

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A promise to move forward and regain our readers’ trust

By Peter Castillo  
Editor-in-Chief

Plagiarism and fabrication are two matters that have troubled journalism in recent times.

A story published in the April 4 issue of The Runner titled “Sexism on the bathroom signs in SRC” written by Ola Iduma was discovered as containing fabricated sources.

The names ‘Summer Fischer’ and

‘Stan Gilford,’ who are both referenced in the story as music majors, were pointed out to us as not actual CSUB students.

We were initially tipped off by a post on Instagram, which tagged our account, pointing out the state of these false names.

However, after conducting an internal investigation, this was found not to be an isolated incident.

Dating back to last semester, Iduma’s stories which were published featured 20 names which are not registered in the CSU Bakersfield student information system.

We were able to search for the students’ names on the Microsoft OneDrive system and discovered these students did not exist. We verified our findings with the admissions office as well.

When our adviser, Jennifer Burger, confronted Iduma about the validity

of her sources, she explained her process of interviewing her sources.

Iduma said she does not take notes during the interview nor does she record what is being said. She also does not inform the interviewee she is a reporter for The Runner. She simply has casual conversations with others and tries to recreate the quotes from memory.

These are direct violations of our code as journalists and is completely unacceptable.

“My first feeling is to be embarrassed and to feel that somewhere along the line I didn’t do my job correctly,” Burger said. “I am very clear on my syllabuses in all of my classes about the importance of ethics, transparency, honesty, accuracy and credibility. So, I would expect all students to understand that and take it seriously.”

I personally met with Iduma to allow her to tell her side of the story. She credited Burger for her teaching and knowledge of journalism.

“I don’t think it was her fault. No, I think she is a really good professor” Iduma said. “I guess I was just nonchalant about the way I interviewed people. I was more focused on what the people would say or what I wrote about as opposed to the names of the people.”

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ELECTION

Fleeman aspires to end Youngblood’s 12-year run  
Amid controversy, incumbent Youngblood looks to win fourth election

By Peter Castillo  
and Runa Lemminn  
The Runner Staff

After serving as sheriff of Kern County for the past 12 years, Donny Youngblood is running for his fourth term in command. He is challenged by Justin Fleeman, the chief deputy sheriff of Kern County.

Kern County will hold elections for Sheriff and District Attorney on June 5.

Youngblood, the incumbent in this year’s race, has served as sheriff since 2006.

In the 2006 election, Youngblood, who joined the department in 1972, ran against the incumbent Sheriff Mack Wimbush and won with nearly 60 percent of the vote, according to the Bakersfield Californian.

The following two elections, held in 2010 and 2014, Youngblood ran unopposed.

Youngblood, a graduate of West High School, admits that since this is his first race since the 2006 election, times have changed, however, he feels being the incumbent gives him an advantage.

“Being the incumbent, it’s easier to raise money for the campaign,” said Youngblood. “After twelve years being sheriff, people know you, and they either like you or don’t like you.”

He also feels that since he is campaigning for the first time since 2006, he has had much more contact with the community, which he says has been positive.

“My stance has been solid for 12 years,” Youngblood said. “The public knows what I’m about and knows what my positions are. I tell the public what I believe.”

Born and raised in Bakersfield and a graduate of South High School, Fleeman has served for the department since 1998.

Fleeman has taken a grassroots approach to his campaign. He feels transparency and communication are imperative.

“You actually get to help people. You know, you’re not getting rich (doing this),” Fleeman said. “Building relationships with the members of the general public is a top priority.”

Last week, a video from 2006 surfaced of Youngblood making controversial comments regarding use of force and the cost of litigation at a meeting.

In the video, Youngblood explains how he feels it is ‘better financially’ to kill suspects than to ‘cripple’ them.



Photo from the Kern County Sheriff’s Office  
**Donny Youngblood, the incumbent in this election, has been the sheriff of Kern County since 2006.**

During a recent interview with Eyewitness News – Bakersfield, Youngblood said he stands by the comments he made in the video.

However, despite the negative publicity, Youngblood says some positive exposure has come from the video.

“Over the last few days, I’ve received donations from people I don’t know,” Youngblood said. “People who probably weren’t invested in the campaign before, have become invested because they don’t like dirty politics.”

The video was released by Kern County Detention Officers Association, who has endorsed Fleeman’s campaign.

Youngblood disagreed with Fleeman’s camp’s decision to release of the clip as a way to paint him in a negative light.

“Twelve years ago, I was in a meeting asking for that union’s endorsement and after that interview, I received their endorsement,” Youngblood said. “So if they took it the way they did today, why did they endorse me 12 years ago? I didn’t mean it the way they took it.”

If elected to his fourth term, Youngblood would like to improve the relations between the minority community of Kern County and the sheriff’s department.

“I think we have a great relationship with our immigrant community and with people of color,” Youngblood said. “But, I think we can do better. We need to reach out more.”

Reviving the monthly meetings held between the department and the community is something Youngblood points to as a way to improve the relationship between the two.



Ana Canales/The Runner  
**Justin Fleeman has served for the Kern County Sheriff’s Department since 2008. He currently is the chief deputy sheriff.**

“We go to calls where there are homicides, stabbings, shootings. We’re not afraid of those, why should we be afraid to go out and meet with members of the public?”

the Department about \$300,000 a year.

According to Fleeman, this is money the sheriff’s department can ill afford to be spending.

The airplane was given to the sheriff’s department from the fire department, who still owed \$2 million on it, according to Youngblood. The plane was paid off with asset forfeiture money, which is money seized from drug dealers.

“We didn’t ask for that airplane, we were trying to help the county,” Youngblood said. “That airplane is used by me very little.”

Fleeman disagreed with that statement.

“The problem is that when you use asset forfeiture money, you cannot supplant funds. You can cut it any way you like, but we supplanted funds,” he said.

Youngblood says he uses the airplane roughly eight hours per year.

Another issue is the Huey helicopter the department currently leases. The Huey is a transport helicopter used for hoist rescues.

The Huey was purchased in 2008 over a disagreement with the previous fire chief, since Youngblood wanted to get into the hoist rescue business, according to Fleeman.

In Fleeman’s opinion, the Huey is a redundant service, especially since the fire department has traditionally always done rescues, and practices them constantly.

“Truthfully, the fire department was better. That’s what they do.

We’re supposed to be arresting people,” he said.

Fleeman feels the purchase had a lot to do with ego.

“(The Huey is) on a 10-year lease, we pay \$453,000 for it a year, the original cost was \$4.5 million,” said Fleeman. “In 2009, we started laying off detentions deputies that work in the jails, yet we kept the helicopter. Then in 2013, we didn’t have the staff to do hoist rescues anymore, so we stopped doing hoist rescues.”

“So, for the past four to five years, we continue to pay the annual lease payment of \$453,000, which is an ongoing cost. That could have gone to staffing and allowed us to keep the Ridgecrest jail open.”

However, Youngblood feels the Huey remains an asset.

“The Huey performs better at a higher altitude than our other helicopters,” Youngblood said. “We use it for more than hoist rescues. You can’t just focus on one use of that helicopter.”

Youngblood noted a number of instances where the Huey helicopter proved to be a vital resource which saved lives and aided the department’s efforts.

Also, Fleeman states the money saved from selling the aircraft off would enable the department to hire additional deputies.

“We’re short 80 deputies,” Fleeman said.

Youngblood denies the selling of the aircraft would save the department enough money hire more personnel.

“I could hire 15 deputies if we sold that Huey, by the time they make it through the academy and we pay them, the money would be gone, Huey would be gone and there would be no mechanism to continue to pay these new hires,” Youngblood said. “You don’t sell fixed assets for personnel costs because they’re ongoing.”

Hiring additional deputies, however, is an area of interest to Youngblood.

Youngblood acknowledges the tumultuous time law enforcement is in right now when it comes to excessive use of force.

However, he disagrees with the notion which officers are looking for ways to use force.

“A lot of the alterations that end in shootings, if you watch from the beginning, the person being arrested or talked to isn’t complying,” Youngblood said.

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SAFETY

Expired elevator permits in WSL cause student concern

By Alejandra Alberto  
Reporter

Students, faculty and staff use the elevators located in the Walter Stiern Library various times throughout the day. However, some students noticed the elevators in the library had not been inspected since Sept. 29, 2016 and the permit expired Sept. 29, 2017. This has brought up concerns of a few CSU Bakersfield students who use the elevators daily. Communications major Joshua Franco stated that this is something that concerns him. “The elevators not being inspected regularly definitely concerns me because worst case scenario is that not only is my safety in jeopardy, but all the other thousands of students who use the elevators daily,” Franco said.

The inspection of elevators is regulated by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations. The regulations on the State of California Department of Industrial Relations website states that, “No elevator shall be operated without a valid, current permit issued by the Division.” The permit, or a copy thereof, to operate a passenger elevator, freight elevator or incline elevator shall be posted conspicuously and securely in the elevator car. For other devices, the permit shall be available on the premises.” According to an interview via email with the Director of Public Affairs and Communications, Michael Lukens, the elevators are inspected monthly by the elevator maintenance company Thyssenkrupp. “Although the licenses of the elevators have been updated just recently, the reason they weren’t up-



CSU Bakersfield students using the elevators in the Walter Stiern Library on April 16. The permits on the elevators have been recently updated.

dated sooner was because there was a delay. State Compliance letters are sometimes out of date due to the delay in the state elevators’ inspection schedule.

One of the concerns of students about the elevators not being inspected was if an incident were to occur.

“If someone gets stuck in the elevator, they simply need to use the telephone in the elevator to notify campus police. Campus police will dispatch someone to the elevator and will notify Facilities Management. Facilities Management will dispatch someone to attempt to reset the elevator. “We will also contact our elevator maintenance company, Thyssenkrupp. If the elevator cannot be reset by either Facilities Management or Thyssenkrupp, the Fire Department will be called to remove the person from the elevator,” said Lukens. After reaching out to multiple people, the elevator permits were recently updated. The new permits say the elevators were inspected on Jan. 25, 2018, and the new expiration date of the permits are set to Jan. 25, 2019.

“The elevators not being inspected regularly definitely concerns me because worst case scenario is that not only is my safety in jeopardy, but all the other thousands of students who use the elevator daily.”  
Joshua Franco,  
communications major

“On March 9, we received notification from Thyssenkrupp, which inspects and maintains the elevators, that we should receive the letters soon,” said Lukens.

However, in case the elevator was to get stuck or an emergency were to occur there are certain procedures that are followed, according to Lukens.

SHERIFF

Sheriff election will be held June 5



Ana Canales/The Runner  
Justin Fleeman is a native a Bakersfield and graduated from South High School.



Photo from bakersfield.com  
Donny Youngblood graduated from West High School and has served the department since 1972.

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Fleeman agrees in the sentiment. He feels a lack of context leads to anger and misunderstanding amongst the public and the family of the victims. “Sometimes you have information that is withheld because you have to care about the family,” Fleeman said. “But if you bring (the family) in there and let them know, then you don’t have them going to the news and saying ‘hey, nobody is cooperating with us, we’re not getting any information.’” Senate Bill 54, which prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from engaging in any sort of immigration-related instances has created problems in the community, according to Youngblood. He was and remains against the bill’s passing. “The bill is being sold as something that is helping the immigrant population, when it’s not,” Youngblood said. Prior to the passing of Senate Bill 54, detained immigrants were being handled in a controlled environment.

Now, Immigration and Customs Enforcement has the power to go into the community and find individuals. According to Youngblood, this has caused “collateral damage.” Fleeman made it clear the sheriff’s job is to uphold the law, regardless of personal feelings. “The current sheriff has decided to go make comments and try to make us a non-sanctuary city and be divisive about it. It’s inflammatory and basically you’re pitting members of the community against one another. The sheriff has focused more on that, than on problems he can actually control,” said Fleeman. “We are not immigration. We cannot enforce immigration laws. We cannot deport anybody. That’s not our decision.” Neither of the two candidates are supporters of recreational use of marijuana. To vote in this year’s elections, voters must register by May 21 online or by postmark. Voters will also be able to conditionally register and vote at the county elections office after the May 21 deadline.

CRIME

Man arrested on campus

By Dylan Bryant  
Assistant News Editor

University Police officers arrested a man on campus last week who has no affiliation to CSU Bakersfield for various crimes. According to a press release from UPD, around 9:50 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, campus police received a report of a suspicious man, who was seen walking on campus on the east side of Science 3. The man appeared to be carrying bolt cutters in a duffle bag. Officers approached the man, identified as 39 year-old Walid Jaroudi. According to the press release, Jaroudi was arrested for possession of burglary tools, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, possession of a narcotic controlled substance and possession of a fictitious check. Chief Marty Williamson said

Jaroudi was found with multiple stolen credit cards. Jaroudi was transported and booked to Downtown Bakersfield jail. His bail amount is set at \$25,000. He is scheduled to appear in court on April 27. At this time, Jaroudi is being charged with one felony of making or passing a fictitious check, and two misdemeanors, one for possession of narcotic controlled substance, and one for receiving known stolen property. Court records show Jaroudi has previously plead no contest to charges of petty theft, grand theft and possession of controlled substance. Public records state Jaroudi was on probation at the time of the arrest and was also charged with a crime in Arizona last year.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Reporter dismissed after internal investigation

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Iduma, a senior communications major with an emphasis in journalism, has been removed from the staff and will no longer be allowed to produce editorial content for The Runner. Additionally, all of her content featuring fabricated sources have been removed from our website. We are also working on correcting the PDF files of our past issues on issuu.com. In order to prevent further instances such as this, we have implemented new policies that will act as a safeguard against reporters creating fabricated sources. Now, we will require our reporters to obtain some sort of contact information from their respective sources. This will range from a phone number, email address or student identification number. Our editors will also perform spot

checks to verify the validity of their reporter’s sources, by getting in contact with these sources. “Sadly, this type of thing happens in other journalism classes around the world,” Burger said. “I wish I could say it would never happen under my watch, but the truth is, I felt it was only a matter of time before one of these cases would come to light.” This incident is an embarrassment to our organization. However, this does not define what we do or who we are at The Runner. We as a staff are striving to not only build and maintain credibility with our readers, but to improve as student journalists as well. We are committed to regain our readers’ trust by serving our campus with truthful and professional journalism.

Iduma’s published stories containing fabricated sources	
September 27, 2017 - “Mixed reviews on Runner Cafe” The names “Tolani Bidja,” “Stacy McLoue” and “Chase Peckwell”	
October 25, 2017 - “Possible GET bus terminal coming to campus” The names “Hannah McWellis,” “Jose Rodriguez,” “Shondra Medina,” “Nancy Dorland” and “Shawn Miders”	
November 8, 2017 - “Carpooling a cheaper option” The names “Jenny-Lynn Rolland” and “Ian Walker”	
December 13, 2017* - “Students with disabilities are not accomodated” The names “Bianca Kristopher” and “Trevor Parks Jr.”	
February 7, 2018 - “Student problems with parking permits” The names “Julie Jay Eker” and “Nania Gonzalez”	
February 21, 2018 - “CSUB hosts events celebrating Black History Month” The names “Jozie Tokzaka” and “Roma Veganov”	
April 4, 2018 - “Sexism on the bathroom signs in SRC” The names “Summer Fischer,” “Nina Bryce,” “Katarina Chavez” and “Stan Gifford”	*online story

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ADMINISTRATION

President Mitchell prepares for retirement

By Sonia Lemus  
News Editor

CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell will be saying goodbye to CSUB on June 30.

He will be moving to Huntington Beach where he and his wife have bought a retirement home. However, he will continue working for about a year on some projects with CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, as well as doing some writing and lecturing.

Mitchell said he had never considered being a university president until he had many years of working as a vice chancellor. Meeting with many university presidents made him realize that it was a role he could take on.

When Mitchell was working as the vice chancellor at UC Berkeley he first got a call telling him that he was being considered as a potential candidate for CSUB. He and his wife came to Bakersfield and spent some time in the community and on campus.

About a month later Mitchell was announced as one of the final three candidates.

“Coming here as president was not simply about having the job. It is about engaging the community, it is about new life experiences and all of that kind of thing.”

Mitchell also spoke about community engagement during his presidency.

“We [Mitchell and his wife] certainly expected that the community would be at least cordial as we engaged, but it was significantly more than that. People were overwhelming with their welcoming, which we have appreciated and that has continued over the fourteen years.”

Now Mitchell said he is looking forward to his retirement after working as the CSUB President for 14 years and working 50 years in four different universities: Washington University, UC Irvine, UC Berkeley and now CSUB.

“The time has gone by quickly and I have enjoyed it. I have been fortunate and blessed that I have always had jobs that I enjoyed doing.”

Mitchell’s engagement with the student body was commented on by newly elected Associated Students, Inc. President Ashley Schmidt.

“ASI has had a wonderful time with Dr. Mitchell and his open communication with the students.”

Human biology major Bianca Campos has also praised Mitchell’s tenure as president.

“I have been here five years and good outcomes have been here at CSUB since Dr. Mitchell is president,” said Campos.

While the campus is sad to see Mitchell leave, many are excited about the upcoming arrival of Dr. Lynnette Zelezny as CSUB’s new president.

“I am excited and looking forward to working with her this upcoming academic year,” said Schmidt.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jenny Zorn participated in the closed search process that elected Zelezny, she too is excited to work with Zelezny.

During the March 22 Academic Senate meeting Zorn said she has known Zelezny for more than ten years and they have both worked as colleagues together.

“I think we are in very good hands. She is from the valley she has an extended career at Fresno [State], so she certainly knows the valley. So I am confident that she will be a great

president for us,” said Zorn.

Mitchell also spoke in favor of Zelezny.

“They [students] can look forward to Dr. Zelezny’s coming as president, and that students should engage her with expectations that she will be very open to student,” said Mitchell.

Zelezny is expected to come to CSUB for several events between April 27 and May 1, such as the Jazz Festival and Celebrate CSUB, as well as meetings with ASI, the Academic Senate and several other groups on campus. However, Mitchell says they are still waiting for her to confirm some of those events, and as soon as she does they will be letting the campus community know.

Dr. Zelezny is expected to get to know the staff better from these meetings, before beginning her presidency.

Dr. Mitchell has a president’s cabinet that was chosen by him, and everyone serving in management positions serves at the pleasure of the president, according to Mitchell.

Zelezny will have the opportunity to change the people serving in those positions.

The current members of the president’s cabinet are Zorn, Vice President for Business and Administrative Services Thom Davis, Vice President for Student Affairs Thomas Wallace, Vice President for University Advancement Victor Martin, Chief of Staff to the President Evelyn Young Spath, and Assistant to the President for Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance Claudia Catota.

“The good news is we have an excellent cabinet and other senior managers so I think she will take a good look at that before she makes



Andrew Paradez/The Runner  
CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell stands in front of the university seal on April 5, 2018.

any other decisions,” said Mitchell.

Zelezny will be taking over all of the projects that Mitchell will be leaving behind, such as the new engineering building.

“We need to do some fundraising for it [the engineering building] and we have started that, and we also need to make some campus contribution to that to lower the cost of that building to the Board of Trustees and by doing that it increases the probability of that building being higher on the priority list.”

Mitchell also gave some advice to first generation college students like himself.

“The main thing I would say for first generation students is that they need to keep their eye on the prize,

that is an old kind of term, but what I mean by that is they need to really pay attention to what it is that you are trying to do through education for themselves and their families.”

Mitchell went on to say that first generation college students should speak with those who have already gone through the process. He also said he was proud of the fact that all the members of the president’s cabinet were first generation college students.

“Students should always be ready to use their resources. If you need to get tutoring go get tutoring, it doesn’t mean that you are not ok because you need a tutor. Some students get a tutor because they want to get an A rather than a B...

They are students who know that by engaging their resources they can improve their academic performance.”

Despite his retirement Mitchell still intends to come now and then to visit CSUB.

“I intend to come back for various events and also be available to support Dr. Zelezny at her request, obviously not get in her way, but I will be responding to things he may ask me about,” said Mitchell.

CSUB will hold an event to honor Mitchell and his wife on May 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Icardo Center. If anyone wishes to attend they must RSVP by April 25 by sending an email to [rsvp@csub.edu](mailto:rsvp@csub.edu).

What’s Happening  
Around Campus

April

- 18-19 Alpha Sigma Phi’s Philanthropy Week**  
Runner Park
- 18 SWE Design Expo**  
1 p.m. - 3:30 pm  
SRC Solario
- How Not to Get Fired: Spring CECE**  
12 – 1pm  
DDH Rm. 101E
- Piano Trio: Trio Celeste**  
7:30 p.m.  
Music Bldg. 127
- 19 California Parks Service 360 Degree Virtual Tours CSUB Launch:**  
3 p.m.  
Dezember Reading Rm.
- Kern County District Attorney Debate**  
6 p.m.  
Dezember Reading Rm.
- 20 Day in the Life of a Nurse: CNSA**  
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Dore Theatre
- Dr. David Smith: Founder of the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic.**  
3 p.m.  
Dezember Reading Rm.

Calendar sponsored by NSME, Student Union, School of Arts of Humanities, and the Walter Stiern Library. To be included, contact [efitzpatrick@csub.edu](mailto:efitzpatrick@csub.edu).

- 21 2018 Mac and Cheese Festival**  
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Alumni Park Don Hart East Lawn
- 23 Symphonic Band Concert**  
7 p.m.  
Dore Theatre
- 23-27 Greek Week**  
All Day Events  
SU Patio & Park
- 27 Greek Gala**  
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
SU MPR
- 27-28 32nd Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival**  
27 - 7 p.m.  
28 - 2 p.m.  
CSUB Amphitheatre
- 28 Celebrate CSUB**  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
SU Runner Park
- Fab Lab Hours**  
Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Friday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
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STUDENT LIFE

Rumors surrounding club appear to be unfounded

By Norma Hernandez and Chelsea L. McDowell  
The Runner Staff

Despite accusations being spread through social media that a student club on campus is engaging in sex trafficking, the club leaders maintain that the rumors are not true. Using social media, some CSU Bakersfield students shared warnings to their friends and followers about “God the Mother” being code for a sex-trafficking ring. The rumor spread online through Facebook in 2017, and talked about two women that were approaching female students at night to ask if they knew “God the Mother.”

These women would be disguised as church members recruiting for their Bible study, but in reality they were scouting for possible sex trafficking prospects using the code of “God the Mother.”

The Elohist Club, established in 2015 by Paloma Rosales, a senior public relations and art major, and Stephanie Villacorte, a senior biology major, is the only club on campus that promotes getting to know “God the Mother.” When Elohist Club President Rosales, a former staff member of The Runner, first heard of the rumor against her church in 2017, she was shocked because it is the opposite of what her club actually stands for. The Elohist club brings the teachings of the World Mission Society Church of God on campus to CSUB students.

“Our main focus is to educate people about the mysteries and the prophecies in the Bible,” Rosales said.

The mysteries the club tackles include God the Mother, the second coming of Christ, and the antichrist. The pride of the club lies in their volunteer work.

“It’s kind of like a mini-church on campus,” Rosales said. “We try to make a religious culture on campus, for whoever wants to listen, based on the teachings from the World Mission Society Church of God.” South Korean Christian minister Ahn Sahng-hong founded the Witnesses of Jesus Church of God in 1964, which divided after his death into two sects, one of them being The World Mission Society Church of God.

The church grew from there and established itself in Bakersfield in 2010.

The World Mission Society Church of God is a nondenominational Christian church that believes that in the Bible when God, or God the father, speaks in plural form, it’s an indication that He is alongside someone in heaven, God the mother.

The church emphasises the importance of knowing the Mother. “People have the notion that the Bible only speaks about one God, God the Father, but if you look into what the Bible actually says, there’s over 2,500 times that the Bible says



The members of the Elohist club meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Rohan Building to discuss scripture. The club is a religious club that follows the World Mission Society Church of God.

God speaks in plural form saying, ‘us’ and ‘our.’ Which means God is alongside someone working in heaven, but all throughout the Bible there have been many prophecies talking about a female creator, a female image of God who’s working alongside God the Father,” said Rosales.

“One of the amazing things about our organization is that we’re not only located here in Bakersfield, but we’re located worldwide,” said current member Villacorte.

Rumors of the club being a sex trafficking ring were not only exclusive to CSUB, but in universities throughout the United States. Elohist club members of University of California, Irvine and the University of Tennessee were both said to be part of the same rumor.

“Both of them the police had an investigation, and they found out that none of those rumors were actually true,” Rosales said. “UC Irvine had an incident where the rumors were reaching the club tremendously, to the point where the president of the campus publicly apologized to the Elohist Club.”

The members have no idea about the origins of the rumor, but believe it stems from a misunderstanding. Adrianna Wofford is a senior political science major whose frequent encounters with the club members at night caused her to go from annoyed to nervous.

“They stopped me and asked me if I have heard of the mother,” Wofford said. “It was around 8:30-8:45 at night, and all I was thinking to myself was ‘who stops someone in

the middle of the night to ask them if they’ve heard of the Heavenly Mother?’”

Wofford reported the members to University Police the third time they approached her at the bus stop.

“Even if they have good intentions or bad intentions, they’re still making students and women, like myself, feel uncomfortable in situations they shouldn’t have to because it’s already dark,” Wofford said.

It wasn’t until her fourth time being approached that she found out about the sex trafficking rumor.

The last time Wofford was approached by club members was in February of 2018.

University Police Chief Marty Williamson said that UPD has looked into this case and hasn’t found any trace of sex trafficking amongst the phrase or the local church in Bakersfield.

“We reached out to our federal partners and our state partners and law enforcement, and we cannot

confirm,” said Chief Williamson about the validity of the rumor. “We cannot tie that into anything outside of they’re just out here soliciting for what their beliefs are.”

Dustin Contreras, director of public relations for the Kern Coalition Against Human Trafficking, said that although he isn’t very familiar with religious groups in the world of human trafficking, the World Mission Society Church of God is not involved with anything related to the rumors.

“They are not on any type of international or national radar of being involved of human trafficking,” said Contreras.

Although there isn’t any trace of

sex trafficking, students should still take caution in any place.

Chief Williamson advises students who are walking to their cars at night to stay in well-lit areas, walk with a group, be aware of your surroundings, and use the escort services that campus PD provides to students who feel unsafe.

Contreras said that sex traffickers don’t usually acquire young women through religious groups, but that the most used tactic is getting the attention of young girls who want to be famous or seeking a way to leave Bakersfield.

Contreras said that sex traffickers usually target teenagers that are right out of high school. However, he wants people to be aware that this can happen to anyone, regardless of one’s gender, age, or sexual orientation.

“Sex trafficking can [happen to] anyone. They don’t discriminate,” said Contreras.

Vanessa Corona, CSUB’s Campus Advocate, said students should be proactive on campus.

“What I would encourage students to do is have one another’s backs, if you see someone who looks that they’re in distress or in an uncomfortable situation offer your help or call the police, whatever the case may be,” said Corona. “There really is power in strength in numbers and we all have a part in keeping this place safe.”

Rosales understands that sex trafficking in Bakersfield is a serious issue but wants people to know that the rumors are just rumors.

“We have to take everything with a grain of salt,” said Rosales. “The truth within those false rumors is yes, we are on campus and we are teaching about a “God the Mother” so that part of the rumor is true.”

If students know of someone who is a victim of human trafficking, they can call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

BLOOD DRIVE

Save a life, donate a pint to Houchin



Andrew Paredes/The Runner  
Stickers and t-shirts were given out to all who signed up to donate blood at CSUB on April 11.

By Christopher Sanchez  
Reporter

Donating blood is a lot like voting. Everybody should do it, but most people don’t.

The Houchin Community Blood Bank held its Spring Blood Drive at the student union at CSU Bakersfield on April 11. Their goal was to have 84 students donate.

“I was inspired to donate from my brothers at Omega Delta Phi,” said Alexis Rivas, a sophomore electrical engineer major. “I just wanted to help out and do my part.”

Donating blood is very simple and quick. The whole process averages 30-45 minutes. Before donating, it is important that donors weigh at least 110 pounds, have a minimum hemoglobin level, and feel healthy.

When donating for the first time, donors have to be entered into the Houchin Blood Bank database. The process is very simple. Donors have to be 18 years or older, have a valid picture ID, and provide general information.

There is an initial screening process which is very straightforward. Hemoglobin levels and blood pressure are checked first. During this stage, potential donors are asked

about travel history, medical history, and use of any medications.

All information that is given is confidential. Everything that is used is sterile, used only once, and is in a prepackaged kit.

In some cases, prospective donors can be denied. Reasons include low iron count, intravenous drug use, anyone testing positive for HIV, hepatitis, recent tattoos or piercings, or any of the diseases listed on the questionnaire.

“I always try to donate and help out,” said Joana Sifuentes, an undeclared freshman. “I’ve only been able to donate once. My iron is too low, so I don’t get to donate.”

Once the donor is approved, the blood donation process takes up to 10 minutes. After the donation process is finished, donors are rewarded with pizza, juice, and other tasty snacks while they recuperate.

“I donate frequently and its easy when it’s on campus,” said Armand Garcia, a sophomore, business major. Garcia’s donation earned him into the one gallon club.

Before donating, remember to drink lots of water. Eat a healthy meal beforehand as well.

“It doesn’t hurt to donate and it’s helping someone out,” said Sifuentes.

**Greek Week 2018**  
April 23-27  
GREEK LIFE

**Monday**

ALL DAY: Coin Drive  
1:30pm: Lunch for all Students  
2:00pm-4:00pm: Dunk Tank  
2:30pm-4:00pm: Greek Games  
6:00pm-8:00pm: Educational Program

**Tuesday**

ALL DAY: Coin Drive  
11:00am-12:30pm: Greek Games  
12:00pm: Lunch for all Students  
5:30pm: Lip Sync

**Wednesday**

ALL DAY: Coin Drive  
10am-2:00pm: Mental Health Awareness  
12:00pm: Lunch for all Students  
1:00pm-2:30pm: Greek Games  
6:30pm: Volleyball

**Thursday**

ALL DAY: Coin Drive  
12:00pm: Lunch for all Students  
12:30pm-2:00pm: Greek Games  
5:00pm: ASI BBQ for all Students  
5:30pm: Talent Show

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FEATURE

CSUB professor’s plan for culture class

By Jayson Edgerle  
Reporter

Ethnic studies has been a recent and growing addition to the interdisciplinary program here at CSU Bakersfield. To sum up what ethnic studies entails, it’s the study of the interplay of ethnic relations and power dynamics throughout the world. One of the newest professors to teach in this field is Dr. Jorge Moraga.

Hailing from CSU Northridge, Moraga received degrees in History and Central American Studies in his 2012 graduation. Immediately afterwards, he applied to for the Ph.D program at Washington State University from which he graduated in May 2017.

As with most people, once his education was complete, the difficult task of getting a job awaited Moraga. And getting the job he currently holds wasn’t an easy feat.

“The academic job market is very tight right now,” explained Moraga. “It’s very marginal pickings. When this (job) came out, it was actually a blessing. So, I’m very appreciative to the chancellors’ office and the CSU Task Force on Ethnic Studies, which is the reason why I’m here and my colleague, Dr. Tracy Salliburg is here too because of the institutional initiative to develop Ethnic Studies across the CSU system.”

Dr. Moraga described the process that initially started him down the path of Ethnic Studies.

“When I was an undergrad, I believe I was going into my junior year, Ethnic Studies in Arizona was mandated by law to no longer allowed to be taught and was banned in the State of Arizona,” explains



Photo courtesy of Jorge Moraga

Dr. Jorge Moraga meets La Pasionaria Chicana, Dolores Huerta, at the Maya Cinemas in September 2017. Moraga is a professor of ethnic studies at CSU, Bakersfield.

Moraga. “So, with a mentor, Dr. Rudy Acuneia, he took a couple students and myself to Arizona, so we got to see the border for the first time. As an undergraduate, that had a lasting legacy on me because it gave me a life mission.”

Moraga explained in detail how ethnic studies has been a positive

force within the culture of the United States. Understanding the master narratives taught in schools and providing a voice to those who are usually left out of history books is key to cultural understanding of one another.

Upon his arrival last year, Moraga has been teaching various classes,

particularly Junior Diversity courses, such as Ethnicity and Culture.

He clearly enjoys his work teaching at CSUB.

“It’s pretty cool to try and provide a critical, upper division course work but at same time understanding that students are coming with very introductory skill sets in

relation to those topics and content covered. So, I have yet to have a class that didn’t meet my expectations and completely run with it.”

Dr. Lena Taub Robles, Assistant Professor of French, stated in an email that Moraga has a lot to offer the department.

“Dr. Moraga is a wonderful new

colleague to have at CSUB. He has lots of great ideas and projects that he plans on developing here. His energy and work ethic are contagious, and I look forward to collaborating with him.”

Moraga plans on having a Special Topics course on Chicana Feminism.

CAMPUS

Annual festival returns to CSUB

By Runa Lemminn  
Features Editor

Macaroni and cheese lovers from around California will have the chance to unite and indulge once again at the fifth annual Macaroni and Cheese Festival on April 21.

Held at CSU Bakersfield’s outdoor amphitheatre, the festival will feature many different gourmet mac and cheese dishes, as well as live music, beer and wine.

The festival is a fundraiser for the Roadrunner Athletic Scholarship Fund and provides members of the general public a delicious opportunity to support CSUB’s student athletes.

According to GoRunners.com, “The RSF will help fund student athlete scholarships at a higher competitive level for the Roadrunners as they continue to pursue conference championships and compete on the NCAA national championship level.”

The festival’s website states that over 20 wineries will be participat-



Simer Khurana/The Runner

A variety of food vendors come out and showcase their take on macaroni and cheese in hopes of winning the friendly competition.

ing and lists some of the mouth-watering dishes served. Examples of what to expect include chile verde mac and cheese, bacon mac and cheese pizza and a spicy mac and cheese egg roll with raspberry chipotle sauce.

The gourmet fare has been a smash hit in past years, with all the delicious dishes being voted on for the winner to be announced at the end.

Tickets are \$50 before April 20 and go up to \$60 the day of the event.

VIP tickets are \$100 and will cover a VIP area, including “a catered meal by Countryside Deli, as well as a private beer and wine sampling area and private restrooms,” the website stated.

Guests are encouraged to bring their IDs along with their tickets to get in. Due to the copious amounts of alcohol being served, only those age 21 or over will be able to get in. The event will run from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine.

RUNNER NIGHTS

Miguel to perform at CSUB

By Chelsea L. McDowell  
Reporter

It’s that special time of year again when CSU Bakersfield offers students and staff an opportunity to enjoy themselves for a night on campus. This semester’s Runner Nights will be a concert featuring Los Angeles’ own, Miguel.

Director of Campus Programming Emily Poole said that Runner Nights began in 2016 as a way to give students the chance to come together for safe, late night events.

Opening acts are yet to be announced, but there is a possibility that two CSUB students and one off campus person will be revealed by the end of this week.

Poole believes Miguel will be able

to give CSUB students an experience they’ve never had before.

“I think what Miguel brings is an opportunity for our students to go to a live concert—some students say they’ve never been to a concert—but be in a safe environment to have fun,” Poole said. “Students can expect a pretty intimate concert setting, typically when you go to concerts there’s 10,000 plus seats ... well this is in our gym, it’s in a small location and it’s only for CSUB students.”

Non-CSUB students will not be allowed to attend and neither will spouses of staff.

Junior Business major Raul Macias may not be attending Runner Nights this semester, but plans to see Miguel at Coachella.

“I think it’s really cool that such a big artist is coming to our campus and it just shows what a great school this is,” said Macias.

The concert will be held in the gym on April 21 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Water will be provided, while food remains a maybe.

Poole has asked Miguel’s manager if he will be available to do a meet and greet, but no definite answer has been given.

Tickets went on sale March 20 and the last day to buy them will be April 20 for \$15, however, if any are left over, extra tickets will be available at the door for \$20. Tickets are available for online purchase only and are to be picked up at the Campus Programming front office.

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Danielle Blankenship/ Photos by Richard Gonzales


This week The Runner asked, “How do you feel about the Miguel concert?”

Alyx Williams  
Biology Major



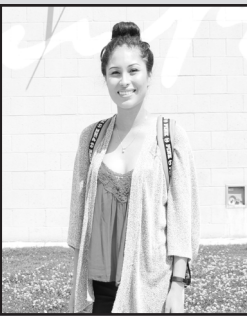
“I guess it’s okay. I don’t really care about Miguel. Maybe if it was someone else [I would care].”

Joseph Haverstock  
Geology Major




“It doesn’t really excite me. I get that they excludes some genres when choosing, but we’re in college, get over the PG rating.”

Yolanda Moreno  
Psychology Major




“I love Miguel! I know all the words to all his songs. I’m going. I might go buy tickets today since they’re online.”

Kendrick Orantez  
Business Management Major



“It’s pretty cool they got Miguel to come here. He’s a big name, so it’ll be cool to get to go see him. We’re getting tickets.”

Angel Rojas  
Computer Sci. Major



“It’s nice that [Campus Programming] got an artist that’s so popular...I’ve been to every Runner Nights since I came in 2015...I’d much rather see Miguel than Wale.”

CAMPUS

Students holding mixed opinions over Miguel

By Danielle Blankenship  
Opinions Editor

This Saturday, April 21, CSU Bakersfield will be hosting the Grammy-award-winning R&B artist Miguel in the Icardo Center. This rare concert is open only to currently enrolled students at the low price of \$15 per ticket.

The spring semester Runner Nights concert previously hosted Wale (2017) and Alessia Cara (2016). The inclusion of more popular artist has caused each concert to produce a larger outcome.

While this concert has received more attention and positive comments than previous years, there still seems to be a major lack of interest from most students.

This begs the question of: are the interest and opinions of CSUB students truly being acknowledged? Does the disinterest lie in the genre or the artist himself?

According to Alberto Rojas, a human biology major it’s the genre. Rojas said, “(Miguel) is cool and all but who actually goes to an R&B concert. It’s music to set the mood not party to.”

Considering CSUB’s demographics, a lack of interest in R&B, a genre that originated from the African-American community decades ago, is completely plausible. The facts and figures page on CSUB.edu

states that 80 percent of students are under the age of 25 with the two ethnicity majorities being Hispanic or Latino, 58 percent, and White/Caucasian, 17 percent.

While R&B became more popular over the years, it is still marginalized as “black music” and has not been popularized in mainstream music. Bringing an artist, from a genre that is still considered a sub-culture wasn’t the best idea.

There is also the issue of how popular the artist, Miguel, is. While he won a Grammy in 2013 for best R&B song, Miguel hasn’t had the same success as the many other, non-Grammy-award winning, artist he has collaborated with.

Esmeralda Campos, a biology major, said, “I don’t get why Miguel was chosen. He’s been around for like 10 years and isn’t even that big. Why not get an artist that students like?”

This issue lies with Campus Programming and their process of how they pick what artist will headline the Runner Nights concert. Students don’t get a choice to vote for artist or even what genres they’d like to see.

Perhaps holding a campus-wide vote on what artist or genre students are want will drum-up more excitement about Runner Nights; allowing for students to have their voice heard.



Photo from GQ Magazine

Miguel is a Grammy Award-winning R&B singer from Los Angeles.

Many students aren’t even sure what the Runner Nights are or the fact that CSUB is suppose to have three a year (one was canceled this year due to weather). Runner Nights are low-cost, student-only events that bring the campus together for no other purpose but to have fun.

What’s the purpose of having a concert for the students if most of the students don’t even care to go? During the Wale concert last year,

the bleachers in the Icardo Center weren’t pulled out all the way because of the small attendance was.

However, there is a bright side to this whole matter. There is a good-sized percentage of students who are very excited about the Miguel concert.

Audrey Abney, a freshman criminal justice major, said, “I think it’s a great idea that [Campus Programming] picked Miguel to bring

to CSUB. This gives a chance for students who haven’t seen him in concert, or seen a real concert, to go for like \$15 a ticket. [Most students] are never going to have another chance to see a big artist for this cheap.”

Many students on campus work their way through school or can’t afford to buy expensive concert tickets for shows in Los Angeles or Fresno. This offer allows students to have a once in a life-time experience with friends.

Miguel is a major singer and songwriter. He has a large fan base that has only grown since his first album dropped in 2010. Miguel fans are very excited about the concert.

Jose Cervantes, a political science major, “I’m so pumped for the Miguel concert. We’re having a huge artist who actually won a Grammy. It’s like we’re a big school now.”

The “big campus look” is probably what Campus Programming was going for. CSUB is slowly growing. Offering big concerts to students will only help convince more students to apply.

This desire to gather more applicants goes against what the whole point of Runner Nights is about.

Runner Nights is about maintaining mental health of current students and allowing them to come together as a community to have fun. A cheap and fun concert is the

ideal way to destress about upcoming finals and graduation.

If the campus is more focused on recruitment than retainment, current students will feel forgotten and disinterested in campus life, which will cause them to look towards other campuses to transfer to.

If CSUB wants more students to enroll while keeping their current students happy, student opinions need to be taken into consideration more.

The fact of the matter is that CSUB is hosting a major, and probably expensive, artist and as usual, students have a lukewarm reaction towards it. This can be connected to the overall lack of school spirit and the fact that we are a commuter campus. Students that live in the towns surrounding Bakersfield don’t want to make the trip back to campus.

If students like Miguel, they should go see him and have a great times with their friends. Having a half empty concert will cause other artist to be hesitant to agree to come to campus.

If students aren’t excited about Campus Programing’s choice they need to speak up. What’s the point in paying student fees, if you don’t like what the campus has to offer.

How will your opinion be heard if you’re just mumbling in the back-ground?

ADVISING

CSUB needs more proactive advisers

By Sandra Merino  
Reporter

Advising is needed at any school to help students figure out what career route they want to take. However, there are times where students speak with their advisors and are still confused on what to do next. Advising needs to improve at CSUB.

When a student is ready to fill out their admissions form to enroll at CSU Bakersfield, they need advice on what step to take next.

Enrolling freshmen need someone to inform them of what classes to take for their major. There are also students who are still undecided on what career path to take. It’s important to have advisors so they can assist their students in whatever they need.

Without proper advising students would not know what classes to take, and that can prevent them from graduating in a timely manner.

Cristian Campos Lopez, a communication major with an emphasis in public relations said he had a less than satisfying experience after switching majors.

“It was just like what do you want, and what can I do to get you out of the office as fast as possible,” he said.

Advisors should be able to properly inform their students, especially

because students pay for their services. Students should never feel like a burden to them. Students should be able to ask questions and seek help from their advisors, because that’s what they’re here for.

An advisor’s job is to hear and help the students in choosing the right courses for their major, so that way they can graduate faster and become professionals in the working force.

Miguel Angel Cardenas, a communications major with a double major in Spanish said his experience with advising has been rude and condescending.

“When you’re a student, you have the right to ask a question. You’re paying for this. You pay a lot of money out of pocket, and if you’re there working in a professional position at CSU, Bakersfield, you should definitely have some morals, be ethical in the way your treat people,” he said.

Advisors should be there to mentor their students, and not waste their time.

Advisors are there to make suggestions and give advice on what’s best for their students.

If advisors don’t figure out a way to be more productive and informative with students, more students will feel lost and confused, and they will just end up taking courses that they do not need.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Higher learning at an even higher cost

Editor’s note

The Staff Editorial is an unsigned opinion story that reflects The Runner editorial board’s stance on an issue. Join the discussion by sending us a letter to the editor at [therunneronline@gmail.com](mailto:therunneronline@gmail.com)

Antoinette Saddler, from CSU Los Angeles, stood in front of the steps of the Sacramento Capitol Building on April 4 and shared her fear for the future of higher education in California. As Gov. Jerry Brown’s state budget leaves the California State University system with a \$100 million deficit in funding, the CSU Board of Trustees will vote in May whether or not to increase tuition by three percent.

The increase in tuition for CSU’s as a result of lack of funding for higher education is a harsh reality for students all over the state. We can hold as many rallies and as many marches as we want, but unless we can convince our legislators, our representatives, and our government to put greater funding into higher education, more and more potential CSU students will be denied entrance to universities. More and more students will graduate with overbearing dept. More and more students will have to decide between paying for tuition or paying for rent, buying groceries or buying textbooks.

This last January, Brown released his state budget. In that plan, the CSU system was granted \$92 million in funding. This is \$171 million less than what was asked and \$65 million less than what was allocated last year. Unless the CSU Board of Trustees can find another source of funding, CSU’s across the state will experience a three percent, or \$228 tuition increase in the fall.

Saddler was just one of the hundreds of CSU students who marched on April 4th from Brown’s mansion in Sacramento, to the Capitol Building in protest of this situation. She was joined by students, faculty, and administrators from CSU’s across the state. The march, as many noted, felt even more empowered by the fact that it fell on the same day as the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination.

“Connecting it to why we are here,” said Saddler in her speech to the students. “We know that since the CSU racial demographics have become majority of students of color, we have received the least amount of state funding than we ever have.”

As shown on the CSU website, under the section that is titled Historical Tuition Rates, for the year of 2007-08 undergraduate tuition was \$2,772.

Over the next four years the tuition increased to \$5,472. The reasoning for these increases were almost always as follows. “Increase in undergraduate and graduate rates to



Veronica Morley/The Runner

Students from CSUs across the state marched on April 4 from Governor Brown’s mansion to the Capitol Building in Sacramento in protest of tuition increase.

offset General Fund reductions.”

Meanwhile, last year 1 in 10 potential CSU students were denied admission to a CSU due to lack of funding.

According to a study entitled, “Serving Displaced and Food Insecure Students in the CSU,” 1 in 10 CSU students are homeless and one in five students suffer from food insecurity.

Fortunately, schools like ours are trying to find outside partners like the Food Bank here in Bakersfield to help address those frightening statistics. But that is merely a band-aid for a much larger issue.

If the CSU System cannot find

additional funding for our schools, we will be paying more for our education. And if past behavior is any indication of future behavior, this won’t be the last time we see a decrease in state funding and an increase in tuition. But that doesn’t mean we as students are powerless to the system.

As one CSU Bakersfield professor, Denise Dawkins said, “These are all potential voters Mr. Brown.”

We as the residents of California have the potential to put an end to the lack of funding for higher education. Although marching for what we want is impressive, voting to make it happen is powerful.



# THE RUNNER GAMES

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By The Gamemaster

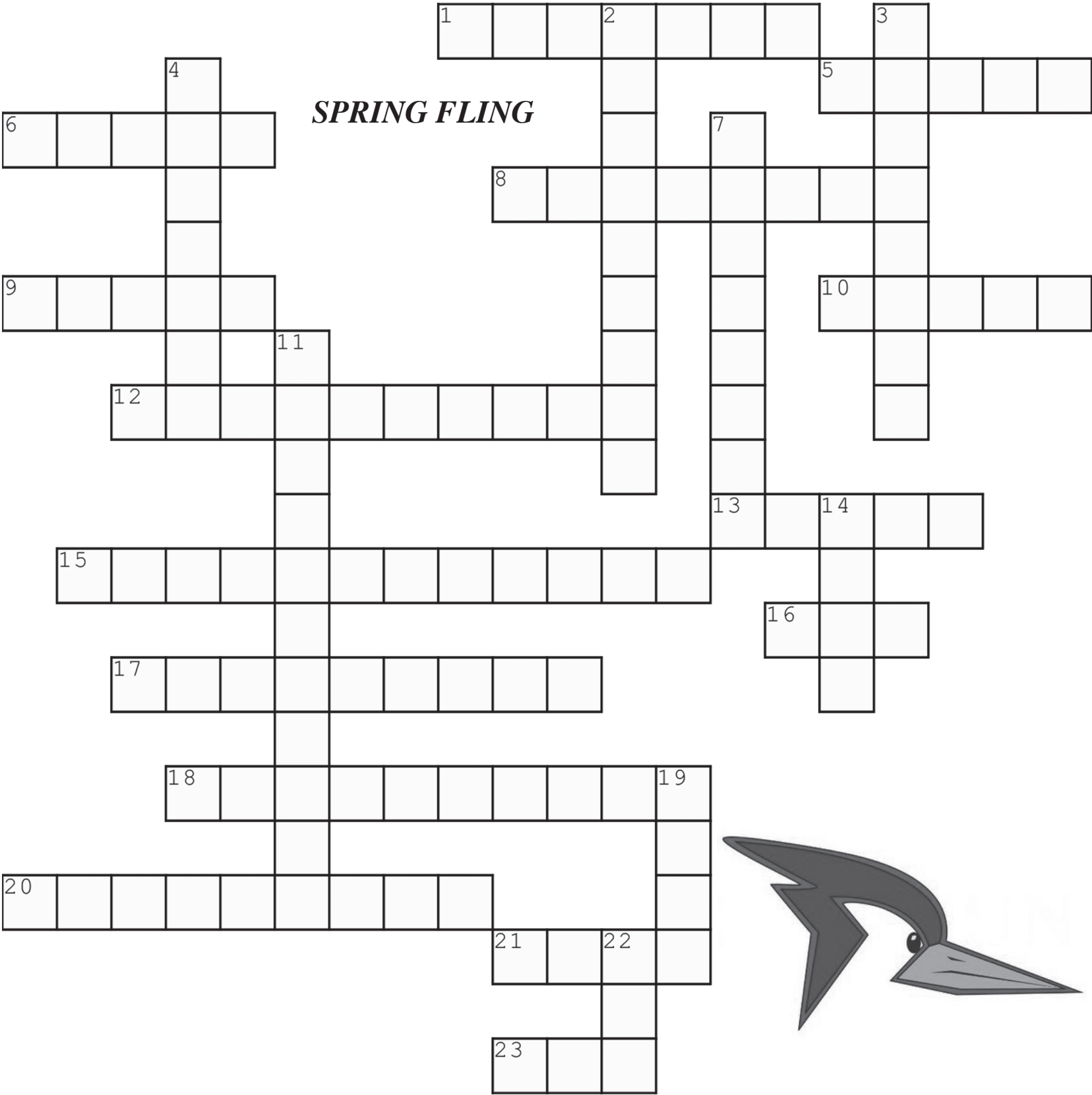
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- 5. Young dog
- 6. NBC rebooted show Will &
- 8. Show about the Conners
- 9. Netflix & \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Easter beans
- 12. President on the One
- 13. Framed bunny married to Jessica
- 15. Moses was given 10
- 16. Laugh out loud
- 17. HBO show about robot cowboys
- 18. Host of The Daily Show
- 20. Dilly dilly
- 21. X marks the \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. Tool to chop down tree

### Down

- 2. What's up Doc?
- 3. Netflix show featuring Fab 5
- 4. King of Wakanda
- 7. Jewish holiday celebrated in Spring
- 11. Episode VIII
- 14. Friday before Easter
- 19. Easter egg \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. Ready Player \_\_\_\_\_

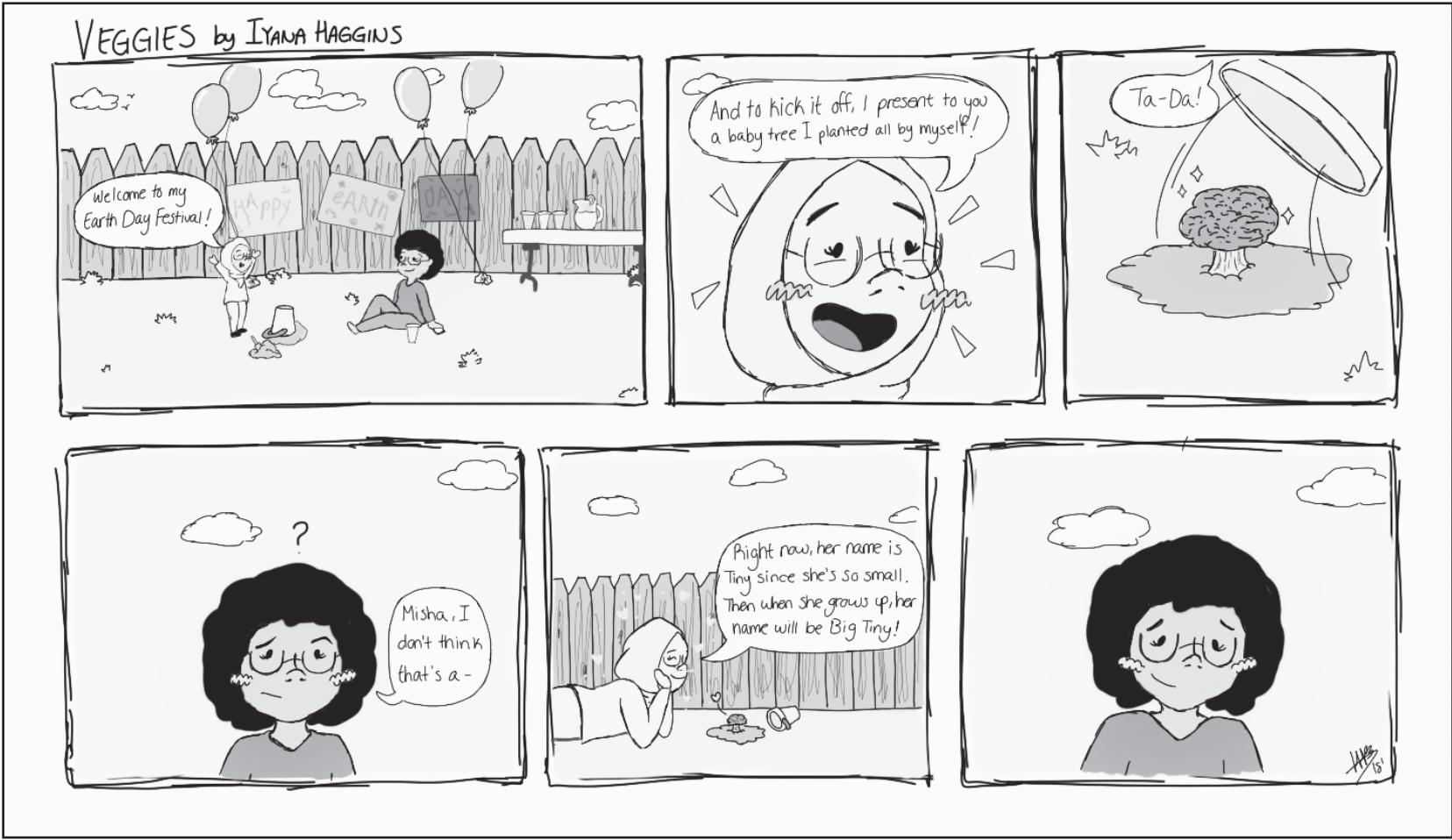
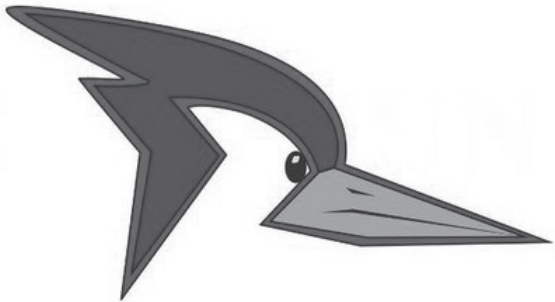



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Sudoku Solution from March 21, 2018

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BASEBALL

Roadrunners sweep Utah Valley on road

By Vincent Perez  
Sports Editor

The Roadrunners broke their eight-game losing streak by sweeping Utah Valley at Brent Brown Ballpark. In a three-game series April 14-15 in Orem, Utah, the CSU Bakersfield baseball team outscored the Wolverines 20-11.

“This was a quality weekend for us and we look to build on it moving forward,” said Head Coach Jeremy Beard to gorunners.com.

“Seeing these guys compete the way they did shows their ability to stay together and never give in.”

The Roadrunners defeated Utah Valley 7-3 on Sunday, April 15.

Senior Andrew Penner hit safely in two out of his five at-bats, with two runs scored. Freshman Evan Berkey hit 2-for-4 and had a run scored.

Junior Jake Ortega got CSUB on the scoreboard first, with a RBI single in the third inning. CSUB led 1-0 after three innings.

Utah Valley responded with two RBIs of their own in the fifth by freshmen Pacen Hayes on a homer and a double by senior Trevor Peterson. Utah Valley led 2-1 going into the sixth.

In the top of the sixth, Penner scored on a single to left center field by Ryan Koch in the sixth to tie the game at 2. Two batters later, the Roadrunners took the lead again after Jassen Oliver scored Koch. The Roadrunners led 3-2 after six.

CSUB (13-21, 4-5 WAC) added three more runs to sweep the series at Utah.

Elijah Parks started for CSUB, who threw 91 pitches, struck out two and only walked two. Parks got his third win this season, improving his record to 3-1.

Davonte Butler earned his first save of the year with three-innings’

work. Butler gave up one run in the 12 batters he faced.

After waiting a day due to a weather delay of snow, CSUB and Utah Valley played a double header on Saturday, April 14.

The Roadrunners won game 1, by a score of 6-2 and game 2, by another slim margin of 7-6.

In game 1, the hitters had a field day from CSUB. They recorded 14 hits in in the win, with the bulk of their runs coming in the sixth and seventh innings. Senior Alec Daily earned his third win of the season. Daily pitched five innings and struck out five Wolverines in 112 pitches. Ben Cutting got his first CSUB save to seal the victory.

In game 2, CSUB had to rally to overcome Utah Valley. The Roadrunners trailed 5-1 after seven innings.

Penner began the rally with a double to left center, which scored Berkey. Then, Koch scored on fielding error from Utah Valley short-stop Trevor Howell and CSUB’s Luis Martinez scored on a fielder’s choice from third base to cut the Utah Valley lead to 5-4.

Sergio Robles had patience at the plate in the same inning, and drew a bases loaded walk, tying the game at five.

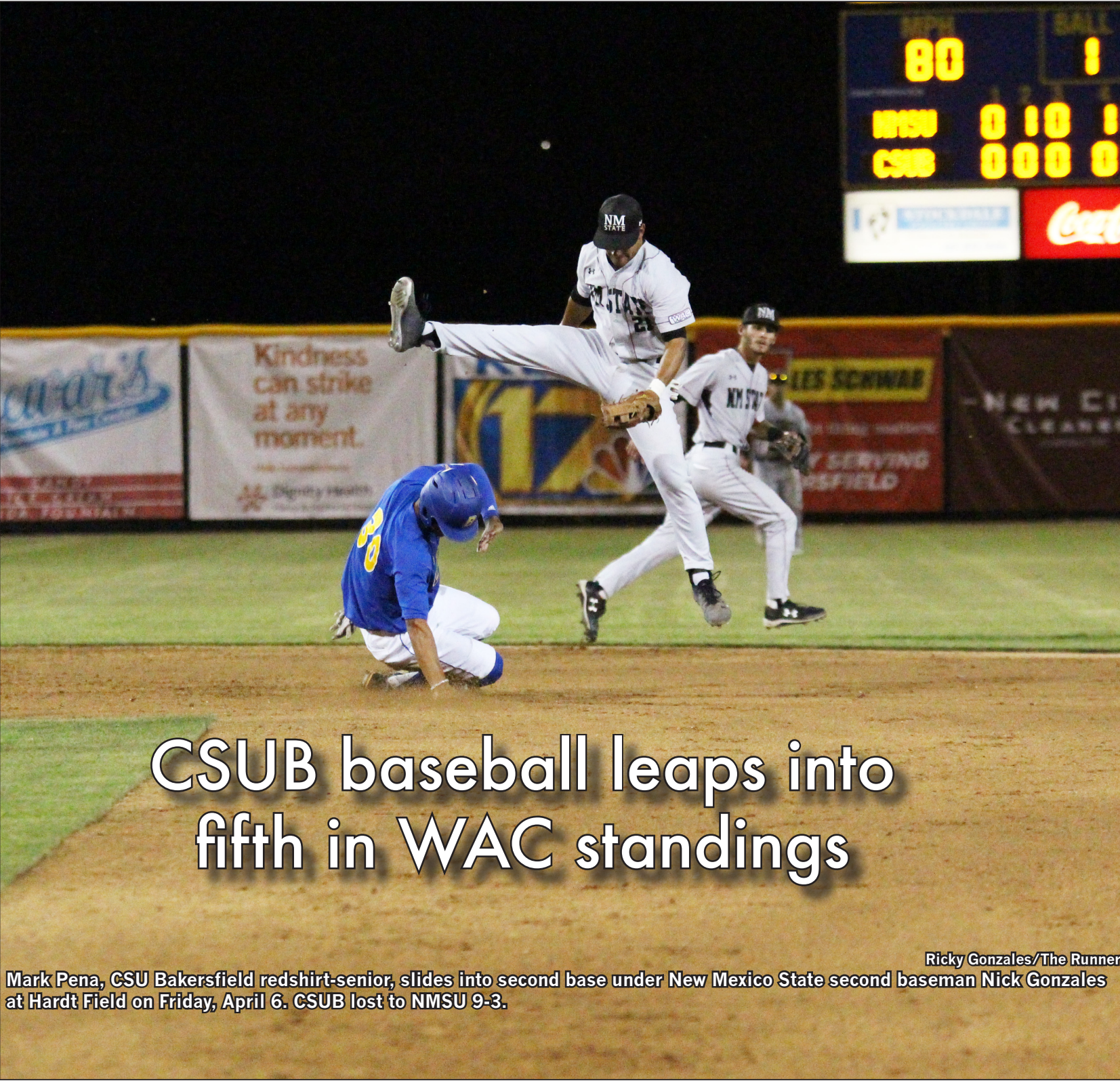
Christian Deaton and Sergio Robles both crossed home plate to take a 7-5 lead on a throwing error from catcher Skyler Davis.

The Roadrunners host the University of Hawaii tonight at 6 p.m for a nonconference game.

Sacramento State will visit Hardt Field April 20-22 for a WAC set.

The Friday and Saturday games are at 6 p.m. The Sunday finale will begin at noon.

CSUB is tied in fifth with UTRGV at 4-5 in WAC as of April 16.



Ricky Gonzales/The Runner  
Mark Pena, CSU Bakersfield redshirt-senior, slides into second base under New Mexico State second baseman Nick Gonzales at Hardt Field on Friday, April 6. CSUB lost to NMSU 9-3.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

CSUB preps for tournament



Aaron Mills/The Runner

CSUB senior Aleksandra Djordjevic is seen serving to Mira Costa College on Saturday, March 10 at the Barnes Beach Volleyball Complex.

By Johnathan Wheatley  
Assistant Sports Editor

The CSU Bakersfield beach volleyball team is coming down to its final few games before it gets ready to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii for the Big West Championship Tournament.

Against the Lobos, the Roadrunners fought tooth and nail but fell 3-2. Four out of the five matches went to the third set.

The No. 1 duo of senior Sydney Haynes and freshman Emily Hansen won their match: 21-23, 21-8, 15-12.

Junior Mattison Degarmo and senior Emily Lopes, the Roadrunners No. 4 duo, won their matchup: 16-21, 21-16, 15-12.

After the tough loss to New Mexico, CSUB came back on April 7 not only against CSU Sacramento and CSU Los Angeles but against the elements.

They defeated the Hornets 4-1 and the Golden Eagles 5-0.

“We played very consistent and it’s something we’ve been training to be as a team,” said Head Coach Cesar Benatti on April 7 after the CSU Sacramento game.

The No. 5 duo of freshman Krista Hernandez and junior Ally Barber held the Golden Eagles No. 5 duo to just 5 points in the first set and won the second set 21-16, winning the match 2-0.

The No. 3 duo of senior Aleksandra Djordjevic and junior Briannah Mariner allowed 4 points in the first set and also won the second set 21-16, beating the No. 3 duo 2-0.

“We made all of the changes we needed to make and it was a great day,” said Haynes on April 7 after the game against CSU Los Angeles.

On April 12, the Roadrunners traveled to Northridge, California to take on CSU Northridge and No.16 Loyola Marymount University.

The Roadrunners fell short against CSUN 3-2.

It came down to Hernandez and Barber who went to the third set but

fell 15-8 in the set.

The No. 2 duo of freshman Desiree Sukhov and Sophomore Sarah Garrow grabbed a two set victory 21-17, 21-19.

Lopes and Degarmo had the other win for the Roadrunners winning 23-21, 21-10.

CSUB did not fare well against Loyola Marymount and fell 5-0, all in straight sets.

The Roadrunners traveled to Long Beach, California to face the University of Utah and Long Beach State University.

CSUB took one match against the Utes. Djordjevic and Mariner were the lone point for the Roadrunners winning their match 21-17, 21-16.

CSUB took on No. 6 Long Beach State and lost 5-0 with all matches losing in straight sets.

The Roadrunners return home for the final two games of the season on Saturday, April 21 as they take on Vanguard University and CSU Northridge at the Barnes Beach Volleyball Complex.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE



April 20-22  
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April 24  
@ Los Angeles



April 27-29  
@ Seattle



May 2  
@ Hardt Field

TRACK AND FIELD

Eight Roadrunners earn first place

Dual-sport star Barte places first in high jump

By Juliet Parrilla  
Reporter

After a successful meet in Claremont, California last week, the Roadrunners strived for more success in Los Angeles at the Twilight Open, hosted by Cal State Los Angeles, April 12-13.

Despite unpredictable rough weather, the team as a whole achieved multiple first-place victories in this two-day event.

“It was extremely windy with tough conditions, but these women competed very well,” said Director of Track and Field Marcia Mansur-Wentworth to gorunners.com. “This was a great way to continue to build our momentum as we get closer to the Outdoor WAC Championships.”

Senior Angel Valdez was first place in the 5000-meter race with a recorded time of 17:50.57. Sophomore Alejandra Frausto was second place ,with a time of 18:09.85.

Paradise Pelzer, sophomore, achieved first place in the 3000m steeplechase. She set the standards with more than a 50 second time

advantage.

Redshirt-sophomore, Camille Campos, finished first in the 1500m run, with a recorded time of 5:04.15. She is a new addition to the team but has already proven herself to be a valuable member. Only a few seconds behind her was teammate Bianca Frausto, finishing in second place at 5:13.77.

Another recent addition to the team is Jazmyne Barte, a redshirt-senior. A former stand out player for the women’s basketball team this past season, Barte placed first in the high jump and proved her value to the team. She cleared the high jump with a height of 1.54m.

In the discus throw, freshman Corbin Chronister finished in first place with a thrown distance of 44.31m. Teammate David Sellens finished at second place (40.83m).

Both Chronister and Sellens, were the only two to compete in the men hammer throw. Chronister finished in first place and threw a distance of 54.08m, while the redshirt-senior Sellens, threw a distance of 51.45m, earning him second place.

Freshman Jessica Taylor competed in the hammer throw and discus throw. Throwing a distance of 39.08m, she earned herself first place in the hammer throw. She also earned first place in the discus throw as well, with a recorded distance of

34.27m. The freshman showed her value to the team.

Senior Alec Benavides competed in the javelin throw and finished in first. He had with a thrown distance of 56.21m. This was the senior’s second first place victory this season.

Freshman Arturo Valencia won the men’s pole vault with a height of 3.90m.

In the 800m run, Ariana Mariscal finished at a strong second place. The redshirt-senior finished with a time of 2:16.05.

Another second-place victory came from Falon Wilson in the 100m dash, with a time of 11.92. Only a few seconds away from first place, the sophomore gave it her all. Her teammate, Mariah LeSure trailed closely behind her, finishing at third place with a time of 12.20.

Redshirt-senior, Alisha Byrd, came out in second place in the triple jump with a distance of 10.85m. In the women’s pole vault, Julianne Finch finished at second place. The sophomore cleared the vault with a height of 3.86m.

Justin Fobel, sophomore, earned a third-place in the triple jump. Fobel had a jump distance of 13.81m.

The track and field teams travel to the Mt. Sac Relays April 19-20 and the Brian Clay Invitational is also April 20.



SOFTBALL

Roadrunners struggle, Burt adds to record

By Johnathan Wheatley  
Assistant Sports Editor

It has been over two weeks since the CSU Bakersfield softball team has seen a win. Its last win came against Grand Canyon University on March 31 in a 3-2 victory.

CSUB began Western Athletic Conference play with a series win over preseason favorites GCU (18-12, 3-5 WAC) and record of 2-1.

The Roadrunners have been swept the past two series at New Mexico State University (23-16, 8-1 WAC) and Seattle University (30-17, 8-1 WAC), the top two teams in the Western Athletic Conference.

In Las Cruces, New Mexico, the Roadrunners were shutout in two of their three games against the Aggies including a mercy rule game in which they lost 8-0 in five innings.

In the first game, the Roadrunners jumped to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning after junior Paige Johnson drove in senior Julea Cavazos and a double to left field by freshman Ariana Acedo scored senior Kaylynn Burt.

The early lead did not last as a home run to right field by the Aggies drove in two runs and tied the game at 2-2.

Another home run in the bottom of the third inning by NMSU drove in another two runs and that would be it for scoring as the Aggies defeated the Roadrunners, 4-2.

In the first game of a double header on April 7, CSUB lost in five innings. NMSU scored six runs in the bottom of the third inning.

The first two runs in the inning came after two wild pitches by freshman Daryn Hitzel. A double and homerun scored four more runs, expanding the lead to 7-0.

Another homerun in the bottom

of the fourth inning for the Aggies sealed the deal, beating the Roadrunners, 8-0.

The series finale was once again another shutout as NMSU took a quick 2-0 lead in the bottom in the first. New Mexico State added one more run in the second and two in the third to take a 5-0 victory over CSUB and the series sweep.

In its series against the Redhawks, CSUB began with an extra inning affair that ended in a very controversial call at home plate to end the game.

Seattle U began the scoring in the first with a run and added one run in the second and third inning.

The Roadrunners took the lead after the first inning. An error by the Redhawks drove in Cavazos and Burt giving CSUB a 2-1 lead after the first inning.

Going into the sixth inning down by one, a walk for sophomore Jocelyn Betancourt started the inning. Junior Halle Neher came in to pinch run for Betancourt. A single by Cavazos drove in Neher after a Wiseman 15 pitch walk, tying the game at 3-3 after six innings.

With Seattle University up 4-3 in the bottom of the tenth inning, sophomore Karah Wiseman hit the ball to the shortstop, which the shortstop committed an error. Johnson rounded third and was thrown out at home plate.

Home plate umpire Fred Barker made an initial motion of safe but immediately changed it to out and the Roadrunners fell, 4-3.

Burt added to her career total of stolen bases as she stole one base in game one of the series making her total now 34 and is currently CSUB's division one record holder for career-stolen bases.

"I thought we fought really well,



Senior Julea Cavazos chokes up on the bat as she waits for a pitch against Seattle University at the Roadrunner Softball Complex.

we kept coming back and had the runner in scoring position," said Head Coach Crissy Buck-Ziegler to gorunners.com.

The second game of the double header on Friday, April 13 was another shutout loss for the Roadrunners.

The Redhawks scored five runs in the middle innings and one in the top of the seventh to take a 6-0 victory and a series win. CSUB

was held to 4 hits by the Seattle U starter.

In the final game, the Roadrunners jump to an early 1-0 lead after a single by Johnson drove in Burt. The defense came out strong in the first inning with a diving stop by Johnson at third base and diving catch in left field by Burt.

CSUB committed four errors, which cost it four unearned runs in the game.

"We played selfish defense," said Buck-Ziegler after the loss.

A pinch hit single by junior Evelyn Mendoza in the bottom of the fifth inning drove in Arianna Felix to close the lead to, 5-2.

Seattle U piled on seven runs in the game and defeated the Roadrunners, 7-2, completing the series sweep.

CSUB (5-31, 2-7 WAC) is currently on a six-game losing streak and

will look to get back into the win column against the University of Missouri-Kansas City (10-31, 0-9 WAC).

"Keeping it simple, keep it black and white," said Burt on getting back into the win column.

The Roadrunners return home April 27 for its final homestand of the season against Utah Valley University (13-22, 5-3 WAC).

OPINION

NBA Playoffs injury-ridden, still watchable to this fan



By Vincent Perez  
Sports Editor

These NBA playoffs will be a test of fortitude for two big name teams. The defending NBA Champions, Golden State Warriors, will be without their star, Steph Curry. He suffered a MCL sprain back on March 23 and will miss at least the first round of playoffs.

Kyrie Irving will also be out due to a season-ending surgery to his right knee, not allowing him to compete for the rest of the season. Irving and the Celtics were the favorite to win the east and most likely dethrone LeBron James and the Cavaliers. Marcus Smart, Celtics' point guard, is also out as of this publication. He has a right thumb injury until at least April 27, according to nesn.com.

In round 1 of the Eastern Conference playoffs, the Cavs got smoldered by the Pacers 98-80. Other than James, who recorded a triple-double (7-for-17, with 24 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds), the rest of the Cavs appeared sloppy from the beginning. Jeff Green

missed all seven of his shots and Kevin Love had only nine points.

Indiana put James' old foe, Lance Stephenson on James and that paid dividends for the Pacers. Stephenson had four defensive rebounds.

The Cavs are still a heavy favorite to advance and I see them getting to the NBA Finals. With no other team at full capacity, James could bounce back from this loss and could win his fourth NBA Championship if his inexperienced teammates help him along the way.

Also in the East, the Toronto Raptors are up one game on the Washington Wizards. The electrifying John Wall gave the Raptors a tough time, with 23 points, 15 assists, four steals and two blocks. The Raptors won 114-106 on Saturday, April 14.

In the West, the Warriors have a strong opponent in the San Antonio Spurs. The Warriors' Kevin Durant, with 32 points and eight rebounds in the first game, helped Golden State win 113-98 on April 14.

In other scores on April 14, the Philadelphia 76ers took game 1 against the Miami Heat 130-10 and the New Orleans Pelicans bested the

Portland Trailblazers 97-95.

If Miami can bounce back, I see them advancing at least to the next round behind stellar efforts from 12-time All-Star Dwyane Wade and center Hassan Whiteside.

On Sunday, April 15, NBA playoff action continued. The Boston Celtics, without star Irving and Smart, defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 113-107 in overtime. I was impressed with their grit to win. Al Horford, led Boston with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

The Oklahoma City Thunder, a preseason favorite to go deep in the playoffs added Paul George and Carmelo Anthony, beat the Utah Jazz, 116-108 on Sunday, April 15.

Impressive efforts by George (36) and last year's MVP Russell Westbrook (29), but the team is still too new to each other to truly succeed.

Also in action was the Minnesota Timberwolves and Houston Rockets. The Rockets outlasted the T'wolves 104-101 in game 1.

I predict the Cavs will propel themselves under James to meet Houston in the NBA Finals. Winner: Cleveland in 7.

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