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THE BIG STORY

## New vote will cause fees to jump

Students to vote on new SU, aquatics center on Feb. 21

By Peter Castillo  
Editor-in-Chief

An expansion to the Student Union and a new aquatics center is on the table for CSU Bakersfield students. During ASI's board of directors meeting on Jan. 26, the executive board introduced a new bill that will expand the size of the Student Union and add an aquatics center to the Student Recreation Center. It will now be up to CSUB students to decide whether they want the new additions, and if they are willing to take on the price tag that comes with it. The additional cost will begin at \$60 per year, with \$40 going toward the Student Union and \$20 toward the aquatics center. The fee will increase \$40 every year until it caps at \$160 and is only applied to the Student Union fee, according to ASI President Mariela Gomez. The \$20 fee for the aquatics center will remain a fixed amount. "I think it's a great idea," said senior criminal justice major Jaritza Velasco. "It gives us more room to study, and plus, I like to swim." However, not all students feel the upgrade is necessary. "It's not necessary, it's a luxury," said Katharine Cotzajay, a senior psychology major. "I think something like the Edible Garden should be the focus. More students can use it instead of a pool."



Simer Khurana/The Runner

Jorge Zamora, of Associated Students Inc., describes the plan for expanding the Student Union to a student during the #OURNEWSU kickoff event on the Student Union pation on Jan. 29.

The Edible Garden is a student-led initiative which will provide students with fresh produce. However, not many strides have been made toward this effort. Students currently pay \$468 annually towards a student body fee which applies to both the Student

Union and the SRC. The Student Union fee is \$94 annually while the SRC fee is \$374.50 per year. Should the vote pass this number will increase to \$628 annually. The expected total cost of the expansion of the Student Union

will be roughly \$25 to \$27 million, while the expected final cost for the new aquatics center will be around \$8 to \$10 million. Students are scheduled to vote from Feb. 21 to 22 via RunnerSync. See **REFERENDUM**, Page 2

GENDER INEQUALITY

## Icardo Center locker rooms lack equality

By Runa Lemminn  
Features Editor

The design of the women's locker rooms in the Icardo Center is outdated. Together there are over 30 players between the women's basketball and volleyball teams. In the men's locker room, there are 16 players who have their own lounge area with couches, a computer and a flat screen TV. The design of the women's locker room is outdated and does not feature any of the amenities.

The situation has long been a potential Title IX issue because of the disparities between the women's and men's locker rooms. CSU Bakersfield women's athletics locker rooms have been in need of remodeling for years. Now, the changes are on the way. CSUB is massively renovating the building that houses the locker rooms for both men's and women's basketball teams and the volleyball team. The current locker room facilities will be under construction through the summer of 2018, with the

changes complete before the fall seasons commence. Malayasia McHenry, a junior liberal studies major and women's basketball power forward, said the locker room is small and uncomfortable for the women. "I feel like there's no space, and

its really crowded," said McHenry. "When the women's basketball and volleyball are in, there's no room. It's just really hot and crowded." Hasit Panchal, director of facilities planning and construction has acknowledged that there needs to be changes made."

"There is inefficiency in the current layout, since the design is very old," said Panchal. According to Panchal, it took six to eight months to draw up the plans and prepare everything. Another problem for the women is the condition of their showers and the restrooms. "The showers are very disgusting. I've showered in there one time because I had to," said Kate Tokuhara, sophomore communications major and guard for the women's basketball team.

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CSU BUDGET

## CSU Board of Trustees to vote by May for tuition increase

By Veronica Morley  
Digital Managing Editor

CSU Chancellor Timothy White announced on Jan. 30 a potential \$228 tuition increase will be voted on by the Board of Trustees in May. The increase would be a possible resolution to the \$171 million budget gap left by the 2018-2019 Governor's Budget. The Board of Trustees asked for a \$263 million budget but were only allocated \$92 million in the Governor's Budget, \$65 million less than was allocated a year ago. CSU Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, Steve Relyea, said their first priority is to make a case with the state leaders before June for more funding. "In the event that we're not successful, we do need to plan for contingencies including the potential of increasing revenue through tuition increase," he said. Chair of the Political Action Committee for the California Faculty

Association Lillian Taiz spoke to the Committee of Finance about increasing tuition to make up for lack of funds provided by legislatures.

she said. One of the first programs that the Board of Trustees plans to invest in is the second year of Graduation

As Taiz points out, the tuition increase is actually counter-intuitive to the program it is going towards funding.

insecurities and one in 10 suffers from homelessness. In 2013, a survey about food insecurity at CSUB was conducted by

steps to address food insecurity on campus by implementing the food pantry, food distribution and the Edible Garden.

The tuition increase could once again affect the percentage of students facing food insecurity. According to Gabriel Lozano, a 23-year-old organizer for Students for Quality of Education (SQE) at Cal Poly Pomona, he wants to see a more reliable source of funding for the CSU system than the state budget. "Since 1985, the percentage allotted for the CSU system has decreased almost in half," he said. Lorenzo urged members of the board to lobby for legislators to find a more sustainable and permanent way to fund the CSU system rather than using money from student pockets. To view videos of the Board of Trustees meeting or their agenda visit [therunneronline.com](http://therunneronline.com). The Committee of Finance tuition agenda is agenda item 4.

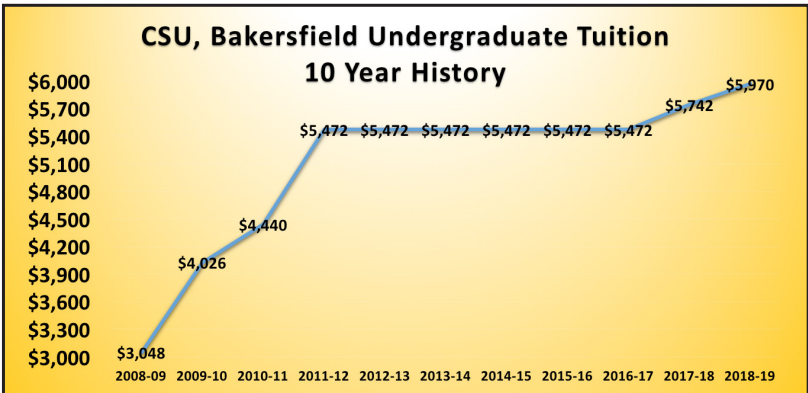
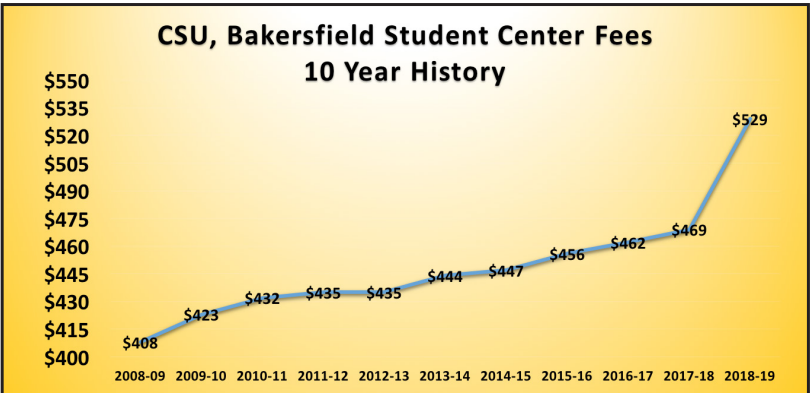


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This information was received by from the CSU Budget office. The numbers for 2018-19 is what the Board of Trustees expects to rise to.

"For legislators, tuition increase is the easy way out... Meanwhile students go deeper into debt, take on more hours of work, take longer to graduate, and then to add insult to injury get blamed for not moving through their systems fast enough."

Initiative 2025. At CSU Bakersfield it is known as "15 to Finish." The program incentives state that students who "Commit to Complete" will remain on track to graduate in four years, increase their GPA and save money.

Another facet the tuition hike will affect is the homelessness and food insecurity among CSU students. According to a report from Equity Interrupted, conducted by the California Faculty Association, one in four students suffers from food

economics professor Aaron Hegde. His survey included 679 participants and according to results, 40 percent of respondents admitted to being food insecure at least once that year. Since then, CSUB has taken

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FACILITIES

# New locker rooms will accommodate both men’s and women’s teams



Runa Lemminn/The Runner  
The women’s locker rooms in the Icardo Center house both the women’s basketball team and volleyball teams, which is over 30 student athletes. The locker room also does not have central heating.

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“We don’t even use our own restroom because it’s that disgusting in there. We use the front bathroom in the gym.”

Moataz Aly, a senior liberal studies major who plays center for the men’s basketball team, said the men’s showers are just fine.

“The showers are pretty nice. I always shower there,” Aly said.

According to the NCAA website, Title IX states treatment of female and male students must be equal. This includes equipment and supplies, locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities and support services.

Title IX is a law passed in 1972 that requires gender equity in all educational programs that are funded by federal dollars.

According to the NCAA website, Title IX is enforced by the institution itself.

Compliance is assessed by comparing the men’s and women’s programs in their entirety, not just for one singular sport.

It does not require that both men’s and women’s programs be equal, but rather, meet the interests and

abilities of both genders.

Also, no sport is excluded from Title IX.

Possible consequences for violating Title IX are the withholding of federal funds.

Shon Briggs, a senior liberal studies major and forward for the men’s basketball team, said the men do not currently have any of the problems McHenry and Tokuhara mentioned.

“It’s comfortable for us. We have our own lockers and a pretty good space for all of us,” said Briggs.

Aly shared in the sentiment.

“I think ours is pretty good,” Aly said. “We’ve got couches and a TV, and chairs and the lockers are really clean and nice.”

CSUB Title IX Compliance Officer Cindy Goodman said the women’s locker room situation has been on the minds of those in CSUB athletics for a while.

“We want to be fair, and we want our student athletes to have a good experience while they’re here,” Goodman said. “We do student-athlete surveys and this locker room situation has been on our hearts and minds for awhile, and we finally gained the approval to move ahead



Andrew Paredes/The Runner  
The men’s basketball locker rooms in the Icardo Center features more space for the student athletes compared to the women’s locker rooms. There is also a lounge area with a sofa and a refrigerator.

and do some reconstruction, so we’re very excited about that.”

Goodmon said the process toward the actual remodel of the current building is in the final stages.

“We are in the process right now,” Goodmon said. “We have capital improvements that are being done, we have a master plan in athletics now, and part of that master plan is our women’s locker rooms.”

“Currently, they are finalizing the plans and they are going to be enhanced after March or April.”

Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams will have their own locker room, and the women’s volleyball team will have their own locker room as well.

Women’s basketball and volleyball players will share a team room.

Ensuring Title IX compliance, the new plans will give the men and women an identical amount of space.

However, the men’s team may end up with a bigger team room because the two women’s locker rooms take up more space.

The teams will all have central heating and air conditioning, adding to their comfort away from the

court.

McHenry said it’s currently never the right temperature in the women’s locker rooms.

In wintertime, the only heat comes from portable space heaters.

“Sometimes it’s too cold in there,” McHenry said.

“They will be knocking out interior walls and the space will be re-configured so there will be a more efficient and modern layout,” said Panchal.

The women’s basketball team is looking forward to the new facilities.

Tokuhara said she thinks it’s about time some changes were made.

“Honestly, I think we deserve our own locker room and we shouldn’t be sharing with volleyball,” said Tokuhara.

McHenry was emotional when she discovered the women’s locker rooms will receive a facelift in the near future, as she feels for the student athletes.

“We deserve an equal amount of things,” said McHenry. “It’s amazing, it’s a blessing, honestly. We need it.”

THE BIG STORY

# Referendum to bring more student jobs

[REFERENDUM, Page 1]

Under state legislature, only academic buildings are funded by the state.

The Student Union and Student Recreation Center do not fall under this category.

These buildings are funded by students.

If the referendum is passed on Feb. 22, the student fee will be applied as soon as Fall 2018.

Ten percent of the necessary funds received will pay for the initial construction of the Student Union expansion.

“The reason the fee begins so low is because the goal is by year three we already collected enough money to begin construction,” said Gomez.

“So by year three or four, students are seeing the construction of it.”

The SRC already has \$3 million in reserves to use toward the construction of the aquatics center. This money is collected through student fees.

However, the Student Union does not have reserve funds that could possibly go toward this project.

“That was one of the issues in 1994 when the referendum passed for the construction of the Student Union,” said Gomez. “They weren’t thinking long term. They didn’t think in the future we would need a savings or reserves account to continue expanding the Student Union.”

According to Gomez, the student population of CSUB will reach 18,000 by 2020.

On Jan. 29, conceptual floor plans were presented to students on the Student Union Patio. The designs are not finalized but they feature a second floor, a ballroom for large events and additional office space.

B&D, a consulting firm, was hired by the Student Union in 2016 to gauge the needs of students and what they felt could be improved from the current Student Union.

Director of the Student Union EJ Callahan said the firm conducted focus groups, electronic surveys and met with campus stakeholders.

“Students felt the need was large

event space, meeting and study rooms, game room, expanded food options and an outdoor pool,” said Callahan.

Over 1,200 students completed the survey.

According to Callahan, the expansion of the Student Union will be completed roughly four years from the time student fees are initially raised.

The SRC conducts an annual poll which identifies students’ needs.

Over 70 percent of the estimated 2,000 students who were polled in the survey over the last two years felt the need for a recreation pool.

“We ask students what they would like to see in the facility,” said Mary O’Mahoney, director of the SRC.

“The need for a pool was the overwhelming favorite.”

According to O’Mahoney, there are a few options on the table for the design of the aquatics center, including a two-pool option.

“I want what the students want and it’s my job to gather the information from them,” said O’Mahoney. “The two-pool option makes the most sense to me because it allows us to offer more programs.”

The designs for the aquatics center include lap lanes in the pools, shaded cabanas, locker rooms and showers.

The aquatics center is expected to take about a year and half to complete.

CSUB students currently have access to the Hillman Aquatics Center. However, students only have access to the pool for one hour per day.

Should the referendum pass, it would create 25 to 30 new student jobs at both the new Student Union and the aquatics center.

If a student graduates prior to the completion of the two projects, they will still be able to use the facilities for the number of semesters they paid for. The SRC used a similar policy when it was constructed.

For instance, if a student paid the fee for two semesters and then graduated, for example, they would be able to attend the aquatics center for two semesters after they graduated.

MONTECITO MUDSLIDES

# CSUB student lends hand after disasters in Southern California

By Norma Hernandez  
Reporter

A little boy, about eight years old, and his family were surrounded by mud at a local shopping center. One of the soldiers stretched out his arms to the boy but the boy hesitated.

Private First Class Yessenia Mendoza, motor transport operator for the California Army National Guard, reached out to him and he jumped straight into her arms.

“We happened to see them and that’s when we [realized] this is for real,” said Mendoza.

Mendoza, a CSU Bakersfield junior psychology major, was one of the eight additional soldiers in the National Guard who volunteered with the evacuation after devastating mudslides swamped areas in Montecito, California on Jan. 9, 2018.

“Private First Class Mendoza’s unit, the 114th Composite Truck Company, is credited with rescuing or evacuating more than 1,800 people,” U.S. Air National Guard Senior Airman Crystal Houseman wrote in an email.

Mendoza works as a truck driver, but mostly does administration work for drivers.

She stays a great deal behind the scenes.

Before the Montecito incident, she hadn’t had much experience being in a mudslide or being involved so personally in a mission.

According to the incident report given by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection agency, the mudslides killed 20 residents.

“You see people without their shoes, all wet, [and] they’re covered in mud all the way up to their chest,” said Sgt. Diana Martinez, who worked with Mendoza in

Montecito.

On the first day, Mendoza and a couple of soldiers were on their trucks scouting for the safest roads to drive on before they could begin the evacuation.

During their drive, they encountered the family stuck at a shopping center covered in mud.

She saw the little boy with his family and it reminded her of her son.

She said the thought of this happening in Bakersfield and to her own son, made her uneasy.

The soldiers stopped their drive immediately to rescue the family.

They visited a multitude of neighborhoods and made several trips to evacuate the area.

Mendoza said they had to overload the legal amount of people they could carry on their trucks.

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Photo Courtesy of Crystal Houseman  
Major General David S. Baldwin (left) and Private First Class Yessenia Mendoza (right) in Montecito, California. Mendoza unit provided aid to the victims of the mudslides in the area.

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ADMINISTRATION

Questions surround committee

By Sonia Lemus  
News Editor

The Campus Fee Advisory Committee is a committee that meets on a need basis once a semester. They decide to increase fees related to courses and the campus. It does not deal with fees realated to tuition.

“Tuition based issues are decides by the CSU board of trustees, not the Campus Fee Advisory Committee,” said Alex Domiguez former ASI president.

So, the committee would not meet to discuss how tuition fees will increase due to the recent budget cut from federal aid to the CSU system, but they would still have them in consideration when deciding wether to approve additional fees.

Some of the members of that committee are: CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell, Vice President for Student Affairs Thomas Wallace, Vice Provost David Schecter, and Associated Students, Inc. President Mariela Gomez.

However, Gomez said she is not fully aware of the committee. She says she has heard of it, but is not sure what the committee is.

“I find it very interesting that not even the president is informed about it [the Campus Fee Advisory Committee]. How much presence does that committee have? How can we as students know more about it if even the president doesn’t know,” said Kelsey Mende, a pre-nursing major.

The Campus Fee Advisory Committee was created because of Executive Order 1102, which states, “The president shall establish a Campus Fee Advisory Committee comprised of student, faculty, staff, and administrative representatives to provide advice to the president.”

Wallace said, “Students [in the committee] are selected by the ASI

president.”

The executive order also calls for the majority of the voting members of the committee to be students.

However, with the ASI president herself not being fully aware of the committee, it brings forth the question of who is representing students in that committee.

“It is just very shocking because the students are supposed to be ones that vote, and ASI represents us, and for them not to know, it is just shocking,” said nursing major Ana Barajas.

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Ana Barajas, nursing major

The committee gets request to add fees to a course or the campus. If there are no fees then the committee doesn’t meet.

However, even if there is just one fee request made, the committee will meet just to discuss that one fee, said Wallace.

“Once those [fee requests] are made then we try to find a time that is meetable for the members of the committee,” said Wallace.

This semester, CSUB will be holding a student referendum to decide if students want to contribute to an expansion of the Student Union and a new aquatics center.

Wallace said that the Campus Fee

CAMPUS

CSUB maps in need of update

By Armando Estrada-Rodriguez  
Reporter

Transfer students and incoming freshmen might be confused if they are trying to locate the new Humanities Office Building (HOB) on the campus directory, as it is not yet listed on the map.

In fact, various new facilities are not yet mapped on CSU Bakersfield’s cartogram.

Aside from HOB, other places not listed on the ground plan are the engineering building, and the new parking lot located by the HOB. Panda Express, Starbucks, and Which Wich are also missing on the current layout.

Director of Facilities Operations and Facilities Management, Paula E. Bray, provided information regarding when students will see an updated map.

“Normally, the updates on the map are done in the summer time so by the fall all the buildings are updated. One of the goals is to get that done over the summer,” said Bray.

When asked why the map could not be modified sooner, Bray said “The type of work that we do requires that we provide information to the Bakersfield Chancellor for certain things, including notifying the office of campus updates such as the directory.”

Additionally, Bray said “it’s bureaucratic, but what’s good is that we have so many deadlines it keeps us on pace with our busy schedule to have checkpoints.”

There are no plans to update the campus map, as there are more changes happening to the CSUB campus: the proposed moving of the tennis court, the possibility of a new aquatics center, and other buildings that are in planning.

Students can expect an update next fall.

The student body has had mixed



Andrew Paredes/The Runner  
A CSUB student uses one of the many maps around campus in order to be guided in the right direction. The current maps will receive an update in the fall of 2018.

reactions about the missing buildings on the campus map.

Senior Michael Davalos said, “I had no idea where to go to class,” when he was first told to report to the HOB this semester.

Senior Erica Pena was also confused when locating HOB.

“You hear there’s a new building and you go ‘where is that?’ They don’t really tell you how to find it so I had to go through a process of elimination with the buildings until I found it,” said Pena.

While seasoned students have had trouble finding the HOB, freshman and transfer students face trying to find these uncharted locations while being unfamiliar with the campus as

a whole.

Students who wish to find the HOB can find it located in the northwest corner of campus. It is the large glass and brick building just behind the music building.

Some students like Juan Lemuz, a junior biotechnology major, use other ways to navigate the campus.

“I have my physics class in the new building,” said Lemuz. “I asked around to find the location of the building. I didn’t even use the maps. I just asked the librarian and some people in the cafe.”

Until the campus map is updated, students are advised to ask campus officials for directions.

What’s Happening Around Campus

Febuary

- 7 Pizza with your Librarians:**  
12 p.m  
AVID Rm.

**WAC info Session:**  
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Stockdale Rm.

**8 Rediscovering Bach by Carl Matthes:**  
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.  
Music BLDG 127

**Collapsing Stage, The:**  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Dore Theatre 103G Todd Madigan Gallery

**9 3rd Annual Unity Breakfast:**  
6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
Residence Hall

**History Forum: A Century of Miracles: How life Changes for Christians, Pagans and Jews:**  
3 p.m.  
Dezember Reading Rm.

**CFA Board Meeting:**  
11 a.m. -1 p.m  
Ablin Conference Rm.
- 11 Start-Up Weekend: an Entrepreneurial Event:**  
7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
BDC

**13 The History of The Black Panthers Social:**  
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.  
Stockdale Rm.

**Walter Presents Series: Mark Trahan, Rethinking Native Health: The Power of Data and Story:**  
7 p.m.  
Dezember Reading Rm.

**The History of The Black Panthers Social:**  
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.  
Stockdale Rm.

**14 Valentine’s Day NSME Club Fair:**  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Red Brick Road

**15 Brown Bag Discussions:**  
12 p.m – 1 p.m  
Stockdale Rm.

**Cameron O’Connor Concert:**  
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m  
Music BLDG 127

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# Homecoming Dance

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COMMUNITY

# W.I.N.G.S. program inspires local youth

By Runa Lemminn  
Features Editor

The girls had looks of amazement and delight as they got off the school buses in front of CSU Bakersfield's Icardo Center. After all, being greeted with cheers and high fives from the entire CSUB women's basketball team doesn't happen every day.

That was only the beginning of an inspirational and action-packed day at CSUB for the mostly middle-school-aged girls. The event was held on January 27, 2018 in honor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

Thanks to the CSUB program Women Influencing The Next Generation Through Sports, approximately 100 girls from 10 different elementary and middle schools experienced a world of motivation and positive goals for their own futures.

After their initial welcome, the girls checked in and got into groups. Each group then went off with different CSUB student-athletes who showed the girls a little about their sports.

WINGS is a mentoring program that focuses on female student athletes at CSUB, and in turn, also encourages those athletes to mentor children in the community.

Cindy Goodmon, Chair of the WINGS program said everybody benefits from being involved.

"It not only helps our community, but it empowers our young women. Because when these little girls are looking up to them, it changes our women," said Goodmon. "Some of our (CSUB) girls come from tough backgrounds. It's kind of neat for them to take down their shields and kind of open up their hearts, and be like 'hey, I was in your shoes, and look where I wound up.'"

Lewis Neal, youth services supervisor with the Bakersfield City School District talked about how much the district appreciates the

partnership with CSUB. Neal said the focus is on girl power, and on working on their self-esteem.

"We need to empower our girls. We need to let them know they are intelligent and they matter. Some of these girls don't realize their potential," said Neal.

The message had an effect on many of the visiting girls, who were cheering and raising their hands when the CSUB student athletes asked them "who wants to go to college?"

Tamaya Smith, a student at Emerson Jr. High School, said she was having a great time.

"I like the soccer the best," said Smith.

Stephanie Mundy, a special education teacher at Compton Jr. High said some of her girls had never been on the CSUB side of town before. Mundy, who also coaches basketball, said she wanted some of her girls to come out and have experiences that they otherwise wouldn't have.

"I wanted my girls basketball group to see an actual game, and the other girls, I wanted them to participate in WINGS," said Mundy.

Almost every women's sport at CSUB was represented at the event by the athletes.

Cheers of "let's go Runners" by the visitors were heard frequently. Each session lasted around 20 minutes, and then each group went off to experience the next sport.

Cheerleading and dancing were a hit. The girls loved being held up in the air by the cheerleaders.

CSUB student athletes talked to each new group of girls about the importance of good grades and going to college.

The WINGS program also strives to appeal to girls who don't necessarily want to be an athlete. CSUB athletes talked to the girls about the importance of good grades, because making good grades provides choices for their future.

Jordin Bartel, Kinesiology junior and soccer player said she personal-

ly has been involved with WINGS for about three years, and added that the entire women's soccer team was there.

"It's fun, I think it's a good way to get young girls thinking about college and thinking about what they want to do. It's good on our part to help them think about what's coming next in their life," said Bartel.

Later in the morning, the girls all went to the pool to watch the CSUB swim team warming up for a meet. They screamed while watching the divers doing flips off the diving board and the swimmers practicing starts off the blocks.

Rhea McCoy, a student at McKinley Elementary School said it was her first time at CSUB. Swimming and volleyball were her favorite sports. Watching how fast the swimmers are impressed her. McCoy said she loved all the competition in the pool.

"It's pretty awesome," said McCoy.

Goodmon said all student athletes are encouraged to volunteer in the community.

The WINGS program, which has several events throughout the year, gives the girls valuable contacts in the community for after they graduate.

"Our coaches are pretty on board. It's not mandated, but our student-athletes are strongly encouraged to be involved with community service," said Goodmon. "If you're involved with giving back, it's going to make you a better person."

The teachers and program coordinators with the visiting girls also said community service was an important activity from their perspective. Mundy considers it a crucial part of her life.

"Our focus is kindness and giving back. You plant a seed and you hope that it grows. So that's what I'm doing, planting seeds," said Mundy.

At the end of the rotations through each sport activity, the girls all came together in the old gym, where Syd-



Photo by Runa Lemminn/The Runner

**Jerice Fears and other members of the women's basketball team welcome another busload of girls as they arrive at CSUB.**

ney Haynes, a senior kinesiology major, spoke to them. Haynes said beforehand that her goal was to give a motivational talk.

"I didn't start volleyball until I was in high school, so I want to tell them to try all sports, don't let anybody tell you that you can't make it because you have no idea what your path will be or what your skills are," said Haynes.

Her message served to reinforce the message from Neal to the girls in the BCSD.

"We try to teach them: 'Don't let anyone define you,'" said Neal.

The grand finale of the day for the girls was watching the CSUB women's basketball team beat Seattle University 75-68. Since the girls had already gotten to know the athletes on the team a little, as well as the cheerleaders and dancers, they cheered loudly when they saw them come into the gym. It made the whole game more special for the visitors.

Before the girls climbed back on

their buses, they each got a t-shirt with the autographs of all the women's basketball team student athletes on it.

When Tamaya Smith described her day at CSUB, she said: "If it was on a 1 to 10 scale, I would give it a 200!"

The WINGS program has several events throughout the year. Goodmon said she hopes there's an even larger turnout next year.

"We want it to grow," said Goodmon.

## CAMPUS SERVICES

# Student Health Center: hidden gem on campus

By Christopher Sanchez  
Reporter

Three years ago, a forklift ran over my left foot when I was working at a warehouse. Due to pride and stubbornness, I never got my foot examined.

My foot developed strange scarring under the skin and it started to bother me again.

I scheduled an appointment at the Student Health Services and had an X-ray taken of my foot.

Any enrolled CSU Bakersfield student can go into Student Health Services across from the Icardo Center, but not all students take advantage of it.

Students pay a health service fee of \$302.

"Students need to take advantage and schedule an appointment," said Erika Delamar, associate director of Student Health Services. "Wellness plays an important role in your success here at CSUB. There are other factors that affect you in the classroom."

After 15 minutes, Dr. Gambrioli and I discussed the results of the X-ray. A fee of \$15 is charged for X-rays.

"We went digital two years ago," said Janet Chambers, X-ray technologist. "It's made everything faster."

Services include treatment rooms, X-ray, a clinical laboratory, pharmacy services and women's services. Contraception and family planning counseling are provided as well. Mental health services are provided by the Counseling Center.

Students can also qualify for Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care, Treatment). Family PACT



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**CSUB student Chris Sanchez discusses the results of his x-ray with Janet Chambers, Student Health Center X-Ray Technologist.**

will provide eligible students with birth control information, pregnancy testing, and contraceptives for free. To find out if you are eligible, you can fill out a form at Student Health Services.

Prescriptions can be filled at the pharmacy and they sell over the counter medication.

There can be a miscommunication between students and Student Health Services.

"When I transferred here, no one told us anything about (the Health Center). If they explained the services at orientation, that would've really helped," said Eric Medina, junior communications major at CSUB.

All information at Student Health Services is confidential. No information is made public unless the

patient or student has given written permission and consent. The only exception is when it is required by law.

I checked in at 9 a.m., and was checked out by 9:51 a.m.

This included paperwork, a nurse checking my vitals, consultation with the doctor, getting my foot X-rayed and discussing the results.

The results showed that my foot had some nerve damage from the forklift incident, but no bone spurs or breaks.

Quality wasn't sacrificed for speed.

Some students might be more comfortable using their own doctor, but you can't beat the convenience.

The Student Health Center can be reached at (661) 654-2394.

## SRC

# Belay Clinic anchors students

By Chelsea L. McDowell  
Reporter

It was a cold Tuesday morning in Bakersfield, when three students found themselves tied to The Rock in the Student Recreation Center.

CSU Bakersfield offered a Belay Clinic to anyone interested, on the condition that he or she had a membership to the SRC.

Marshall McArthur, CSUB's outdoor adventures coordinator and experiential education, said belaying essentially means to "hold fast."

"When you are climbing, there is a person on the other end that is controlling the rope, how much slack you have, to keep you safe," McArthur said. "So as you are climbing up they are taking the slack that is being put into the rope, out of the rope, so they are keeping you tight on the rope, so if you were to fall they would catch you."

While there is neither a certification nor credit to be gained, the Belay Clinics allow advancement of climbing ability along with the assurance that students conquering The Rock are kept safe.

Senior engineering major Paola Pantoja was looking forward to learning about safety and belaying the right way, while she experienced something new.

"I started rock climbing because of my boyfriend. He basically taught me everything I know right now and I really liked climbing so I wanted to learn more about it," Pantoja said.

The Belay Clinic was training for students who wanted to develop their skills in climbing indoors as well as outdoors.

The clinic is taught by the SRC staff, who begin with the basics, such as the proper way to tie the knot on the rope.



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**Students learn how to belay at The Rock in the Student Recreation Center.**

Belaying consists of three components: the belayer, the climber, and the wall.

"It's a class, it's a training," McArthur said, "You don't necessarily walk away with a certification. In our facility you have to go through the clinic. That's going to give you all the information that you need to be able to belay someone. On top of that we give you a week, and then you would test out."

The Belay Clinic gives the opportunity to students to learn a new way to be active, and that knowledge can be applied beyond the SRC in the great outdoors.

"Just being able to pick somebody up and help them climb, I really like that, because I like it when somebody belays me," said Pantoja.

Alejandra Ruiz is a first-year kinesiology major who is going on a trip with her father to their hometown in Mexico. While there, she is plan-

ning to rock climb, and hoping to be able to put into practice all that she learned from the Belay Clinic.

"Part of my major is physical activity, so I hope to be more encouraged to come out here and join students from CSUB to help them belay and to encourage myself to come out here and participate in rock climbing more often," said Ruiz.

The Belay Clinic test day dates and times can be viewed at CSUB.edu in the Student Recreation Center section. Only nine people are allowed to take the clinic at once, to ensure a more personal learning process.

"Registration is easy, just stop by the Rock desk or the member services desk and a staff member can help sign you up," CSUB.edu writes.

The clinics are held once a month for the Spring 2018 academic semester, and are apart of an ongoing program.



STUDENT LIFE

Profile: Entrepreneurship Club



Chris Baker/The Runner

Many clubs at the Club Fair featured information for students at CSUB on Jan. 31.

Chelsea L. McDowell  
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield held its first Club Fair outside of the Career Center Jan. 31 to showcase the options the campus has to offer students. The Entrepreneurship Club is one of those options. Indiana native Jeremy Woods is the advisor and co-founder of the Entrepreneurship Club. He is also a management professor in his fourth year on campus. It was spring 2017 when he collaborated with two students, Ellisa McCoy—who is now club president—and another student who has since graduated. The objective was to create a club with the intent to connect CSUB students with local business owners and entrepreneurs. The club would focus on building new businesses. “We’ve had a couple meetings this year so far,” Woods said. “I’d say, there’s probably ten members at this point. We’re still pretty small ... We’d love to have new members.” Jose Martinez, a third year gradu-

ate student with a masters in social work, was interested in the Entrepreneurship Club as well. “I used to own two businesses before, so it’s something I’ve always been interested in. I’ve always wanted to be my own boss,” said Martinez. To gather potential members, Woods speaks to classrooms as a representative and then emails students that express a curiosity in the club to inform them when the meetings occur. “The main goal of the club is to put students in touch with local entrepreneurs for mentoring and doing projects,” Woods said. This is something that the nearly one-year-old club has yet to accomplish. A lack of members prevents the club from obtaining its key objective. The Entrepreneurship Club has only met twice this school year and the meeting room differs. When they do meet, topics include the option of paying dues, stimulating projects they can work on, and fundraising ideas.

Woods said any student who wants to start their own business, but doesn’t have one yet is encouraged to join the club for possible mentorships the club may have to offer. Dylan-Wyatt Aguilera, sophomore psychology major, is a member of the Jewish, all-inclusive Delta Beta Tau fraternity. Aguilera, like so many of his fellow CSUB students, was unaware of the Entrepreneurship club and what they do for the campus. “If I knew what it was, I might join it,” Aguilera said. While the Entrepreneurship club has not produced the kind of turnout Woods had thought it would originally, he is optimistic for its future. “I see a core of students who are interested in Entrepreneurship,” Woods said. “Working closely together with local entrepreneurs to build value on projects.” Any CSUB student interested in joining the club is encouraged to contact Jeremy Woods at: (213) 400-0829.

MONTECITO MUDSLIDES

Mendoza details experience providing aid in Montecito

[MENDOZA, Page 2] “[Legally], you’re only supposed to fit 15 [people], but we were fitting up to 30 people because so many people wanted to get out,” said Mendoza. Residents took their dogs, chickens, and horses, as well as food for their pets, small luggage, and some small items to remind them of home. “If I was in that situation, I would want to take as much as I could,” said Mendoza. The incident report states that 128 homes were destroyed and 307 homes were damaged. “It’s scary how rain can cause so much damage to homes,” said Martinez. “It wasn’t just the rain. There were fires before that caused the mudslides. It was sad.” Mendoza spent four days in Montecito, evacuating the residents and leaving them at a Vons Supermarket, which was being used as a safe haven. “It was crazy how people were relieved when they [saw] us,” said Mendoza. After the residents were taken to Vons, the local officers took over and Mendoza and the other soldiers returned home. Once Mendoza’s unit left, the mud became less dense and with the help of the National Guard’s engineers, people were able to drive on the roads again. Houseman stated that Cal Guard engineers spent their time clearing the roads. As a mother, Mendoza said it was difficult to see children at the scene of a natural disaster, but it made her appreciate the time she has with her son. Mendoza plans to continue to



Photo courtesy of Yessenia Mendoza

A firefighter and a resident of Montecito, California talking on a road under a stuck, slanted power line. work for the National Guard and said she hopes to be promoted soon after she meets her two-year mark. She said she still plans to continue with school at CSUB in the hope to become a forensic psychiatrist where her love of psychology and law come together.

CAMPUS

CSUB institutes hold Japanese internment panel discussion

By Christopher Sanchez  
Reporter

The Kegley Institute of Ethics and Public History Institute hosted “Executive Order 9066: The History, Legacy, and Lessons of Japanese Internment” on Jan. 30 in the Dezember Reading Room at the Walter Stiern Library. Dr. Michael Burroughs, director of the Kegley Institute of Ethics said they wanted to highlight an important historical event. “We want to understand and to remember, but not forget the contemporary context in which we’re living and how issues of bias and racism can play into specific populations or other groups,” said Burroughs. Executive order 9066 was signed on Feb. 19, 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The former president feared acts of espionage and an attack on American soil. This executive order allowed the incarceration of Japanese Americans into concentration camps. “When nations are under stress they often fetch for solutions, even when they’re not solutions,” said Miriam Raub Vivian, professor of history and director of Public History Institute. “They want to do something but they’re acting out of fear or ignorance.” The action led to 120,000 Japanese Americans being detained. The evening started with a screening of “Stand Up for Justice: The Ralph Lazo Story.” Ralph Lazo, a 17-year-old Mexican American was the only non-Japanese American who volunteered to be relocated to the Manzanar internment camp in Inyo, California. Lazo volunteered in protest of his Japanese friends being “evacuated” to the internment camps. He stayed at the camp for a year before he joined the army. Ken Hooper, President of the Kern County Historical Society interviewed Mary Higashi, a Bakersfield



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From left to right, Dr. Douglas Dodd, Mary Higashi, Dr. Isao Fujimoto and Dr. Jeanine Kraybill. The moderator is Dr. Michael Burroughs College student who was forced to relocate to the Poston, Arizona camp 11 days before graduating. Higashi spoke of her life at the internment camp and how she forgave what happened. “If I hung onto that anger and hostility I wouldn’t have been able to have a good life,” said Higashi. “Mary’s testimony spoke to me the most,” said Salmo Contreras, criminal justice major. “It was profound how Mary could forgive them after all she went through.” Dr. Isao Fujimoto, a former camp internee and emeritus from UC Davis spoke about his time at the internment camps. “You need resilience, community, hope, and spiritual bearing. You have struggles, but it is important to get back up again,” said Fujimoto. By using the Buddhist teachings of the four noble truths and the teaching of the eightfold path, Fujimoto was able to bounce back. “So much happened during WWII that you can forget something like this happened,” said senior and communications major Yanelie Ponce. “It’s a completely different experience when you see and hear their incredible stories in person than reading about the internment camps online.” Dr. Douglas Dodd, historian of Modern U.S. History at CSU Bakersfield spoke about the history of laws and policies that led to the internment of the Japanese. Laws didn’t allow Chinese and Japanese immigrants to become citizens or to own land. Other injustices included segregated schools and limited immigration to the United States. Dr. Jeanine Kraybill, political scientist of Modern American Politics spoke on The “Othering” of Muslims in America: The 2016 Election and Executive Order. “Terrorism was discussed in a fear-based fashion during the 2016 presidential election and with certain faith and religious groups,” said Kraybill. Kraybill explained that people cope with terrorist threats by turning over control to a political actor whom they feel they can trust. “Trump’s rhetoric regarding ‘extreme’ or ‘radical’ Islamic terrorism perpetuated an unfortunate stereotype of Muslims as violent and a source of terrorism in the United States,” said Kraybill.

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# RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Danielle Blankenship/ Photos by Cecilia Torres


This week The Runner asked, “How do you feel about current textbook prices?”

**Vanessa Lara**  
Liberal Studies




“It’s outrageous! I get it, they’re [textbooks] expensive. They [book-store] could be a little more reasonable though. Without FAFSA or help, students turn to Amazon or eBay to get their books.”

**Brandon Hendrix**  
Undeclared




“Too expensive. Even with financial aid, they’re expensive. They should offer discounts or ebooks to make them [textbooks] easier to get. I mean, some of us resort to piracy to get them.”

**Miguel Portloo**  
History



“The prices are just outrageous. They [book-store] should offer a discount or something. I spent like \$400 last week on books...It’s annoying when you have to wait a week to get the book or not even use it during the class.”

**Monica Coleman**  
Psychology



“Too high. It’s disgusting. They cost too much if you don’t have a job or help paying. The library has like one book for a hundred kids. You can’t leave with it either. It’s a ripoff.”

TEXTBOOKS

## Bookstore prices dissuade CSUB students

**By Tanner Harris**  
*Reporter*

Textbooks are a necessity for college students; they’re the centerpiece of the curriculum and where much of the information for a given class is found and extracted for papers and assignments.

However, these texts have always been expensive and have always troubled students.

“It’s frankly absurd that [publishers] can charge upwards of hundreds of dollars for a book,” said Sean Kelley freshman biochemistry major, who spent nearly \$400 on textbooks this semester. “The goal [of university] is an education, not profit.”

And he’s certainly not the only one. Simmren Mudhar, freshman business major, also finds the pricing of certain books to be unfair.

“I can see how [textbook prices] would rise over time, things do gradually increase. [But] \$135 as a college student I feel is overpriced, and you have to buy the latest version,” said Mudhar.

Though it may be a burden on students’ wallets, there are several reasons why textbooks are so expensive. According to Libby Nelson, a political news editor of Vox.com, there are three reasons why textbook prices are so high.

The first is that when professors choose a text for a class, consider the quality of said text and not the price. Most professors still want to give their students a high-quality education, so the compromise of an expensive text is often made.

The second is that textbooks are expensive to make. Around seventy-eight cents of every dollar goes back to the publisher. Additionally, the cycle for a new edition has been

moved up from five years between each edition to three, in order to recoup production costs. Which can be as high as \$750,000 in total.

In an industry where quality is essential to sale, a high list price is a given.

And lastly, the third reason is that students are finding ways to avoid paying such exorbitant prices. Using rentals, buying used, utilizing websites such as CheapestTextbooks.com, and even pirating digital editions are some of these workarounds, which means that companies do not get back what they invested in the first place.

With all that being said, can you really blame us? The National Association of College Stores found in a study across 20 campuses that students pay an average of \$638 annually on course materials, an average that most students would not be able to afford on their own budget without financial aid or other services, even in a California university that’s comparatively inexpensive like CSUB.

James Garcia, junior history major, had to purchase eight textbooks for his classes this semester, but got away with his wallet relatively unscathed.

“The reason [I only had to pay \$200 for my books] is because I’ve been in college for three years now and know my way around the system,” said Garcia. “For the newcomers, they don’t have anybody to ask where to get books for a good price. It’s not fair.”

Jagdeep Gill, freshman liberal studies major, once did a project on the subject and knows the struggle students go through.

“[Some students] avoid buying textbooks so they can save money for things like food and rent, so then



Shelves full of books are photographed during the Fall 2017 semester. Students say that the books sold on campus are too pricey. Some resort to other means to purchase their books.

they miss out on their education and it doesn’t help anyone,” said Gill. Another common complaint is that the textbooks are hardly used in the courses, if at all, which is frustrating to a number of university students.

“A lot of times we don’t even use the books or they’re not required after all and that’s just the biggest waste of money and time. They’re just making it harder on us and the professors,” said Garcia.

Unfortunately, there is no clear and shining solution that will solve both sides of the problems. Students either can’t pay for or are tired of paying such high prices for class essentials, but the publishers who provide these texts to students need to make a profit to stay in business. It’s a vicious cycle.

Perhaps the issue can be solved economically by instituting price ceilings to prevent publishers from charging a large amount for their product. Universities can buy in bulk to lighten the load on students. Maybe there’s a solution to be found through universities’ administrations, conceding to not use the latest edition and trying to make the best of the resources. The issue is certainly more complex than one

mere newspaper article can explore. There is a solution out there somewhere, but it may take some time before a consensus is made. Many of us still want a quality education, but don’t want to pay an arm and a leg for it.

Even so, let’s hope the solution to high textbook prices comes out before the next editions do.

DACA

## Dreamers make America great; Congress should vote yes

**By Sandra Merino**  
*Reporter*

Ever since President Trump’s decision to end The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, its recipients, or Dreamers, have lived in fear of what is going to happen to them in the following months.

The DACA policy was enacted in 2012 by the Obama administration. The policy affords undocumented minors, brought to the United States, a chance for legal permanent residency that can be renewed every two years.

The removal of the DACA program was unnecessary and cruel by the presidential administration.

The program was efficient in giving Dreamers a chance to further their education and widen their job opportunities.

Dreamers are not criminals. In order to be eligible for the DACA program you have to go through a background check.

Dreamers contribute to society and the economy. Many of these young adults now own cars, have good

jobs and go to college.

Students under the protection of the DACA program are pursuing their education and becoming young professionals in their fields.

According to the article “Dreamers Contribute to Our Economy,” “The DACA program has empowered nearly 800,000 young people to come out of the shadows to work legally, get drivers licenses, go to college, serve in the military and give back to their communities,” said Sen. Martin Heinrich (D).

With the ending of DACA many of these children will lose their legal status and possibly their futures.

They would be forced to go back to their country of origin, which many haven’t been to since they left.

If DACA recipients are sent back to their country of birth, not only will they be lost and confused, but American businesses will suffer.

Without any workers to fulfill jobs, many businesses will be in jeopardy of shutting down.

Sen. Heinrich (D) said, “DACA recipients also pay billions of dollars



in federal, state, and local taxes.”

By paying taxes Dreamers are obeying the law and boosting America’s economy.

Despite paying taxes, DACA recipients do not qualify for FAFSA. This lack of financial support causes them to search for alternative fund-

ing to help pay for their education.

Hailey Thorson, a psychology major at CSU Bakersfield, said, “I agree that the DACA program

should be renewed because the Dreamers contribute to society. And they were brought here at a young age so they had nothing to do with the choice to come here. They still deserve the right to an education and jobs.”

Roselle Terre, a communication major at CSUB, said, “They work hard, they have very good work ethic, and they not only want to better themselves but their families. And that’s the whole point of these kids families wanting to bring them here in the first place. Because they believe that they have a better chance here than they ever did back in their old country.”

Congress’s deadline to fix the DACA program is March 5th. If the government does not come to an agreement, They will be forced to go into shutdown.

The reason why Congress is struggling to come to an agreement is because both parties use these programs as bargaining tools.

Let’s just hope they act as soon as possible.



STAFF EDITORIAL

New student fee referendum: Bad timing

**Editor’s note**

The Staff Editorial is an unsigned opinion story that reflects The Runner editorial board’s stance on an issue. We invite our readers to join the discussion by sending us a letter to the editor at [therunneronline@gmail.com](mailto:therunneronline@gmail.com)

Associated Students, Inc. presented the idea for a new Student Union and aquatics center for the CSU Bakersfield student body on Jan. 29. However, the referendum is not ideal at this time, nor is it the best use of the students money. These are luxuries rather than necessities. The idea consists of an expansion to the Student Union that will be two stories tall with: a ballroom, study rooms, and office space. An additional aquatics center is set to include a recreational pool, as well as lap lanes, cabanas, and locker rooms. The funding for these projects will

come from a Student Fee Referendum, which means students will vote on Feb. 21 to decide if they want to pay the fee to have the project made. The price of the referendum is a very crucial piece of information in students deciding if they want to approve the referendum, yet it was so blatantly missing from the reveal presented by ASI. If the referendum is approved, students will pay \$60 the first year, with an additional \$40 every year until it caps at \$180. This fee will remain at \$180 every year to help keep the maintenance of the facilities. Potential expansion of the Student Union is ideal as our student body expands. However the expansion created by the Student Union is greatly exaggerated. One main argument for the ballroom is to use it for freshman orientation which currently is held in the Icardo Center. Second argument is for more hang-out places where students can eat their lunch, hang out, stream videos, or study in between classes. The pool will ideally be used by

the students as they please. But since the preferred swimming season is summer, will the pool be open to students who are not enrolled in summer classes? If it is open to students year round, how often will the student body want to use it? How many students will swim during the winter? Students don’t choose CSUB because they are looking for a luxurious university-they come to CSUB because they want an affordable quality education. An increase in fees to fund luxury facilities is not what students come to CSUB for. While we can expect that student fees will increase regardless of whether the referendum is approved or not, why not invest it in the actual education of CSUB? Students constantly hear professors complain that they have too many students and too many classes, why not invest that money in hiring more professors and building more office spaces for them? Finally, the timing of this referendum is presented during an inopportune moment. The CSU system is undergoing a



significant cut to its funding, which will without a doubt increase student tuition fees significantly, and now they want to add an increase in student fees to fund luxury facilities. Voter turnout was poor at last

year’s ASI elections, as only 17 percent of the student population voted. ASI should have paired this vote with its elections to maximize voter turnout. An expansion to the Student Union is necessary, but not to the extent to

which it is being presented by ASI. It needs to be made simpler and not so luxurious. This will also help students see the project completed sooner, and not be such a large increase in student fees.

REVIEW

Service not heating up at new Starbucks

By Danielle Blankenship  
Opinions Editor

If you’ve been over by the Student Union in the past two weeks, chances are you’ve seen the new Starbucks connected to the bookstore. And if you’ve been in the new Starbucks, chances are you’ve dealt with long lines, slow service, but bright and cheerful baristas. The Starbucks is a very large facility with varied types of seating including a cushioned bench along the back corner, four chairs along the bar, multiple two-seater tables, and a long table near the cashier. One big issue with the seating is the oddly short, stool styled tables used for the two-seater section. They fail to serve any purpose other than holding one or two cups at a time; very counterproductive for students trying to use their laptop or study. Another issue is how far from classrooms and offices this new coffee house is compared to the old Peet’s location along the Red Brick Road. This sentiment is shared by English Professor Charles MacQuarrie and English Department Administration Assistant Kathy Hafler, who both believe the idea of placing a “mini Starbucks” where the old Peet’s was would have been a better alternative for those across campus in the new Humanities Office Building. Despite the distance, many students flock to the Starbucks at all



Starbucks was full of CSUB runners waiting to quench their thirst with a drink from the Starbucks on campus on January 23,2017.

times of the day. Monica Juarez, a sophomore English major, made the trek across campus for the first time and said, “[Starbucks] doesn’t look like a school coffee shop. It’s big and has a very chill atmosphere to it. Seems like a good place to do work at.” Its size and atmosphere is certainly appealing to students who want to do some quick studying or chatting with friends. However, its popularity has resulted in a very unique style of ordering that I’ve never seen at another Starbucks. When one first approaches the cashiers, it seems that there are two lines, but there is actually a line to

order at and a line to pay at. There aren’t any signs to inform customers, just word of mouth from people standing in line or the cashiers yelling it out every few minutes. Nursing Major, Jennifer Knowles said, “I guess [two lines are] ment for the ordering to go faster. It felt quick because my drink was done by the time I paid.” If you planned on paying with the Starbucks Gold Card reward system, you’ll be affronted to know that that option isn’t available yet. No official day of when it will be accepted has been announced. While I was interviewing, I noticed new signs being placed on the

doors that said, “In order to provide additional training to the staff, and improve the customer experience, Starbucks will be closing 2 hours early each night, through Friday, February 2.” This might be a little annoying to students who are already neck deep in assignments and tests, but I believe just one look at the exhausted, stressed baristas will convince most students that these employees need the extra help. Overall, the seating is awkward, payment lines are odd, but the speed of service and the quality is amazing. Let’s just hope they’re ready for mid-terms and finals.

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PARKING

Student problems with parking permits

By Ola Iduma  
Reporter

The prices of parking permits at California State University, Bakersfield are expensive in relation to how many parking spaces are provided. Their costs should be decreased, because the purchase of a day pass or semester permit does not guarantee that there will be a parking space available due to overcrowded parking lots. Semester permits cost \$93 for automobiles, \$22 for motorcycles, and a day pass costs \$6 for any vehicle. There are also metered spaces on campus and that costs \$2.00 per hour, \$0.25 per 8 minutes, \$0.15 per 4 minutes, and \$0.10 per 3 minutes. These campus parking fees are justified by section 8752 of the State Administrative Manual, which states, “Departments are to recover full costs whenever goods or services are provided for others.”

While I agree with the State Administrative Manual, CSUB students should have the right to use the services that they have paid for. Many students are not always able to find parking spaces. Those students then end up having to park off campus, even though they have paid almost \$100 for a parking permit. To combat this issue, the price should be discounted for students since they don’t always get to utilize the pass. According to the parking permit section on the CSUB website, “The CSU Bakersfield President has authority to establish campus fees and increase or decrease those fees. This gives them the right to alter the prices of parking passes, which would benefit the students. Julie Jay Eker, a biology major, said, “During fall 2017 semester, because of limited parking spaces, [she] had to park off campus sometimes,” even though she had

bought a parking pass for the whole semester. “It’s either more parking spaces are provided or the permit price is waived depending on how many times we use a parking space. It can’t be both, because I feel like I don’t really benefit from what I pay for,” Eker said. While the California Code of Regulations gives the University Presidents the right to waive parking fee, these waivers do not apply to students. According to the Parking Permit section on the CSUB website, parking fees are only waived for official guests of the President who come to campus to transact official state business, people who do volunteer work for the campus in general, entities who receive no pay for their service, people who have been invited to campus to participate in a job interview, people who are appointed to boards, committees, or

other official campus bodies whose purpose is to help provide or raise economic support for the campus, and campus suppliers or vendors. Nania Gonzalez, a nursing major, said that there should be parking discounts, especially with the yearly tuition increases. “Tuition is expensive as it is and now parking permits? It would be a good deal if parking was easy to find, but I can’t afford to pay that much for something I don’t always see to use,” Nania said. The campus’ priority should be on student success and graduation rates, not on making money off of hiked up parking passes that don’t even get used. The price of parking permits should be reduced since many students don’t get to utilize their purchase or spend so much time finding parking that they miss class time and other campus events.

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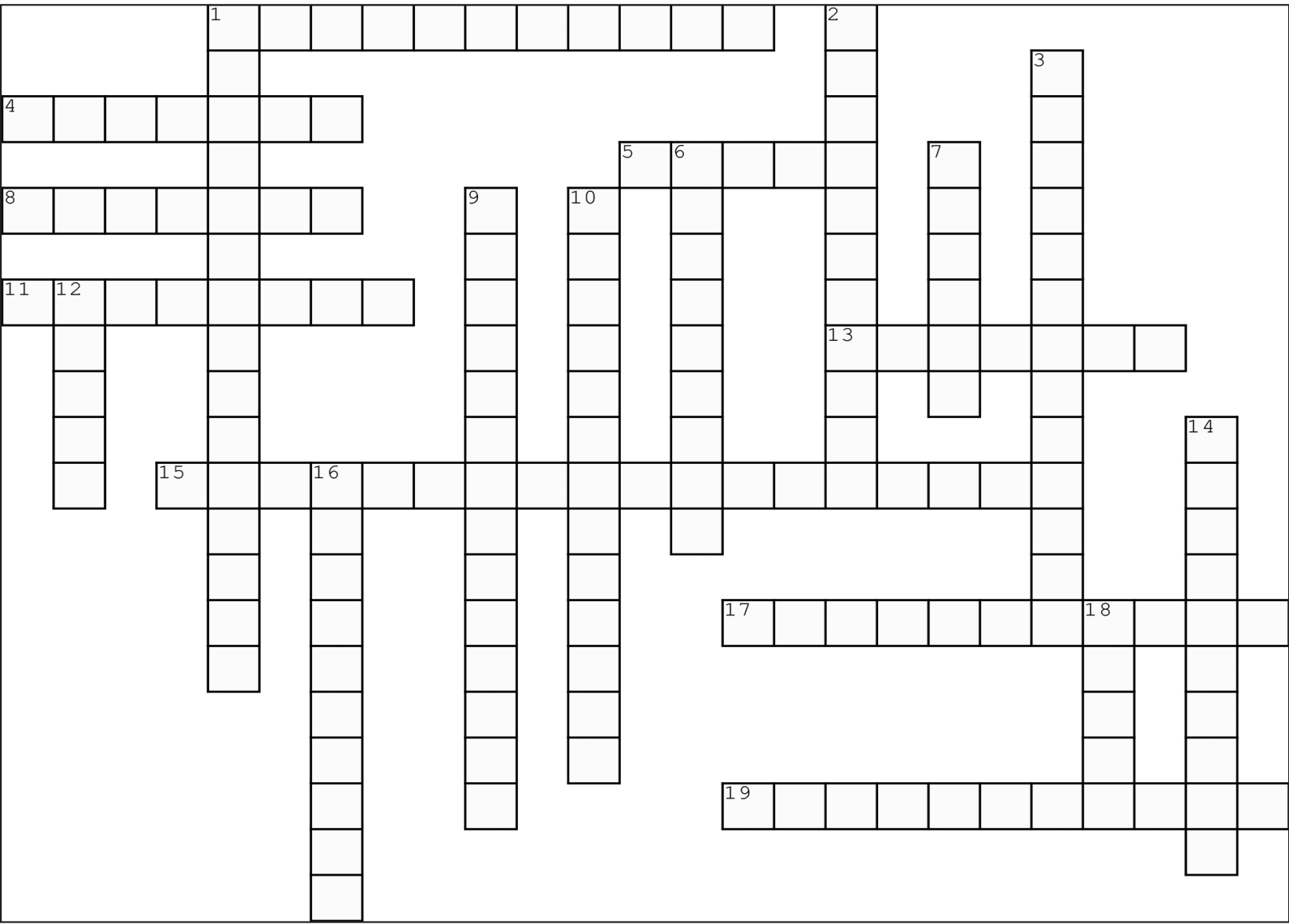
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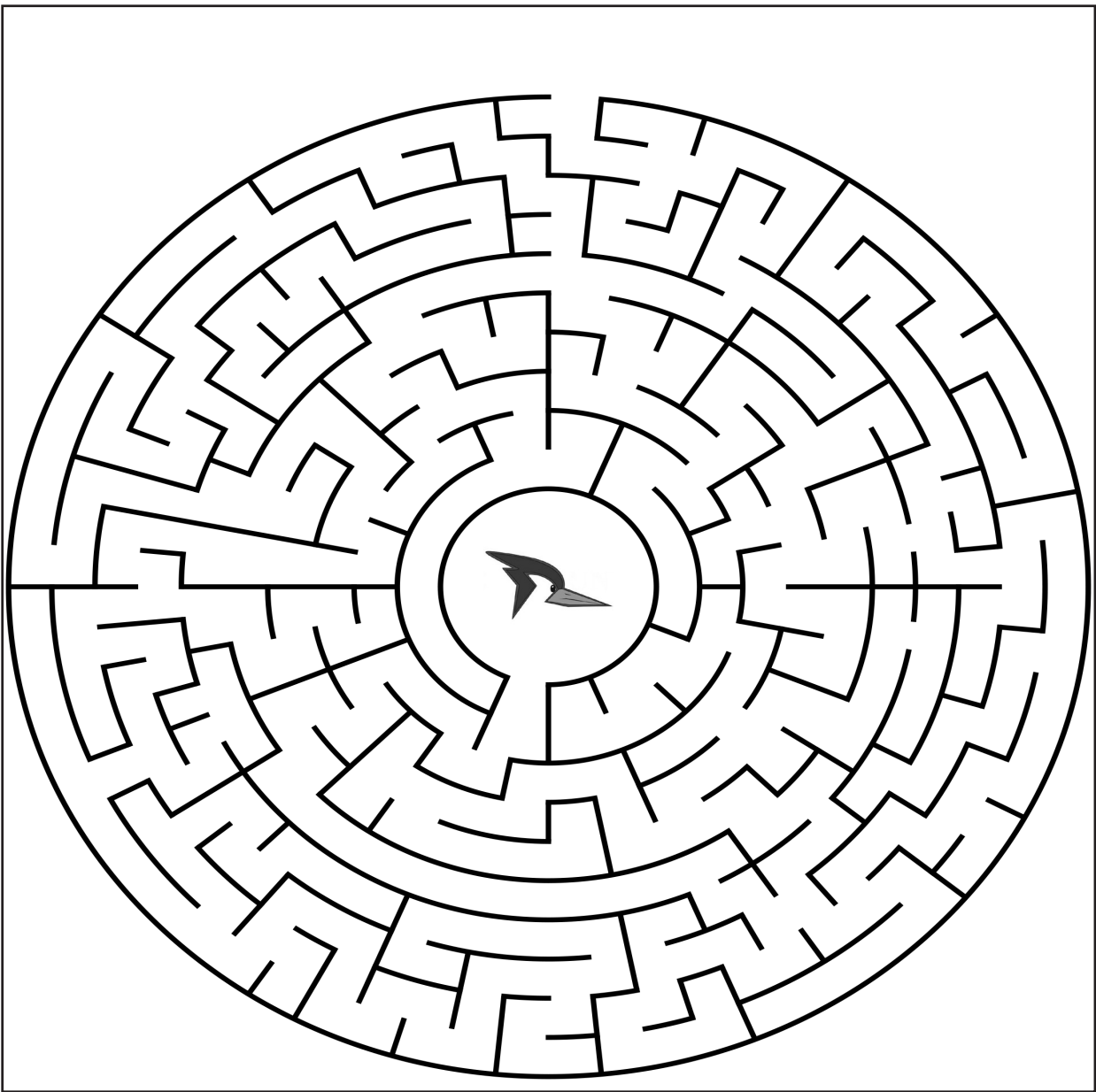


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BASEBALL

New faces to lead Roadrunners

By Peter Castillo  
Editor-in-Chief

At the start of the 2017 season, the CSU Bakersfield baseball team was projected to finish seventh in the Western Athletic Conference. The team eventually finished third in the regular season standings and fell one game short of clinching a spot in the NCAA Regionals.

This year’s team is also projected to finish seventh in the conference.

CSUB Head Coach Jeremy Beard, who shed his interim role in the offseason, is entering his second season at the helm.

“As soon as [Beard] got the call for the full-time job we were all pumped,” said senior outfielder Andrew Penner. “He’s the right guy to lead the ship and take us where we need to go.”

The Roadrunners will have much to replace on both sides of the ball with 14 freshmen on this season’s roster.

“We have a lot of new guys on this year’s roster,” said Beard. “We brought in some excellent young players and we feel that we have some guys will come in and compete and work within our system.”

On the mound, CSUB is looking for an ace to lead the pitching staff as Max Carter, who was named the WAC Pitcher of the Year in 2017 has graduated.

Sophomore pitchers Aaron Charles and Kenny Johnson, along with junior Isaiah Moten are expected to fill out the starting rotation along with redshirt-junior Kyle King and junior Ben Cutting, a pair of transfers.

“He [Charles] filled a huge role for us in the rotation last year,” said junior catcher Jake Ortega. “He’s going to be relied on heavily in our rotation this season.”

Redshirt-senior Steven Gee, who has been recovering from reconstructive elbow surgery, has been cleared to throw, according to Beard. Gee is expected to compete for a spot in the starting rotation.

The Roadrunners’ bullpen is solidified by senior closer Naithen Dewsnap. Dewsnap set a school record for saves last season with 14.

Beyond that, Beard will see how the rest of his staff takes shape as the season plays out.

“I feel comfortable with the guys we have, they just need to perform,”



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**Junior pitcher Isaiah Moten is expected to have a large role in the pitching rotation this season. Moten recorded a 3.90 ERA last season.**

said Beard. “We’ll see how the staff shapes itself.”

As far as the everyday lineup, CSUB will have to replace its middle infield from last year along with finding depth at catcher and outfield.

Shortstop Ryan Grotjohn, second baseman David Metzgar and catcher Junior Felix, all starters last season at their respective positions, have graduated.

“We have a lot of youth in the middle, it’s going to be difficult to replace guys like that,” said Beard. “We just have to find the guys who can best execute our offense and play defense.”

Sophomore infielder Austyn Tengan is expected to play shortstop this year after playing at both second and third base last season.

Freshmen infielders Evan Burkey, Lewis Dirkes and Trent Anderson are expected to fill in and play middle infield this season.

Ortega is expected to carry the load and lead the pitching staff this season.

Backing him up are junior Ryan Koch, a transfer from San Joaquin Delta College and junior Noah Barba, who transferred from El Camino College. Barba is primarily an outfielder, but he is transitioning to play catcher more often.

“We’re all going to contribute,” said Ortega. “We’re going to be solid behind the plate.”

The Roadrunners’ starting outfield is intact from a year ago as they return seniors Penner, Mark Pena and junior Sergio Robles.

Penner has high expectations for his fellow outfielders this season. “Those two guys [Pena, Robles] are two of the best in the conference,” said Penner. “With them running around and hitting the ball all over the yard, I think we should be alright.”

The Roadrunners’ schedule includes more traveling this year compared to last. Nonconference road dates feature series against the University of California, the University of Portland and the College of Charleston. They also have weekday games on the road against CSU Northridge, Cal Poly, Loyola Marymount University and UC Santa Barbara.

“We have a very difficult road schedule this year,” said Beard. “With a young group, they’re going to be challenged. We expect our guys to have a learning curve but we think they’ll be better from it.”

The nonconference home schedule for CSUB begins with a series against future Big West Conference opponent UC Davis from Friday, Feb. 16 through Sunday, Feb. 18. Dartmouth College of the Ivy League also will make a trip to CSUB for a four-game series. Other weekday games feature games against Saint Mary’s College, UNLV and the University of Hawaii.

“We never get caught up in rankings, we’re the underdogs every time out,” said Beard. “We play with a chip on our shoulder. We don’t care who we’re playing, we’ll play anybody, anywhere.”

SOFTBALL

CSUB preps for fresh start

By Vincent Perez  
Sports Editor

The 2017 CSU Bakersfield softball season was a learning experience for the Roadrunners.

CSUB ended last season 12-33 and 4-11 in Western Athletic Conference. “We learned a lot as a team,” said Summer Evans, senior pitcher.

Freshman on the team, according to Evans, soaked in the team’s struggles and learned from their experiences last season through talking and reflection.

Evans pitched in all three games in the 2017 WAC Tournament. She posted a record of 0-2, and an ERA of 16 in the conference tournament. Evans was 8-13 overall last season.

Practice is ongoing during the last week of January, as the team prepares for their Feb. 9 road opener at San Diego State University’s tournament.

“We’re meshing together really well. I like how our new freshman have come in,” said Head Coach Crissy Buck-Ziegler in her sixth season for CSUB softball. New recruits have opened the way for the team to excel this season.

Buck-Ziegler said about freshman pitcher Paige Johnson, “She has given us a big breath of fresh air.” She said Johnson’s passion and energy have energized the program.

Improving this season is crucial. Buck-Ziegler said, “We’ve got to control what we can control.” She emphasized how important defense is this year.

Buck-Ziegler confirmed that Evans will be the No. 1 starting pitcher this season for the Roadrunners.

Freshman pitchers in the rotation are Daryn Hitzel and Kaycee Olson.

“You have to look at a season as a marathon ... always our goal is to be peaking at the end of the season,” said Buck-Ziegler.

CSUB softball will face teams such as Fresno State, St. Mary’s, Sacramento State, Stanford and Cal State Fullerton before WAC play begins March 30.

“We’ll be able to take on all of our opponents,” said Evans.

Evans said that she’s excited for the season. Evans added that the team goal is to win WAC and her personal goal is to win WAC pitcher of the year.

Evans said that the new freshmen can contribute to the team this



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**Senior first baseman Nicole Curry hauls in a throw last season at the Roadrunner Softball Complex.**

season. “I want to help the team we have now and take the experience we have this year and take into next year,” said senior Evans, her last season as a Roadrunner.

Freshmen this season include catcher and outfielder Gabrille Fua, infielder Arianna Felix and utility player Katie Jackson.

Senior outfielder Julea Cavazos said about her time ending with the program, “It’s bittersweet. My body hurts pretty bad.”

Cavazos said she suffered a new heel injury, plantar fasciitis, an injury that she can play through.

“I’m trying to love every second. The good. The bad. The painful days and the days everything feels good,” said Cavazos.

She said she wants to pass along her knowledge to the freshmen that have been eager to learn.

“I think we’re in a good spot,” said Cavazos. She was a sophomore member of the first CSUB softball team to win the WAC Softball Tournament. “The year we won WAC, [2016], we had so much fight.”

The 2017 season was a struggle, but the tenured members learned from it.

“The biggest thing we took from last year was leaning on each other, and being a close and cohesive group,” said Cavazos.

Junior Chris Hipa, who plays at third base and utility, is the lone Roadrunner on the 2018 Softball Preseason All-WAC Team.

CSUB softball kicks its season off Feb. 9 at San Diego State. The Roadrunners first home game will be a double header, Saturday, March 3 at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. versus Sacramento State.

TRACK AND FIELD

Finch sets new CSUB record

CSU Bakersfield placed third, Roadrunners prepare for March WAC indoor championships

By Vincent Perez  
Sports Editor

CSU Bakersfield placed third of nine teams at the indoor Mountain T’s Invitational, hosted by Northern Arizona University Feb. 2-3. In doing so, four Roadrunners set personal best records.

Sophomore Falon Wilson set two personal bests, one was her third place in the finals of the 60 meter dash (7.66) and she was fourth in the 60 meter hurdles (8.81). Wilson also finished fourth in the long jump (5.39 meters).

Freshman Hannah Walker placed sixth in the women’s 60 hurdles, two sports behind Wilson.

Julianne Finch, a sophomore, set a new CSUB pole vault record, clearing 12-0.625 feet, in the finals taking on all Grand Canyon University student-athletes.

Finch surpassed her old record of 12-05.50 last season. Before she broke the record, Allyson Crosby from the 2002 CSUB track and field team held the record (12 feet).

In the high jump, freshman Hannah Walker placed first. Walker had a finals height of 1.60 meters.

Antonia Beason, a freshman and Susannah Vera, a senior, did not



Photo courtesy of CSUB Athletics

**CSU Bakersfield sophomore Falon Wilson led all Roadrunners in her three events, in which she set two personal best records in Idaho.**

place in the finals.

Senior Alisha Byrd, in the finals of the triple jump, finished third, with a jump of 35-11.25 feet.

Sophomore Paradise Pelzer was third in the women’s 600 finals, earning a time of 1:54.47.

Northern Arizona’s Emma Keenan finished first in 1:32.38.

In the women’s 800, senior Arianna Mariscal finished third (2:26.49).

Senior Angel Valdez set her personal best in the 3000, which was 10:48.7. She finished in seventh

place.

Also setting a new personal record in the 3000, sophomore Alejandra Frausto finished in 11:30.99.

The Roadrunners are gearing up for Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships.

The last competition before the conference championships is the Sun Bird Invitational, Feb. 17 in Fresno, California.

The WAC Indoor Championships are Feb. 22-23 in Boise, Idaho.

ESPORTS

By Johnathan Wheatley  
Assistant Sports Editor

2017 ended with a bang as League of Legends and CS:GO held their end of season championships.

Now with 2018 coming into fruition, excitement for the new seasons of LOL and CS:GO are at an all time high, all while bringing another world renowned game to the Esports world, Overwatch.

Eports according to dictionary.com is defined as, “Competitive tournaments of video games, especially among professional gamers.”

To end 2017, League of Legends saw an upset at the world championship as SSG “Samsung Galaxy” dethroned the 2-time defending champions SKT “SK Telecoms” with a dominant 3-0 sweep.

The loss has caused a major shake-up in the beginning weeks of season 8. SKT is currently ninth out of ten teams, according to espn.com, in the LCK “League Champions Korea.”

Meanwhile in North America, the household names such as Cloud9, Team Liquid are atop the standings, with other teams such as Echo Fox and 100 Thieves vying for the top position.

There is currently a three-way tie for first place in the NALCS with Cloud9, Team Liquid and Echo Fox, each with a 5-1 record after three weeks.

One can attribute Echo Fox success to the addition of former SKT member, Seung-hoon “Huni” Heo. Echo Fox, not known for its success, shook its roster before the season and it seems to be working.

“League is pretty much capture the flag except you beat the crap out of the flag,” said Josue Cruz a member of the Campus Gamers club.

Only three weeks into the spring season, Teams will still have to endure 6 more weeks of the spring season and then endure another summer season of League of Legends.

The North American League Champion Series is being held in Battle Arena located in Los Angeles, Cal.

Counter-Strike Global Offensive has begun 2018 with a major within the first month of competition. Group stage was held in Atlanta, Georgia, while the playoffs were held in Boston, Massachusetts.

For the first time ever, a North American team won a major, as Cloud9 outlasted Faze Clan. Many analysts called the major final, one of the best if not the best final ever. The only other time a North American team made a final was in 2016 when Team Liquid lost in the ESL One: Cologne, losing to SK gaming, 2-0.

Cloud9, in the previous 4 years had only made it out of the group stage once. You would have to go all the way back to 2014 to when it made it out of the group stage.

In order to win the first major of the year, Cloud9 had to go through the top three teams in the CS:GO community: G2 Sports, SK Gaming and Faze Clan.

In the final against Faze clan, the teams went into two overtimes. Being down 4 match points in regulation, Cloud9 came back to tie the

match at 15 rounds a piece.

In the first overtime, C9 held a two match points lead but ultimately dropped two straight rounds and Faze Clan tied it at 18 to 18.

In the second overtime, Faze Clan took the first round and went ahead 19-18. C9 would answer back with 4 straight rounds and taking the major 22-19. Tyler “Skaddoodle” Latham was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

The 2018 new year, brought a brand new competitive Esport with the arrival of Overwatch.

In its first season, competition is taking place at the Blizzard Arena in Burbank, California. It will consist of 4 stages, each lasting 5 weeks.

At the end of each stage there will be title games between the top three teams. The winner of the title games earn a total winning of \$125 thousand dollars.

After the 4 stages, the top six teams will enter the playoffs for a chance to be crowned the first ever champions of Overwatch and win a cash prize of \$1 million dollars.

Through the first 4 weeks of the first stage, there is a tie atop of the standings between New York Excelsior and London Spitfire, each at 7-1, according to overwatchleague.com.

You can watch all the excitement of Esports on Twitch.tv or the Twitch app and also on YouTube.

Look in future issues and online at therrunneronline.com for where CSUB is at in the Esports world and the possibility of CSUB adding Esports to its athletics.



MEN’S BASKETBALL

CSUB bounces back at home

**By Vincent Perez**  
*Sports Editor*

The CSU Bakersfield men’s basketball team is not looking to be at the bottom of the Western Athletic Conference standings come March. The Roadrunner men, in the last three games have a record of 2-1. A Jan. 26 loss at Seattle University seems to have woken up members of the team.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, the Roadrunners (10-12, 3-5) shot 55 percent in a landslide 81-53 home win against the University of Missouri-Kansas City (6-19, 1-7).

Freshman guard Jarkel Joiner once again led the team in points, with 21 and shot 50 percent from the 3-point line (3-for-6).

The defense held on tight against the Kangaroos. CSUB had seven steals, three blocks and scored 17 points off of turnovers.

Senior center Moataz Aly had two blocks and redshirt-junior guard Damiyne Durham ended his night with a team-leading four steals.

CSUB’s largest lead was 26 points during the first half, which put away UMKC.

“We played extremely hard and, I thought we played together,” said CSUB Head Coach Rod Barnes. “I thought we were really aggressive on both ends of the court.”

On Feb. 1, the Roadrunners won 91-61 at home when they took on a struggling Chicago State University men’s program. The Cougars (2-23, 0-8) could not catch up to the Roadrunners’ 51 percent shooting to the Cougars’ 37 percent. Durham led the Roadrunners with 18 points. He also added two assists in the home win.

Rickey Holden also had a great night on the court. Holden totaled 17 points, nine of which were from distance. Holden shot 50 percent from the 3-point line.

In the Roadrunners’ Jan. 26 loss at Seattle U (16-8, 5-2), they could



Senior center Moataz Aly dunks on a Chicago State Cougar in the Roadrunners’ 91-61 Feb. 1 victory in the Icardo Center.

not get the offense rolling. CSUB lost 59-55 to a team that is currently fourth in WAC standings.

At home, the Redhawks are 14-2, which shows their home fan support could make a difference for their energy. Seattle are 1-6 in road games.

Next up, the Roadrunners travel to New Mexico State University Thursday, Feb. 8. The Aggies lead the WAC at a perfect 7-0. Overall, the Aggies are 20-3.

The Roadrunners face a daunting

task in Las Cruces, New Mexico. They have never defeated New Mexico State on the road since CSUB joined the WAC in 2013.

The Roadrunners lost at home to the Aggies on Jan. 13 by a score of 66-53.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, CSUB travels to the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley.

The Vaqueros also defeated the Roadrunners in the Icardo Center earlier this season, 87-74, on Jan. 11.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Roadrunners win four straight

**By Johnathan Wheatley**  
*Assistant Sports Editor*

After beginning Western Athletic Conference play 2-2, the CSU Bakersfield women’s basketball team has put together a four-game winning streak that dates back to Jan. 20 when the Roadrunners defeated Chicago State by 14, 63-49.

“I’m excited, great bounce back for us,” said Head Coach Greg McCall after the win.

In the previous game, CSUB lost on a buzzer-beater against University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Senior forward Aja Williams and senior guard Alize’ Lofton led the Roadrunners in scoring with 18 points apiece.

Junior guard Alexxus Gilbert added 16 points.

As a team, CSUB shot over 50 percent from the floor in the win.

The Roadrunners ended their latest homestand with a seven-point victory over Seattle University, 75-68. Williams led CSUB in scoring with 23 points.

Redshirt-junior guard Jazmine Johnson fill the stat sheet with six assists, five rebounds and four steals.

Williams shot 50 percent from behind the three-point line, hitting five of ten shots.

The Roadrunners out rebounded the Redhawks, 44-35 according to gorunners.com.

With the victory against Seattle University, CSUB improved its home record to 7-2 before heading out on a two-game roundtrip.

The first game of the road trip had the Roadrunners traveling to Chicago, Illinois to face Chicago State University.

Coincidentally CSUB scored 63 points against the cougars, the same amount the scored at home against Chicago State.

The Roadrunners defense stifled the Cougars offense only allowing a total of 36 points to be scored.



Junior guard Dalis Jones drives into the paint against a Chicago State defender on Jan. 20 in the Icardo Center.

Freshman forward Vanessa Austin led CSUB in scoring with 12 points and added five rebounds.

The Roadrunner defense held the Cougar offense to single digit scoring in three of four quarters, including in the second quarter allowing only four points.

CSUB went to UMKC seeking revenge after its heart-breaking loss on Jan 18.

This time the Roadrunners came out firing. After UMKC scored the opening basket, CSUB scored nine straight to take a 9-2 lead.

CSUB went into halftime ahead of UMKC, 41-27. 14 points would be the difference at the end of the game as both teams scored 35 points in the second half.

The Roadrunners got their revenge defeating the Kangaroos, 76-62.

The win over UMKC gives CSUB a 12-10 overall record and a 6-2 record in the Western Athletic Conference.

The Roadrunners are currently on a two-game homestand with the first game against first place team in the WAC, New Mexico State University on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. It will be the golden game for the Roadrunners.

If CSUB wins the game against the Aggies, it can go into a tie for first place in the WAC.

The Roadrunners will finish the homestand Saturday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. against University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

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