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Sign stolen from Wiley's Pub

By Amanda Galindo
Staff Writer

Approximately three weeks ago, a robbery occurred at Wiley's Pub inside the Student Union.

The item stolen was a neon Budweiser sign closest to the main entrance which usually costs anywhere from \$800-900.

The time of the robbery is unknown.

An unnamed pub worker suspects that the robbery was during the weekend. Presidential Intern Dan Gianoutsos suspects that it happened during the week. It is also believed that one of CSUB's own students was the culprit.

"It leaves me baffled as to why a student would deface our own campus," says Daniel Anaya, junior. "This is our school and we need to work together to make student life better and robbing our pub just makes people more on edge."

This is not the first time the Pub has been robbed. The same kind of sign was stolen from the Pub approximately a year ago.

The Bakersfield Police Department and CSUB are still currently investigating this matter and intend to fully prosecute those involved. Although a new sign has been hung to replace the stolen one, everything is now under high surveillance.

"It isn't funny. It isn't a prank. It is a crime. Whoever the guilty party is will face some serious theft charges," says Gianoutsos.

CSU Students for Quality Education hold local rally to protest fee hikes

Melissa Stewart
Staff Writer

Students and faculty joined together last Wednesday in resistance to the proposed tuition increases. The CSU Students for Quality Education Bakersfield Chapter with assistance from the California Faculty Association sponsored the rally to provide students with information on the proposed increases.

This rally's main focus was protesting a proposed 10 percent fee increase. The increase would mean that students will be paying 91 percent or \$1,295 more than in 2002.

According to the CSU Students for Quality Education, or SQE for short, the increases do not guarantee more classes or better programs. They feel that amending the current budget would allow for faculty to have a fair contract and students to have a quality education.

"In the 1960's we were promised that the CSU would be accessible to all students," explained a speaker. "The hikes in fees will be a great burden on many students."

As speakers talked, attendees were encouraged to sign petition letters that would be sent to the chancellor's office.

CSUB student, Evard Chavez after listening to a speaker said, "I think it is ridiculous. It is more hardship. I'm glad we are doing something."

Papers were also circulated encouraging students to contact their local legislator. "If we stay quiet, then the administration will not think we care," explained the representative handing the papers out.

"We support the students on this," said Larry Taylor President of Bakersfield Chapter of CFA.

Both the CFA and SQE hope to unite the student body in resisting these increases, and moving funding to better programs and create more classes.

"We need to take action as a whole. This will effect our little brothers and sisters," SQE member Adelina Rangel.

The CFA and SQE partnered to aid in the faculties' fight for a fair contract. They won, and hope that together we as a student body can all fight to keep CSUB affordable for all students.



Marc Perez/The Runner
Students received information on the CSU situation at the rally protesting fee hikes Wednesday.

According to SQE:

- Since 2002 our fees have increased 76 percent or \$1,092.
- An additional 10 percent fee increase will mean we will be paying 91 percent or \$1,295 more since 2002.
- While our fees sky rocketed our class sections have decreased causing the few classes afforded to be overcrowded.
- Financial aid does not go up with increasing fees
- The LAO recommends a 2.4 percent increase for the CSU not a 10 percent.

How prepared is CSUB in case of emergency?

By Alexis Stokes and Nathan Campbell
Managing Editor and News Editor

Virginia Tech's tragic shooting incident has been blown into the media spectrum as of late. Like Columbine, and multiple other school shooting incidents, the tragedy has been exposed to millions and possibly billions of people.

Students at CSUB could ultimately have begun thinking, 'What would happen to us if this had happened on our campus.'

President Horace Mitchell released letters to the campus soon after the event, possibly as a way to set minds at rest, informing recipients that the police safety on campus is "employing state-of-the-art security efforts," in the event that a situation like that of Virginia Tech should occur at CSUB.

"Such events remind us of the vulnerability of college and university campuses as open environments," said Mitchell, in his letter released April 17. "Even as we employ state-of-the-art security

efforts we must continue to assess our preparedness for a wide range of emergencies including "active shooter" situations similar to what happened at Virginia Tech."

Questions regarding preparedness of the university for such an event were directed to the public information sector of the campus.

According to Mike Stepanovich, director of Public Relations for CSUB, there is not much that can be done directly in the way of preventing, however, CSUB does have preparedness measures in place.

As part of those procedures, there is a phone tree, emergency e-mail message system, the CSUB homepage can be utilized to post emergency messages or press releases and local media outlets. Students should also be aware that there are yellow and blue emergency phones located throughout the campus, which when used tells the police where the caller is located.

Public Safety has police presence on campus 24

hours a day, seven days a week. The officers, as stated in the president's letter are sworn officers. All sworn officers have also gone through 'active shooter' training. According to Stepanovich, prior to the Columbine event, standard police procedure was to surround a perimeter and wait for a SWAT team to dissolve the situation. Now police are trained to deal directly with the active shooter.

"We train as best we possibly can, and think of all the possible scenarios, so that in the case that an emergency does take place, we will be prepared," said Stepanovich.

There is also a buddy system that is initialized in case of emergencies in which a 'buddy' is assigned to each CSU campus. The buddy campus will lend support resources in such an incident. CSU Bakersfield is regional buddy to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and state buddy to San Diego State University.

"I think that the police and administration are doing everything they can to ensure that we have a

safe campus," said Stepanovich.

As part of being prepared, the campus is currently in the preliminary stages of assembling a Risk Assessment Team, according to Jaclyn Loveless, Public Affairs Assistant for CSUB. The team would develop a way to track or investigate bizarre behavior or events and create a course of action.

Another consideration being discussed is the possible purchase and training of officers in tactical rifles. Training would be provided by POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training). POST provides safety training for the university public safety office on the whole, not just the officers. Funding for the rifles would come from the campus budget.

There is also consideration being done to assess the current security system.

"We have cameras in select areas right now, but it would be very expensive to have and monitor. Right now it would be too costly," said Loveless. She also added that more video surveillance might be looked into in the future.

CSUB's 2007 ASi candidate line-up

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By Nathan Campbell
News and Features Editor

It is election time again at CSUB! The following is an introduction to each of our 2007 ASi candidates.

Elections will be held online next week, so be sure to check your Runnermail for instructions on how to vote.

Elena Avina - Presidential Candidate

Elena Avina is a senior Business Administration and Computer Science major concentrating in Management and Management information systems. Avina's first year in ASi was spent serving on the Board of Directors as Director of Business and Public Administration. Avina is also currently serving as Vice President of Finance. She is a member Theta Sigma Chi sorority where she currently holds the position of President.

If elected Avina wants to get the campus more involved with current issues. She wants to educate the campus on the events that are directly affecting them. She wants to work to advocate and lobby against student tuition increases and to improve the college experience for CSUB students.

Prayas Patel - Presidential Candidate

Prayas Patel is a fourth year Biology major who has participated in student government for all four years. Patel has held many positions in student government including Vice President and Director of General Studies.

Patel has several ideas that he wishes to implement if he is elected president. He wants to get more funding for the CSU system from the state, and has plans to create a website that would allow students to sell their used books to other students online. Patel's goal is to bring

the overall cost of attending CSUB down.

Ali Zanial - Executive Vice President Candidate

Ali Zanial is a junior from New Zealand currently majoring in Biology. Ali is an active member of student politics on campus, serving as the chair of the ASi Board of Directors. Ali is an active member of clubs on campus and has served leadership roles in many off campus activities including his Church Youth Group.

If elected Ali wants to concentrate on improving the relationship between students and the faculty and administration. Ali also wants to get the word out on current issues that affect students. He feels that the student body needs to be better informed on the issues being discussed in ASi meetings.

Valerie Poynor - Executive Vice President Candidate

Valerie Poynor is a Junior math and pre-med major. She has been a member of ASi since her freshman year and currently serves as Director of Statewide Affairs. She contributed to work on the state level on projects such as the CSSA Voter Registration Drive, and C.H.E.S.S. (California Higher Education Student Summit). In addition to this she sat on the Student Health Advisory Committee.

If elected, Poynor wishes to continue her efforts on the statewide level as well as working to stimulate student life. She wants to start an inventory system whereby student organizations can check out free materials to use at student events. Also on Poynor's agenda is to confront the issue of increasing student fees by organizing lobbying efforts.

Nicole Eckberg - Vice President of Programming Candidate

Nicole Eckberg is an active student on campus who holds a leadership position in her sorority Gamma Phi Beta. Eckberg is also a volunteer leader for Girl Scouts of America.

Eckberg is in favor of increasing student involvement on campus, and hopes to bring unity between community and the university. She is against increasing student fees, and hopes to expand student life in a way that will be cost effective for the university.

Wendy Martinez - Vice President of Programming Candidate

Wendy Martinez is a junior Criminal Justice major and is also the current Vice President of Programming. Martinez has been on the ASi Board of Directors since her freshman year on campus. She has also been a cheerleader at CSUB for two years, and is a member of the sorority Kappa Delta Nu.

Martinez has contributed to several events this past year including Homecoming, Midnight Madness, and Welcome Back Week. She is against student fee increases and has participated in the student rallies and signed the petition against fee increases. If elected Martinez hopes to improve the quality of students experience on campus by making it more enjoyable and helping them to achieve their goals.

Adriana Sandoval - Vice President of Finance candidate

Adriana Sandoval is a senior Criminal Justice major with a Political Science minor. She has a goal of attending law school after graduating from CSUB. Sandoval has served on the ASi Board of Directors this past year. Along with

being on the general board she has served on the finance board as well. If elected Sandoval wants to work to make funds more easily available to clubs.

Alberto Garcia - Director of Natural Science and Mathematics Candidate

Alberto Garcia is a freshman Biology major with prior leadership experience from high school. Garcia was involved in student government, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, and Bakersfield Youth Leadership, before coming to CSUB.

Garcia hopes to learn more about CSUB through serving as Director of Natural Science and Mathematics, and hopes to acquire experience that will be valuable for him and his peers in the future.

Monika Tincher - Director of Natural Science and Mathematics Candidate

Monika Tincher is a junior at CSUB majoring in Chemistry, and currently holds a 3.6 G.P.A. Tincher is active in numerous activities on campus including ASi where she serves as the current Director of Natural Science and Mathematics. She also sits on the University Council and the Alumni Association, and has also attended the California Higher Education Student Summit. Tincher is also a member of the Chemistry and Physics club, and holds leadership positions in each organization.

Tincher is a certified lobbyist and assisting in the efforts to lower student fees. She is an experienced candidate who has sat on numerous committees and feels that she would make a great representative of the students.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

That which scares us is more universal than what makes us laugh. In The Runner's sports page editorial (4/11/07), Phillip Barnett took up nearly half the back page in an attempt to make us laugh at Joakim Noah. After reading his piece, it's obvious he concluded that by including a couple recognizable pictures of a gorilla and a man with mental retardation alongside his incendiary comments his editorial would equal big laughs. Barnett has to learn lesson number one in comic writing; in order to provide a laugh, start with a well written joke.

After looking at his published column it makes me wonder how much time he actually spent writing and how much time he spent finding the images to include in his piece. If he would have taken a second glance he might have noticed that a purely personal attack never equals widespread laughter. You will get some who are

just as mean-spirited as the writer to chuckle. But, these people are usually friends of the writer and won't tell him when he's off the mark.

Most people should be able to read this piece once and see it for the sorry piece of sports editorial that it is. It is a piece that mocks its subject, oddly enough doesn't address the person's sports performance, and is polluted by pictures that could give the wrong impression. Maybe Barnett's intent wasn't serious editorial at all. Maybe he was using his editorial position as a chance to hone his comedic skills. If that's the case, Barnett should spend a few moments away from the computer (quit searching for those photos!) and more time in a comedy writing class. Maybe then he'd find that what is funny in his head is not always funny in print.

Stephen Provencio
MSW Student

Dear Editor,

For those who think that the Don Imus statements were some type of isolated incident take a look at Phillip Barnett's article on Joakim Noah in the April 11th edition of The Runner, not only did the article mention the "nappiness" of Noah's hair, they also compared him to a giant ape! Nice to know how truly far we've come with race relations, ironically at the academic level.

Katrina Gilmore
CSUB Student

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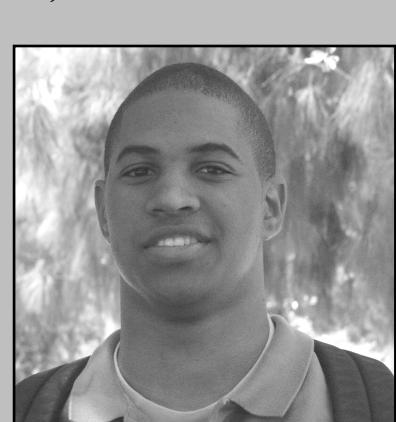
By Mark Perez
Staff Photographer

This Week, The Runner asked, "In the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings, what is your opinion on the current level of gun control?"



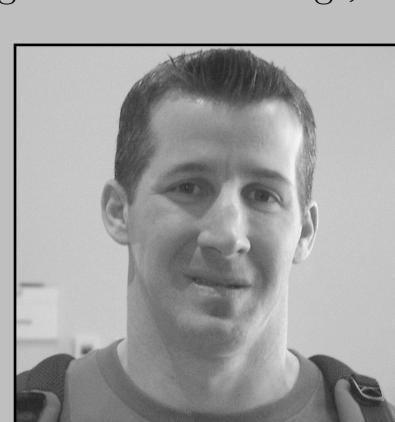
Anisa Laksmono
Business Administration & Communications Senior

"I am for gun control, because with gun control we would know who is carrying a gun at anytime. We would then be able to prosecute the person holding then gun because we know who has a gun."



Nick Stowe
Criminal Justice Sophomore

"I am for gun control. It is situations like the Columbine and Virginia Tech school shootings that show the need for gun control. If we had gun control before the shootings a lot of deaths could have been prevented."



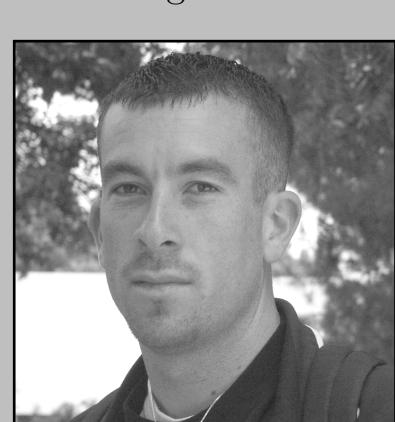
James Cernok
Liberal Studies Sophomore

"I am against gun control. Letting people carry guns just brings us back to the wild west where there was so much violence that it was almost mandatory that you carry a gun for safety. It just puts our country in danger."



Belen Gonzalez
Business Administration & Marketing Freshman

"I am for gun control because it will help ensure our safety."



Javier Barba
Psychology Sophomore

"I am against gun control, because people will misuse their right to carry a gun. The guns will be used to solve problems rather than using words to do so. It will just lead to more violence."

Naomi Rubio keeps Athletic Department running smoothly

By Evelyn Martin
Staff Writer

Thirty two years is a long time to devote to any line of work. As Instructional Support Assistant and Head Equipment Technician for CSUB's athletics department, Naomi Rubio has devoted that much time to the campus and student athletes.

Appropriately, Rubio's office is nestled between the men's and women's locker rooms inside the Icardo Center, making it the epicenter for all things related to equipment and other needs of the 16 sports teams on campus.

Upon entering the main office door, one is almost immediately greeted by storage compartments filled with clothing and other essential gear to the left, while to the right, a hard-at-work yet content Rubio is tucked behind her desk finishing any number of tasks from ordering the right supplies needed for the swimming pool, to taking inventory of volleyballs and nets, and keeping tabs on the status of transportation vehicles for away games. All the while the steady hum of the driers filled with team uniforms provides unexpected atmospheric music; perfect for observing pictures of some of the department's quirkiest students, which have found a home on the bulletin board mounted on her door.

If 32 years sounds like a long time, it is because it truly is. The jaw drops even further due to the fact that Rubio's ties to the campus run even deeper, as she first came to CSUB in its very first year, 1970. Rubio, came from Colton, Calif. and originally enrolled at the fledgling university as



Naomi Rubio, busy in her office as usual.

Evelyn Martin/The Runner

an English major, but had a change of heart when she discovered the campus had instituted a physical education program. Her stay in the dorms and role as a Residential Assistant enriched her time spent on the campus.

Graduating with her B.S., she subsequently spent a few years working for various departments on campus including Public Safety, Custodial Services, and Food Services before finding her home in Athletics in 1976, where she has become an asset to the department ever since.

While work is hectic, the far-from-new-routine for this seasoned staffer is well worth the endurance demanded of her because of the students she serves.

"I enjoy the kids. They are what keep me coming to work every day for so many years," said Rubio.

Indeed, bonding with the students is inevitable in her position and conversations with them on various topics have led to the dubbing of the guest seating area as the "truth box." Stories shared, connections made,

and more often than anything else, the simple act of listening on Rubio's part make all the difference for some of these students.

"She really does help make the show go on. She's really a great person and I don't think she gets the credit she deserves," said Bethany Snow, outfielder for the softball team.

Rubio's appreciation for the fellowship with many of the athletes is paralleled with her sentiment about the campus community as a whole. She enjoys the relatively small size of the campus because it enables close ties to develop; at the same time, she is excited about the steady growth.

"I've seen it all from day one. Every year improves. I've seen a lot of people come and go," said Rubio.

With CSUB firmly on the cusp of Division I status, Rubio's outlook for the school's future is very positive and welcoming of new changes and challenges ahead, so long as every member of the body that is CSUB operates with the unified goal of moving forward and celebrating the value and potential of our campus.

"I think the move to Division I is great, but we need student and community involvement to make it a success," Rubio said.

Though dedicated to her work, Rubio also cherishes downtime, because it offers her the chance to watch her current favorite classic films and animated movies, pick up a few additions for her wine collection, attend a concert or travel.

Traveling does occur via her job description, since she occasionally travels with the teams to away games, but Los Angeles has become her favorite locale for traveling at leisure, due to its varied shopping options and diversity of scenery and people.

"She's practically an institution in our athletics department. Whenever I need something or don't know who to contact, she knows what to do," said Kathy Welter, coach for the softball team.

Rubio's role in the athletics department is no doubt appreciated by many who could not imagine the department running smoothly without her.

Mary Robinson delights CSUB during visit

By Emily Shapiro
Assistant News Editor

"Imagine a Starbucks on every corner, dog food from China and even a McDonalds in Fiji, this is globalization. With this comes a moral connection, We are globally and morally responsible for what we consume," said Mary Robinson as she began a very interesting and enlightening lecture.

Mary Robinson became the youngest person at the age of 25 to become a Professor of Law at Dublin Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. She holds a degree from Harvard.

She later became the first woman president of Ireland. During this time she was the first president to visit the war torn countries, like Rwanda and Sudan.

After her term as president she became the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights. She served this post for five years visiting many African countries and talking with the people. Most of her lecture was spent discussing Human Rights and the Universal Declaration.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a doctrine adopted in 1948 by the General Assembly of the United Nations and spearheaded by Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. It is made up of 30 articles detailing a persons' most basic rights.

Robinson read the opening article which states that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

"It is interesting that dignity comes before rights," said Robinson.

These rights according to Robinson include rights to food, shelter, healthcare and education. This doctrine set out the birthright of human rights. It was aimed at the governments and was a charter for all peoples and nations. It is the most translated doctrine in the world.

Most Americans believe that human rights include life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For persons of war torn countries, human rights mean something smaller—something that can be physically grasped.

"The right to water," stated a woman, when asked by Robinson what human rights meant to her. Robinson then went on to discuss other issues including health.

"Health is not negotiable," stated Robinson with a somber tone.

Robinson discussed the World Trade Organization, the European Union and the Global Compact of which she is on the board. The Global Compact is a voluntary doctrine, which consists of 10 principles. According to unglobalcompact.org, thousands of have signed on and have agreed to abide by these principals.

According to Robinson, we have these values of human rights, but we must develop a system where those in power are held accountable.

Near the end of her lecture, Robinson provided the audience with a few tips.

"Be a consumer who thinks about what you consume. Buy fair trade products. Wear clothing not made by children or forced slave labor and finally be informed," said Robinson.

At the end of her lecture she read a poem, written by Seamus Heaney titled, "From the Republic of Conscious." She left the audience with one final thought, that every individual and organ of society must recognize and uphold human rights according to Robinson.

Thunderous applause filled the auditorium as many people stood to give this amazing woman a standing ovation.

Career Center offers students job-search assistance

By Nicole Sanchez
Assistant Features Editor

There are a few significant words that every college student will encounter during their time at the university: career and future. Those can be frightening words to students who still has no idea what they want to do or what they want to major in.

Students can rest knowing that they are not walking alone. The Career Center was developed to walk beside students in that dark tunnel and assist them until they have developed enough skill to proceed alone.

Students walk pass the doors of the Career Center into the Runner Café everyday and might never know the true value of such a facility. The degree of its significance can be regrettably forgotten during the chaos of orientations or graduations, but the mission of the Career Center will continue to provide a service for the students.

Jane Evarian, director of the Career Center, is excited about the upcoming events that the Career Center has planned. Although the Career Center has been advising throughout the year, Evarian explains that this is a busy quarter with a variety of full time hiring opportunities.

"We want to increase visibility,

so we are doing more to get the word out, more in class presentations and working closer with staff," said Evarian.

For graduating seniors these types of opportunities should not be ignored. There are year-round on-campus interviews with a variety of companies that are looking to hire full time employees and for seniors, the Career Center also posts job openings on ecampusrecruitor.com.

There are also services for lower division students, such as resume planning and internship opportunities. All of which will benefit the student in area of education they wish to pursue.

The Career Center is also in the process of updating their website to become engaging and easier for the end users—students, faculty, employers and administrators to use.

There is one component of the

Career Center that makes it especially helpful to students. It is one component that might not be as visible as the on-campus interviews. There is a section of the website titled, "What can I do with this major" and it explores all the majors that CSUB offers. In addition it provides the tools, information and tips that are needed to obtain such a job in that area.

The Career Center has become a source of inspiration and encouragement for its users, Evarian has established a system for students entering the Career Center looking for direction. She has created a specific game board similar to the game "Life" that takes the player on a journey through the different obstacles. The obstacles vary by the choices the player makes, and teaches the player that good choices in regards to education can lead to a smart career path.

Evarian explains that inspiring students and assisting them in finding their passion are rewarding parts of her job. "Walking through the process with the students and see them grow and develop to be very successful in their careers is also rewarding," explained Evarian.



Jane Evarian works with a student.

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CSUB Crime Beat

Compiled by Chris Doggett
Staff Writer

Friday, April 13

8:24a.m. Burglary Report

AYSO Soccer Fields reported that the facility was broken into and a generator was taken. The area was checked for evidence and suspects.

6:38p.m. Vandalism Report

Car reported being keyed, no suspect was found. The report was taken and the area was checked for suspects.

8:23p.m. Trespassing

Occurred at Kern County Sheriff's Department on Truxtun Ave, the subject was arrested for trespassing on campus.

9:18p.m. Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus

Officer initiated activity at Amphitheater, they were advised and left the area.

Saturday, April 14

10:53 a.m. Suspicious Subject

A suspicious male subject was found loitering

in parking lot I around the dumpsters/recycling bins. No further action was taken.

2:29p.m. Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus

Several subjects were caught skateboarding in Parking Lot E. Disposition: Advised and complied.

Sunday, April 15

1:23p.m. Grand Theft Report

RP called in and reported that her laptop computer was stolen from Entwood Dorms, while she ate in the Commons.

3:22p.m. Suspicious Subject

Occurred at Walter Stiern library, reported a possible theft in progress. Subject was described as a Hispanic male, approximately 5'8", with short black hair, clean shaven, gray backpack. As he headed upstairs he was arrested and charged with possession of a locked blade knife on campus.

Monday, April 16

7:23a.m. Incident Involving an Animal

Occurred at Bike Path South with two very large kittens possible bobcats or mountain

lion cubs. Unable to locate after checking the area.

5:54p.m. Traffic Collision

A hit and run occurred in parking lot D, a report was taken and no suspect was located.

8:17p.m. Vandalism Report

Occurred at parking lot H at Modular West. A student's vehicle was keyed. No suspect information was located.

Wednesday, April 18

11:01a.m. Found Property Report

A green wallet was found in Science 1. The property was seized for safekeeping.

12:51a.m. Disturbance

Loud music was reported coming from the Student Union rally. Subjects agreed to keep music within guidelines

Thursday, April 19

11:27a.m. Found Property Report



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Panel to focus on human rights

Courtesy of Public Information

California State University, Bakersfield's Kegley Institute of Ethics will host a local panel discussion on "Human Rights and International Justice" as a follow-up to the recent lecture by the former president of Ireland, Mary Robinson. The panel discussion will take place Saturday, April 28, at 4 p.m. in the CSUB Student Union multipurpose room as part of the campus-wide Celebrate CSUB day.

Robinson maintained in her lecture that ethical globalization requires greater recognition of the responsibility of the international community to help people who have been denied their fundamental rights. This requires taking human rights beyond their more traditional political and legal realms and applying them to other fields, such as rights to work, housing and subsistence. She also called upon all those attending the Charles W. Kegley Memorial Lecture to ask: what can we do, and what are we willing to do to promote rights?

To help answer those questions, a panel of local experts has been assembled: Bill Phillimore, vice president for Paramount Farming; Gonzalo Santos, a sociology professor at CSUB; and

Wendy Wayne, an international activist.

Admission and parking to this event are free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend the panel discussion are also encouraged to attend the philosophy and religious studies undergraduate research conference also taking place Saturday as part of Celebrate CSUB!

For more information on the "Human Rights and International Justice" panel or the undergraduate research conference, please contact Christopher Meyers at (661) 654-3149 or at cmeyers@csub.edu.

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Local talents to compete for 'Idol' status this weekend

By Evelyn Martin
Staff Writer

CSUB students and Bakersfield residents alike are being given the chance to show what they are made of at CSUB's very own talent show this Saturday.

The contest is a part of Celebrate CSUB as a means of opening up the campus, so participants can see firsthand the kind of creative contributions and activities various departments and clubs provide to students as well as to the rest of the community.

The talent show one open to anyone gutsy enough to demonstrate their skills at music, stand-up comedy, dancing, skits, and any other media so long as their material was kept "family-friendly," with the deadline for submitting applications occurring Monday, April 23.

The event came about thanks to the collaborative efforts of the CSUB Singers Club and Evelyn Nelson, Executive Assistant to the

President. Chuck Provencio, president of the club, anticipates a good turnout of acts for the event as well as a positive experience for all attendees.

"Our hopes about CSUB Idol and Celebrate CSUB as a whole are that they will bring the community and the campus together and allow for growth in both areas," said Provencio.

The competition will begin around 9 a.m. during which applicants will perform exclusively for the judges. The afternoon will feature the top 10 finalists who will be given the opportunity to perform in front of an audience in the amphitheater. Audience voting and judge voting will respectively determine the favorite performer(s).

Though spectators are not charged entrance fees, there will be a \$1 fee for each ballot to be cast, enabling audience members to choose to vote for one or more contestants as many times as they would like.

Each performer/group will be allotted an eight minute long pocket of time to set up, perform, and tear down, making them work hard at being efficient and to-the-point

while still being entertaining.

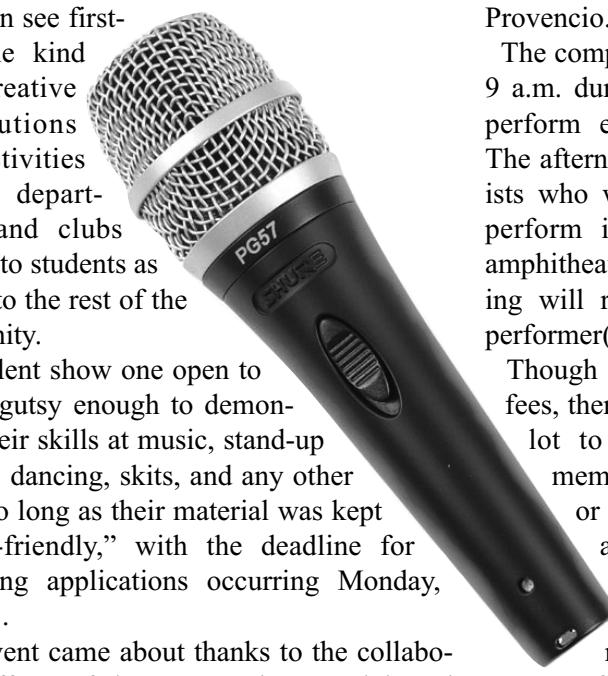
Possible prizes include a \$100 gift certificate and new guitar from California Keyboards for "Judges' Choice," \$200 gift certificate from Stockdale Music to the "Audience Choice" winner, and the "Overall Pick," or best average of the judges and audience will receive a \$500 cash prize.

Provencio will provide side entertainment during the course of the contest with his own band, the Chuck Provencio Band.

Additionally, Jamba Juice will be there selling refreshments during the finalists' performances.

"People should go to CSUB Idol because it is an exhibit of the talent encompassed on the campus and an opportunity to witness the talent of your peers and the community," said Provencio.

CSUB Idol is slated to become an annual feature of Celebrate CSUB. For any additional information about the event or about joining the CSUB Singers Club/ choir call Dr. Robert Provencio, Administrator for the club and choir director at 654-3073 or Chuck Provencio at 477-0180.



EZ Recipe for CSUB Students

By Marcus Mulick
Entertainment Editor

When it comes to preparing food as a college student, it comes down to one of two things. Either you live on your own and make your own food, or you still have the luxury of Mom cooking for you.

For those of us that don't have the luxury of Mom preparing a three-course meal every night, we resort to fast food, frozen dinners, and Top Ramen to find savory salvation.

But it doesn't have to be this way.

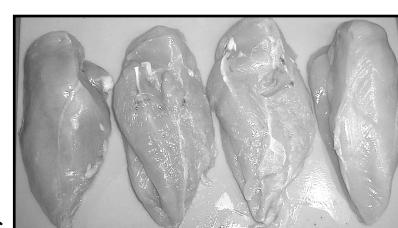
While we can't make full blown meals complete with vegetables, side dishes and a main course, we can make something affordable, delicious and relatively healthy.

The first easy-to-make meal that will be taught today are my world famous California Burritos.

Here are the ingredients you'll need for this delectable delight.

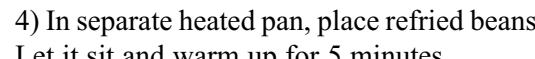
4 pieces boneless chicken breast, uncooked
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
1/3 cup Jack Daniels Grilling Sauce
1 can refried beans (jalapeno flavor suggested)
1/2 block of pepperjack cheese
6 flour tortillas
Tapatio sauce
2 tomatoes
1 head of lettuce

1) Begin by thawing out the chicken breasts. Cut chicken into small, even squares. Discard all fat. It's bad for you.



2) Heat in pan 2 tbsp. of vegetable oil.

3) Put all chicken in the pan. Watch out for flying hot oil splashes.



4) In separate heated pan, place refried beans. Let it sit and warm up for 5 minutes.

5) Shred cheese and cut vegetables while food is cooking.

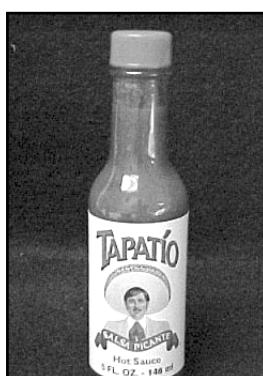


6) When chicken has no pink in the middle and is near being done, pour the Jack Daniels Grilling sauce over the chicken while it still is cooking in the pan. Mix sauce so all the chicken becomes flavored.

7) Pour the cheese in the pan with the beans. Mix well.

8) Toast tortillas.

9) You're almost done! Pour Tapatio sauce in the beans and cheese as it is cooking. Depending on how spicy you like your burrito, you'll know how much Tapatio you like. In case you were wondering ladies, I like mine very spicy.



10) Remove everything from the stove top.

11) Set up an assembly line of food.

12) Enjoy!

Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves one really hungry guy, or two normal people

Easy recipes like this are a nice change-up from the usual Hot Pockets, Hungry Man XL or Pop Tarts dinner.

If you have any recipes that are easy to make and feel that your peers should know about it, you can e-mail The Runner your recipe with the chance of it getting printed. Happy cooking!

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The Golden State 'Mall'

By Eman M. Shurbaji
Assistant Features Editor

At 3201 F Street, right across from the downtown DMV, there lies a big brown building collectively called the "Golden State Mall." The building is labeled with the words "Golden State Mall" in large metallic letters that cover a third of the front of the building.

On any given day during the week, the parking lot boasts no more than 10-20 cars. The weekends aren't much better. Yet it is what lies inside that is truly interesting.

The shopping center claims to boast an array of "specialty stores." These stores sell items like knock-off designer sunglasses, imported clothing and "natural" foods. The knock-offs are painfully noticeable (there are some pretty good knock-offs out there) and the natural marts are lined with items such as cinnamon sticks and common herbs. No gluten-free foods here.

The shops are cubicle-like and small. Typical names of stores are those associated with a family (Gonzalez Shoes); some shops have lists as their name ("Party items, lingerie, and candles found here....") Some have a more professional look than others. Many stores have opened and closed since the inception of

the center a few years ago.

"During the week only a few people come here," said Marcy Lopez of the shoe shop at which she works.

The "mall" used to be called the Montgomery World Plaza, but has since changed its name. There is a large back area that has been used for receptions and concerts. Karaoke contests take place at the center from time to time.

There is a second floor on the shopping center that has been vacant for years. There were once talks of eateries and more shops, yet it remains vacant to this day.

Shop owners and workers contend that the center is quite slow on weekdays, yet does get a small crowd on weekends from time-to-time. The shopping center lacks the visual appeal and organization to keep consumers coming.

Edna Gonzalez, a worker at a coffee shop in the plaza says that business is slow.

"I don't know what they will be doing with the second floor. Business is slow on the first floor here," Gonzalez said.

The Golden State Mall is not your run-of-the-mill mall. If you're looking for national chain stores, this isn't the place for you. But if you're looking for quirky gift ideas or costumes, this is the perfect place to start.



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Women's golf team finishes 1st season

By Amanda Galindo
Staff Writer

The women's golf team's season has come to a close and although they have a less than impressive overall team score, the outlook for the team is outstanding. This was the first season for CSUB women's golf and considering the amount of experience and number of players they have, they made a fine debut.

Although the women's golf team's head coach is Dave Barber, their personal coach is Bruce Burroughs. Burroughs, who is a three-time winner of the Tournament of Champions in the Northern Chapter PGA, is a long time PGA golf pro. He has won at least one Southern California PGA event every year for 10 years and is currently the head pro at Bakersfield Country Club.

And this pro coach's skill has definitely rubbed off on the team.

Although they did not win every competition, the women steadily improved their game from tournament to tournament. Their overall team standing has improved over the last few games and individually their scores have progressed from the first tournament to the last. MVP Meggan Bellows, a freshman, played her heart out this season, finishing in fifth place at the Concordia Invitational and shooting a school record 78 in the same event.

But they only plan to get better.

They plan to train hard during the off-season, perfecting their swings and learning to adjust to different weather conditions. They have even made personal goals for themselves that they would like to



Photo courtesy of Sports Information
Freshman golfer Megan Bellows

squad. The expansion of the women's golf team will give them a greater chance to improve the team score and an opportunity to be invited to bigger tournaments.

"It is a young program and it was neat to kick it off. We would like to thank all the people who supported us in our endeavors," said Burroughs. "CSUB won't be a powerhouse team for a while until it gets more established as a team, but we have great talent on the team and it'll be exciting to see how they grow from here."

The women's golf team ended their season last weekend finishing ninth as a team at the InterWest/Chico State Invitational. They are expected to hire a new Assistant Coach by this summer.

Bakersfield Blitz offers \$12 student ticket

By Eman M. Shurbaji
Assistant Features Editor

The Bakersfield Blitz arena football team are offering students a one-of-a-kind deal. They are allowing students to enjoy arena football by getting the "Best Seat in the House" for only \$12.

The \$12 Student Rush ticket gives any student (and military personnel) with a valid ID the ability to purchase the "best seat in the house" (excluding Xtreme Front Rows) for only \$12.

The rules for the \$12 Student Rush are simple. Any seat that has not been sold by 6 pm on game days is available for purchase. The tickets are available on home game days only. The tickets may be purchased at a specific booth only, and lineups begin at 5 pm at the Rabobank Arena.

The event is sponsored by the Mountain Dew softdrink.

Coyotes spoil home finale

Courtesy of sports information

The Cal State San Bernardino softball team came into Sunday's doubleheader at Cal State Bakersfield ice cold, but the Coyote bats turned red hot Sunday, pounding out 27 hits to lead San Bernardino to a 5-3, 12-4 doubleheader sweep of the Roadrunners at the Roadrunner Softball Complex.

San Bernardino (24-26-0, 15-17 CCAA), had lost 13 of 15 entering Sunday's doubleheader, but the Coyotes were able to put that streak behind them in what was likely their final trip to Bakersfield.

The duo of shortstop Krista Hernandez and Crystal Fraijo did the most damage, combining to go 11-for-17 with four doubles and one home run. They also combined to score seven runs while driving in 11; Fraijo had six RBI in game two alone.

Designated player Kelli Bailey (Rodeo/John Swett HS) was the offensive star for the

Technically, it is called the Mountain Dew Amp'd Overdrive Student Drive; the \$12 student drive is a colloquial name.

The idea behind the event was to allow students to purchase inexpensive tickets. Group tickets may also be purchased at 6:00 pm. The \$12 Student Rush allows students to purchase tickets that would normally sell for more than \$50 for only \$12.

Micheal Whitaker and Andrew Watkins were among the executives for the Blitz that studied various sports teams and ticket-buying trends. They concluded that appealing to a younger crowd such as college students would be a smart move.

"We've gotten so much feedback from fans and the community," said Watkins. "We look forward to building bonds between local sports and CSUB," he added.

Bakersfield Blitz Schedule

April
Saturday 4/28 @
Central Valley 7 pm

May

Saturday 5/5 Vs.
Boise 7 pm

Saturday 5/12 @
Spokane 5 pm

Saturday 5/19 Vs.
Tri-Cities 7 pm

Sunday 5/27 @
Everett 3 pm

June

Saturday 6/9 Vs.
Spokane 7 pm

Sunday 6/17 Vs.
Central Valley 3 pm

Saturday 6/23 @
Stockton 7 pm

Saturday 6/30 Vs.
Laredo (TX) 7 pm

July

Saturday 7/7 @
Boise 6 pm

Saturday 7/14 Vs.
Everett (WA) 7 pm

Saturday 7/21
Vs. Stockton 7 pm

Saturday 7/28 @
Central Valley 7 pm

(Taft College) two-run double in the second the big blow. When freshman pitcher Katie Chavez (Fresno/Edison HS) extended her scoreless innings streak to 12 through the first three frames, the 'Runners were headed for a split.

Chavez couldn't keep the San Bernardino bats quiet forever, however, and the Coyotes exploded for 12 runs over the final four innings to put the game away.

UCSB gets the best of CSUB

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor

Last Friday the Cal State Bakersfield men's soccer team faced off against the defending Division I national champion UC Santa Barbara Gauchos.

Santa Barbara defeated the Runners in a 1-0 game that was supposed to be a friendly exhibition game, but turned into a very physical match early in the game with the two teams almost engaging in a full fledged brawl within the first two minutes of the game.

Santa Barbara scored the only goal of the game late in the first half of the game when the Gauchos' Tino Nunez scored off of a Tony Chinakwe assist. Other than the one goal scored by Nunez, sophomore goal keeper Steve Trojanowski played a great game making some amazing saves on some shots that could have easily been goals.

"You have to have a great goalkeeper when playing a team like that," said Tobin. "Steve was the

MVP tonight. He played fantastic. There's no doubt about it. He was strong. He made two or three brilliant saves," said head coach Simon Tobin on his goal keeper's brilliant play. "Personally I thought that probably was one of my best games I've ever had. Given the circumstances being that we were playing the Division I national champs [Santa Barbara], I thought I performed quite well. Their goal, it was a great goal. The saves that I made were some of my best," said Trojanowski on his saves.

Trojanowski's eight saves kept the Runners in the game, but the Gauchos' defense was a little more organized than the Runner offense preventing a chance for a game tying goal.

"I thought it was outstanding. We were playing the best collegiate team in the country and it wasn't an easy game for Santa Barbara," said Tobin on his teams play against the Gauchos. "I think they had some games last year against some Division I

opposition that was probably a lot easier than that. I'm proud of the way we played."

Santa Barbara coach Vom Steeg said that the Runners played at the level of some of the Big West teams, mainly Cal Poly and Riverside, that they played this season.

This is the second time the Runners played a game on the main soccer field here in Bakersfield against a defending national champion. In 1997, after a CSUB Division II national championship, the Runners faced off against Division I champions UCLA. That game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Both games raised money to benefit the fight against cancer. Friday's game saw 1204 fans, the second highest attendance at a CSUB soccer game, right after the CSUB-UCLA game in 1997 that drew a crowd of 1,392. The money raised from Friday's game went towards helping out Roger Clark, a Bakersfield resident suffering from terminal cancer, and his family.

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