

THE BIG STORY

Carter driven by family

Bakersfield native inspired by brother



Karina Diaz/The Runner

Senior Max Carter pitched a two-hit shutout in a win against Utah Valley University on Thursday, April 13 at Hardt Field. Carter had a perfect game until he allowed a two-out single in the sixth inning.

By Joe Macias
Senior Writer

Senior infielder and pitcher Max Carter’s performance is fueled by inspiration from his older brother and support from the people around him. Carter attributes his success to his older brother, Mitch Carter, who worked with Max and molded his game throughout

his years of playing baseball. “My brother, obviously he’s a big role model,” said Carter. “My brother, he was a big stickler on me getting extra work in. He’d stay after practice, or would go home and hit me ground balls, or my parents would hit me ground balls. It was just something where everyone around me knew I was really into baseball, and

they tried to do everything they could to make me better and keep me playing.” As the younger brother, Carter had to earn help through some tough situations. “I just remember he was really hard on me,” said Carter. “He didn’t want me to play with him, so I would always have to try to be super tough, even though I didn’t want to. I’d

have to get hit by the baseball and (let) it not bother me. I just remember having to toughen everything out, and that was really hard to do.” Earning that help allowed Carter to improve his game. He realized that he wanted to prolong his career and make the most out of it. See CARTER, Page 5

AWARENESS

Shedding light on sexual assault

By Emily Amparan
Assistant News Editor

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a time that draws attention to important issues that are often swept under the rug. This month, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center’s goal is to inform the public about sexual violence that happens on the CSU Bakersfield campus and nationwide. Bystanders and survivors are vital for spreading awareness. According to CSUB’s campus advocate and education coordinator Vanessa Corona, everyone directly or indirectly involved in incidents plays a role in increasing awareness. Teaching the public what sexual misconduct is and opening up conversations are merely the start of a journey to addressing this taboo issue. “We can do plenty of things on campus to make life comfortable, because that is our number one priority: to keep the campus safe,” said Corona. There are solutions available not only for CSUB students, but also for any staff or faculty members who may be feeling any sort of discomfort, even if it hasn’t reached a criminal level. There are measures the university can take to support these individuals, including

moving schedules around, issuing a no-contact order or implementing other means ensuring as little contact as possible with individuals threatening their sense of safety. Resources are not limited to survivors of sexual assault. Corona and others in her field are there to provide support to anyone who wants to report an assault or escape an abusive partner. Support can also be found at the University Police Department, Bakersfield Police Department (if the event took place off campus), the Counseling Center and the Title IX department. Off campus, support is available through the Alliance Against Violence and Sexual Assault. The organization has a hotline for anyone to report incidents or confidentially discuss anything. Hotline operators will support a person’s decision not to report an incident if they are not ready. Survivors can also choose to report incidents any time after they occur. “We want to put control back into their hands,” said Corona. Supporters like Corona and Claudia Catota from Title IX are there to stand by whatever decisions are made by survivors. They wish to convey that options are available, and that survivors are not alone.

ASI

ASI accomplishments throughout a year

By Glendy Ardon
Reporter

“Students working for students” is the motto of CSU Bakersfield’s Associated Students Inc. This year’s ASI leaders have been busy working on meeting student needs. Scholarships, a food pantry and grants for students are just few of the accomplishments ASI achieved this term. Ilaria Pesco, ASI’s Executive Director, oversees the management of ASI, and she wants students to know that ASI is here to advocate for them. “We are funded by student dollars, and we want to give back,” said Alana Lim, the ASI Executive Vice President said. Lim said that ASI has done well this year in serving student needs.

Kern Value Card
The Kern Value Card is something new that has just launched this semester. This card offers great deals and discounts to students who purchase. The purpose of the card system is to build a fund and give back to students. Lim said that the new Kern Value Card (KVC) was one of the campaign goals ASI President Alex Dominguez proposed to contribute to a fund set aside for students. Oscar Alvarez, Vice President of University Affairs, said that the KVC has been a success and something he is proud to have implemented. Alvarez said that the sales of KVC “broke even within the first week of it being sold.” “[The] revenue is used to fund projects to dedicate strictly to

students and scholarships,” said Lim. Lim said that the card sales have made student scholarships possible. “We now have a reliable source of funding scholarships. We just implemented the card this year... we will still allocate money, and the KVC card will contribute to the fund,” Lim said. “Any money that we make on this is going to go back to housing and security issues... we’ll be able to build a fund and gift more scholarships,” added Pesco. Next school year, the card will be offered starting in the semester. It will cost \$20 and be usable for the entire school year. **Combating Food and Housing Insecurity**



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Oscar Alvarez, Alana Lim, Alex Dominguez, Precious Nwaoha and Mariela Gomez discuss student issues in an ASI meeting. According to Pesco, ASI set aside \$4,000 in the beginning of their term to give back to students who have food and housing insecurities. Seven student scholarships were awarded by ASI this spring to selected students. The issue of food and housing insecurities is perhaps the biggest issue students face, and Pesco said that each one of those students who applied for the scholarship were deserving of it. The need for this type of assistance is evident. “Over 200 students applied for scholarships, and there were a lot of deserving students,” said Alvarez. See ASI, Page 2

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GRADUATION

Graduation: The final college expense

By Heather Simmons
Copy Chief

CSU Bakersfield’s 2017 graduates can buy their caps and gowns at the annual Grad Fest April 19th-20th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Student Union patio and bookstore.

Two cap and gown pack-

age options are available for students earning a Bachelor’s degree. The Blue Package costs \$69.50 and includes a cap, gown, tassel, zipper pull and announcement. The Gold Package, costing \$98.50, includes all items in the Blue Package in addition to a gratitude stole. Gratitude stoles are tradition-

ally worn by students during commencement ceremonies, then gifted to individuals who have helped them achieve their educational goals.

Graduates from the Master’s programs can buy a cap, gown and tassel for \$52 and a Master’s hood for \$32.

According to CSUB’s com-

mencement webpage, prices listed for both Bachelor’s and Master’s regalia do not include sales tax.

During the Grad Fest, students can also sit for graduation portraits by Ultimate Exposures. Appointments can be scheduled through the commencement webpage.

Students can also buy class rings and announcements, and place orders for flowers that will be waiting for them at the commencement ceremonies.

The Grad Fest will also feature food and activities. Students who buy caps and gowns can have a free meal from Curbside Tacos, listen to

music provided by DJ Sammy Schwartz and enter a raffle for the chance to win a GoPro Hero camera.

The event will also feature a cap decorating station where students can use provided supplies, or those they bring, to customize their caps for commencement.

ELECTION RESULTS

New board of directors prepares for fall term

By Christopher Mateo
Editor-in-Chief

The new Associated Students Inc. board of directors have been selected with a voter turnout of 7.5 percent.

On April 7, the winners were announced. Now they are waiting for the new year to begin to start their term.

Mariela Gomez won the president position, and Precious Nwaoha won the executive vice president position. Both Gomez and Nwaoha won 100 percent of the votes because they ran unopposed.

“I feel pretty excited. I’m ready for the new year to star, ready to hit the road running. We have a lot of plans for this upcoming year, and we’re just ready to get the team together and put it to work,” said Nwaoha

Nwaoha plans to have Title IX training by the ASI board done immediately. However, she wants to bring more information about Title IX to the new board during the ASI orientation.

“I’m going to make sure that ASI as an organization

goes through [the training]. I pretty much will be putting that together over summer, and that would be my first step in office,” said Nwaoha.

Gomez is excited to start her term as ASI president, and she said that her experience in ASI will aid her in transitioning into the new school year. Gomez, however, knows that there is more work to be done.

“I honestly feel like there is still so much more work to do just because I already hold an executive position. I feel like the transition hopefully is a little easier, just because I have the experience with the inner workings of the organization.

One of Gomez’s goals is to start a public relations campaign for ASI to let students know what ASI is and what they do for students.

During the first day in office, Gomez would like to take care of the budget for ASI, provided by President Horace Mitchell.

“It’s hard to narrow it down. Essentially that would come after doctor Mitchell disperses the money to us,” said Gomez.

Mohammed Cook ran against Brittany Fowler for Vice Presi-

dent of Campus Life. Mohammed Cook won receiving 56.2 percent of the votes.

“Stoked. It’s cool seeing finally having a positions to where I can make things cool. I’ve never been in office before, so I don’t know what happens next. I’m still learning, but I’m stoked and excited,” said Cook, who would like to start the year launching social media campaigns.

“I need Ilaria’s guidance. It all depends as to where the direction of Ilaria kind of puts me. I would love to start my video campaigns,” said Cook.

Emma Kiaie and Justin McKinley ran against each other for the Vice President of Finance.

McKinley won receiving 71.2 percent of the votes.

McKinley feels relieved that he has won.

“I feel like a weight has been relieved from my body. I am really excited that I won, and I can’t wait to get into office and to learn more about my duties and responsibilities,” said McKinley.

McKinley would like to know that his committee knows who

he is and that he gets to know them.

There were a total of 17 positions available, and of those 17, seven of them were running unopposed.

There were six positions left vacant that will now be appointed by the new ASI board. These positions are still vacant, and the priority deadline is on April 21st.

According to Nwaoha, the candidates who lost in the election were invited to apply for the vacant positions.

“We sent out an email the day the results came out to all the people that ran in the election and lost saying that these are the positions open. We let these people know, even though you didn’t get into the position you wanted we still have these open positions ready for you if you are still interested,” said Nwaoha.

In 2016, the voter turnout for the ASI elections was 14 percent due to voting done over RunnerSync. However, this year the voter turnout was at 7.5 percent.

Nwaoha believes the reason why there was a small voter



Karina Diaz/The Runner
ASI board members Mariela Gomez, Alana Lim and Precious Nwaoha shared updates at the Friday, April 7 meeting.

turnout this year is due to the fact that there was a lack of choices when it came to the presidency and executive vice presidency positions.

“This year I feel like there wasn’t as much interest in student government, because the two top positions didn’t have anyone running against them,” said Nwaoha.

Gomez is surprised to see such a small turnout because she thinks ASI advertised voting.

“I was actually really surprised, because you would think the numbers would increase because we advertised

it so much,” said Gomez.

Gomez said the efforts ASI made to get students to vote went as far as presenting in classes about voting and meeting with students face-to-face. Cook, however, thinks that the campaigning was much friendlier than last year’s elections.

“This year, it was just clean, happy campaigns. Usually there is some kind of drama. It creates more interest in politics, because we just had a bunch of happy people running against each other, because no one was bashing anyone. No one paid attention,” said Cook.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASI board members discuss 2016-17 successes

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“Seven students received a \$500 scholarship, and over 160 students applied,” said Pesco.

Pesco said that ASI is very involved with food distributions, volunteering and getting the word out to students about this assistance.

“This campus does have a big need for resources to help alleviate the food and housing concerns they face,” said Pesco.

Pesco explained, “other universities offer a food pantry to their students, and this is something that our student leaders noted and worked hard to provide in an effort to combat food and housing insecurities.”

Pesco.

The food pantry was another achievement attained this term.

“The operation is student-driven. My job is to help ASI get into various pockets of the university,” Pesco said.

Environmental Goals

ASI worked ardously to attain a grant to promote sustainability and civic responsibility in the form of composting food.

Pesco proudly shared that ASI’s accomplishments include a “\$3,000 grant for starting a composting program post-consumer, which means that aside from Runner Café doing their part in the kitchen to compost, we will all be able to participate and contribute to the cause of reducing the waste.”

Alvarez said, “As I look back on ASI accomplishments, I am happy about the \$3,000 grant CSUB received for the composting program. We highlight our efforts with recyclability and promote environmentally friendly activities like Earth Week.”

Reducing waste is a theme ASI has embraced this term.

Pesco shared that ASI has held two E-Waste drives and have collected over 18,000 pounds of waste. This waste has been diverted and is reducing the amount of waste sent off to dump sites.

Grants

This term, ASI has also allocated \$40,000 in funds to give back to clubs and organizations.

Additionally, ASI has set up travel grants for conferences and training, according to Pesco.

Part of the deal is that the students who are granted aid will share information with the campus community.

The Bakersfield Jazz festival has also been supported by ASI, allowing CSUB students to attend the festival for free.

Promoting Involvement

Lim is especially proud of the restructuring ASI has undergone.

Pesco explained that ASI has added a judicial branch of directors that represent targeted voices and serve as a neutral

group in the ASI.

“Each student is a member of ASI. An organization can’t govern with 10,000 voices. Students elect a board, and the board is here to represent you,” Pesco said.

“Alex and I wanted to get voices that were reflective of our campus population. It’s important to us. Our campus is more diverse, and the addition of the judicial branch and director positions give the opportunity for these voices to be heard,” Lim said.

“The board this year has really thought about being the voice for students,” said Pesco. “For example, there was an expressed need for a microwave available to students after hours, and this concern was heard.”

A microwave will soon be placed in the 24-hour study lounge in the library for students to use.

Pesco wants students to know that ASI is their voice.

Recently, ASI president Alex Dominguez went to D.C. to represent CSUB and advocate for Pell grants and DACA



Karina Diaz/The Runner
The ASI board discussed issues affecting students during a meeting on Friday April 7.

students.

“They work hard every day,” Pesco said about ASI student leaders.

Lim firmly believes that ASI has effectively served students at CSUB.

“Our ultimate goal was to create a new environment that welcomed anyone who wanted to get involved,” she said.

ASI needs the involvement of the student body to effectively govern and serve students.

In order to be successful, Pesco said she wants to facilitate the communication of students and their leaders.

“We only know if there are issues if they tell us. Let us know through social media,

come into the office, email us. Ten thousand eyes out there are going to be able to help us solve these issues. Twenty people can’t have eyes everywhere,” Pesco said.

Progress is evident, and in order to continue this movement forward, students must be involved. Pesco wants students to know that it’s a team effort.

“Each one of us can get out there in all pockets and voice issues. Let’s figure it out together,” she said.

Lim said, “I hope students join in and propel the change. ASI is there to provide resources for students to succeed... all it takes is that first step.”

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MUSIC

CSU Bakersfield gets jazzy at annual music festival

By Devon Halsell
Features Editor

The 31st annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival is a three-night, two-day long event that is fun for the whole family.

The event is presented by Motor City Lexus of Bakersfield, and Dignity Health-Mercy and Memorial Hospitals and will take place at the CSU Bakersfield Amphitheater April 28 and 29.

BJF is a chance for the CSUB community to come support the music program.

The festival will feature 13

bands over the course of three days and helps raise money for scholarship awards for CSUB students.

The first day of the Bakersfield Jazz Festival kicks off Thursday night April 27 with the Jazz Fest Gala and Launch Party to be held in the Doré Theatre.

The night will end with a performance from the CSU Bakersfield Jazz Collective, who will be accompanied by saxophonist and composer, Jacam Manricks.

Thursday night’s launch party starts at 6:30 p.m., but

the doors open at 5:30 p.m. and appetizers will be served.

Day two of BJF, April 28, will be headlined by three-time GRAMMY nominee Donny McCaslin and his band.

Other artists to appear throughout the night are Ghost-Note, Snarky Puppy, Robert “Sput” Searight and Nate Werth and Soulajar.

The final night of the Bakersfield Jazz Festival is being co-headlined by guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel: Caipi and trumpeter Christian Scott A’Tunde Adjuah with his Stretch Music Ensemble.

The lineup of Saturday’s activities starts with Moonchild, Amber Navman, The Kandinsky Effect, Haakon Graf and Graffiti LA Edition, the CSUB Jazz Collective and the Kern County High School Honor Jazz Band.

Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase food and drinks from various vendors at the event.

Ice chests are welcomed, but will be searched at the gate before entry.

Outside alcohol and glass are not permitted within the amphitheater.

Children 12 and under are free in the general admission area only.

CSUB staff, faculty and students receive free admission with current school ID.

Tickets are available through Vallitix or can be purchased at the Cashier’s Office.

Tickets are also available for purchase at the gate.

VIP Tables are available for purchase as a full table.

VIP tables seats are also available for purchase per seat.

VIP seats may be purchased at the gate if available.



Chris Mateo/The Runner
Ralph Moore plays saxophone at the Bakersfield Jazz Festival in 2016.

COFFEE

Competition brews between Cafe Smitten and Dagny’s

By Breanna Hunczak
Reporter

Local coffee shops are hard to find, since Starbucks has cornered the market on coffee, but here in Bakersfield, we are lucky to have two amazing coffee shops downtown.

I can see why Café Smitten got its name, because as soon as you walk up, you are smitten with the location. Everything from the blue paint on the building to the patio and décor is visually appealing, but the parking lot is small and some parts are dirt. This does not stop the customers from flooding in, though.

The inside is just as charming as the outside, with wood, green plants and natural light. There is a window that opens up and creates a natural breeze in the restaurant. The owners pay attention to every detail, from their logo to the word “smitten” on the floor.

The atmosphere inside was calming and relaxing, but the coffee fell flat for me. I ordered an iced latte because they did not have a vanilla one. The cashier informed me to pour the syrup they offered in my coffee, and it would provide the sweetness I was looking for. Though I got a caffeine high, nothing could mask the bitter taste of the coffee.

While, I was a bit disappointed with my coffee, I found their food to be quite different. They took a classic PB&J and put a fun twist on it by substituting grape jelly for raspberry and putting coconut shavings on it. This was a great combination.

Overall, their customer service was impeccable, professional and inviting. They make you feel at home. They also offer a card, and if you buy nine drinks, the tenth will be free.

Dagny’s is located a few streets down, but I found this one a little harder to get to with

all the one-way streets, but parking was not a hassle. The outside was plain and understated. The inside had a hipster vibe.

Upon entering Dagny’s, you see a mural on the wall of an octopus and a clock. As your gaze lowers, you begin to see different sizes and types of chairs along with a couch. The atmosphere seems to say, “Come in and make yourself comfortable. Everyone is family here.”

The quiet atmosphere is comforting and gives customers a feeling of belonging. Dagny’s hosts poetry readings and musicians most nights. This coffee shop is big on being a part of the community and promoting events within the community.

I ordered a vanilla latte, and this hits the spot, unlike the coffee at Café Smitten. They have three different sizes: tall, grande and supremeo. They sell many snack items, but

only three actual food items. This was a bit disappointing, because nothing looked too appetizing. The menu sign was artsy and fun to look at with many choices of coffee, tea and syrup flavors on it.

Dagny’s had a great wrap-around patio for views of downtown, plus some amazing street art across the street.

While Café Smitten was amazing inside and out, the views of downtown were not as pleasant, but the patio did offer umbrellas to shade customers from the sun.

They both offered wine and beers, but Dagny’s definitely had a bigger selection of both, and even had some beers on draft.

Each downtown coffee shop has positives and negatives. I would definitely like to go and explore each of the menus better, but if I had a choice, I would choose Dagny’s coffee and Café Smitten’s food.



Breanna Hunczak/The Runner
Cafe Smitten is located on 18th Street in downtown Bakersfield, where it serves a full breakfast menu, pastries, coffee and adult beverages.



Breanna Hunczak/The Runner
Dagny’s coffee shop is a snug little shop hidden on the corner of 20th Street and Eye. They serve coffee, food and alcoholic beverages.

What’s Happening Around Campus

APRIL/MAY

- 19-21 Best Week Ever**
7:30 a.m. Student Union MPR
- 19-20 Grad Fair:**
10 a.m. -6 p.m. Campus Bookstore
- 20 Geology Seminar Series: Dr. Fred W. Schroeder**
12 p.m.-1 p.m. RNEC 105
- 21 Geology Seminar Series: Dr. Corey Mathis**
12 p.m.-1 p.m. SCI III 104
- 23-27 Society of Petroleum Engineers Western Regional meeting**
Marriott
- 25 Foreign Trade Event**
4p.m.-7p.m. Student Union MPR 125
- 27 Jazz Fest Launch Party**
Dore Theatre
5:30p.m.-9:30p.m.
- 28-29 Jazz Fest**
Amphitheatre
4 p.m.-10 p.m.
- 28 Chemistry/Biochemistry Student Focus Group**
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- 28 Geology Seminar Series: Dr. Proper Torsu**
12 p.m.-1 p.m. SCI III 104
- Runner Nights: Wale Concert**
9 p.m.-1 a.m.
- 29 Roadrunner Science Day**
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Science 3 Lawn
- Celebrate CSUB**
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 1 May Day**
- 2 Geology Seminar Series: Dr. Lyndsay Ball**
4 p.m. -5 p.m. SCI III 104
- Spring Craft Fair: DDH Red Brick Road**
6 a.m-6 p.m.
- Brown Bag Series:**
12-1p.m. Stockdale Rm
- 3 CSUB Student Composers’ Concert**
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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Jonathan Hess/ Photos by Marizza Espinosa

This week The Runner asked, “How do you feel about Wale performing at Runner Nights?”



Jose Gonzalez
20
Biology

“I’m kind of indifferent about it but for those people that are Wale fans, it’s kind of cool to have someone who is known and not random.”



Anthony Hinojosa
21
Human Biology

“I’m sure Wale’s performance will be lit. I heard good things about him, even though I don’t know what he performs.”



Lizette Alvarado
21
Biochemistry

“I thought it was cool because we usually don’t hear about rappers coming to our campus.”



Christina Silva
21
Sociology

“I think it’s really good that he’s going to come and perform and I think it’s a great experience for everybody.”

FILM

Disney’s ‘LeFou’ provides inclusivity

By Anthony Jauregui
Opinions Editor

Once again a disenfranchised, oppressed and offended group of people have taken to petitions, with boycotting and Facebook statuses to express their growing anger of an alleged homosexual in a major Disney production.

And they're not even critics either, but the archaic people who still believe homosexuality is something that goes down in dark alleys and bathhouses are those that are offended.

My strife is not with Disney, conservatives nor women who run mom blogs, but with people who are entitled enough to make a big deal out of literally 3 seconds of "explicit homosexuality targeted to young viewers."

On March 16th Disney's re-make of 'Beauty and the Beast' made its debut starring the former Harry Potter star Emma Watson as Belle, Dan Stevens as The Beast, Luke Evans as Gaston and Josh Gad as LeFou.

The discourse from viewers is not that Gaston was way too old to play Gaston nor that this is a live action film bursting at the seams with computer generated images but people are actually upset that LeFou wears a pink tie, loves Gaston and dances with another man for about three seconds.

Apparently three seconds of dancing was enough to throw Malaysia and Kuwait over the

edge because after the premiere it was banned from viewers. They aren't the only ones offended, though.

Christian mom, Brooke Poston, posted on her blog "This Modest Mom" that she was boycotting Disney by canceling her \$6000 trip to Disney World because she doesn't want to support Disney's LGBT agenda.

"Disney isn't just aiming their efforts towards parents of Disney-aged children anymore. They are pointing a desperate finger at the innocence of our youth. Disney is targeting our youth like they're aiming at big game on a corporate hunting trip" says Poston on her blog.

At the top of her blog, Poston prefaces her views as: "WARNING: This post is based upon my very conservative opinion and my own Christian, Bible based, beliefs. I may not agree with your choices, but I love all people, no matter your race, ethnicity, political beliefs and/or lifestyle choices."

The point of Poston's blog is that she has her beliefs and morals, and those beliefs and morals require the need to disagree with homosexuality as per her religious beliefs.

And that's perfectly fine. We have the right to protest what we disagree with, and I admire her position in denying her child a trip to Disney World for the greater good.

The issue I have with people like Poston, are that sentiments like "They are pointing a des-

perate finger at the innocence of our youth" puts you in a couple positions.

The first is the "I am a virtuous person and I stand up for all and say that Disney is attacking the innocence of our children" position, which at first glance seems acceptable and dandy but it really makes you a narcissist.

The second being the narcissistic part of yourself that puts you in a victim's mask and tells the world that this huge corporation with all this power is shoving "gay" down my child's throat when they weren't the ones asking for it.

People like blogger Poston speak from a conservative stand viewpoint and with that comes a natural disagreement with homosexuality.

The bigger issue here is that Disney is making attempts to include all in their movies.

Showing homosexuality, minorities and other oppressed people's stories in their films puts their stories in the mainstream and prohibits them from living in the shadows of Hollywood watching the "privileged" people thrive.

Disney's incorporation of a gay character in Beauty in the Beast is a step in the right direction for inclusivity for all just like Moonlight winning best picture did for the academy awards.

So think about the bigger picture: Inclusivity goes a long way.

STAFF EDITORIAL

CSUB administration fails at communication

As CSU Bakersfield students, we are concerned with how little activity we see from our administration with student issues.

There are three issues we are choosing to focus on.

The decision to increase tuition seems to have gone unnoticed.

President Horace Mitchell emailed students about the decision by the CSU Board of Trustees to increase tuition on April 2.

After the email there has been no other type of information disseminated to students from administration. The editorial board has yet to see any kind of letter saying what administration is doing to fight against the tuition hike.

The California Faculty Association have been the only ones to show any kind of initiative to fight back.

We are glad to see that our student government is at least taking the first step in informing students.

"We have a campaign the first week of May called Day of Action. That is going to be to class presentation and explain to [students] this is what the tuition hike is and this is what it is going to do to you and how it affects you. On the actual day we will have an event. Other

universities are having a rally some universities are doing a protest, so it depends on what we decide to do that day," said Vice President of Programing Mariela Gomez.

This event has the potential to inform students who have not yet been informed why and how their tuition is being increased.

What is even more alarming is that our university failed to inform students of the incidents that have happened in Housing East in the recent months.

There were two incidents of rape in Housing East, one was rape of a drugged victim reported to UPD on March 19. The second was rape by force, fear, etc. reported on March 22.

There was no safety bulletin sent out by the university.

According to CSUB's Clery Report, which is a federally required report where the university records crimes that occur on campus says, "The University will issue a timely warning as soon as pertinent information is available when a Clery reportable crime is reported and poses an on-going/continuing threat to the community.

The UPD Chief or a designee is responsible for the decision to issue a timely warning.

UPD conducts a case by case

analysis is done utilizing open communication and collaboration, to determine if an on-going, or continuing threat exists."

We understand that the law will not allow the UPD to release details of the incident for the security of the investigation and for the protection of the survivor.

However, we are not asking the university to release the names of the aggressor or of the survivor.

All we ask is a news release that informs students of a crime of that magnitude especially when it happens on campus.

The editorial board worries because this happened where students live and we have yet to hear any kind of update or information as to what security measures housing or UPD will take to protect the students in Housing East.

The only reason The Runner was able to know about these incidents was because we asked for an incident report that dates back 60 days.

If we had not asked for this would anyone have known?

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PROFILE

Carter lets his play speak for itself

Dual threat leads pitching staff while batting cleanup



Trevante Hammonds/The Runner
Senior Max Carter (8) celebrates with his teammates after scoring a run in a game against the University of Portland on Feb. 25 at Hardt Field. Carter is hitting .357 on the season.

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“He was harder on me than he was on himself,” said Carter. “I definitely wouldn’t be the player I am today without him.”

Carter also said that his parents made sure that he had an education in addition to baseball. He maintained that he would not be able to play unless his homework was done and he received good grades.

“(My parents) were always really supportive of me, and talking to me and keeping my head up when I had bad days,” said Carter. “They were just there for me when I needed extra reps or anything I needed, they were there.”

As a product of Bakersfield and a Stockdale High School

graduate, this city is all that Carter has ever known and loved when it comes to baseball.

However, an issue that Carter faced in high school was gaining recognition.

Carter was supposed to attend Bakersfield High School, but a move caused him to attend Stockdale.

“No one really knew me, and it was kind of difficult for me to go out and play,” said Carter. “It was difficult to get my name out there, and it was really frustrating.”

In his sophomore year of high school, Carter showed his skills in front of coaches to get over his frustrations and emerge as a starter on the team.

Only one starting position was left, and all the players lined up to show them what they could do. Carter didn’t see any point in trying out for the third base position, so he practiced away from the team, which got some attention from the coaches.

“(The coaches) ended up watching that, and they saw me working with the shortstop, and they liked that,” said Carter. “It got my name out there for them. I guess they just like seeing people work.”

It was nice when the coach actually came up to me and told me he saw me, and I didn’t even know he was paying attention to me.”

Carter earned the starting shortstop position on the varsity team, which surprised him since the team already had the position filled.

Securing a position on the varsity team allowed Carter to play with his brother in high school, who was a senior at the time.

Making the decision to come to CSUB was a no brainer for Carter. He wanted that chance to play in front of his friends and family.

“It’s just getting to play at home. Getting to have my family come,” said Carter. “I didn’t apply anywhere else. This is the only place I wanted to go to and I couldn’t be happier being here.”

During his career at CSUB, Carter noted that there were also some barriers that he had to overcome within himself and past coaching staff.

“I was feeling stressed out,” said Carter. “I was feeling like people didn’t like me as a player. It made me a stronger player. It made me a better player. It’s something that I think every player goes through where they start doubting themselves and asking themselves ‘why are they really playing?’”

Carter also said that there was a former coach that made him doubt himself and who was particularly hard on him, but that he is no longer on the coaching staff.

Entering his fourth year at CSUB, Carter has been able to form relationships on and off the field with teammates.

Senior infielder David Metzgar sees Carter not only as a teammate, but as a brother.

“I’ve just grown so close to him,” said Metzgar. “I could tell him anything. He could tell me anything and we’re just comfortable around each other. He’s a great guy.”

Metzgar also talked about Carter’s versatility on the field and his ability to swing the bat, cover the bases and dominate

on the mound as well.

“Max is a all-around player,” said Metzgar. “He can pitch. He can hit. He can field. I guess he’s just a normal common athlete that does it all. I’ve been with Max for four years, and I’ve seen him do it all. He’s special.”

In Carter’s freshman year, he had a .267 batting average, two home runs, 25 runs batted in, and a 4.66 earned run average as a pitcher.

In his sophomore year, Carter was second on the team with a .327 batting average and 3.90 ERA.

In his junior year, Carter regressed to a .286 batting average and 7.47 ERA.

This year, so far, Carter has rebounded to a career best .347 batting average and team best 2.34 ERA.

Carter also has a 6-1 record on the season for the Roadrunners and 44 strikeouts on the season, which is the already the most he has had in any season with 18 games left this year.

CSUB interim head coach Jeremy Beard said that Carter’s versatility makes him very important to the team.

“I think Max is a very skilled player in a lot of different areas,” said Beard. “He has a high baseball IQ. He doesn’t hit with a lot of power, but he gets a lot of hits. His ability to throw multiple pitches for a strikes just makes him very valuable. You never know what’s coming with him.”

BASEBALL

Roadrunners sweep three game series against Utah Valley

Game 1

In the series opener on Thursday, April 13, The Roadrunners won 10-0 in 8 innings. Senior pitcher Max Carter retired the first 17 batters he faced en route to a complete game shutout. Carter totaled six strikeouts and only allowed two hits. It was the second two-hitter in CSUB history. Carter also went 2 for 5 at the plate and opened the scoring with an infield single to score junior Andrew Penner in the bottom of the first. In the third, CSUB broke the game open and sent 10 batters to the plate and scored five runs in the frame. The Roadrunners scored again the fourth when senior David Grotjohn hit a solo home run to right. It was his first of the season. A two-run single by senior David Metzgar in the fifth gave CSUB a 9-0 lead. Mark Pena singled in the bottom of the eighth with the bases loaded to score sophomore Cole Valleta to end the game as the Western Athletic Conference 10-run mercy rule came into effect.


Game 2

The following night, CSUB won 9-5 on the strength of a 4 for 4 performance by Grotjohn. It was his fourth four hit game of the season. He also recorded three runs batted in. Grotjohn and senior Malik Jones each recorded RBI singles in the bottom of the first to put the Roadrunners up early. Jones finished with four RBI in the win. The Wolverines scored a pair of unearned runs in the top of the third to tie the game. CSUB scored four more times in the fifth, highlighted by a two-run triple by sophomore Jake Ortega. Utah Valley scored twice in the sixth and once more in the seventh to make it a 6-5 game. The Roadrunners added three runs in the bottom half of the seventh to pad their lead. A two-run triple by Jones was the key moment in the inning. Andrew Hansen earned the win and improved to 3-0 on the season after throwing 5 1/3 innings after allowing four runs, however only one was earned.


Game 3

In the finale on Saturday, April 15, CSUB completed the sweep with a come-from-behind 7-5 win. Utah Valley jumped out to an early lead with two runs in the first and another in the third. Penner scored on a RBI groundout to make it a 3-1 game in the bottom of the fourth. The Wolverines scored two more runs in the top of the fifth. Trailing 5-1, CSUB scored once in the fifth on a Penner RBI single. Carter scored on a wild pitch in the sixth to bring the Roadrunners within two. In the bottom of the seventh, CSUB scored four runs to take a 7-5 lead. Penner had the big hit in the frame with a two-run single to left that tied the game. Metzgar doubled down the left field line to score Penner. Metzgar eventually scored on a Grotjohn single to cap the scoring. Junior Naithen Dewsnap pitched two perfect innings to pick up his seventh save of the season.


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CSUB SHOWS ITS PRIDE



Criminal justice major Alyssa Olivara, 24, hands out candy and wristbands at her booth at the Consent Carnival during Pride Week at the Student Union Patio on Monday, April 17.



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Three CSUB students talk with Amy Sanchez with the Alliance Against Family Violence's Consent Project during the Consent Carnival at CSUB on Monday, April 17.



Wendy Melendez, Alana Lim, Oscar Alvarez and Mariela Gomez of the Associated Students Inc. gave out free Subway sandwiches to students who participated in the Consent Carnival.

Consent Carnival kicks off week

By Sonia Lemus
Reporter

To kick off Pride Week, CSUB hosted the Consent Carnival on Monday, April 17 at Runner Park.

The festival was in partnership with the university's efforts to recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

CSUB President Horace Mitchell read a consent proclamation to begin the event.

The event had several booths from the LGBTQ club, Student Health Services and the Title IX coordinator, as well as many others. Title IX is a federal law that states no person be discriminated against in an educational program on the basis of gender.

The booths featured informational pamphlets, sheets, tea and food.

The tea booth encouraged people to watch the “Consent is as Simple as Tea” video on You-

Tube, in which sex is equated to tea: if a person doesn't want tea, don't make them drink tea. Students received cups of tea with an informational statistic or meme attached to it.

The LGBTQ booth encouraged people to join the club and promoted events that will be held throughout Pride Week. CSUB will be hosting events all week such as the Ally Rally on Wednesday, April 19 and Coming Out Stories on Thursday, April 20.

Jorge Villatoro, who is an administrative support coordinator in the president's office, was at the booth about Title IX.

"We want to make students aware of Title IX training," said Villatoro.

"The purpose of this event is helping promote education about consent and what it really means," said ASI Vice President of University Affairs Oscar Alvarez.

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