
Peak



“Mainly the purchase of the books are very expensive and if you’re taking 15 or more units, it’s hard to gather the money for the classes.”

MariCruz Romero
Freshman
Criminal Justice



“They’re very packed and the people that want to add can’t because they’re packed.”

Melissa Neri
Freshman
Sociology



“No complaints about my teachers the only complaint would be packed classes.”

Jasmine Tyler
Freshman
Criminal Justice

Tiger escape from SF Zoo: Where does the fault lie?

By Eman Shurbaji
Features Editor

When a four-year-old tiger named Tatiana escaped from her enclosure and killed a young man on Christmas day, the news circulated quickly and spurred world-wide interest and debate.

Around closing time on Christmas day, police were notified of a tiger on the loose at the San Francisco Zoo, and came upon the tiger mauling one of the victims. According to authorities, when the tiger sighted the officers, she turned her attention to them and headed their way, causing them to fire and kill her. The two victims who survived the attack were found to be brothers, although their friend, identified as Carlos Sousa Jr. was mauled to death. His body was found just outside the area where onlookers usually looked peacefully at the tiger.

There have been allegations of the victims taunting the tiger, including a witness who claims she had seen the young men taunting Tatiana earlier that day. There are some theories that rocks and sticks were thrown at the tiger, and perhaps catapulted at her. Zoo officials conceded last week that the wall at the tiger enclosure is only 12 1/2 feet high - four feet shorter than recommended. Work is being



A tiger similar to this mauled a young man on Christmas day.

done to raise the wall. Some people have sided with the tiger, stating that the height of the wall and the measurements of the grotto and moat in the tiger enclosure have never raised any eyebrows before the incident. The fact the tiger managed to leap out of her enclosure is proof of taunting and fowl play; she does not normally behave this way.

However, even if the tiger was taunted, it is the responsibility of the zoo to keep all guests safe and under observation. Where were zoo personnel when the taunting was taking place? Perhaps they had left early, for the zoo was open on the holiday. Even if the victims were taunting the tiger, their friend—who was later found to have saved the brothers from being attacked—lost his life. Others may have been killed as well had the police arrived later.

A little reading about the zoo and its history indicates that the same tiger mauled a zoo keeper last year; the zoo was cited for not following safety regulations.

It is ultimately the responsibility of the zoo to abide by safety regulations and protect all visitors from mishap or the fowl-play of a few. Modern buildings are designed to abide by laws regarding fire escape and routes and the infrastructure to withstand earthquakes. Although disasters are relatively rare, plans and precautions are implemented for the safety of all.

Aliens: Taking Hollywood too far?

By Erica Juarez
Staff Writer

Sci-Fi movies have the best special effects, which make fiction look like reality. Sci-Fi movies such as Aliens are better made movies than the average horror flick.

The Alien movies are very unique and different, because Hollywood created creatures, which are made of acid. They are big, black, gooey, they run fast, they have short arms, long legs, long heads and look like they are at least 14 feet tall. They are predators who attack with a second mouth. They can also shoot acid.

Aliens reproduce alone. It takes one female who is also known as the queen to lay up to 1,000 eggs. When the eggs hatch this fierce looking hand shaped Aliens crawl out.

They have to find other species other than their own to lay their own egg in and eventually burst from its rib cage to grow into a fierce adult Alien in a matter of hours.

These movies are made for adults due to the gore, blood and action scenes.

In the movies Aliens 1, 2, 3, Alien Resurrection and Alien vs. Predator the specie that is used to reproduce and grow inside of are the human race. There were no children involved.

The characters in all the Alien movies are adults. Except Alien 2, they did include

one child but emphasized in the fact the child was the only survivor from a ship that was attacked.

Most horror movies do not show children dying or being attacked by monsters, the bogey man and even the zombie.

Sci-Fi movies tend to have children in them and even a pregnant woman.

For example, the Astronauts wife this movie's story line includes a woman who was

There is a scene in which a father and son who is not older than eight years old get attacked by the hand shaped Aliens and die with them bursting out of their chest.

The little boy was shown suffering the pain of an Alien breaking through his rib cage killing the innocent boy.

There was another scene in which one of the Alien predator hybrid was about to attack newborn babies in a hospital.

The movie did not show the scene of the infants dying, but it certainly implied the fact that the babies did not make it.

Last but not least, there was a scene of pregnant women being attacked by the head Alien and fed baby Aliens who burst from the women's pregnant belly. Apparently, the baby Aliens ate their unborn fetus.

Did Hollywood go to far with such scenes?

The answer is yes they did.

These scenes were too much.

The sacrifice of pregnant women and children is not an option to get profits at the box office.

It only made Hollywood look heartless.

The other Alien movies had a good turnout story wise and action wise.

However, this one could have been written differently and not trying to copy other story lines such as the movie Outbreak where a virus breaks out and wipes out everything in a bloody fashion.

The ending was terrible too! Unfortunately, on behalf of most Alien movie fans this movie gets two thumbs down.



going to have babies who were from another planet.

There was no gore or any babies harmed in this film.




All the Alien movies are awesome and have action and anticipation of who is going to survive and who is not going to make it. The fighting is also great.

On Christmas Day, Hollywood opened the sequel Alien vs. Predator Requiem.

The movie was a total disappointment.

There was not enough fighting but there was a lot of dying.

This movie did not discriminate they had children and pregnant women dying.



Now that CSUB is moving into Division I, it's time we had a

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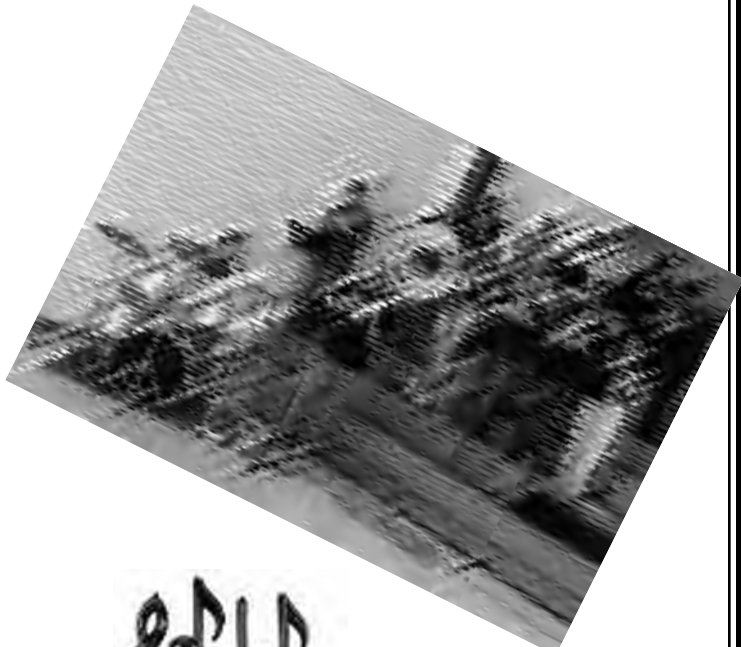

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If you're interested, send an e-mail to The Runner at runner@csub.edu.



Fencing Club returns to CSUB

By Lawrence Lyons
Staff Writer

The CSUB Fencing Club is returning to campus after a short hiatus. Headed by competitive fencer Bryce Rankins, the club is open to anyone who wants to pick up the sport.

Fencing on campus was originally a class offered at CSUB, which was unfortunately canceled due to the unavailability of an instructor. In 2004 the Fencing Club was started to offer a place for experienced fencers to hone their skills, and for new fencers to learn the sport.

Unfortunately, due to time conflicts of members, the club was put on hiatus for two years.

According to longtime fencer and club member Alex Brown, the club is about more than just fencing. The club regularly schedules social events and enjoys after-practice meals at Denny's on a regular basis.

Brown also went on to explain the rules and history of the sport, which has been in existence for hundreds of years. Fencing is actually a sport made up of three different weapons: foil, saber and epee, which each have their own rule sets.

"Foil was designed to simulate a duel to the death," said Brown, "The target areas are anywhere on the torso between the seams on the shoulders and below the bib on the mask."

A target area is a spot where a fencer may strike with the pointed weapon and gain a point.

"Saber simulates a sword fight on horseback," Brown reported. The saber is unique in that the edge of the blade can be used to score. Fencers can strike their opponent anywhere above the waist for points.

The epee is a long rigid blade, which has rules that replicate a duel to first blood. According to Brown, such a duel is where two opponents would fight until blood was drawn. Therefore in epee bouts, the target area is anywhere on the body.

The club regularly participates in sanctioned fencing tournaments, and there has been some preliminary discussion for a possible fencing tournament at CSUB.

The members of the Fencing Club are enthusiastic for the club's outlook. Members have been busy designing lesson plans for interested beginners and creating materials for their club fair table.

Students interested in joining the Fencing Club should contact the club via e-mail at Bakersfield_fencing@yahoogroups.com. The club

meets in the old gym located adjacent to the Icardo Center, Monday at 8p.m., Wednesday at 9p.m. and Friday at 7p.m.

Interested in Joining the CSUB Fencing Club?

Meetings in the Old Gym (adjacent to the Icardo Center)
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Contact Bakersfield_Fencing@yahoogroups.com for more information.



Courtesy of the Fencing Club
A CSUB fencer takes a lunge at an opponent in a 2004 tournament in San Bernardino.



Courtesy of the Fencing Club
Two CSUB fencers square off in a novice foil tournament.

J.A.B.

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Runner men have an up and down week

Runners win big against Loyola Marymount University

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor

After the men’s basketball team dropped it’s first two games of the new year, DeMarcus Hall posted career numbers in a 98-64 rout over the Loyola Marymount University.

The Runners had their best shooting night of the season and one of the best in school’s history shooting 60 percent from the floor and just under 70 percent from beyond the three-point line.

The game was never close, the Tigers were down two early in the first half before the Runners went on a 14-1 run in just over four minutes, and extended that to a 21-3 run. Junior forward Terrance Johns led the early surge with 17 of his 21 points in the first half, including a long jumper and a three pointer to start off the Runners 14-1 run.

“My teammates were looking for me early. I came out aggressive both offensively and defensively. My teammates got me the ball right from the start,” said Johns.

Senior guard Zach Grasmick’s five points at the end of the half extended the team’s lead to 30

points. The Tigers were never within 18 points in the first half after the Runners 21-3 run.

“You just saw the team come together as one. Everybody played well. We did all the right things tonight,” said Grasmick. “We had a few letdowns but didn’t let it get to us. We just kept pushing and pushing. We had two guys step up tonight and really put the team on their shoulders and the rest of the team followed that.”

Hall, starting in place of injured center Santwon Latunde, who is out with a shoulder injury, eclipsed the career high in points (14) he set just four days earlier against UC Davis with 23 points. Hall also set career highs in rebounds (13), and assists (3).

Trent Blakely added 12 points and Grasmick added 10 of his own. Freshman guard, starting in place of Alex Johnson, recorded a career high in assists with eight.

Johnson, who injured his shoulder in Saturday’s game against UOP, was cleared to play against LMU, but did not suit up.

The Runners came out in the second half and kept their intensity. They moved the ball well and had balance offensively that they

didn’t have in their two previous losses. They shot well from outside and fed the post well, but what was most impressive was their ability to keep their composure and defensive intensity up for 40 minutes.

The Tigers had 19 turnovers, most due to the Runners full court press. The Runners were able to extend their lead to 36 at one point and never allowed it to drop below 25, with much of the credit going to the Runners defense.

“We certainly, after the UOP game, felt that we demonstrated that we were capable of playing at a higher level,” Brown said. “And I challenged the guys with this being the last game of the home stand.”

The 98 points is the team’s season high and the 34-point margin of victory is the largest since CSUB’s move to Division I.

With the win, the Runners finished their home stand 2-2, and have won three of their last five. The Runners play their next two on the road and seven of their next eight away from Rabobank.

The Runners return home Jan. 19 against Utah Valley University.



Juan Torres/ The Runner
Junior forward Terrence Johns shooting for three of his 21 points.

Runners fail to knock down shot in final seconds

By Samantha Rugnao-Telles
Staff Writer

Going into Wednesday night’s match up the odds were in favor for CSUB. They won the last two games they played; and UC Davis was 0-6 on the road. But Wednesday night proved that odds don’t win basketball games. UC Davis defeated CSUB 62-59 picking up their first victory on the road.

Despite the miscommunications, turnovers and missed shots, CSUB had a couple of chances to force overtime. Freshman guard Donavan Bragg attempted three three-point shots in the last 30 seconds of the game, none of them falling through.

CSUB Coach Keith Brown said it was a “tough loss, they are a good team.”

And a good team they were. The Aggies were making plays and sticking to a tight defense, with four minutes remaining in the game they secured their lead with a five-point play. Davis’ Shane Hanson hit a three pointer as CSUB’s Trent Blakley fouled away from the ball putting Davis’ Vince Oliver on the line to shoot two, which made the score 56-46.

When asked about the 5-point play Hanson replied, “I just hoped that it was going to count.”

Runner’s head coach Brown said, “I’m proud of the way the guys battled back. We had a chance to have the game be a 10-12 point game and we got back into and made some plays.”

In the last four minutes CSUB scored 13 points trying to rally back into the match up. With 14 seconds remaining and CSUB down by three, Oliver was fouled and went to the line to shoot two. Neither of his shots went in, much like the pattern of the last five shots attempted by the Runners in the last 20 seconds of the game.

Although CSUB lost the match, their concerns were with their starting freshman point guard, Alex Johnson, who was injured and taken out of the game with less then a minute remaining on the clock.

“First and foremost I hope Alex is alright, we’ll get a better read when we get him to the hospital,” said Brown.

CSUB has already lost their leading rebounder Santown Latunde for the season with a shoulder injury that is going to need surgery.



Photos by Juan Torres(above) and John Emig (below)/ The Runner
Senior forward Zach Grasmick (above) looks for the open man on Thursday night’s game against UC Davis. Freshman guard Donavan Bragg (below) drives against a UOP defender in Saturday night’s game.



Runners drop another to UOP

By Wendy Hernandez
Staff Writer

The Roadrunners Men’s basketball team lost it’s second match against University of the Pacific 67-58 Saturday night.

Last year the Runners lost by eight points to the Tigers ending the game with a final score of 75-67. Saturday, the Runners were undermanned by two starters, Santwon Latunde and Alex Johnson, due to shoulder injuries.

“We’re a little shorthanded. It’s hard to take hits like that, but we have to make adjustments,” said Coach Keith Brown.

The Runners were undersized at all positions and the Tigers showed an athletic advantage. This may have seemed to be a worry for CSUB but they started playing an overall good first half. They both had good tempos first half.

Starting off the first half the Tigers played man-to-man defense switching it up occasionally. While the Runners started playing a 2-3 zone defense, making adjustments to different styles of play may be hard for some players.

“I just make adjustments, it doesn’t really matter,” said Terrance Johns on Pacific’s man to man defense.

The Runners’ good press led the Tigers to a 10 second violation near the end of the first half, but that was not enough to help them out. A combination of fatigue for the Roadrunners and good defensive pressure from Pacific showed with 3:00 left in the first half.

Terrance Johns led CSUB with 10 points and Trent Blakely following with six points while Steffan Johnson led University of the Pacific with 14 points, and a final three-point shot at the buzzer to close the half 24-36.

Joe Ford of UOP set the pace with a tip dunk to open the half. Blakely picked up his third personal early second half and his fourth at 12:42 remaining. Coach Brown had no choice but to sit Blakely out to avoid his fifth.

With 6:39 remaining second half, Zack Grasmick scored his first and only field goal of a total seven attempted.

Anthony Brown’s jumper opened up the tigers lead to 14 points second half. The Roadrunners came its’ closest since early first half with a six point difference after Grasmick’s field goal second half.

Johns and Donovan Bragg tried their best to help the Roadrunners come back near the end, but the Tigers were too much. “They’re a good team offensively,” said Coach Brown. Pacific, in the paint, outscored CSUB 30-18 and 15-9 in second chance points.

Johns finished the game as the high point man scoring 22 points for the Runners. Following behind him was Blakely with 11 points and five rebounds for the Runners. Steffan Johnson led the Tigers with 17 points and five rebounds.

The next home game this month will be January 19th vs. Utah Valley University.

Runners dominate Embry-Riddle

By Ellen Piris
Staff Writer

The Runner wrestling team easily defeated Embry-Riddle, the NAIA's No. 9 ranked team, Thursday night for its first home dual meet of the season.

CSUB won nine out of the 10 matches against the Arizona team, ending with a score of 44-6.

T.J. Kerr, Cal State Bakersfield's head coach, said, "We're really excited. We've got our sights set on the end of the season."

He also mentioned that they had been a little apprehensive about how the freshmen would do. It seems coaches had nothing to worry about with all the team's freshmen prevailing over their

opponents. Justin Durham won his match with a pin, Elijah Nacita 10-5, Trevor Hall 6-4 and Riley Orozco 5-4.

Senior Jeremy Doyle, ranked

by Cal State's Daniel Atondo, Garth Wara and Justin Durham. Wara pinned the Eagle's Justin Masotti in 53 seconds for the fastest pin of the night.



Phillip Barnett/ The Runner
Freshman Trevor Hall in his 6-4 win.

No. 4 in the PAC-10, started the dual with a strong 17-2 score over the Eagle's Trace Billet. Doyle currently has the most wins for Cal State's team. This match was followed by eight more wins, including three pins

pinned by Arizona's Calvin DeVault, who is ranked No. 2 in the nation.

Runner's next match will be a Pac-10 match at Boise State on January 12.

Embry-Riddle forfeited in the 125 and heavy-weight divisions, giving Zach Bigboy and Ryan Bergman automatic wins.

The only loss of the night was by Jason Points, who was

San Jose gets the best of the Runners

By Ryan Bell
Staff Writer

If getting dealing with rainy weather wasn't enough, the Cal-State Bakersfield's women's swim and diving team faced-off against the San Jose State University Spartans in an upsetting blowout.

On Friday afternoon, Cal-State's Emily Bissett would lead the team to the only event Bakersfield would win, the one-meter dive.

Otherwise San Jose held a swimming clinic, out-stroking the Lady Roadrunners in every other event.

The stormy weather didn't help out our team either.

Spartan Freshman Caitlin Macky compiled two individual event wins while adding to San Jose's 200-relay medley victory, a simple day in the pool for the Spartan freshman.

Following behind the Spartans in third place in the 200 was the Roadrunner anchor Veronica Campbell losing by only .08 seconds for second place.

Campbell, a junior on the swim team, felt personally guilty in her

anchor role because of a .08 second loss in the 200-relay medley. Campbell exclaimed, "Can you even count 800ths of a second?" As unfair as it seems, almost just doesn't count in sports.

Although everyone swam particularly strongly, the Spartans signed the deal and took the win.

With all the "Go CSUB" chants and thriving strokes, the women's team just couldn't pull off the win.

Despite the comfortable Spartan 149-61 win at the Hillman aquatics center on Friday, the Roadrunners plead, "no-contest" to matching the Spartans.

Cal-State's losses this past weekend may be represented on paper, however our team stayed positive and chanted louder every event.

CSUB now suffers an 0-3 start



Photo courtesy of Sports Information
Sophomore Emily Bissett.

with countless injuries to star athletes. Our team will be forced to fill slots and empower their full potential.

With the loss at home, the team goes back to practice until Jan. 19th and prepares for the next meet in Los Angeles at Loyola.

Six Wrestlers Take First Place At Menlo Invite

Courtesy of Sports Information

ATHERTON, Calif. - Six Roadrunners took first place and 14 of the 17 CSUB wrestlers competing placed at the Menlo Invitational Sunday. A dominating performance in every weight class led to an accumulation of more than 200 points and a first

place team finish.

"This was a good experience for some of the guys who don't get much mat time and for some of our young starters to get in some extra matches," said CSUB Assistant Head Coach Mike Mendoza. "The competition was not as strong as our other tournaments, but it's still good to get

the matches in."

Redshirt freshman Riley Orozco turned in one of the 'Runners best performances of the day. After working his way through the 184 bracket, Orozco took on Embry-Riddle's Travous DeGroat, an opponent he had beaten by a narrow 5-4 margin on Wednesday. This time around,

Orozco jumped up 10 points early, then won the match by pin for the first place title.

Also taking the top spots in their respective divisions were junior Zack Bigboy (125), junior Thomas Kimbrell (133), redshirt freshman Elijah Nacita (141), senior Daniel Alejandro (157) and senior Ernesto Ancona (197).

Sophomore John Cardenas placed fourth in the 133 division and freshmen Trevor Hall and Joey Granata finished second and third at 157. At 165, junior Jason Points and sophomore Daniel Montanez took second and third place, respectively while redshirt freshman Troy Goodban placed fourth at 174.

Rounding out the 'Runners' placewinners were junior Garth Wara (197) and senior Ryan Bergman (285) who each earned third place finishes.

CSUB opens Pac-10 action this week in the Icardo Center, hosting both Boise State (2 p.m.) and Arizona State (5 p.m.) on Saturday.

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