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Women Runners dominate Gators

The final score indicated a 20-point blow out, but the No. 14 ranked (NCAA Division II) Cal State Bakersfield women's basketball team worked hard to earn an 82-62 win over San Francisco State Saturday night at the Swamp in San Francisco.

The win keeps Bakersfield (21-2, 14-2 CCAA) in a tie for first place in the CCAA with Chico State, which defeated Cal Poly Pomona at home Saturday night. San Francisco State drops to 8-15 and 3-13 with the loss.

Senior guard Gillian Lillich (Camarillo HS) came off the bench to lead Bakersfield with a season-high 17 points. Senior forward Katie McElree (Apple Valley HS) added 16 points while freshman guard Kellie Tarver (Valencia HS) chipped in team highs of eight rebounds and six assists.

Senior wing Farryn Lewis led SFSU with 20 points. Senior forward Leslie Miller added a 10-point, 10-rebound double-double before fouling out in the closing seconds.

SFSU led in the early going until a McElree jumper put Bakersfield up 14-12 five and a half minutes into the game. Although the Roadrunners tried to put San Francisco away several times in the first half, a gritty effort by the home side kept drawing the Gators back into contention.

A Lewis layup got SFSU to within one point at 44-43 midway through the second half. A Lewis lay-up made the difference just two points, 51-49, with less than nine minutes to play.

But a Tarver three-point play and a Lillich three-pointer highlighted a quick 8-0 run that got the Bakersfield advantage back to double figures at 59-49, and the Roadrunners eased away from there.

Bakersfield returns to Southern California to play at regional contender Cal State L.A. Wednesday night. The Roadrunners play their regular season home finale Saturday (Feb. 25) against Cal State Monterey Bay in Rabobank Arena.

New rec center two years in the making

Sandra Vicuna
Assistant News Editor

Last May, students passed a referendum for the creation of a recreational center on campus.

The rec center is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008. It will be the second largest building specifically designed for students. The rec center is currently undergoing a design phase, which should take about one year and will move into the actual construction of the building in March 2007.

The architect firm, Sink Comb Dethlefs designed the 75,000-square-foot project. The company, which designed the rec centers for both San Diego State University and Fresno State University, works solely on rec and fitness centers and is listed on the CSU approved list.

SC Anderson, a local construction company, will be constructing the building on campus. The company is also working on the new Math & Science building.

"We've been very impressed with some of the work previously done on campus," says Dan Gianoutsos, ASi President.

The project is estimated to cost \$24 million. Inflation along with operational costs was built into the final price.

Students will also see more opportunities for on campus jobs with the new rec center.

"The majority of the people that will be staffing and supporting this building will be students," says Mike Neal, vice president for business and administrative

services. The rec center will have an administrator along with either a repairperson or a contract with a company.

Similar to the student union, the rec center will have a board of directors that will help decide costs and activities.

The project was originally slated at 67,000-square-feet, but was increased to 75,000-square-feet in accordance with President Horace Mitchell's master plan.

"I feel very comfortable that size we're building will meet not only the needs of the student population today, but as this university grows," says Pat Jacobs, director of facilities management. The rec center design also allows for future growth where new gyms can be built onto the existing building. According to Gianoutsos, many campuses don't plan for the future so when the building is finished, the campus has already out grown the facility.

"This is proposed for the future and I don't see us expanding that for 30 or 40 years," says Gianoutsos.

While the majority of the rooms inside the rec center are already designed, there are several flex rooms that students can help create. These rooms will be used for a variety of activities that could possibly include: martial arts, yoga and pilates.

Much of this part of the overall design is not set in stone because CSUB planners are waiting on student input so that the floors, which will be placed in the flex

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Student guitarist is major asset to Music Department

By Evelyn Martin
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Most devoted music fans know good music when they hear it. CSUB student and guitarist, Jeff Arday, knows good music when he writes it.

Arday, a Music major and Sociology minor, can give partial credit for his talent to the overwhelming presence of music in his family. His father plays guitar and his mother can sing. Additionally, his older brother Ryan plays piano.

He first picked up the guitar 11 years ago when he received a guitar for Christmas. From that point on, Arday felt compelled to develop his skills. As he grew, he drew inspiration from the music he enjoyed by bands like Nirvana and the Smashing Pumpkins.

Arday attended Ridgeview high school and before graduating in 2001, found himself playing in all of the ensembles within the school's music program.

After graduating, Arday took some time off from school but continued to perform. It was during this time that he first performed with the CSUB Jazz Ensemble. Arday enrolled at CSUB in the fall of 2002 and immediately threw himself into his studies. In spring of 2002 he was among the student musicians featured at the monthly Jazz Coffeehouses held in the Student Union.

Arday can still recall his first coffeehouse clearly and with contentment.

"I remember being highly out of tune for the first two [pieces], but it was a good time because it had been a while since I had a chance to perform in a setting such as that," said Arday.

Several coffeehouse and ensemble concerts later, Arday is still heavily involved with the Music Department's quarterly lineup of events.

Recently, he was encouraged by Music chair, Doug Davis, to enter the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra New Directions Student Composition Contest. The competition was open to high school and college students throughout Kern County who could compose music playable by the orchestra. Arday submitted his piece entitled, "Five



Isaac Rocha/ The Runner

Jeff Arday plays guitar at a Jazz Coffeehouse last quarter.

Diminutive Piano Movements," with a casual attitude and after weeks without notification, considered it nothing more than simply a good writing experience.

Shortly afterward, Arday received confirmation that he had won and the New Directions Concert is slated to feature his composition Feb 26th at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Additionally, Arday has contributed background music to "Makeup," one of the three one-act plays featured in the Theatre of New Voices, which runs Feb. 23-26 in the Dore Arena Theatre.

In his free time, Arday loves simple pleasures and enjoys being carefree and having a good time.

"I play music as a hobby and hang out with friends."

He is part of a band called "Polaroid Sky," with some of his close friends and also enjoys watching shows like "The Daily Show," and "Curb Your Enthusiasm," in addition to quirky and spontaneous baseball games behind the Music building with his

good friend and fellow musician, Andy Bonney.

Bonney, who has known Arday for two years, has developed a heightened sense of respect for Arday, both personally and musically.

"As a musician, he's a good performer, but he's also a really good composer. He produces [music] quickly. As a friend, he's always there," said Bonney.

Arday will be graduating after the Fall 2006 quarter and ideally would like to pursue his first love as much as possible.

"Ultimately, I'd like to write music and do other things like play or teach music on the side. [Writing music] is the only thing that I'd be entirely satisfied doing," Arday said.

Davis is undoubtedly impressed by Arday's intelligence and skills.

"Jeff has blossomed as a composer. He has found his niche and I couldn't be more pleased and proud," said Davis.

The feeling of admiration is mutual. "Doug is the man. I definitely look up to him and I'm happy that he endorses my music," said Arday.

Music lecturer and head organizer of the Jazz Coffeehouses, Jim Scully, has also seen immense growth in Arday as a guitar student and composer.

"It seems like the composition bug has bitten him leading to better and better pieces of music. He is a valuable member of our program, and as he continues to develop as a guitarist and composer he will find more and more doors open to him both academically and professionally," said Scully.

Arday has known Scully for several years and has learned a lot from him.

"I have always felt like I had support from Jim in learning and playing. I feel very lucky for every member of the music faculty I've been able to work with," said Arday.

Although the consensus is that he is exceedingly talented and has achieved great things even before he arrived at CSUB, Arday remains very humble and grateful for all of the enriching musical experiences he has been a part of.

"I always feel lucky to play my own music," said Arday.

Food for the soul serves up good ideas and food

By Ranjanpreet Nagra
Staff Writer

Remembering your past to determine your future was the main point made at this year's Food for the Soul dinner in celebration of Black History Month. The event was held last Friday in the Runner Café.

Annual Food for the Soul dinner has been celebrated for many years on CSUB campus.

"I remember coming to this event when I was in junior high," said Tiara Cox.

Cox is a student at CSUB and member of African-American Student Union (AASU) and Black Women on Campus (BWOC). She read and enacted a poem about African American history and the struggle of Blacks in United States.

This year's event was organized by the president of AASU, Didi Womack. At the beginning of the program Womack thanked members of Black Men on Campus (BMOC) and BWOC for helping in organizing the event.

The event began with the singing of The Black National Anthem. Womack invited President Mitchell to say a few words. On this event both President Mitchell and the first lady were dressed in African outfits which Mitchell said they bought in Ghana when they visited Africa.

"It was an eye-opening experience," Mitchell said about his visit to Africa.



Ranjanpreet Nagra/The Runner

Professor Patricia M. Henry speaks at Food for the Soul at the Runner Cafe.

Director of Educational Support Services Keith Powell said the blessing for the food, dining experience and entertainment for the evening. Dinner and dessert were provided by Good Grub Catering.

After dinner, students from Emerson Middle School presented speeches by important African American figures in history. Students sang songs and danced as part of the entertainment during the event.

Many African American professors and administrators were present at the event

including Dr. William Perry and Dr. Stanley Clark from the Political Science Department.

Professor Patricia M. Henry from CSUB Department of Social Work was the guest speaker. She talked about her experience of racism at the time of desegregation.

Henry noted that as a young child she was one of the first African American students to be escorted to a White school in order to desegregate education in the United States.

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Runner on the Street

By Ariana Estrada and Alexis Stokes

This week The Runner asked: What kind of rooms would you like to see in the new Rec Center?



Nathan Dietzel
Senior, Communications

“A relaxation room.”



Edith Ramos
Grad Student

“A sauna.”



Jason Lopes
Senior, Sociology

“Speed training and massage therapy.”



Leah Wolfolk
Junior, Sociology

“Ping Pong tournament with some big screens.”

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CSUB Weekly Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Movies in the Union
featuring Crash
11am, 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Location: Student Union

M.E.Ch.A. Taco Sale

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: DDH East
Outside

Thursday, Feb. 23

Winter Senior Exhibition
Event runs through
March 10th.
Tues.-Thurs. 1 p.m. - 5
p.m.,
Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Todd Madigan
Gallery

Theater of New Voices
8 p.m.
Location: Arena Theater

Japan and Beyond
Starts at 8:15 p.m.
Location: Green Room 132

Friday, Feb. 24

Theater of New Voices
8 p.m.
Location: Arena Theater

CSUB Athletics Auction &
Dinner Night
5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Location: Icardo Center

Saturday, Feb. 25

Theater of New Voices

2 pm & 8 p.m. On Sunday
2 p.m.
Location: Arena Theater

BCLAD Exam
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: RNEC 105

23rd Annual KC
Mathcounts
Starts at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Doré Theater

Women's Basketball
5:30 p.m.
Location: Rabobank Arena
Men's Basketball
7:30 p.m.
Location: Rabobank Arena

Homecoming Dance
10 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.
Location: Jungle Cafe

Monday, Feb. 27

Golf Family Motors
Invitational
Location: Seven Oaks
Country Club
Contact Runner Athletics
for time

Tuesday, Feb 28

TPC Lunch & Learn Study
Skills
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: BDC 401

Around town entertainment calender

Compiled by Evelyn Martin
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Feb 23-26

CSUB Theatre department presents
Theatre of New Voices. 3 student-written
and directed one-act plays. \$10 general,
\$8 Seniors(60+), CSUB faculty and staff.
\$6 CSUB students. Dore Arena Theatre.
9001 Stockdale Hwy. Feb 25-26 @ 2 p.m.
and 8 p.m. Call 654-2240.

Feb 24

Korn in concert with special guests,
Mudvayne and Ten Years. Rabobank
Arena. Tickets \$25.50-\$35.50. 7:30 p.m.
1001 Truxtun Ave. Call 852-7777.

Feb. 25

CSUB Basketball vs. CSUMB. 5:30 p.m.

Rabobank Arena. 1001 Truxtun Ave. Call
661-852-7777

Major League Improv Comedy. 6 p.m.
Spotlight Theater. 1622 19th Street Call
661-634-0692.

Feb. 26

A New Directions Concert, with the
Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra. 4 p.m.
Sunday, St. Paul's Episcopal Church. 2216
17th Street. \$10 adults; \$5 students. Call
661-323-7928.

Feb. 27

Bakersfield Condors vs. Fresno Falcons. 7
p.m. Rabobank Arena. 1001 Truxtun Ave.
Call 661-852-7777.

Mar. 1

Bakers field Condors vs. Fresno Falcons. 7
p.m. Rabobank Arena. 1001 Truxtun Ave.
Call 661-852-7777

Bakersfield Unplugged Concert. Xander's
Grill. 19th Street and Chester Ave. 8 p.m.

Art Exhibit featuring Mexican and Latin
American Art. Past and Present. Featured
compositions include works from famous
Mexican muralists Diego Rivera, Jose
Clemente Orozco and David Alfaro
Siqueiros. Bakersfield Museum of Art.
1930 R Street. Call 661-323-7219. Jan. 12-
Mar. 27.

Health Center offers students affordable health care

By Beverly Weber
Staff Writer

Many of us have no responsibility accept
for balancing school work and a little
debauchery while maintaining a sufficient
amount of time management to make it
home for dinner on time. There are no wor-
ries if a cavity appears or if a tumble deters
a night out with cronies because mom and
dad has always been a stable pillar to safe-
guard any struggle or substantial worry.

Painting another picture, there are also stu-
dents who fall under the less affluent popu-
lation in which struggle is prevalent on an
everyday basis. Recurring nightmares per-
sist when thinking about the flu seasons
approach because health coverage is not a
luxury that has been bestowed in one's adult
life. In this situation, the word student is
synonymous with struggle.

Many students are currently struggling
with ailments such as the flu or a cold that
will remain untreated because of their lack
of resources or financial support. Relief can
be found, however, through a source that
many are unaware of. Every quarter, a per-

centage of the tuition you pay goes toward
the services that the health center provides
that any student attending a CSU school can
take advantage of.

"It is an untapped resource that many stu-
dents are unaware of," states Kelly
Bowling, a CSUB student who recently
received guidance and aid through the
health center. She continues "I haven't
received medical coverage since I was
eighteen and for the first year I was here, I
was always sick and I couldn't do anything
about it. When it got to the point where I
couldn't function without medication, I
would spend a ton of money on a prescrip-
tion, which I later found that the health cen-
ter could provide for much cheaper."

The Health Center provides outpatient
services and is fully equipped with examin-
ing and treatment rooms, minor procedure
rooms, x-ray, clinical laboratory and phar-
macy services and all students currently
enrolled at CSUB are eligible for care at the
Health Center. The only requirements need-
ed when making an appointment is an ID
card when arriving to an appointment.

Some of the services provided include

immunizations, including Hepatitis,
influenza, measles, and the mumps. The
Health Center also provides care with gen-
eral health screenings, Breast and pelvic
examinations, HIV and STD testing, male
and female contraceptives, X-rays needed
for skeletal injuries, programs in health edu-
cation, Medications, and personal and con-
fidential counseling.

Be sure to take advantage of the Health
Center during the academic school year
because services are only provided while a
student is enrolled at the University. Also,
emergency care is not available as well as
treatment for long term illnesses that has
caused hospitalization through injuries or
accidents. In addition, after-hour care and
in-house hospitalization is unavailable.

If a health issue persists and options are
limited, visit the Health Center Monday and
Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
accept for holidays. Walk-ins are always
welcome; however appointments are highly
encouraged to minimize waiting time.

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rooms, can be specialized for the specific activi-
ties.

For students who are not interested in athletics,
the rec center will also provide a social environ-
ment, where students can hang out and relax.
According to Gianoutsos, there will be a lounge
area along with a juice bar. Students will also be
able to sit inside a patio area and watch the intra-
mural games.

Jacobs explains that the patio will be enclosed
with wrought iron or something similar in order to
control the access to and out of the patio area, but
in a non-disruptive way so students can still view
the games outside.

As part of the rec center project, a new intramural
field will be created. The field will be funded by
the rec center budget, but will be run and main-
tained by the intramural program.

According to Neal, CSUB currently doesn't have
a facility for students to have evening activities due
to lack of lighting. The new field will contain
lights so night activities can occur along with
portable benches for spectators.

The facilities inside the building will be available
for only students and possibly staff. CSUB athlet-

ic teams will not practice on the athletic equipment
inside the rec center, but athletes can use the equip-
ment outside of training.

The rec center includes three basketball courts.
The planners are going the extra mile to ensure that
the facility is to be used by students only.

"We're purposely not making these the intercolle-
giate length," says Jacobs. Gianoutsos explains
that basketball teams have to practice on regulation
courts. The basketball courts inside the rec center
will be slightly shorter.

The first floor will house the basketball courts,
two locker rooms, two aerobic rooms, a fitness
room with two specialized fitness rooms, the
lounge with the juice bar and the climbing wall,
which will lead up into the second floor.

The second floor will contain the administrative
offices along with a conference room. There will
be a stretching room and a walking/jogging track
that will overlook the basketball courts. The rec
center building will contain two sets of stairs and
one elevator along with outside exits.

When the rec center is completed, students who
have graduated will still be able to use the facility
for each quarter the referendum fee was paid.
Runner cards will be used to gain entrance into the
rec center facilities.

Please email ASi@csub.edu if you have any sug-
gestions or ideas regarding the rec center.

Club names drawing winners

The CSUB TRIO
ParaPro Club announced
the winners of its
Valentine's Day drawing.
Winning Valentine's
Baskets were Gloria
Casteñeda and Stella
Chavez. Cathy Pyle won
a dozen red roses in the
drawing.

TPC and STAAR repre-
sentatives said they
would like to thank all
the participants in the
drawing and congratulate
the winners.

Where have all our students gone?

Editorial
By Wesley Coble
Staff Writer

As I sat at one of our Runner Ladies Tennis matches, it dawned on me that I was one of only three spectators besides a few of the parents who were there to support their daughters on the team.

Lets get serious Cal State; we are making the push to Division I athletics and we can't even get a quarter of our students to show up and support our outstanding athletics. We have a great basketball team relatively few students go out to support. We have more alumni who pay to go to the games than current students who get in for free.

So over the week I took the opportunity to ask a few people what they knew about Runner athletics. I ask the same questions of a variety of people I saw walking through DDH and I received the responses I thought I would get. I asked the students three very simple questions. Can you tell me what athletic programs CSUB offers? Do you know when the next match/game is? Do you go to the games and if not why?

The first person that I asked is a freshman business major who said, "I know we have sports on campus because I see posters, but I have never gone to a game because I don't know where we play."

Then I asked a young man who said he was a junior in the English department and said that he had gone to a few basketball games and he knew we had track, swimming and wrestling teams but other than that he was unaware of any other athletic programs at CSUB.

After speaking with him I

wanted to wait a little bit a see if I could find a few students that might look like they knew about Cal State Athletics.

So, I asked a few students sitting at a table attempting to sell candy and flowers for Valentines Day. They said that they know we have a basketball team but don't go watch them play because they are bored by the sport. However, they would have been more likely to have gone if they knew when they played and the fact that they could get in for free.

So, CSUB, what I am trying to hint at is that we have athletic events on and around our campus that we need to get out and support. There are calendars floating around campus that you can take home so you know when and where our teams are competing. You may not like the sport but you should still go out and cheer on our sports athletes.

Yes, students, I understand that there is a lack of promotion towards our athletic events. The marketing of our teams might not be the greatest and may need to improve but until that occurs we as a campus need to try our hardest to rally around the events remaining this academic year.

We as a university can only move forward to a competitive level of Division I if we as students yell and scream to the top of our lungs at our athletic events.

So, I would like to present a challenge to all CSUB students to attend a sporting event that you may not have supported before. It just takes a few hours of your time but it will make all the difference in the world to our athletes to have fans in the stands. Check out sport events by visiting www.gorunners.com

Eat healthy near campus while not breaking your budget

By Wesley Coble
Staff Writer

Several people have been asking where they can go to eat near campus that is going to offer healthy options; so I set out to find those tucked-away dinners.

If you want to go sit down and enjoy a healthy meal that is reasonable in cost and quality and will fill you up then head over to the Market Place and order Applebee's Weight Watchers menu. It offers a variety of options that are not only healthy and affordable but are tasty as well. While you are there try the Teriyaki Steak N' Shrimp Skewers it is a meal that is sure to please anyone and at 370 calories you can't go wrong. As for other options in the dining area stay in the Market Place for a little Baja Fresh and pick up a couple Grilled Mahi Mahi Tacos or try their Original "Baja Style" Tacos. Both are sure to fill the stomach and have the proper mix of protein and carbs to keep you going.

Just when you thought you were going to get to leave the Market Place and escape all the junior high kids I am telling you for your dining pleasure its time to head to the market. Vons offers a variety of precooked meals that are inexpensive and are tasty as well. You can get a rotisserie chicken a garden salad and go

for a picnic to enjoy the outdoors or just pick up a grilled chicken breast wrap to go. Either way you are going to be happy with your order.

OK, now you can leave the Market Place and head over to the other side of campus and enjoy a meal at the one and only Trader Joe's, the Market with the most. Pick up some fresh fruit and a stuffed pita and head back to campus to catch your afternoon class.

But, if you really want a healthy meal at an inexpensive cost then you need to stay on campus and walk over to the Commons where they offer three fantastic meals a day. The Commons offers you cafeteria-type dinning that will surprise you with its variety and great taste. I know what you're saying "cafeteria food" but trust me on this one, you can get anything from a chicken sandwich to vegetarian lasagna.

The Commons has come around in the past year with Chef Martinez taking over. He has made it a point to offer healthy yet very flavorful food at every experience.

So, when it comes to dining near campus you have a variety of options to choose from so don't limit yourself to China Bistro or Carl's Jr., try another hot spot and, trust me, your stomach will thank you for it in the long run.

Judo excels as campus club

By Kyle O'Connor
Staff Writer

One of the many successful clubs on campus is the Judo club. Judo is a sport that is along the lines of wrestling and focuses a lot on grapples and throws.

Since Judo is an international sport as well as an Olympic sport there are many tournaments and competitions. Most members of the Judo club compete on a local, regional and are training for state level and many place high and even in the top three.

Along with the practices during class, the club also meets downtown at the Buddhist Church on N street.

The class and club are under

the authority of the Bakersfield Judo club, which is under the authority of the Kodokan, in Japan. Japan is considered to be the mecca of judo and produces many fine judokas, who are people that appreciate and compete in the sport of judo.

There are five belts and each belt has degrees to it. The lowest rank is the white belt and the highest rank is the Black belt. To join the Judo club you need to take the on-campus classes that are offered, which meet in the wrestling room on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

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In the 1954 case of Brown vs. Board of Education, Chief Justice Earl Warren declared separate but equal unconstitutional.

"We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal," Warren said.

Henry remembered the time she was the only black student in her school and no white students would play with her.

"They were told by their par-

ents not to play with me," Henry said.

Henry emphasized to the younger generation to remember their heritage and history.

"You cannot know where you are going unless you know where you've been," Henry said.

Henry's speech was received with applause. President Mitchell thanked Henry for the speech. He also introduced the new VP of Student Affairs Shelley Ruelas and the first lady Barbara Mitchell to the guests.

The event ended at about 9 p.m. with Womack thanking everyone for coming.

Essay winners announced

By Rosie Cruz
Staff Writer

It has always been said that laughter is medicine for the heart. However, one cannot help but stop and wonder whether if this is a time-tried truth or just an ignorant, silly-folk way of thought. Students participating in the Common Essay Project were asked to analyze and critically examine comedy and more importantly, the power of humor.

Almost every quarter English 110 students are asked to write on a specific prompt involving issues that are current and pertinent to student life. The essay must be written from beginning to end in class and is timed. These essays are then graded by a group of English department faculty during a grading session.

These efforts, headed by Rebecca Hewett, on behalf of the student and several faculty members compose the Common Essay Project. The process is not only helpful in challenging students to meet writing goals, but also serves its purpose in the administrative sphere.

Upon reviewing the essays that are written, faculty members can familiarize themselves with the writing level of their students and therefore regulate the grading standards.

Out of about 190 essays, three winners were chosen. First place was awarded to Sara Hoyt of Kaye Falconer's class. Abelardo Becerra took second place and third place went to Ernest Hill.

The Common Essay Project also serves as an incentive to motivate students to write their



Photo courtesy of English Department
Abelardo Becerra



Photo courtesy of English Department
Ernest Hill



Photo courtesy of English Department
Sara Hoyt

best as prizes are awarded. Anita DuPratt, CSUB's Theatre Department Chair, provided winners with tickets to the up-and-coming production, CSUB's Twelfth Night scheduled to debut in May. Other prizes included free tickets to the Gaslight Melodrama, the Spotlight Theatre and the Major League Improv.





Auction in the Islands

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Performing Arts center gets down at Doré

By David Lopez
Staff Writer

On Saturday, a local performance art center filled the Dore Theater stage with amazing dance numbers, acting and music.

The show lasted approximately 3 hours and the cover charge \$20 at the door.

The show had a Black History theme and there were various dance numbers that, ranging from wild safari to hip hop. The show displayed the tragedy of death and murder that occur in everyday human life as well as stereotypes that occur between men and women in a comedic tone. In one instance a mother and son are speaking and the son demanded that his food for dinner and instead of getting angry the mother replies with comedy. Although it showed negative aspect of life, the show's main focus was on change, inspiration and fun. For example, the show included break dancing and choreo-

graphed dances performed by various people, ranging from approximately 3 to 33.

The event was organized by Lakurette Milier, who is a former student of CSUB. She graduated in 2004 and obtained a degree in Performing Arts. Soon after Milier opened her own performing arts center, the LQ's Performance Arts Center.

At the center, people can take classes to learn and express themselves artistically. Each year Miller showcases what the students have learned. In some cases Milier's students are asked to perform for various local high school.

The event not only showcased sadness, stereotypes and inspiration in music dance and acting, but it also displayed the talent of the community.

The LQ Performing Art Center is located at 1300 19th Street.



David Lopez/The Runner
Performers from LQ's Center dance at the Doré.

A night out on the town

By Bianca Gutierrez
Staff Writer



As the weekend comes, some of you may find yourselves wondering what you are going to do on your days off. While some may opt for a few nights out of town, the rest of you might settle for a place close to home.

Depending if you are a minor or over 21, some of your ideas for a fun night can be limited. I am here to provide you with some things that will keep you entertained and occupied in a town that has constrained possibilities.

First, you have to think of something you like to do. Whether you like to go eat, dance or hang about, I'm sure there is something in this town that will satisfy your late night buds.

To enjoy an adventurous and tasty atmosphere, go to the Elephant Bar located just west of the university on Stockdale Highway. This chic restaurant has a little something for all ages. In addition, for those of you almost 21, their virgin tropical drinks on the menu are enough to hold you over until you are of age.

Another place that I checked out was the New Orleans's

style restaurant Gumbeaux's on 1804 Chester Ave. After-hours on the weekends you can sit in this candle lit environment while listening to vivacious, live jazz bands as you're eating their famous shrimp gumbo.

Walking out of the restaurant, I stumbled across a 20-year-old gentleman. A little curious, I asked him what he liked to do on a weekend night.

"I was scrounging for some change earlier today and came up with a few dollars; some of us meet at Jerry's Pizza and are now headed to Chuy's for a bite to eat," said Aaron Nelson.

There you have it, someone underage looking to have some excitement.

According to Nelson, Chuy's is ultimate hot spot for those on a tight budget and not quite of age. Chuy's has two locations in Bakersfield, one the corner of Wilson and Stine and the other located on Rosedale Highway.

Now, I have given you a few places where you can take a date or friend who is not quite past the legal age limit to hit the clubs or bars.

But, for those of you over 21, don't be discouraged; Elephant Bar, Gumbeaux's and Chuy's well accommodate those of you who are ready to drink a few cocktails.

Can You Answer This Question?



Question # 5

This is part of a series of questions that will help clarify the meaning of academic integrity.

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Water polo splits two on Saturday

By Ty Cannon
Staff Writer

The Women’s Water Polo team split a pair of games in the CSUB Invitational last weekend. It was the first of three home tournaments this season for the Roadrunners.

In Saturday’s first game against Cal Lutheran the Roadrunners jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

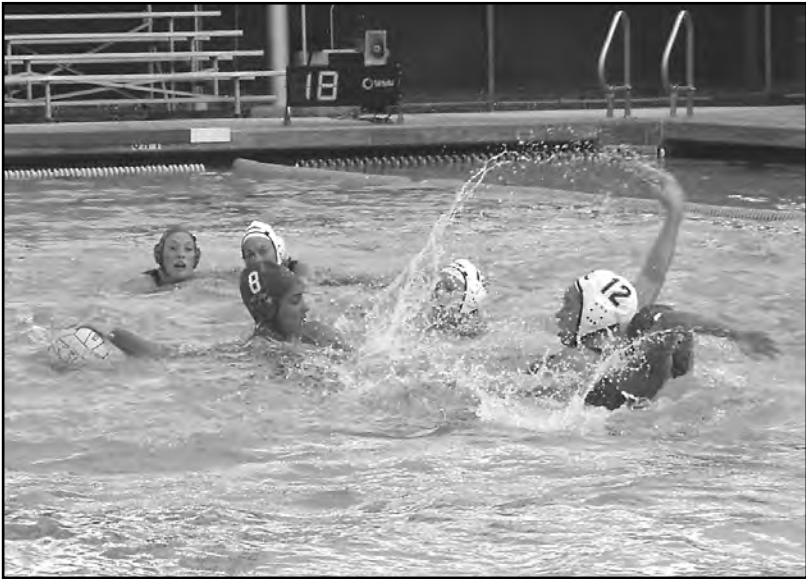
Eight different players scored for the Runners, led by Yulia Blinovskaya and Kaila Karr who each had four goals. Seniors Jamie Baker, Emma Keogh, Junior Kelly Bowling, Freshmen Amanda Ortiz, Keri Naffzinger and Lori Bates also got in on the action.



Beverly Weber/Runner
Runner Jamie Baker (with ball) looks to pass to Katherine Gillett (3) as UCSD’s Britta Nordstrom (3), Michelle Perkins (13) and Miho Umezawa defend.

Bowling, a defensive specialist in her first year at CSUB, scored her first two goals as a Roadrunner in game one.

“I was really excited because a couple of the girls always ask ‘Are you going to score today?’ It was nice to get a couple goals in there,” said Bowling.



Beverly Weber/Runner
CSUB’s Amanda Ortiz (8) tries to evade the defense of UCSD’s Flynn LaRochelle (12). UCSD would go on to defeat the Runners 10-5

CSUB would end up taking game one 18-7.

For the Runners’ second game on Saturday they would face the number 15 ranked team in Division I, UC San Diego.

Game two was a very physical and hard fought game. The Tritons got out to an early lead and their defense did not allow the Runners to make a charge.

The tone for the game was set in the first quarter when Ortiz was

kicked hard in the face when swimming down to play defense. She retaliated by playing very tough but the referee gave her a 20 second penalty, which would be the first of several Roadrunner penalties in the game.

CSUB also had two players ejected from the game, leaving the Runners shorthanded and unable to mount a charge.

Goalkeeper Tanya Yakhina made some great saves in game two but in the end the Tritons would prove to be too much, beating the Runners 10-5.

CSUB has been tested early in the season facing fellow Division I powers UCLA and USC who are ranked number one and two in the nation respectively. However, the Runners have held their own with big wins over 14 ranked Hartwick University and 19 ranked CSU Northridge, who the Runners have already beat twice this season.

With these wins over nationally ranked opponents the Runners hope to get their first top 20 ranking in the program’s history.

“In the four years that I have been here that has always been our goal, to get into the top 20. With this year’s team we have a great chance of making it happen,” said Baker, the teams co-captain.

CSUB has a well balanced team this year. Baker and Keogh are both very experienced players. Keogh is also a member of the Australian national team. Newcomer Ortiz is a member of the Puerto Rican national team. Blinovskaya and Yakhina are both from Russia and bring even more international experience to the team. The Roadrunners are rounded out by a group of young talented players that hope to make CSUB a national power in years to come.

The Runners head to the Redlands Invitational this weekend before returning home on March 5 for the Runnerfest Invitational.

Runner men win both over weekend

Story Courtesy of Sports Information

The Cal State Bakersfield men's basketball team played one of its most complete games of the season Friday night to regain a share of first place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association with a 63-50 win at Sonoma State in Seawolf Gym.

Bakersfield (17-5 overall, 12-3 CCAA) grabs a share of the lead from Sonoma State (14-7, 12-3) with five games remaining in the regular season. More importantly, the Roadrunners earn a season split of the season series with Sonoma-and important tie-breaker should the race be tied at the final gun.

Sonoma made a free throw to open the game, but that 1-0 edge would be the only lead the Seawolves would enjoy Friday night. A quick 10-0 run early in the game snapped a 5-5 tie and gave Bakersfield a 15-5 lead. Sonoma would never get closer than six the rest of the way.

Senior forward Antonio Griffin led the Roadrunners with a game-high 23 points. But Friday's win proved to be a true team effort.

The Roadrunner defense sparked the win. Bakersfield held Sonoma to just four field goals and 20 percent shooting from the field in the first half. That effort helped the Roadrunners build a 32-20 lead at the break. Bakersfield then turned the screws by forcing 12 second-half turnovers as it kept the Seawolves at arm's length down the stretch.

In addition to winning the team battle, Roadrunner defenders won many of the individual battles as well. High-scoring Vince Inglima, who entered the game averaging better than 17 points per night, scored just one Friday. J.T. Tipton, who averaged nearly 15 points and eight rebounds per game, had just four points and one rebound.

The Roadrunner bench also played a pivotal role in the win. With several starters in early foul trouble, reserves such as Marlon Mitchell, Luis Pulido and Carl Damus not only kept the Roadrunners in the game, but helped the extend their lead to as many as 17 points in the second half.

Mitchell, playing a season-high 20 minutes, responded with a season-high 10 points. Damus scored four points and grabbed five key rebounds in just 16 minutes.

In Saturday’s action the Runners celebrated their return to first place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association race with its best performance of the season in a 96-48 win over San Francisco State Saturday night at the Swamp in San Francisco.

The Roadrunners (18-5, 13-3 CCAA) keep pace with Sonoma State in the CCAA race. Sonoma was a 107-73 winner over Cal State L.A. Saturday night in Sonoma.

Bakersfield played near flawless basketball in all phases of the game, but it was their three-point shooting that stood out among all the highlights. The Roadrunners set a school record with 16 three-pointers, breaking the old mark of 14 threes set twice previously.

Senior forward Antonio Griffin led the long-range gold standard by going 5-for-5 as part of his game-high 24point performance. Senior guard Marlon Mitchell (Ontario HS) added a 5-for-7 effort from beyond the arc as part of his career-high 19-point night.

The Roadrunners jumped out early, shooting 63 percent (20-of-32) from the field while building a 53-28 halftime lead. The big lead gave Head Coach Keith Brown a chance to get his reserves extended playing time, and that group grew the lead by an additional 23 points in the second half.

Eleven of the 12 Roadrunners in uniform scored Saturday night. Junior center Carl Damus didn't score in seven minutes of action and Richard “Zeke” Andrews scored just two, but the duo combined to play just 18 minutes as they were nursing preexisting injuries and ended their nights early.

Junior forward Demtrius Orme was the only Roadrunner other than Mitchell and Griffin to reach double figures, finishing with 10 points. Five other players scored between five and eight points. Senior guard Tim Barnes added a game-high eight assists.

Swim team features foreign presence

By Juan Torres
Assistant Sports Editor

The CSUB men’s swim team is made up of people who come from all over the nation , and even the world. Each member of the swim team brings something unique to the team as a whole in turn can help the team have a successful season.

Sampo Sissala is a freshman who specializes in the freestyle and butterfly strokes. He is from Joensuu, Finland. What first caught his interest in swimming was when his dad took him to the pool.

“I was about 7 years old when my dad took me to the pool. I really enjoyed it and I had an interest in swimming ever since,” said Sampo Sissla. In his home country , Sissala has set Finnish records

in relays.

Florian Chazot is a sophomore from Puylaurens, France. He specializes in the Sprint Freestyle and the butterfly stroke.

“I have worked as a lifeguard before and I did other sports. When I was 16, my high school coach noticed that I had good skills in the water and asked me to join,” Chazot said. When he is not swimming, Chazot enjoys traveling.

“One of the interesting places that I have been to is Brazil,” Chazot said. His swim club back in France has taken third in a French national interclub meet. Chazot is also a Division II champion.

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Students express themselves in the 'Theater of New Voices'

By Evelyn Martin
Asst. Entertainment Editor

The creative minds of student playwrights will have their plays come to life in the Doré Arena Theatre this weekend as the Theatre of New Voices will feature three one-act plays.

This biannual event will showcase "A Social Political Melodrama on the Subject of Makeup" (shortened to "Makeup,") "Loss of Time" and "Your Number's Up."

"Makeup," written by Francisco Aragon is about women's rights in America as a woman named Joan is torn between serious decisions on the day of her wedding.

"Loss of Time," written by English major Gerald Rodriguez, takes place in 1957 and is about a man named JR who is trying to reconnect with his father and go beyond just a friendship with his close friend Sophie.

Rodriguez wrote the play originally for his playwrighting class and based some of the characters on people he knew in real life.

Rovi A.S. Moren wrote the third play in the production entitled "Your Number's Up." Moren took a very unique approach with this play, setting it in hell and featured the devil as one of the lead characters. Moreover, the set for the play is very abstract and evocative of Cirque du Soleil.

Moren was thankful as she considered the few days that remain before opening night.

"I feel really honored. I've never had any work like that produced before. I feel encouraged," Moren said.

The process by which these plays were chosen was meticulous. Last spring, the Theater department made announcements for submissions and students eagerly submitted their best works. Shortly thereafter, a panel of theater faculty including supervisor of the project and theatre professor, Mandy Rees, was formed.

Along with the faculty, one student, theater major Todd Marion, was selected to join as well based on his attentiveness in class and a sincere interest in working with them on the project.

The panel chose plays on the basis of their readiness for performance and quality of content. Students were given the chances to revise their works as needed and ultimately, the plays were narrowed down to the three that were selected.

"Each of these playwrights had a distinct style of writing and a strong purpose in what they wanted to say with the play," said Rees.

Marion also noted his support of the plays chosen and found particular interest in Moren's work, "Your Number's Up."

"Her approach to the play was really different and funny," said Marion.

Each of the playwrights was appointed a student director who had taken directing classes and seemed capable of capturing their vision.

Rodriguez noted how fellow student and director, Jeff Locke, grasped the feel of the play.

"The director interpreted the play the way I intentionally wrote it. He got it," said Rodriguez.

Various students and faculty have collaborated with the directors to help bring the plays to the stage successfully. Roles in the play are coveted by students in addition to other areas of the production including lighting, wardrobe and even scoring.

The series of plays will run Feb. 23-25 at 8 p.m. in the Doré Arena Theatre, with special matinee presentations at 2 p.m. Feb 25 & 26. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors, CSUB faculty and staff and \$5 for students. For any additional information, contact Mandy Rees at 654-2240.



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