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New York Voices performs during the 25th annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival May 7 at the CSUB Amphitheatre.

Festival still going strong after 25 years

By Manny Beltran
Special to The Runner

Twenty-five years ago someone came to Doug Davis with the idea of having a jazz festival in Bakersfield. That idea took a life of its own and 25 years later there is a tradition and

a long list of jazz greats who have graced the stage of the Bakersfield Jazz Festival.

This year was no different. Rick Braun was the headliner and closed the event with his all-star quintet, which by the end of the night had people from the audience up in front of the stage dancing to

the up-beat tunes and showmanship of Braun.

Braun has had hits on the Billboard Contemporary Jazz charts and has played with artists ranging from jazz great Freddie Hubbard to pop artists Tina Turner, War and Natalie Cole.

Also performing were the

New York Voices. The Grammy award winning group of Darmon Meader, Kim Nazarian, Peter Eldridge and Lauren Kinhan brought their jazz harmonizing style and at one point sang all the parts of a

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M.E.Ch.A. holds rally supporting student rights

By Markki Ramos
Staff Writer

On Thursday May 5, ASI, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán and United Now for Immigration Rights held a rally supporting student rights at the CSUB Dream Act Rally in front of the Student Union to let local legislators know they support the rights of immigrants receiving financial aid. The CSUB Dream Act Rally was held from noon to 1:30 p.m. and students shared stories and examples about struggling immigrants and why students should support the Dream Act by signing a petition.

According to sociology major and graduate student Hernal Hernandez, the Dream Act is “a bill that will grant financial access to undocumented students that were brought here and continue their education or serve in the



Angel Serrano/The Runner

Sociology professor Gonzalo Santos speaks about issues facing undocumented students May 5.

military.”

Senior communications major Eva Ventra said: “The Dream Act to me seems more like a fast track for [AB540 students], illegal basically, to get higher education and become residents and in the future become citi-

zens.”

Many students came out to the rally because they felt that the Dream Act was something worth supporting.

“What brought me out here was to show support for the California Dream Act and support for the rest of the members and students that are struggling with not being able to have financial aid access by the current laws in California and the U.S.,” said Hernandez.

They are very underrepresented according to Ventra, “There’s nothing out there that supports them,” she said.

The purpose of the rally was to educate students regarding the AB540 students that are out there and do not receive any aid and that they should receive some type of aid because we are all students and it’s supposed to be an equal opportunity education

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Tough times lead to fewer hours for student employees

By Annie Stephens
Staff Writer

CSUB Dining has had to make some drastic, but necessary, changes resulting is student jobs being cut this Spring Quarter.

David Corral, the food service director of Aramark said how during different times of the year sales can be high or low, which effects student employee hours.

“Most of the students come in fall. ... Everybody has classes, and everybody is here, so of course hours go up. There are not as many students during the Spring Quarter as there is the Fall,” said Corral.

Corral estimated that there are around 20 students who get hired by Aramark during the Fall Quarter, and few to no positions available during

the Spring Quarter.

“It all depends on what happens during the season. ... Although a new crew was hired for a catering staff, there are currently no positions available for students with the dining services,” said Corral.

Corral went on to say that Aramark enjoys hiring students because it allows for them to critique the services, so that student customers can ultimately get more of what they want.

“We like hiring students because it’s student-on-student,” said Corral.

Even though CSUB Dining enjoys hiring students, Corral said how it can be very complicated when you take in all the factors of schedules and classes.

“Hiring students can get [See HOURS, Page 4]

Athletes raise \$4,000 for Relay for Life

By Taylor Gombos
Sports Editor

The CSUB Athletics depart-

ment, led by Student Athlete Advisory Committee president M i k e McCarthy



McCarthy

and SAAC cheerleading rep Brooke Andrade, raised \$4,000 for Relay For Life during their fundraiser in April.

The Bakersfield Relay for Life as a whole raised over \$2 million, which is the most money raised in Relay for Life history.

According to McCarthy, this was the first time CSUB athletics has ever had teams representing them at Relay for Life.

The general athletics team had its \$150 entry fee paid

by Senior Associate Athletic Director Gloria Friedman, according to both Andrade and McCarthy.



Andrade

doing every year now. We have the most beautiful, caring, and generous people in our community and CSUB. Our student-athletes are the best.”

McCarthy said that he was “pleasantly surprised” that Friedman decided to pay the entry fee.

According to Andrade, the fundraising effort was split into two teams: one for general CSUB athletes which had 10 members including cheerleaders and a few baseball players, and the other

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FACT continues mission in wildlife rescue

By Marissa Lay
Staff Writer

The Facility for Animal Care and Treatment lives by its mission to serve as a wildlife rescue, conservation, and education project for California State University Bakersfield.

According to Marlene Benton, the program coordinator for the environmental studies area and FACT, with the help of numerous student

volunteers and the assistance of the community’s donations and support, FACT is able to bring birds, specifically birds of prey, from a sick and injured state back to health and release them back into the wild.

“We do whatever we need to do, if the birds are treatable, to get them healthy and well,” said Benton.

According to Benton, one of the ways FACT educates the community about the birds

they treat and the rehabilitation process is by holding various events open for the community.

“FACT is a way to get people familiar with the animals that live here and to learn to appreciate them, respect them and learn that they’re necessary for us and the ecosystem,” said Donna Noce, a senior biology major and FACT volunteer.

“It’s important to teach young people and the com-

munity about conservation and birds of prey because they help to maintain ecosystems and certain types of bird population at a tolerable level,” said Raechel Hricik, a senior biology major and FACT volunteer.

FACT reaches out to community members and teaches them with interactive activities about the importance of conservation, birds of prey and what it is that FACT

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Amelia Gonzalez/The Runner

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Seven-day weather forecast
According to weather.com



Wednesday
Hi: 85
Lo: 57
Precip. 0%



Thursday
Hi: 88
Lo: 60
Precip. 0%



Friday
Hi: 89
Lo: 58
Precip. 0%



Saturday
Hi: 78
Lo: 52
Precip. 10%



Sunday
Hi: 70
Lo: 49
Precip. 20%



Monday
Hi: 77
Lo: 54
Precip. 0%



Tuesday
Hi: 79
Lo: 56
Precip. 0%

RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Derek Bato, Opinions Editor and Katie Miller, Staff Photographer

This week, The Runner asked, “How healthy do you think you live?”



Josette Diaz
Junior, Business Administration

“Pretty good, I eat well and go to the gym.”



Saumya Varghese
Junior, Biology

“I think I’m above average. I try to maintain the amounts of [food I eat.]”



Mike Walley
Junior, Chemistry

“Depends – class load versus time to work out.”



Samuel Mata
Sophomore, Business Administration

“I live with my parents, so pretty healthy I think. Also I’m in track.”

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There’s more to health than just your age

By Monisha Bilyk
Staff Writer

Meal options at CSUB are very limited and a little pricy. For students who attend classes here every day they have options like burgers, stir fry, pizza, muffins, sandwiches, soda, chips and candy.

With obesity on the rise it’s no wonder that accord-
ing to getamericafit.org “60
million Americans, 20 years
and older, are obese” and
“nine million children and
teens ages six through 19
are overweight.” Students,
staff and faculty here fall
under this category.

With high prices on health-
ier foods that are sold here,
some students claim it’s a
little harder to eat healthy
especially with increasing
tuition, gas prices, and cost
of living.

Think of this, students
spend all the time and
money to invest in getting

an education, building
friendships, and network-
ing. We go on living our
day-to-day lives, socializ-
ing, drinking (for everyone
21 and older), eating and no
exercise.

Young students usually
have a poor menu outline
for their busy days. Mc-
Donald’s or Jack in the
Box for breakfast, a candy
bar, chips and soda for a
snack/lunch, and if they are
lucky, an almost properly
portion sized dinner with
vegetables, protein and car-
bohydrates.

If students continue on this
path a graduate might be
able to utilize his or her
degree for a few years until
they start to experience
some type of medical issue.
Being obese increases risks
in osteoarthritis, diseases
such as type-two diabetes
(another killer), gallbladder
disease, breast cancer, colon
cancer, and coronary heart
disease.

With all of these diseases
and cancers on the rise
hopefully great insurance
comes along with your
career choice–, it will most
likely be needed.

Another big factor to take
into consideration is exer-
cise. How active are you?
Do you go to the gym daily
or get some time of physical
exercise for at least an hour
a day? Maintaining a
healthy lifestyle consists of
two very easy things: eating
right and exercising.

Get America Fit.org says
that, “the percentage of
children and adolescents
who are overweight and
obese is now higher than
ever before” with contribut-
ing factors like “poor
dietary habits and inactivi-
ty.”

If students don’t begin to
change now it is more than
likely this trend of obesity
will continue. Becoming
healthy isn’t hard, its sim-
ple, find a work out partner

to start going to the gym.
The Student Recreation
Center offer personal train-
ing by their staff that is free
for students.
Start eating right, it helps
your body function more
efficiently and helps you to
feel great overall.

Healthy eating habits can
increase energy levels
throughout the day (better
study sessions and attention
levels during classes), and
helps prevent health prob-
lems such as disease and
cancers.

Eating healthy sometimes
doesn’t come cheap, so
spend some time renting
and reading books or online
articles on what to eat, por-
tion control, and what is
good and what is bad.

This should be a way of
living not a diet, something
permanent that you want to
adopt. Being young and
healthy isn’t a given any-
more, just because we are
young doesn’t mean we are

healthy and invincible.

Try to plan your meals
out weekly, or take your
own lunches with you. It
will save you both time and
money when you are on the
go.

With finals, labs, intern-
ing, studying, homework,
and trying to have a social
life all at the same time our
health is vital.

Being busy college stu-
dents it can be time con-
suming and costly to try and
change eating habits and
add work out routines to
your daily schedule.
However, it is something
that your body will thank
you for later on down the
line of your life. Having a
healthy lifestyle is about
finding your own balance,
you don’t have to be a size 0
and weigh 100 pounds but
being at a healthy weight
for yourself and making
yourself feel great inside
and out.

News on Twitter: Breaking or broken?

By Ashley Zaragoza
Staff Writer

On the evening of May 1,
millions took to Twitter to
break the news that Osama
bin Laden had been killed.
The first unconfirmed
report of the news on
Twitter came from Keith
Urbahn, the chief of staff
for former Defense
Secretary Donald
Rumsfeld, at 10:25 p.m.:
“So I’m told by a reputable
person they have killed
Osama Bin Laden. Hot
damn.”

This was just the begin-
ning of the social media
frenzy on bin Laden. A
Twitter chart shows tweets
spiked up to 5,106 tweets
per second at 11 p.m., 30
minutes before President
Barack Obama even began
his remarks. In this case,
Obama only confirmed the
already “breaking news.”

Why did so many people
tweet about this attack
before officials ever con-
firmed it? As one Twitter
user, @UniverseofBiebs,
wrote: “EVERYBODY
WILL REMEMBER
WHERE THEY WERE
WHEN OSAMA WAS
DECLARED DEAD. ON
TWITTER BABY.”

This is truly a sign of the
times. When the 9/11 attack
occurred, social media did
not play a role in breaking
the news. Now, 10 years
later, we are reading about
events the moment they
happen.

While social media is an
immediate source for news,
it is not always a reliable

one. No individ-
ual tweet or
Facebook status
should be taken
at face value
since there is no
way to confirm
information that
is spread so
quickly. Until
they are validat-
ed, tweets are
merely hearsay.

Not only do
we face unreli-
able news with
social media,
but we run the
risk of informa-
tion being
released too
soon. One
Abbottabad resi-
dent, Sohaib
Athar aka
@ReallyVirtual,
unknowingly
live-tweeted the
attack: “A huge
window shaking
bang here in
Abbottabad [...] I
hope its not the
start of some-
thing nasty.”

Athar then
proceeded to
give a play-by-
play of the
unusual action
surrounding his
Abbottabad res-
idence. When the death was
confirmed, Athar wrote,
“Uh oh, now I’m the guy
who liveblogged the Osama
raid without knowing it.”

It is amusing to read these
tweets now, but there is
harm in this private tip to
the public. Had bin Laden

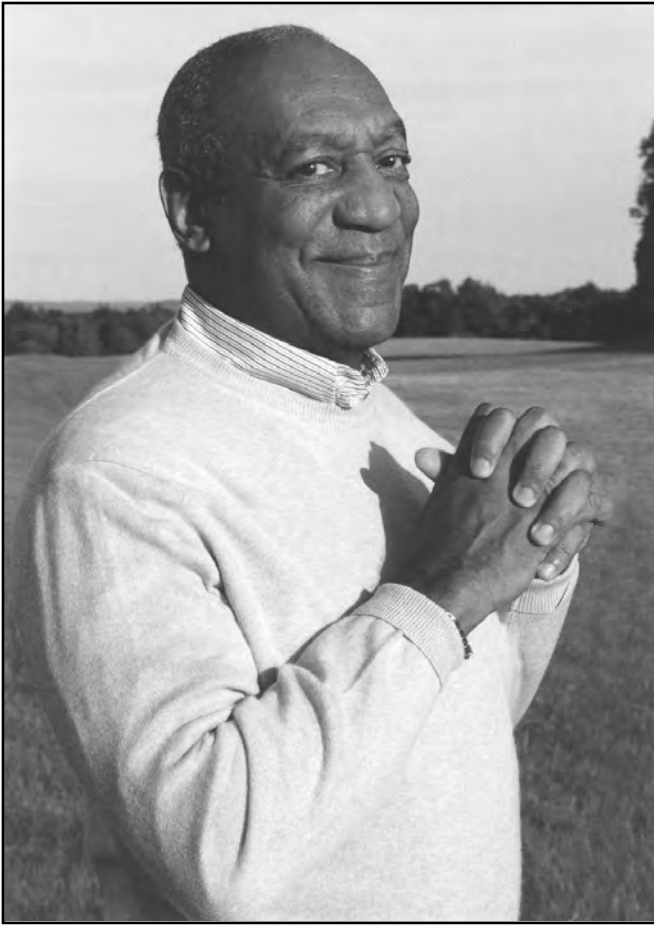


Photo courtesy of hotindienews.com

Actor-comedian Bill Cosby, who is still alive, has been wrongfully reported dead by “tweets” on more than one occasion.

“No tangible good
can come from it.
Only stupidity.”

– Mark Madden

read these tweets, our
national security would
have been placed in jeop-
ardy.

We need to be more cau-
tious with our tweets. We
have two options: “protect”
our tweets or do not tweet
sensitive information. Once
something has been said on

Twitter, it is
impossible to
take it back.

Since the
attack, millions
of reactions
have spiraled
around social
media. But none
have caused so
much controver-
sy as the
response from
R a s h a r d
Mendenhall, a
running back for
the Pittsburgh
Steelers. Men-
denhall wrote:
“What kind of person
celebrates
death? It’s
amazing how
people can
HATE a man
they have never
even heard
speak. We’ve
only heard one
side....”

This is not the
first time a
celebrity tweet
has raised public
eyebrows. In
fact, many
celebrities have
used Twitter to
repent their con-
troversial tweets.
Both the public
and the individual face the
consequences of these
tweets. Mendenhall
attacked the public response
to the death of bin Laden,
and in doing so, attacked
himself.

Mendenhall later gave
rise to a 9/11 conspiracy

theory when he wrote,
“@dkeller23 We’ll never
know what really happened.
I just have a hard time
believing a plane could take
a skyscraper down demol-
ition style.”

Mark Madden of the
Beaver County Times said:
“When the NFL labor dis-
pute ends, the Steelers
should: ban players from
the social networking. No
Twitter, no Facebook, noth-
ing of the sort.

“No tangible good can
come from it. Only stupid-
ity.”

Mendenhall will no longer
be remembered as being top
rusher of the Superbowl
XLV with 64 yards and a
touchdown, but his contro-
versial tweets will remain in
everybody’s mind.

As college students in the
social networking world,
we struggle to find a bal-
ance between taking news
updates at face value, and
completely ignoring them.
We can not reach the full
story from social media
alone.

The social media engages
youth and adults in current
events better than any other
media. However, where
adults will take tweets with
a grain of salt, teens feel no
skepticism toward this form
of news. There are rep-
utable sources that generate
news, namely mass media,
which we should rely on.

Social media should only
be used as the means for
sparking conversation about
an idea, not the be all and
end all of public news infor-
mation.

An ode to the parking permit: The seldom celebrated sticker

By Rhianna Taylor
Managing Editor

Every quarter, thousands of people stand in line at Financial Aid or the Icardo Center to buy you, parking pass, for up to \$36. We grumble at your cost and the inconvenience of having to buy you separately from our tuition; we use our complaints about you to segue into general complaints about the educational bureaucracy. You silently serve us, granting us access to countless spaces around campus – well, they can be counted, but who would bother?

Still we whine, accusing you of uselessness as we are forced to park in the farthest corners of Lot A when it’s 48 degrees and raining or are robbed of the cool shade of a tree when it’s a Bakersfield summer and the world is an oven.

But you, parking sticker, have great value beyond your humble duty. It isn’t apparent when you stand alone, clinging to the inside of our windshields. Your value comes when many of us choose to have you alongside your brethren, your motley colored older and younger siblings who represent quarters passed.

Walking through any parking lot, one can find glass coated with adornments of red, yellow, blue, silver – some carefully organized into columns or placed in all four corners, some haphazardly slapped on at odd angles, overlapping each other. Don’t be deceived at the disorganization; the strength of your message is in your numbers.

A few of us, sure that some uppity police officer would fine us for blocking visibility (great, more fees), refrain from wear-

ing but one of you at a time. But many of us accept the risk and wear you like the ribbons and medals of veteran soldiers – and we observe a similar message. Some vehicles have you towering to the ceiling and around the frame, a formidable wall of barcodes and seasons; passersby see this and marvel at your owner’s staying power.

License plate frames and bumper stickers fail to communicate our dedication to education like you do. They just show where we go or went. You show where we’ve been and how long we’ve been there. You mark every 10-week hurdle, every successful (or unsuccessful) trial of midterms and finals.

Even diplomas and tassels can’t do what you do. Sure, they mark our achievement at the end of the long road. They call for celebration and laud; we’ll set them up in frames to decorate our offices, declaring our wisdom and dedication for years to come. But sometimes, when we’re in our third year and are climbing through mountains of books, papers, junk food and Red Bulls, those trophies just seem so far away.

You, parking pass, mark the journey every step of the way. When we leave the library at 10 p.m. for the third night in a row with slumped shoulders and dragging feet, we can look upon you and your siblings and think, “Wow, look how far I’ve come.” That’s when you give us our second wind.

So here’s to you, O precious parking pass. After years of being overlooked and unappreciated, this praise is due. Those of us who hold you in great numbers understand your real value; you mark the milestones between milestones, and your testament to our journey helps us reach the destination.

Greek civilization

By John Frusetta
Staff Writer

Last week, three CSUB students and one alumnus were arrested for hazing four other students during a pledge initiation for the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. The pledges were assaulted with “various-sized paddles” and “shot at close range with BB guns,” according to Bakersfield Police Sgt. Mary DeGeare.

CSUB has distanced itself from this group, with President Horace Mitchell stating that their fraternity was “not a recognized student organization.” However, this is yet another blow to a community already plagued by negative stereotypes.

The Greek community is seemingly synonymous with the college experience. At almost every college, the ubiquitous presence of these social and professional clubs attracts undergraduates for a multitude of reasons. Some Greek organizations are a means to promote the interests of a particular profession, usually focusing on a major offered by the school. Others are more socially oriented, used as a means promote leadership, friendship and activeness among members, as well as connect with other Greek communities. Most fraternities and sororities are placed somewhere on the continuum between the two. The end result is that there is a diverse range between the fraternity that parties every night and the one that is a means for

like-minded engineers to form a community.

Though there is a huge range between types of Greek organizations, they all fall prey to the same stereotype encouraged by the hazing incident of last week. The “frat boy” character is brought to mind. The sleaze ball whose thoughts consist of drinking beer, humiliating pledges and spying on women. These guys are usually dim-witted and crazy, pushing the rules past their limits. This wonderful character is used liberally by Hollywood in college comedies. The movie “Animal House” shows the debauchery of Delta Tau Chi members: toga parties, motor cycles riding up and down stairs, and senseless drinking. On the other hand, the antagonistic Omega Theta Pi members are illustrated as stuck up and elitist; putting their pledges through harsh and secretive initiations involving paddling. Though there are shades of truth to these exaggerations, they are not at all representative of Greek systems.

Greek communities are, at their most derivative, a home for active students. Sean Stinnet, a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, stated that “going Greek was a way for those of us who were really active in high school clubs to continue on being part of clubs throughout college.”

Greek members often take part in philanthropic and community focused events. For

example, Theta Sigma Chi and Nu Theta Chi helped out with the Cinco de Mayo festival held at CSUB last week. My own fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, would host an annual mechanical bull-riding contest in which the proceeds would benefit the John Wayne Cancer Foundation.

At CSUB, Greeks helped put on a Special Olympics at North High. Philanthropic events are a means for Greeks to give back to their communities, doing what they do best: “have a fun time getting stuff done,” said Stinnet.

Even with positive activities helping the community, not all students are convinced of the integrity of Greeks, instead focusing more on the “Animal House” view. One student, who wished to remain anonymous because of acquaintances of his involved in Greek life, said that fraternities were simply students “paying to have friends.” He called it “one more vessel of elitism” and a “means of creating and promoting social hierarchy at colleges.” An anonymous mother of a Greek member also said that “sometimes kids can get sucked into the parties, and start to shirk their school work.” Her son is involved with a fraternity, and she’d rather their name didn’t appear in the paper. Events like last week’s incident no doubt help to promote the view of Greeks being stuck-up academic failures only looking for the next kegger.

However, that same mother ended on a more positive

note. “When kids go away to college, leaving their families, it’s nice to have the fraternities step in as a ready-made family. Kids get depressed sometimes when they go away to school, leaving everything behind. Fraternities are a good back-up system to help the kids when they get into trouble.”

The brotherhood behind fraternities is indeed a strong support system. Though Greeks do indeed help with their communities as well as support professional connections that can be used later in life, the brother and sisterhood of these groups is their most important function. Young adults find like-minded individuals and, whether their connection be a shared career goal, culturally heritage, or activity interest, bond together for a lifetime. They form a tightly wound family that transcends mere friendship. I won’t lie, there were a few members of my fraternity that I absolutely despised, but they are a part of my family. Whenever I needed them, they were there, and vice versa.

These lifetime connections should be what are promoted by the general media, not chugging a bottle of Jack Daniels and spanking pledges. Greek member know all of this, and if you have any reservations or interest, check out the upcoming Greek Week and see for yourselves. You might find something you didn’t expect.

Letters to the Editor

Underrepresented sports

My name is Brandon Washington and I am writing you as a concerned student-athlete. I was wondering why is track and field NEVER mentioned in the Runner? I am also wondering why the athletes of the week are always baseball and softball for the past few weeks rather than any other sport?

This past week Jordan Taylor won the Bulldog invitational with a time of 20.8. This is a big deal considering with that time he is the 2nd fastest time EVER at CSUB and he is only a freshman. Arianna Celis won the 800 m and 1500 m this weekend. She also broke her own school record three weekends in a row. My question to you is why there is NEVER any mention to this. I would say at the very least Arianna’s victories are more impressive than the girls’ softball who lost both games this weekend. So my question for you is what is the criteria for being athlete of the week?

I hope this does not offend you in any way,

-Brandon Washington

Front page layout

I’d like to begin by saying I think that in general The Runner is a good school paper. I try to keep most of my criticism to myself because they’re mostly unnecessary and probably too critical. However, the front page of the latest issue of The Runner has to be pointed out.

You have a story with the headline “Four arrested in hazing incident that leaves man hospitalized” and immediately under that story is a picture of the baseball team. Now, I do see the bold line that is supposed to separate the photo from the story but that line is just not doing the job. That photo is almost entirely above the crease without any context. The only way you can have any idea of why it is even there is by reading the caption. Its story isn’t even on the front page. This suggests that the photo immediately below the headline article is somehow related to it.

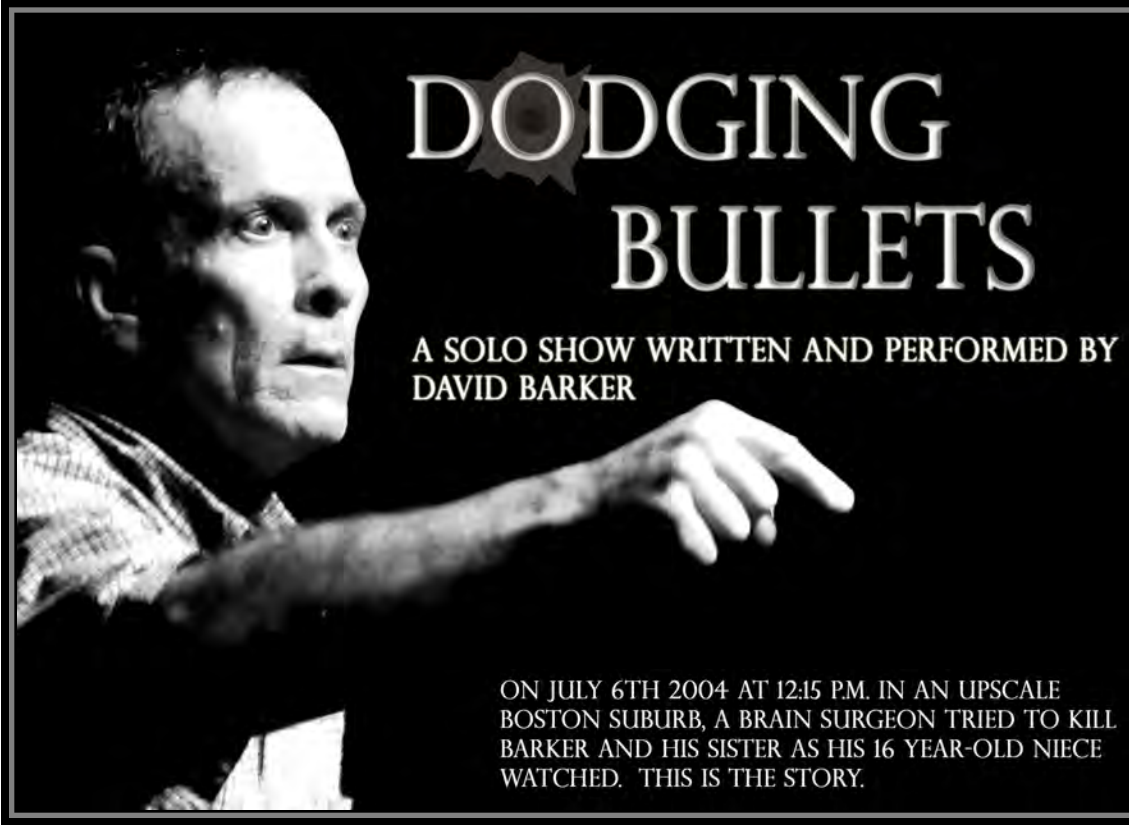
Perhaps I am being too critical about layout but I think it is vague and could have been avoided.

Keep up the good work with the paper.

-Sean Panick

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Workshop helps students build professional-level skills

By Kathryn McCoy
Staff Writer

The Center for Community Engagement and Career Education held a volunteer/internship workshop May 4 for students to obtain a better understanding of what CSUB has to offer them in regards to their future endeavors.

Jane Evarian, director of CECE, said, "Our philosophy at CECE is that we want students to invest as early as possible and as much as possible in building professional level skills that we know

employers are interested in."

The workshop provided a number of ways for students to become aware of what is needed to obtain an internship and how to go about applying for an internship through the CECE website. Evarian discussed the step-by-step process that a student needs to accomplish in order to successfully pursue an internship/volunteer opportunity.

Evarian said, "Networking is critically important, and through volunteering and interning you will begin to expand your network."

The CECE provides an abundance of ways for students who are in need of achieving resume-building skills. Its website offers a great deal of information, from what events are coming up specifically within career opportunities to the number of job positions and internship positions available for students.

"Getting a job is less about that point-and-click and more about making good connections," said Evarian.

"We have contracts with about 37 businesses and organizations," said

Evarian.

The CECE website lists a number of potential internships, full-time positions as well as part-time positions and volunteer opportunities for students.

"The access to this website is available for students forever. You can intern/volunteer after you have graduated from CSUB," said Evarian.

Martha Delgado, a senior majoring in sociology, said: "Knowing that we have this available to us is nice to know. I didn't know that we had this available to us for-

ever; the fact that we do allows me to breathe a lot easier. I do wish I could have known about this information my first or second year of college – though granted it's not to late for me – but if I were to have known about this earlier it would have provided more opportunities for me."

Emma Sanchez, a senior majoring in sociology, said: "I think there should be more awareness for students to know that this type of help is available to them when they first arrive to CSUB. You know that this

center is here but you don't know of what is available to you. I had no idea that this was available to me until my senior year and this is a great resource to have, so by allowing students to understand what opportunities are available to them when they first arrive will benefit them in the long run."

For more information on what opportunities are available through CECE, visit the website and sign up on runner link to view what types of internships, volunteer opportunities, jobs, and career events are available.

Open house helps familiarize visitors with local wildlife

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does. These events include seven seasonal free open houses, occurring on the first Saturday of every month from October to May, excluding January, and their annual Barbecue for the Birds, which occurs the first Saturday of October every year.

On May 7, FACT held its last open house of the season from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Environmental Studies Area.

During this open house, visitors were able to go on an informational tour of the facility, watch a video about some of the local birds of prey, create a recyclable journal, go on a scavenger hunt and purchase souvenir items to support ESA and FACT.

"The goal of our open houses is just to make more people aware that we are here. And then what we do with our rehabilitation program," said Benton.

Benton expressed that during the spring they receive a lot of baby birds and in order to obtain all the items needed to take



Amelia Gonzalez/The Runner

Senior biology major Erica Rivero, right, provides information about owls May 7 during the FACT Open House.

care of the birds, they created a Baby Bird Shower as a part of their May open house.

Items they requested on their website (www.csub.edu/fact) anything from Rubbermaid tubs to keep the baby bird in to newspaper to use as nesting material.

According to Benton, FACT deals with many different birds of prey, such as owls, eagles, American

Kestrels, and hawks. The injured birds they receive come to them from all over Bakersfield, Kern County, as far South as the Grapevine and as far North as Tulare and Delano.

According to Benton, FACT has been around treating birds in the different ways since 1975. A partnership with Bakersfield Veterinary Hospital allows FACT to have the animals be treated

if the injuries are too severe for FACT to treat them alone.

FACT treats many different types of bird injuries including broken wings, infected wounds, open wounds, tissue wounds and oil coverage.

Benton said that when the animal's feather development is long enough to support it when flying, its vision is strong enough to see when flying and they

behave like a wild bird would it is ready to be released.

"We have to hold onto them until they get to that stage where they want to be going – they don't want to be here anymore, otherwise they're going to be in the wild and not ready to hunt yet," said Benton.

FACT's permit with the California Department of Fish and Game requires them to release the birds where they were found so they can return to their native habitat and live life as a normal bird.

"It's hard [to let the birds go] because you're not going to see them but you at least know that they're going to be okay," said Daniela Bustamante, a junior child, adolescent and family studies major and FACT volunteer.

For more information, advice and assistance on how to give injured or orphaned raptors to FACT to be successfully treated, you can call the Bird Rescue Hotline at (661) 654-BIRD.

Students receive fewer work hours on campus

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complicated because schedules change, the amount of students needed change, the seasons change, so there are a lot of variables that play in," said Corral.

According to Corral as the quarters change and student workers take different classes, Aramark tries to accommodate a work schedule around their class hours. But if a student has classes that do not allow any accommodation, they must hire another student to fill that job. Corral also said that if there is a class conflict and the person no longer works for Aramark then they are still welcome back the next quarter.

"We have many positions on campus. There is the Dining Commons on weekends, The Roost at night, so if they're able to work in a different section we do that first," said Corral.

Not only do students get laid off when there is not a lot of business, but also the regular employees go through the same cuts.

"In the summer there is a shutdown. Ninety percent of all employees do get laid off during the summer, but they are brought back in the Fall Quarter. It is common for student employees to be laid off during certain times of the year when business is down," said Corral.

Rashonda Ross, a senior criminal justice major who was let go of her job at Wahoos was supposed to start working at the snack stand that was thought to be built in DDH but never was.

"That was the only income I had. I was supposed to work in DDH, but since the stand was never put up I was left with no job ... I was not notified of returning back," said Ross.

Since Ross has lost her job she has been looking for a new job while preparing herself for the summer-time.

Kyle Mende, a senior business administrations major who was laid off during last December, but was rehired in January said, "During December no one is there; it's completely dead."

Mende said how although his job is only part time, it was still difficult to go without.

"It sucked with no job during December but I dealt with it," said Mende.

Rally seeks petition for higher education for immigrants

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according to Ventra. The reason of the CSUB Dream Act Rally was "to get the word across and get the petition going so the immigrants have the right to higher education for it to go into congress and make it pass," according to senior CAFS major Shyanna Atkinson.

The purpose of the rally was to inform students about the Dream Act and where we stand with the act and the legislator part, according to Madrigal.

M.E.Ch.A. was very involved with the rally and had members speak on behalf of organization President Anna Martinez. Martinez was not able to attend the CSUB Dream Act Rally, except for the first 30 minutes of the rally to answer students' questions. Martinez had class at the time of the rally and a new job on campus with more hours, according to sociology major junior and member of M.E.Ch.A. and U.N.I.R., Rosio Narez. According to Narez, six members of M.E.Ch.A. attended the rally out of the total 40 members and 20 active members because "many had classes in between. Some stopped by to sign the petition and left."

Each word within the acronym M.E.Ch.A. stands



Angel Serrano/The Runner

ASI President Stephen Muchinyi gives a speech to create awareness on the California Dream Act outside on the Student Union patio May 6.

for something that describes the organization. Movimiento means that the organization is committed to uphold basic human rights. Estudiantil means that the organization ranges from elementary schools to universities. Chicano is the name that the organization members would like to be identified with. Aztlán means a place where there is an abundance of something, according to the CSUB M.E.Ch.A website.

According to political science major graduate student and student government vice president of finances and M.E.Ch.A. Director Erka Madrigal, "M.E.Ch.A. is a non-profit organization. Our mission states that we fight for cultural political awareness and higher education."

According to Narez, M.E.Ch.A. members call themselves a 'student movement on campus' because they do many things for the benefit of CSUB and their people. It's not just for Mexican or Hispanic students "It's [an organization] for everybody," she said.

Many students felt that it was only fair to support illegal immigrants in their pursuit for higher education. "Yeah California does have a budget crisis, but when you have children coming across at 5 years old crossing across the border, it's not their fault at that age that their parents brought them," said Hernandez.

"When they say we shouldn't be funding students just because they are not citizens, to me it's very

unfair because they're probably the ones wanting better higher education than most citizens," said Ventra. "I actually see students that just come to school because of financial aid." According to Ventra, citizens register to classes and show up every now and then but do not really attend in order to receive the three grand awarded to them quarterly.

"I think that our government finds way more money for other things. Education should be a priority for our government, especially because many of the AB540 students did not ask to be brought here," said Narez, "They give money to support athletes and the war should have ended a long time ago and things like that they should be giving to us," said Narez. Students were asked if the Dream Act should pass, and most had the same hope. It should definitely pass, according to Hernandez, because there are a lot of undocumented people in the U.S.

"We see 12 million undocumented and 2 million being children. I think it should pass, get them out of the shadows. It's like lost talent going to waste if we don't support them," said Hernandez. "I hope it passes because I have friends. I see lots of potential. If I

were to have kids anytime soon I would want them to be their professors," said Ventra. "My hopes [for the Dream Act to pass] are very high," said Narez.

"I've been to Sacramento, Los Angeles, different marches to advocate for the Dream Act," said Hernandez.

"Just educate really. It's all about education and reading up," said Ventra. "They basically want stuff handed to them, so whatever they hear on the media they'll eat it up instead of actually researching," said Ventra.

Atkinson said she advocates for the Dream Act by "signing those petition papers."

"It's not a Mexican issue. It's an issue that affects everybody. Immigrants come from all over the world. So we should not keep it at a single country," said Hernandez.

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Biking more common as gas prices soar

By Jacob Montecino
Staff Writer

It's May once again. The sun is shining, the flowers blooming, all that good stuff. It would be the perfect time to put down the car keys and pick up the bike helmet right? It makes sense since around CSUB the bike racks have been more full than usual, so why not? Well good thing that May is officially Bike Month because all across the nation, people have been challenged to take their bikes out more and to learn more about biking and its benefits.

At CSUB, there are many benefits to biking besides just staying healthy, but also saving money on gas, parking passes and also never having to search forever looking for a decent parking spot.

The students out riding their bikes may be riding their bikes in honor of the month such as Leo Heredia, a junior PEAK major, who said: "I have been riding my new bike for about a month now."

"Because of Bike Month, I pledged to myself to ride my bike everywhere and not use my car."

He said he really enjoyed riding his bike and that it has saved him a lot of gas.

Other students have chosen to ride their bike in protest of the rising gas prices and the terrible parking here at CSUB.

Jon Gist, a junior PEAK major, has made the choice this month to start riding his bike in order to save money and to stay physically fit. Gist said that because he has been riding his bike to school, he saves \$50 a week and that turns out to \$200 a month. Take that a step further and that would be \$2,400 a year, enough to pay tuition for a quarter and then some.

Still, other students just ride their bike because they enjoy it, and the cash saved is only a bonus.

John Wilson, a senior geology major said: "I love the environment of the campus, and I'm here all day long...the



Taylor Gombos/The Runner

Post-graduate student Nick Martinez locks up his bike outside the library May 9. More students find themselves riding to school to save money and get exercise.

mornings are the nicest part of the ride."

Wilson also said that the bike rides are good rehab for his ankle.

Marc Busch, a junior psychology major said he finds the rides relaxing as he takes the long trip from the east side of Bakersfield out to CSUB. Busch said that he feels better from the rides since exercise "releases endorphins [and] all that good stuff."

It is also through this same group of people that the new club, Road Riders of CSUB has been founded.

"It is not an official club yet," said Gist, "but the paperwork is rolling."

Information on the club can be found on their Facebook page "Road Riders of CSUB." The club hopes to jumpstart the number of people riding their bikes around campus, and it even hopes to organize an intercollegiate sport or intramural sport that would compete against other schools in races.

"Road Riders of CSUB will be a two-part club that will bike with Jon [Gist], and within the club we'll have a road biking team with spandex racing and all that stuff.... We want to start competing," said Wilson.

Volunteers at Bakersfield Jazz Festival as important as event itself

As event grew in size, more volunteers were needed

By Jazmin Iniguez
Staff Writer

Doug Davis, director of the Bakersfield Jazz Festival, and his wife Adele, have been running the festival for 25 years. Over time, the festival has become more popular and has attracted a much larger audience.

"At first, we had our friends help out during the first jazz festivals, but every year, the festival grew bigger and bigger and more help was needed," said Adele.

They began to look for volunteers to help them run the jazz festival.

There are only 250 slots, which makes not everyone eligible to volunteer. Adele said what she looks for in a volunteer is, "honesty, reliability, willingness to participate in making the event happen and love what we're doing and what we're doing it for."

To volunteer, one has to be 12 years old or older. The volunteers also have to fill out a disclaimer form so they are aware they are not getting paid. According to Adele, "The disclaimer form is very important because as volunteers they don't get paid. Some volunteer for community service, others because they enjoy jazz music and helping out."

Shifts are usually from two to four hours; some volunteers will work both days, others one day. "Some volunteers like a specif-



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Twelve-year-old Courtney Brooks, right, passes out programs alongside 11-year-old Amber Barnes during the 25th annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival May 7 at the CSUB Amphitheatre. Brooks and Barnes are among the youngest to attend the annual event.

ic job, others don't mind," said Adele. Some positions are: security, free floaters, programs, front gate, etc.

"Some started volunteering as children and now are parents," said Adele.

Steve Munoz and his wife, Martha, have been volunteering for the BJJ for numerous years. Steve has been volunteering for 22 years, since 1989. He got involved in this festival by attending and by his friend who was a volunteer himself. "A friend of mine was running the front gate; he left so I took over," said Steve. Martha has been volunteering for 11 years, since 2000; she began volunteering because of her husband. She said what she enjoys about volunteering is meeting different people because they are the "neediest." Their jobs are running the front gate and making sure everyone pays for their entrance to the festival.

Twelve-year-old Courtney Brooks, student at Norris Middle School, was in charge of hand-

ing out the programs booklet to guests at the festival.

"I love the music of Jazz and I love helping," said Brooks.

She began volunteering because her parents got her involved. Brooks had a helper along her side named Amber Barnes. Barnes could not volunteer because she did not meet the age requirement, but was still glad to help out.

"I want to volunteer, but I'm only 11," said Barnes. She said she is going to volunteer when she is 12.

Seventeen-year-old David Caploe was working as a fountain security. His duty was taking care of the fountain, making sure kids and others don't go in. Caploe has been volunteering for the BJJ for six or seven years. He got involved because his parents volunteer as well.

Caploe said, "The best part of volunteering is listening to good music while you work. The least thing I like is the heat - not a lot of shade out here."

CSUB athletes contribute to raise over \$2 million at Relay for Life

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team consisted of the whole track team.

McCarthy said that the plan originally was to have one general CSUB athletics team but it didn't work out that way, due to the fact that the track team wanted to form a team for a "bonding experience."

Andrade explained that the teams didn't start fundraising until roughly a month before the event but mentioned that she and McCarthy approached SAAC with the fundraiser idea.

"We just talked to SAAC about it at one of the meetings and then I had all the information at the next meeting and handed that out," she said.

McCarthy praised Andrade for doing a good job of handling the event and making sure things were in order.

"Brooke did an amazing job. She got all the paperwork done and she knew all the ins-and-outs on how to do it. She was the person who did it all," he said.

Andrade said that it made it easier to talk to people one-on-one about the idea because it made them more interested in the effort.

"Everyone was for it right away. A lot of people know what the event is they don't know how in depth it goes. Just knowing the idea in general got people right away," she said.

McCarthy added that this event was also planned as a way to give back to the com-

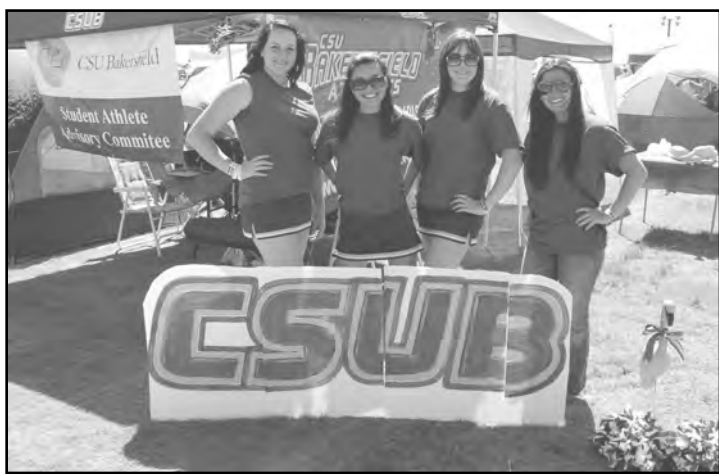


Photo courtesy of Brook Andrade

(From left to right) CSUB cheerleaders Kourtney Craig, Lizet Vazquez, Kayla Craig and Brook Andrade stand at the CSUB Student Athlete Advisory Committee tent during Relay for Life.

munity.

"We (SAAC) try to do something every month that involves student athletes and something involving the community. We feel like the community has given us so much, to do what we do on the field. We want to make sure to give back," he said.

McCarthy mentioned that the two teams went to everyone they could think of for donations.

"We went to everyone from parents, fans, Roadrunner Club members, businesses in the community and individual donors," he said.

Not only did McCarthy, Andrade and other members of the team approach people and ask for donations but they also used a tactic called "flamingo flocking."

"We went out every night, and we would hit three houses a night. We had those plastic lawn flamingos. We stuck

about 10 to 15 for each house we put them on their lawn. There was a really clever note on there that said What the flock is going on," said Andrade.

Andrade said people had the option to donate \$25 to have the flamingos removed or a \$40 donation to have it moved to a house of their choice.

Both McCarthy and Andrade have been affected by cancer. McCarthy had three tumors in his mouth - all were benign - when he was younger and his dad has skin cancer. Both of Andrade's grandparents have cancer and she has also lost both an uncle and an aunt to cancer.

Andrade said that before her aunt passed away, she taught her and her family a valuable lesson.

"She kind of taught us

that death isn't something you should be afraid of. If anything you need to do something to make the world a better place," she said.

Both McCarthy and Andrade said that their experiences with cancer helped motivate both of them to want to participate in raising money for Relay for Life.

Andrade said that she that by participating in Relay for Life she learned that no dollar amount is too small to donate.

"I've learned that every little bit counts. I feel like when people gave us \$5 or \$1 dollar

it all adds up, and all that money is going to go toward something great. In years to come it really is going to pay off," she said.

McCarthy and Andrade said they were both happy with the turnout from the community and the students and supporters of CSUB at Relay For Life. People went "all out" to make the event special according to McCarthy, which included groups raising \$30,000-\$50,000 out of "the kindness of their heart."

"It was great to see so many people from CSUB out there.

For CSUB to be a part of that was huge. It's really important that we do more things like that, be actively involved in the community," said McCarthy.

Andrade added: "I'm really proud of our school; there were so many people out there for the relay. Everywhere you walked you would see someone is CSUB gear."

Seeing them out there at this event, it's just showing that CSUB students have a heart and they are changing the world."

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CSUB sociology professor Rhonda E. Dugan volunteers at Wine Festival May 6.

‘Signature event’ benefits alumni scholarship endowment

By Raii Lee
Staff Writer

On May 6, California State University, Bakersfield hosted its 15th annual Party in the Park. The event took place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Party in the Park is an event that offers wine, beer, food and the opportunity to reconnect with fellow alums, faculty and friends. According to Shannon Hill, director of alumni relations, “This is our signature event that helps benefit the alumni scholarship endowment.”

Party in the Park is held in Alumni Park behind the Runner Café. The event offered food from Runner catering and Eagle Mountain Casinos, wine and beer selections from 30 different wineries and two beer companies, and live music from Elevation 406.

“There is a lot more food and wine to go around. My favorite wine is Riesling,” said sociology professor Rhonda Dugan. According to Stella Kid, chairperson of 2011 Party in the Park and fellow alum, “It’s the same turnout from last year - definitely going well and a band was a plus.”

Co-chair and alumnus

Balfour said, “So far the event is fantastic, better selection of food, great band and great atmosphere.”

Dugan volunteered her time to help by serving wine.

“It’s my first time volunteering. I haven’t been to Party in the Park for a couple of years, and is has changed a lot. Party in the Park is a great lead-up into the Bakersfield 25th Jazz Festival and its help bring alumni and friends back to the university,” she said.

For fellow alums Matt Jones and his wife Danay, this is their fifth year attending. “We come back to support and pre-party before the jazz festival. The event is really cool, food is unbelievable,” said the Jones.

Current student Jasmin Haas said, “I like it. It’s my first time and I would come back if possible.”

Party in the Park is not just for alums; community members and anyone over the age of 21 can attend. Community attendee Brad Buckley has been attending Party in the Park for the last 10 years.

“The event is very nice, selection of wine and beer is good, food is excellent, better than usual,” said Buckley.

Even though the event was a

success, many previous attendees noticed differences between previous Party in the Park events. Food was the main topic that had improved over the years.

Seventh-year attendee Christiane Marzi said: “Food is better this year, wine selection is a little disappointing, but having live music is a great addition. I used to attend the event when the tickets were \$30; now they’re \$50, and for that price there should be way more wine and beer selection.”

For first-year attendees and fellow alums Russell Gayer and his wife Mrs. Erin, Erin said, “It’s a classy event, well put together, great ambiance, good selection of wine and beer, good people and music.”

According to CSUB President Horace Mitchell: “This is my seventh year attending, excellent and good turnout of friends and good company. The Jazz Festival is a great event itself and a lot of people see Party in the Park as a prelude to the Jazz Festival.”

Overall, the event was a success, many people showed up to have fun, eat, drink, mingle and most of all reconnect with CSUB.

Restaurant review: The Roost shows promise

New campus eatery needs improvements, has potential

By Dallas Plater
Staff Writer

Last week when I covered the Poetry Slam event at The Roost restaurant here at CSUB, I was left a bit disappointed at what the establishment had to offer. The free buffalo wings they were offering as part of the event were some of the worst wings I have ever had the displeasure of tasting, and my opinion of the food The Roost had to offer instantly took a nose-dive. For the sake of fairness, however, I gave the restaurant the benefit of the doubt that the wings served that evening were the result of an unfortunate culinary oversight, and I decided to give The Roost another try.

Because The Roost isn’t open until 4 p.m., I decided to go on a Wednesday evening before one of my classes. As I approached the double doors that led to Wahoo’s only a few weeks prior, I expected the restaurant to be fairly empty due to their hours of operation. To my surprise, however, the place was packed, and only one table inside was open. I made my way to the front counter, ordered a basket of hot wings and a medium soda, and hoped that the food wouldn’t leave a bad taste in my mouth this time around.

The wings didn’t take very long to get prepared, and the wait for my food was only a few minutes even during their busy hours. The price of my wing basket could have been a little cheaper, as

it was \$6 for a basket of eight wings with ranch dipping sauce, but the other items on the menu seemed more reasonably priced, with an order of chicken strips and fries costing only around \$3. With my wings in hand, I made my way to the open table so I could give The Roost a second chance.

As I dug into my basket of hot wings, I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the food this time around. While the wings at the Poetry Slam were soggy, and comprised of mostly greasy, fatty chicken pieces, the ones this time around were of a decent consistency, and the wing sauce they were basted in was more of a sauce and far less soupy than what I had remembered. These wings were, of course, not up to the high standards of wings that one might find at a Wing Stop or other wing-worthy establishment, but they were easily on par with wings found at a pizza parlor like Rusty’s, whose wings I’ve always considered above average in quality.

While The Roost has redeemed itself as an eating establishment in my eyes, it’s perhaps worthy to note that many of the restaurant’s patrons weren’t focused solely on the food, but rather on the drinks they had to offer. As I scanned the room, it seemed like every other table had a pitcher or two of beer on it, with students drinking and having a good time amongst each other. With my wings finished, I decided to do what any other self-respecting journalist would do in this situation: I’d pull up a chair and join them.

As I sat down to ask the other students about their likes and dislikes with The

Roost, one thing quickly became apparent: many of them were here for the beer. “The beer is great, and it’s a fun atmosphere to be in,” said Miguel Sanchez, a senior chemistry major.

Jose Lopez, a senior history major, enjoys the beer prices at The Roost, particularly during happy hour. “With happy hour starting when the restaurant opens, you can get a whole pitcher of beer for just \$5,” said Lopez.

While the beer was certainly a good selling point for The Roost, it lacks in a few other areas that separate a good restaurant from an average or mediocre one. Thomas Cottrell, a sophomore economics major, feels that the environment at the restaurant is severely lacking. “The atmosphere is really bland here,” said Cottrell. “It has a good vibe when there are a lot of people here, but that still doesn’t take away from the weak decoration in this place.”

In conclusion, The Roost shows promise as a successful campus restaurant, but could certainly use improvement in a few areas. It’s the only place on campus to get a beer or two, and the drink prices are great during happy hour, but the food and décor could still use some work. The wings, while appetizing, should either be lowered in price or have their quality raised to reflect the cost, and at this time the place lacks any real decoration whatsoever. I would recommend giving The Roost a try if you want somewhere to have a drink and hang out with friends after class or maybe grab a quick bite to eat, but don’t expect anything spectacular from the restaurant’s current state.

Bigger and better: Bakersfield Jazz Festival celebrates 25 years in style

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piano composition.

But big names and far away talent weren’t the only acts on stage Saturday; a group comprised of CSUB students going by the name of Rickety Ship performed on the main stage this year. The group of jazz soloists: trumpeter Mark Manda, saxophonist Chris Nguyen, pianist Jay Smith, guitarist Jo-El Patterson, bassist Fernando Montoya and drummer Canaan McDuffie preformed compositions by Thelonious Monk and Joe Henderson as well as original compositions by Smith, Montoya and Nguyen.

For Nguyen, who performed last year at this event on the side stage, playing on the main stage was a big accomplishment.

“This is the first time playing on the big stage. I’ve been going the Jazz Festival for the last five or six years and main stage always seemed like a really big deal so being able to play on main stage was really awesome for me,” he said.

Assistant Professor of Music Joel Haney attributes the progress of the music program to the man that has been in charge of not only the music program but also

“I love [the atmosphere]. I don’t feel like I’m in Bakersfield. I feel like I’m in some really hip environment where the weather is nice outside with good music, good food, good people.”

— Catherine Kim

organizing the Jazz Festival.

“I think Doug Davis has done a remarkable job cultivating the jazz program and finding opportunities to integrate Cal State [Bakersfield] students in this event.”

And current CSUB students weren’t the only ones playing at the festival, CSUB alum Chris Tiner brought his quintet and performed his original pieces which brought to mind the jazz-fusion ’60s era of Miles Davis – which Tiner admits was a big influence on his musical writing and calls those compositions love letters to that era of music.

“It’s a pleasure to play here, it’s always an honor. It good to see as an alumni that the program is moving along and its even stronger than when I



Mark Nessia/The Runner

Lauren Kinhan, left, and Peter Eldridge of New York Voices perform during the 25th annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival May 7 at the CSUB Amphitheatre.

was a student,” said Tiner.

Tiner’s music was enough to get one audience member to leave her seat and dance in front of the band which would start the trend later on in the evening. This audience member has a special place in Tiner’s heart because it was his young daughter.

“It was a first for me,” said Tiner. “She’s been to a couple of these in the past but never when I’m performing. I was thrilled, that made my day. As long as she’s got my back I’m good.”

Another local group performing was Soulajar, with their funk and soul-infused sound.

One performer is far from local and not of this country. Allan Holdsworth comes from England and brought his virtuosic guitar playing and his trio to the jazz festival this year.

Saturday’s event started with the Kern County Honor Jazz Band, which is comprised of students from around Kern County. With an average

age of 15, the band blazed through tunes, some of which were original compositions by students.

The two day event started Friday evening May 6, and showcased Davis’s own band Dr. D’s Debris, as well as saxophonist Eric Darius who wowed the crowd not only with his high-energy jazz but as an entertainer as he walked off the stage and into the crowd while playing his saxophone. Friday night closed with the Pete Escovedo Latin Jazz Orchestra.

For nursing major Catherine Kim who attended the event for the first time this year, the live music and atmosphere was quite an experience.

“I love [the atmosphere]. I don’t feel like I’m in Bakersfield. I feel like I’m in some really hip environment where the weather is nice outside with good music, good food, good people,” she said.

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Softball splits with Loyola Marymount to end season

By Steven Gaede
Staff Writer

CSUB lost the second game of the double header against Sacramento State 9-3 on May 8.

The 'Runners won both games of the double header on May 7, but did not win either on May 8.

"Splitting this weekend was a good come-back, because we have been on a losing streak. We have been through some tough times recently; we had three players injured out today. Two of our pitchers have been out on and off," coach Kathy Welter said. "It was good to get a couple of good wins yesterday."

Freshman left-fielder/designated player Jazmine Lee hit a three-run home run in the first game against Sac State on May 7. Junior catcher Tera Macias also hit a home run in the 6-5 win. Sacramento's Jillian Canete got the Hornets within one after she hit a three-run home run, but freshman pitcher Sarah Hoag was able to get out of the jam and earn the win.

CSUB came back and won the second game on May 7 thanks to a four-hit, four-run inning that involved a home run by senior first baseman Ryane Petersen.

CSUB scored first in the second game on May 8 when Petersen singled to score sophomore center fielder Laura King.

Petersen hit her sixth home run of the year in the first game on May 8. CSUB lost 12-3 in five innings; Sac State hit three home runs in the game.

"There were a lot of fights along the way, as far as trying to battle back from injuries or just different things that went on during the season. ... I think this team kept working hard



Brady Cabe/The Runner

'Runner softball team congratulates Ryane Petersen (7) after game-winning home run.

to really try to do the best they could even when we were losing," said Welter.

Petersen went 2-for-4 and had an RBI in her last softball game. Freshman second baseman Amy Ricciardi and sophomore third baseman Emily Bliss also went 2-for-4 in the same game.

The seniors on the team knew that they only had one more game left to play, so they reflected back on some of their memories.

"I think my favorite play was at our first tournament of the year in Arizona when I threw out a girl who led the nation in stolen

bases, so that was cool— hands down favorite," said senior catcher Kasie Muro.

"This year I hit my first collegiate grand slam and walk off home run," said Petersen.

"I hit my first college home run this year. I don't remember who we played or anything, so I could not give you any details," senior infielder Jamie Miller joked.

CSUB had 10 hits on the game, while Sacramento had 13 hits. The 'Runners just could not get a hit with runners on base; CSUB left 10 on base over the course of the game.

Sacramento had a huge first inning. Paige Martin and Emily McCormick hit back-to-back home runs. Paige hit a three-run home run to left center and McCormick hit a solo homer down the left field line.

Junior Alyssa Walker, gave up nine runs (eight earned) and 13 hits in six innings of work.

Sacramento scored two more runs in the second off of two hits and two errors. CSUB trailed 6-1 going into the third.

The 'Runners scored one in the third when Ricciardi advanced home on a wild pitcher. CSUB would score its third and last run of the game in the top of the sixth when Lee singled freshman right fielder Karissa Veiga home.

Sacramento scored three more runs in the sixth on four hits; three of the hits were singles and one was a double.

The 'Runners went three up and three down in the seventh inning to end the season. CSUB ended the season with a 17-35 record. Welter gave her overall assessment of the season.

"It was disappointing based on the expectations we had at the beginning of the season," Welter said.

CSUB had five seniors on the team that were recognized after the final game. Players graduate every year and the coaches have to reassess their team.

"The seniors brought a lot to the team, it is true every year and these five were no exception. They gave everything to the team, and led by example with their hard work. We will definitely miss them," said Welter. "There is a very strong nucleus coming back. A lot of our younger players were starters this year and got experience. ... I think the future looks good."

Baseball can't overcome four-run inning, falls to LMU 5-2

By Steven Gaede
Staff Writer

CSUB fell to Loyola Marymount 5-2 on May 7 at Hardt Field.

Marymount's pitcher, Jason Wheeler, pitched a 110- pitch complete game in which he struck out seven and gave up two runs (one earned) on six hits.

Junior catcher Jeremy Rodriguez, junior designated hitter Martin Medina, freshman second baseman Oscar Sanay, junior third baseman DC Legg, freshman first baseman Cael Brockmeyer and sophomore left-fielder Kevin Younger each had one hit on the night.

Senior Mike McCarthy was on the mound for the night; he went seven innings in which he gave up five runs (one earned) and struck out five. Nine of the 10 hits that Marymount hit on the night came off of McCarthy.

Wheeler had a perfect game going until Legg got a single with two outs in the bottom of the fifth. The 'Runners would not score until the

eighth.

"We hit really well in Kansas, we are 1-9 here in the last 10 games ... getting away from home sounds like a pretty good idea to us," CSUB coach Bill Kernien said.

Marymount got on the board first in the top of the fourth when they scored four runs off of three hits.

McCarthy hit Jonathan Johnson to start off the inning. The following batter hit a sacrifice bunt to move Johnson to second. Matt Lowenstein then came up and hit a single. Joe Vierra stepped up to the plate next and bunted the ball right back to the pitcher, but McCarthy's throw to first sailed over Brockmeyer. Johnson scored from third.

"We broke down defensively. We made an error at third and then [McCarthy] threw the one ball away," said Kernien. "It was a pretty easy bunt to throw the guy out at first base. The runner from third was not coming and he (McCarthy) threw it into right field; that was probably



Mark Nessia/The Runner

Loyola Marymount's Alex Guthrie (16) scores in the fourth inning after the throw gets away from CSUB catcher Jeremy Rodriguez.

enough given the fact that we did not hit."

Shon Roe stepped up to the plate after the throw by McCarthy and hit a sacrifice

fly to center field to score Lowenstein. Alex Guthrie came up next and hit a single to right field to score Vierra; Guthrie advanced to second

on the play. There was a chance to get the runner out at home, but the throw was a little late and Rodriguez could not handle the ball. Ryan Hawthorne then came to the plate and hit a single into right field to score Guthrie. There was another play at the plate, and the ball reached home in time but Rodriguez could not handle it. Bret Dahlson grounded out to third to end the inning.

Marymount put up another run on the board in the fifth off of back-to-back singles by Zac Fujimoto and Johnson. Matt Koch then hit Fujimoto in on a sacrifice fly to center field.

Senior pitcher Nick Shannon took over for McCarthy in the top of the eighth. Shannon pitched the next two innings; he gave up one hit.

CSUB was able to get on the board in the bottom of the eighth when the 'Runners were able to string three hits together.

"We got it going a little bit, we strung some at bats together and then we hit a

line-drive at somebody I think, or a ground ball that was hit pretty good that was a double play ball. By then it was to the point where you have to have some things go the right direction," said Kernien.

Legg reached first on a throwing error by Guthrie and then scored off of a triple hit by Brockmeyer to right field; Brockmeyer would then score off of a single hit by Younger to left field.

Sanay came up with a double down the right-field line with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, but Legg then flied out to center field to end the game.

"All we can do is just go out and play again. For some reason we have been playing better on the road. I think that changes in environment are good for us for some reason - it is really strange thing. I have never had a team that has played this badly at home, I think we are 15-12," Kernien said.

The 'Runners will head to UCLA on May 13 for a three-game series.

Barbecues will fire up once again for annual athletic fundraiser

By Keith Koski
Staff Writer

California State University Bakersfield will be firing up the barbecues once again. On Thursday, May 12, from 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m., CSUB will be having its 39th annual Spring BBQ at the Icardo Center.

In an e-mail, assistant athletic director of events Mark Mayes said: "The Spring BBQ will help raise money for the CSUB Student-Athlete Scholarship fund. Last year's BBQ was successful as over \$65,000 was raised, and we will surpass that this year with the great support from our sponsors. The presenting sponsors of

the BBQ this year include Bill Wright Toyota Scion, North Bakersfield Toyota Scion and the Southern California Orthopedic Institute in Association with FoodMaxx."

Attendees of the BBQ will be able to choose from different kinds of food as well as enjoy other events.

Mayes said: "This year attendees will have their choice of either NY steak (Harris Ranch Beef) or teriyaki chicken. Besides just eating people have a chance to look forward to the live entertainment provided by Thee Majestics. There will be free prize drawings throughout the evening. An auction will

"Many people benefit from the annual Spring BBQ such as the student-athletes of CSUB, the campus which is being showcased to the attendees, the sponsors ... and attendees who have a great time while supporting an equally great cause."

— Mark Mayes

occur as well."

The annual BBQ is a well-attended event, with over 3,000 people showing up last year and the same amount expected to come this year.

"Some of these attendees had never visited the CSUB campus before. The attendees at the annual Spring BBQ look forward to having

a great meal, seeing old friends, enjoying the beautiful weather all while supporting the CSUB Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund," said Mayes.

According to Mayes: "Many people benefit from the annual Spring BBQ such as the student-athletes of CSUB, the campus which is being showcased to the

attendees, the sponsors who participate in this win-win event and of course the attendees who have a great time while supporting an equally great cause."

Mayes said: "We have been advertising for the 39th annual Spring BBQ through a television, radio and newspaper campaign. Also live remotes will be set up at the event and we have social media with information provided via our website and Facebook page."

Jesus Ruiz, a freshman kinesiology student said, "I do plan on attending the 39th Annual Spring BBQ. I heard it was a good event."

Mayes said that presale tickets for the 39th Annual

Spring BBQ are \$25 for general admission and \$15 for CSUB students. They are available for purchase at the cashier's window near the Financial Aid office. Tickets at the door on the day of the event will go up to \$30 for general admission and \$18 for CSUB students.

For more information on CSUB'S 39th Annual Spring BBQ you can visit the website www.gorunners.com. There is a 30-second video about the event and it says that you can purchase tickets from this website as well. For further information email Mark Mayes at Mark_Mayes@first-class1.csusak.edu.

Athletes of the Week



Cael Brockmeyer
Freshman
Baseball

May 7 vs.
Loyola
Marymount

Hits: 1
RBIs: 1
Runs Scored: 1
Putouts: 3

Next home
game:
May 21 vs.
Fresno State



Arianna Celis
Junior
Track and Field

May 8 at the
Occidental
Invitational:

Arianna Celis
took three sec-
onds off of her
record-setting
time in the 1500
meter. Celis won
the 1500 with a
time of 4:26.92



Mark Nessia/The Runner

Attendees fill the lawn area in front of the CSUB Amphitheatre May 7 during the 25th annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival.

Through the lens



Katie Miller/The Runner

An injured hummingbird is tended to at Canyon Hills Church.



Brady Cabe/The Runner

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