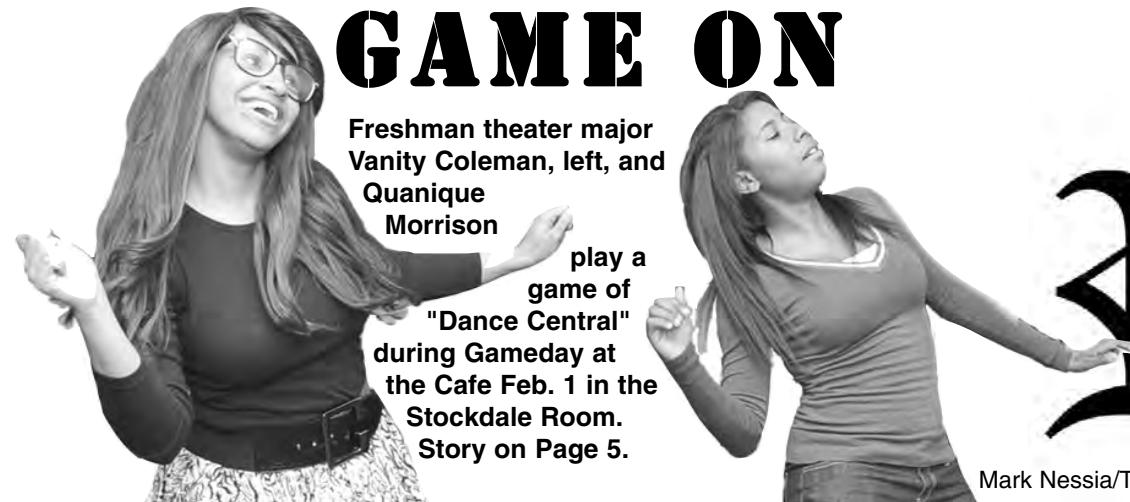


GAME ON



Freshman theater major Vanity Coleman, left, and Quanique Morrison play a game of "Dance Central" during Gameday at the Cafe Feb. 1 in the Stockdale Room. Story on Page 5.

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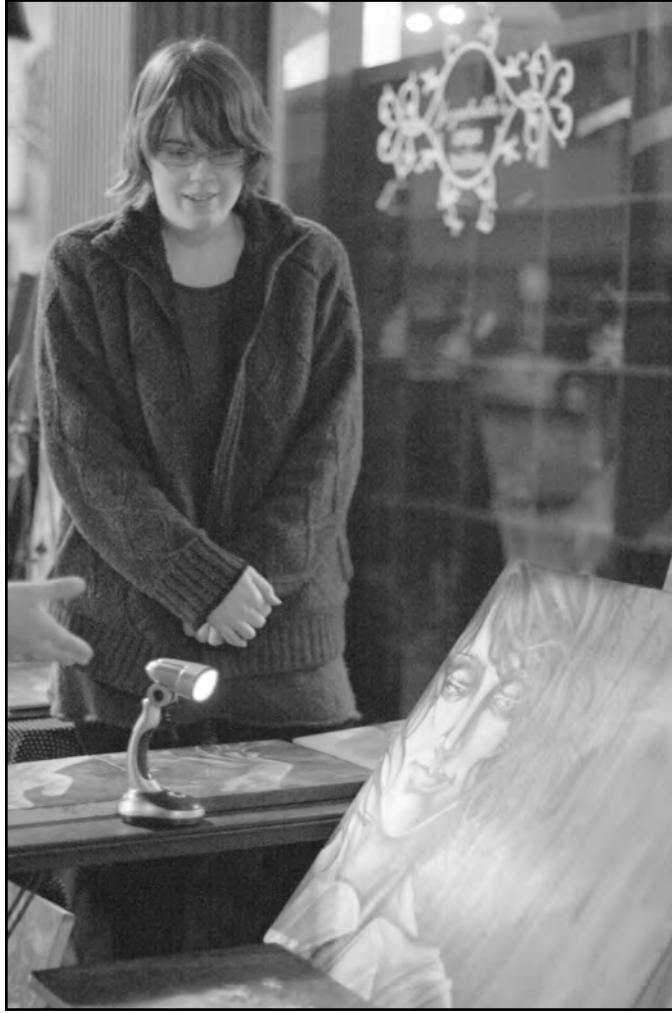
First Friday brings art and culture to downtown Bakersfield

By Ruth Whipkey
Staff Writer

On the streets of downtown Bakersfield, art came alive last Friday evening when artists of many styles and mediums showcased their talent on the chilly streets. Normally drab downtown was transformed into a cultural Mecca for local artists and art aficionados. There was

enjoyed the free entertainment despite the cold weather. One patron, Iris Eden, definitely enjoyed the entertainment. She said, "I loved it, especially all the young artists that I saw coming out; they had such expression and used interesting materials."

The young artist in question, Samira Dominguez Ornelas, is only 12 years old, but displays great tal-



Ally Jones/The Runner
Hope, an artist, displayed her art on the street for sale for First Friday. The event took place in downtown Bakersfield on Feb. 3.

everything from needle-point art, oil paintings, acrylics, handmade jewelry and bows, musicians, and dog paintings actually done by dogs from a shelter.

The streets were filled with families – a scene much different than a normal Friday night. Patrons

Ornelas does thread and needle work, transforming simple string into intricate creation. "It's amazing being here because you see a lot of people that say 'good job' and 'keep it up' and that gives me the feeling to keep going on and not stop

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By Garrett Ming
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Feb. 4, CSUB's men's basketball team beat the Cal Poly Mustangs 69-66. "We are going to take a few hours and enjoy this one," said Head Coach Rod Barnes, recalling the victory that completed a season sweep of Cal Poly.

As he should, because the 'Runners played tough the entire game against a good Mustang team.

The game was loaded with emotion, both in play and in the stands. Usually desolate, the Icardo Center was rocking with reverberating chants during timeouts. The Caution Tape Boy, who is at every CSUB basketball game taunting the opponents, fueled the student section. His yelping and dancing rallied the troops, and in classic fanatical style reminded the Mustangs that home was far from Stockdale Highway.

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Issiah Grayson shooting a floater lay-up against Cal Poly at CSUB's Icardo Center Feb. 4.

Andrew Rivera/The Runner

Roadrunners sweep Cal Poly



Enviro-friendly dryers have drawbacks

By Katherine Haas
Staff Writer

Junior English major Daniel Musick first noticed the new Dyson Airblade hand dryers installed in DDH when he went to dry off his face and realized there were no longer paper towels available in the facility. Musick had to resort to using a toilet seat cover to dry his face.

"The problem that I have with the bathrooms in DDH is that there aren't paper towels," said Musick. "I had shaved earlier that day and anyone who's had facial hair knows that using toilet paper or a butt gasket leaves white flakes. It's embarrassing to walk out with bits of ass gasket on your face."

Ass-gasket flakes aren't Musick's only concerns with the new hand dryers, though. Musick's concerns also



Briseida Rubio/The Runner
New hand dryer in DDH women's restroom.

include the lack of paper towels for emergencies and the accessibility for everyone to use the device.

"My professor had a severe nose bleed in class. He went to the bathroom and returned holding toilet paper to his nose, which isn't the best for a situation like that," said Musick. "Plus I'm not sure how accessible they are for people in low-profile wheelchairs. If you're handicapped you'd have to reach up and put your hands down into it, which could be difficult to not touch the sides and would defeat the purpose of cleaning your hands."

Musick isn't the only concerned student. Jennifer Kozy, a senior liberal studies major, has concerns over sanitation as well.

"They're interesting," said Kozy. "But I like paper towels better because you can use them to open the door to avoid other

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Tobacco users abused

Used cigarette butts erupt from an ashtray that has been filled to capacity near DDH. Without regularly emptying these receptacles, students are more likely to litter. See response on Page 2.

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Jacqueline Martinez (left) and Hilda Nieblas compete against time to build the highest can tower Feb. 6. See preview of events to come on Page 4.

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CSUB pitcher Johnathan Montoya takes the year off after Tommy John elbow surgery. See full story on Page 6.

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Seven-day weather forecast
According to weather.com

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Hi: 67
Lo: 44
Precip. 10%

Thursday
Hi: 72
Lo: 43
Precip. 10%

Friday
Hi: 74
Lo: 43
Precip. 20%

Saturday
Hi: 66
Lo: 42
Precip. 20%

Sunday
Hi: 69
Lo: 44
Precip. 30%

Monday
Hi: 66
Lo: 41
Precip. 20%

Tuesday
Hi: 67
Lo: 42
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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Rhianna Taylor, Editor-in-Chief, and Briseida Rubio, Staff Photographer

This week, The Runner asked, "What do you think of students who bring laptops and tablets to class?"



David Meza
Freshman
Undeclared

"I guess it might distract somebody else in the classroom."



Victoria Lozano
Freshman
Undeclared

"If you can handle the temptation, then you're good. I know myself and I can't."



Rosio Narez
Junior, Sociology

"I think it's disruptive when they're playing games or on facebook and I'm trying to pay attention."



Chez Delarosa
Freshman,
Criminal Justice

"I do it. It's better to put it on your iPad or computer and then you save your notes."

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On the right to suck cancer sticks

By Ally Jones
Photo Editor

Most smokers will agree that the amount of prejudice aimed at those dependent on nicotine is unjust and inconsiderate. Many smokers are overly ridiculed for indulging in their habit in public places. Despite these displays of indecency, smokers need to remember to be considerate to the non-smoking community by doing their part to keep the environment clean.

We are lucky to have designated smoking areas around the CSUB campus. Many businesses, restaurants and schools now refuse to provide smoking areas for those of us who crave those cancerous yet satisfying cigarettes. By using these specific areas on campus to enjoy our tobacco products, we can avoid those who are overly sensitive to cigarette smoke and they can avoid us.

In order for us to coexist, smokers should be doing their part to ensure that the environment is kept clean and tidy from any cigarette debris. We need to pick up our cigarette butts from the very few and precious smoking areas that have been given to us on campus. Used filters litter CSUB.

Strangely, these littered areas all contain at least one ashtray. Many lazily refuse to walk the extra two feet to dispose of a used cigarette.

Unfortunately, some of the available cigarette butt containers on campus are unusable. Some smoking areas, like the one in front of DDH, contain an ashtray that is continuously filled to the brim. These containers are rarely emptied and cause many to just flick away their butts, contributing to the unsightly debris that litters the campus.

I encourage those who do decide to smoke to obey the constricting rules that have been forced upon us. Try to use these designated smoking areas and, if unable to do so, attempt to smoke away from large crowds and children. If an ashtray is unavailable, hold on to your butts to dispose of later.

Though following these rules can be of great inconvenience, it's an act of kindness.

We smokers are not the only ones who must put in an effort to successfully coexist. I encourage the non-smokers to refrain from showing any prejudice to the smokers. We don't like your "noble" attempts to "help" us quit by making rude remarks as you, of your own free will, walk near us. We don't like it when you pathetically force a cough as you walk by or as



Ally Jones/The Runner
Used cigarette butts erupt from an ashtray that has been filled to capacity near DDH.

you're sitting in your idling, gas-guzzling truck within the same vicinity as a smoker (this actually happened to me).

Also, when the price for a pack is rising higher than \$5, we don't appreciate it when you thoughtfully snap our cigarettes in half or toss the entire pack in the gutter.

So what if it may seem stupid for smokers to invest so much money in a habit that shortens our lives? In this beautiful country, I relish in the right to do so. As a considerate human being, I intend to be as courteous about practicing my bad habit around others as I can be. I greatly encourage others to be open-minded about this subject to avoid creating hostile situations. Regardless of whether you are a smoker or not, please try to be civil towards others and respect the decisions that they make.

If I were a thief, what would I look for? Yellow slips, that's what

By Haleigh Tyack
Copy Editor

In a recent article, the CSUB Police Department announced that "in the very near future, your car or the car parked next to you may have a yellow slip on the windshield. This is a notification slip letting you know that one of our officers found something that might make your vehicle a target for would-be thieves."

Take a piece of lined paper and fold it hot-dog style – that is the size of the slip. Now think about the color yellow; what is its purpose in our world? To highlight your notes, brighten up flower bouquets, to serve as the background color to practically every road sign in America. Maybe you remember that one circular thing that lights up our entire planet, what was it called again?

Yellow is a very bright, very noticeable color.

In all their radiant yellow glory, these oversized slips will be placed on your windshield for any number of reasons: your car door was unlocked, your purse or valuables were visible, your keys were left in the ignition. And so on.

What else will this slip be saying? "Hey, thief, look at me! Over here! You might like something about this car, why don't you come take a peek?"

A person walking from car to car in a parking lot, jiggling handles or peeking inside windows, is super sketchy and very noticeable. On the contrary, a person walking directly up to a car with a bright yellow slip on its windshield and casually glancing inside draws little, if any, attention.

I know many people (myself included) who, as they walk by a car, glance at the window to check out their reflection, possibly even pausing for a moment. I also know people (not including myself, because I'm always paranoid that someone is in there watching me) who come to a complete stop in front of car windows, shiny doors, or even side mirrors, and reapply makeup or fix their hair.

These yellow slips will call attention to your car, they will induce curiosity, and they will tell everyone that you were in

a rush to class this morning and possibly forgot to lock your doors. And there's that horrible, sneaky strategy thieves like to use in order to allay suspicion – where they almost look human. Perfectly normal human beings who are just checking out their reflection, not your \$800 laptop sitting in the back seat.

If a CSUB police officer notices that your car is an appealing target for any of the listed reasons, he or she will fix the problem – such as lock your doors or shut a door that was still open – and leave a yellow slip. As written in last week's article, the officer will use discretion if the problem cannot be fixed, and "he or she will find and contact the student directly instead of leaving a slip." This can be done by taking down your license number and contacting you via email or phone.

From what I understand and appreciate, the main goal is that these slips will educate car owners on awareness and assist in decreasing the (disturbingly high) frequency of open and unlocked doors in the campus parking lots. I say disturbingly because in my time at CSUB, I have personally seen multiple empty cars with a door cracked open while trekking through the parking lots to and from class. Being the Good Samaritan that I am, I shut them. You're welcome.

However, just shutting someone's door does not go as far as the purpose of the yellow slip. These slips are to notify you of what you did so that you do not do it again.

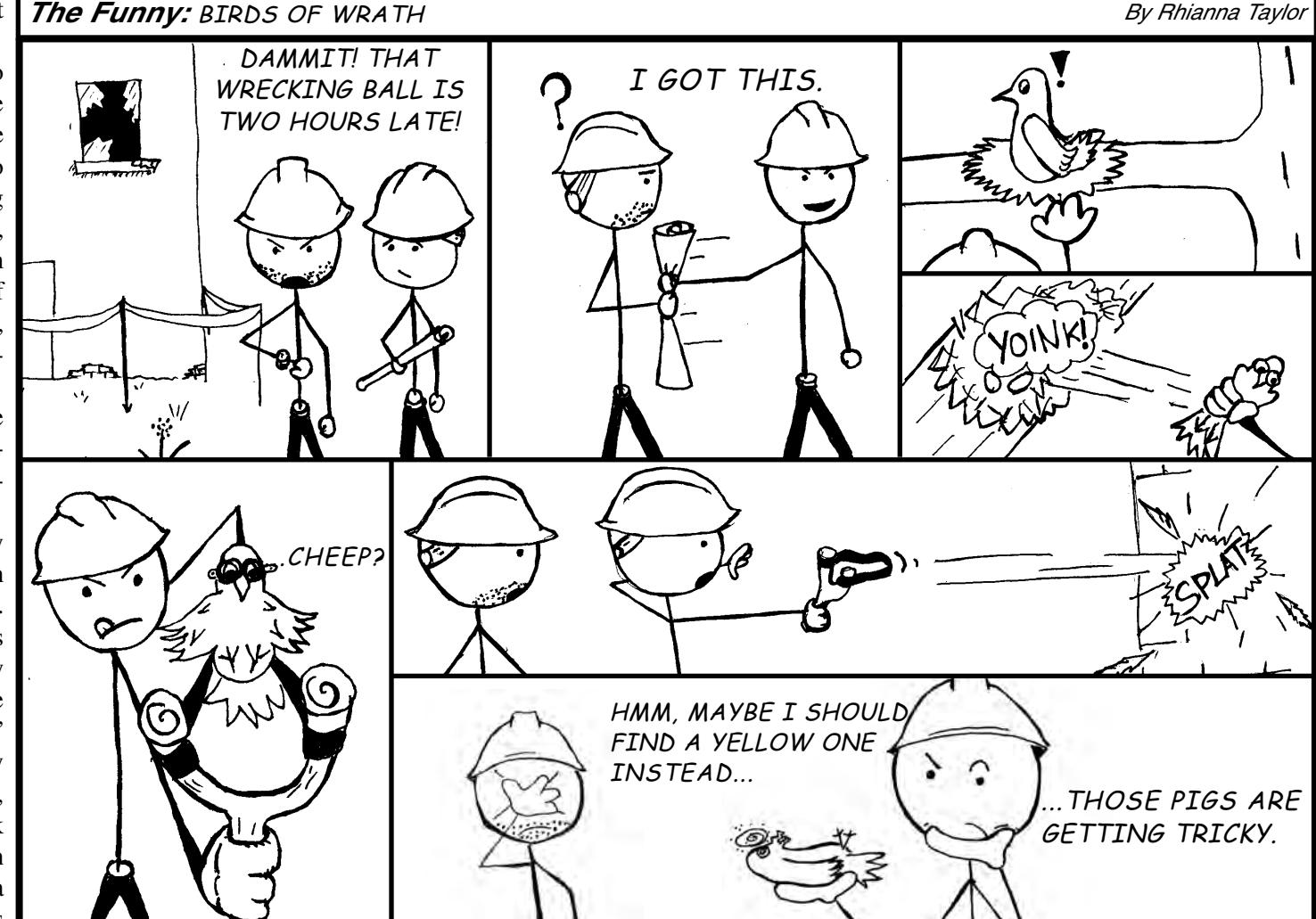
So here's my suggestion: Don't get one in the first place.

Shut your doors, lock them, put your purse or valuables under your seat or in your trunk, and, for crying out loud, don't leave your keys in the ignition. The fact that this is even a checkable option on the slip concerns me.

Nothing good comes from an officer leaving a piece of paper on your windshield. So, just like a parking ticket, dust off your common sense and do what is necessary to avoid getting yellow-slipped.

The Funny: BIRDS OF WRATH

By Rhianna Taylor



Energy-saving dryers less accessible, convenient than paper towels

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people's germs who don't wash their hands. It's gross."

According to Dyson's website, the Airblade has many benefits. These benefits include being the most hygienic hand dryers on the market, the most cost efficient, the most energy efficient and its ability to eliminate waste created by the use of paper towels.

According to the manufacturer, the Airblade dries hands in 12 seconds by shooting out two sheets of air at a rate of 400 mph that scrape the water from the hands.

Some hand dryers take up to 43 seconds to dry hands, making the Airblade

the most efficient hand dryer available.

The Airblade is more hygienic than a standard hand dryer because a HEPA filter is installed within the device that filters 99.9 percent of bacteria from the air that is used to dry one's hands.

"I get that they have a HEPA filter but I have large hands," said Musick. "Maneuvering my hands in this tiny contraption is difficult to do without touching the sides that other people touch, which isn't sanitary. It's a nasty feeling."

The Airblade is also more cost and energy efficient than a standard hand dryer and paper towels. According to Dyson, the Airblade costs 80 percent

less than a standard hand dryer and 97 percent less than paper towels. Dyson claims that the Airblade uses 80 percent less energy than a standard hand dryer and creates less waste by eliminating the use of paper towels.

"At least one paper towel dispenser is not too much to ask for," said Musick. "Especially with the fees we're paying. No matter how economically friendly they're trying to make the bathroom, there are emergencies – spills or whatever – that makes them necessary. Paper towels have a multiplicity of uses, not just drying hands."

Coming up

Recyclemania 2012

By Shelby Hill
Staff Writer

Recyclemania is a national school competition to get students to start recycling. Its purpose is to spread awareness about recycling and talk about environment preservation. CSUB participated in this event last year and was ranked No. 3 in California.

Recyclemania started Feb. 6 and it will go till the end of March. CSUB will be holding a variety of events to get more people to recycle. The first event already took place with President Mitchell discussing the importance of recycling and how he avidly participates. There will be different games to get more students involved.

The games will show students what they can do with their recyclables. Fun and educational events will take place on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through March 31, usually out in the quad between DDH and the Runner Café. The events will include "Recycle Bowling," "Recycle Trivia," "Plant a Flower Day," "Garbage Mix & Match" and many others.

For more information contact Sandy or Patty at the VPSA office at 661-654-2161. To find out more about recyclemania go to www.recyclemania.org



ABOVE: Justin McCarthy dressed up as the Bag Monster during a CSUB Recyclemania kickoff event Feb. 6

RIGHT: Eric Fassler, left, and another student play "Toss for Points," aiming ping-pong balls at recycled coffee cans in front of the Student Union building



CSUB to host open house for prospective science and engineering students

Courtesy of CSUB Public Information

The School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering at California State University, Bakersfield is hosting an open house for local high school seniors.

The open house will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, in the CSUB Student Union Multipurpose Room, 9001 Stockdale Highway. The event is free and open to the public with free parking in Lot K.

The annual event is intended for high school seniors who are interested in a degree in science, technology,

engineering or mathematics. Represented programs include biology, biochemistry, computer sciences, computer engineering, geology, mathematics, nursing, physics, pre-medical, and pre-engineering.

High school seniors and their families are invited to listen to faculty discuss the available programs, tour CSUB's state-of-the-art teaching and research laboratories, and enjoy a dessert reception while interacting with CSUB staff, faculty and students.

Students are encouraged to bring a high school transcript (unofficial is ok) so that they can apply for admission to CSUB and have their trans-

cripts evaluated for admission that night.

"The NSME Open House is one of the many ways Kern County high school students can learn about the wonderful opportunities available to them at CSUB in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We hope that all students and their families will be able to take advantage of this opportunity," said NSME Associate Dean Kamel Haddad.

For more information about the event, contact Jennifer McCune, Student Services Coordinator, at (661) 654-2776.

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Campus Gamers play up Café

By Elizabeth Ekanem
Staff Writer

During the CSUB game day, the Campus Gamers invited students to visit and play different games with one another. The purpose of the event was to encourage socialization and relaxation between students.

Held at the Runner Café on Feb. 1, students had the opportunity to play their favorite games such as board games, console games and dancer evolution.

The event was held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brittany Wright, an alumni who graduated in 2010, is a member of the club and gave insight to how the club plans to promote their future. She said that the day's events "bring fun activities and raise funds, but the big thing is to promote the club."

The club's goal was to get more members to attend their events and make people aware of their club. Wright admits that achieving their goal will certainly take effort and time, but with hard work and dedication they can raise money for their activities.

Students who attended the event enjoyed their time there. Some played "Trivial Pursuit" while others played "Rock Band" and card games.

Founder Ed Webb gave future plans for the club, saying that on May 4, the team will invite three speakers from the game industry to discuss what it takes to make it in the industry. He hopes that the invitations attract people and said the speakers will definitely "bring different elements of games to engage people."

Webb also shared all of the games featured at the event. He said, "The types of games shown today are board games,



Mark Nessia/The Runner



TOP: (Clockwise from left) Freshman Dariane Mickelson, senior "Chef" Erik Cogdill, freshman Wilson Tran, senior John Boone and freshman Raymond Perez play a game of "Magic: The Gathering."

LEFT: (From left to right) Freshman Zach Moses, junior Jeneal Wood, senior Edward Webb and junior Greg Kataoka play through The All-American Rejects' hit "Move Along" in a game of "Rock Band 3."

RIGHT: (From left to right) Freshmen Danny Ramos and Jacklyn Arad and sophomores Daniel Martinez and Juan Gaminio react after the conclusion of a "Super Smash Bros. Melee" contest between Ramos and Martinez. Ramos won.

card games, console games, ['Dance, Dance Revolution,'] 'Trivial pursuit,' ['Magic: The Gathering,'] and 'Rock Band.'"

He also hoped students would find at least one of the games interesting so they could "bring their friends to play," according to Webb.

Many students who attended the event said they came to see if there were any games that caught their interest. Steven Mongeon, a freshman, said, "I like playing games. One of the reasons I came was that I was hoping to meet others who enjoy the same things I do."

According to Josh Hernandez, a junior, he wants to bring education through gaming to children and hopes to give back to the community and unite people together. Hernandez said the plan is to "have bigger and better events such as the one we had today."

According to freshman Dylan Kumar, the fundraiser is for people to "check out the club to see if they are interested in joining." He said he is not yet a complete member but he is hoping to join the club as soon as possible.

Among other things, the money received in the club is dedicated to help the commu-

nity become more aware of the club. Eric Cogdill, a senior, says he supports the club and their goals for the community. "I like the club's concept of bringing good games to the city," he said. He believes that the club is including games that other college campuses don't have and is bringing out the culture in CSUB.

Downtown transformed into cultural art Mecca

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here," she said.

Ornelas' works range from simple-looking flowers to challenging scenery. She stitched an entire scene of her former home in Tehachapi from memory alone, even though she hadn't seen it for several years. Ornelas said her art gets sold quite often, and has hopes for a gallery in the future.

An organization called HALT Rescue (Helping Animals Live Tomorrow) was also there, showing off the works of their sheltered dogs. Amanda Cervantes, who works at the shelter, said it was a group decision to have the animals start painting. "We needed some cute ideas on how to fundraise," she said. Paintings can be ordered from your favorite dog and in your favorite color. The money raised from sales and donations will help to fund



Ally Jones/The Runner

Elijah Evangelio performs downtown for the First Friday event on Feb. 3.

the shelter.

Another artist, Josiah Ihem, showcased his large collection of acrylic paintings. Ihem recently moved to Bakersfield from Palm Springs and is starting his first year as an art student at CSUB. Ihem's abstract art pieces, for which he uses acrylics and large canvases,

were striking in their simplicity and muted color.

Ihem said, "This is really my first taste of art in Bakersfield, so I'm trying to take it all in. But I like that they do something like this [First Friday] here."

Dennis Rucker, self-proclaimed art enthusiast, appreciated his first time at the event. "It was very warm and enjoyable. [There was] a lot of nice people, a lot of interesting people from all corners of the city, and very interesting art. I would definitely go back," Rucker said.

In addition to the art, there was also entertainment. Live music entertained children and parents alike. All patrons of the event definitely looked like they were having fun, as well as the artists themselves. The next First Friday will be held downtown March 2.



Ally Jones/The Runner
Marisela Oropeza's work of bracelets, barrettes and art for sale is displayed for First Friday.

Coming

By Shelby Hill, Staff Writer

The Living Piano

The Living Piano event will take place on Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. at the Doré Theatre. The concert will feature Robert Green who will play three instruments: piano, fortepiano and the harpsichord.

Green will be showing the development of these instruments throughout the years. He came to CSUB last year to do this performance and it was packed, so he decided to come back this year. He will highlight the piano throughout the ages and he will do it while in costume. The event will be free, but the doors will close if too many people show up. Last year the doors were closed early, getting there early is recommended.

"Forte" means "soft," so a fortepiano is a quieter, softer piano. The forte piano was created in the 1800s by Bartolomeo Cristofori, according to FreeDictionary.com. It was the first piano to incorporate a pedal to control the motion of the noise. A harpsichord is an instrument like a keyboard; it is vertical. It was invented sometime in the 1400s. Soo Yeon Chang said that this performance will be very educational but also very fun. For information call Soo Yeon Chang at 654-2156.

Homecoming 2012

Homecoming 2012 will begin on Friday, Feb. 10, at 9 p.m. at the Marriot Hotel, which is right off Rosedale Highway by the 99 freeway. The event will end at 1 a.m. and no entry will be granted after midnight. The cost is \$5 for students and \$10 for guests, but if a CSUB student buys a ticket, his or her guest can get in for free, till the event fills. To purchase tickets, go to the cashiers' office, and if more information is needed call 654-2418. According to Eduardo Vargas, CSUB students need to bring their student I.D.s with them and their guests have to be over 18.

The king and queen will be announced at 11:30 p.m. and voting for king and queen is on Feb. 4-9. Vargas said that the polls will be in front of the Student Union and in front of the ASI office, which is in the student union. Voting times are from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The king nominees are Gabriel Garcia, Joshua Carter and Hector Romero. The queen nominees are Kaylene Valentine, Estefany Garcia and Diana Vasquez. Vargas said that women attending can wear any length of dress, but it must be formal. Men should wear slacks and a button down shirt, or a dressy shirt.

Drinks and appetizers will be served at this dance.

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Montoya out for season: Elbow calls for Tommy John

By Steven Gaede
Sports Editor

The CSUB men's baseball team will face the challenge of trying to replicate the success of the 2011 season without the aid of the three starting pitchers from last year. Mike McCarthy exhausted his four years of eligibility and got drafted, Tommy Hoenshell is no longer with the team and Jonathan Montoya is out for the season as a medical redshirt.

Montoya, the left-handed pitcher with the crazy, high-leg kick went in for Tommy John surgery performed by Dr. Limpisvasti at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic Jan. 23.

Tommy John Surgery is the iconic surgery that many pitchers have to undergo when the ligament in the elbow needs to be replaced with a tendon from another part of the body. An incision was made around Montoya's left elbow, where his damaged ligament was removed and replaced with a tendon from his left wrist.

The idea of going under the knife can be nerve-racking – or downright terrifying – for some, but Montoya was actually looking forward to it.

"Surgery went pretty well. I was more excited than I was nervous," said Montoya. Montoya added that the sooner he got the surgery, the sooner he would be able to finish rehab, so overall he was looking forward to the procedure.

Montoya will begin his rehab a little less than a month after his surgery with the goal of being ready by next season.

"I will start to rehab around Feb. 20. I will not start throwing until April. My doctor said I would not be able to throw bullpen until October," said Montoya. "Ten months until I am on the mound again."

As far as working on the arm right now, there is not too much Montoya can do besides prepare himself physically and mentally for rehab.

"My doctor said surgery is actually like 20 percent of you getting better; the actual part that gets you better is the rehab, the 80 percent," Montoya said. The lefty said he is currently icing his arm to control the large amount of swelling, but added that icing only does so much.

Montoya had known for some time he was probably going to have to get his arm checked out; it was just a matter of time before he went in to see what his status was.

"I have always had that [surgery] in the back of my mind,

to come back stronger and throwing harder, supposedly."

Montoya did not credit his injury to a certain event in time, but to years of wear and tear on the mound.

"I have always had problems; even in high school I had elbow problems. Eventually I was not able to perform like I used to. It hurt when I threw, so I knew something was wrong," said Montoya.

Years of experience is something the 'Runners will not have on the mound this year, yet Montoya is confident with how Head Coach Bill Kernen will attack the situation.

"We do not have the experience on the mound, but Kernen has these pitchers trained really well. I know they are working really hard to achieve the goal of making it to the playoffs and making a birth," Montoya said.

The 'Runners may not have as much experience on the mound this year, but the team as a whole does have more experience. It will be up to the seniors and juniors to help the freshmen get acquainted with the game at the college level.

"Only five are leaving next year, so we will still have a good core group of guys for the coming years," said Montoya.

Montoya will not be one of those leaving. He will come back for the 2013 season to play for CSUB in its inauguration year in the Western Athletic Conference.

"I will be able to play for a conference in my fourth year of playing, so it kind of worked out in a way that I was not playing independent league these four years. So, actually, it was kind of like a blessing in disguise, I guess you could say," Montoya said.

CSUB will kick off the season with seven straight home games, starting with a three-game series against Kansas State on Hardt Field at 2 p.m. Feb. 18.



Andrew Rivera/The Runner
Jonathan Montoya recovering from Tommy John Surgery Feb. 3.

Late steal seals win

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"Our fans helped us a lot tonight. Their energy gave us energy," said starting guard Zach Lamb, who finished with a team high 15 points while shooting sixty-four percent from the field.

From the tip to the final whistle, CSUB sacrificed their bodies to get every loose ball and second chance possible. They collected a total of 10 offensive rebounds for the night versus a frontcourt of mighty girth – a frontcourt so big, it belonged on the line facing gargantuan offensive tackles rather than lanky power forwards.

Extreme width did not get in the way of CSUB forward Donald Johnson. He threw down a thunderous slam while two man-mules tried to stop him. The crowd roared and the beast's belly emptied of pride and filled with anger.

Not long after the dunk, Cal Poly's girthers threw Johnson's stringy-limbed



Andrew Rivera/The Runner
Guard Issiah Grayson driving to the basket during CSUB's game against Cal Poly on Feb. 4. at CSUB's Icardo Center.

body to the hardwood floor. A fit of retaliation that loomed to threatened the 'Runner's post presence going forward.

"If you don't have the kind of energy we had tonight versus those guys, you won't win," said Barnes.

Forwards Donald Johnson, Adam Young, and Mo Hughey showed they had the necessary energy in the post, and ultimately beat the Cal Poly forwards in the

paint 40-20.

"I challenged our guys. I said, 'If we are going to continue to get better, our inside play has got to get better.' We needed to get some inside scoring," said Barnes.

Last year in February, the 'Runners won not one game. Saturday night ended a 10-game drought in the month.

"In the past, the team has struggled down the stretch in the final five to six games. A lot of it, I think, is from not being in a conference," said Barnes.

This year the 'Runners have gone 7-1 versus the Big West conference, of which Cal Poly is a member. Saturday night made a case for CSUB's conference legitimacy.

Clutch play in the final minutes of the game secured the victory. With 1:30 remaining, Lamb scored off an embellished inbounds play to put the 'Runners in a two possession lead, followed by an Issiah Grayson defensive steal where he then turned to the 'Runners half-court and dodged and snuck past the defenders.

Grayson's ball handling milked the clock to a point that left only a few seconds for a Mustang miracle three-quarter court shot, which fell way too short.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, CSUB travels to Edinburg, Texas to face UT Pan-American.

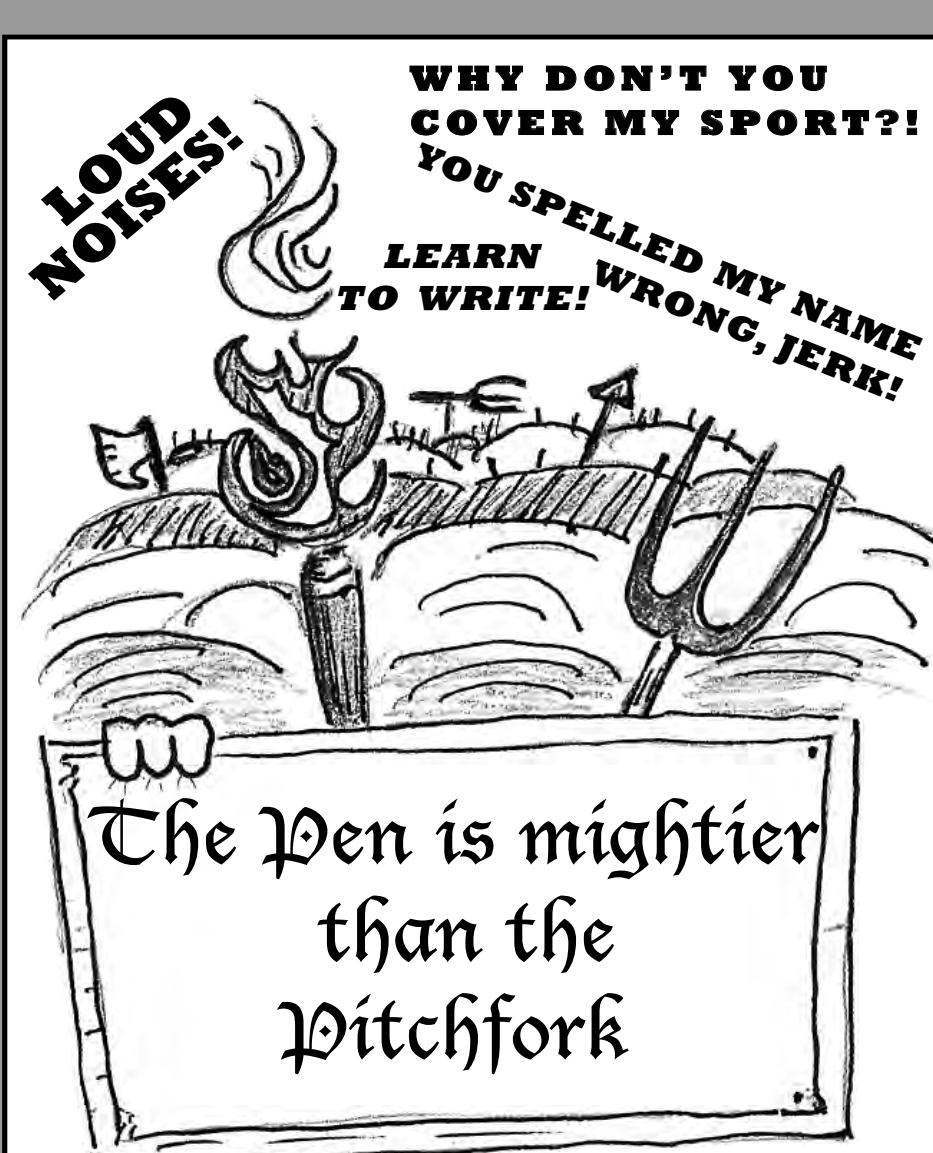


Andrew Rivera/The Runner
Guard Zachary Lamb shooting a lay-up over a Cal Poly defender at the Icardo Center on Feb. 4.

Athlete of the Week

Men's wrestling at the California Collegiate Open Feb. 4.

Redshirt junior Tyler Iwamura won the 125-pound title by going 4-0 on the day. Iwamura won his first two matches via pin at 5:35 and 4:07 respectively, he then won his semifinals match 4-0 before he captured the title against Jaime Martinez 2-0.



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