

THE BIG STORY



Redshirt-senior forward Jaylin Airington steps onto the floor after being introduced during a game at the Icardo Center. Airington leads the Roadrunners in scoring with 14.5 points per game this season.

Senior discusses beliefs, upbringing, hoops journey

By Peter Castillo
Sports Editor

Through hard work, dedication and an undying belief in God, redshirt-senior forward Jaylin Airington has risen against the odds to becoming the leading scorer for the Roadrunners.

Airington was raised in East Chicago, Indiana, which is about 25 miles outside of downtown Chicago.

Airington credits his parents for keeping him on the right track and instilling strong family values while growing up in a troubled area.

“Growing up over there was tough, the crimes rates were high,” said Airington. “My parents always kept me narrow-headed, kept me focused, kept me in church and playing basketball.”

Airington attended Bowman Leadership Academy for his senior year of high school after transferring from a public school.

“The private school was better for my grades,” said Airington. “The public schools out there are terrible and my parents wanted something better for me.”

As he continued his studies in Bowman Leadership Academy, Airington continued to play the game he loved and that led him to play against some of Indiana’s best basketball players.

Airington grew up playing against the likes of current NBA players such as Eric Gordon, E’Twan Moore and in high school he played against

2017 Slam Dunk Champion Glenn Robinson III. Upon leaving high school, Airington received no Division I scholarships.

However, with the help of former NBA player and streetball legend Rafer Alston, Airington found his way to California.

“My parents did some research on the internet and got in contact with [Alston]. He got me into a prep school but I didn’t go there. I went to Ventura because he went there too,” said Airington.

He attended Ventura College in Southern California. He played there for one season.

Airington decided to transfer to CSU Bakersfield because of coach Rod Barnes’ religious beliefs and the interest that they showed compared to some of the other schools that recruiting him at the time.

“Coach Barnes belief in God opened my parents’ eyes, he’s a saved man. The coaches were the number one reason,” said Airington. “They called me every day, they showed more interest that they wanted me here.”

The desire to be the first to win at CSUB was also a driving force behind the recruitment of Airington.

“I wanted to be the first to do something here,” said Airington. “I saw that they wanted to build something here and I wanted to be a part of something special.”

Airington arrived at CSUB prior to the 2013-2014 season. However, he was redshirted by the coaching staff.



Redshirt-senior forward Jaylin Airington gets ready to go up for a layup on Nov. 22, 2016 in the Icardo Center.

“It was just to better myself, to get stronger and get faster,” said Airington. “When I came in, I wasn’t going to play that much because we had a lot of guards. Barnes thought it was the best decision for me.”

Airington’s quiet and calm personality does not fit the mold of a vocal leader, but he chooses to lead his teammates

in a different way. “Jaylin is a really good teammate, he’s always encouraging everyone,” said redshirt-junior guard Brent Wrapp. “He’s a quiet leader. He really leads by example and with his work ethic.”

Wrapp also arrived at CSUB prior to the 2013 season. See AIRINGTON, Page 8

FACILITIES

Concerns rise over vacancies in dorms

By Glendy Ardon
Reporter

Some students wonder if their money is being used to maintain empty dorm rooms and pay off the borrowed loans and bonds that were used to build the new Student Housing East dormitories.

This concern increases with the possibility of rising tuition. Miquaya Patterson, a nursing student, said student housing at CSUB is too expensive, even with financial aid available.

“Student housing fees are not fair because it is too expensive to live here,” said Patterson. “If financial aid is available, you have nothing left over at the end.”

With the price of housing being expensive for some students, the vacancies have some students concerned for the housing situation.

However, Housing Director Crystal Becks said the vacancies don’t have any direct correlations to tuition. “Even if we’re under-occupied, it doesn’t affect students’ tuition. That is 100 percent the truth.”

Crystal Becks,
Housing Director

“Even if we’re under-occupied, it doesn’t affect students’ tuition. That is 100 percent the truth,” Becks said.

Ashley Scott, associate director of student housing, said that student housing is a self-funded auxiliary.

“We are completely self-funded and have other sources of housing revenue... none of the money is state money,” said Scott. “Halls are paid for by a portion of the rate previous residents and current residents pay.”

Money Matters

The \$43-million project opened its doors to students in January of 2015.

“They were sized for 500 students, plus RAs, and they’ve been up and running ever since,” said Patrick Jacobs, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Management.

Jacobs shared the budget reports confirming the construction project of \$41.3 million for project costs, plus an additional \$2.5 million for total basic and additional services, bringing the total cost of the project to \$43.8 million.

The funding of the new Student Housing East was possible through, “...borrowed money,

which enabled us to sell bonds to come up with funds to build it. And the repayment of the bonds is paid for by the revenue coming in from the students that live there,” Jacobs said.

Becks added that the state revenue bond used to fund the project is to be paid for in a 20-year period.

A request for documents regarding Housing’s budget, reports of the total cost, payments and the dorm’s revenue was denied, and the budget report remains undisclosed.

Becks said that these reports are confidential, “because there are pieces of information that are not public record that are included in the budget.”

However, Becks said that “there is a semester debt payment to the Chancellor’s office that is sent in May and in

November... we have 20 years to pay, and we are absolutely on track to pay it back.”

Scott said that there are room vacancies, but these do not negatively impact CSUB students. “We are not at any risk.

Everything is fine,” Scott said, about debt repayment.

“One of the things that happened this year, and why there looks like there are more vacancies is because Student Housing West was being repurposed as something else. This year, though, we were able to take back the second and third floors... we had about 60 or so students go there,” said Scott.

Planning for the Future

Jacobs said plans exist to expand Student Housing, but this will happen with time once there is a demand for it.

“We do have it in our master plan long-term goals of building out about 2,500 student housing units or ability for beds over in the same area where we just recently built the first phase,” said Jacobs.

“It’s all a function of demand. Once the demand [is] there Crystal [Becks] would come to me and we would start talking about the funding and construction. It’s purely a function of how quickly they’re full, and have a waiting list,” said Jacobs.

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FINANCE

CSUB administration discusses budget for school year

By Emily Amparan
Assistant News Editor

The annual budget meeting for CSU Bakersfield took place on Feb. 23 to both give an update on the status of the 2016/17 budget and discuss the budget of the 2017/18 school year.

After a brief introduction from CSUB President Horace Mitchell, Thom Davis, Vice President of Business and Administrative Services, stepped forward to describe the source of the funds for this school year and the use of those funds.

Initially, the gross operating budget that was funded to

CSUB was about \$116 million, which was to be divided between appropriations, including retirement, health care and enrollment growth, as well as fees around campus, such as tuition, Health Center fees and course fees.

The funds provided by the California Board of Trustees were distributed among the cabinet offices at CSUB, and since the previous year’s fund changes had been made, so much was given to each department.

“Our priorities went to Academic Affairs and Business and Technology,” said Davis

Since 2015/16, the Academic Affairs department increased from 42.40 percent to 42.94 percent in 2016/17, whereas the Business and Technology departments combined to bring it from 14.60 percent funding to 15.08 percent.

While the budget was split strategically among all the departments, there were still unmet priorities, including the Counseling Center and Services for Students with Disabilities. Mitchell mentioned priorities for the next budgeted year to come, including student employment.

According to Mitchell,

funding has been allocated to all cabinets to hire students on campus to give them the opportunity to join in study groups and attend office hours without being rushed for work off-campus.

The second priority is for faculty and staff development, a practice that was discontinued, but will be brought back.

Another priority for CSUB is to move temporarily funded positions to permanently funded positions, as well as adding more tenure-track faculty.

Lastly, the classroom and laboratory refreshments and renovations will be brought forward. Dorothy Donahoe Hall will be receiving some of these repairs.

“We’re doing technology refreshers on campus,” said Mitchell. “We want our classrooms to be smart classrooms.”

All of this will become possible if the state of California meets the budget proposed by the Board of Trustees. Now, only the compensation for current contracts and a portion of mandatory fees will be met, leaving the requests for Graduation Initiative 2025, compensation for new contracts, enrollment growth and academic facilities and infrastructures unmet.

The final budget will be finalized in March by the Board of Trustees, and in June by the California Legislature.

Despite cuts to CSUB’s funds, students will not have to be concerned with any current or future defunded building projects.

According to Mitchell, there is a separate budget provided for those projects, which are automatically a priority for the Board of Trustees.

Budget information can be found at csub.edu under the Quick Link titled Budget Central.

CAMPUS

2016-2017 ROOM RATES FOR CSU CAMPUSES			
Schools	Price for Single Room	Price for Double Room	Price for Triple Room
Bakersfield	\$10,820	\$8,823	\$7,128
Channel Islands	\$10,820	\$9,740	Info not provided
Chico	\$9,367	\$7,732	\$6,523
Dominguez Hills	\$9,012	\$6,528	\$6,528
East Bay	Info not provided	\$12,664	\$10,958
Fresno	\$7,360	\$6,174	\$4,277
Fullerton	\$12,210	\$9,300	Info not provided
Humboldt	\$7,726	\$6,226	Info not provided
Long Beach	Info not provided	\$10,910 with meal plan	\$9,916 with meal plan
Los Angeles	\$8,346	\$6,446	\$5,190
Maritime	\$5,562 No room option to choose from \$2,781 per semester for all students.		
Monterey Bay	\$10,388	\$7,652	\$7,714
Northridge	\$8,146	\$6,569	\$6,335
Pomona	Info not provided	\$12,973 with meal plan	\$12,232
Sacramento	\$11,499 with meal plan	\$10,947 with meal plan	\$9,879 with meal plan
San Bernardino	\$10,119 with meal plan	\$8,754 with meal plan	Info not provided
San Diego	\$16,293 with meal plan	\$14,725 with meal plan	\$13,357 with meal plan
San Francisco	Info not provided	\$14,208 with meal plan	\$12,888 with meal plan
San Jose	\$9,488	\$8,322	\$6,982
San Luis Obispo	\$8,516	\$7,360	\$5,890
San Marcos	\$10,950	\$8,200	Info not provided
Sonoma	\$14,036	\$11,970	\$10,458
Stanislaus	\$7,300	\$6,506	\$4,450

Student housing vacancies create concerns among CSUB residents

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Student Housing West has an occupancy of 58 students out of 60 total beds available, but there are more vacancies in Housing East.

“We have a capacity for 480 beds, and 70 percent of these are occupied,” said Becks.

“The old dormitories have been converted on the first floor to offices, and are still being used as student housing units,” Jacobs said.

Student Housing West is only available to upperclassmen, graduate students and students

over 25.

Scott said that the rent paid by Student Housing West residents is only used to maintain those facilities, and is not used to pay off the loan for building Student Housing East.

The Bottom Line

Becks assures students that their tuition is not affected by the loans acquired by Student Housing East.

Student Housing is an auxiliary that is funded by the rent fees of past and current residents.

According to Becks, costs are also alleviated by special groups that stay in the dorms during the summer for conferences, sports competition and other events.

“We don’t out-price our students. We want it to be affordable to live here,” Becks added.

According to Becks, affordable housing allows students to enjoy their university experience.

Some students, however, think that housing costs are too expensive.

However, some believe the

fees are worth the experience.

Business Administration student Angel Aguiar said, “Compared to apartments, student housing is too expensive, but it is convenient to live here. They have events and activities that allow us to meet people.”

Sandy Campos, Nursing student, disagrees, and said that she lives in a triple room, and is forced to have a meal plan.

“I am only here for this year because I have nowhere else... apartments are more affordable.”

CRIME

Man wanted by UPD for questioning

By Esteban Ramirez
Senior Staff Writer

University Police Department is searching for a man regarding an alleged assault at CSU Bakersfield.

According to a crime bulletin email sent out by Chief of Police Marty Williamson Friday, March 3, UPD is currently looking for Michael Greene, 18, for questioning.

UPD did not state whether Greene was involved in the assault.

The department is investigating the assault case and is asking for help from the campus community in locating Greene.

If you have information on Greene or his location, UPD asks people to call 654-2111.

Williamson did not state when or where the assault occurred.

The Runner called UPD to get more information about the assault on Friday, but Williamson was not working at the time of the call.

The Runner reached out to UPD for the crime log, but the



Photo by University Police
Michael Greene is wanted by UPD for questioning.

assault was not listed within the last week.

According to the Clery Report, UPD maintains a daily crime log which is normally updated each business day and contains all crimes reported to UPD.

At this time Greene is only wanted for questioning. UPD has not said whether he is the suspect or not.

This is ongoing investigation and The Runner is waiting for more details to be released.

Visit therunneronline.com for up-to-date information on the assault.

NATURE

Annual nature festival returns

By Gustavo Reveles
Reporter

For students looking to get away from the pressures of school or work, or those who just want to explore and connect with nature outside of Bakersfield, Wind Wolves Preserve will be hosting its Fourth Annual Spring Nature Festival on Saturday and Sunday March 11 and 12.

The festival will feature guest experts and nature enthusiasts, including a variety of activities like guided nature hikes, safari tours, preserve tours, booth exhibits, wildlife viewing and more.

The festival is child-friendly and provides numerous activities for children to participate in, such as meeting reptilian

and amphibious creatures, bird hikes, creative nature crafts, face painting, archeological exploration and exploring nature in the children’s hike.

Most guided nature hikes and tours last approximately 1.5 hours long and have themes such as bird watching, wildflower viewing, tracking and more. The preserve also offers hikes and tours in Spanish. On Saturday, activities are ongoing from 9 am to 4 pm, concluding with a night hike and astronomy talk from 6 to 8 pm. Sunday’s activities start at 9 am and wrap up at 2:30 pm.

Wind Wolves Preserve is located off Maricopa Highway (Hwy 166) 40 minutes south of Bakersfield. It is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. the weekend of the Nature Festival.

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COMMUNITY

Isabella Dam not expected to break

By Christopher Mateo
Editor-in-Chief

The recent drought led to dry rivers and water restrictions in Bakersfield. However, recently the abundance of rainfall has quenched Bakersfield’s dry land.

With so much rainfall, there are rising concerns about structural damage to the Isabella Dam.

“We are aware of what the risk is, and we are addressing it,” said Richard Brown, public affairs specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Aside from the structural damages of the auxiliary dam, there is some leakage and seeping of water.

According to Brown, seepage is expected because the dams are made of rock and dirt.

The U.S. Army Corps has identified three key issues that might put both the auxiliary and the main dam at risk: seismic, hydrological and structural issues.

The dam is not expected to break, nor is it at maximum capacity.

According to Brown, the water level that will be considered safe is at 361,250 acre feet.

The water level in the dam is occupying 90 percent of the 361,250 acre feet.

Brown assured that the water level can go over the 361,250 acre feet limit.

However, there was no specific percentage or measurement of how the water level can go over the 361,250 acre feet.

Brown said that they will more than likely be releasing

more water to the Kern River to make room for the snow melting from the Sierra Mountains.

Brown could not comment on how much water would come from the melting snow.

In the event that the water level reaches or surpasses the safe level, the U.S. Army Corps will be notified and will start to release water from the dam to maintain a safe water level.

“Releases require human interaction. The Corps and the Watermaster, in accordance with the water control manual and the prevailing conditions, will determine safe release levels in order to manage the flood risk and provide what is needed downstream for agricultural and environmental purposes,” Brown wrote in an email.

There are many different reasons why the Army Corps will decide to release water.

“Water releases are made for a couple different reasons, for irrigation, ecological and hydrological,” said Brown.

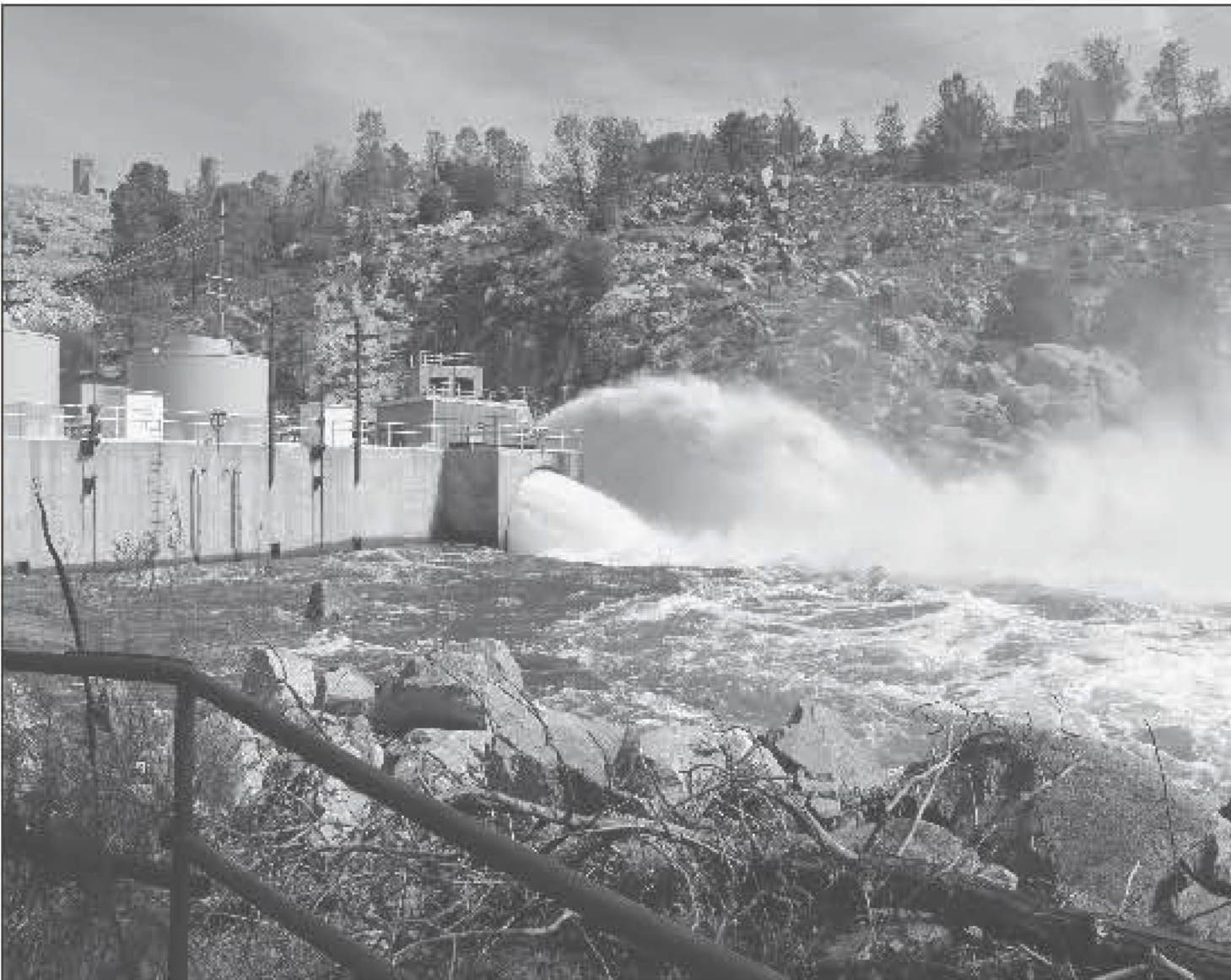
The water drained from the dams are released into the Kern River.

Brown said the dam goes through three different inspections.

The engineers conduct a five-year inspection of the core along with hydrologists and environmentalists.

The last five-year inspection was conducted in November 2015. It is the most thorough of the inspections.

The second type of inspection is a yearly inspection also conducted by the core of engineers. The last of which was conducted in November 2016.



Devon Halsell/The Runner

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is fixing the Isabella Dam this year, with the project continuing into 2018.

The third type of inspections are done by the safety staff working at the dam.

These inspections are done daily as the staff members walk around the dam.

Even though there are inspections in place, the U.S. Army Corps is taking precautions by making renovations to the

dams. One of the renovations beginning this year is building an emergency spillaway between the main dam and the auxiliary dam.

This presents some issues with the neighboring buildings, such as the fire station, forcing the U.S. Army Corps of Engi-

neers will have to relocate the neighboring buildings.

The new spillaway will be about 300 feet wide and would lead into the Kern River.

The relocation of the neighboring buildings and the construction of the spillaway are to begin this year.

The bigger renovations will

start in 2018, and will continue until 2022, including adding more material to help reinforce the dams and raising the dam 16 feet.

“Our top priority is for both public safety and everything downstream,” said Brown.

What’s Happening
Around Campus

MARCH

8 6th Annual Growing Opportunities Career Fair
1:30-5:30 p.m. SU MPR

The Empowerment Project
5-7:30 p.m. Doré Theatre

Paint Night
6-8 p.m. SRC

Water Polo vs. Azusa Pacific 1 p.m.
Hillman Aquatic Complex

9 Conversation Cafe: French
12-1 p.m. Walter Stiern Library Albin Room

10 2017 Student Research Oral Competition 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Discover CSUB
8 a.m.-3 p.m. SU MPR

13 Best Week Ever
7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. SU MPR

14 Geology Seminar Series: Dr. Deborah Khider
12-1 p.m. SCI III 114

CSUB Art Lecture Series: Colectivo Etcetera
5 p.m. Visual Arts Bldg 103

15 The Art of Mustafah Dhada
6-8 p.m. Dezember Reading

Kern Economic Summit
7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Double Tree

16 Spring Career Expo
10 a.m.-2 p.m. SRC

Brown Bag Series: The History of Beer
12-1 p.m. Stockdale Room

Expression Nights
7-9 p.m. Stockdale Room

Conversation Cafe: Spanish
12-1 p.m. Walter Stiern Library Albin Room

17 St. Patrick’s Day

Geology Seminar Series: Dr. Guoliang Zhang
12-1 p.m. SCI III 114

18 Ikea’s Healthy Kids Carnival
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Children’s Center

Water Polo vs. Arizona 12 p.m.
Hillman Aquatic Complex

19 Water Polo vs. Princeton 10:30 a.m.
Hillman Aquatic Complex

20 CSUB Food Distribution
6 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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JANUARY’S
CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION
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Counseling Services



The purpose of the Campus Beautification Committee is to beautify the CSUB campus through education and example with the prideful participation from the University community.

Each month, the Monthly Selection Committee tours the campus to see which adopted area is the cleanest.

Congratulations to January’s winner – Counseling Services for their adopted area, Counseling Center. We are proud to recognize members of our campus community each month for their outstanding contributions toward keeping CSUB beautiful. If you are interested in adopting an area or would like to learn more about the Campus Beautification Committee, please visit us at:

www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASI board eliminates positions, adds accountability with judicial branch

By Devon Halsell
Features Editor

Associated Students Inc. voted on proposed bylaw changes and amendments at its March 3 meeting.

The largest change is the addition of a Judicial Affairs Council.

The council was first proposed to consist of five students: a chief justice and four justices. The board members voted on an amendment to create a council of four students, one chief justice and three justices, to prevent tied votes.

There will be three one-year contracts and one two-year contract.

“The two year contract is to create a sense of eternal memory within that group. We want someone who’s going to instruct the new group,” said Alex Dominguez, ASI president.

“That way they hold at least one office hour a week,” said Dominguez.

During its Friday meeting, ASI also discussed amendments to the proposed bylaw changes.

Only full-time students can apply for executive chair

positions.

Graduate students who hold, or wish to hold, chair positions must be full-time students, as well.

The wording of Article IV Section 2a, which relates to the ASI president applying any exceptions to board members’ requirements, was changed from “certain circumstances” to “extraordinary circumstances”.

ASI decided to change this wording to minimize confusion for students who might not think they have “extraordinary” circumstances.

“So if you’re a senior and you see that it says 12 [units], yet you only have six, you might stay away from that,” said Dominguez.

Article 8 Section 1e is receiving a change to the responsibilities and duties of the Vice President of Programming.

Since there will be a Director of Marketing, the duties and responsibilities ten and eleven will fall under that chair’s position instead.

Duty ten mandates that the officer publicizes all ASI-related services to CSU Bakersfield students, and duty eleven states that the officer will assist with publicizing all Campus Pro-

gramming events and activities to students.

Another of the amendments made was to Article 9 Section 1. The addition will be to Section 1d, affecting the amount of office hours the entire ASI board will hold.

It was proposed for every member of ASI to hold five, but they voted to change it to four. The last bylaw vote changed the Greek Liaison and Student Athletic Advisory Committee Liaison to Director chairs positions.

The ASI board voted to eliminate all five of the positions proposed to be eliminated during the meeting of Feb. 17.

These positions include Director of Corporate Structure, Director of Facilities and Commercial Services, Director of Campus Pride, Lower Division Director and Upper Division Director.

Michael Esquada was sworn in as the Director of Legislative Affairs.

The graduation ceremony’s time was changed from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Council of Graduate Coordinator were concerned and discussed the possibility of changing the day and time to



Karina Diaz/The Runner
ASI President Alex Dominguez explains the amendments the board voted on Friday, March 3.

accommodate students.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jenny Zorn and her cabinet were asked to discuss the issue.

The best solution was to change the time.

The time changes were for the benefit of graduate students who were unable to attend the ceremony at the original time, due to family and work schedules.

The CGC was also concerned that the time would discourage community participation and hinder attendance.

Some of the ASI board mem-

bers, including Dominguez, Executive Vice President Alana Lim and the newly-inducted Esquada, will be attending the monthly California State Student Association training from March 11 through March 13.

CAMPUS

Students dissatisfied with food choices on campus

By Roshelle Czar
Reporter

A variety of fast foods are offered on the CSU Bakersfield campus.

Whether a student is grabbing a cup of coffee from Peet’s or getting a sandwich from TOGO’S, grabbing a quick meal before class is never a dilemma.

However, the food students are consuming in the rush of the day often lacks the proper nutrition that will keep them prepared for their courses.

Joyce Williams, a freshman

who lives on campus, talked about trying to eat healthy food on-campus.

“I want to eat food which is of better quality. I understand that organic food might be too expensive, but we can work on eliminating companies such as Tyson and Foster Farms. I can see that snacks on campus have a healthier component to them. However, the food truly has none. I usually eat a pizza every day because the salads are not as fresh. I would like to go to TOGO’S, but it’s not included in our meal plans,” said Williams.

Students appreciate that healthier snacks are provided on campus, but the limited nutritional options are problematic.

There is also a lack of diverse food options, which makes the dining experience bland.

Andrew Oliveros, a sophomore at CSUB, said he felt the campus could improve food variety.

“I work out, and try to get a certain amount of protein, but the chicken is usually dry with very little to no seasoning at all. I am of Mexican descent, and I like to have flavor in my

food. I believe that the campus should cater the need of students that study from all over the world. We also have a lot of international students, and the university should look into getting food vendors that offer more diverse option such as Chinese or Italian cuisine,” said Oliveros.

CSUB has had several events on campus which offered a wide range of ethnic food, including the Chinese New Year Event, the Diwali Festival, and the Eid Festival.

However, students want these options to be available every

day, because they are getting tired of eating pizzas or salads.

Some students feel indifferent about what the campus offers.

Melanie Sandoval, a sophomore on campus, said that she felt the food was not the best, but not the worst either.

However Sandoval finds the prepared meals sold around campus convenient.

“If I left the campus, then parking becomes an issue because it’s hard to find. I prefer eating on campus because it saves time for me, but it does upset me when I ask regarding nutritional facts, and the staff

is usually ambiguous about the ingredients. The food we eat impacts our energy level, and I prefer to know about what I am consuming on an everyday basis,” said Sandoval.

Students are also concerned with the ambience of the cafeteria.

Sandoval said that the benches outside the Runner Café are falling apart, and that she feels uncomfortable when she sits outside to eat her lunch.

According to some students, a cafeteria renovation and more variety would make their dining experiences more pleasant.

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The Runner brings home 16 awards



The Runner staff received 14 awards at the California Collegiate Media Association banquet on March 4, 2017

The Runner earned 14 awards at the California Collegiate Media Awards and two awards from the Associated Collegiate Press Conference that took place from March 2 through March 5 in San Francisco. The Runner competed with schools from all over the country and Canada. The Runner earned three first place awards. Photo editor AJ Alvarado won first place in Best Photo Illustration for the “Basketball Preview.” “It feels great to be recognized for your work. It is great because we doubled the amount of awards, and this shows that we are growing,” said Alvarado, who also won third place for

Best Sports Photograph. Gina Butler, the previous business manager, won first place for Best Promotion Materials for “Runner Media Kit”. Maria Rodriguez and Jonathan Wells won first place for Best News Video for the “2016 Bakersfield Business Conference.” The Runner also won four second place awards. “I feel really excited and happy that our work has been recognized, and I want to give extra praise to Maria, because she helped more than she needed to and made this video possible,” said Wells. News Editor Julie Mana-Ay placed second for Best Editorial with “Election awakens fear in

minorities.” “I feel like I worked hard for this. Winning was such a relief. Winning felt like all of my work paid off,” said Mana-Ay. Maria Rodriguez and Roel Romualdo won second place for Best Non-News Video. Syleena Perez, the previous sports editor, won second place for Best Sports Story. Editor-in-Chief Christopher Mateo won second place for Best Feature Story. Ben Patton won third place for Best Feature Photograph, The Runner Staff won third for Best Newspaper, third for the Best of Show newspaper award and third for Best of Show website.

MOVIE ‘Logan’ shreds competition in final installment

By Breanna Hunczak
Reporter

This weekend, I saw “Logan”, the latest “X-Men” movie based on Wolverine, played by Hugh Jackman for the ninth and last time. As a girl who doesn’t like the “X-Men” movies, I enjoyed this one because of the action and storyline. Normally, I find the “X-Men” movies hard to follow, but “Logan” is a different story. The storyline was very clear and easy to follow. This is because it just focuses on Logan instead of having more than 10 actors and actresses incorporated, but viewers will still

see Charles Xavier make an appearance. So girls, if your boyfriends or husbands drag you along to go see “Logan”, at least you will be able to follow along, and might enjoy it, like me. The opening scene of the movie starts off with Logan, but he is not the comic book hero that viewers are used to. He looks older with gray hair and a scruffy beard. He walks with a limp and drinks his pain away. He is sleeping in a limousine when a few guys try to steal his rims. When a guy shoots Logan, a fight ensues between them, which leads to the first real action of the

movie. The producer got it right when they put an action scene at the beginning, because the guys in the theater ate it up, and so did I. The movie is set in 2029. Not much has changed, but semi-trucks do not have drivers. I thought this was completely crazy, because this is the next thing the car companies are trying to do. After seeing it on screen, I hope it doesn’t happen, because this caused an accident and more people almost died because they do not stop without a driver or a command to do so. Laura played by Dafne Keen is a new mutant, and according

to the movie, there hasn’t been a new mutant for 25 years. Laura finds her way to Charles Xavier, and like Logan, she has a fondness for Charles. Logan and Laura both have claws on their hands, but unlike Logan, Laura also has blades coming out of her feet. This leads to an epic fight scene where the viewers get to see Laura as a killing machine, as she takes on 30-plus guys. Logan even joins in to help her once he realizes that they are both the same mutant. This is Hugh Jackman’s final appearance as Logan, and he did the role justice. This movie had action throughout, and



Photo by 20th Century Fox
Hugh Jackman as Logan in the new X-Men movie.

even a cute love scene for the girls that left me and a few other viewers crying. When Logan flashed on the screen at the end, I was left

shocked, because I wanted more, as did everyone else in the theater, as we waited in vain for a teaser that never came.

COLUMN The Naked Truth: Managing your sex-pectations

By Julie Mana-Ay
News Editor

Orgasms are mysterious, subject to disbelief and known only to some. This is because many women have not experienced them, like me. In my past sexual relationships, I’ve never had the opportunity to experience an orgasm. For a while, I had the idea that it wasn’t because of me or the lack of me trying, but due to my partners’ performances. I wanted to feel that explosive and toe-curling feeling that all of my friends felt. I always envied the women who did. Some time ago, I heard that an orgasm meant that your sexual encounter was successful. I thought that if my partner wasn’t able to help me achieve this, then they must’ve been unsuitable for me. Achieving this isn’t the easiest thing to do, yet the adult film industry portrays women as eternally sensual, effortlessly orgasmic and forever lubricated. Pomography reinforces the pressure to perform orgasmically for women. Some people watch too much porn, and men want to feel like their penis is some sex hot-rod.

Pornography use can have an emotional effect on sexual performances within relationships. An excessive use of pornography can especially change the way a man defines beauty. It is statistically impossible that every woman will experience multiple orgasms, ejaculate and climax during sex. But orgasms are complicated. From a published study in the journal Archives of Sexual Behavior, a team of researchers in the U.S. collected data through an online survey on the NBC News website. The survey had responses with over 52,000 participants between the ages of 18 and 65 who were in a relationship with one person. The study reported that college men felt it was their responsibility to bring their female partner to orgasm, that this is very satisfying for men and that the absence of female orgasms is distressing. Philosophy professor and Interim Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities Debra Jackson, who is writing a book on sexual ethics, said heterosexual women fake orgasms much more often than straight men, gay men, or lesbians. “She might fake it because she believes she’s supposed to have an orgasm, and that if she

doesn’t, something’s wrong with her. And she doesn’t want to confront that with her partner; she doesn’t want to face the possible embarrassment,” Jackson said. Not only do a majority of women fake orgasms, some men fake orgasms too, for the same reasons women do. “As a man, I’ve only faked an orgasm once, and that was because I hated the sex and I just wanted her to get off without hurting her feelings. Other than that, I either finish, or I don’t,” said CSUB student Jeremy (names have been changed to protect identities). Jackson said many women internalize the pressure to orgasm rather than facing the uncomfortable conversation with their partner. Communication is a definite key in any relationship.

People need to be able to tell their partners what they like and what they don’t like, but often, some people struggle with that communication. “I didn’t want him [my partner] to feel like he wasn’t doing a good job, because he was. It felt amazing, but I didn’t orgasm until after I started exploring,” said Susie. Some women say they fake orgasms because they try to enhance the experience, so they make the vocalization to excite their partners, and some talk about faking orgasms to end the sexual encounter. “For many people, the goal of sex is to have an orgasm, and once you have an orgasm, you know you’re done,” said Jackson. Yes, orgasms must feel sensational, but how important is having an orgasm? I once believed that the goal of sexual intimacy is to have an orgasm.

And to other women, the goal of sexual intimacy is something else. “I don’t think sex should solely be judged on whether an orgasm did or didn’t occur. Sometimes the best sexual encounters don’t result in orgasms, on both ends, male or female. And that’s okay,” said Jeremy. Some of those women want sexual intimacy to express their love and bond with their partners. Some women and men need to be careful not to create this expectation that sex is only good if a woman orgasms. CSUB student Jeremy said the majority of people don’t have sex to reproduce, and that people care about women reaching orgasms instead. Women are capable of deeper vaginal orgasms, but not every woman is able to reach that point. Nearly one-third of men incorrectly assume that most women will orgasm from penile-vaginal intercourse alone. It turns out most heterosexual women cannot have an orgasm through vaginal penetration. “The part of the body for women that is the pleasure center is the clitoris. Well, that’s not inside the vagina. It’s

around it,” said Jackson. “So if you don’t have contact where the pleasure center is, how could you possibly reach an orgasm?” So we have to ask ourselves, “what will get us there?” The constant idea of expecting an orgasm every time a woman has a sexual encounter is unhealthy and unrealistic, because not every woman is able to orgasm. Because of this, both men and women evaluate their sexual encounters as poor if no orgasms are received. Without question, orgasms are less a natural experience than a social behavior between women and men. With both behaviors come ultimate expectations determining what’s right and what’s wrong. As much as experiencing an orgasm may seem like the ultimate source of sexual pleasure, sex doesn’t have to revolve around it. Being able to explore intimacy and sexual enjoyment should be satisfying for both men and women, so why are people letting one minor detail ruin their sex moments? Just because you didn’t come doesn’t mean you didn’t have fun.

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WRESTLING

Four Roadrunners head to NCAAs

By Juan Rodriguez
Reporter

As the NCAA Wrestling Championships commence on March 16 in St. Louis, Missouri, CSUB Bakersfield will have four members of the men’s wrestling team competing against the nation’s best.

After top performances in the recent Pac-12 Conference Championships, redshirt-sophomore Sean Nickell (125 pounds), redshirt-junior Coleman Hammond (149 pounds), redshirt-freshman Lorenzo De La Riva (165 pounds) and freshman-junior Matt Williams (197 pounds) have all punched their tickets to compete on the biggest stage in Division I collegiate wrestling.

All four qualified, but Nickell took down his competition on his way to earning first place.

Since graduating from Bakersfield High School in 2014, Nickell said he always hoped to reach his goals of making it to the nationals.

“The whole season, you just hope you put together what you do well enough to get into the tournament, and when you finally win the conference and you go to the tournament,” said Nickell. “It really is cool. It’s a really good feeling.”

Nickell, who was the third seed at 125 in the Pac-12

championships, rolled past Oregon State University’s Kegan Calkins, 8-5.

He advanced to the championship match against Arizona State’s Josh Kramer. Nickell won 7-5.

While winning was a big goal, Nickell admits he has higher aspirations.

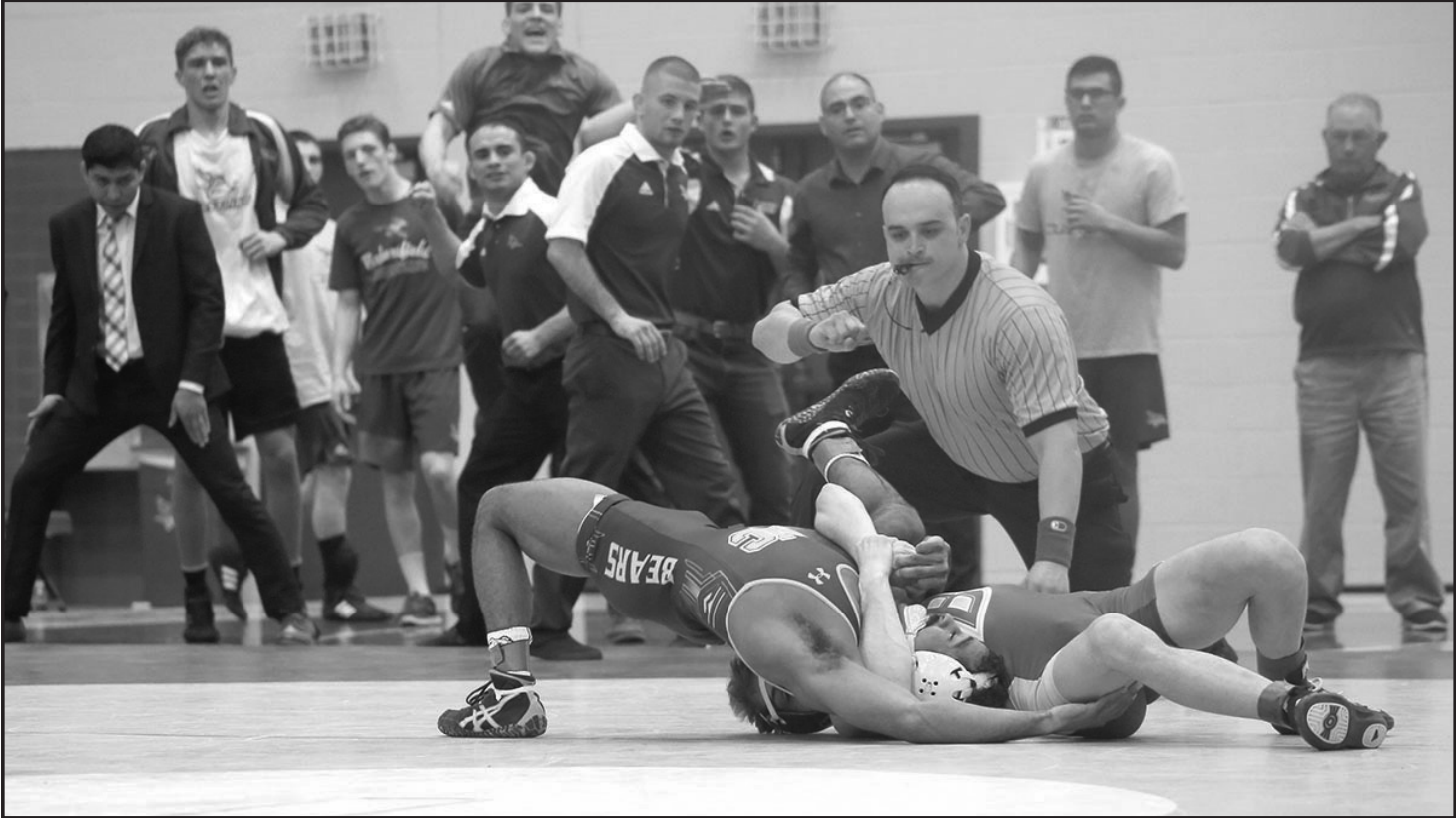
“Winning the Pac-12 is good, but the ultimate goal is to be an All-American, and you have to get to the [NCAA] tournament to do that,” he said.

Nickell’s teammate Coleman Hammond is scheduled to also compete at the national championships after taking second at the Pac-12 championships.

“It feels good because you have so much hometown support here in Bakersfield,” said Hammond, who qualified for the nationals last year. “All of my teammates from high school are still living here, so there is a sense of pride [as] they cheer for me.”

De La Riva finished in second at 165 and Williams finished in third at 197. Hammond, Nickell, De La Riva and Williams will all be spending the next two weeks balancing the formula of rest and training.

According to CSUB head coach Manny Rivera, the approach is to focus on one match at a time, being excited to compete there and all the



Karina Diaz/The Runner

CSUB redshirt-sophomore Sean Nickell pins an opponent in a duel in the Icardo Center earlier this season. Nickell earned a first place finish in the Pac-12 Conference Championships in the 125-pound division. Nickell is one of four Roadrunners going to St. Louis for the NCAA tournament which begins on March 16.

little things.

“We are staying consistent to what we have done throughout the season,” Rivera said. “It seems to have been working well.”

Although the conclusion of the season awards individual efforts, the Roadrunners understand it is a team effort that has allowed each of them

to succeed.

“It’s not just me,” said Nickell. “It’s all the coaches, all the guys working out with me in the [wrestling] room, all the family and friends. They all are the reason why I was able to get to where I [am] and put me in the NCAA tournament”

CSUB could possibly add to its qualifiers after the NCAA

Wrestling Committee meets during this week.

Since the Pac-12 tournament was the first major conference championship to be held, CSUB will have to wait patiently for other conference championships to conclude in order to figure out if any additional Roadrunners make the national tournament.

“Possibly our 141-pounder [redshirt-freshman] Russell Rohlfing is looking like he is in contention and is being considered for an at-large bid,” said Rivera. “It is hard to say for sure at this time, but [this] week is when they release all the at-large bids.”

The championships are scheduled to run March 16 to 18.

SWIMMING

CSUB makes big splash in conference championships

By Victor Rodriguez
Reporter

The CSUB Bakersfield men’s and women’s swim and diving teams headed into Houston, Texas for the 2017 Western Athletic Conference Championships with some trepidation but with success on their minds.

Over the span of the four-day WAC Championships, the Roadrunners won two gold medals, two silver medals and three bronze medals.

The Roadrunners also earned 2 First Team and 10 Second Team All-Conference Honors, as well as an All-WAC Honor.

To top it off five school records were broken.

“I was a little nervous, but we didn’t let them know we were nervous,” CSUB Director of Swimming Chris Hansen. “It surpassed anything that I thought. I knew we were going to have some successful swims, but not only did we do really well we had a fun week.”

On the first day of the WAC Championships, senior Carlee Burks qualified first overall in the 3-meter board with a score of 287.75.

In the finals, she upped her score to 298.60, but placed in second to earn a silver medal.

The women’s 200 medley relay squad, which consisted of Paola Hernandez, Dylana Milobar, Morgan King and Maddie Cosgrove, broke the school record with a time of 1:41.50 and earned Second Team All-Conference Honors.

The second day at the WAC Championships saw the Roadrunners winning two bronze medals.

Burke managed to finish third overall in the women’s 1-meter board.

On the men’s side, junior Lovre Soric finished third and also broke the school record in the 200 individual medley with

a time of 1:46.60.

Another school record was broken when senior Paola Hernandez finished fourth overall in the women’s 200 IM with a time of 2:02.08.

The third day at the WAC Championships saw the Roadrunners continue their dominance in the women’s 200 freestyle race as Hernandez won the gold medal with a time of 1:48.15.

This was the fourth year in a row that CSUB won the gold in this race.

In the men’s 400 IM prelims Soric broke the school record with a time of 3:52.56. In the

finals of that same race, Soric managed to beat his own record and place second for a silver medal with a new time of 3:49.04.

“The fact that the whole team witnessed it and was there to support me for all my races was great,” said Soric. “During the season, I didn’t have much confidence, but once we came to the conference [championships] and I saw everyone cheering on the stands I truly believed that I could do it.”

On the last day of the WAC Championships, Soric broke another school record and earn a gold medal in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:45.14.

Hernandez became the first CSUB women diver to go under 50 seconds since 2005.

Hernandez won the gold medal with a time of 49.94.

“It was nice, this has been a goal for a long time,” said Hernandez. “Those were goals since my freshman year, so to reach that was better.”

CSUB swimming and diving hopes that many of the NCAA B cuts posted this week will be accepted to the NCAA Championships.

Burks will be competing at the NCAA Zone E Diving Championships this March.

WAC TOURNAMENT

March Madness tips off in Sin City

By Mickey Van Horn
Reporter

CSUB Bakersfield men’s basketball team will enter the Western Athletic Conference Tournament as the number one seed with a first round bye.

The Roadrunners enter the tournament as winners of the regular season title, and look to defend their tournament title this weekend in Las Vegas.

The WAC tournament will begin Wednesday, March 8. CSUB will play the winner of the game between Utah Valley University and Seattle University on Friday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Orleans Arena.

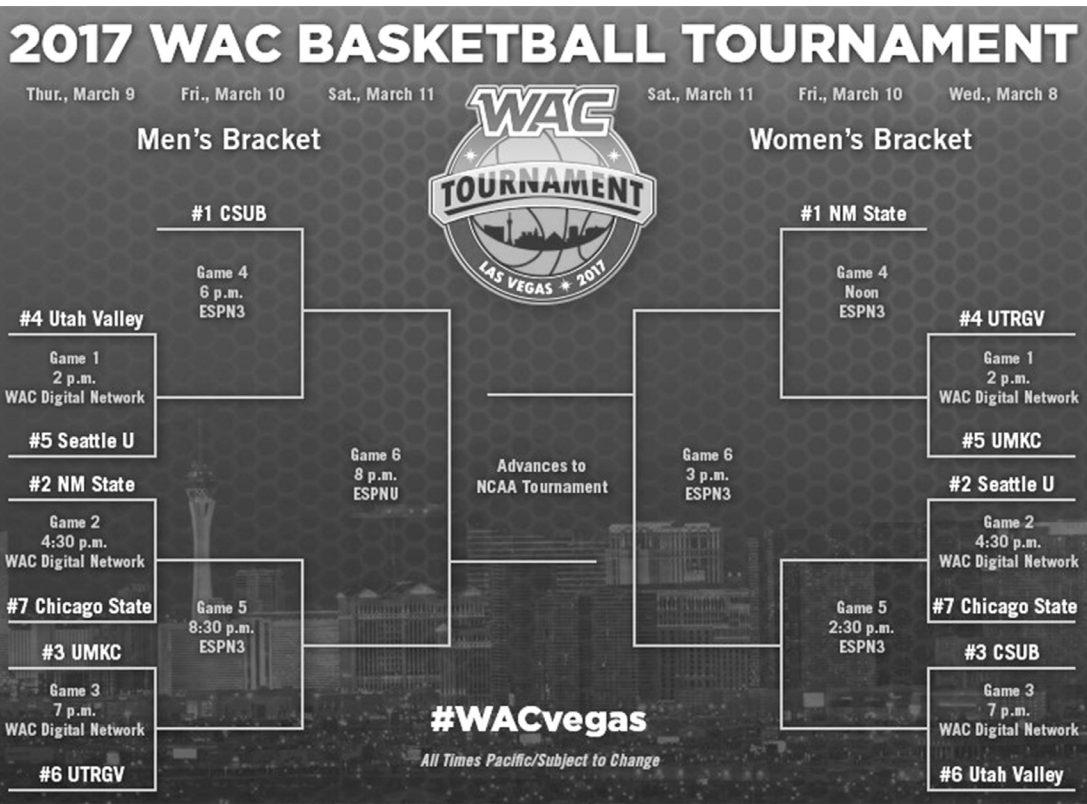
“My favorite thing about the one seed is that everybody is coming for you,” said redshirt-senior forward Jaylin Airington. “I love that. I love the fact that everybody wants to get us.”

The Roadrunners finished the regular season with a home loss on senior night against Grand Canyon University on Saturday, March 4.

It was the first home game the Roadrunners lost all season.

CSUB was a player short on senior night, as redshirt-junior guard Brent Wrapp was out with a knee injury.

“Even this weekend if he’s not able to go we won’t [risk playing him],” said CSUB coach Rod Barnes. “The kid means



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too much to us, and his health is more important than anything. He’s our floor general. It’s like playing a football game without a quarterback.”

Barnes said Wrapp’s injury was minor and he should be ready to go on Friday night.

Wrapp is currently undergoing treatment.

The CSUB women’s basketball team enters the WAC tournament as the number three seed after finishing the regular season with a record of 10-4 in conference play and are

currently 15-13 overall.

The women’s team will play its first game Wednesday, March 8 against Utah Valley.

The Roadrunners defeated the Wolverines in both matchups this season.

“I’m excited about the fact that we are entering Vegas at a higher seed than what was expected of us,” said coach Greg McCall. “It’s just an exciting time of the year, our team is playing well, and hopefully everyone continues to be healthy.”

CSUB finished the regular

season on a 9-2 run, and is currently on a three-game win streak, including an 80-64 win on the road over Grand Canyon Saturday, March 4.

“I think that we have prepared really well, it was a good test for us to be on the road for three straight games,” said McCall. “That was huge, and then for us to win all three was huge. And for us to play the way that we played on that last one, going into this just gave us some great momentum.”

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THE BIG STORY

Airington emerges as team leader

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Wrapp and Airington have roomed together since the two arrived on campus.

Barnes said he has always wanted Airington to be a leader in his own way.

“He has a quiet confidence about him,” said Barnes. “I’ve allowed him to grow into who he is. He’s not that guy that’s going to be yelling and screaming and that’s OK.”

In Airington’s redshirt-sophomore season, he averaged 8 points per game along with 4 rebounds while starting 26 of 33 games.

For his redshirt-junior year, Airington averaged 10.2 points per game. He was named to the Western Athletic Conference All-Tournament Team as CSUB clinched its first-ever trip to the NCAA tournament.

In the opening round game against the University of Oklahoma, Airington was tasked with defending 2016 John R. Wooden award-winner and current NBA player Buddy Hield.

Airington is often credited by his teammates and coaches for his defensive prowess.

“I didn’t realize at first how

versatile he was,” said Barnes. “We recruited him just as a guy who could shoot the basketball.”

Barnes said he believes that Airington is the best defensive player in the WAC.

“He’s our overall best player, I think,” Wrapp said. “On offense, on defense, he can do it all.”

“He guards the best player, he’s consistent and I think that’s a tribute to all the work he’s put in over the years.”

After the departure of seniors Kevin Mays and Aly Ahmed, Airington has had to adjust to becoming the go-to guy on offense as well as a team leader this season.

“I learned from those guys before me, like Kev, Aly and Issiah Grayson and taken little bits and pieces from everybody’s leadership roles. I just wanted to take that role on,” said Airington.

Airington said the family-like nature of the program here at CSUB as something that has allowed him to grow as not only a player, but as a man.

“Everybody here is family oriented, they love you,” said

Airington. “Everyone talks to you and they get close to you. I love Bakersfield.”

In a game earlier season in Tucson, Arizona against the University of Arizona, Airington poured in a career-high 31 points.

Airington is averaging a team-high 14.5 points per game to go with 4.9 rebounds per contest.

The Roadrunners have clinched their first-ever regular season WAC Championship this season and will enter the WAC Tournament as the number one seed.

“[Our expectations are] to win it again. We want to go back to back and we want to get back to the [NCAA] tournament, and to win a couple games this year.”

Barnes said he believes Airington has the intangibles to play at the next level.

“I do, [believe he can play at the next level],” said Barnes. “There’s no doubt. I think he’s still growing. He can do a lot of different things. He’s not the kind of guy to be fussing about contracts and playing time. There’s always a place for those guys.”



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Redshirt-senior forward Jaylin Airington rises for a jump shot against a defender from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He scored a career-high 31 points on Nov. 15, 2016s.

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