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## THE BIG STORY

# Graduation changes spark concern among students

By Javier Valdes and  
Annie Russell  
*The Runner Staff*

Graduation commencement discussions have triggered concern within CSU Bakersfield students as the possibilities of a ceremony where students won't cross the stage or be individually recognized were being explored by the administrative cabinet.

Following an open forum event at the Albertson Room on Oct. 12, CSUB Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jenny Zorn announced that one thing is clear, "The reading of names is important and no substitution seems viable. So, we will maintain that."

Zorn scheduled two open forums for faculty, in an effort to gain different perspectives, as administration continues to seek for the best options, in terms of location and structure, for the approaching commencement.

Students, faculty and staff arrived to a crowded room to discuss the changes that were being explored in regards to graduation, including the rumored removal of students



Spring 2016 commencement speaker Stephen Schilling delivers speech to the graduating class.

crossing the stage and being individually recognized.

CSUB senior communications major Jovanni Hernandez addressed Zorn with his concerns and advocated for students wanting individual recognition during the ceremony.

"I had great hopes coming to CSUB, I may be the first to graduate with my bachelors

and I want my grandma to see me walk down the stage," said Hernandez. "Maybe it's something simple but it's more than just the process of getting my name called—it's a cultural, it's a psychological significance to my family and myself."

"This school has made a lot of decisions that I don't agree with and I sat back and I

brushed it off, I said 'Hey you know what, I'll pay higher fees. Hey you know what, I'll fund a program that I don't believe in,' but I believe in this, so that's why I'm speaking up today."

Many of the students attending the forum echoed Hernandez's concerns regarding crossing the stage during the See GRADUATION, Page 3

## ATHLETICS

# Igniting the flames of a rivalry

By Esteban Ramirez  
*Managing Editor*

Ten seconds remained. Nine, eight, seven, six... The score was all tied up at 54.

The crowd at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas quietly watched in suspense.

CSU Bakersfield's Dedrick Basile, a 5-foot-11-inch junior guard, was accustomed to going at bigger players, but this time it was New Mexico State's Pascal Siakam, a 6-foot-9-inch sophomore forward.

Basile sized up Siakam, crossed over and created some space as he stepped back.

Siakam attempted to recover, stretching his arm to contest Basile's shot.

Yet Basile rose up, shot it over Siakam about 27 feet from the basket.

The ball went through the air almost in slow motion and swish.

Basile knocked down the game-winning bucket.

CSUB fans erupted in cheers

as the Roadrunners beat the Aggies 57-54 for the Western Athletic Conference Tournament championship.

No one-on-one matchup has ever embodied these two schools and their rivalry any better.

Yes, I said rivalry.

This can now be considered a rivalry.

On one side was New Mexico State — lead by WAC Player of the Year Siakam. Both were big, experienced and dominated the conference.

Then there was CSUB, the promising but much smaller program — lead by a promising and smaller Basile.

Basile not only hit the biggest shot in the program's history, which caused a national moment for CSUB, but he added some fuel to the fire of this rivalry.

I'm a firm believer in the sports saying that a rivalry isn't born until both teams beat each other.

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CSUB guard Damiyne Durham goes up for a shot against New Mexico State at last year's WAC Tournament in Las Vegas.

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## HEALTH

# Student athletes lack nutritious food options

By Joe Macias, Peter Castillo and Syleena Perez  
*The Runner Staff*

provides oatmeal, apples, bananas and other things through a grant that the NCAA has given them.

"The goal is to keep as much stuff out there as possible..." said Siegfried. "What we need is almost an unlimited amount of healthy food."

However, Wilkins said they are having a problem with scar-

city and running out of food quickly.

"We restock (the Kegley Center) every day, but athletes go through it really quickly," said Wilkins. "We don't have a lot.

We're spending quite a bit of our budget money on the fruits, the oatmeal and things like

"We don't give enough healthy options on campus, and for athletes if we are going to ask them to be healthy, we have to actually help provide something for them."

Michael Wilkins,  
Senior Athletic  
Trainer

that."

"We don't expect it to last. We're just trying to make it last as long as we can," said Wilkins on the Bolthouse deal.

Men's soccer player Jaime Carey-Morell said at times it was hard to eat the right things because of his busy schedule.

"I had class after practice and unless I prepared something before, I wouldn't have anything to eat until after seven," said Carey-Morell. "So it was hard to have a good diet because you had to snack on not the best things."

Senior women's basketball player Brittany Sims shared in the sentiment. Sims is on a meal plan at CSUB and said that she would like to see those meals be healthier options.

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## CAMPUS

## Edible garden finally moving forward at CSUB

By Esteban Ramirez  
Managing Editor

The Edible Garden at CSU Bakersfield has been in discussions for over the past two years, but the school is now moving forward to the design phase of the project.

This past week CSUB asked for input and ideas from stakeholders by holding two charettes to gather information.

CSUB Sustainability Coordinator and former ASI Executive Vice President Jennifer Sanchez said they held two charettes to see what the campus wants to see at the Edible Garden, which is meant to provide free and healthy food options to students, staff and faculty.

"The event was great," Sanchez said. "We didn't only have survey respondents we had engaged and excited individuals. Many stayed and had conversations with us about their interest and their ideas. Some offered resources, information and even donations."

Students, staff and faculty, had the chance to cast their votes for features, such as fencing of the garden, a demonstration kitchen and types of plants they want to see in the garden.

"They are being very detailed in how they want to build it, how they want the function carried out and what type of plans," said senior business administration major Mikell Torres on the charettes. "I think it's great that they are asking for as much input. It really shows that they really want our suggestions."

The charettes were held Oct. 12 and Oct. 13.

Sanchez said they had 310 people show up and take the surveys.

Additionally, Sanchez said 250 took the online survey that

was emailed to students' email account.

Sanchez added more than half of the students that showed up for the charettes stated they are interested in volunteering.

CSUB had posters with various ideas on them where the campus got to put different colored dots on them to vote for those ideas.

There was also a layout of where they are planning to build the garden.

The Edible Garden is planned for the south end of campus near Camino Media and Haggan Oaks. It will be south of the Roadrunner Softball Complex and where the Facility of Animal and Care Treatment use to be.

Executive Assistant to the President Evelyn Young said they wanted the garden in the south end of the campus to entice the community to visit the campus if they are passing by that side.

"People will want to go there," Young said. "It's going to be a destination location and a gathering place."

The idea for the garden came after professor of economics, environmental and global studies Aaron Hegde did a food on security study back in 2013.

In the study, Hegde found out that 40 percent of the population on campus doesn't know where their next meal is coming from or have to cut back on groceries because of rent, gas or other utilities.

Therefore, they wanted to bring a garden that will feed students, staff and faculty healthy food for free.

"I know a few people, that between bills and other expenses, by the time it comes down to food, they are just scraping by," said Torres. "Their only real [option is] the dollar menu at a fast-food restaurant or asking

someone to help them out, so it's a great initiative to help students in need."

Young said the garden would provide better quality and better and flavorful food options.

She added the garden is abiding by quality of life, sustainability and justice.

Young said it is vital to have the input from the campus and the charettes and surveys are an example of that.

The garden itself will incorporate hydroponics, which is the same idea that is used at the Epcot Center in Disneyland that was developed by Tim Carpenter.

The majority of the garden is going to be vertical, which consists of pots stacked on top of one another.

The outlying areas will have the traditional garden beds.

They will be utilizing 10,000 square feet of hydroponics systems which in these systems the water comes from the top and trickles down through the various basins that are holding the plants.

According to Young, one of the advantages of the hydroponics are low-water usage because it goes directly into the plant and not staying in the soil.

The other benefits are less labor and fewer pesticides.

"We will be able to grow more flavorful foods faster with fewer resources and less labor intensity than controversial farming," Young said.

The garden will also feature a welcome center, student research area, a meditation circle, an outside dining area, a farm-to-table demonstration kitchen and outside student lounge area.

The garden is estimated to cost around \$177,000.

However, Associated Students Inc. is funding \$42,000 to the kitchen, which is expected to



Esteban Ramirez/The Runner

Students are given the opportunity to suggest designs for the upcoming edible garden on Thursday Oct. 13.



Esteban Ramirez/The Runner

CSUB students have the chance to give their input on some of the garden's features on Thursday, Oct. 13.

## STAFF

## Sanchez gains new position in president's office

By Samantha Melendez  
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield's former executive vice president of ASI Jennifer Sanchez has now taken a position in the president's office as the university's sustainability coordinator.

Sanchez appeared excited to work on campus.

"It's one of the best jobs you can get," said Sanchez.

Sanchez had previously worked on numerous sustainability projects under ASI, such as the runner bike share program, recyclemania, and e-waste drive, all which have been well received at CSUB.

As the sustainability coordinator, some of the things Sanchez will overlook are; alternative transportation options, water conservation, recycling, energy efficiency, the campus food pantry and the Edible Garden.

"It is important for people to be educated about what sustainability is," said Sanchez.

Sustainability is not a department at CSUB.

However, one of the tasks Sanchez will work on is creating it.

Since this would be such a vast department and consist of countless responsibilities, interns will be given the chance to work under Sanchez and take on various duties to help CSUB be more sustainable.

This entails contacting people, creating events, and spreading the word for these events, thus helping people be more aware of how they can help CSUB be more sustainable.

One of the ways Sanchez helped the CSUB community be informed about some way of sustainability is by collaborating with ASI.

On Oct. 18, the film True Cost

screened in the Walter Stiern Dezember Room.

A film about the clothing industry and the impact it has on the world.

This will not be the only event of this type at CSUB, as October is sustainability month.

On Oct. 29, the e-waste drive event will be held.

The event consists of people bringing in electronics that cannot be disposed of on land field and disposing of them properly.

Sanchez will continue working on bringing awareness to campus, as she has done so in the past.

The president's office staff is pleased to have another member on their team.

"Staff are delighted to have a person dedicated to sustainability," said Executive Assistant to the President Evelyn Young.

Young previously managed sustainability on campus.

However, as of 2014 a CSU policy was put in action. This policy recognizes the need for each CSU campus to have a sustainability coordinator.

Sanchez is the first sustainability coordinator hired at CSUB.

Sanchez will continue to help support and expand projects on sustainability that have already been established at the university.

**"Staff are delighted to have a person dedicated to sustainability."**

**Evelyn Young,**  
executive assistant  
to the president



AJ Alvarado/The Runner

Jennifer Sanchez acts as the new sustainability coordinator in the president's office.

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## GRADUATION

# Ceremony changes cause worry

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ceremony.

"I'm here because I care," said senior psychology major Taylor Pouncy. "I think it's an important rite of passage...and I think we're all entitled to it."

Also in the midst of the crowded forum were numerous first-generation graduates who expressed their dreams of wanting to cross the stage.

"I personally want to cross the stage because that has been my dream and I'm a first-generation college student," said senior sociology major Maricruz Leon. "I'll be a first-generation graduate, so it's very important to me and my family for me to get called and cross the stage."

Similarly, crossing the stage has been a dream for senior

communications major Miel Rivera, who thinks individual recognition is a vital necessity in the spring 2017 ceremony.

"It makes me really upset because this is something I feel like most of us have dreamed of since we were little and it has taken us a lot of work and dedication," said Rivera.

As for now, administrators continue to explore the impending plans in terms of location and the structure of the ceremonies. Zorn said that they are looking at the soccer stadium as a possible location for commencement.

The new location would replace the amphitheater as the crowds have outgrown the venue over the years. The new location would eliminate the need for the ticket system

and would remove the limit of people that graduates can invite to the ceremony.

Talks about creating an overflow into the Icardo Center have also been explored.

Zorn said during the discussion that there is no doubt that there will be names called out during the ceremony and that they are now exploring two different options, both of which would feature individual recognition of each graduate.

As of now the committee is looking at a May 19 ceremony that would consist of one undergraduate ceremony comprised of all four schools, the ceremony would last upward of two hours and would be followed by a campus-wide reception.

Another option that the com-

mittee is looking at is having two different undergraduate ceremonies, both during the same day; each ceremony would graduate two schools, which would shorten the ceremony time.

The possibility of a reception following the ceremonies is still being explored.

With upward of 1,500 students expected to graduate spring 2017, Zorn said that parking is another issue that they are looking at, since having one ceremony would surely fill the campus parking.

Yet, having two ceremonies could cause problems. Getting people in and out of campus would be an area of concern since families like to take pictures around campus following graduation ceremonies.



Karina Diaz/The Runner  
Students join in the discussion over changes coming to the graduation ceremony. CSUB Provost Jenny Zorn led the forum on Oct. 12.

As for now, these are still ideas that are being explored there are no final changes being made yet but the committee is

expected to continue the search for student, faculty and staff input as they make a decision before the end of the semester.

## CAMPUS

# History department opens new program

By Carla Chacon  
Reporter

Living in a society that is often focused on what is happening in the present, history is often overlooked.

From the languages spoken to the streets below, history is all around us. CSU Bakersfield's history department is now offering a B.A. in history with an emphasis in public history.

Students in the new program

will be required to take courses in oral history, public history, and archives and special collections.

Associate professor of history, Douglas Dodd, said "public history is one of the newer fields in history that has been growing over the past decades...as our department has been expanding, we now have the resources to begin offering this program."

But, what is public history?

The difference between academic history and public history is that public history goes beyond the scope of the classroom, applying it to the world.

Public historians focus on educating and working with the community, such as by working at museums. According to the National Council on Public History, public historians work as curators, historical interpreters, and producers in film, to

name a few.

The history department will be teaming up with the Historical Research Center and the Walter W. Stiern Library to help students attain practical experience with the processing of historical collections.

"We're trying to leverage the different options we have here on campus to build a more active, robust program," said Dodd.

Senior Assistant Librarian

Chris Livingston who is in charge of the Historical Research Center, said "Our role here will be teaching an archives class, but also to find service learning opportunities and internship opportunities in the community and archives."

Along with benefitting the students, the new program will help the department and library bring in new donations of historical collections.

"The more we can do to get

the word out about what we are doing here at CSUB," said Dodd, "will cause more people to donate their historical documents which are very important to preserving and documenting local and regional history."

Livingston said that the new program will show potential donors that their historical documents and collections will be well preserved, and that the collections will benefit student learning.

## What's Happening Around Campus

### OCTOBER

**19 Fall Career Expo**  
10 a.m.-1 p.m. SRC

**Reading Session with Trio Céleste**  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Music Bldg 127

**Presidential Debate Watch Party**  
5:30-8 p.m. Rowdy's Rm 113

**Student Housing Fall Festival**  
7-10 p.m., Residence Hall BBQ

**20 Brown Bag Discussion: Water**  
12-1 p.m. Stockdale Room

**Movie Night: All Good Things**  
6-8 p.m. Residence Hall MPR

**Choice Between Abortion & Human Equality**  
6:30-8 p.m. Stockdale Room

**Love's Labour's Lost**  
8-10 p.m. Doré Theatre

**21 Women's Soccer vs.**  
UT Rio Grande Valley  
5 p.m. Main Soccer Field

**Men's Soccer vs.**  
UT Rio Grande Valley  
7:30 p.m. Main Soccer Field

**22 Wrestling-Blue Gold Dual**  
(Exhibition) 5 p.m. Icardo Center

**23 Women's Soccer vs.**  
NM State 1 p.m. Main Soccer Field

**24 Mayoral Debate**  
4-9 p.m. Student Union MPR

**An Evening with RJ Mitte**  
6-9 p.m. Doré Theatre

**Bakersfield Fan Forum Presents:**  
Ben Fama, 4 p.m. Madigan Gallery

**25 The Ethics of Water Distribution**  
Panel 7-9 p.m. Student Union  
MPR

**Junior Achievement Stock Market**  
Challenge 8 a.m.-2 p.m. SRC

**26 Fall 2016 Blood Drive**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Runner Park

**Zombie Climb** 5-10 p.m.  
SRC Rock Wall

**Economic Forum: Trump vs**  
**Clinton** 6:45-8:30 p.m.  
Student Union MPR

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Charles Fishman, "The Big  
Thirst"  
7-9:30 p.m. Icardo Activities Center

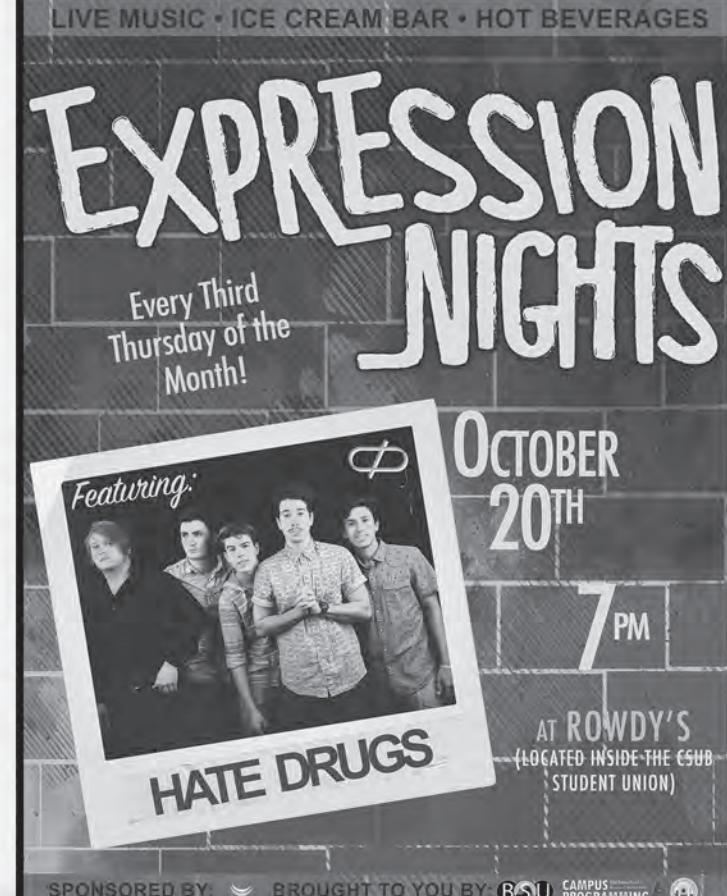
**Greater Bakersfield Chamber**  
**Career Expo** 4-8 p.m.  
Rabobank Arena

**28 Runner Nights: Haunted Vegas**  
9 p.m.-2 a.m. SRC

**29 Men & Women Swim & Dive**  
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Hillamn Aquatic Center

**Women's Soccer vs.**  
Grand Canyon 7 p.m.  
Main Soccer Field

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## Upcoming Events

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## DEBATE

# Commentators face-off



Ben Patton/The Runner

James Carville addresses the Bakersfield Business Conference with thumbs up in the main tent on Saturday, Oct. 8.

By Javier Valdes  
Editor-in-Chief

American political commentator and liberal media personality James Carville and American conservative social and political commentator Ann Coulter faced-off in a heated debate at the 2016 Bakersfield Business Conference on Saturday, Oct. 8. Stan Statham served as moderator for the debate where

he referred to Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton as 'crooked Hillary' and Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump as 'mentally unstable.'

Coulter started off the debate showing her support for Trump and praising his political stance.

"He raised the issues that all of these cowards were afraid to," said Coulter.

Carville responded with his loyal support for Clinton, saying that she has the experience required to take office.

"Hillary is ready to take on the office of president of the United States," said Carville as resounding boos filled the venue. "I think the Democratic nominee is tough... and ready to lead this country."

The political banter continued as Coulter blamed the media

for the negative way in which Trump is perceived.

"It's not the media, it's your stupid candidate," answered Carville.

Carville addressed the crowd telling them that they should be embarrassed for their candidate and their party. Coulter ended by stating "vote Trump it's the only hope."

## POLITICS



Ben Patton/The Runner

Sheriff Joe Arpaio speaks on Trump's qualifications to be president as well as the importance of strengthening the Arizona border at the Bakersfield Business Conference on Saturday, Oct. 8.

## 'America's Toughest Sheriff' talks elections

By Javier Valdes  
Editor-in-Chief

Arizona's Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, 87, arrived at a packed venue and was welcomed by a loud roaring crowd in the political tent at the 2016 Bakersfield Business Conference.

Arpaio talked about his 54 years in law enforcement, his upcoming race for sheriff and immigration.

"They think they're going to kick me out," said Arpaio in regards to his upcoming election. "This guy is not going to surrender."

Arpaio talked about his jails and boasted about the way in which he runs them.

"I'm very tough running the jails," said Arpaio. "You can't make it too nice, or they'll want to come back."

During the question and answer portion of the program, an audience member asked the sheriff when he was running for president.

"That's kind of a demotion," said Arpaio. "Anybody could be president."

## BUSINESS



Karina Diaz/The Runner

Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson addresses the Bakersfield Business Conference to talk about his many achievements.

## Magic Johnson shares business tips

By Jonathan Wells  
Multimedia Editor

Two-time hall of famer, philanthropist and entrepreneur Earvin "Magic" Johnson was welcomed at the Bakersfield Business Conference Oct. 8 to inform the crowd of the magic of business.

After talking about his many achievements as a NBA superstar, Johnson addressed the business investments he has made in urban America.

"I went to Howard Schultz asking to build a Starbucks in Los Angeles. I remember the L.A Times headlining, no way minorities will pay three bucks for a cup of coffee. [Urban America] did pay three bucks. I just had to change the menu," said Johnson. "Black folks didn't know what scones were, so I put sweet potato pie on the menu and sure enough urban America bought Starbucks."

Magic then stepped into the crowd, took pictures with fans,

signed memorabilia, and spoke of his achievements in the sports industry.

"I was fortunate to be able to buy a share of the Lakers... and when Kobe spoke of retirement, I sold my shares of Starbucks and the Lakers, then was fortunate enough to have an opportunity to buy a share of the Dodgers, and since then we have been able to increase that fan base to the No.1 fan base in the league," said Johnson.

After talking of his accom-

plishments in business with Disney and Guttenheim, Johnson ended his speech addressing the presidential candidates saying, "both candidates are right about one thing, and that is about rebuilding the American infrastructure."

"We need to focus on change there, because it is old and needs repair."

Following his presentation, Johnson pledged his support for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

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## RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Riley Heffernan / Photos by Karina Diaz

This week The Runner asked, "How do you feel about the proposed changes to the graduation ceremony?"

**Morgan Cup**

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Sophomore

"You just spent four to six years earning your diploma, I wouldn't want to just stand up. You deserve to be recognized."



**Alwaleed Alshammary**

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Senior

"I want to walk and feel like we're graduating. It's just the happiest moment. I want to get my certificate for myself. I want the pictures. It has a different feeling."



**Eileen Grimes**

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Sophomore

"The blood, sweat and tears you put into these classes, and these courses for these professors, and then all you have in the end is to just stand up? I feel like that would suck."

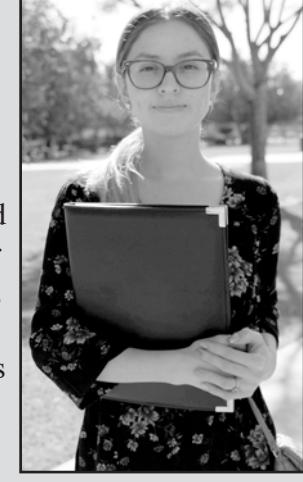


**Paola Hernandez**

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Senior

"For me it's a big accomplishment because both me and my sister are first generation university students. My parents have been waiting for this too."



### STAFF EDITORIAL

# Graduation sparks a conversation

Hearing your name called on the first day of school is a self-proclaimed fame every student has at least twice in their life.

So why is it different when it's done at graduation? Is it the six loved ones you forced to wake up at 5 a.m., the professors who were forced to wear graduation garb to watch a student they taught at a couple times grab a certificate from the president, or was it the other hundreds of students who are there for

themselves and their decorated caps.

No one cares about you. College is a place for self-growth, ideological challenges and knowledge growth, so hearing students complain that their beloved name may not be called or they won't get to cross the stage is enlightening and annoying all packed into one certificate.

Enlightening because as students we should feel the autonomy and motivation to

challenge such decrees from our administration. In the prior staff editorial, it was stated that students should have the motivation to speak up about issues they disagree with.

A forum was held last week to discuss possible changes to the graduation ceremony process and at this forum, students and faculty alike spoke on the proposals.

The general consensus among faculty and students was that they wanted their moment of

satisfaction, they wanted their name to echo from the grass of the amphitheater through the ears of six loved ones or maybe less if they made the choice to not wake up early and go see you walk across the stage for a few seconds.

The annoying part of this whole conversation is that students feel they are entitled to hearing their name called at graduation because they've paid fees and tuition.

We all pay tuition and fees

one way or another, but assuming that you're entitled to getting your name called at a ceremony because you pay to come here is absurd. Be more upset that ASI is using your money to raise school spirit on campus.

Nevertheless, it is important for your loved ones to see you succeed. But what is success?

Is it getting that certificate or seeing what you do with it afterward? Or is it remembering all that you went through to

be there?

All those arduous hours searching for a study room. Or even the time spent rushing to class because you couldn't find parking. Or the time the vending machine ate your crisp dollar bill and you had to settle for trail mix instead of Snickers.

Be happy that your name is being called, because after college, that's all a lot of students will have. The seven second recognition goes a long way.

### REVIEW

# The rebirth of Birth of a Nation enlightens viewers

**By Jonathan Wells**  
Multimedia Editor

The original Birth of a Nation was released on March 3, 1915. Its depictions of African Americans and glorification of the Ku Klux Klan aroused much controversy throughout the African American community and the U.S. in general.

With the release of another Birth of a Nation on Oct. 7, some 101 years after the original it would be unethical to let

an opportunity like this one go by without comparing the two films impact on society. Before I begin, with the new Birth of a Nation only being about a week old, its impact cannot begin to compare to the previous films, but what's the point of an opinion piece anyway.

The first Birth of a Nation highlighted the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction era in the years leading to the war and after the nation's reconstruction. Its main focus

was to rally support for the white population and (whether purposely or inadvertently) re-sparked an interest in the KKK.

It also popularized genocide of African Americans and African American sympathizers, making lynching a social event that elevated status amongst the white populous.

This Birth of a Nation's depiction of the "black buck," terrorized the white population while infuriating the African American community, sparking

protests and riots wherever the film was shown.

The original Birth of a Nation's impact on society should be clear by now but if not let's just say it sparked hatred in the hearts of many, both African American and White.

For you history buffs, did you know Birth of a Nation was the first film to be screened in the White House under the presidency of one Woodrow Wilson?

Now as far as the new Birth

of a Nation, this film is focused more on the prospect of slavery from the perspective of the slaves.

A few key and recurring concepts in this Birth of a Nation is its emphasis on suppression, mistreatment, pimping, and spoiler alert the eventual uprising of preacher, Nat Turner, and his army of free men.

This film's impact is yet to be seen, but in me and many of the people that I have talked to that have seen it feel a sense of

pride and activism has been implanted along with the thoughts of reformation and ideas on what should be done about the current injustices African Americans face in the U.S.

Both of these films were meant to insight a sense of pride and bring about some change in America.

The question is though, in the next hundred year or so, which film will have had more of an impact on the nation, the old or the current?

### ENVIRONMENT

# Water issues still flowing

**By Brandon Redmon**  
Reporter

Our lakes and rivers are drying up. The dried land looks like scabs on Earth. The drought hit us hard, making water that much more valuable.

Even in times of severe drought, water companies are still pumping large amounts of water to sell at a huge profit for themselves.

Most of the water they sell comes from tap water, the same water from your sink.

Nestlé and Pepsi-Cola have made huge profits from sources of fresh water that communities also depend on.

Despite having an expired permit to pump water in California, Nestlé does not feel like this is wrong. They are stealing our water and not a damn thing is being done about it.

According to Kate Taylor at Business Insider, Nestlé recently outbid a small town named Centre Wellington, Ontario over a well of water.

The small town wanted to buy this well to ensure their citizens had a guaranteed water supply that was safe from commercialization.

Politicians such as Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne have called for a bottled water

reform after news broke of the well's purchase by Nestlé. Legislation needs to happen to protect the people from corporations and allow cities to stockpile water.

This does not account for the effects that making plastic and drinking from plastic has on the community and personal health.

Generally, five-gallon bottles are terrible for storing water due to the plastic often leaching Bisphenol-A (BPA), an endocrine disruptor, into the water that can be harmful if ingested.

If you drink from these, switch to glass or BPA-free plastics.

Concerned about harmful materials used to store water, CSU Bakersfield art major Josh Brandenburg said "How could [manufacturers] use harmful chemicals that can go into our water and food and still be legal to distribute it to everyone? How is this legal? It is ridiculous."

Manufacturing plastic has been linked to cancer.

People who live next to a manufacturing plant have a higher rate of cancer.

In a 2012 breast cancer study by BioMed Central, it was suggested that women exposed to plastic fumes had a 400 percent

increase to breast cancer.

Stop drinking from plastic bottles and drink from refillable glass bottles.

We as humans do not take care of our waste well, especially with plastics.

Much of our plastic ends up either in the ground or around a turtle's shell.

Creating one-time use bottles is a waste of time and resources because they just end up as pollution most of the time.

The corporations create all this potential waste and never look back on it. They put the blame on the individual instead of creating a biodegradable plastic.

All for profit.

We are in a bad drought and are running out of fresh water.

Legislation needs to be passed to prevent these companies from being able to exploit the local water supply during a drought.

We need to stand up for our community to stop water exploitation.

The next time you drink from a water bottle, just think of the people who have been doomed from the company that took their water and are killing them with plastic manufacturing.

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By Brenda Yimm

## ATHLETICS

# Rivalry fueled by close playoff wins

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For three years, CSUB had been battling to try to beat NMSU in a number of sports and be the top school in the WAC, but the Roadrunners seemed to always come up short.

However, these past two years they have ignited the flames of a rivalry with the Aggies.

This was a big moment in their head-to-head matchups, a major flare-up of a spark that had been smoldering between these two schools.

**Igniting the Rivalry**

For CSUB and New Mexico State, that moment came almost two years earlier.

On Nov. 21, 2014, the CSUB volleyball team knocked out the defending WAC champs New Mexico State 3-1 in the semifinals of the WAC Tournament, which then catapulted the Roadrunners to win the conference championship that year.

"After that game, for sure it became a rivalry, especially since we had players that had been here for awhile and they experienced every single one of those games they lost," said CSUB Director of Volleyball Giovana Melo.

Melo said since she arrived in 2014 fans and supporters always tell her that CSUB has to beat NMSU.

"Even the fans know, everybody knows that they are the team to beat, and even if you have a bad season, it seems like if you beat New Mexico State that's all that matters," she said.

Redshirt-junior middle blocker Sydney Haynes said she enjoys the rivalry between CSUB and New Mexico State.

"It's one of those things that's kind of like a fun rivalry to have because it has been back and forth and it's always us in the championship for volleyball anyway," said Haynes. "It's that game that we always look forward to and have that extra kind of fire behind us."

Haynes said earning a win is even better when it is against NMSU.

"When we beat them in the semifinals when we won the WAC, it was almost better than the championship game, just because of that rivalry, but I think that when we play them it brings another level of our game," she said.

Last year, the CSUB volleyball team kept adding to the rivalry as it met New Mexico State in the WAC Tournament championship game in a match between the past two champions. However, the Aggies swept the Roadrunners 3-0 to win the conference championship.

And that result left a stinging feeling in Haynes and the team that will carry over to this year. "Every single person that

"They kind of have been the older brother and we have been trying to get there, get stronger, drink our milk and work out. Finally, when we beat them, I think they looked at us [as a rival]."

**Rod Barnes, Men's Basketball Coach**

played and was on the team last year knows that game was a fluke and we didn't show up at all," she said. "I know for me personally and a couple of my teammates were just like, 'the first time we play them we are going all out because we need to make for what we did last year.'"

This fall, CSUB did fall in the first matchup against NMSU in three close sets (26-24, 25-20 and 25-19) on Sept. 29. However, only time will tell how the rivalry in this particular sport will carry out the rest of the season.

**Adding Fuel to the Fire**

For any rivalry to continue to grow, situations have to be just right and this rivalry moved to another level thanks to a couple of game-winning moments in conference championship games.

The first was Basile's three-pointer at the WAC Men's Basketball Tournament championship game.

It shook the core of both CSUB athletics and their rivals.

However, to explain why this was the case, let's go back to the regular season on Jan. 23, 2016 when the Aggies visited the Roadrunners for a big matchup.

CSUB was on a roll and in the midst of its best start since moving to Division I back in 2011, rolling into its big home game against New Mexico State with the Roadrunners holding onto the best record in the conference at 14-5 and 3-0 in the WAC.

The Icardo Center was packed and sold out for the first time since 1993 as they had a chance to beat the Aggies for the first time in men's basketball.

With every dunk and every made shot, the crowd got more deafening and CSUB's confidence continued to grow. Then, the bullies of the WAC, the Aggies, rallied started to rally back. However, CSUB responded and kept taking back the lead.

It appeared it was CSUB's night holding onto a 67-65 lead in double overtime with

seconds remaining, but then NMSU's junior guard Sam Baker silenced the crowd with a game-winning three-pointer.

That moment set the table for what was to come a month later in the WAC Tournament Championship game.

Second-seeded CSUB met top-seeded NMSU in the championship game and would have to go through the four-time WAC champs to go onto the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament.

The game went back-and-forth but CSUB continued to hold onto the lead and finally put the Aggies away with Basile's game-winner.

Basile drained the shot and paid them back for the game-winner earlier in the year.

"It still feels unreal," said Basile after making the shot.

CSUB alumnus John Salazar said beating the Aggies made the win even better.

"It was against that team that has always been knocking us out," said Salazar.

CSUB men's basketball coach Rod Barnes said he thinks there is a rivalry between NMSU and CSUB now.

"I feel like we have been trying to get to that point. In a sense, it's kind of like little brother, big brother," said Barnes. "They kind of have been the older brother and we have been trying to get there, get stronger, drink our milk and work out. Finally, when we beat them, I think they looked at us [as a rival]."

Redshirt-senior guard Jaylin Airington added it was a huge moment.

"We got the monkey off our back and what a better way to do it," Airington said. "It was the last game in conference and for the championship, it was all on the line and [Basile] came through."

**Flaring Up**

However, the rivalry hasn't stopped growing.

The flames of this rivalry continued to rage in the softball season as CSUB got some payback from the year before.

In 2015, the CSUB softball team surprisingly made it to the WAC Tournament championship game and found itself one win away from unprecedented success.

But once again, the Aggies stood in the way of the Roadrunners winning another championship.

CSUB lost two straight games in the double elimination format and NMSU won another title.

Fast forward to the 2016 WAC Tournament championship game, where third-seeded CSUB faced top-seeded NMSU once again. But this time it was different. The game was scoreless in the top of the sev-



AJ Alvarado/The Runner

**CSUB's Matt Smith blocks New Mexico State's Tanveer Bhullar at last year's Western Athletic Conference Tournament championship game in Las Vegas.**

enth inning when junior catcher Joanna Larios stepped up to the plate.

Like Siakam and Basile, there was CSUB, the young and up-and-coming program, against NMSU, the powerhouse and two-time WAC champs.

But records and history did not matter in that moment.

Larios jacked the third pitch she saw over the right field fence to give the Roadrunners a 1-0 lead.

CSUB was able to put the Aggies away in the bottom half of the inning and won its first WAC Softball Tournament championship.

"It's crazy how it was the same setup as last year, and I told them I don't know why, but there is a reason and we are walking out of here as the WAC champions," said Buck-Ziegler.

**Keeping the Fire Alive**

No matter the sport, it seems these two schools have to go through each other in every postseason to win the conference.

Out of the nine team sports, CSUB and NMSU are in the same conference in six of them.

In men's basketball, CSUB is 1-11 but it won the last game.

Baseball is 7-6-1 and has gone 3-3-1 in the past two seasons.

Women's basketball is currently 3-4 all-time.

Women's soccer is 4-3 and won the last game in the first round of the playoffs.

Volleyball is 2-9 and has lost the last four games.

Softball is 5-12 all-time and won the last two, which includes the championship win.

Assistant Media Relations Director for New Mexico State John Vu stated in an email that he doesn't think it's a rivalry yet.

"I'm not sure you can really call it a rivalry. CSUB had a good run at the conference tournament championships this season," Vu wrote.

NMSU's athletic director, Mario Moccia, declined to be interviewed for this story.

But this is still a rivalry from the hard-fought battles and nail-biting endings in the past two years.

They have traded championships and postseason victories.

"I think it says that we are not just getting but we are starting to beat them," said Melo. "I think that's the goal of every coach in every sport every year."

"To not just get there, but be able to get there and beat them. I think we are starting to get to that point, and it is very exciting to see."

Though Siegfried said it is a rivalry, he thinks they still have ways to go to be the class of the conference.

"For years, the excitement level when we go up against New Mexico State is just higher because, let's just be candid, they are at the top overall of our conference," Siegfried said.

"So, when we play them, our job is to make sure that we are now above them."

CSUB's next game versus NMSU is in women's soccer at 1 p.m. Oct. 23 on the CSUB Main Soccer Field.



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**CSUB's Aminah Settles moves the ball past the Aggies' defense at last year's Western Athletic Conference Tournament at the Main Soccer Field.**



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**Former CSUB softball player Kelsie Monroe winds up to deliver a pitch against New Mexico State in 2015.**

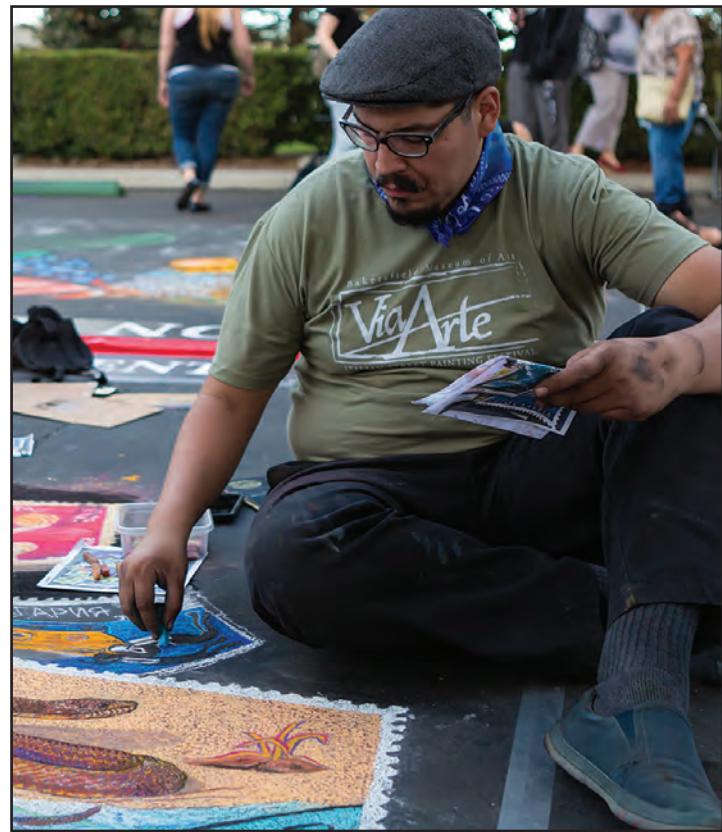


# VIA ARTÉ CHALKS UP THE MARKETPLACE



Ben Patton/The Runner

Stephen Winters applies more color to the leaves on his original work: "The Great Cycle" at Saturday's Via Arté.



Ben Patton/The Runner

Carlos Fierros works on "The Sanctity of Water as revealed through Postage Stamps from Around the World."



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The Marketplace in Bakersfield hosts the annual Via Arté show.



Alejandra Flores/The Runner

Via Arté returns to the parking lots of the Marketplace this past weekend. The Italian street art festival hosts professional and local students.

## TASTE OF THE ARTS SHOWS STUDENT CREATIVITY



Photos by Alejandra Flores/The Runner

CSUB students showcase their art creations to the public during the Taste of the Arts event on Oct. 9.



Art studio major Dale Wolf teaches Dylan Scully, 11, how to throw pottery during the Taste of the Arts event on Oct. 9.

**By Victoria Coronado**  
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield's music, theater and art department opened their doors and allowed students, faculty and members of the community to come join them as they showcased their art on Oct. 9.

Taste of the Arts opened a window to the pure creativity taking place on campus. Guests were immediately greeted by members of the theater department who welcomed them and explained the layout of events and exhibits.

Each department showcased

samples of what was on their menu.

Art students opened the doors of the Todd Madigan Art Gallery where a variety of original work was displayed ranging from sculptures, abstract art, paintings and photography.

The art on display not only allowed personal interpretation but was given a clear direction as the artists made themselves available to discuss the inspiration of the pieces they chose to display. This very easily sparked inspiration in those who interacted with the artists themselves.

As guests continued through

the event, complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres were offered and provided by Café Med. Along with their wine, a jazz trio comprised of music students and faculty treated their guests with delightful song.

The evening was broken into various time slots that allowed guests pick and choose which events they wanted to try out.

"Taste of the Arts was a great time to come out, eat, drink, and enjoy all the art programs at CSUB," said communications and theater major Dakota Nash. "We got to see what was happening in the music, visual

arts, and theater program. It is a great way to experience new art forms."

The theater department provided two different scenes from the plays they have ready for this fall, "Love's Labour's Lost" and "There's an Alligator Under My Bed."

Both plays had a very different feel as one harbored Shakespearean comedy while the other took a twist on classic children's stories, there was something to captivate all ages and all tastes.

A selection from this semester's opera was introduced. Flavor and spice was added when

the jazz collective performed their pieces. Students performing were able to improvise and share their creativity as the audience grooved along with them.

The piano students performed a four-hand piano piece, teasing the audience with what other wonders may lie in the upcoming piano recital.

Following the piano students was the chamber choir singers who performed two pieces that they are working on for the fall concert. Guests listened to the choral works that took traditional religious pieces and placed a modern twist on them.

The chamber choirs ended their selection with singing the CSUB alma mater.

"Taste of the Arts was a memorable experience, creativity shining at its best from our very own local talent," said community member Jose Jimenez. "I am looking forward to seeing these events soon in the upcoming semester."

The amount of complexity, comedic element, and talent was balanced perfectly with the amount of modern, yet tasteful, elegance that captured the evening and left the faculty and staff feeling nothing but pride in the art programs.