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'Nickel and Dimed' doesn't come up short

By Marcus Mulick
Staff Writer

Bakersfield, California. Life as it should be. Brand new homes. Beautiful parks. Nice people. Life just doesn't get much better than this.

But what about the single mothers working for minimum wage full time? Or immigrants struggling not only to pay the rent, but also to learn the language while trying to support a family? Do they think that this is 'life as it should be'?

This is why "Nickel and Dimed," directed by Mandy Rees, is a welcome reminder of why they put the 'working' in 'working class.'

Based on the best-selling book by Barbara Ehrenreich, "Nickel and Dimed" tells the story of an accomplished journalist Barbara, played by Amy Lynn Echeverria, who leaves her luxurious Key West home to venture into the working class, taking on various minimum wage jobs and finding the cheapest lodgings while hiding her true identity.

Barbara talks to the audience to let them know exactly what she is thinking. In the beginning, there is a sense that she has no idea what she is doing and that she thinks she can do this no problem. But it's evident from her first day of work at Kenny's, a low-end restaurant, that Barbara may be in over her head.

Echeverria plays a very believable Barbara. Her innocence and ignorance is undeniable in the opening act, and as she becomes more deeper



Photo courtesy of Mandy Rees

involved in the working class, her monologues become fiercer and her character becomes stronger. When in the beginning she was afraid to speak up, in the end she is quick to state her frustrations with the tribulations of the working class.

The supporting cast of 12 includes strong performances by Vanessa Renteria as a middle-aged

waitress, Kendall Bruton as an aging motel maid and Rachel Creott as a Jesus preaching Mall-Mart employee.

Bruton gives an eye opening performance as an aging motel maid who is on her last tank of gas. Her joints can barely bend because she has been working for so many years, and she moves at a turtle like pace. Her lunch consists of hot dog buns and she takes daily soap opera breaks to soothe her aching body.

Satin Unique Langley gives an all-too-real performance as Holly, who works for a maid service. Holly reveals that she is pregnant, but urges her coworkers not to tell her boss for fear of losing her job. When Holly falls down the stairs and is obviously hurt in the process, she ignores Barbara's demands that she sit down and ice her knee. Langley plays the part with great emotion and it becomes obvious to the audience that things like this happen every day across the country; working class individuals too afraid to look out for the best interest for fear of losing their minimum wage job.

The men in the cast bring a comedic edge to the performance. Fabian Vasquez Euretsi gives a hilarious performance as Hector, a Hispanic cool trying to keep up with the never-ending food orders.

(Nickel continued on page 5)



photo courtesy of Mandy Rees

CSUB promotes depression awareness

By Nathan Campbell
Staff Writer

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 15 million American adults suffer from depression every year. This month is National Depression Awareness month. National Depression Awareness month was created to alert the public about the problem of depression in America. Depression is a mental illness that affects the mood, body, and thoughts. College campuses are no exception. According to Gia Marks, a CSUB Counseling Center Counselor, most adults suffer from depression at some point in their life. Stress, which has been directly linked to depression, is commonplace amongst CSUB students who often have classes, social and financial obligations to worry about. According to the Counseling Center, no official survey had been conducted regarding depression in CSUB students, but Marks believed that depression rates at CSUB would probably be very similar to other college campuses.

Janet Millar, a counselor at CSUB, reported that symptoms of depression are sometimes hard to distinguish from the normal changes of adjusting to college life.

A list of signs and symptoms of depression provided by the CSUB Counseling Center includes:

- Depressed mood, sadness, excessive crying or the inability to cry
- Loss of pleasure or interest
- Feelings of guilt or worthlessness
- Disturbed sleep patterns
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Change in weight or appetite
- Slowed movements or the inability to stay still
- Thoughts of death or suicide

The symptoms may come gradually, making distinguishing depression difficult. Students that notice that they, or someone they know, exhibit several of the aforementioned symptoms are encouraged to seek help.

The CSUB Counseling Center offers students resources for coping with stress, and depression. Students can receive personal, confidential counseling for no cost. The Student Health Center Doctors can also prescribe medications for depression, which can also be obtained through the Health Center's Pharmacy.

The Counseling Center has four counselors including Gia Marks, Michael Harville, LaShawn Barefield and Janet Millar. Some of the services provided by the center include: couple counseling, family counseling, Spanish counseling, consultation to faculty and counselors can act as advocates for students who may be in danger of academic probation or expulsion.

The Counseling Staff also teach several GST courses each quarter which are designed to help students to be more successful. The classes are offered quarterly, and are generally credit/no credit courses.

For more information about depression or the CSUB Counseling Center, call (661) 654-3366 or access their website at <http://www.csub.edu/counselingcenter/>.

The Legends take 1st place in Intramural Football



Juan Torres/The Runner
The Legends pose with their trophies as Intramural Champions.

ASi president leads on gridiron as well. Read more about the close game, including the controversial call, as well as previews of wrestling and men's and women's basketball on Page 6.

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ASi president encourages a campus-wide watch program

By Kenneth Beurmann
Special editorial to the Runner

We've all seen the "Neighborhood Watch" signs posted up in numerous neighborhoods throughout Bakersfield. The idea of a neighborhood watch program is simple: I will watch your property when you are not present, in return you will watch my property when I am not present, and in the end all of us will feel more comfortable and safe when our property is left unattended.

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, someone stole the back license plate off of my truck while it was parked in Parking Lot K. When I filed a police report, Sergeant Perry Eggleston of the CSUB Campus Police told me that criminals will often steal license plates in order to obtain the registration sticker. Thus, sometime between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. someone walked up to my truck, took out a screw driver, unscrewed my license plate, and walked away with it.

CSU Bakersfield is notorious for consistently having one of the lowest crime rates out of the 23 California State University campuses. After my license plate was stolen I filed a police report, went to the DMV, paid 17 dollars for a new plate, and went on with my life. Then came Monday, October 30th, and the horrible news that my truck had just been broken in to.

According to the police report and two witnesses, three Hispanic males pulled up in a red car, broke my passenger window, ripped out my CD player, cut and carried out my speaker box which contained two 12 inch speakers and probably weighed 50 pounds, and stole my iPod which I had happened to leave in my truck that particular day. All-in-all, the three criminals stole about \$900 worth of my personal equipment, caused \$200 worth of damage to my truck, and did this all at 2:30 in the afternoon.

What happened to my truck could have happened to anyone. This was not the act of a student who had a personal grudge against me. This was the act of three highly trained criminals who obviously had scouted my truck and knew what type of equipment was inside. They accomplished their task in less than 3 minutes in broad daylight WHILE my truck alarm was going off, and worst of all, they clearly understood how the CSUB class schedules worked. Every Monday there is a scheduled time block of classes from 2:00-3:30 pm, meaning there was



Alexis Stokes/The Runner
Beurmann's passenger window shattered.

obviously very little movement of people at 2:30 because everyone was already in class, and it was too early for people to show up for their 3:30 class. These criminals knew what they were doing.

So what about the witnesses? According to the CSUB campus police, a female student walking out to her car saw what was happening and quickly called the police. The criminals saw this woman and therefore fled the scene. CSUB Wrestling coach TJ Kerr also witnessed the act and he too called the campus police and helped scare the criminals away. Without the quick acts of these two individuals who knows what else these men would have gotten away with.

I would like to take this opportu-



Alexis Stokes/The Runner
The inside of Beurman's truck. Inside, the stereo was taken as well as his iPod.

HPV vaccine may be soon available to CSUB students

By Lisa Kerr
Staff Writer

Conclusion of a two-part series on HPV

A new vaccine was approved this summer for the second most common sexually transmitted disease in America—HPV.

According to a June 2006 press release from the Centers for Disease Control, Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Vaccine is considered highly effective in preventing infections that are the cause of most cervical cancers."

The vaccine was approved to be used in females up to 26 years old. Health care professionals recommend both women who are sexually active and those who have not yet been sexually active to receive the vaccine. Significant testing has not been done to see if the vaccine will be effective on male patients.

"I absolutely recommend this vaccine," said Dr. Gambrioli, a health care professional at CSUB's Health Center. Even if a patient has a history of warts, this vaccine may be effective in preventing future outbreaks of HPV.

The vaccine will be expensive initially. Estimates for the three-shot vaccine are around \$360, but will most likely be covered through an individual's family insurance.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the vaccine should be given to girls before the onset of sexual activity; however it is still recommended that women who have already been sexually active obtain the vaccine.

As of this past summer, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended the HPV vaccine to be routinely administered to girls when they are 11 to 12 years old.

HPV is most common in young men and women in their teens and adults in their early 20s. As the

second most common sexually transmitted disease in America, this vaccine is crucial in preventing the 6.2 million new infections each year, according to information provided by www.cdc.org.

CSUB's own Health Center may be receiving this vaccine in the next three to four months, according to Gambrioli. For a CSUB student, this means the price may be significantly lower to obtain the vaccine.

In addition to this, students who do not have insurance may call Planned Parenthood, a government funded facility, at (661) 634-1000. They currently do not have the vaccine, but may also be receiving it in the future.

For further details on HPV, std's, or the vaccine contact your local health care provider or CSUB's Health Center at: (661) 654-2394 or call Planned Parenthood's "Facts of Life" line 24 hours a day, seven days a week at: 1-800-711-9848.

Runner on the Street

By Juan Torres
Photo Editor

This Week, The Runner asked, "With the rise of theft occurring in our campus parking lots, what you would suggest the campus police do to improve our current conditions?"



Asia Miguel
Freshman, Liberal Studies

"There should be more stop signs in the Parking lots."



Bartolo Rodriguez
Biology, Sophomore

"I have no idea."



Melissa Chavara
Freshman, Psychology

"There should be more campus police patrolling the parking lots."



Wendy Valdez
Sophomore,
Communications

"There should be a Parking structure to relieve congestion and more campus police patrolling."



Newsrunner
Alumni, Communications

"Stop worrying about parking tickets, and focus more on crime."

A student’s perspective:

If you don’t vote, don’t complain!

By John Paul Horn
News Editor

The Student’s Perspective is a weekly opinion column that encourages campus response.

When I hear about students complaining about our state government, I first ask if they voted in the gubernatorial election. When they reply no, I look at them flabbergasted and inform them that if they didn’t vote, they can’t complain.

Many feel that it is unfair to say that those who don’t vote can’t complain, but I disagree. People who don’t take a stand for either side give their consent for the status quo because silence is consent. Those who don’t make decisions do, they make the decision to not make a change. And if people choose not to make an effort to make a difference, they cannot complain about the lack of a change later.

Our government is, ideally, a government for the people and by the people. This means that it takes people as a collective to influence the decision making process. One person cannot decide what action to take for his community much like one person cannot decide what action to take for his district. Citizens are obligated to get involved and influence their representative to work for them and their best interests rather than for what the representative believes to be his constituents’ best interest.

It takes an effort from the citizens of a nation to make a change in their government. If people don’t like what happens, they should complain to their representative about it. If their representative is unresponsive, they should use the power that they have: the power to vote for someone else.

This is where many people fail in their logic. People will criticize an elected government official and say, “I knew he would do a horrible job, just like he has in the past. That’s why I didn’t vote in the first place.” This is an astounding piece of thought I can’t comprehend. If citizens don’t want an official to continue representing them, not voting is not the answer. They should vote for someone else who they feel is going to make a difference and serve their interest.

If people aren’t happy they shouldn’t remain silent. Their vote is their voice and they should exercise their right and their civic duty to be heard.

The Runner wants to hear your response. If you have an opinion that you would like to share about this piece or any other articles, please feel free to e-mail a letter to the editor. E-mails should be sent to runner@csub.edu and include both your name and a number that we can contact you by telephone.

2006 Common Essay winners

Provided by CSUB
English Department

The Common Essay Project is held almost every quarter, involving all English 110 students, and is coordinated by Rebecca Hewett. All students are given the same prompt and asked to write a timed, in-class essay. This year’s prompt involved music and singing and the benefits of music in our lives.

The essays are then graded by English Department faculty during a scheduled group grading session.

The project holds two basic purposes. It serves as a chance for faculty to normalize our grading to the standards, and as a contest for the students.

This year’s contest had approximately 300 essays to choose from.

The English Department would like

to thank:

Patrick Evans and World Records, Kami at the Wherehouse, Ken Jachim of Midas, Russo’s Marketplace, Jose Figueroa and the Marketplace Jamba Juice, the entire crew at Starbucks on Coffee and Hageman, and CSUB’s Robert Provencio and the Department of Music.



1st place Andrew McCuan



2nd place Matthew Mason



3rd place Annabel Villarrea

New pharmacist brings friendly service to health center

Eman M. Shurbaji
Staff Writer

Steve Briggs, CSUB’s new pharmacist, is no ordinary man. He has lived his life dedicated to the pharmaceutical field and helping others. For starters, he simply likes to be called “Steve” as a gesture of welcoming.

Briggs began his first day at work at CSUB on September 1. He became acquainted with the job through the previous pharmacist. Once he knew there would be an opening, he was able to network and land the job.

Briggs is a Bakersfield native and CSUB alumni. He earned a masters in business administration from CSUB. He first earned his AA degree from Bakersfield College, and then went on to pursue a pharmaceutical degree at UOP Stockton. He knew he wanted to be a pharmacist since he was in sixth grade.

Briggs is also familiar with the business aspects of a pharmacy, because he used to own and operate a pharmacy on North Chester.

He is always encouraging students to drop by, not only because of services, but also because of the cost of the medications. The cost of medications on campus is much lower due to state contracts. The prices are set in an effort cover fixed costs of operating the pharmacy. For example, oral contraceptives are sold for about \$15-20, while outside pharmacies usually sell them for over \$50 for a one-month supply.

The busiest days for Briggs at the pharmacy



Juan Torres/The Runner
Steve Briggs, CSUB’s new pharmacist.

are Mondays and Fridays. The rest of the week has a steady pace of students entering and leaving the pharmacy. The afternoons are usually busier than mornings.

Five grandchildren and a wife keep Briggs very busy. He and his wife first met in high

school. He was a Bakersfield High School Driller, and she went to West High School. His wife is a homemaker. After 39 years of marriage, and a son and daughter, Briggs looks forward to seeing his grandchildren grow up.

“If I knew grandkids were so fun I would have had them first,” said Briggs. For Briggs, this is an important matter, and he loves to visit his grandchildren when he has time. His children live in Oceanside near San Diego and in the Bay Area.

He enjoys living in Bakersfield due to its central location and homey town atmosphere. He likes all the changes that are occurring, but sees the traffic as irritating.

In his spare time, Briggs loves to golf and make wine. He also attends pharmaceutical functions and conferences when given the chance. Occasionally, he heads up north to visit friends from college and reminisce about the good old times.

Briggs enjoys establishing a personal relationship with students, and wants students to feel comfortable. Just call in one day to the pharmacy and you’ll be answered by the ever-friendly phrase, “This is Steve.”

Letters to the Editor

Compiled by Sandra Vicuna
Editor-in-Chief

Kaibigan organization apologizes for misrepresentation

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the student members of the Filipino-American Student Organization - Kaibigan I would like to apologize for any misinterpretation of the poster on the organization’s board. There was absolutely no ulterior motive in the message, and, indeed, the assumptive view made of the poster is absolutely unacceptable in the organization.

Kaibigan is a growing organization. It is expected for the organization and its members to come across misinterpretations and issues. We accept these as members, because we believe that it is a part of the collegiate experience. As students we are continually learning, not only inside the classroom, but outside as well by interacting and networking with other students of diverse cultures. We accept differing views and opinions because we believe that they are important to our individual growth as students.

Being a member of Kaibigan is a great learning experience not only through these issues, but also through the friendships we build with others. The Filipino-American Student Organization is a social network of friends, thus, the word “Kaibigan” means friends.

Kaibigan continues to welcome students who are interested in contributing to the development of the organization, sharing experiences, views, and opinions, during our Fall meetings held in the Music building room 114 every Wednesdays at 2:00 PM.

On behalf of Kaibigan, thank you for your constructive criticism in regards to the organization and the campus community for its support.

Thank you,

Mary Bucton, President
Filipino American Student Organization
- Kaibigan

HPV article misleading

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring to your attention the article titled “Human Papillomavirus and you” from the paper dated November 1, 2006. I found it to be misleading and containing erroneous information. First, I would like to suggest that the writer use more than one source for such specific and sensitive information. While the source cited is a certified doctor, I feel that it is necessary to speak to a specialist, such as a gynecologist who deals with HPV on a daily basis and does the procedures listed.

Secondly, listing some websites that the reader can go to find more information would be helpful such as http://www.ashastd.org/hpv/hpv_learn_fastfacts.cfm. It was useful that at the end of the article telephone numbers were given but that is not enough. Our generation grew up on the internet and

our first step in researching any topic is to search the web. I feel that is why a website is more efficient than a telephone number.

To begin with I would like to focus on the correct age for women to first have a pap smear and how often. Depending upon your source the information varies. According to my gynecologist, age 18 is when a woman should consider having her first pap test, if she is sexually active due to the large number of STDs. From that point on, it is recommended that women have a pap smear annually, once a year. However, this varies from woman to woman depending upon the pap test being done.

It needs to be mentioned that this is generalized information and varies case to case. I found that the article was also misleading because it spent such an absurd amount of time on genital warts and not explaining HPV

more specifically. While HPV may lead to genital warts, I feel that the article did not provide enough precise information. There was no mention that there is low-risk HPV and high-risk HPV each with a different diagnosis.

Also, Cryotherapy is not “freezing of warts” but the destroying of diseased tissue by the freezing of the tissue. Bottom line is when I finished reading the article I felt like I knew nothing about what HPV actually is. The information needs to be organized. Even having bullets points with the top five most asked questions and the answers would be more informative than the entire article combined.

Sincerely,

Krisi Bollinger
Junior, English & Comm. Major

CSUB Crime Beat

Oct. 24
1:56 a.m. Emergency Phone or 9-1-1 Call
Occurred at Parking Lot G. Open 9-1-1 line from west side center phone, no voice heard Disposition: Unable to Locate.

6:01 p.m. Traffic Collision (Property Damage Only)
Occurred at Parking Lot L on 9400. . property damage to vehicle happened in parking lot L Disposition: Completed.

8:15 p.m. Petty Theft Report
Occurred at Parking Lot K. License plate was stolen off of his vehicle. Disposition: Report Taken.

10:40 p.m. Emergency Phone or 9-1-1 Call
Occurred at Parking Lot H. Open line. Disposition: Unable to Locate.

Oct. 25
4:15 p.m. Suspicious Circumstances
Occurred at Admissions And Records. Reporting Party called and wanted officer to check on the smell of smoke in the building Disposition: Unable to Locate.

4:38 p.m. Missing Person
Officer initiated activity at Extended University. Disposition: Assignment Completed.

7:24 p.m. Attempt to Locate
Occurred at Walter Stiern Library. Reporting Party called wanted an officer to do a walk through of the library to check if a problem patron is in the building still Disposition: Unable to Locate.

11:13 p.m. Hazardous Situation
Officer initiated activity at Hillman Aquatic Center. Gate found unsecured & unsupervised. Disposition: Report Taken.

Oct. 26

7:26 a.m. Hazardous Situation
Officer initiated activity at Machine At Don Hart Drive East. Manhole that is raised up on Kroll Way Disposition: No Further Action Required.

10:01 a.m. Suspicious Circumstances
Officer initiated activity at Walter Stiern Library. Disposition: Report Taken.

Oct. 27
2:31 p.m. Attempt to Locate
Occurred at Science 1. Subject came to class and appeared upset and left with the male subject. Reporting party will make contact after class. Disposition: Unable to Locate.

9:36 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle
Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot I. Vehicle seen driving over the grass in multiple areas. Disposition: Moving Violation Cite.

Oct. 28
No incidents reported

Oct. 29
No incidents reported

Oct. 30
1:57 a.m. Suspicious Vehicle
Officer initiated activity at Southwest Little League. A white Escalade, unknown plate. Disposition: Checks Ok.

10:58 a.m. Traffic Collision (Prop Damage Only)
Occurred at Dore Theater on 200. . Disposition: Civil Problem.

1:52 p.m. Traffic Collision (hit and run)
Occurred at Parking Lot H. Disposition: Report Taken.

2:41 p.m. Burglary Report

Occurred at Parking Lot K. Reporting Party saw 3 males break into a vehicle Disposition: Report Taken.

8:45 p.m. Suspicious Circumstances
Occurred at Bike Path South. Subject riding Motorcycle on bike path without helmet, riding northbound from Ming Avenue. Disposition: Warning (Cite/Verbal).

Oct. 31
8:35 p.m. Suspicious Subject
Officer initiated activity at Camino Media / South Road. Disposition: No Further Action Required.

9:01 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle
Officer initiated activity at CSUB Way. Disposition: Moving Violation Cite.

Nov. 1
7:07 a.m. Petty Theft Report
Occurred at Music Building. Posters taken from room Disposition: Report Taken.

12:28 p.m. Traffic Collision (Property Damage Only)
Occurred at Parking Lot B. Disposition: Civil Problem.

2:55 p.m. Suspicious Circumstances
Officer initiated activity at University Police Department. Disposition: Report Taken.

3:50 p.m. Trespassing
Officer initiated activity at Track. Disposition: Gone On Arrival.

8:58 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle
Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot K. Occupied by 1 Disposition:

Checks Ok.

9:29 p.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Report
Occurred at Parking Lot F. Reporting Party reports that she cannot find her car in Lot F. Disposition: Report Taken.

9:34 p.m. Suspicious Circumstances
Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot D. Circulating the campus attempting to locate 2001 Dodge Intrepid (blue). Disposition: Unable to Locate.

Nov. 2
9:12 a.m. Petty Theft Report
Occurred at University Police Department. Purse was stolen from her locker overnight. Debit card was inside. Disposition: Report Taken.

2:59 p.m. Hazardous Situation
Officer initiated activity at Old River Rd/Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield. Disposition: No Further Action Required.


Time to update your club webpage

By Ranjanpreet Nagra
Features Editor

In the age of the Internet, CSUB clubs do not have proper medium to reach to the community and campus. Most clubs do not take advantage of this. All clubs and organizations on campus have an opportunity to have a webpage which is linked to the CSUB website. But many clubs do not have a webpage. Others have a webpage that is not connected to the Student Activities web page. And the ones that are connected are not updated on regular basis. The reason? Most students do not know the procedure to change and update their club webpages. Many clubs have created myspace pages to update club members on the club activities. But what about the non-members who might want to join and know the activities and other information about the club or organization. And what about the prospective students who might want to know if a certain club is active. A high school senior looking to come to CSUB, browsing through the club pages of CSUB, might be disappointed to see two-year-old club activities and club executives on a club web page. Joseph Ruiz, president of French Club and member of Art Club, recently created a myspace webpage for his club. He updates and puts more information on his page every day. Ruiz initially wanted to update the official page of French Club but he did not know how to do it. Webpages can be changed with the permission of the club advisor. The advisor needs to fill out an online form at the Web Services webpage: www.csub.edu/webser-vices, explaining the details of changes and additions to be made on the given webpage. Steve Miller, Information Systems Specialist, works on updating the websites and making sure that each site meets the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. ADA approved websites are accessible to the disabled because they are easy to download for people with dial-up, are easy to convert into text for the blind and for those who view them on their PDAs and cellphones. Miller said that each page linked

to the CSUB homepage has to be checked before it is made available. There are two ways to update a website: to ask your advisor to fill out the form which specifies the changes to be made on a page; or to ask for the advisor’s permission to update the webpage independently or with the help of a Web Services staff member. “It is easier for the clubs to let us update their pages,” Miller said. The Web Services makes and updates the web pages according to the ADA standards. Miller said that pages maintained by students often do not meet ADA requirements and Web Services has to disconnect the page until it is fixed. To understand the requirements visit www.access-board.gov/508.htm, which explains section 508 of ADA and rules related to this law. Basic rules state that each photograph should be labeled with proper description. The webpage should easily convert to a simple text only page without any format discrepancies. Additionally, the page should be easy to download as text only page and should easily accessible to the blind, who can convert the website so that it reads out loud what is written. We have about 80 CSUB clubs and organizations of which only 14 have websites and most of them have not been updated. They display club executives from previous years. Gamma Phi Beta’s website is updated because it is maintained by one of the Sorority members. The web services staff can create and update a webpage for a club. They can also add links, response pages, personal e-mail connections, online testing, etc. to a webpage. The student staff can also scan or convert images and add them to a club’s webpage. In the beginning of each year, Miller and his staff gets hundreds of change/update request forms from the Faculty and Clubs to update their webpages. “The requests start coming 2-3 weeks before the school year begins and keep coming for 2-3 weeks after the quarter begins,” Miller said. Web Services is located in the lower level and east side of the library where ITV is located.

The Runner offers free advertising for all on campus clubs and organizations. If you are interested, please email The Runner at runner@csub.edu or call us at 661-654-2165. Space is limited and given on a first-come basis.



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Story courtesy of CSUB Music Department

The Cal State Jazz Program will feature the best in contemporary and traditional big band jazz on Friday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Dore Theatre at CSUB.

Compositions by John Clayton, Gordon Goodwin, and Sammy Nestico will be performed plus arrangements of the Charles Mingus classics, “Goodbye Pork Pie Hat” and “Haitian Fight Song” and “So What” of Miles Davis. In addition to the music of these legendary jazz figures, the CSUB Jazz Ensemble will also feature the contemporary jazz of the Rippingtons’ “Morocco”.

Among the many gifted jazz soloists performing are Bakersfield icon Ken Bausano and the newly arrived Steve Eisen, plus CSUB music scholar-



Photo by Doug Davis

Six members of the CSUB Jazz Ensemble shown performing at the 2006 Bakersfield Jazz Festival with the Kern County Honor Jazz Band.

GMAT Mobile Test Center stops at CSUB

California State University, Bakersfield will welcome the Graduate Management Admission Mobile Test Center on Wednesday, Nov. 8, for a two-day stop on its pilot tour across the nation to expand access to the GMAT, the Graduate Management Admission Test. The GMAT bus will be located at CSUB in parking lot I, south of the Icardo Center on Roadrunner Drive.

The GMAT is a standardized exam used to screen applicants by admissions officials at nearly 4,000 business education institutes worldwide, including CSUB's School of Business and Public Administration. Mike Bedell, CSUB's master of business administration program director, said this is a great opportunity for the local community to take this exam without having to travel to Santa Maria or Glendale.

The test is owned by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), a non-profit organi-

zation of business schools around the world. The GMAT was launched in 1954 and is administered more than 200,000 times annually.

"This cross-country bus trip reflects a commitment by GMAC to maximize access to the exam across the United States," said Bob Ludwig, a representative for GMAC. The mobile testing bus will visit 50 colleges on its seven-month excursion. The bus is scheduled to complete its trip May 31 at Washington State University.

The GMAT Mobile Test Center is a full-length bus outfitted with state-of-the-art GMAT testing stations that include high-speed satellite Internet and electronic security systems designed to thwart potential cheaters.


For more information regarding the CSUB MBA program or the GMAT, call Bedell at (661) 654-2312.

Entertainment around Bakersfield

Compiled by Sandra Vicuna
Editor-in-Chief


Friday, November 10	
Showbread w/ Sullivan, Tyler Read, The Blufs, Before Goodbye & more 7 p.m. @ Jerry's Pizza 1817 Chester Ave (661) 633-1000	Dead Aisling, LetuM, M.P.O.Q. & more 7 p.m. @ Jerry's Pizza 1817 Chester Ave. (661) 633-1000
Condors vs. Long Beach Ice Dogs 7 p.m. @ Rabobank Arena 1001 Truxtun Ave.	Condors vs. Las Vegas Wranglers 7 p.m. @ Rabobank Arena 1001 Truxtun Ave.
Sunday, November 12	
Daniel Cirera TBA @ Dagny's Coffee Company 20th & Eye St.	Condors vs. Utah Grizzlies 7 p.m. @ Rabobank Arena 1001 Truxtun Ave.
Saturday, November 11	
6th Annual "CABA-RIBAL" Multi-Cultural Festival 10 a.m. @ Veteran's Building 400 W. Norris Road	Dog Eat Flesh (CD release show) Eleanor Rigby, Found In Blood 7 p.m. @ Jerry's Pizza 1817 Chester Ave. (661) 633-1000
As Tall As Lions, Idle Revolution, Haysfield, Fatum 7 p.m. @ The Dome 2201 V Street \$8 per ticket (661) 327-0190	

Movies out this weekend




Courtesy of imdb.com


Stranger than Fiction
Director: Marc Forster
Stars: Will Ferrell, Emma Thompson and Dustin Hoffman
The Plot: IRS auditor Harold Crick (Ferrell) suddenly finds his every thought and action narrated by a voice in his head. He comes to realize the voice belongs to a famous author (Thompson) who decides to deal with her writer's block by setting into motion events which will cause the death of her character ... who's also named Harold Crick.



The Return
Director: Asif Kapadia
Stars: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Sam Shepard
The Plot: A young businesswoman's complicated personal life is further troubled by her vivid nightmares about a murder of a woman she's never met. The dreams propel her to investigate the crime, and what she discovers begins to threaten her own life.



A Good Year
Director: Ridley Scott
Stars: Russell Crowe, Abbie Cornish and Albert Finney
The Plot: Englishman Max Skinner (Crowe) inherits Le Griffon, a crumbling Provençal vineyard owned by his Uncle Henry (Finney). Settling into the property, Max's prospects are shaken up by the arrival of Henry's long-lost daughter, Christie Roberts (Cornish), a wine brat from California with a surprise or two tucked away.



Harsh Times
Director: David Ayer
Stars: Christian Bale, Freddy Rodriguez and Eva Longoria
The Plot: When he's turned down for a job with the LAPD, Gulf War vet Jim Davis (Bale) recruits his childhood pal (Rodriguez) for a joyride through the city. The two old friends drink, get high, and court danger as they plan their futures together — until Jim's delusions reshape each man's fate.

(Nickel continued from page 1)

With profanity flying from Euresti's mouth at a hundred miles an hour, Euresti appears to be genuinely flustered and visibly upset.

Max Jacobs puts in a lighthearted but effective performance as an immigrant from the Czech Republic with very little English vocabulary. He and Hector have a playful relationship in which Hector proclaims, "I say whatever I want to him! He don't speak Spanish!"

The play never really slows down and the storyline is easy to follow. The performance also used the turntable, which enables the stage to rotate. This is something that is commonplace in big-budget theatre, so it was a welcome surprise to those in the audience. When it first turned only minutes into the play, it was followed by "oohs" and "ahhs" from the audience.


The only scene that didn't quite sit well may have been the scene in which Barbara works at a nursing home. The cast sits in wheelchairs facing the audience with sedated looks on their faces. This scene was simply overdone. Not every senior citizen in a nursing home has lost his marbles. Had the scene taken place in a psychiatric hospital, it would have made more sense. It isn't clear whether the cast was searching for laughs in portraying senior citizens as lifeless and senile, but if they were, I wasn't laughing.

But any ill thoughts toward the play were lost in the finale, in which nearly every character we met gave a monologue about where they are now, and how their lives have changed since the last point that we saw them. These monologues showed us the heart of the working class and how they feel about what they are doing. Some monologues gave hope, while others showed despair.

Overall, "Nickel and Dimed" worked. The Theatre Department did a great job of showing what working class America is really like. No doubt that every person who watched the play walked away with a new found attitude toward the working class, from young single moms to lifelong laborers.

After four years at CSUB, I can safely say that this is the best play that I have seen. And to many that have seen the play, I'm sure they feel the same way.

**Thanksgiving
Blanket Drive
11/1/2006-11/13/2006**



All proceeds will go to the homeless in Bakersfield and will be distributed at the IHOP on California Avenue on November 15, 2006, for their 16th annual dinner for the homeless

Please Donate your new or gently used blankets to the boxes located around the CSUB campus.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

Legends defeat BMOC in Intramural Championship



The Legends, with trophies in hand, gather for a victory photo.

By Isaac Rocha
Copy Editor

With under 30 seconds left to play in the Intramural Flag Football championship game between The Legends and BMOC, Ken Beurmann of The Legends intercepted a ball at the goal line, killing BMOC’s final drive and securing The Legends dramatic come from behind win to seal the championship victory.

“I knew I caught it. I was 100 percent sure,” said Beurmann.

BMOC dominated the first half of the game, scoring first with a TD pass and shutting out The Legends offense. BMOC failed to converge the extra point but led at halftime 6-0. BMOC again scored quickly in the opening minutes of the second half with an impressive drive that included a pair of deep passes. Vito Hill scored on the next play with a quarterback sneak but BMOC again failed to score on the conversion and led 12-0.

After that, it was all Legends.

Beurmann caught a huge pass downfield and Scott Wells quickly added a TD catch with under 10 minutes left in the second half, putting the game at 12-6.



Juan Torres/Runner
Legend’s O-line blocking to making way for their runningback to sneak through the defense.

On the next drive, BMOC failed to go anywhere after a big sack by Legends defender Scott Wells to force BMOC into fourth down. The Legends took advantage and scored immediately with a TD pass to Beurmann with two minutes left in the game. Legends QB Dan Ingle scored the go ahead conversion to put The Legends ahead 13-12.

With two minutes left BMOC still had a chance to win and on their first play, a controversial clipping call brought back a TD run by Lamar Webb that would have put BMOC ahead, possibly for good. However, BMOC did manage to drive down to the Legend’s 10 yard line, but Beurmann’s interception in the end zone sealed the victory for The Legends.

“We are all about heart. We fought back from 12 down to win and we have been doing it all season,” said Beurmann.

The Legends victory capped another successful season for intramural football at CSUB. At least a hundred fans came out to watch the game and ASi provided free food at the game. There was also live music provided by Ent. Wood DD Dj Service.

“This season was great, there were some unexpected teams that came out and had success. Everybody played hard,” said Steve Aguilar, director of intramural activities.

WRESTLING



Juan Torres/ Runner
CSUB wrestlers compete against each other at the Blue-Gold Meet last Thursday in the Icardo Center. The Blue-Gold Meet determines the starters for the new season.

By Phillip Barnett
Staff Writer

One usually wouldn’t think of Cal State Bakersfield when speaking of Division I sports, but our wrestling program has been there almost two decades.

Terrence Kerr’s wrestling program is enriched with history and tradition. Besides being a Division I sport since 1987, the program has been to the NCAA championships 32 out of CSUB’s 34-year history and has produced 42 Division I NCAA All Americans and nine Division I champions.

“We are currently in the next four-year process of having our budget rebuilt from the consistent cuts that have occurred from 1996 to last year. These cuts have undermined and crippled my program to where it has been difficult to compete at the level the community and the universi-



ty has expected us to compete,” said Terrence Kerr speaking on the upcoming season.

Even with the program hurting from these cuts there is plenty to look out for this season. The Runners had four wrestlers in the NCAA championships last year, and four named to the Pac-10 All Academic team. They are planning on building on those successes this year.

This season the Runners will be hosting the Pac-10 Wrestling Championships, Saturday and Sunday, February 24th and 25th. It will be the only championship tournament hosted by our school since all of the other programs are in the transition of becoming Division I.

“It is a little early in the pre-preseason to talk about team or individuals but we are working hard with two-a-day workouts,” said Kerr who has his team working hard to get ready for the upcoming season.

VOLLEYBALL

By Ariana Estrada
Sports Editor

Volleyball’s regular season came to an end this past week, ending on a sour note considering they lost their last two home games here at the Icardo Center on both Wednesday and Friday night.

It was definitely a tough season for the squad as they played without studs Jodi Hardin, Sarah Noramn, Mystie McNaughton and Gabrielle Curtis all season due to their decision to sit out this season to prepare for their Division I schedule next season. With them sitting out, it did give an opportunity for the younger squad to prove their worth.

Wednesday’s match was against Cal Poly Pomona which may have been their last meeting considering the Runners will be facing a full Division I schedule next season. The Runners got off to a good start winning the first game and gain an early lead in

the second, but the Broncos made some adjustments and overcame the Runners winning the match 28-30, 30-25, 33-31, 30-24.

Sophomore middle blocker Rosemary Stribling led three Runners in double figures with 15 kills of her own. Sarah Warner and Kate McWhorter chipped in 13 kills apiece.

Friday’s match was against San Bernardino and as the Runners said good-bye to their regular season the Coyotes said hello to the 2006 season title as they beat the Runners 30-17, 24-30, 30-21, 30-23.

It wasn’t an easy win for the Coyotes as the Runners made them work for their victory but the couldn’t sustain the momentum against the deeper and more physical Coyotes.

The Roadrunners will put the finishing touches on the 2006 season with an exhibition match against NAIA power Fresno Pacific Wednesday night in the Icardo Center.



Juan Torres/ Runner
Junior, Melissa Myers, gets air to spike it on the Broncos Wednesday night.

GOLF

Junior Jennifer Haws carded an 88 Monday, two strokes off her career best, to lead the Cal State Bakersfield women’s golf team in the first round of the Firestone Grill-Cal Poly Invitational at the Cypress Ridge Golf Course in Arroyo Grande.

Haws finished the day in 70th place and the Roadrunners were 18th as a team after the first round in what is the first predominantly NCAA Division I tournament for the first-year Roadrunner women’s golf program.

Freshman Megan Bellows and junior Tamarin Wood also cracked 100 by shooting matching scores of 96. Kelsey Fischer of UC Davis and Allison Ek of UC Riverside shared the first-round lead with one-under-par rounds of 71. They were the only golfers in the 100-player field to break par Monday.

In the team standings Davis grabbed a two-stroke lead over Riverside, finishing the day at 299. Sacramento State was seven strokes back in third place at 306. Bakersfield finished the round at 385.

The Firestone Grill-Cal Poly Invitational concluded with 18 holes Tuesday at the Cypress Ridge Golf Course.

Press release provided by Sports Information

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Volleyball	Swimming	Men’s Basketball	Women's Basketball
Wed. 11-8 Fresno Pacific 7 p.m. Icardo Center	Sat. 11-11 UC San Diego Men and Women La Jolla, Calif	Sat. 11-11 University of the Pacific Away	Thurs. 11-9 Fresno Pacific (EXH) Away