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Juan Torres/The Runner

Bethany Snow touches home plate to score a during Friday's game against Dominguez Hills.

Grand Slam keeps CSUB atop CCAA

By Marcus Mulick
Staff Writer

The CSUB softball team continued its run to win the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference title by splitting four games with Cal State Dominguez Hills Toros this past weekend. The Runners move to 36-8 on the season, with a 13-3 conference record. The Toros move to 29-6, with an 8-4 conference record. They remain one loss behind the Runners for first place.

Friday's games in Bakersfield were to make up games that were rained out earlier in the season. The Runners seemed to be on track to win game one, with pitcher Christie Hill holding the Toros to one hit through four innings. But the Toros exploded with four runs in the fifth inning, propelling them to a 5-3 victory. The Runners went back to their usual ways in game two, scoring four runs in the first inning and three runs in the second inning. This included a rare triple by Amber Mills, which drove in two runs. Pitcher Melissa Woolridge struck out six batters and earned the win, giving her a 10-2 record on the season.

On Saturday, the Runners headed to Dominguez Hills to complete the series. In game one, the Runners appeared

fatigued from the doubleheader the day before. Offensively, they only had four hits. Defensively, they had three errors. The Toros walked away with a 2-0 win. Game two proved to be more exciting.

The Runners jumped to a 4-1 lead in the second inning thanks to Hill's two-RBI double. They extended their lead two innings later after Amber Mills hit a single with the bases loaded, giving the Runners an 8-2 lead. But the Toros Linda Reyes helped revive the Toros in the fifth and sixth innings, twice driving in two runs to give the Toros a 9-8 lead coming into the last inning.

The Runners were able to tie the score at nine and that was when Renee Rubio stepped to the plate with the bases loaded. She hit a grand slam to deep center field to give the Runners a 13-9 lead, which they held onto for the win.

The Runners cannot afford to lose any more games this season, as they are not only trying to win the CCAA title, but also they want to secure a number one ranking in the NCAA Western Region rankings at the end of the season, which would give them home field advantage in the playoffs.

The next Runner home game is Saturday, April 22, against CSU Monterrey Bay at noon.

CSUB passion courses capture student interest

By Ranjanpreet Nagra
Assistant Features Editor

CSUB has successfully offered "Roadrunner Passion to Learn" courses for a year beginning fall 2005. These two unit courses are taught by CSUB professors who want to teach out of the box.

Each class meets once a week and the classes are for credit/no credit. The courses are designed to be easy and fun for students. They spark new interest for students in their particular majors.

This year Professor Sheryl Smith is teaching Harry Potter for the third time, having taught it in the fall, winter and spring. During spring quarter her class is about Book 6 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince'.

Some of her students also organized Hogwarts Honor Society in the winter. The club is showing 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' in the student union on April 22.

On the class syllabus, Smith describes that the course includes "the discussion of various social themes imbedded within the text, and to investigate the similarities and differences of Rowling's works with other literary sources."

Professor Anne Duran is teaching 'One-Minute Games' class which teaches students to play physical and mental games with groups of children. Duran is a professor in the psychology department and her class meets on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12: 30 pm.

There are 25 students from many different majors enrolled in One-Minute Games.

"I used to be a child care provider and I like to play games. We were playing 'Red light, Green light' in the class and in the hallway," said Duran.

In each session students play five to six different games and they earn their two credits by bringing in a new game and teaching it to others and evaluating each others' games.

Duran's students took the class for different reasons.

"Some are are teachers, some have kids in their lives and one person said I took it as a stress reducer," Duran said.

"I like teaching this class because the students get to be active and play instead of sitting and listening to a lecture," Duran said.

Professor Mary Slaughter from Communications Department is teaching 'World of Animation' in which students learn about history of animation and experiment with computer animation.

Professor Judith Pratt from Communications department teaches 'History and Culture of Beer' on Wednesdays. Class covers importance of beer from ancient civilizations and settlements to present labor movements in the United States.

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Blood drive aims to save lives

By Cristina Reyes
Staff Writer

"People Live When People Give" is the message that Houchin Blood Bank was trying to put across the mind of students this past Thursday at Runner Park. The Students Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC) organized and sponsored the event to give back to the community.

According to Tyler Hair, president of the SAAC committee, more than 110 students signed to donate their blood, but the actual number of students who were able to give their blood is unknown due to certain criteria that donors need to meet.

Signing names to become a donor was not enough. The donor had to present an ID, be at least 17 years old, have no tattoos and weight over 150 pounds. If the donor was taking medication, the blood bank decided whether or not the medication would interfere with the process.

The last step was to test the blood before the whole process could proceed. These cautions are necessary to make sure that there will be no problems with the receiver or infections with the blood.

For some students, it was their first time experiencing the joy of knowing that they were saving lives. One of the students was Rhondi Naff, a junior majoring in Business.

"I always wanted it. I did not have the chance but it is cool to save a life. It is an easy thing to do. Only takes 20 or 30 minutes and it is a good thing to do,"



Cristina Reyes/The Runner

Todd Smith, a sophomore, donating his blood.

Naff said.

For other students it was the opportunity to continue giving blood. Todd Smith, a sophomore majoring in engineering, has done it four or five times.

"It is an opportunity to donate blood because other people need it and blood is always in high demand," says Smith.

Houchin Blood Bank is the only bank in Kern County that supplies blood for all of the county's hospitals.

"Blood drives such as this one are always needed because Kern County is getting large." Carol Cavanaugh, a registered nurse, said.

Houchin's Website (www.hccb.com) explains that

blood is needed for the 50+ units on accident victims, the 25 units on cardiovascular surgery patients and for the 400 units per year on cancer patients needing treatment.

Saving lives in Kern County has no price, but donors received a snack and a t-shirt as a way of saying thank you.

"We got a good response from the students. Every time we come, we get better results," said Cavanaugh.

If any existing or potential donors missed the opportunity to give another chance to help save lives, there will be another blood drive on campus next fall quarter.

University evaluating proposals for land use

By Isaac Rocha
Staff Writer

A twin tower, 31 story hotel/condominium facility and a children's learning museum are two of the six proposals for public-private partnerships that will utilize undeveloped, university owned land on the southern boundary of the campus next to Camino Media. The deadline for proposals was March 31 and university administration would only discuss two of the six proposals.

Local business Crisp & Cole Real Estate proposed the \$470 million, twin 31-story buildings that will be attached together at the top by a club and event area and will include a parking lot, an emergency education center and a child care area.

Also, according to The Bakersfield Californian, the building will include about 500 condominiums, a four-star hotel, banquet facilities and two restaurants among other amenities. Additionally, Crisp and Cole would contribute more than \$10 million in grants for a baseball stadium to be built on campus.

CSUB will need a baseball stadium to accommodate the new baseball team that President Mitchell hopes will begin recruitment in 2008. According to The Bakersfield Californian, Mitchell announced last Friday at the 36th Annual President's Associates Dinner held at The Seven Oaks Country Club that he and City Manager

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Runner on the Street

By Kyle O'Connor
Staff Writer

This week The Runner asked: Do you think athletes should have special academic advisors?



Sarah Ferrom
Freshman, English

"Yes, because it seems tough to be an athlete and it would be nice to have that extra help."



Alyssa Church
Senior, Child Development

"No, I think they get enough benefits as it is."



Eddy Lee
Freshman, PEAK

"I don't think so considering it is such a small school. It would will take away from other majors."



Sam Bhariji
Freshman, Business

"No, because every student should have equal treatment."

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CSUB welcomes new dean of Natural Science and Math

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Julio R. Blanco has been appointed dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at California State University, Bakersfield.

Blanco, who is currently chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at California State University, Northridge, will assume his new position on Aug. 14.

"I am very pleased to announce Dr. Blanco's appointment," said CSUB President Horace Mitchell. "He brings a wealth of experience to this position and sterling credentials. I'm delighted that he will be joining our team here at CSUB."

Blanco earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in physics from CSU Northridge, and in 1985 his doctorate in physics from Pennsylvania State University. Since 1978, Blanco has held various academic positions at CSU Northridge, and is currently professor and chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy for the College of

Science and Mathematics. The department includes three major research centers with more than \$3 million in external funding and the Donald E. Bianchi Planetarium.

Prior to joining CSUN, he worked in the aerospace industry where he supervised more than 70 research scientists and 20 technical staff.

Blanco maintains an active scholarly research agenda including numerous publications and research presentations, and currently serves as a reviewer for several scientific journals. He is on the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence, Washington, D.C., and holds membership in several professional and scientific honor groups. He consults with space, aircraft, and technology industries.

The new dean said he's very much looking forward to assuming his new position and working with the faculty. He said that following his campus visit he "came back with strong sense of the dedication of the faculty in the (CSUB) School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the commitment they

have to education. I have a sense that there is good camaraderie among the faculty, so I feel very good about that. I'm really looking forward to being part of that interaction."

He said CSUB's School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics is broader than a traditional sciences school in that it also includes the nursing department, but he was impressed with how outgoing the nursing faculty is. "I think it will be exciting working with all the different departments," he said.

Blanco is also aware of CSUB's importance to the community, as the only public-university campus within a 100-mile radius. "In so many ways the university is the academic center for the region, so we should focus on excellence in what the university does," he said. "I feel the university has had and will continue to make a significant impact on the community. I want to communicate to the community how students can get a good education at a relatively low cost at a campus that is second to none."

Rebuttal to Editorial:

‘Local walkout demonstrates need for education’

Indeed, some students were not aware of the magnitude of HR3347; yet, they knew enough to understand that they would be affected if the bill passes. It is not surprising that the students did not know and understand what the bill really is. They are high school students not politicians, instead of feeling astonished, those of us that are more aware and informed should take a stand and inform them, not simply be astonished.

I am glad the News Editor feels pride for this country, and I respect this, but what harm has it done when a Mexican or any other flag is exposed? And just as a key note, the protesters were displaying both the American flag and the Mexican flag. So, I do not see were segregation comes in; in no way were any of the students disrespecting this country. Why would they if they obviously want to stay here? The reason for having both the American flag and Mexican flag is to bring unity and not segregation through non-violent means.

What astonishes me is that most individuals that are in favor of HR3347 forget why they themselves are here. Unless they are native born Americans, they are here because their ancestors migrated to this country the same way immigrants today have. The difference is that most of these ancestors killed to stay here, while on the contrary, today's immigrants are not killing anyone they simply want to work.

Moreover, it is not that immigrants supposedly do jobs no one else wants. The situation is deeper. In general, is it credible that immigrants want to do the jobs they are doing? The answer for most of them is NO. However, they have no option and the situation gets worse when the people we elect in office are trying to pass such an inhumane bill. I personally have experienced working during the summers in the fields, which is where a great majority of immigrants work. I was not asked to present a resume, dress professionally, have an interview, or know how to write, or read. Therefore, if any of the individuals that may legally work in this country really want to give it a try they will be hired. All they need is to simply wake up really early around 5am, show up willing to work hard under the rays of the sun, and expect to get dirty, to eat on the ground, and use those nasty portable restrooms. Oh not to mention rats, bugs, and snakes around them.

Indeed like the title of the article stated, "Local walkout demonstrates need for education." This is because no one will always completely be informed. Under Amendment I of the bill of rights it is stated that people have a right of freedom of speech. Therefore, simply because the students were and continue to protest against the HR4437 bill does not signify that they are illegal here, so these students should have every right to shout "si se puede" as loud as they desire and as many times as they want.

Naturally, individuals who do not receive proper paper work to be in this country are here illegally, but connecting them to being criminals simply because criminals break laws is a poor assumption. Criminals are labeled as so because they kill, rape, molest children, etc. To what degree is this any close to immigrants coming here to work and helping to strengthen the economy? Oh, and about illegal "aliens," we are not aliens. We are from this same planet. Furthermore, if "HR4437 is designed to enforce immigration laws

and to protect illegal 'aliens' from harsh abuse," then immigrants would not be threatened to be labeled as criminals, nor anyone else that aides them. If labeling someone a criminal and treating them like one was protecting them-then by all means we should change the constitution and label everyone a criminal. Significantly, "if it is just one lesson, I hope that" anyone offering opinions see their own lack of knowledge about the bill, history, the experiences of immigrants, and understanding the major significance of the term "criminal."

I work at a high school and most of my students were advised that walking out would signify lowering their grades, Saturday work, and even juvenile court. Despite this students decided to make a stand and walk out. So, they obviously did not simply walk out to hang out with their friends. It was something they had probably never experienced before and I am not excusing them but it is natural that they felt lost, especially when they are being called ignorant. I did not encourage or discouraged my students, but I do not see why teachers should punish them for something they are responsible for. A teacher teaches them their rights in this country and students simply utilize their acquisition of these rights. I say we all work together towards educating one another and doing what is fair for all not simply for some...Si Se Puede!!!!!!

Maria E. Garcia & Angelica Pantoja

Just my thoughts on: Undisciplined children

By **Javier Herrera**
Copy Editor
Editorial

I am not a big fan of Dr. Phil, but every now and then, I see something on the show and I can not understand how some of his guests got into the condition that they are in. Just a while ago, I saw a Dr. Phil show that caught my interest. This show featured children that were beating up on grandparents, kicking pregnant mothers in the stomach, kids beating up on their parents. These children have violent tendencies that are unnatural for their age. These parents come to the Dr. Phil show pleading for his help, "My child has deep rooted issues and is prone towards violence. I don't know what to do!!! Who can I help him and still show him I love him."

When hearing a parent with these kinds of problems, I have only one of two possible solutions in mind. Kick the kid's ass or be strict with the standards of behavior that pertain to the child.

The common trend I noticed amongst all of these guests was that they were upper-middle class families who had given their children everything. They had raised their kids to be spoiled little brats who resort to violence when their parents tell them no.

These parents are scared of their children rampaging through the house if they deny any request. If this kind of behavior happened in my household when I was growing

up, my father would have kicked the living hell out of me until he broke his foot off into my butt. But he also made it clear what he expected out of me, whether it was my behavior in a social setting or my behavior at home. Usually, corporal punishment was a last resort that was saved for extreme situations or when every other form of discipline has been exhausted.

Got a problem with your child, knock your kid out or construct an odd form of punishment that forces the child to reflect upon his behavior. Establishing the roles between the parent and child is key in helping a child to adjust from being a trouble maker to being a productive member of a the family. The parent that is able to do this is going save the child's life later on down the road and help the child to mature into a better person.

If I were to ever smack my mother in a heated argument she would pull out a shank on me. "Come on you little SOB, you want to dance with mama?? Bring it you little punk!"

My parents didn't mess around, but they always made it clear to me that love was the primary concern when it came to discipline. They punished me because they loved me, and wanted me to become something positive in the world.

The last time I disrespected my father, he tried to explain the importance of respect to me, when that failed he knocked me out. When I woke up, I decided to write this piece.

Love ya pop.

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Alan Tandy had contacted The Los Angeles Dodgers about sharing a baseball stadium with a minor league team.

The children's learning center, proposed by Kern Community Foundation, is a \$14 million project that will be like a children's museum. According to The Bakersfield Californian, the four-acre facility will be called Bakersfield Adventures for the Mind, or BAM, that will feature activities, classes and exhibits.

As a requirement for proposals, the university insisted that the projects would create long-term partnerships that would provide support for the academic mission, which is to "offer affordable access to high quality

educational programs at the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and graduate levels, and to serve as a major educational and cultural resource to it's community while also enhancing its quality of life and economic development."

The university does not have to accept any proposals but will evaluate over the next two weeks the six current suggestions. Also, as part of the proposals, all potential partners will have to cover all up-front costs related to the development of their proposals.

Michael Neal, vice president for business and Administrative services, said it was too early for comments about public-private partnerships and declined to comment.

Graduate Student excels in Archaeology research

By **Johannah Isaacs**
Staff Writer

Deanna Heikkinen recently won second place at the CSUB student research competition.

Heikkinen, a returning, graduate student from Manteca, near Stockton, is very excited about her accomplishments as a student research winner.

“I was very excited to win at the CSUB level,” Heikkinen said. “This is my third year participating in the competition and every year the competition gets harder.”

Heikkinen’s research is titled “Descriptive Analysis of Coptic Textiles Associated with Christian Mummies from Tell El-Hibeh, Middle Egypt.” Her focus is on textiles that were used to enshroud eight mummies, during the “late antique period.” This time period was in the first 800 years A.D. and culminated in the early Islamic period. This became her interest.

“I’ve always been fascinated with

ancient Egypt,” Heikkinen said.

Heikkinen is currently working on her Master of Arts in both History and Anthropology. She is a hard worker and at one point worked three jobs to pay for school.

During the course of her education, she has taken three trips to Egypt. Her first trip was a vacation, but she spent the past two summers in Egypt excavating mummies. She will be returning to Egypt this summer for eight weeks.

On this trip she will spend six weeks on a dig and two weeks performing research and visiting Coptic monasteries and Coptic Cairo. Coptic is Egyptian for Christian. She has also been studying the Coptic language, an ancient dead language that uses the Greek alphabet.

Heikkinen plans to attend the CSU system-wide competition in May. “Last year I was runner up in my category and hope to do well this year as well.”

She will also present her research at the annual meeting of the American

Research Center in Egypt late April. She is co-author on two papers with faculty mentor Robert Yohe and is presenting her Coptic textile research.

Heikkinen feels that participation in research competitions is a great experience not only herself but for other students as well.

“We are lucky to have such remarkable research opportunities at such a small campus,” Heikkinen said, “I am grateful for the research competitions because it gives students the opportunity to present their own research and it also enables them to see what other students on their campus and the CSU system are working on.”

Heikkinen enjoys being at CSUB. “I like the smallness,” Heikkinen said, “The one-on-one with the professors is amazing.”

Heikkinen plans on working toward her Ph.D. She is not sure if she wants to attend Berkeley, UCLA or if she should apply to other colleges right now, but she does want to teach. She

is thinking about returning to Bakersfield after getting her Ph.D. and teaching experience so that she may teach at Bakersfield College or CSUB.

“I definitely believe in giving back,” Heikkinen said.

In her free time, when she has it, she likes to read, listen to all kinds of music and watch Jeopardy. She also has a sister who is attending the university. She has two cats, Bubba who is 18 pounds and Jezebel. She is also the assistant curator at the Bakersfield Museum of Art and is working with Ying Zong and Johanna Alexander in the library on a grant funded research project.

Between balancing two jobs and two MA programs, Heikkinen is truly a dedicated hard worker in her field of study. She has an extraordinary background in education and has gained valuable life experience through her travels. Heikkinen, not only encompasses CSUB’s vision of excellence in terms of education, she lives it.

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“I like beer and I have traveled a lot. I lived in England and was part of Ale Society,” Pratt said.

18 students are enrolled in the class including several students over 50 years of age. These students take classes under Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and pay only \$2 for each class.

Last Wednesday the class session was about alcohol awareness. La Shawn Barefield and Erika Delamar from CSUB Health Center gave an award winning presentation on dangers of alcohol. As their final, the students will give PowerPoint presentations on the history of beer in their assigned country. On the last day of class they will visit Lengthwise Brewery in Bakersfield. It is owned by two CSUB graduates Darin Schwicker and Jeff Williams.

Also this quarter Professor Matthew Woodman from English Department is teaching a curiously named course called ‘Painting Poetry: Discussion, analysis and creation of poems inspired by art and art inspired by poems’.

Professor Rebecca Weller from Art Department is teaching ‘Everyone is a Critic’. In this course students learn to critique art and visit museums and art galleries in Bakersfield and Los Angeles.

Check out these courses to earn easy two units. For in-depth description see the display board by the Humanities and Social Sciences in DDH.

For next quarter be sure to look up Roadrunner Passion to Learn courses listed under ‘CSUB Roadrunner’ in the fall schedule.

The Student Union Board works to enhance student experience

By **Gabriel Alvarez**
Staff Writer

The Student Union is here for all CSUB students, faculty, staff, and alumni. It is here to serve the students of this campus with their best abilities.

The Student Union Board members consists of faculty, staff, and seven CSUB students. The board students, along with Student Activities, ASI, have meetings every Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Blue Room, inside The Student Union. They meet together to find ways to improve its services for this university.

The Student Union is a corporation, not part of Cal-State University. It is an auxiliary organization funded by the students. In the past year the fees have gone up and will continue to in the years to come.

Reasons for the increase in student fees are the recreation center that will be built in the near future and expanding space in The Student Union. “We are under the mark,” Matthew Ducatt, treasurer of The

Student Union Board, said, “As far as student size, [The Student Union] is too small.”

People have wondered if the Student Union Board and ASI are the same thing. The Student Union Board and ASI do work together, to better serve the students of CSUB, but according to Matthew Ducatt, they are two different organizations.

The S.U. provides many services to the student, faculty, staff and alumni. They supply daily newspapers, games, such as board games, cards, etc. Video arcade games, air hockey, pool tables, and a ping-pong table are also available.

Rooms are provided for club meetings, a lounge is on hand, and throughout the building, there is wireless Internet. Food is also accessible.

The first week of every quarter ASI provides free food for everyone. During final’s week the Student Union provides drinks and snacks for the students.

The Student union has a contract with Sodexho Catering Services,

which provides the University with Wiley’s Pub. An \$18,000 commercial pizza oven was just purchased for better pizza and better accommodations for the future. Sodexho is soon coming out with a new sub sandwich called C-Subs, named after CSUB.

The Student Union Board has many exciting plans for the future, but what is the vision to improve the services for the students?

“More and bigger meeting rooms, student Organization complexes,” Ducatt answered, “With storage places for clubs. And what students have been asking for, more food options.”

The Student Union is heading in the right direction. The focus is on the students. The Student Union has been on CSUB’s campus for 12 years, serving the students.

“Even if we burn down tomorrow, we still find ways to serve the students,” Ducatt said, “It’s not about the facility, we drive with students wants and needs.”

Now Hear This... It’s time to File !!



Associated Students Elections



If you are interested in running for an Associated Student Body office, please pick up a filing packet, starting April 3rd in the ASI office. Filing period begins April 3rd and ends on April 14th at 12:00 noon exactly!

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and Student Body Directors
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each academic school.



For more information contact ASI in the Student Union
or at 654-2418.

Deadline for filing is Friday, April 14th at 12:00 noon.



CSUB Spring Carnival

Who: CSUB Campus & Community
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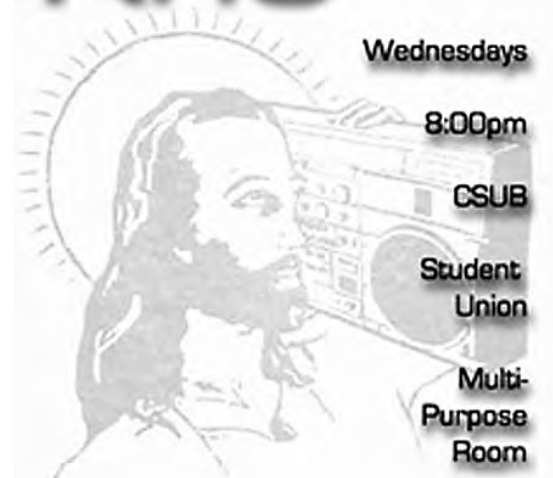
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Neal re-signed to New England Patriots

Former CSUB wrestling champ Stephen Neal has been resigned to the New England Patriots as of March 24th. The terms of the agreement have not been disclosed, but he will continue his career as professional football player with the Patriots for the 2006-2007 season.

The Patriots originally signed Neal, 28, as an undrafted free agent on July 23, 2001. The 6-foot-4-inch, 305-pound offensive lineman has played in 34 career games with 31 starts. He has started each of the last 30 games at right guard, recording the longest current consecutive starts streak on the Patriots offensive line.

Last season, Neal started all 16 regular-season games and

both playoff games at right guard and was part of an offensive line that allowed just 28 sacks and paved the way for the team to record five 100-yard rushing games.

Neal joined the Patriots on the eve of training camp in 2001, but was released following camp and spent much of his rookie season on the Philadelphia Eagles practice squad. He was signed off of the Eagles practice squad to the Patriots active roster on Dec. 12, 2001. Neal made his NFL debut on Oct. 6 and recorded his first career start the following week against Green Bay, but left that game due to injury and missed the remainder of the 2002 and 2003 seasons. He became a

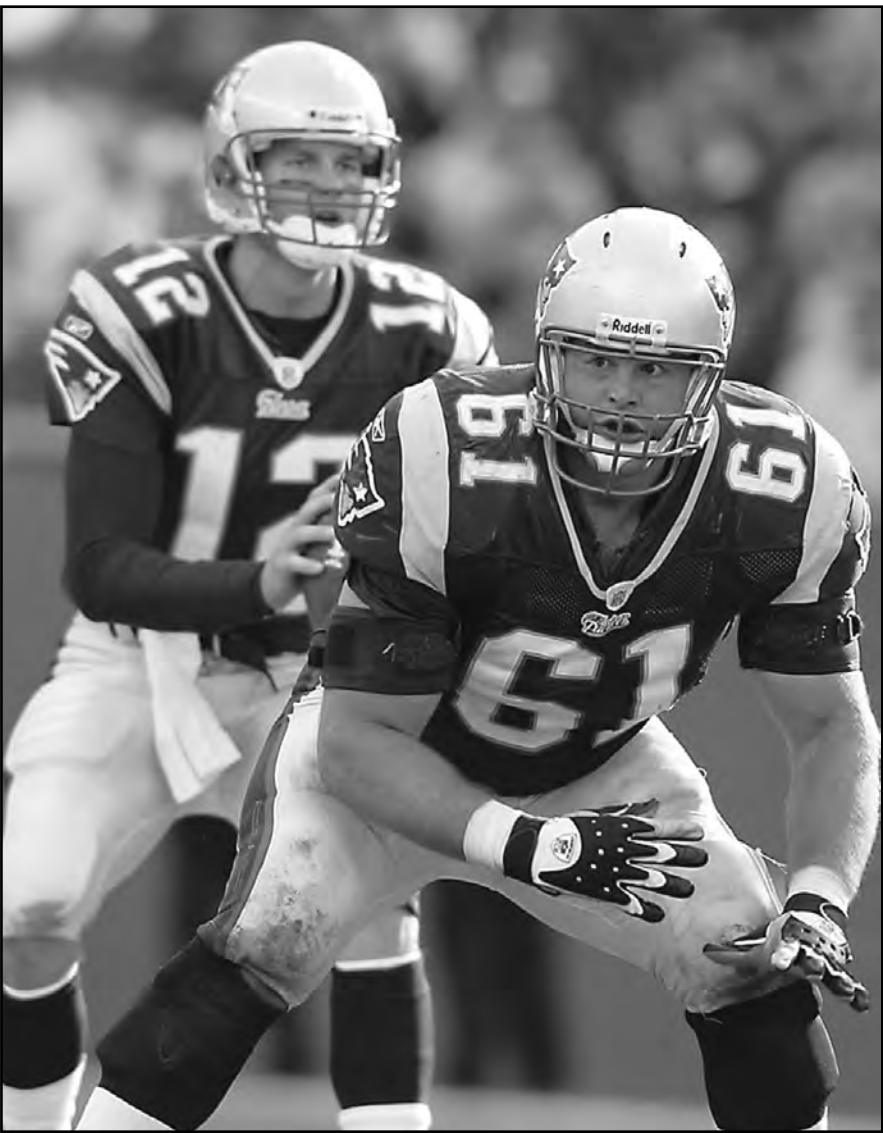
starter in the third week of 2004 and hasn't missed a game since.

Neal has really improved over the years and is now one of the most consistent offensive linemen on the Patriots roster. Re-signing Neal was imperative for the Patriots because of the lack of depth they have at the guard position. Other than Logan Mankins, Neal is the only other guard New England has that is talented enough to play 16 games at the position. Russ Hochstein, Ross Tucker and Gene Mruczkowski can all play guard but those players are better suited as backups. The team felt Neal was a player whose best days are still ahead of him so they were

willing to pay him the money he wanted to keep him from signing with another team. Neal had visited Minnesota, Miami and San Diego before re-signing with the Patriots.

Information provided by Official New England Website

Former CSUB wrestling champ, Stephen Neal, shown in action protecting quarterback Tom Brady.



Move to Division I may require specific advising for athletes

By Ariana Estrada
Sports Editor

The road to Division I will be a long and bumpy one especially for the athletes, as they'll face new and more challenging competition, grueling practices, and, of course, school.

Division I will require the student athletes to know, understand and comply with the rules of being a Division I athlete, which contains 120 more pages of rules and guidelines than that of the Division II manual.

To make sure that the student athletes can keep up with the new rules, practice and school, President Mitchell will be considering hiring an academic advisor that will work specifically with the student athletes to ensure that their progress as students is as successful as their progress in their particular sport.

The Division I rules are a lot more stringent than that of Division II and maintaining academic eligibility will be key if athletes want to continue playing. The athletes' academic

progress will be strictly monitored and Division I will require athletes to enroll in courses that will only pertain to their academic degree of choice, and they will also need to complete 40 percent of their degree by their sophomore year, 60 percent by their junior year and 80 percent by their senior year.

To specify more clearly, the possible academic advisors will only inform and guide the student athletes in which classes they should be taking and will also help with tutorial matters. As far as their eligibility is concerned that will be handled by the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) which is completely separate from the athletic department.

"As of now the job description hasn't even been written," says Kevin Gilmore from Sports Information.

The new position has yet to be filled, and it's ultimately up to President Mitchell to decide whether or not the position will be needed because it's not required if going Division I, but it is recommended by Division I.

CSUB Intramural Softball begins soon

By Valente Lule
Staff Writer

The intramural sport for this quarter will be softball. The preseason will begin on April 12 and the regular season will start on Monday April 17.

Individuals that are interested in this sport or those who want to sweat of some pressure from classes can still sign up for this class. This is a good opportunity to receive a unit if you need one or want one.

The course to sign up for this intramural sport is CRN # 23520 PEAK 159 Section 1 Intramurals. If you are interested in playing this intramural sport you will have to fill out a form which you can get in the Office of Student Activities (Located in the Student Union).

The team requirements are a minimum number of ten players.

Females and males are both welcome to join. Each person will only be allowed to play on one team. All individuals that

sign up must be currently enrolled in CSUB. Current varsity players are not eligible to sign up unless their coach approves it. Any individual that has been declared a professional in a sport can not compete until one year of their last appearance. There is a small fee that the team must pay. The rules are basic and the packet that is given to the team's manager has all the rules and the requirements needed.

The team forms are due on Friday, April 14, and the last

day to add players is on April 28. There is a maximum limit of 20 players in each team.

The games will be held in the Southwest Little League Field and the games will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30pm to 11:30pm.

If you are interested in participating in intramural softball, please contact Steven Aguilar at 654-3449 or in his office in Student Activities.

Bakersfield throwers shine at Azusa

The Cal State Bakersfield throwers opened the Azusa Pacific Meet of Champions with a strong showing in the hammer, the only event contested Friday at Cougar Stadium in Azusa..

Senior Cecilia Barnes bettered her NCAA Division II leading mark in the event with

a throw of 183 feet, 5 inches. She was bested by a number of NCAA Division I athletes and former 'Runner great April Burton, who won the event with a toss of 207-9. Burton's mark qualified her for the 2006 United States Championships in June.

On the men's side, former Ridgeview HS star Nick

Umholtz took second place in the event with an NCAA Division II best mark of 200-4. Umholtz finished just behind another former Bakersfield star and current assistant coach, Arnaldo Cueto, who also qualified for the US Championships with a mark of 221-8.

Senior Brody Beecher

recorded a provisional qualifying mark to the NCAA Division II Championships with a throw of 182-6. Junior Ryan Davis also picked up a provisional mark and a personal best with a throw of 173-7.

Press Releases and statistics provided by CSUB Sports Information

Another day, another split for CSUB Water Polo Team

The Roadrunners dropped a heart-breaker 11-10 to Sonoma State before rebounding with an 8-4 win over Cal State San Bernardino to close out the UC Davis Shootout Sunday at the Schaal Aquatics Center in Davis.

The Roadrunners opened the day with a bang, scoring six goals in the first period of their match with WWP rival Sonoma State. The Seawolves, however managed five of their own, then outscored Bakersfield 2-1 in the

second to head into halftime with the game tied at seven.

Sonoma scored a pair of quick goals in the third period to take a 9-7 lead, but the 'Runners responded with two goals of their own as Yulia Blinovskaya scored twice in the final three minutes to re-tie the score at nine.

The fourth period saw both teams score quick goals to open the period, but the game winner came with just 1:33 left as

Chelsea Hennan scored her fourth goal of the night to give Sonoma the win.

In the second game, Bakersfield held off another late San Bernardino rally for the victory. The game started quietly as the 'Runners scored a goal in each of the first two periods while holding the Coyotes off the board. Both teams then found the back of the net in third before the scoring exploded in the final period.

San Bernardino narrowed the

gap to 5-2 and 6-3 before the 'Runners scored a pair of goals over a 36 second span to put the game away.

Bakersfield (17-13) wraps up the regular season with a trip to Long Beach Friday and Saturday (Apr. 14-15) for the Long Beach State Invitational.

Press Releases and statistics provided by CSUB Sports Information

2006 Cal State Bakersfield Water Polo Stats 15-11 (Overall), 2-4 (WWPA)									
Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Leading Scorer(s)					
Jan. 28	at Cal Baptist	L	9-11	Baker (4)					
Feb. 3	vs. #1 UCLA	L	4-22	Gillett, Baker, Karr, Orting (1)					
Feb. 3	at #18 Cal State Northridge	W	13-11	Blinovskaya, Karr, Baker (3)					
Feb. 4	vs. #16 Arizona State	L	6-12						
Feb. 5	at #2 USC	L	7-16						
Feb. 11	vs. Long Beach State!	L	4-9						
Feb. 11	vs. Pomona-Pitzer!	W	10-6	Blinovskaya (3)					
Feb. 12	vs. #14 Hartwick!	W	9-8	Blinovskaya (3)					
Feb. 12	vs. #19 Cal State Northridge!	W	5-4 (sv)	Blinovskaya (2)					
Feb. 18	Cal Lutheran	W	18-7	Blinovskaya, Karr (4)					
Feb. 18	#15 UC San Diego*	L	5-10	Karr (2)					
Feb. 25	vs. Cal State San Bernardino* @	L	9-10	Karr (1)					
Feb. 25	vs. Redlands@	W	12-10	Keogh, Baker (3)					
Mar. 5	Claremont College	W	10-5	Blinovskaya, Ortiz (3)					
Mar. 5	Chapman*	W	14-7	Blinovskaya, Baker, Karr (3)					
Mar. 10	vs. St. Francis	W	12-2	Ortiz (6)					
Mar. 10	vs. Wagner	W	15-8	Blinovskaya (5)					
Mar. 11	vs. Whittier	W	8-4	Ortiz (4)					
Mar. 11	vs. Occidental	W	5-2	Blinovskaya (2)					
Mar. 18	vs. Whittier\$	W	11-6	Ortiz (5)					
Mar. 18	vs. Cal Tech\$	W	21-3	Blinovskaya (5)					
Mar. 19	vs. Bucknell\$	L	9-10	Gillett (3)					
Mar. 19	at Pomona-Pitzer\$	L	7-8 (sv)	Ortiz (3)					
Mar. 24	vs. Cal State Monterey Bay*†	L	9-4	Mason, Baker (3)					
Mar. 24	at #4 Loyola Marymount*†	L	3-12	Blinovskaya (3)					
Mar. 26	#14 UC Davis*	L	5-9	Baker (2)					
Apr. 8	vs. Santa Clara*%								
Apr. 8	vs. UC Santa Cruz%								
Apr. 9	vs. Cal State San Bernardino*%								
Apr. 9	at UC Davis*%								
Apr. 14	at Long Beach State^								
Apr. 15	vs. Cal State Northridge^								
Apr. 15	vs. Cal Baptist^								
Apr. 28	TBD•								
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Apr. 29	TBD•								
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Apr. 30	TBD•								

*WWPA Contest, %UCSD Invitational, @Redlands Invitational, \$Claremont Tournament, †LMU Tournament, %UC Davis Shootout, ^Long Beach Invitational, •WWPA Champ

2006 Cal State Bakersfield Individual Statistics									
	GP	Goals	GPG	Steals	Assists*	KO	KOD		
1	Tatiana Yakhina	26	7	0.04	47	7	0		
2	Mindi Mason	3	4	1.33	2	2	1		
3	Katherine Gillett	26	17	0.65	14	10	24	4	
4	Yulia Blinovskaya	26	60	2.31	35	16	21	9	
5	Emma Keogh	21	26	1.24	34	15	19	27	
6	Jamie Baker	25	31	1.24	12	22	43	35	
7	Jessica Price	26	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	
8	Amanda Ortiz	26	48	1.85	61	11	37	80	
9	Kelly Bowling	26	7	0.27	11	3	23	3	
10	Kalla Karr	23	33	1.43	15	9	26	23	
11	Leah Walters	15	3	0.20	4	1	1	1	
12	Keri Naffziger	26	5	0.19	8	3	5	2	
14	Lori Bates	26	5	0.19	12	2	13	1	
TOTALS	26	240	9.23	254	93	219	185		
GOALIES									
1	Tatiana Yakhina	26	190	7.3	185	7.1			
7	Jessica Price	3	5	1.7	6	2.0			
17	Kerry Cummin	0	0	0.0	0	0.0			

* Assist stats are not official as they have not been kept in all games this year.

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Student headlines CSUB comedy show

By Sandra Vicuna
News Editor

For CSUB economics student Tyson Paul, comedy has always been a part of his life. Paul enjoys the comedy of old Richard Pryor, Sinbad and Jamie Foxx.

"I remember when I saw Eddie Murphy's 'Raw' at the drive-in with my mom," says Paul.

In grade school Paul was the class clown. Once, after telling his woodshop teacher a joke, he was suspended from the 8th grade.

"One day I was talking to myself and said that I should be a comedian," says Tyson. After finding out there was a comedy club in Bakersfield, he went and performed.

Now, Paul performs several times a month in comedy clubs in Los Angeles and Riverside. Paul explains that there used to be several comedy clubs in Bakersfield, but after staying open for a few months they tend to close.

Last Saturday evening, the Student Activities Club hosted a comedy show that headlined Paul. The show, which was hosted by Rick Roam, included seasoned comedians Ace Guilen,

Danny Cho and Meco Lewis.

Audience members were spared no feelings. The show covered racial profiling, ex-girlfriends, sexual references and relationships.

Guilen erupted laughter with his comedic gestures, while Cho broke down the stereotypes between Korean and Chinese people insisting that he doesn't eat dog. Ears may have been bleeding after listening to Lewis.

Guests were also treated to a special performance by rap group Midnite. MTV was filming the group for a future documentary.

During the show, Paul explained how he received his first phone number, which turned out to be fake. Now, he says girls are interested in him because of his jokes.

Paul says that he first got into comedy because of girls. He explained that his girlfriend went out with him because she thought he was funny.

While his mom may have been kidding in the beginning about Paul being a comedian he has certainly lived up to his goal.

"If comedy takes me where I want to, I'll have to hold on getting a real job when I graduate," says Paul.



Above, Ace Guilen acts out one of many comical routines Saturday evening in the Doré Theater. Right, Tyson Paul entertains the audience with one of his personal true-life stories.



Student is 'outstanding' in music and life

By Evelyn Martin
Entertainment Editor

Leta Sage is not the usual college student. Just looking at her confirms this. However, this is probably the only assumption one could make about her at first glance. The rest might actually be surprising.

Sage was drawn to music from a very young age. She grew up singing and at the tender age of 10 began receiving piano lessons. This instruction continued through high school and afterward, Sage enrolled at New Mexico Junior College in New Mexico. While she initially planned to finish school, her priorities changed after a wave of milestones in her life occurred. Sage got married and moved to Texas with her husband.

Years later, after already having lived much of her life and raising two sons, Sage decided to finish her A.A., being motivated by the fact that her eldest son had gone off to college. By then, Sage and her family were in Bakersfield, so she enrolled at Bakersfield College. There she found an outlet for playing piano by serving as accompanist even after she had graduated.

In total, Sage spent four years accompanying B.C. Vocal Director Ron Kean. In addition to playing piano for B.C., she has also spent nine years accompanying for Liberty, Stockdale and West high schools.

Still desirous of pursuing her education, Sage enrolled at CSUB in 2004, majoring in Music with a minor in Political Science.

Sage admits that she first planned on going into Music Therapy, but has since felt compelled to keep her options open concerning where her Bachelor's degree in Music could take her.

What is crystal clear is that there is a unique sense of drive she has maintained while obtaining her degree. Since she started her college career, Sage has been exceedingly

active in her major's department. She has performed with the Chamber Singers as well as in many operas. Moreover, Sage has pro-

vided her piano skills to assist professor and voice instructor, Peggy Sears, in voice studio lessons for students.



Evelyn Martin/ The Runner
Leta Sage takes a quick break outside the Music building.

vided her piano skills to assist professor and voice instructor, Peggy Sears, in voice studio lessons for students.

"Leta is important musically to a whole bunch of people. She is caring about other students, is a real team player, is humble and just an amazing person," said Sears.

While still being a mother and wife, Sage has been determined enough to keep an admirably high GPA of 3.93.

"I work hard. It's hard now that I'm older. You have to be very focused, very driven. You need to lay out a plan and work toward that goal," said Sage.

Sage also admits that the relatively small size of the school has been a benefit to her.

"I don't know how you could come out of CSUB and not have made an impact in your department," Sage noted, "the faculty members have made every effort to accommodate

my needs, to challenge and inspire me."

Indeed, Sage has certainly made an impact and was selected by the Music department as their Outstanding Graduate for Spring 2006.

Her GPA was well above the minimum requirement for a nomination with 3.3 or higher and since only one nomination is given per major, this recognition definitely overwhelmed her.

"I am very honored and surprised," Sage said.

Though her success with her schooling is highly fulfilling, at the core of her happiness is simply the presence of music, which thus extends beyond her academics and into her free time as well.

Since she began accompanying and singing in various ensembles, she has become a lover of traveling and has been all over the map, including Costa Rica, Austria, Wales, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, England and Switzerland.

Additionally, Sage is a certified Music Practitioner and can inform hospitals and the families of ill patients about the therapeutic benefits of music. Although Sage points out there is a strong distinction to be made between Music Therapy and therapeutic music, the comforts the latter provides have compelled her to stay active with the Music For Healing and Transition Program (www.mhpt.org). Moreover, she plays the Hammered Dulcimer, which is of great assistance in the program's outreach.

After graduating, Sage plans to move to Texas with her family and might pursue Music Therapy provided that the necessary classes are available down south.

Regardless of what she eventually does, music will remain a driving force in her life and will continue to give it a heightened sense of purpose and contentment.

What's going on this week...

Off-Campus Events

April 12

Xander's Grill and KLLY 95.2 present Bakersfield Unplugged featuring Vesper. 8 p.m. Xander's Grill. 1419 19th St. and Chester. 869-2474.

April 13

Talent Quest National Karaoke Singing Contest. Weekly local contests with regionals Aug. 4 through Sept. 3. Bellvedere Lounge. 8 p.m. 3090 Brundage Ln. 325-2139.

Full Blown Chaos with Subzero, Abysmal Dawn, Raging Bull and Bury the Hatchet. 7 p.m. Jerry's Pizza & Pub. 1817 Chester Ave. 633-1000.

Soulajar in concert. \$5. 11 p.m. 21+. Sandrini's Italian/ Basque Restaurant & Bar. 1918 Eye St.

April 14

Steve Martin's The Underpants. Satirical play inspired by the German play about Louis and Theo Markes. April 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 @ 8 p.m. and April 16, and 23 @ 2 p.m. The Spotlight Theatre. 1622 19th St. 634-0692.

April 15

"The Passion of the Christ" the movie. Two showings at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. FREE. Bakersfield Fox Theater. 2001 H. St. 324-1369.

SHOW with Flight 409 and Morello. 7:30 p.m. The Living Room. 425 So. H St. Contact James at 477-2635.

April 16

Your Mother's Lover and Teenage Talking Cars concert. 9 p.m. FREE. Riley's Tavern. 1523 19th St.

April 17

Idle Revolution with KillRadio. \$10. 6 p.m. The Dome. 2201 V. St. 327-0190.

April 18

Open Mic Night with host John Wells. 7 p.m. Kosmos Restaurant and Sports Grill. 1623 19th St. 324-4286.

On Campus Events

April 12

"Back Brain Chimeras" Tuesday through Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Todd Madigan Gallery

M.E.C.h.A. Taco Sale
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Location: DDH East side of Building

Staff Appreciation Lunches for Academic Affairs
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Albertson Room

April 15

Roadrunner Volleyball Spring Classic
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Icardo Center

April 16

Alpha Chi Initiation 2006
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Albertson Room

April 18

20th Anniversary Charles W. Kegley Memorial Lecture
Featuring Sister Helen Prejean
Time TBA
Doré Theater

If you know of an event happening on or off campus and want it in the weekly event calendar, e-mail The Runner at Runner@csub.edu