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Bats, bugs and blackwater

Horror at the dorms

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The Runner investigates reports of health and safety hazards in housing

By Leonardo Sanchez
Staff Writer

Students going off to college usually envision a dorm fashioned to their liking: A haven where they can feel both safe and stress-free. Unfortunately for students living at CSUB's dorms, this is a far from the truth.

CSUB's dormitories are plagued

by a variety of problems that include cockroaches, mosquitoes, bats living in the hood over the entrance door, mold, leaking water and clogged drains, hygienic issues in the bathrooms, and a lack of privacy in women's bathrooms.

Attempts to get comments from Jeanne Furstenfeld, assistant director of Facilities and Operations, for comment before the publication of

this issue were unsuccessful.

Resident Jonathan Jackson said, "Cockroaches are a common occurrence here in Rivendell." In fact, an anonymous source living in Rivendell said that the first floors in all the dorms are infested with roaches. Aside from their disgusting nature, roaches have been known to carry bacteria that can be transmitted to humans through the

consumption of food that has come in contact with cockroaches. According to the CDC, roaches can carry salmonella typhimurium, entamoeba histolytica and the poliomyelitis virus. One anonymous source said that she "reported [roaches] in my dorm to Housing and they put stuff around the air conditioner but the roaches

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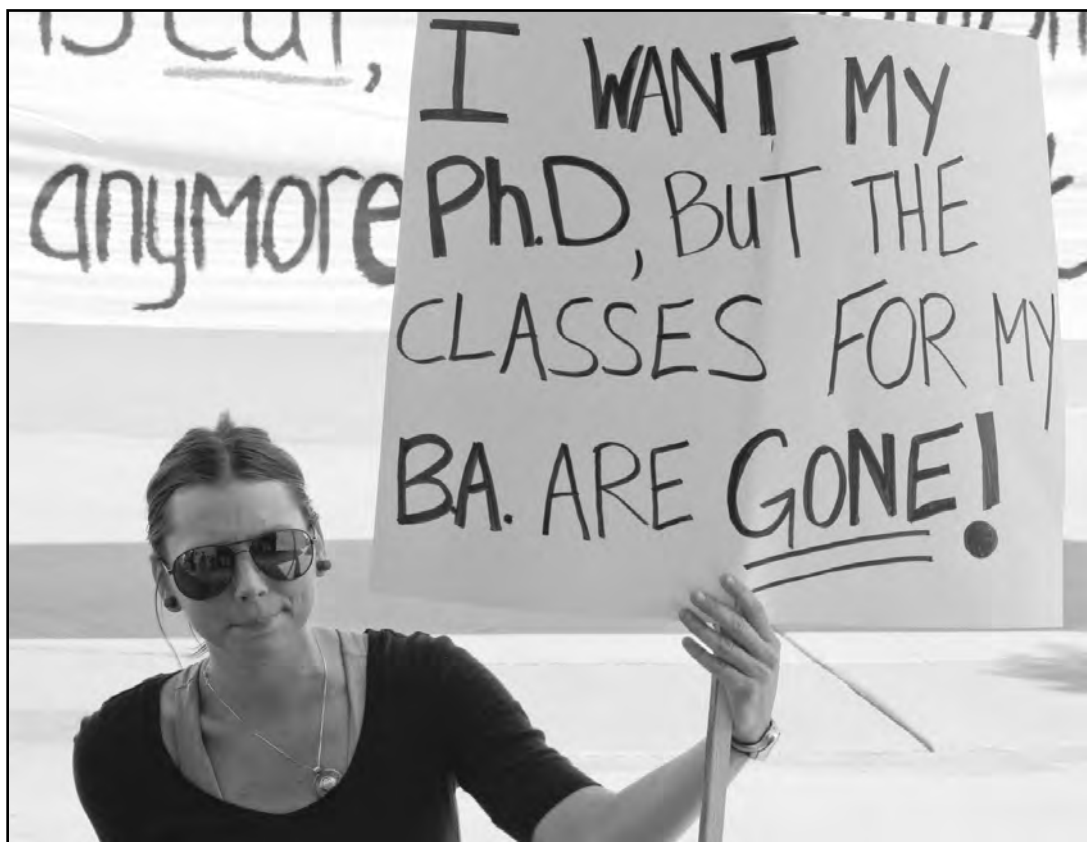
Students protest, Mitchell responds

By Elizabeth Miller
Staff Writer

Senior anthropology major Cori Wright, like most students, is suffering from the budget cuts at CSUB. Last year three classes she needed for graduation were cut. The Anthropology Department had suffered the most extreme cuts, reducing the number of instructors to two, thus making the availability of classes even more scarce.

Instead of simply complaining, Wright decided to do something. She brought her complaints directly to the president's doorstep. Almost a dozen students joined Wright to put on a quiet protest outside of President Horace Mitchell's office. Students displayed a variety of signs with slogans like "Stop Privatizing Higher Education!" and "It's OUR campus and WE want it BACK!"

"[We are here] for the entire student body that is being



Brady Cabe/The Runner

Anthropology senior Cori Wright protests cut classes in front of President Mitchell's office Oct. 19. The canceled classes prevent Wright from being able to graduate on schedule.

cheated out of a good education. I want our president to know that there's a big problem with what's happening at our institution and all of education in California," said Wright.

Wright said she felt the Anthropology Department has been unfairly targeted and suffered the brunt of funding reductions.

There is no doubt that California schools are suf-

fering greatly during these hard economic times. It seems every single year the budget gives schools less and less.

Budget cuts are at an all-time [See PROTEST, Page 2]

Women's Soccer falls after tough, final battle at home

By Owen Millette
Staff Writer

CSUB's Women's Soccer team could not quite pull off a win in the home game against the UC Davis Aggies on Oct. 20, ending the game at a close 4-3 in UC Davis' favor.

CSUB started out well, keeping the Aggies on their toes by tying the game up twice throughout both halves. The Runners were able to utilize many of the team's mistakes against them, but the Aggies managed to boost their game just a little bit more and it cost CSUB their final home game. This was not just the final home game of the season, but the final home game ever for five seniors on the team.

A ceremony was held to honor and say farewell to these players just before the game. Two of these seniors, co-captains Kym Gause and Jessica Fogeltanz, were disappointed-yet optimistic-about how the game turned out.

"It's hard, it's a tough loss. We made a great comeback ... It's just the little mistakes of channeling our energy into our defense and pushing through and just keeping coming and keeping that momentum going so we

don't have relapses," said Gause.

Fogeltanz's plans for getting herself and her team ready for their final two games are to "keep doing what we're doing. I mean, we're having awesome practices. We've been having awesome practices. So it's just continuing to push," she said.

'Runners head coach Melissa Phillips feels the team had great energy and drive during the game, despite the loss.

"It's been a difficult season, but there's not been a day that these players didn't come out with the utmost drive to improve and motivated to succeed. I couldn't ask for more character out of this bunch, and through hard times they pick their heads up and they keep working. It's definitely shown in our ability to improve as the season goes along and to make strides in our performance," said Phillips.

The Runners put forth their best effort throughout the entire game and it showed. CSUB and UC Davis traded the ball back and forth several times and both made several shot attempts, most of which were blocked. Both teams were very aggressive and both left little open for

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Bianca Jackson: An unforgettable loss

By Ashley Zaragoza
Features Editor

Oct. 21 2010 - It began as a night like any other on our CSUB campus. A Halloween party put on by a performing arts club, Black Young Starz, was scheduled for only a small group of people. The party unexpectedly grew and grew, and by the end of the night more than one hundred people showed up. Among the crowd were two men and a gun. A fight broke out, shots were fired and Bianca Jackson, an innocent bystander, was shot and killed.

Bianca celebrated her eighteenth birthday just a few weeks prior to her death.

She is remembered for her beautiful bright smile, bubbly personality and array of artistic talents. Cousin Frank Bustos called her "one in a million."

According to friends and family, Bianca was the type of person everyone wanted to be around. She had so many friends and no enemies. Everyone who knew Bianca could not



Courtesy of Bakersfield.com

Bianca Jackson in her 2010 Ridgeview graduation robe.

help but love her personality. She was compassionate and a true friend, she would do anything for the people closest to her.

Bakersfield College student and friend Destinee Romero said, "Bianca was my li'l bee. I went to church with her and she always had a smile on her face. She

taught me how to always stay strong and look at things in the best way possible."

"She was the one that lived life to the fullest. No one had beef with her or didn't like her," said high school friend Chelsea Romero.

The night Bianca was killed is still fresh in everybody's mind. Foothill student Myrissa Deleon recalled the news that would change her life forever. "I was asleep when my mom woke me up and she told me to come here and I saw it on the news. When I saw it I started crying and I didn't go to church for a long time; I just wanted to cause problems because I missed her so much. And then I noticed she wouldn't want me to act like this so I pulled myself together."

Bianca had a very bright future ahead of her. She was an aspiring rapper - known as Empress B - who lived through her music. Bianca had already begun to work on music with friends

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Editor screams for The Runner

News Editor Katy McCoy (not pictured) faces her fears to tell you which haunted house is more horrifying.



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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Randi Kelley, Staff Writer, and Stephanie Azurdia, Staff Photographer

This week, The Runner asked, “What are you doing for Halloween?”



Jasmin Garcia
Freshman,
Psychology

“I’m going to be in a carnival for my youth group and then probably go to my friend’s party.”



Kenny Caparis
Senior,
Communications

“I’m going to dress up like Jesus and go to a party.”



Samantha Moffatt
Senior, Liberal
Studies

“I already had my Halloween party. I was an ice cream sundae.”



Roy Rivas
Junior, Business
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“I don’t do much for Halloween.”

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\$500 million budget cuts prompt protest

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high, according to the CSUB website.

Students at the protest also criticized raises in administrators’ salaries while the CSUs are suffering so heavily. Junior sociology major Ericka Hoffman said, “The amount of money that the administration makes is absolutely ridiculous. The fact that Chancellor Reed makes over \$400,000 a year is completely asinine.”

Some students at the protest feel that President Mitchell is making decisions that negatively impact students.

“I think it’s incredibly important that our president takes action to make this school [the kind of institution] he says he wants it to be. Students need to have a voice in their education. For too long, administrators have been able to dictate the way education is formed and the way students are treated,” said Hoffman.

While students are understandably upset at the lack of classes, faculty and staff to fully facilitate their education, Mitchell said, “Tuition and fee increases are not made by me. That is a decision made by the Board of Trustees.”

“The Board of Trustees will approve a student fee increase when there is a shortfall in state funding. In anticipation of a reduction of about \$500 million, the Board of Trustees authorized a 10 percent student fee increase. Then the governor and the legislator cut the CSUs by an additional \$150 million, [therefore] the Board of Trustees authorized an additional student fee increase of 12 percent,” said Mitchell.

Many students like Wright and Hoffman have asked why, if fees are increasing so much, that classes are still being cut and faculty let go.

“The only time that student fees increase is when state funding is inadequate. Most of the time, when

state funding is not adequate, the fee increases do not cover the full amount of the state budget reduction. So students are paying more but the university still has a reduction [which forces us to continue to reduce funding in other areas],” said Mitchell.

Mitchell said that instruction has been a primary goal for him this year and that, while last year students may have experienced issues similar to Wright’s, he hopes he has solved that problem this year. With additional funds granted for CSUB’s higher enrollment Mitchell has given more funding for instruction. He says he has added more sections to overloaded classes and has broadened the spectrum of classes that fulfill major requirements.

It is because of Mitchell’s new plan that many anthropology majors are now taking English classes to fulfill their major’s requirements. In addition, Mitchell explained, funding for

courses is enrollment driven. The money follows the students. Majors like anthropology, which have low enrollment, suffer the most severe cuts because they do not have the student enrollment necessary to sustain them.

Unlike some colleges, CSUB never claims over-enrollment. “Here at CSUB our emphasis has been on access and quality. Our strategy from the beginning has been to make sure we admit every student who meets the admissions requirements to the university,” said Mitchell.

Any students experiencing issues similar to Wright’s should contact President Mitchell at the address provided on the CSUB homepage.

For more information on the CSU, Bakersfield budget, visit <http://www.csub.edu/budget>, and for more information on administrators’ salaries or other CSU expenses visit <http://www.calstate.edu>.

The Dispatch

Parking Lot Safety

By Justin Gildner
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As we head into the month of November and the change of season, here are some friendly reminders to keep you safe.

Remember that the time change Nov. 7 also means it starts getting dark earlier. With less daylight throughout the day, there are more opportunities for criminals to commit crimes. Staying safe in parking lots not only apply to CSUB, but to the many parking lots you most likely will be frequenting throughout the holidays.

One of the most effective ways to stay safe is being aware of your surroundings. Cell phones and iPods can be very distracting. Be wary of people who try and talk to you while you are walking to your car. Don’t let someone you do not know walk with you to your car. If, while leaving CSUB, you ever feel unsure or unsafe walking to your vehicle, call University Police and request an escort. We will send one of our student community service officers to walk with you out to your car. If a CSO is unavailable, a police officer will be dispatched to your location. Trust your instincts. If it doesn’t feel right, it probably isn’t.

Report suspicious people and/or activity to UPD immediately! Here are some additional tips for traveling through campus as it begins to get dark earlier.

When walking on campus in the evening:

- * Walk with a friend.
- * Stay in well-lit, well-populated areas. Take the safest route, not the fastest route.
- * Be aware of your environment. Don’t be afraid to look over your shoulders. It’s not rude to maintain a safe distance between yourself and others.
- * Avoid blind corners. Take wide turns so that you have room to react to what’s ahead.
- * Carry your keys in your hands. They may be used as a weapon if necessary.
- * Be aware of the location of the nearest blue light emergency phones.
- * Plan ahead. Know where restrooms, food and water are available.
- * Call for a CSO Escort at 654-2111.

In Parking Structures & Lots:

- * Again, carry your keys in your hands. You’ll be able to get into your car faster and the keys may be used as a weapon if necessary.
- * Walk with confidence. Criminals can often sense when you feel vulnerable, and this may entice them.
- * Check your back seats before getting into your car.
- * Park in well-lit, well-traveled areas of the parking structure or lot.
- * Do not keep valuables in your car. If you must, keep them in the trunk where they are out of sight. If you have an internal trunk lock, use it.
- * Stay safe.

Halloween Costume Contest

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Debate is back

By Randi Kelley
Staff Writer

CSUB’s debate team, which was once ranked 21st nationally, has been inactive for years – until now.

Nick Kephart transferred to CSUB from BC for the fall quarter. Although he had not been a part of debate at BC, he wanted to join a team here, but found there wasn’t one.

“So I was like, well, might as well start one,” Kephart said.

Director of Student Involvement EJ Callahan helped Kephart restart the team. According to Callahan, his office works with students like Kephart who have a passion, and they helped with the process of getting debate re-established on campus.

Kephart said debate gives him the chance to use everything he has learned, create an argument, and compete with others in a fun but competitive environment, while practicing communication skills that help people use reasoned arguing and note taking skills more efficiently and strategically. Furthermore, debate is centered on objective arguments with imperial proof to back up the logic.

The debate team is pretty diversified, Kephart said. They have a variety of majors, ethnicities, cultures and languages among the members. The real-life experiences and difference in perspectives are what separates our team from the other teams and “is what I believe will help us in our tournaments,” he said.

Starting the team took a lot of work, Kephart said. He had to find members, who then had to vote on who would take the managing positions and how the program would be set up. As president he also has to establish a constitution and deal with member charters and raising money.

The meetings function like a class. The team comes together and discuss the information each of the members found on their own and bring them together for their debate topic. That information is then used to form more questions to obtain as much on their topic as possible.

The team’s first competition is a weekend-long tournament in Northridge Nov. 11-13. While ASI is paying the first tournament’s entry fees, they still need to raise money for hotels, transportation and food. Kephart would like to get permanent fundraisers started soon.

The team only plans on one debate this quarter because they are so new. Kephart is planning on working up to about 3-4 debates each quarter and with each debate they’ll be more established.

He said they would like to go to nationals this year and finals next year. He would like to eventually establish the team as a long-traveling team where they would be able to debate against a wider college base.

Debate is open to all students; meetings are every Thursday in the Blue Room at noon.

Bianca Jackson remembered

[BIANCA, from Page 1] such as CSU Northridge student Bryson Wallace. “Bianca meant so much to me. Imagine your inspiration being stripped away.”

Wallace also suffered from depression in the months following her death. “I didn’t feel the need to get up and do things ... When Bianca left, so did my stability.”

A former member of BYS and close friend to Bianca, Anjelika Washington chose to move away from campus after her death. Although she knew she was not responsible, Washington could not help but feel a sense of guilt being at the party and involved in the club that hosted it. To make matters worse, Washington felt that BYS treated her death as if it never happened.

“Everyone looks out for themselves. No one really cares,” Washington said.

Members of BYS did not respond to inquiries made during the reporting of this story.

The past year without Bianca has not been easy. Friends and family remain devastated by their loss and are forced to live without any closure. Vanessa Garnica, close friend of Bianca’s mother, said: “Till this day [Bianca’s mother] still blames herself. There are no words that will ever take her pain away.”

What intensifies their grief is that there has been no



Courtesy of Facebook.com

A candlelight vigil was held for Bianca Jackson following her death last year.

legal justice for Bianca. “The thing that breaks my heart is that a year later justice still hasn’t been served for Bianca, an innocent, kind, loving, talented and beautiful girl. I just hope that the [Bakersfield Police Department] is still working on getting her justice because God knows she deserves it,” said friend Kayla Eller.

Former softball teammate Jennifer Springman and close friend Tracey Unique also felt that justice needs to be served. “The person responsible needs to pay for what they’ve done and how badly they’ve disrupted the life of Bianca and those of her family and friends,” said Springman.

“The fact that nobody has been caught or has even confessed truly does hurt. I don’t see how someone can go a whole year without coming forward ... The least they can do is suffer the consequences,” said Unique.

One friend suggested

that someone knows who the shooters were but has not come forward. “There is no way there were that many people there and nobody knows,” Washington said. “Someone is hiding it.”

Bianca will never have the opportunity to do things an eighteen year old girl would aspire to do such as go to college, start a family, follow her dreams, or even call her friends. “When I think about those things it’s what hurts the most, especially knowing ... she doesn’t get to do these things because some idiot brought a gun to a college party,” said Eller.

Friends and family of

Bianca’s will never understand why such a bright young soul had to be taken away from them so soon. “Losing her is devastating and just wrong. There is no logical reason as to why such an example of a good person has to be taken,” said Wallace.

From The Bakersfield Californian: Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call Detective Dennis Murphy at 326-3552, Secret Witness at 322-4040 or send an anonymous text message by entering 274637 and texting BPD-CRIMES along with the message.

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Aramark misses the mark

By Daniel Musick
Staff Writer

Freedom is a right of every American citizen. With this freedom comes the right to choose. When someone spends money for a service, they expect to get what they pay for. According to many CSUB students forced to frequent the Dining Commons, this is not the case. CSUB forces students who live in the dorms to pay large fees for food services – which find lacking – without an opportunity to opt out.

Many students feel like they are being cheated because they are not getting what they pay for. One example is a recently purchased ice cream machine. This was paid for with student fees, yet now students are charged for access to ice cream. Many students are refusing to use the service in protest.

Other problems include limited service times, poor quality food, and unhealthy and unsanitary conditions.

Meals are served at limited times throughout the day and students who work or have classes scheduled during this time do not have the opportunity to eat. Sekani Hamilton, a dorm resident, complained about the limited service hours on the weekend. She explained how many students like her work on the weekends and meal service hours were sometimes cut short without notice.

“They only serve two meals a day on Saturday and Sunday. You know damn well I need more than two meals a day on the weekend, for real,” she said.

Shira Stampus, also works and has classes during the food service hours. She said, “They don’t provide any accommodations for those of us who work or have classes during these hours. If you can’t eat when they serve, you don’t eat at all; food is not available on campus other than service hours.”

The quality drops on the weekends too. Tanika Thomas complained “They really don’t care about us on the weekend. They serve all the leftovers from the week on Saturday and Sunday.”

Students cannot opt-out and eat where they choose; they say they are forced to endure the unappetizing, repetitious menus Aramark provides.

Aramark’s own web site claims to provide students with a “world-class team of culinarians and registered dieticians to create innovative menu items that reflect how students eat on each campus.”

Of the many students questioned during the interview process, no one seemed to agree with this boast. In fact, every student that was interviewed had very negative comments, some quite disturbing. Kelsi Hall, a dorm resident, during the interview stated, “Every day for a week, an infestation of ants were on the mayonnaise, on the lunch meat and sandwiches. Every time I told someone about it, they would just wipe them off, and put the same food back out.”

Tanika Thomas said, “The infestation was so bad the ants were in the salt shakers.”

Other major grievances included soda coming out of the machines tasting like mold, crusty film on the soup, dirt in the lettuce, sour ranch dressing and overall unsanitary conditions. This reporter witnessed first-hand an unattended deep fryer with burning french-fries and hamburger patties, which had been sitting in the basket for over 30 minutes. The tables in the dining area were filthy; serving tables had dried crusty food that remained on them for over an hour.

The chief complaint was that the meals were always the same. Contrary to the web site’s boast of menus that “reflect how students

eat,” several students who are strict vegetarians criticized the predominantly non-vegetarian menus. Scott Westbrook, a Resident Adviser in the dorms who is a vegetarian, objected to the lack of variety in fresh fruit, and vegetables. He suggested they provide a fruit and salad bar with greater diversity for students like him.

Though students do have options to choose from with other meal plans, those options are limited. The problem with availability of hours and weekends are still a problem.

There is a big discrepancy regarding the cost of the meal plans when compared with the value of those meals. At issue are the greater costs in other locations on campus – such as



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the Runner Café – that are not open to dorm residents on the weekend.

Julio Cruz said, “The food is too expensive and he avoids eating there because of the costs.”

Carlos Pelayo agreed commenting that he brings his lunch because of the high cost. Other complaints with the Runner Café included the minimal space inside the dinning area and the long lines and extended wait times.

It may be a little too late this year to address student concerns, but David Corral, Aramark food service director, said he listens to the feedback from students. He said a student faculty survey was sent out on Wednesday, Oct. 12. He stated, “Last year only 212 people responded to the survey.” This year he hopes to get at least 1,000. Aramark’s website states, “By deeply understanding and aligning with client’s goals, ARAMARK seeks to responsibly address the issues that are most concerning to universities and colleges today.”

Students’ complaints often remain unanswered

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are still there.”

Complaints about mosquitoes in the dorms can be attributed to the lack of screens in the windows and the nearby ponds. In the Rivendell dormitory there are a total of 36 windows. Out of these, only 14 windows had screens.

Tony Ralda, resident of the Rohan dormitory, said, “The screens are faulty. They are there but I don’t think they help.”

The local pond that is meant to serve as an aesthetic landmark in the university has the



Brady Cabe/The Runner

Left: Alex Montez, a Rivendell resident, claims this shower often overflows and floods the second floor restroom.

Top Left: Several dorm windows lack screens, making residents choose between leaving the window shut or letting bugs in.

Above and below: Scum and trash collects in ponds near the dorms.

If this wasn’t bad enough, there have been reports of drains clogging numerous times and water leaking through the ceilings. Aside from idle water caused by clogged drains, Hall said, “Ceilings drip water in the Entwood dormitory.”

Tierra Farley, resident of the Rivendell dorm, said, “The shower on the second floor gets clogged all the time. Water goes out into the other parts of the floor and hallway.”

Daniel Musick, a member of the Runner staff, is a retired licensed C36 HIC (inactive) plumbing inspector, with over 30 years experience in the building trades, assisted in the investigation and reporting of this story.

Musick said, “The issue we have here is the issue of grey water and black water.” Grey water is generated from domestic activities such as laundry, dishwashing and bathing. Black water, on the other hand, is water that contains human fecal matter. While conducting his inspection, Musick explained, “Black water and grey water have to reported. Anything that it has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected. Since it’s leaking from the ceilings, the ceilings have to be properly fixed by professionals.”

Musick also witnessed a series of revolting hygienic problems in the bathrooms on the second floor of the Rivendell dormitory. He said, “There is mold on the walls, fecal matter on the corners and walls directly behind the toilets in the men’s bathroom, urine on the walls, fecal matter on the cracks of the walls in the women’s restroom, and low water pressure on faucets.”

Aside from all these health hazards, one issue that plagues women throughout the dormitories is the issue of privacy while taking a shower. While the glass windows obscure the girls from sight, the lack of curtains make their profiles still visible - especially in showers with only clear glass doors.

“Boys stand outside of the girl’s bathrooms’ windows and watch them shower. Since there isn’t any curtains on [some of] the showers they are able to see everything,” said Hall.

In the showers that only have curtains, Montez said, “The shower curtain rod has fallen while I’m showering and has hit my head on three different occasions.” Not only is this a safety issue, but women are exposed to the men watching outside the windows.

The problem can be easily fixed as Alex Montez, Rivendell resident, points out. “Other dorms have [showers with] glass doors and curtains. Why don’t they all?”

The problem with these issues seems to come from a lack of communication between residents and administration. Montez said that she always “reports the problem, but Housing never does anything about it.”

A worker in charge of maintenance who wishes to remain anonymous said that the “problem is not due to a lack of maintenance or cleaning but with the students living here.” He explained that students don’t understand that they need to treat the dorms like a home and clean up after themselves.

Inspector’s Note

Daniel Musick is a retired licensed C36 HIC (inactive) plumbing inspector, with over 30 years experience in the building trades assisted in the investigation and reporting of these stories.

By Daniel Musick, Staff Writer

During the investigation of the dorms, I found a cumbersome process for reporting health safety issues within the CSU system. Off campus, any violation can be reported to a local city or county agency, and would be addressed very quickly.

Though numerous complaints have been reported to staff at CSUB, many of the students’ concerns have not been addressed.

I discovered the correct agency in charge of these kinds of complaints should have been directed to Michael Ciorte, field engineer of the DPA-EO: Office of the State Architect.

The process of obtaining the correct contact information was quite drawn out. Given the fact students have reported their concerns to the administration at CSUB and have been ignored, I felt it was my obligation to make this information public. After contacting various agencies in Kern County, Sacramento, Fresno and Los Angeles, I finally managed to report the issues.

Bathroom nastiness blamed on students’ lack of hygiene

By Paul Rivas
Staff Writer

Residential students’ lack of bathroom cleanliness are creating hygienic issues for all in-house students. These frightening conditions within the dorm restrooms include urine stains, showers clogged with hair, and feces-stained toilets. There is an increasing demand from residential students to share responsibility in the upkeep of the dorm restrooms.

LaKeisha Oliver, a criminal justice major, lives in the Numenor building and comments on the monstrous filth of the girls’ bathrooms. “The girls’ restrooms can get filthy due to their ‘monthly

issues’; it’s nasty,” she said. Oliver thinks the other girls in the dorms need take responsibility to maintain the bathrooms’ cleanliness. “The other girls that live in the building should keep them clean. A lot of people do not clean up after themselves. I feel that we all live here, we should all take part in keeping them clean,” she said.

Numenor resident Ruben Franklin is disgusted by the men’s hygienic impotence.

“The restrooms are dirty most of the time. They are not well kept by the other students. There is a lot of urine on the floors and not enough effort put into aiming, although the janitors do a good job with keeping them sterile,” said

Franklin.

Bill (last name omitted by request) manages the cleaning duties for the Lorien and Entwood dormitories. According to Bill, he cleans the bathrooms every day. It takes 20 minutes to sanitize the bathrooms. They deep clean the toilets, wipe the faucets, scrub the shower, then sweep and mop the floors. Bill believes students should be able keep the restrooms cleaner.

“What they don’t do at home is what they shouldn’t do here. If they miss the trashcan, they should pick up their trash and put in the trashcan. I guess they just don’t think it’s their job to do so,” he said.

Building maintenance manager Lawson Cox said the facilities department on campus handles repair issues. “Sometimes it can take a while because there is only one plumber, and they tend to the whole school,” said Cox.

Bill said that he does fix and will fix the smaller issues. “If it’s an easy fix I can fix it with the plunger, and the toilet that doesn’t flush in the Lorien bathroom – I will fix it,” he said.

Cox said it’s up to the students to clean after custodial work hours. “After they clean the bathroom they won’t go back until the next day. Between the time the janitors clean and don’t clean it’s up to the students,” said Cox.

Student Union hosts third annual ice skating event



Stephanie Azurdia/The Runner
Students from CSUB skating at the Ice Sports Center held by the Student Union on Oct. 21. This is the third annual event held at the Ice Sports Center.

By Dallas Plater
Entertainment Editor

On Oct. 21 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Student Union hosted its third annual ice skating event at the Ice Sports Center. The free event was held to provide CSUB students with a chance to take a break from midterms, as well as provide a means for students to socialize with one another in a fun environment off-campus.

Francisco Milan, a senior biology major and chair of the Student Union, believes the event is a great way for students to obtain some relief from their scholastic stresses.

“We want to help relieve the stress students are experiencing from examinations,” said Milan. “Our goal is to give students a break and let them enjoy their time in college.”

For many who attended the event, it also gave students who weren’t familiar with ice skating a chance to attempt it for the very first time. Joel Leal, a freshman psychology major, had never ice skated before, but looked forward to giving it a try.

“This is my first time ever ice skating,”

said Leal. “I know I might fall down a bit, but I’m sure it’s going to be fun once I get the hang of it.”

Hilda Nieblas, a senior psychology major and student director of the Student Union, praised the event for giving students a chance to try something new.

“The event is good because we’re introducing something people wouldn’t do normally,” said Nieblas. “They’re more likely to come try it when the Student Union holds this event.”

Aside from offering a chance for students to try their hand at skating, the function also served as a way for students to socialize with fellow classmates.

“It’s pretty much a way for students to enjoy themselves,” said Nieblas. “It allows them a place to socialize and meet new people away from school.”

Mirna Leom, a senior psychology major who also attended the ice skating event the year prior, feels it is a great opportunity to interact with other students and hopes it will be held again in the future.

“They should definitely keep it going,” said Leom. “I think it’s a fun activity, and it’s a good way to get to know new people.”

Tin/Bag kicks off Guitar Arts concert series

By Sean VanSickel
Staff Writer

The musical duo Tin/Bag played the first of four concerts in CSUB’s Guitar Arts series to a packed room on Friday, Oct. 21. Local trumpet player Kris Tiner and New York City guitarist Mike Baggetta have been playing together since 2004 and have released three albums. The show at CSUB was part of a short West Coast tour to promote their latest album “Bridges.”

It seems to be a strong album, but it certainly goes in a slightly different direction than their more paced and melodic sophomore album “And Begin Again.” Tiner’s playing on “Bridges” is characterized by a heavier use of mutes, plungers, and extremely unorthodox technique with the intent of coaxing new, raw and emotional sounds out of the instrument that fit the tone of each particular piece being played.

Baggetta has continued to forgo all effects but his external digital reverb, which, when accompanied by the natural acoustics of the room, gave his ‘77 Gibson Les Paul a beautiful, pianistic tone.

Baggetta alternated between fingerstyle and a guitar pick, using many innovative guitar techniques like muting and bending notes at the headstock to make his basic sound a versatile and variable plethora of tones and emotions. He also made good use of his pickup selector switch, using it to create stuttering, on/off effects as well as to manipulate his instrument’s timbre throughout a song.

The interaction between the two musicians is where this duo shines. The

extremely different sounds of Baggetta’s mellow electric guitar and Tiner’s trumpet flow seamlessly around each other with a simple and understated grace. No note is wasted. Baggetta leaned heavily on sliding pentatonic lines at times, providing a perfect pairing with Tiner.

While “And Begin Again” showed heavy compositional efforts, “Bridges” does even more so. Tiner and Baggetta fell in and out of unison lines with a calm, practiced ease on the second to last track “The Truth.” The sheer amount of effort that has been put into crafting these songs is underscored by the seeming fluidity and ease of Tin/Bag’s set.

The music on all of their albums lends itself well to the concert setting. While jazz supporter and concert attendee Tony Valdez likened it to “more planned out mood music,” the set had a vibrant energy and drew listeners in. “I liked it a lot,” said Valdez. “I heard Tiner’s quartet play and they were great, but this is very different, very interesting.”

Tin/Bag is a very difficult group to classify. While distinctly jazz inspired, they have a very melodic approach characterized by often simple lines and subtle but complex rhythmic subtext. Their music can seem chaotic at times, but the chaos is organized and purposeful.

CSUB’s Guitar Arts series was greatly honored by hosting these two great musicians. Both Tiner and Baggetta were humble and loved to mix with the crowd after the show and during intermission. The concert was a great example of the way that arts are alive and thriving at CSUB.

Two haunted houses, one awesomely horrifying experience

By Kathryn McCoy
News Editor

Talladega Frights and The Chamber are back for another run this year and let me tell you, they are without a doubt the scariest, creepiest, freakiest haunted houses I have ever had the liberty of walking through.

Talladega had a number of different amusements for any age group. There is a “Dark Maze,” a shooting area where people can experience the thrill of killing zombies and, of course, the creepiest part of this experience, the haunted house.

Talladega Frights was based on Jack the Ripper, “one of the most notorious serial killers of all time,” said owner Mike Wilbur. It is filled with hallways representing the White Chapel District of London, leading people throughout the house to possibly meeting Jack the Ripper himself.

You can’t beat the price either: \$15 for a single admission and \$20 for a combination of two attractions. There is also a \$25 ticket for all attractions and they also offer a fast pass for just a small fee of \$7 for those of us like me who don’t particularly enjoy waiting in line.

I never literally feared for my life until I visited Talladega Frights. I was chased by four men and as I was running for my life I ended up in this chain saw massacre – and wouldn’t you know it, another man comes up from behind lashing his chain saw at me, causing me to almost lose my lunch.

As I turned the corner to leave the house thankful that it was over, two men ran outside with their

chain saws in hand almost running me down – you can bet I made a beeline for the parking lot.

The Chamber is yet another scream for your life, oh-my-god-what-did-you-get-yourself-into type of experience.

There are a few themes: a forest, freakish-looking animals and beheaded dolls. I have never seen anything like this before in my life. There were things jumping at me from every corner in every room. My heart was pounding out of my chest as I was approaching a room filled with dolls hanging from the ceiling – lo and behold, I almost passed out as a woman jumps out from behind the wall.

The freakiest part of this entire experience was seeing these half-human, half-animal type characters. There was one that looked like an elephant with a very odd shaped face but it was enough to make me run out screaming for my life and leaving my poor family behind.

The price was fair: \$10 for the chamber, \$5 for the 3D Invasion and \$14 for both attractions.

Although each haunted house gave me a fair share of screams, Talladega Frights wins hands down. Having to endure being chased every time I turned the corner was thrilling but at the same time insanely nerve wracking. There was a lot to take in, but having men with chain saws chasing me down and women screaming for their lives takes the terrifying cake.

There is no denying the fact that Talladega Frights offers more scream for your buck.

Nearly having a heart attack the first time I went through, I paid the extra \$22 to go through again – and it was worth it. Plus, the fast pass they offered came in handy as there was less of a hassle in dealing with the long lines at Talladega com-

pared to The Chamber.

If you’re looking for the most awesomely scary experience of your entire life, then definitely take the time to visit these haunted houses. This is one experience you will never forget.

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New Mexico escapes CSUB unscathed



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Sophomore forward Gyasi Zardes, scored two goals to lead the 'Runners to a 2-1 victory over UNLV Oct. 21.

**By Steven Gaede
Sports Editor**

CSUB fell in its last home game of the year to No. 5 New Mexico 2-0 in a physical game on Oct. 23. With the loss, CSUB drops to 9-2-4 on the year.

This game proved to be the final home appearance for four seniors: defender Chris Widdy, midfielder Richard Menjivar, midfielder Ken Taylor and defensive midfielder Chico Ruesga. The seniors were looking to go out on a high note but unfortunately the team could not pull through.

The Roadrunners held the majority of possession during the game against the undefeated New Mexico squad but a late header in the first half swung the momentum in New Mexico's favor.

New Mexico's Carson Baldinger came in as a sub in the 40th minute and was able to score off of a corner kick from Michael Green in the 41st minute; the goal seemed to take the air out of the crowd, and the team, which had seen CSUB dominate the ball possession up to that point.

"Twenty-two came in as a sub and I fell asleep and did not see him come on. I will take responsibility for that goal. That made our job today much harder," said head coach Simon Tobin. Tobin also mentioned that the team had not given up a goal on a corner kick all year.

CSUB opened up the second half

as strong as the first half; three shots were taken by CSUB and three fouls were committed by New Mexico in the first 10 minutes of the second half. The Lobos were able to capture the momentum once again when Blake Smith was able to score off of a misplayed ball by Widdy in the 67th minute.

Widdy took a swing at the ball but did not make contact; the ball rolled past Widdy whereupon Smith took advantage of the situation and scored on a one-on-one opportunity with junior goalie Eric Shannon.

"Chris has probably made one of those [misplayed balls] in four years and really that is a difference when you play a class team," Tobin said. "They will punish you for it."

CSUB caught a break less than a minute after the goal when Baldinger earned his second yellow card in the game resulting in a red card. Despite being a man up, CSUB was unable to make a mark on the game.

Tobin said that he did not think CSUB's extra man played an important role in the game; at the time of the red card New Mexico was already up 2-0. Taking the score and time remaining into account, Tobin said, "They would have always played all those men behind the ball anyway."

The last 20 minutes of the game consisted of CSUB, missed chances and yellow cards. In total, there were seven yellow cards in the game. CSUB had two players earn a

yellow card while New Mexico had five players earn a yellow card and one player a red card. Five of the yellow cards in the game and the lone red card came in the second half.

CSUB did not have a lack of chances; with nine shots alone in the second half and 16 total CSUB just was not able to put good shots on goal. The Roadrunners also had seven corner kicks in the game but none were capitalized on. New Mexico had one corner kick.

"I thought we were the better team but that is easy to think," Tobin said. "At the end of the day it is about results."

CSUB had over five times the number of shots New Mexico had but the Lobos were able to find the back of the net with their opportunities.

"They never really let anything in behind," said Tobin.

With the win, the Lobos remain the only unbeaten team in Division I soccer and are likely to increase in national ranking.

"If that's the number five team in the country then we are right up there as well," Tobin said. "They will probably be in the top three this week, even maybe one."

The team will go on the road for the remainder of the season playing Denver University on Oct. 28, Air Force on Oct. 30, Seattle University on Nov. 5, and in the MPSF Tournament from Nov. 10-13.

'Runners return home for first time this season; lose two

**By Taylor Gombos
Sports Editor**

In only their second home match of the season, the CSUB volleyball team was looking for redemption against the University Of Las Vegas Nevada. But again the 'Runners lost.

Despite several rallies, the 'Runners were defeated in 5 sets 3-2, with scores of 25-14, 18-25, 22-25, 25-18 15-12.

For a good majority of this match, both teams tried to gain the upper hand on each other.

In the first set, UNLV jumped out to an early 5-1, which was built to as much as an 18-9 lead. The 'Runners appeared to storm back in the first set and nearly took the set but they committed a ton of crucial mistakes, which prevented them from taking the set.

The second and third sets, however, were different as the 'Runners, with a crowd of 229 screaming fans, used 22 kills by sophomore outside hitter Haleigh Haratyk to storm back and set up a fierce rest of the match.

In the third set, after the two teams traded points, CSUB used a 6-0 run to propel them to victory and help them win the set.

The fourth set was mostly dominated by the Rebels, who stormed out to a 14-3 lead, although the scrappy 'Runners battled back and again made it close but still lost the set.

In the middle of the fourth set, CSUB head

coach Jolene Shepardson was given a red card for throwing her clipboard after the 'Runners were called for being out of rotation, which gave the Rebels a point in the set.

The final set came down to who wanted it more and that team appeared to the Rebels, as they out-hit the 'Runners and used crafty plays to secure the win.

CSUB sophomore setter Lisa Bartsch said that the Runners were pumped going into the match.

"We were really excited. We wanted to show everybody how hard we work in the gym," she said.

Shepardson said she was proud of how her team wasn't intimidated by UNLV.

"I think our girls fought a little harder. We responded well to the pressure of UNLV tonight. We were fighting back point by point. We're a little upset but we're going to keep working hard," she said.

Shepardson credited the crowd for supporting her team every step of the way.

"We love the support we get from our community and from the students here, (and) the student athletes here. It was awesome," said Shepardson.

Shepardson said that her team will miss the home atmosphere as they once again prepare for another road trip.

"I think the girls are going to start getting used to it. I think they



Ally Jones/The Runner

CSUB senior setter Danielle Gong serves during a game against Fresno on Oct. 19.

love playing in front of this crowd," Shepardson said.

The Runners had lost to Fresno earlier in the season at Fresno with scores of 22-25, 25-21, 25-23, 27-25.

Despite getting 14 kills from Haratyk and 19 assists from Bartsch, the 'Runners were defeated by Fresno 3-0 with scores of 25-14, 25-15,

25-20.

The 'Runners (6-15) will travel to Idaho State Oct. 28 and Seattle University Nov. 4-5 before returning home to host Montana State Nov. 11-12.

Two-point rally in 2nd half wasn't enough

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the other team.

The game's first goal was made late in the first half when UC Davis forward Allison Kelly, assisted by forward Rogan Dolan, scored from 15 yards off of a long pass. This was answered with CSUB's own first goal just under a minute later, made as an unassisted direct kick from 35 yards out by defender Taylor French, who scored her first goal of the season. The first half concluded with the score tied at 1-1.

The second half of the game was at first dominated by UC Davis, who retaliated against CSUB with two more goals of their own and a much more dominant play style. The first of these goals came within the first two minutes of the second half and was made by forward and midfielder Lisa Kemp, who received the ball from forward Kiele Argente and proceeded to dribble the ball past CSUB's defenses for Davis' second goal of the game. The Aggies' next goal was then made less than 6 minutes later from 10 yards by Argente, assisted by midfielder Hannah Hicks, making the score 3-1.

Although hope was fading for the 'Runners, you could still hear chants of "Let's go 'Runners!" permeating the crowd. This may have given the team the morale boost they needed, as they scored two more goals to tie up the game. One of these goals was again made by

French, except this time the ball – launched from 35 yards – went off the left post and into the goal. This was followed almost 10 minutes later by forward Taylor Jordan's goal, assisted by forward Sam Peña, which came from just outside the 18 and tied the game up once more at 3-3.

Hope had been restored for the 'Runners, but not for long, as UC Davis mounted its attack and came back strong. With less than 20 minutes left in the game, Kelly scored the Aggies' final, game-winning goal this time assisted by midfielder and forward Ashley Edwards. The goal came off of a cross inside the goalkeeper's box, just three yards from the goal. The remaining attempts by CSUB to score, though fiery and well-made, were not enough to secure them a fourth goal to tie the game up again.

"I think that there's a lot of areas that we can take from this game to build on: lot of momentum, some great goals, some understanding in our style of play. The more understanding they get in how we want to perform in our system, the better we're going to get, game by game," said Phillips.

With this 4-3 loss to UC Davis, the 'Runners' record dropped to 3-12-1. The team will be playing the first of its final two games of the season Sunday, Oct. 30 in Northridge against Cal State Northridge.

Athlete of the Week

**Women's Soccer
against UC Davis
Oct. 20**

**Freshman defender
Taylor French scored
two goals on free kicks,
both from 35 yards out,
in the 4-3 loss against
UC Davis.**

