

THE BIG STORY

# Assault perp still at large



Ben Patton/The Runner  
Campus police investigated a sexual harassment on Friday, May 6, outside of the Walter Stiern Library.

By Chris Mateo and Esteban Ramirez  
The Runner Staff

An unidentified suspect is still at large after attempting to inappropriately touch a CSU Bakersfield student at the Walter Stiern Library on May 6. According to the campus safety bulletin sent out to students' school email, on Friday at approximately 2:45 p.m., a CSUB student was studying in a room inside the library when she was

approached by a male portraying himself as a kinesiology student. The male asked for the student's help with his physical therapy work and asked if she would allow him to practice on her. He proceeded to conduct stretching exercises on the student; however, during the course of the contact, the male attempted to touch the student in a manner beyond what she had consented. The student confronted the male about the inappropriate

touching at which point he left the area. "No, we are still working on the case and identify the suspect. We are still in the early stage of the investigation," said University Police Chief Marty Williamson. Chief Williamson said the suspect has not been identified or arrested. To Williamson's understanding only one individual was stopped because they fit the suspect's description. According to the description

from the bulletin, the suspect is described as a dark-skinned Hispanic male in his early 20s. The suspect had dark, brown eyes, long hair which was gelled down, a medium build, approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall and no facial hair. "I advise the students to be careful or weary, or to be alert at all times," said Dean of the Library Churt Asher. "The library is a very safe place to come and study." See **CRIME**, Page 2

FEES

# Fee committee lacks transparency

By Annie Russell and Esteban Ramirez  
The Runner Staff

The increase of campus fees added to CSU Bakersfield students' tuition is moving forward. Recently, the Campus Fee Committee passed an increase of the MyWritingLab fee from \$24 to \$36 and technology fee from \$9 to \$15. These fees are Category II Fees. There are five different categories, all which are overseen by different authority. Category II fees have the most impact on students since they are

President of Student Affairs Thomas Wallace. According to ASI President Mike Kwon, the fees can apply to all students or just specific classes. "Once the Campus Fee Advisory Committee makes a decision, it goes to the university president, [Horace] Mitchell, for final approval," Kwon said. Though some students do see a benefit to the increase of fees for certain areas, the problem is, most students are not aware or informed of the Campus Fee Advisory Committee and their agendas. After numerous attempts to receive the agenda for the prior meeting, Wallace stated

"I never had anyone request that we put the agenda online," Thomas Wallace, Vice President of Student Affairs

mandatory fees associated that must be paid to enroll in or attend the university. These fees also require the most feedback as the committee will recommend the fee establishment or adjustment to the campus president who then would take the request to the CSU Chancellor for establishment. "When you're looking at fees, you're looking at two kinds of fees: you're looking at course fees, which is based on the number of students taking those courses, and then you are looking at campus fees, which involves all students that are attending school here," said Vice

that the agenda would be edited and ready for The Runner by Monday, May 16. Under the Brown Act, committees on CSU campuses are required to put their agendas up 72 hours before their meetings. "I never had anyone request that we put the agenda online," Wallace said. Kwon said the committee, unfortunately, does not poll CSUB students on certain increases. He added the committee should go to the campus and see what the pulse is, and they should go to ASI board of directors meetings every week. See **FEES**, Page 3

ASI

# Board will discuss \$170K garden Friday

By Esteban Ramirez  
Editor-in-Chief

ASI's Executive Vice President Jennifer Sanchez and Vice President of University Affairs Anish Mohan took suggestions from the board at this week's meeting on May 6. Because of time constraints for a closed session, the board was only able to discuss the garden for a short time. This Friday the board will discuss it further and present ideas as well as a resolution for the board to vote on. Last Friday, Sanchez and Mohan took ideas as to what

the \$42,000 should go to for the garden if the resolution passes this Friday. Some of the options were funding student assistants or funding an area of the garden. "We're going to price those out and figure out exactly which one the board would be interested in funding and how much that is going to cost," said Sanchez. Sanchez said she thinks the board is very interested in funding the garden, but they want to make sure they are funding the right thing.

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FACILITIES

# Asbestos affects dorm renovations



Karina Diaz/The Runner  
Contractor works on the removal of the toxic asbestos fibers at the CSUB University Grill.

By Domenica Ortiz and Esteban Ramirez  
The Runner Staff

Traces of toxic asbestos fibers were found in CSU Bakersfield's University Grill building, setting off alarms for students and faculty concerned about the safety of the buildings they enter. "The asbestos that is within old student housing is from material used in the 1970s from all construction projects," said Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management Patrick Jacobs. "As long as it is not disturbed, it is legal and an acceptable material to have within a building." According to the National Cancer Institute, asbestos is "a

group of minerals that occur naturally in the environment as bundles of fibers that can be separated into thin, durable threads." They are used for "strengthening cement and plastics as well as for insulation, roofing, fireproofing, and sound absorption." "As we go through and renovate the old student housing, anywhere that we would disturb that asbestos we are going in and removing with a certified asbestos either our in-house staff or outside third-part contractors doing that," said Jacobs. He said as long as it is contained and not exposed they will be leaving the asbestos alone.

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ASI

# New garden may absorb \$42,000 from students



Ben Patton/The Runner

ASI discusses plans for the University Garden during its board of directors meeting in ITV Studio C on May 6. The board will bring a resolution for the garden this Friday.

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“They want to get more information and ensure that it is going to be successful, and that is what this meeting is going to be all about,” said Sanchez.

Mohan said they will discuss the options with former ASI President Derek Stotler and Executive Assistant of the President Evelyn Young and bring back a resolution during next week’s meeting.

The garden is roughly estimated to cost around \$170,000; however, Sanchez said it could be less or it could be more.

According to Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management Patrick Jacobs, the University Garden will be behind the Roadrunner Softball Complex and adjacent to the Environmental Studies Area. The garden will be maintained by volunteers.

“I believe it’s going to be a combination of students, staff and outside community people, who are interested in the garden,” said Jacobs. “It’s my understanding that none of them are going to be paid.

Jacobs said the garden is a good idea and has a lot of mer-

it, but funding of it can be hard. However, he added that Executive Assistant to the President Evelyn Young has found a local family (Rudnick), who is into farming and ranching, and that might help with the garden.

Food Service Director David Hveem said that he was unaware if Aramark, which is CSUB’s food service vendor, had agreed to buy produce from the garden.

However, former ASI President Derek Stotler said that Aramark agreed to buy produce, but it was with the former Food Service Director David Corral.

### Executive Director Search

During its closed session, ASI discussed the remaining two candidates for the executive director position.

The two candidates are Illaria Esco, who was the director of student clubs and organizations at the University of Redlands, and Sarah O’ Steen, who was the residence halls director at Washington State University.

Esco visited CSUB on Friday and O’ Steen visited the campus on May 3.

According to ASI President

Mike Kwon, the board can’t discuss about the candidates. However, the board will discuss with Associate Vice President for Student Affairs James Drnek which candidate they liked more or think is a better fit.

### Elections

Applications for ASI elections are now available to be picked up in the Student Union. The applications are also accessible on RunnerSync.

The deadline to fill out the applications and turn them in to run for this year’s elections is Friday, May 13 at noon. This year there will be 24 positions (5 executive positions and 19 director positions) available for students to run for.

The executive positions available are executive president, executive vice president, vice president of university affairs, vice president of finance and vice president of programming and publicity.

Additionally, on May 13, there will be an Executive Officer Meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. and a mandatory orientation at 1 p.m. The campaign dates will run from May 13 to May 26 and the polls for students to vote for each candidate will open on May 25 and close on May 26.

For more information on the election or on ASI’s election codes, go to ASI’s page on the school’s website. ASI meets every Friday in ITV Studio C from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

MONEY

# Grad checks increase by \$15 for semester change

By Andrea Calderon  
Web Editor

Confusion is what the conversion from quarter to semester system has brought to CSUB students, especially in terms of graduation checks.

Graduation checks for those graduating in the fall of 2016 were due before spring of 2016. Then, not only did the students graduating in the spring of 2017 have to file their grad check a year before it would be normally due but an additional \$15 fee increase was established.

Prior to the conversion, students turned in their grad checks two quarters before their expected graduation check. Now, students have to turn them in two semesters before the deadline.

According to Associate Vice President Jacqueline Mimms, the graduation check deadlines changed due to the quarter to semester conversion in effort to let students know ahead of time if something is wrong with their graduation check so they still graduate when expected.

“I don’t know how they work or when I’m supposed to turn them in.”

Jonathan Porchi,  
Business major

“We have to prepare students now because if they’re missing anything, we have to let them know now,” said Mimms. “They’re not going to be able to graduate.”

However, Jonathan Porchi, 20, a business major does not feel prepared for graduation checks.

“I don’t know how they work or when I’m supposed to turn them in,” said Porchi who expects to graduate in the spring of 2018.

“I don’t think they give us enough information,” said Daniela Madrigal, a biology major.

Mimms, however, said that students are contacted by their advisers and are sent emails to let them know of the deadline.

As far as the graduation fee increase, Mimms said that instead of having four \$55 terms, they will now have three \$70 terms. She said that the fee students pay goes towards the staff that do the graduation checks.

The fee has steadily increased over the past nine years.

According to the 2007-2009 catalog, the grad check fee was \$25.

It then increased in the 2009-2011 catalog to \$40. For 2016, it went up to \$55, and now in 2017, it has gone up to \$70.

Mimms said that students will actually pay less since over three terms the amount equals \$210 rather than \$220 over four terms.

However, for an individual student it is \$15 more that he or she has to pay.

“I think it’s unfair,” said Yvon Valdez, 22, a biology major regarding the fee increased.

“I’m not anticipating any increase,” said Mimms regarding whether an increase in 2018 would be possible. “I want students to know that we are trying to help them.”

## THE BIG STORY

# UPD continues investigation

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The campus safety bulletin about this incident was sent out by University Police Chief Martin Williamson to CSUB students, but according to Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Information Technology Services Faust Gorham, students couldn’t receive the attachment with the bulletin because Office 365 does not allow for students to receive attachments.

Therefore, Gorham sent out the bulletin on May 7 around noon and added they will be removing this limitation.

Marvin Pop, 22, was stopped by police officers when he was walking out of the elevator of the library while visiting his girlfriend.

“I felt shocked I was stopped because I knew I hadn’t done anything wrong,” said Pop. Some students are concerned with their safety in the library.

“I would like to see more security because I stay late at night and I stay till 1 a.m. and I rarely

see cop cars,” said Carmen Maza, 18, a biology major. Some students want to be informed more of incidents like these.

“I think the library should have more heads up or warnings or tips on how to avoid the issue and they should spread the word,” said Diana Contreras, 21.

Chief Williamson said there is already good security in the library.

“Community service officers (CSOs) and police officers regularly patrol the library on their routes when they are on duty,” he said.

Charges have yet to be determined.

According to Williamson, it depends on what the evidence will show.

The suspect was last seen wearing a black, red and green plaid-patterned shirt with dark wash jeans.

Last month, on April 7, there was another incident in Student Housing East. Student Housing

sent out an email to its residents on April 8 in regards to the incident.

“We want to keep you informed of safety concerns in your community and encourage you to be proactive in being aware and conscious about safety in student housing. Last night, a female housing student was grabbed by a male housing student. Due to the cooperation of our residents, our staff and University Police, the male student in question was in police custody within hours.”

The email continued to state the suspect was apprehended quickly after the incident and added in order to help student housing’s community to be safer that residents remember to not prop doors that should remain locked, to be aware of surroundings and to report any suspicious behavior to staff and University Police.

No other information has been released by UPD on this incident.

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FACULTY

# CFA membership approves agreement

By **Javier Valdes**  
*News Editor*

The votes have been tallied and 97 percent of the voting California Faculty Association membership have approved the tentative agreement that the CFA and California State University reached one month ago. The online vote was open from

April 22-29. CFA members were invited to vote on whether they would accept the agreement reached between the CFA and CSU where faculty salaries would increase by 10.5 percent over the next three years. With 63 percent of all CFA members voting for the tentative agreement, the vote will now move forward and go

before the Board of Trustees on May 24-25 meeting, according to an email from CFA President Jennifer Eagan. “Salary adjustments are expected to be included in paychecks starting in September or October,” read Eagan’s email. If approved, the contract provisions will provide a 10.5 percent general salary increase

for all faculty unit employees over the next three years, stated a press release from the CSU Office of the Chancellor. The provision will include a 2.65 percent service salary increase for any eligible faculty during the 2017-18 fiscal year. Additionally, it would double the vesting period to 10 years for health benefits for retired

employees that are hired after July 1, 2017. The minimum increase would also increase on any promotion for assistant and associate professors from 7.5 to 9 percent and will extend the bargaining agreement through June 30, 2018, said the CSU press release. Now that the CFA approved the tentative agreement it’s up to the CSU

Board of Trustees to approve the agreement and to put this year-long matter to rest. The CFA provided a salary calculator so faculty can calculate their salary with the adjustment from the approved tentative agreement. Visit [www.calfac.org/salary-estimator](http://www.calfac.org/salary-estimator) to find expected salaries.

FACILITIES

# Asbestos creates problems for CSUB

[ASBESTOS, Page 1] It will be removed if it is exposed. Daniella Rodriguez, who lives on campus, said that the majority of the buildings on campus are old, and she does not want someone’s life to be jeopardized. “I saw the building taped up and wondered what other buildings might be vulnerable,” said Rodriguez. According to Jacobs, on the first floor of student housing west, there will be grant programs, international students center, various centers and institutes and Gender Equity Multicultural Center. The second and third floors will be used for student housing. In the late 1970s, “the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) banned the use of asbestos in wallboard patching compounds and gas fireplaces because the asbestos fibers in these products could be released into the environment during use.” The fibers can then get trapped in the lungs and cause health



Karina Diaz/The Runner

**CSUB’s University Grill is treated for asbestos problem found in the building.**

problems. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer have classified asbestos as a carcinogen. Individuals must be notified of the existence of asbestos in buildings built prior to 1979. CSUB has an Asbestos Man-

agement Plan that provides procedures for asbestos work and faculty and student protection. Licensed professionals conduct building material surveys, coordinate and supervise asbestos construction activities, perform air monitoring, provide training and remove limited amounts of asbestos containing materials. “Classroom buildings hardly

get cleaned. I would not be surprised if something else is lingering around,” said Leonardo Barajas, a criminal justice major. “I just assume the worst,” said Barajas. “You never know what you will encounter. We must stay informed, and I am glad the issue is being taken care of.”

FEES

# Committee decides on fee increases

[FEES, Page 1] Kwon said he wishes departments would come to ASI first, so they can take a stance on it first and then bring it to the committee. “That’s what I ultimately would push for moving forward with this fee advisory committee,” he said. “I know that it is student majority, but sometimes when we vote on behalf of the campus, students are wondering [why we didn’t come to them], so I think in the future we need to proceed in that way.” Business major Abby Mawhorter, a staff member at the writing lab, said that the fee increase was needed. “I think that it’s beneficial,” Mawhorter said. “The conversion from the quarter system to semester system, it’s about equal fee raising. So the conversion is equal I think.” English graduate student

Jessica Flores listed multiple benefits that the writing lab had to offer. “I think it would be a really good idea if students actually used it,” Flores said. “Students are paying for all this, and they don’t realize it, so maybe now that they are raising fees students will become aware of it. Hopefully, they will take advantage.” Wallace stated that the Campus Fee Committee had a number of requests for fee increases. “This is a different year because of the number of course fee requests based on the conversion from quarter to semester,” Wallace said. “You have a number of people who are discussing what has been requested and again I love the fact that the way it is set up. The students are the one who have the majority vote.”

# What’s Going on Around Campus

☒ Mark your calendars with these upcoming events at CSUB. You can also find events at [therunneronline.com](http://therunneronline.com).

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<b>SATURDAY, MAY 7</b>  CA MINI-CORPS WORKSHOP 8 AM - 4 PM @ BDC 154B, 155B  FIRST AID CPR/AED 11 AM - 5 PM @ SRC SOLARIO DE FORTALEZA  SPIRIT PROGRAM AWARDS BANQUET 6:30-8 PM @ STOCKDALE ROOM	<b>MONDAY, MAY 16</b>  ASI DIVERSITY WEEK KICK-OFF: LGBTQ+ AWARENESS DAY 12-1 PM @ STUDENT UNION PATIO	<b>TUESDAY, MAY 17</b>  ASI DIVERSITY WEEK: POLITICAL DAY VOTER REGISTRATION 12-1 PM @ SU PATIO  POLITICAL DEBATE 5-7 PM @ STOCKDALE ROOM  VOTER INFO DAY 5-8 PM @ SRC
<b>WED., MAY 18</b> ASI DIVERSITY WEEK: RACE, RELIGION, & CULTURE DAY 12-1 PM @ SU PATIO  WHAT’S NEXT FOR JUNE GRADS? CECE WORKSHOP 12-1:30 PM @ DDH 107K  BERNIE SANDERS RALLY 6-8 PM @ ICARDO CENTER	<b>THURSDAY, MAY 19</b> ASI DIVERSITY WEEK: STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY 12-1 PM @ SU PATIO  BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS 2-3:30 @ SU LAWN  WALTER PRESENTS: STAFFORD BETTY 3:30-5 PM @ DEZEMBER READING ROOM	<b>FRIDAY, MAY 20</b>  BATTLE OF THE BADGES 5:30-11:30 PM @ ICARDO ACTIVITIES CENTER  2ND ANNUAL FASHION SHOW 6-8 PM @ SU MPR 125

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MUSIC



Aubrey Logan sings covers of several songs at the 30th Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival on May 7.



Ralph Moore plays his saxophone for the audience.

Photos by Chris Mateo/The Runner

# Jazz festival entertains

By Devon Halsell  
Reporter

Despite the soggy conditions, the 30th Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival, held at the CSU Bakersfield Amphitheater, drew a wide variety of patrons. When walking through the entry gate of the Bakersfield Jazz Festival, the first thing that hit attendees was the smell of all the food vendors. Right across the way from the vendors was the smaller stage where artists like the CSUB Jazz Collective played in-between sets of the larger stage. Friday, May 6 dawned with clouds and spots of rain, but jazz fans still showed up for the annual event. Attendees set

up their spots with lawn chairs, umbrellas and even tarps to protect them from the rain. The first act was music professor and co-founder Doug Davis and Dr. D's Debris who touched the audience with two songs dedicated to his children. When Mike Stern and the Mike Stern Band played event goes got up and danced. About 300 people surrounded the stage and boogied. "It was still really fun and a great show even in the rain," Annabelle Noyola said about the Bakersfield Jazz Festival. "The performers even allowed us to be on the stage with them. Something I won't ever forget," Noyola said. Saturday, May 7 was an ideal

day for a festival with the sun shining and the perfect amount of wind. The first two acts went off without a hitch. There were people milling about and children dancing to the music. "I've been (to Bakersfield Jazz Festival) every other year for five years. My mother has been here for a dozen events in the past twenty years," Bakersfield local Courtney Absher said. "I've brought my mom here twice for Mother's Day." When Aubrey Logan hit the stage, the clouds started to roll in, but that didn't prevent people from enjoying the show. During one of her songs, Logan invited the children up onto the stage with her to dance while she performed.

"It was very entertaining, but I don't know if the ticket price was fully worth it. I had been once (before) a few years ago," John Popek, another Bakersfield local, had said about the price and weather. "We went Saturday at 3 p.m. and left around nine, so we didn't really get any rain." Popek said. The fourth performance group of the night, Brian Lynch's "Unsung Heroes" Project, took to the stage the clouds decided to open up for a few minutes of sprinkling, but other than that it was a dry night. Through the rain on Friday and the shine on Saturday, the 30th annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival was a hit.

CAMPUS

# SRC looks to get campus involved

By Amie Birks  
Reporter

For students and staff that are looking for an opportunity to get involved on campus, meet other people and have a little friendly competition, the Student Recreation Center may have it all. The SRC offers a variety of intramural sports every quarter to students, staff and alumni of all skill levels. This spring quarter there are three sports available: softball, indoor soccer and four-on-four flag football that meet weekly to play. "It's only one day out of the week for one hour. It's not much, but it's a great way to get to know and meet people," said Jorge Murillo, student manager of intramural sports. Unfortunately, it's too late to sign up to play this quarter. However, it isn't too late to consider playing next school year. Murillo mentioned that there will be a few changes to the schedule with the upcoming switch to semesters. At the beginning of the year, the SRC makes an effort to promote intramural and club sports during their "Rec Fest" so that students have the opportunity to register to be a part of. Murillo said that students can come to the SRC to get more information or go online to imleagues.com to check out all the activities and registration dates that CSUB has to offer. There also seems to be

many upsides to getting involved in an intramural or club sports team. "It's at no additional cost to the students. It's already covered in your fees," said student marketing manager Nico Salum. "It's not about winning or losing, you are building friendships, and maybe you're finding a passion that you don't know about," said Trae Matthews facilities and member services coordinator of the SRC. Matthews also mentioned that there are potential opportunities to be hired as well. Those that are on staff are equally welcomed and encouraged to participate. Matthews works on staff and has played basketball, flag football and is currently playing softball. He mentioned how his perspective from student to staff has changed from wanting to win, to wanting the students to enjoy themselves and learn. "I just want to make sure that everyone is having fun and keeping that sportsmanship up," said Matthews.

"It's not about winning or losing, you are building friendships."

Trae Matthews, SRC Facilities and Member Services Coordinator

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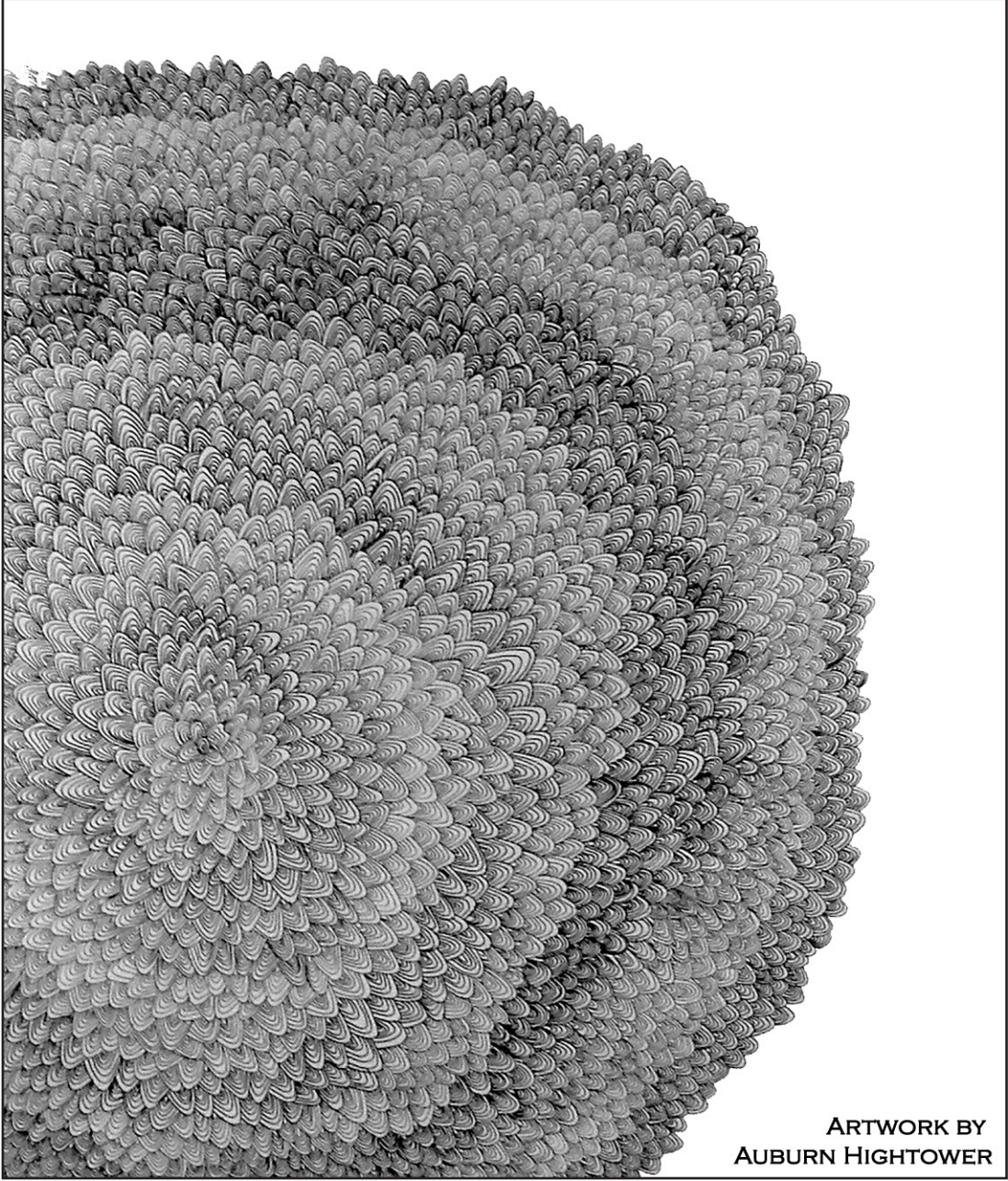
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2. The name of the guest speaker for Walter Presents on May 19

3. ASI will discuss this at its next meeting

5. Whats the username of The Runner's Instagram?

6. Who does Baseball play this weekend?

7. The highest paid coach at Duke University

9. Who is The Runner's Editor in Chief?

11. The Runner comes out every

12. This coach is getting a \$75,016 pay raise

Down

1. This conference will be held on Friday May 13

4. The student fee that will be increased from \$24 to \$36

8. The name of the softball players in the sports section?

10. What festival did it rain through?



# RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Jonathan Wells/ Photos by Karina Diaz

This week The Runner asked, “Should CSUB consider other food providers when Aramark’s contract ends?”



Steven Morri  
Biology, 23

“No. I think it’s alright and there are many other choices to choose from on and off campus.”



Rebecca Guerrero  
Chemistry, 25

“Sure, I think they should. We do not have many healthy choices in the cafe.”



Perla Medina  
Biology, 18

“Yes. Since it’s more fast foody I feel like there aren’t too many options, which is why I started bringing my own lunch.”



Gerson Bello  
Kinesiology, 19

“Definitely. We’re just stuck with To-go’s and [Aramark]. We need more variety. Mexican food would be nice.”

STAFF EDITORIAL

## Student fees set to escalate in the fall

Increasing student fees at CSU Bakersfield have hit students where it hurts: their pockets. Grad check fees have increased from \$55 to \$70 in another fee increase, MyWritingLab fees have increased from \$24 to \$36 and the technology fee from \$6 to \$15. That’s \$36 additional dollars that a student can expect to pay, at least before another unwanted mandatory increase is forced down students’ throats. That’s not including the increase in parking fees that will go to build additional parking on campus that won’t be completed until after fall 2016. Where are all of these fees coming from? Are students

involved in the decisions being made by these increases? Unfortunately, not all students are aware or involved in these increases. There needs to be more transparency and information to students about fee increases. Just in 2014 the grad check fee was \$40. It was raised to \$55 in 2015 and now, once again, there is another \$15 increase to \$70 for those graduating in spring 2017. The MyWritingLab and technology increases were passed by votes from the Campus Fee Advisory Committee. But what is the Campus Fee Advisory Committee? That is something many

CSUB students don’t know. At CSUB, a fee advisory committee is comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrative representatives to provide advice to the CSUB president. The students in this committee are appointed by the campus student body association, in CSUB’s case, Associated Students Inc. These students constitute a majority of the voting members of the fee advisory committee. This committee will then advise CSUB President Horace Mitchell on whether they feel there is a need for an increase or adjustments in fees. According to Executive Order 1054, which is the executive order that brings together

the California State University Board policies that comprise the CSU Fee Policy, Category II fees are “Campus mandatory fees that must be paid to enroll in or attend the university.” These fees according to the CSUB Catalog require consideration by the campus fee advisory committee and a student referendum, but ultimately the chancellor is delegated authority for the establishment of Category II fees after recommendation from the committee. Although an advisory student referendum, which takes any fee wanted to be established to a campus-wide student vote, is the preferred method of adjusting a Category II fee, it is not required.

This was seen back when the Student Programming Fee was implemented at CSUB. This fee was not put to a student vote and was instead approved by Mitchell after the committee recommended the need for the fee. Why doesn’t Executive Order 1054 require a referendum for any fee that will affect students? Why should a committee choose what CSUB students should pay, instead of going straight to the students for a vote? Fees at CSUB are coming at students from all directions, and although parking is not a mandatory fee; it’s still something that affects the students.

Grad check isn’t a mandatory fee for students to enroll, but it’s required to graduate. The fact that student fees are being raised without taking the vote to the CSUB student population through referendum shows that the student representation in this Campus Fee Advisory Committee doesn’t care enough about those they represent to give them the option to choose their position on respective fees. There seems to be too many loopholes in the hungry system, and student pockets are being used to supplement that hunger. There also needs to be more transparency as to what this committee is about and what they do at these meetings.

COMMENTARY

## Sanitary products are not luxury, they are necessity

By Amelia McKee  
Contributor

Every 28 days, a uterus bleeds. Menstruation is a fact of life, an involuntary bodily function, and quite often the bane of our existence. Many women soldier through their cycle in silence, despite how undeniably messy, painful, and downright gruesome it can be. To add insult to injury, period management is a costly expense; the average American can expect to spend over \$18,000 throughout their life-


time on menstrual maintenance alone. Though we are fortunate enough to live in a country where the appearance of Aunt Flo is not necessarily the end of the world, not all women can say the same. One in 10 girls in Africa will miss school because of their period, with girls in Ghana missing up to five school days per month due to lack of sanitary products in schools. Women make up more than 60 percent of CSUB’s student body, yet nearly all ladies’ restrooms on campus are lacking

in the supplies needed for their daily lives. In a recent audit of 48 campus restrooms designated for women or unisex, only six had at least one tampon or pad available either for purchase or free. Four restrooms stocked tampons alone, while one carried only pads. The second floor women’s room in the Student Recreation Center is the only restroom on campus where one might find both options in stock, in a working coin-operated machine (though the cost is double what one would pay in any other

restroom on campus. Ladies are not the only people with periods, however; men who menstruate are even less likely to find what they need on our campus, with just one unisex restroom campuswide that is stocked with tampons. Restrooms on all five stories of the Walter Stiern Library showcase dilapidated coin-operated machines adorned with ragged signs announcing that “Feminine hygiene products are no longer available in the library.” We are left to wonder who in their right mind believes that such products are an optional

luxury, rather than a bathroom necessity. Facilities Management reports spending \$2,000 per year on feminine hygiene products. Split evenly between CSUB’s 5385 female students, this amounts to a whopping .37 cents per student, per year. For reference, the budget allocates four times this amount for Associated Students Inc. branded shirts, sunglasses, and apparel. Two times this amount is spent each year providing parking passes to ASI members. CSUB even spent more on its telephone bill this year

than it spent stocking student restrooms with all of the necessary supplies. The disappearance of period products from our campus can no longer be put aside. As we strive to become a more progressive and inclusive campus, we need to break the silence and secrecy surrounding the natural bodily functions of over 50 percent of the world’s population. Let our students maintain their dignity and spend more time in class: bring tampons back to our restrooms. We shouldn’t even have to ask.




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BASKETBALL

# Barnes receives \$75,016 pay raise

By Esteban Ramirez  
Editor-in-Chief

The contract negotiations for CSU Bakersfield men’s basketball head coach Rod Barnes came to an end on May 2. After two months of contract discussions, Barnes received a five-year contract extension to the two years already on his current agreement, which will put Barnes under contract through 2023. He also will receive a \$75,016 pay increase. “This portion has been two months in the making and I’m glad to have it over with,” said Barnes. “I’m excited and now we can kind of just move forward and accomplish some other goals and tasks that we have set for ourselves.” Along with the five-year extension, Barnes’s salary increased from \$146,484 to \$221,500, includes a significant portion (\$45,000 to \$50,000) of private donations in addition to the funds that come from

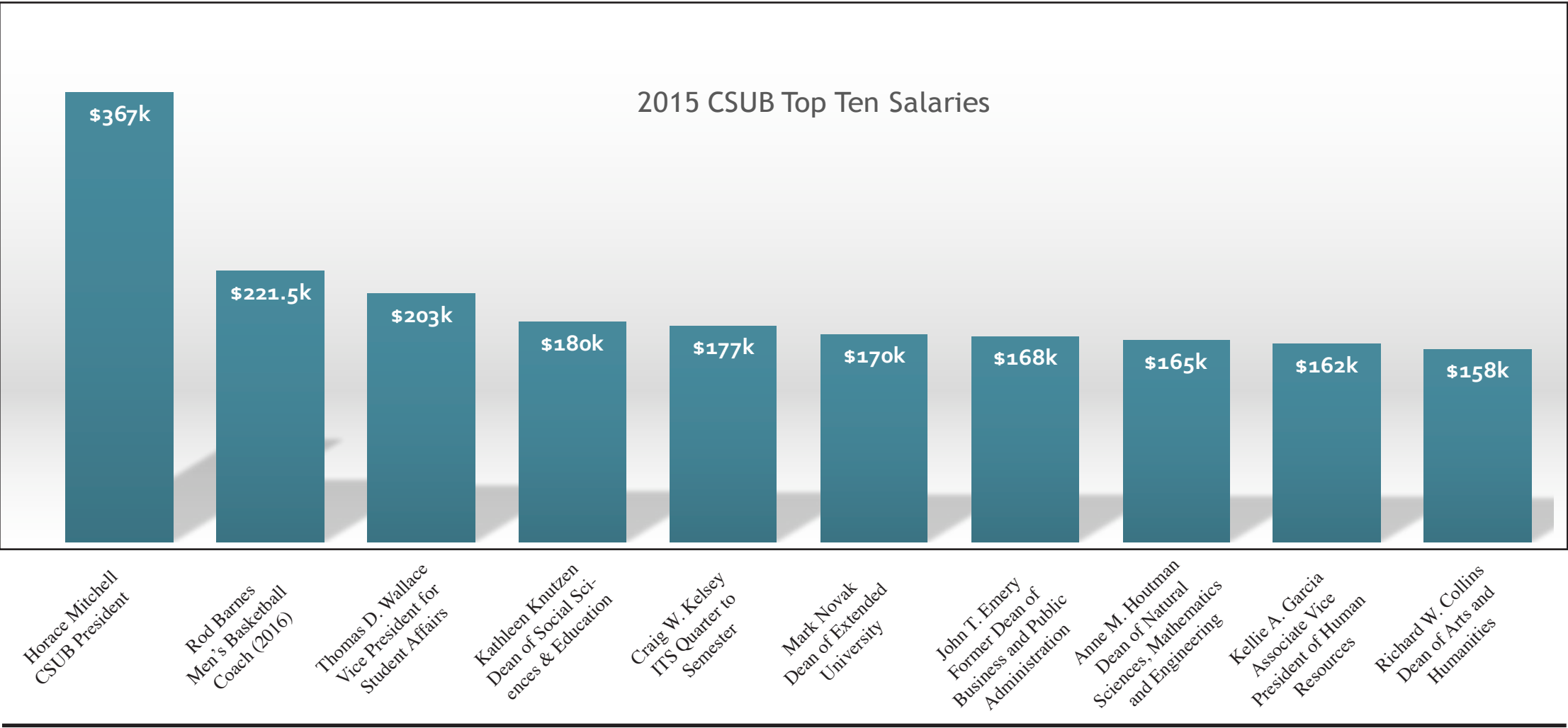
stateside. Athletics Director Kenneth Siegfried said there is no buyout in the contract. The extension was announced last Monday, but the details of his new salary weren’t provided until a press conference in the Icardo Room on May 3. Siegfried said it was a special day for CSUB. “It feels amazing because of the person we are talking about in Rod Barnes and the whole family,” said Siegfried. “They have invested so much energy, effort and time into building this program. I think the best way to say it is it’s a special day.” If Siegfried and Barnes spoke an hour every day, less than five minutes was spent on the terms of the contract or the salary. The focus was about how to raise the bar. “That’s what the 95 percent of the conversations were about,” he said. With the increase, Barnes became the second-highest paid

person at CSUB second only to President Horace Mitchell (\$367,000). “I’m grateful and thankful for the commitment because I think it was needed,” said Barnes. “It’s not because it’s me but because it brings stability to our department and our program... We had two years left and to add five to that I just thought it showed the commitment from [Siegfried] and from the administration. As a coach or person, you feel like someone is committed to you, obviously, you have to be excited about that.” Barnes led CSUB to its best season since moving to Division I. The Roadrunners finished 24-9 overall and won their first Western Athletic Conference Tournament Championship. CSUB earned the 15th seed in the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament and played against No. 2 Oklahoma, which was a school that Barnes once coached for.

“It was fun because those people that were there once cheered for me,” he said. “There were friends that I had met when I was there. One of the guys that was on the staff was one of my former managers, so it was a lot of connection there but I also wanted to beat them. I couldn’t get too emotional about it but it was a good day.” Barnes headed into the first round matchup against Oklahoma this year as the second-lowest paid coach out of 61 coaches in the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament. The highest paid coach was Duke University’s Mike Krzyzewski with \$7,299,666 and Barnes was only ahead of North Carolina Asheville’s Nick McDevitt. Now, with his increase to \$221,500, Barnes would be 57 out of the 61 coaches. He would be ahead of Tennessee-Chatanooga’s Matt McCall, Austin Peay’s David Loos, Southern’s Roman Banks

and McDevitt. Siegfried said he felt some pressure from other schools to extend Barnes’ contract. “I did have people request — I can’t say who — but I had [requests] to contact Coach Barnes,” said Siegfried. “But where I felt good about it is I know how close we are. I know we had the appropriate discussions well before we went to the NCAA tournament.” Barnes said if the team doesn’t make it to the tournament next year he will be disappointed because it would be letting down the students, the department and the community. “I saw young kids excited,” he said. “I saw elderly people stopping me, ‘thank you coach. We appreciate a good year.’ That does more to me than dollars. That does more to me than big buildings and arenas. That does something to me because I know we impacted them and that’s why I think I was called to be here.” Barnes added he has a few

goals to accomplish at CSUB. Some of those goals are to increase attendance at home games, to have “white out” or “gold out” games, to have better teams come and play against CSUB and to build a new arena. Mitchell said on gorunners.com that Barnes has contributed in so many areas. “In addition to being an outstanding coach, Rod Barnes is an exceptional person who recruits and develops young men who represent our athletics program, university and community very well,” Mitchell said. Siegfried said it is exciting to put the contract situation behind them and focus on continuing to raise the bar. “I feel fortunate to have him here at CSUB, and I’m telling you he’s going to do some great things here,” he said. “We are all behind him and I know the community will continue to get behind him.”



SOFTBALL

# Sydney Raeber: A fighter both on and off the field

By Syleena Perez  
Reporter

Competitive is the word used to describe CSU Bakersfield senior softball player Sydney Raeber by her coaches and teammates. “I feel like it is such a competitive sport,” said Raeber. “I not only get to compete with myself [or] against everyone else, but I get to compete with 18 other girls.” CSUB softball head coach Crissy Buck-Ziegler said they could be debating about nothing and Raeber would be competitive about something. However, Raeber isn’t only competitive with herself on the field, but off the field as well. For Raeber, getting into the nursing program was her ultimate goal, but little did she know that was a whole different ball game. She applied but was not invited to the program. She wasn’t set back by the change of course, but it made Raeber find a different game plan. With one more year to go, Raeber aspires to stay in the lines of being a nurse but decided to change her major to human biological science. “It’s just the closest thing to a nursing major, and the closest thing to all my classes that would line up,” said Raeber. However, she describes that these classes are going good and would help her to become a nurse or nurse practitioner. Buck-Ziegler said if her life was on the line, she would trust Raeber. Teammate and sophomore outfielder Julea Cavazos and some of here other teammates support her career path and often find themselves calling her “Nurse Sydney.” Along with the struggle to become a nurse, Raeber has also had struggles on the field also. “I was constantly fighting who I was and who I wanted to be and I wasn’t playing to my full potential” said Raeber. “But now, I know who I am and I know who I want to be.” Raeber is from Hanford, Calif. She went to Hanford High where she was named team MVP all four years with a batting average of .576 with a total of 16 doubles,two triples, six homeruns, 16 runs batted in, and scored 35 runs. Her freshman year at CSUB she had the second most runs batted in with 11, with an .233 batting average and made PCSC

Commissioner’s Honor Roll with 3.68 grade point average. Her sophomore year she ranked top five on the team with multiple categories including a .326 on-base percentage and 16 runs batted in. Raeber entered her junior year being the leader in every category and ended her season to be the first on the team to have 47 hits and 23 runs batted in, with the second highest batting average .343. “You can’t teach someone to thrive in pressure, and she thrives in pressure” said coach Buck-Ziegler. Coach described that this is the reason why she is so great in the number four spot when batting. Raeber has come along way since she first started at CSUB her freshman year and is content with all the work she has put in. “I think I am ready to move on because I know what I’ve done here. I know I made an impact on this program and this school,” she said. Raeber pitches and plays in the outfield for the Roadrunners. She finished the regular season with a 0.81 earned run average in relief. She currently has a batting average of .321, but is hitting .333 against Western Athletic Conference teams.She ended the season with 45 hits leading the Roadrunners in the most runs batted in with 21. Raeber has made the WAC All-Tournament Team the last two years, but this year she only hopes to leave it all on the field in the last of her final games at the WAC Tournament. “We are getting in our extra reps and making sure we are physically ready, I feel mentally thats where we are all preparing.” Said Raeber. The Roadrunners clinched the number three seed and will play against number two seed University of Missouri-Kansas City in the first round of the tournament on May 14 at 1 p.m. in Seattle, Wash. Although Raeber has one more year here a before she graduates with her bachelor’s degree in human biological science, she doesn’t plan to stay away from her teammates and the game. Buck-Ziegler expects nothing more than for her to be a big part of the program next year. Raeber said jokingly that even if she’s not on the team next year, she will still be standing in the outfield making sure the girls are doing their jobs.

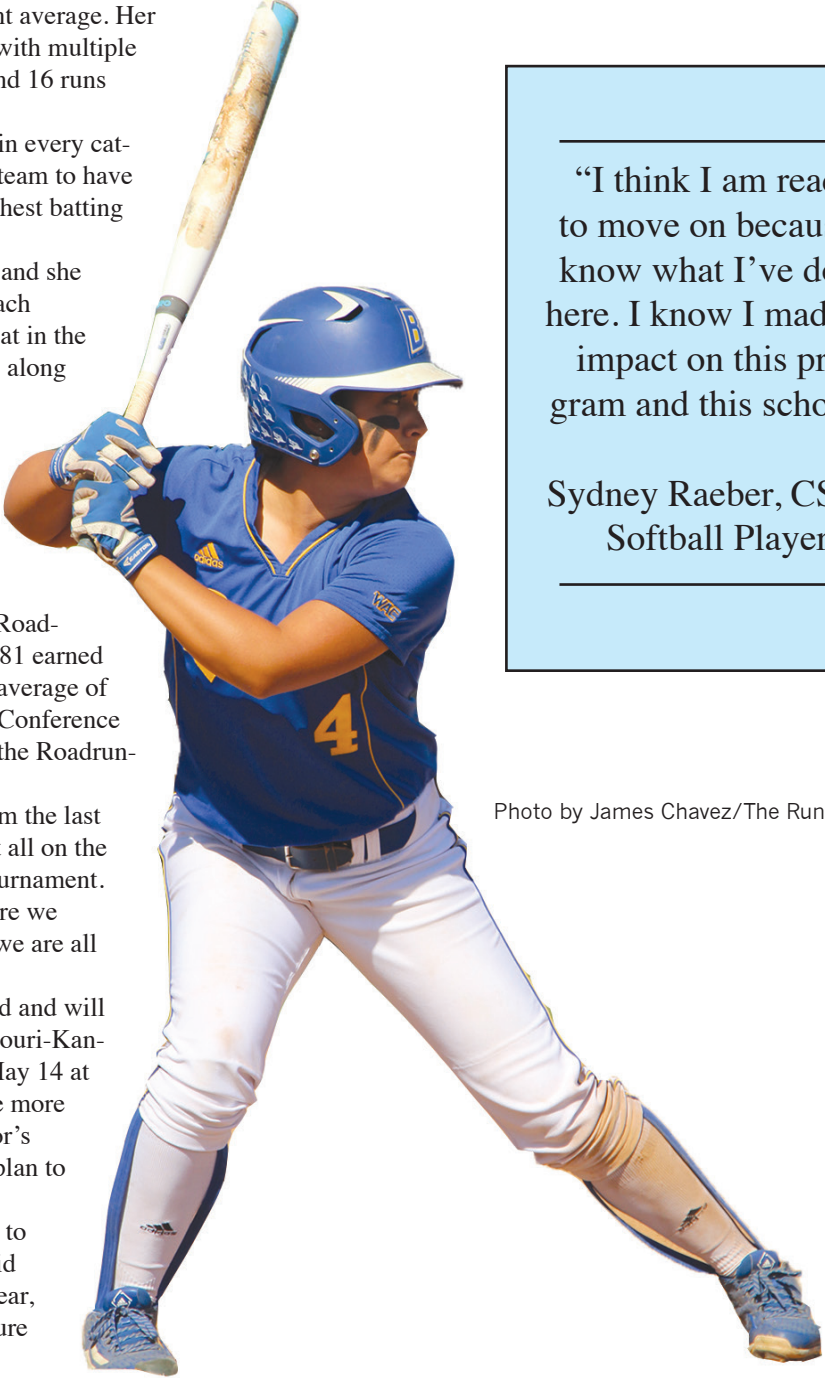


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