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Change from quarter to semester system a possibility

By **Lauren Figueroa**
Staff Writer

CSUB has been contemplating to make the decision to convert the school from a quarter to semester system. This change has been seriously considered for some time now.

“Coming from a semester system the quarter system made a huge impact, because basically everything is dou-

ble time,” said Virginia Pederson who is a theater major.

The conversion would be a better benefit so that all of the state schools are on the same track. There are only three out of 23 state schools that are on a quarter system. It would be more beneficial to have all the CSU on one system.

Caitlyn Cannon, who is a freshman, said, “It is my first

year so I don’t really understand the difference between a quarter and semester system,” when asked if the semester system would benefit students more.

A semester system would be much easier to convert units and transfer being all on the same rhythm. Essentially, the quarter system is said to reduce costs. More money would go for the instruction of students. Costs of switch-

ing over right now may not be in the budget. The costs of converting is likely to hit high numbers.

Christina Ramirez who is one of the admissions evaluators said about the conversion that “It is an idea, nothing is written in stone yet.”

When asked about the benefits of converting from a quarter to semester system Ramirez said, “It would benefit the students to have

more time to learn the material in their classes.”

Changing to a semester system means advising from four times a year to twice a year. Also, the way students receive financial aid would in be in a larger amount but only twice a year.

The conversion would be pricey and the school would see no savings until after a few years. Majors would have to redesign their cours-

es and the way the curriculum is set up.

When asked if CSUB is converted over to a semester system will they lose students, Elizabeth Miller who is an English major said, “Yes, a lot of people who go to CSUB work and commute, it is a lot easier to set things up since it is 10 weeks. Taking a quarter off is not half as bad as taking a semester off, if needed.

Business conference comes to CSUB

By **Neil Pedersen**
Staff Writer

Over the past few weeks, the soccer field on the east side of campus has been home to a flurry of construction. The field has been completely fenced off, and numerous roofed structures and tents have been constructed, or are close to completion. This activity has left many students wondering what exactly is going on, and what it has to do with the university. An informal poll of students revealed that most have absolutely no idea what the buildings are for. Guesses as to their purpose ran the gamut, although most students thought they may be for some kind of carnival, or fair, or possibly some type of sports facility, like an indoor soccer field.

According to Michael Neal, vice-president of Business and Administration, the buildings being constructed on the soccer field are for the use of the 2010 Bakersfield Business Conference. The conference is being held Saturday, Oct. 9, from 7 a.m.

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Volkslauf pushes racers to their limits

By **Melissa Villagomez**
Managing Editor

Approximately 2500 runners gathered early Saturday morning to participate in Volkslauf: The Ultimate Challenge, a Marine-designed mud run complete with an obstacle course.

Participants and spectators gathered in the previously vacant fields next to the airport. It was the first time the event was held at that location after being forced to vacate their long-standing location near the Lerdo prison.

This was the event’s 13th year, after having been canceled last year due to organizers being unable to find a place to rebuild the course.

The race, which was supposed to start at 9 a.m., was delayed for an hour as event organizers struggled to get participants and spectators parked in the limited parking area.

Runners were released onto the course by categories, which included 5k and 10k individuals as well as teams. This was done in hopes to relieve any wait-time there would be for the obstacles on the course.

The first leg of the race was a run through the desert. It was unusually warm for an October morn-



Mark Nessia/The Runner

Participants make their way up the Tenaru River Crossing, one of 10 obstacles featured during the 2010 Volkslauf Mud Run.

ing that day and many runners struggled under the hot sun and the dust kicked up by other runners.

The obstacle portion of the race was the last mile of the course. Spectators, who were unable to watch loved ones run, were able to watch them struggle with the obstacles.

After getting out of the hot, dusty desert, participants were presented with the first obstacle: Devil Dog’s Ditch, a quarter-mile long muddied-water pit that had the participants doing

face plants into the water and clinging to the ledge as they struggled to dislodge their shoes from the mud beneath them.

After finally getting out of the ditch, the mud-drenched participants had to take on the other obstacles, which included Staircase to Heaven, a 15-foot high ladder that had many racers clinging to the posts for fear of falling, while providing them with a view of the last mile of the course, and the Chu Lai, which consisted of drainage

pipes half-submerged in muddy water buried under a mound of dirt participants were expected to climb through.

At the last obstacle, which required wading/walking through of a giant pool of mud water, racers took off their numbers and waved them proudly at the announcer, who in turn read their name out loud as the crowd cheered.

The mud pool exited onto yet another mountain of dirt, which participants had to scramble up on in order to climb victoriously down to the finish line. There, families and spectators awaited them, as well as a much-needed hose down and bottles of water.

Proceeds from the race stay in Kern County and benefit the following local charitable organizations: Kern County Toys for Tots, CASA, the Make-a-Wish Foundation of San Joaquin Valley, and the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House.

Staff writer takes on the Volkslauf challenge. Page 6

Professors react to disputed website

By **Dara Gholston**
Staff Writer

By now most students and professors have heard of the website that has sparked some debate throughout colleges: ratemyprofessors.com. The website was created in 1999 to allow students to comment and rate professors whenever they want. Today the site has grown to over 11 million student ratings on over 1 million professors.

“I read people’s comments and I judge if I should take the class based on what people say. I see if the professor is really good at teaching even if he gives a lot of homework. I just want the professor to be able to teach me,” said CSUB sophomore Gerardo Bovabiloa.

“Rate My Professor is good, because I listen to people and what they have to say. I don’t think they really lie unless they have something really bad to say about a professor,” said CSUB junior Samantha Rodriguez.

Students across campus seem to trust the site for the [See **WEBSITE**, Page 5]

Dormant club returns to CSUB after 10-year hiatus

By **Mark Nessia**
Staff Writer

A dormant club was awakened Sept. 30, and a dream was realized as a result.

After a 10-year hiatus, Students with Abilities Society returned to CSUB with a kickoff event in BDC Room 153. Interim Vice President for Student Affairs John Hultsman was the keynote speaker.

The resurrection of the club was the product of its president, Kyle Mende.

Mende said he had a dream one night – a dream he “still cannot put down.”



Mark Nessia/The Runner

Students with Abilities Society returns to CSUB.

In his dream, Mende sees a man in a wheelchair who tells him, “I have a dream to dream.”

He admitted it took a while for him to interpret the

dream, but when he did the message was clear.

“The dream meant to make awareness for disability students on campus,” Mende said.

Mende was 18 months when he received a whooping cough vaccine and suffered a ganahl seizure. As a result, he developed autism.

Childhood was difficult for Mende, who was in the special education program from kindergarten to sixth grade, but he managed to keep his head up and his thoughts positive.

“There’s good things in my life that I cannot complain at all,” he said. “I jumped very fast, education-wise.”

Mende said the formation of the club took place during the summer, but

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CECE puts on fair at Runner Park

By **Victor Maldonado**
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, dozens of CSUB’s clubs, sororities and on-campus organizations braved the remnants of the scorching summer sun and participated in the third annual internship and part time job fair.

Students got a chance to impress representatives from a number of different companies such as Target. The Community Engagement and Career Education Center commented that the employers were pleased with the

students that they spoke to, and they hope to be able to offer job/internship opportunities.

The event, which began at 9 a.m. and lasted till 1 p.m., in conjunction with the blood drive, brought large crowds through the quad all day.

Assistant director of the CECE, Kim Williams considers the fair a success. And had this to say “Events sponsored by the Center for Community Engagement and Career Education (CECE) are a success if CSUB students benefit from [See **CLUBS**, Page 5]

Seven-day weather forecast
According to weather.com



Wednesday
Hi: 69
Lo: 55
Percip. 60%



Thursday
Hi: 72
Lo: 55
Percip. 30%



Friday
Hi: 76
Lo: 57
Percip. 0%



Saturday
Hi: 79
Lo: 60
Percip. 0%



Sunday
Hi: 85
Lo: 61
Percip. 0%



Monday
Hi: 84
Lo: 60
Percip. 0%



Tuesday
Hi: 82
Lo: 59
Percip. 30%

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Mark Nessia, Editor-in-Chief, and Derek Bato, Web & Opinions Editor

This week, The Runner asked, “How often do you log onto or check a social networking site? Why?”



Rocío Orozco
Senior, Psychology

“Once in the morning and once before bed, just to see what’s going on.”



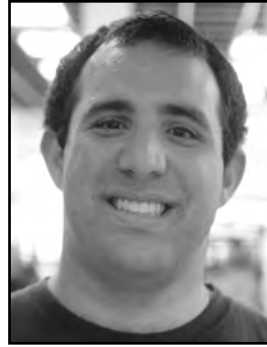
Chuck Tam
Senior, Biology

“Several times daily, sometimes to respond to someone else or to inspire others.”



Lindsay Yacopetti
Sophomore, Biology

“Maybe, 2 or 3 times a day when there’s nothing else to do, to read what other people are posting.”



Taylor Gombos
Junior, Communications

“At least every couple of hours, because I’m an addict.”

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Illegally downloading music, movies and more

Media ‘pirates’ more accurately named modern, digital-age ‘Robin Hoods’

By Derek Bato
Web & Opinions Editor

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Take from the rich and give to the poor.

Most Internet “pirates” have more in common with the benevolent Robin Hood than a marauding freebooter.

The U.S. Department of Commerce estimated an annual loss of \$250 billion in revenue in 2005 for the film industry.

A research study by LEK consulting reported that the Motion Picture Association of America lost \$6.1 billion because of media piracy in 2005.

Most of us have heard these numbers before: Media piracy can translate into 750,000 lost jobs and \$250 billion in lost revenue, found in several news reports, industry representatives and from the lips of some campaigning conservatives.

The Organization for Economic cooperation and Development deduced that an accurate estimate of counterfeit goods could not be developed and estimates are said to be “guesstimates” since the numbers are relating to covert trade.

The various reports on the subject that range the loss anywhere between \$6 billion to \$250 billion, it would seem that they really don’t have any clue what the real losses are. Maybe it’s being picky, but a \$244 billion gap is a couple hundred billion more than any statistic should have, to be taken seriously.

Statistical reports from the North American Industry Classification System estimates the US motion picture and video industry had revenue of \$73.4 billion in 2005. The Motion Picture Association of America reported \$8.8 billion in box office gross alone; followed by a rise of 4.6 percent in 2006, 5.2 percent in 2007, .1 percent in 2008 and 11.4 percent in 2009.

Mainstream news media, reality-ignorant bandwagon conservatives and pompous liberals continue to banter how movie piracy and counterfeiting continues to get worse; yet, the movie business’ profits continue to rise. Is the problem that the

movie making folks could be making even more money?

People are taught to value the saying, “Don’t count your chickens before they’ve hatched,” to not get angry when their grandfather gives them \$1 instead of \$5. Yes, the estimated loss from piracy is in a much higher dollar range but this is also starting in the wallets of an increasing industry that continues to make more billions each year.

Seemingly, all levels of society, from students, teachers, state and federal employees, to the unemployed and even “celebrities” download free music, movies and other things online. Typically the only people involved in the entire

richer corporations or establishments having a chunk of their bank accounts swiped from their vaults and spread to the less fortunate.

Modern, digital-age “Robin Hoods,” sharing entertainment with those who cannot afford to visit the theater or purchase new movies when they want.

When is this a philanthropic and kindhearted gesture of sharing?

When it’s for the downtrodden, the laid-off, the struggling student, the starving artist and the lifelong workers on minimum wage; those who truly deserve good entertainment to lighten their lives the most but simply can’t afford it.

There are people, with the

copies onto all their own media storing devices. Once transferred to another person, even without a single cent transacted, the act is considered illegal. The little difference, that causes a wealthy industry (currently fairing better than our own country’s economy) to downsize their little-guy employees and causing huge job-losses.

There is something wrong with the system, with the modern-age and with a majority of our nation’s people.

Why do athletes, musicians, and film stars make so much money?

There are all levels, of course, of the kind of money people in those fields make,

probably would not even notice the minor cuts in their very large profits anyway, not without being presented with reports.

Besides, shouldn’t the artists, at least, care more about the mass exposure or the spread of their creations as opposed to how much money their art is making them?

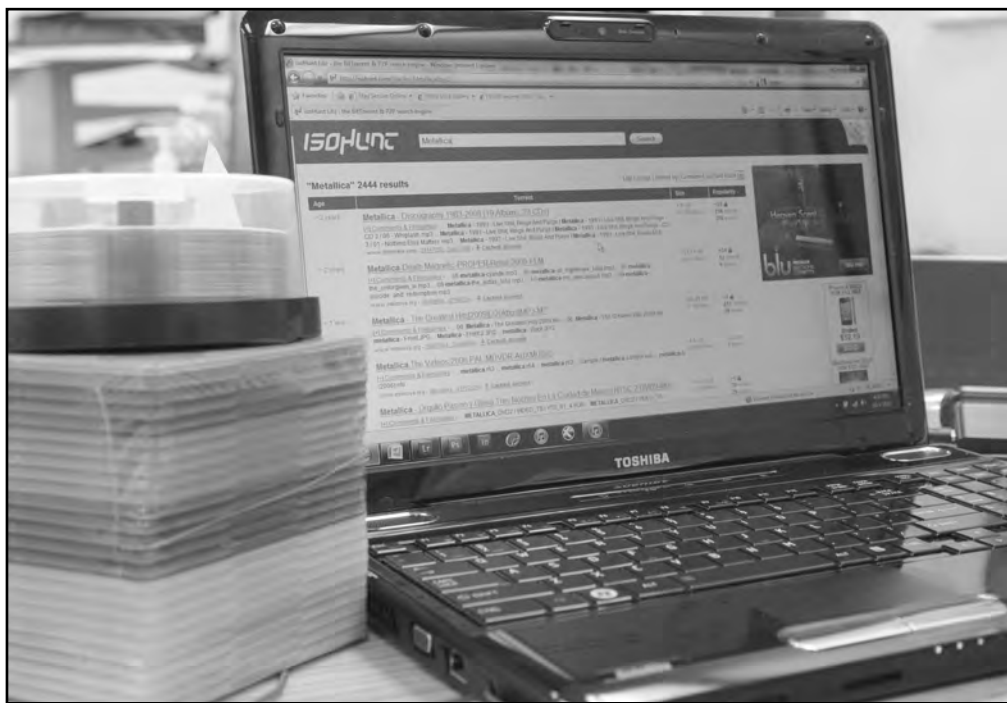
It appears obvious that anyone who does nothing but download content illegally is not a supporter of that artist, the content or it’s intended purpose. For example, don’t say you’re a true “Dethklok” fan if you haven’t paid for any of their music, bought any of their DVDs or even watched their show (Metalocalypse) through a legally appropriated medium.

Kat Haas, a communications major, said: “I don’t think [pirating] is that bad. They’re still making a lot of money doing other things and there are still people willing to pay for it. Unfortunately, I can’t afford to support every artist but still enjoy their music.”

It all seems to come down to the names and titles attributed to file-sharing activity. Though fitting under some traditional definitions, the word pirate tends to bring up more thoughts of dirty, thieving, raping bandits of the high seas. A person that spreads goods to people who cannot afford or refuses to pay the prices set by the perceived “greedy” should more often be compared to a magnanimous folk-hero.

Do not illegally download movies if you are not willing to risk the consequences. Perhaps the copyright laws are flawed but the laws are still set in place, for the time being. Another risk of downloading any content online is contracting a virus to your computer, easily avoided by those familiar, the mass of people that are hit with debilitating internet viruses deserve it, finally understanding the lesson that the internet can be a dangerous place and simpletons should not play with things they don’t understand.

Hacking used to mean so much more than jumping on someone’s Facebook account while they’re away from the keyboard.



Mark Nessia/The Runner

Just about any device with an Internet connection can become a media “pirating” workstation.

process that make any personal profits are the popular torrent and downloading sites that are paid to host ads on their pages.

One may doubt how much money those ads are really worth as most types of advertisement on the Internet these days shouldn’t attract the attention of any intelligent person. The idiotic people that fall for the virus-laced flashing banners of winning millions or free adult movies, well, they’re just stupid.

The overwhelming majority of the sources for free downloadable movie content are site-registered individuals who upload purchased copies of their own property to share online, not ever receiving a single penny of compensation.

Classic stuff straight from the pages of Hollywood screenplays, rich getting

richer means to purchase the media, who choose to download media for free anyway. These types are simply opportunists and there will always be their kind to deal with.

It’s important to note, many, if not most individuals do not illegally download anything.

CSUB psychology major, Devin Russel said, “Personally, I know a lot of people who [pirate media] - overall, I try to avoid [pirated material].”

Computer science major, Paulino Auyon said, “Pirating is pretty bad, they’re kind-of just stealing, if you really like an artist - support them.”

Civilians are allowed to share books in reading clubs, show movies to their guests and play music for others to hear, people are even allowed to upload the media to their own computer and

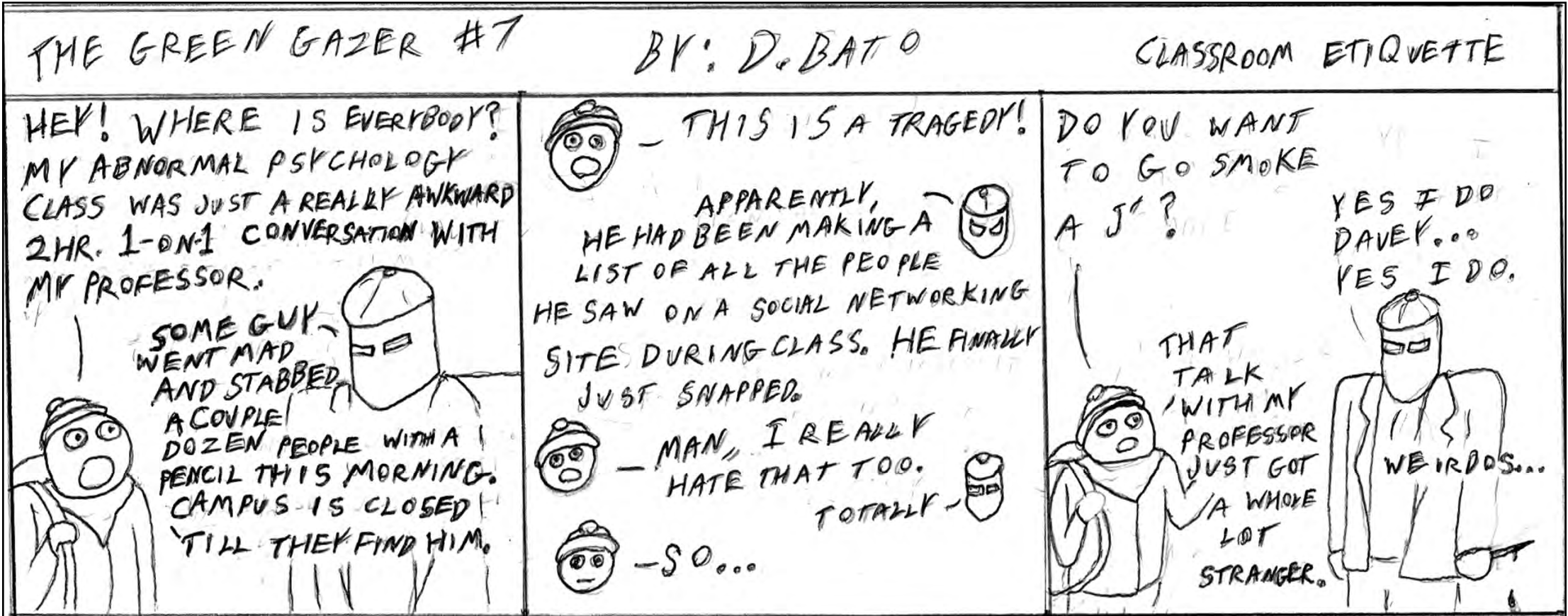
but not enough to balance out the multimillion-dollar contracts several thousand of these entertainers get.

Athletes included, as they are just another type of entertainer.

Entertainers, musicians and actors; these are not professions that should be earning some of the highest paychecks in the world. Present-day jesters, fools, court musicians, gladiators and harem dancers, professions made up of mostly servants and slaves in the past.

Hopefully the money people are saving by downloading free content can be the seed that grows to eventually balance the ridiculously high pay of these entertainers and industry moguls to a more reasonable amount someday, however, still unlikely. Many of the obviously unintelligent entertainers and deep-pocketed business types

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The anti-social network

By Asia Fitzhugh
Staff Writer

What’s on your mind?
The question that over 500 million people answer every day, every minute, every second on the Facebook website.
It has taken over majority of the youth society and thus even causing them to update their thoughts at least once a week.
There is a movie, The Social Network that is about how Facebook got started realizing how big an effect Facebook is.
The media is even engaging with the social network takeover such as MTV getting their first-ever Twitter Jockey.
Is social networking that serious?
Well, networking is a nice way to get back in contact with old friends and to explore new ones.

My childhood friend and one of my high school crushes just added me as a friend on Facebook so we can catch up on life.
I don’t have many followers on Twitter, but it is an interesting way to explore the unique thoughts of the world.
You Tube also brought the world together just by a view in your room. It can be harmful though; from the cyber bullies, getting fired from your job, to the nosy stalkers, and even the pedophiles gain access to the social networking world.
About a week ago, one of my co-workers got called in to the office to hear my boss ask, “I notice an update in your status every 10-minutes, but yet you are here at work.”
The situation caused my boss to take a closer view of our actions while we are

work.
It can get very addicting as well. I seem to always open up a social network whether it is Twitter, MySpace, Skype or Facebook once I began my homework, or even when I get on a computer.
The meaning of socializing has turned around as well.
Once upon a time, I met a beautiful young man and while introducing himself, he says, “My name is Anonymous, you can follow me on Twitter to get to know me a bit more.”
I was in shocked and sort of upset because I was unaware that decent conversations or just getting to know somebody now have to be done via internet.
You can see me on Facebook and MySpace, but you will never see my face.

Fashionable fall

Just because you can slip it on does not mean you should be wearing it

By Joseph Andreas
Staff Writer

New York debuted its fall 2010 fashion in February, which means everyone has had months to prepare for this season’s fashions. The biggest thing that they took away this season is the bohemian look and UGG shoes.
Yes we understand the need for comfort as college students. However, how we dress affects how we behave. Success is a behavior. So let us start with something that we can actually control, the way we dress.
One Size Does Not Fit All
This goes for both men and

women. Just because you can slip it on does not mean you should be wearing it. No more skinny jeans where you leave nothing to the imagination. No more baggy clothes that you can fit a friend or two along with you. No more jackets that require you to walk sideways when you enter a room. Wear the size that is best suited for your body frame. Try it on.
Layering
This is probably the most economic trend. Mix and match what you have. Summer and spring clothing can be combined to create a Fall and Winter look. Be creative. You are in college,

experiment.
Muted colors
This is my favorite. Stop distracting other students by wearing colors that glow in a dark room. This is no longer junior high or the ’80s. Neon is no longer cool to wear. Stay with the earth tones and jewel tones. If you don’t see it in nature, you should not have it on.
As a budget conscious student, I am not advocating spending a lot of money trying to look good. I am simply advocating follow some guidelines that the professionals have set.
Fit, layering and muted colors.

Parking problem on campus one of location, not space

By Neil Pedersen
Staff Writer

If you've been attending CSUB for any amount of time, you're no doubt familiar with the problem of trying to find parking.
A typical scenario goes like this: You arrive at school 15 minutes before your first class, and pull into the parking lot on the north side of campus, only to find that there are no parking spots available. You make a couple of trips around the lot, hoping against hope that a space will open up, but to no avail. Suddenly, off in the distance, you see a car back out of its spot and leave. Excitedly, you drive around to the row with the empty space. You're finally going to get to park.
But wait, what is this? Just as you're about to claim your spot, another car coming from the opposite direction quickly pulls into the only empty space right in front of you. They knew you were going for that spot. They had to. But there's nothing you can do. Dejected, you resume your search, perhaps driving over to one of the other lots to try your luck there.
If you're lucky, you'll find a spot in one of the other lots. But if you're like me, you

only find another completely full lot filled with a line of cars endlessly circling much like sharks circling a sinking ship, or rather, like the most sadistic game of musical chairs ever played. Eventually, you give up on your search and leave the campus, opting to park in the lot built for the bike trail on the north side of Stockdale Highway. You lock your car up, cross the street and walk across the entire campus, noting when you finally arrive at your class. You're now 15 minutes late.
The lack of parking is a commonly heard complaint here on campus. Criminal Justice major Ricky Sims said "if you come to school early you can get a spot...but if you come after 10 a.m. you end up having to park by the gym." Similarly, Martha Dominguez, a Social Psychology major who rides to school with a friend, said that upon arriving to school, "you just have to wait for someone to leave." This normally takes about five to ten minutes before finding a spot. Martha also said that, in order to more quickly find a spot, students will ask other students walking in the parking lot if they're leaving, and if so, will follow them back to their car to

wait for them to exit their space.
According to the Chief of University Police Marty Williamson, our parking problem is more one of location than available spaces.
"There is enough parking, however it may not be close to the preferred area."
Williamson noted that the heaviest trafficked lots are those located on the north

side of campus-lots A, B, C, D and K. Typically, the lots located on the south side of campus are usually not full, especially lot I. Additionally, parking is most congested between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Outside of these times, the lots aren't as full, and parking spaces can be more easily found.

When asked about the possibility of the school providing additional parking in the future, Williamson said that the University is looking into the possibility of adding more parking on the north side of campus. At the moment, however, there is nothing planned, and, like all university projects, funding must be found before any planning or construction can

occur.
For now, it appears that the issue of parking on campus will remain as it always has. Williamson advises that students should plan ahead; arrive early to campus and be prepared to park in one of the lots located further away from classes.

‘The Dispatch’ Bakersfield Business Conference comes to CSUB

By Justin Gildner
Sergeant, CSUB
Police Department

On October 9, 2010, the 25th Anniversary Bakersfield Business Conference will be held on the CSUB campus for the first time in several years. The AYSO soccer fields will be transformed to allow over 10,000 people to attend the event. You may have noticed that preparations are underway presently on the fields. This will continue until the day of the event. The tent currently erected is one of the largest freestanding tents in the nation. The soccer fields and the campus will be back to the original state the following week.
As the preparations continue for this event we will need to temporarily modify some parking areas. Effective Saturday, Oct. 2, Parking Lot A will

not be available for general permit parking. The UPD will establish temporary parking in the decomposed granite area south of Kroll Way and east of Don Hart East Drive. If you park in this area please pay attention to the signage to provide for the efficient use of the area. The UPD will try to supply personnel at that location in the mornings to assist in parking.
On the day of the event, Oct. 9, the campus will still be open to students, staff and faculty. However, students, staff and faculty must have a CSUB permit and will be allowed to park in Lot J. You will be able to access the campus from Southwest Drive to Student Way and into Lot J at anytime. It is entirely likely that all other access points to the campus will be closed during the day. No Bakersfield Business Conference attendee parking will be permitted in Lot J. Those with

CSUB parking permits that are attending the Business Conference must park in other areas of the campus, not in Lot J. This lot will be staffed for the duration of the event by UPD staff and anyone that parks in Lot J will be screened. Stockdale Highway and Gosford Road will have traffic controls in place for the duration of the event for event parking. We have made every effort to accommodate and provide staff, faculty, and students access to the campus during this event.
The UPD has worked with many agencies and the Bakersfield Business Conference to mitigate any potential issues that may have a negative impact on our campus community. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me or the Police Department at Ext. 2111.
Be Safe.

Flu shots available at Student Health Center

By Keith Koski
Staff Writer

The flu is something that nobody wants to get. The CSUB Student Health Center has been taking preventive steps to help make sure that students, staff and faculty don't get the flu by holding a flu shot clinic. The flu shot that was given this year is going to help not just against the flu but also the H1N1 virus. The flu shot clinic was held last Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Then there was a short intermission that took place and then they continued from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students, staff and faculty were able to walk into the Health Center's conference room, pay a \$20 fee and get a flu shot.

Erika Delamar, the Health Promotions and Accreditation coordinator at the CSUB Student Health Services said: "There were probably a total of 60 to 65 people who got flu shots on this day, and we are planning another flu shot clinic for some-time in the middle of October, prob-ably on a Wednesday. We usually hold one or two clinics every year in the fall." Delamar also said: "The flu is



Flu shots are available at the Student Health Center for \$20.

always an issue. Some things that can be done to help prevent it is to

cover your cough and use hand sanitizer." Diane Bryson, a licensed vocational nurse at CSUB said: "A benefit for getting the flu shot is that your body will build up antibodies against the flu. I recommend that every-one at CSUB get the flu shot unless they are allergic to eggs." Both Delamar and Bryson believe that "everyone should get the flu shot so that they won't get the flu and have to miss class."

Luckily CSUB is offering flu shots during normal business hours at the Student Health Center, for those who missed getting it at the flu clinic. According to the Student Health Center's website, "The Student Health Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. of each regularly scheduled school day." So students, staff and faculty will still be able to get their flu shots. They will need to bring \$ 20 with them for the flu shot. "Peggy Irving, a senior at CSUB, was getting her flu shot and recom-mended that everyone gets a flu shot. She said: "It is so great that the flu shots are offered at CSUB. They are convenient, cheap and painless."

CSUB Fall Blood Drive benefits community

By Matthew Patrick
Staff Writer

The CSUB Fall Blood Drive, put on by Houchin Blood Bank, had people lining up ready to donate blood. The blood drive was held on Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the Student Union. Donors received a T-shirt as well as a free barbecue with hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and sodas. From beginning to end there was always a consistent amount of donors going in and out of the two buses provided by Houchin. Anyone was allowed to come out and try to donate. The process of being a donor started in the Student Lounge of the Student Union.

Donors had to register with a photo ID containing their birth date. After that the donor was given a back-ground screening along with a mini physical. If the back-ground screening is accept-ed, the applicant was taken to one of the two buses parked outside of the build-ing to become a donor. Carlena Russom, the RN charge nurse for the blood drive said: "We will take absolutely anybody. Whether they are a student, faculty member, or if they are visit-ing campus. Anybody who has a valid photo ID and meets the requirements." The blood is used for med-ical purposes all over Kern County. Houchin is the only blood center in Kern County

that supplies all the hospitals in Bakersfield as well as the outlying communities in Kern County. The blood center dispenses about 43,000 units of blood per year. Raul Mendoza, freshmen criminal justice major at CSUB, said about donating his blood, "I feel good, I got to help out the community." Hospitals are always in need of blood. It is hard to keep an adequate supply of all the different types of blood. If a person is eligible to be a donor, it is highly rec-ommended that the person become an active donor. A person can donate blood once about every two months.

Oktoberfest celebrates German culture (and beer)

By Eloy Vieyra
Staff Writer

The weather forecast: cloudy, light showers, humid. Even with this fore-cast it didn't stop people from attending Oktoberfest. The German festival at Stramler Park on Saturday began at 3 p.m. and lasted until 10 p.m. The festival included 6 dif-ferent types German beers on tap along with authentic German food and live bands that entertained the crowd with German music. There was also wine available for those who do not enjoy beer. Ticket prices started at \$5 for presale and \$10 if u paid at the door. There was also VIP packages available that started at \$35 presale and \$40 at the door. The VIP package included two 16oz drink tickets, a beer mug and a gourmet dinner. The German theme ran from not only the beer and food, but also included people walking around dancing wearing German traditional attire. The live polka bands set the tone for the dancers allowed people to soak in the German culture.

"I've never been to the Oktoberfest in Germany, but this is definitely has me con-sidering making a trip there. The music, the food and the beer give this place a real German feel to it and I had to buy the boot to drink my beer out of it." said Elmer Caceres, one of the many people at the festival who went strictly there for the beer. The festival had a tent set up and filled with many dif-ferent souvenirs. Almost everyone purchased a cus-tom glass that you were able to fill with the beer of your choice. There was a giant mug, a miniature size boot and a regular size mug. The traditional festival was centered on the German beers. There was a safe beer slamming contest. Beer drinkers who were up to the challenge slammed a one liter beer from the Das Boot bier stein. To ensure the safe-ty of the participants the beer used for the contest was non-alcoholic beer and everyone was strongly urged to drink responsibly. The food included roasted pork sausages, mashed pota-toes, red cabbage, tri-tip, beans and Pyrenees rolls.

There was also a vegetarian dish available which consist-ed of a veggie burger, mashed potatoes, beans and a roll. "The food was good. I had the pork sausages and the mashed potatoes with a roll. I chased it down with a large beer too. It doesn't get any better than that." said Christian Zamudio, who attended last year's event and came especially for the beer and the food. The festival was not only organized to enjoy the German culture, but it also gave the net proceeds to M.A.R.E. Riding Center. This great non-profit organi-zation is a therapeutic horse-back riding center that pro-vides equine assisted pro-grams to children and adults with physical, cognitive or emotional challenges. This was the festival second year and is becoming one of Bakersfield most talked about social events. To learn more about M.A.R.E. and their programs please visit their website at www.mareridingcenter.com. For more information on Oktoberfest visit their web-site at Bakersfieldoktoberfest.com.

FACT hosts Barbeque for the Birds

By Jesus Cardenas
Staff Writer

CSUB's Facility for Animal Care and Treatment hosted its 28th annual Barbecue for the Birds on Saturday, Oct. 2. FACT held its tour and din-ner by the environmental studies area. The tours start-ed at 2 p.m. and the partici-pants were led into watch-ing a detailed movie about FACT, which were feature talks and demonstrations with live birds of prey. The birds on display were barn owls, great horned owls, and red tailed hawks. FACT's purpose is to pro-mote the conservation of wildlife through the rehabil-

itation of non-game species of native animals and through educational activi-ties. CSUB biology students gave the visitors an opportu-nity to dissect owl pellets also the chance to discover bones from animals eaten by owls. Dawn Bradley, a FACT volunteer said: "The pur-pose of the event is that it is our big fundraiser for the year. To obtain funds to help run the facility. It is set up where we have tours that are open to the public which run from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Then we finish with a barbecue dinner with turkey and deep-pit beef. Then we have silent and live auctions it's a lot of fun and we have a

band playing it keeps it alive until 8 p.m. until we have to clean up." Natalia Ornelas, a CSUB junior said, "I really enjoyed dissecting owl pellets the only problem was it was just too windy today." Members of the 60+ Club sold their nature gifts, such as T-shirts, notecards, zoo books, and stickers in the entrance for interested visi-tors. Laura Garcia, CSUB junior said, "The barbecue was good I learned about birds that are going extinct, I had fun." To find more information about FACT or to be part of FACT visit their website at www.csub.edu/fact.



Sandy Ornelas/ The Runner

President Stephen Muchinyi and board members in the ASI meeting.

ASI holds first meeting of the year

By Sandy Ornelas
Staff Writer

On Oct. 1 the Associated Students had one of their first meetings of the year. The president of the California State Student Association, Christopher Chavez was here to provide information about their goals for the California Students this year. CSSA is the voice of the students in the CSU system. Their main goals are to continue to provide health care, support higher educa-tion and to continue to fight for students in California. Jesus Perez, the ASI vice president of External Affairs, and CSUB graduate student, said what's planned

for the future. "On Oct. 7 ASI has an event called the higher edu-cation action which pro-motes college students to register to vote." On Oct. 20 ASI has planned an event that will bring the candidates who are running for congress to the CSUB campus. Eight conformed candidates are coming such as Michael Rubio, Jim Costa and his opponent Andy Vidak to give information and a brief speech about who they are and what they're going to do for higher educa-tion. Jesus also gave information about "The Show," which is a concert that ASI was trying to put together for the past

two years. Unfortunately it never came about because it lacked funding and sponsors. "It was supposed to be a low budget concert for the students with artists such as Busta Rhymes and LMFAO. Jesus would also like the students at CSUB to know that they can contribute by registering to vote. "I cannot stress how important it is to vote, register and turn in a ballot on Nov. 2," said Jesus. He would also like students to have fun and come out for student life. "Students can come out and enjoy them-selves, to have fun and to take a break off classes and work; all events are free for CSUB students."

CSUB student honored for commitment to community

By Cynthia Banuelos
Staff Writer

Born in Los Angeles and raised by his grandmother, communications major Tyree Boyd-Pates had to go through many obstacles growing up. He never knew his father, didn't have a deep relationship with his mother and had no role models growing up. However, none of that kept him from being the man that he is today.

Boyd-Pates works in University Outreach at CSUB, and he has hosted numerous CSUB orientations. He is the vice-president of Black Men on Campus, he's volunteered in helping at-risk youth in computer literacy and he even went to South Africa for two weeks to help put on clinics and administer medication to the people there.

Boyd-Pates said: "I don't want to be the man that I am. I want to be the man that I want to be today."

Freshman year, Boyd-Pates lost his mother. The last thing that she told him was, "Keep doing what you're doing." Boyd-Pates listened

and still keeps on helping others, so much that he received the 2010-11 CSU Trustee's Award for Outstanding Achievement. It is an award that includes a scholarship given to students that are in financial need, have overcome hardships or have to be proven to be achievers in life.

According to Alyssa Simon Wiley, a senior and theater major, Boyd-Pates deserves the award.

She said, "If there's someone as deserving, I think it's Tyree."

Wiley first met Boyd-Pates at their church in Los Angeles and again at CSUB. Today both of them work for University Outreach.

Senior communications major, La Drema Glover has known Boyd-Pates since the eighth grade.

Glover said, "He's worked hard for the award."



Photo courtesy of Tyree Boyd-Pates
Boyd-Pates is CSUB's 2010-11 CSU Trustee's Award winner.

Glover also works with Boyd-Pates in University Outreach and she is proud of Boyd-Pates for receiving his award.

Boyd-Pates had been nominated

by a faculty member for the CSU Trustee's award and didn't think much of it until he got the call that let him know that he was receiving the award. It was something that he wasn't expecting.

He said said: "I definitely don't take it for granted. It's a big honor in my opinion."

Boyd-Pates has been known to be enthusiastic and a people person. When asked where all of it comes from, he said: "Joy with life and people. I just want to help, and especially with the things that I've been blessed and gifted with, then I'll do it."

As involved as Boyd-Pates is with school, CSUB was not a foreseeable plan in his future when he was in high school. His church gave him the opportunity to go to CSUB and he took advantage of it.

Boyd-Pates said, "I made the a conscious decision not to let those people that have given me an opportunity down."

Boyd-Pates said that he loves the people of CSUB and wants to make CSUB the best it can be.

A major goal for Boyd-Pates is to primarily help others, whether it be with academics or community service.

When Boyd-Pates went to South Africa, he stayed there for two weeks not for leisure time but to help others by putting up clinics and administering medications.

When he worked with at-risk youth he said: "It's real touching knowing that I've played an impact on them. Hopefully I enlightened them."

Boyd-Pates plans to get his masters degree in communications and go pursue a Ph.D. His words to current and future CSUB students are: "Each and every one of you has a potential that you haven't tapped into. Whether or not you're confident with your abilities, be confident in your potential and how far it can take you. When doing so anything is possible. Having a strong foundation, support, love, and faith, you can definitely go higher to do something extraordinary."

Withdrawal: One week without the gym

(EDITOR'S NOTE: "Withdrawal" is a challenge where a staff writer goes one week without something they are "addicted" to. This week: the gym)

By Meagan Cook
Staff Writer

My life consists of three basic weekly activities: school, work and the gym. I go to school to be educated on my future career and go to work because, well I have to and I also like making some extra cash.

As far as the gym goes, I go because it's my safe haven and my second home. This may sound corny and ridiculous to some people, but working out is a way for me to escape and clear my head.

Going to the gym provides many

benefits for me in my life. I go about five times a week.

Now I don't go to the gym with the fear of becoming fat or losing my girlish figure, I go for deeper reasons.

I go because I truly enjoy working out, I love challenging myself and I love the way my mind and body feel afterward. I have lived a healthy active lifestyle since I was young and I will forever maintain it.

However, I wanted to challenge myself this week by not going to the gym at all, not allow myself to do anything gym related or physical activity for one whole week.

At first I was game for the challenge and thought it would be no big deal; I sometimes take four days off anyway for my body to

rest. But easier said than done, because between balancing school and work I need the gym time to refocus, de-stress and release my endorphins, in Legally Blonde when she says, "exercise releases endorphins, endorphins make you happy, happy people just don't kill their husbands."

Well it doesn't totally relate to me with the whole killing husbands bit but exercise does release happy endorphins into my body.

With not working out this week I noticed I had some extra time on my hands and it was great for my schoolwork, since I am a natural procrastinator. I got a lot of papers done and caught up on some of my reading.

Of course I would love to say not working out this week wasn't that

hard and I just couldn't believe it was so easy, but it sucked!

It was torture driving by the gym every day on my way back from school and not being able to make a detour right on in and workout.

"I like to workout. I go every Monday, Wednesday and Friday," said Jesus Cardenas. That is reassuring for me because I am not the only one that enjoys to workout.

It was nice not being sore and feel like I was crippled this week and not working up a healthy sweat, which I surprisingly didn't miss.

I can honestly say it was a challenge for me to not work out this week, especially because my work schedule increased and my load of schoolwork went up as well; I like to go to the gym to escape when my schedule gets a little crazy.

In place of working out I tried killing the time with other activities, such as homework, cleaning, laying out and shopping, but I got bored after a while and was close to breaking my challenge.

I had recently put new motivating, gym pumping songs on my iPod this past week and what do you know, I couldn't let them live up to their intended potential.

All in all, it was a great challenge for me this week and some of the benefits helped me in the long run, such as getting ahead on my schoolwork.

I am happy it's over and that I can start working out again this week, and I challenge any person to go a week without something they are dependent on.



Victor Maldonado/The Runner
Students mingle with employers and student organizations at the Internship and Part-time Job Fair.

Fair gets students involved on campus

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the interaction and education they receive from participating."

Employers were not the only ones doing recruiting, various on campus organizations such as the ASI, the Campus Crusade for Christ, the CSUB Singers and a whole Greek alphabet soup of sororities also had booths at the fair.

Some organizations receive up to 40 or 50 percent of their memberships by participating in the fair. "Definitely recruiting is high," said junior music education major and president of the CSUB Singers Elizabeth Provencio. When asked if they would perform to attract more recruits the singers

hinted that it wasn't out of the question.

The ASI seized the fair as an opportunity to register students to vote, and to fill vacant positions among their staff.

Junior business major and member of the ASI Eduardo Vargas has participated three times in the event, and wanted to encourage students to join the ASI's Facebook page, which can be found at www.facebook.com/asi.csu. Former nursing student, Abigail Dizon, and member of the Campus Crusade for Christ said, "CRU is for everyone," as she and fellow Crusader Devin Brown passed out fliers for their free tri-tip party that happened on the Friday Oct. 1st.

Fliers weren't the only things that were being handed out. Attendees were treated to all manner of goodies and prizes from candy to water bottles.

Senior psychology major Renee Penalver has attended the event twice before, and took an interest in the theta sigma chi booth whose slogan is "We empower Latinas through education." The event allowed penalver to explore the organizations she was interested in such as "the McNair Scholars Program, the PRSSA and the CSC."

All in all students were given quite an opportunity to explore the many possible avenues open to them through CSUB and the CECE.

Students with Abilities Society returns to CSUB

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preparation for its kickoff event started in April – he was that confident.

Mende praised the efforts fellow club members Taylor Gombos, vice president; Melody Armijo, treasurer; Loren Presley, graphic artist; and Lenny Perez, the club's adviser, for helping start the club.

Gombos helped conduct meetings in Mende's absence, Armijo took on secretary duties in addition to being treasurer, Presley did all the graphics work and Perez took over as the club's adviser after Janice Clausen, director of Services for Students with Disabilities, was unable to do so. Perez is an adviser for SSD.

Thursday's kickoff was the culmination of the group's efforts, with approximately 40 guests in attendance.

"I thought this kickoff was amazing, because I had a hard time putting it together," Mende said. "I thought the amount of people (in

attendance) was amazing."

Some students came for extra credit in their classes, but left with a strong interest in the group.

"I'm really glad that I decided to come," senior communications major Sarah Gaskins said. "I think I got more out of it than just three extra credit points."

Junior accounting major Diego Hernandez said he was really impressed with the event and would like to volunteer and get more involved.

"It's really impressive to see guys with disabilities that don't let them hold themselves back," he said. "We've got students here that don't have any disabilities and they kind of let themselves go – they get defeated by themselves."

Mende said that making awareness of students with disabilities was important, because he did not want someone else to face the issue of not having a support system. He said a support

system is the most critical a person's growth.

"You're a weak link if you don't have it," he said.

Gombos said the club is open to everybody.

"We're aimed at getting awareness for disabilities, whether that be a learning disability or physical disability," he said. "People with disabilities can do things."

SAS will have its first fundraiser Oct. 9 with a car wash at the Brookside located at 4700 Coffee Road. Presale tickets are available at the SSD office and the Runner Bookstore. Presale tickets are \$4 cars and \$9 for SUVs. Costs are \$5 and \$10 the day of the event.

The club is also in the process of setting up a movie night in November.

"It should be a little social event where you watch a movie and relax," Mende said.

SAS will conduct its second official meeting Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in BDC Room 153.

Are you a club or organization on campus interested in placing an ad in the Runner?
Contact the Runner at runner@csub.edu. Ads for student clubs and organizations are free.
Hurry and submit an ad today! Space is limited and going fast!

Women’s soccer team laces up for breast cancer awareness

By Mark Nessia
Editor-in-Chief

The start of Breast Cancer Awareness Month received support from all 27 members of the CSUB women’s soccer team as they participated in the fourth annual Lace’n It Up breast cancer walk Oct. 1.

The walk took place in three locations from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to celebrate survivors, support those going through treatment and to remember those who lost the battle against breast cancer.

According to assistant coach Brad Williams, the members of the team were divided among the three locations with 1/3 going to the downtown location at Liberty Bell, 1/3 going to the east-side location at the

Public Health Building on Mount Vernon Avenue and 1/3 walking at Riverwalk Park.

“Our players are not just for athletics,” Williams said. “We’re here for the community as well.”

In addition to supporting breast cancer awareness, the Roadrunners were also promoting their breast cancer awareness game Oct. 12 against Hawaii. The players will be wearing pink jerseys that will be auctioned off after the game with all of the proceeds going to Links for Life.

“It was a lot of fun talking to people about our game coming up,” junior defender Breanna Flores said. “They were really friendly and excited for it and really supportive, so I think it’s good



Mark Nessia/The Runner

All 27 members of the CSUB women’s soccer team participated in Lace’n It Up to kick off breast cancer awareness month.

for us to come together and support such a good cause.

“I felt proud to come out here and walk.”

This is the first time the team has participated in the walk, but not the first time they have been involved with

Links for Life.

According to Stephanie Lynch, Links for Life vice president and co-chair of Lace’n It Up, the organization has gotten more involvement with CSUB this year.

“I think it’s neat that the

community can see that CSUB is involved,” Lynch said.

Lynch said women’s soccer was the first group that invited them to come out and participate with their soccer game to benefit breast cancer awareness. Softball and women’s basketball followed, and this year will be the volleyball team’s first.

Lynch said connecting with young women about the possibility of getting breast cancer is really important.

“Young women can get breast cancer,” she said. “It’s not an old lady’s disease.”

Members of the CSUB softball team also made it out to Riverwalk Park.

Juniors Ashley Nahale, Brittany Alfino and Susan Vasquez handed out bottled water to participants as they

began the walk on either the 15- or 20-minute course.

“[It’s good to] help out the community and support the people out here,” Nahale said.

Nahale said the other members of the team had time conflicts with class, and since she, Alfino and Vasquez got out of class at the same time, they were able to come down and show their support.

According to Lynch, this was the second time the walk has taken place at Riverwalk Park and the first at the Public Health Building.

“I think it’s important for us to come together as a community and support such a big cause, because breast cancer awareness is a big issue,” Flores said. “It’s good to support and fight for it.”

Runner staff member takes the Volkslauf challenge – loses shoes

By Ashley Sizemore
Video Editor

I did the Volkslauf for the very first time. That’s right I did it. It was a heck of an experience, and I now see why it’s called the “Ultimate Challenge.”

Training for it could’ve gone better. I’d seen Volkslauf in the past as I took photos for my friends and family. I could see the angst the racers went through and the struggle some had to finish. Thinking about that during training was a mental obstacle of its own. So I trained at the Rec Center a couple days a week and I went to one Volkslauf training that my old gym put on. I was getting my butt kicked just from that.

So how was I ever going to do the actual race if the training put me in my place?

Simple: Mind over matter.

I did the race with my best friend, and my mother came and supported me. She’s a Volkslauf vet for a few years now so she was telling me what to expect.

Now getting to the race was a story all in itself. I got up early because registration was supposed to end at 8:30 a.m., and knowing that a lot of people signed up, we arrived at 7:40 a.m., after waiting to find a parking spot (in the middle of nowhere I might add) in a dirt field for 20 minutes.

My race was supposed to start at 9 a.m. but with all the traffic and late comers, my race didn’t start till an hour later.

As the race began, we took off near the back of the 5K pack, which in retrospect, not such a good idea since the front of the herd is kicking back dust. I did my usual run-



Mark Nessia/The Runner
Ashley Sizemore takes the Volkslauf Challenge.

ning effort that I’ve done in the past 5K races this summer. I run till I get tired, then walk till I have motivation to run, etc. Everything was dandy (well, as dandy can be in a dusty field) until the first obstacle.

I’m still not certain how long that first obstacle, which was a curvy winding mud river/ditch/pit whatchamacallit. Within 10 feet of that I face planted in the mud. I’m now covered in mud. It’s in my mouth, my nose – everywhere, I’m sure it wasn’t a pleasant sight but I’m sure everyone around me is in the same situation. After another 100 feet, my shoes got stuck in the mud so I chucked those.

So here I am barefoot and tired, trying to figure out when this mud ditch is going to end.

I refused to believe the spectators that the end was right around the corner – because each time – it wasn’t. After that ended, I went up the “Stairway to Heaven,” which I couldn’t go to the other side since I was afraid of ending up on a stretcher. The walls were intense, but I enjoyed the water. It beat the

hot sand and warm weather.

It was odd; the majority of my motivation didn’t come till the obstacles. I had just to keep telling myself I could do it. There was a low point and I was mentally done. I literally said out loud that I quit. I had like three people yell at me. “You’re not done. Keep Going!”

“You can do it!”

“It’s almost over.”

It was uplifting, perhaps it was because they were more than likely thinking the same thing or something.

Overall, I’m glad I did it. It was a lot of hard work and I have the scratches and bruises to prove it, but I crossed the finish line with my best friend. Individually it was totally rewarding and I am definitely returning next year. Here’s hoping I don’t lose another pair of shoes.

Students and faculty clash over website

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most part, but it’s the last statement that Rodriguez made that has some professors questioning the balance of the ratings. CSUB philosophy professor Sanem Saner said, “Once I got a really bad review from an angry student that was ranting. Students should know that the comments are really subjective.”

This is very true, considering the fact that there are very few ratings

and comments that give “average quality” ratings. Either the ratings are “poor quality” or “good quality.”

“Only people that really love the professor or people that really hate the professor are going to write about them,” said Saner.

CSUB science professor Ron Hughes agreed with the lack of parity in the website.

“The comments are opinions. Students should take them with a

grain of salt because it’s like survey data. It only reflects the people that will respond to the site, which is why we don’t use the comments at this university,” said Hughes.

Hughes also went on to say that all professors prefer that if students have a question, comment, or concern, they should come face to face with the professors.

There are also hotness ratings for professors as well. So if the next time one visits the site and sees a

red chili pepper next to a professor’s name, someone has rated them as hot.

Although ratemyprofessors.com is infamous for its comments and ratings from actual students, the website also has ratings of colleges around the nation. CSUB has an overall rating of 3.1 out of 5 and a 3.4 “student happiness” rating. These averages were based on the topics of overall professors, Internet speed, career opportuni-

ties, social activities, condition of library, campus location, clubs and events, school reputation, quality of food and campus grounds.

The highest rating was a 4.0 for the campus location and the lowest rating was a 2.4 for clubs and events. Of course, the latest updates for this appear to have been done in June of 2010, so the ratings could very much improve by the end of this year.

CSUB to host Bakersfield Business Conference

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to 6:30 p.m. followed by a picnic and entertainment until 10:30 p.m. It is a one-day event featuring speakers, entertainers, a farmer’s market, sports pavilion, and a beer garden. With the exception of the conference’s location on the soccer field, the conference has no official connection with the university, although Neal feels that the conference will “bring national recognition to the campus.”

A visit to the conference’s official website yields a list of speakers scheduled for the event, and it is quite impressive. The scheduled speakers list reads like a “who’s who” of Republican politics. Among those scheduled to speak are Dick Cheney, Lynne Cheney, Laura Bush, Karl Rove, Mitt Romney, Sarah Palin, Michael Steele, Newt Gingrich, and Rudy Guliani. Other speakers include Goldie Hawn, Rich Little, Ronnie Milsap, Paul Rodriguez, and Jane Seymour. Past conferences have included a surprise speaker, although whether there will be one this year, and who that speaker may be, is anybody’s guess.

The speaker list seems especially impressive when one considers that they are all coming to speak at a one-day event in Bakersfield, a city known more for country music and agriculture, than politics. But, in the past, this conference has been host to any number of influential people, including several Presidents. The conference’s website

has a page devoted to all the good press it has received over the years, including being called “A Woodstock for Businessmen” by Dan Rather, and twice being named “The Best One Day Conference in the Nation” by The International Platform Association.

Naturally, with so many high-profile people, there is going to be quite a bit of security present at the conference.

University Police Chief M a r t y Williamson said “all the security for the event is being coordinated by the campus police.” But, in addition to their department, local and state police, the FBI and the Secret Service will also be present to make sure the event goes

off without a hitch.

Neal stressed that there should be very little disruption of campus activities due to the conference. On the day of the event, access to the campus will be restricted to one entrance only. Additionally, one of our coveted parking lots will be taken over by the event starting this week. In the meantime, a

temporary parking lot will be set up for students to use while their permanent one is being occupied. Following the completion of the event, Saturday evening, crews will begin immediately tearing down the structures, and plan to have the field back to normal in time for the local soccer leagues to use the following weekend.

Students In Free Enterprise and CSUB Athletics team up to

“CAN” HUNGER

“Come out to support the CANNED FOOD DRIVE
and your CSUB athletes on these dates:”

Men’s Soccer
Fri. Oct. 15 vs. SJSU
7pm - Main Soccer Field

Women’s Volleyball
Wed. Oct. 20 vs. Fresno State
6pm - Icardo Center

Drop your cans off at the entrance
GO RUNNERS!

‘Halo Reach’ is here

The highly-anticipated sequel meets expectations, but leaves some disappointed

By Christina Ramos
Staff Writer

As a prequel “Halo Reach” introduces the players to the origins of the other “Halo” games. The story takes place in the year 2552 with a war waging between the alien Covenant and human colony of Reach.

People lined up at the mid-

night launch to pick up their preordered copy of the game, and some even forked out over \$100 in order to obtain the “Legendary” edition of the game which included: downloadable content, journals, a hand crafted statue and many other prizes.

Sophan Ay, an undecided student at Bakersfield College, said, “I bought the game so that I could play with my friends online.”

Gamers of all ages picked up the highly-anticipated game and began leveling up their stats in order to estab-



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“Halo: Reach” depicts the events that lead up to the original “Halo” trilogy.

lish their dominance in the game. Halo Reach is rated “M” for mature and is not meant for anyone under the age of 17 for blood and violence, pretty mild when compared to other rated “M”

games such as the extremely graphic “Grand Theft Auto” series.

One downside of the game that had fans bummed out was the fact that this time around there are no tanks.

Sorry gamers, the old Halo games will have to suffice.

On the upside the graphics of the game are amazing and the arsenal of weaponry that is available will satisfy any first person shooter gamer. The campaign can be played with up to four players online or solo with three AI players. The run time for the campaign is roughly about four to six hours.

As for the online multiplayer there is a new program that allows you to build your own battlefield. One can create their own vast area of land with as many forts and bases as a player would want.

Players can also enjoy different modes of multiplayer such as firefight and other free-for-all and team based games. Gamers have mixed feelings about the new game. There have been more positive feedback than negative but there are a few gamers who just didn’t get the fulfillment they were expecting from the game.

Oh great, ‘You Again’

By Mary-Kate Alderete
Staff Writer

Consider this classic situation: You’re in high school. You try out for cheerleading. You don’t make it. You make school mascot instead (sigh). At a basketball game where your brother is the star player, the head cheerleader pushes you down into the court. Flat on your back, you take your mask off.

Said cheerleader looks at you and says, “You were prettier with the mask on!”

Time has passed, you’re skin finally clears up, braces come off and you ditch the Harry Potter glasses for contacts. You are looking hot and on top of you’re career and with one phone call you feel like that little nerd all over again and find yourself saying, “High school was a horror story, this weekend is the sequel.”

This is where we meet Marni [Kristen Bell] in the new movie, “You Again.”

Marni is a former social reject turned successful public relations guru. On the eve of receiving the news that she received a promotion to be the vice president of her company’s New York office, she receives news that her brother [Jimmy Wolk] is to be married. Little does she know that her sister-in-law-to-be, Joanna [Odette Yustman]] is the girl who made her life a living hell in high school.

To top it off, the siblings’ mom Gail [Jamie Lee Curtis] has a run in with her high school rival, who is the bride-to-be’s



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From left to right: Jaime Lee Curtis, Kristen Bell and Betty White star in “You Again.”

socialite aunt Ramona [Sigourney Weaver]. Add in an over eccentric Grandma Bunny [Betty White], and you have what can be seen as a typical chick flick with slap-stick comedy complete with a predictable ending...which, if you’re anything like myself, you cant get enough of!

Marni’s mom says in the movie, “Nobody gets through high school unscathed.”

As seen in this film, it is com-

mon to leave high school either regretting things you have done, or thanking God that the misery is over, or both. This movie mimics reality. Real people have shortcomings, insecurities, and, well, make complete idiots out of themselves sometimes.

The audience feels for Marni as she goes home to find her arch-nemesis Joanna from high school has weaseled her way into her family’s hearts and pretends that she doesn’t remember Marni from high school. The battle rages on between the two girls, leaving Marni succumbing back to high school insecurities and Joanna back to her days of merciless bullying.

High school grudges seem to be a family affair as the relationship between Gail and Ramona gets heated. As Joanna begins to regret her past after a series of humiliating and unfortunate events, her aunt Ramona offers this advice:

“You’re human; making mistakes is part of what we do. It’s how we go about fixing them that matters.”

So, along with humor, heartfelt emotions, and some very attractive actors, this movie also has a life lesson that can be learned from it: We all make mistakes, but what we do to fix it and who we become in the end that really matters.

What’s happening this week?

WEDNESDAY, OCT 6
What’s Your Major Workshop
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
CECE Office Room 102
"The 800 Mile Wall" Documentary
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Dorothy Donahoe Hall, Room G102
Black Young Starz Meetings
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm
DDH G107
BPA Career Fair
3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Alumni Park
THURSDAY, OCT 7
Gallery Opening Reception
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
CSUB Todd Madigan Gallery
CSUB Women's Soccer vs. Fresno State
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
The Main Soccer Field
ASI Open Mic

Wahoo’s Cafe
FRIDAY, OCT 8
Legends of Jazz: Jonathan Kreisberg Quartet
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
CSUB Dore Theatre
SATURDAY, OCT 9

Bakersfield Business Conference
7:00 am - 10:30 pm
CSUB Soccer Fields, 9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield Business Conference Night Program
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
CSUB Amphitheatre
CSU Bakersfield Guitar Arts Series
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
CSUB Music Building, Room 127
SUNDAY, OCT 10
Phi Sigma Sigma Meetings
2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
DDH 102G
MONDAY, OCT 11
Thomas Helton, Solo Contrabass Workshop/Performance
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Music Building, Room 127
TUESDAY, OCT 12
Ethics of Journalism
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Student Union Multipurpose Room
Volleyball vs. Fresno Pacific
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Icardo Center
CSUB Women's Soccer vs. Hawaii
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
The Main Soccer Field



CAREER CORNER

Welcome to the CSUB **Career Corner**, a monthly article to help you with all things related to career development! Each month you will find tips on a variety of issues from choosing a major to how to best present yourself when talking to a potential employer. According to the *National Association of Colleges and Employers Research: Job Outlook 2010*, the #1 skill that employers are seeking in a candidate is communication skills, followed by analytical skills, teamwork skills, technical skills, and a strong work ethic. Employers also ranked communication skills as the #1 skill new college grads lack. The CECE offers a variety of workshops and events that will assist CSUB students in strengthening their communication skills. One of those events is the Business and Public Administration Mixer...check it out!

Major Headache! - Career Workshop
Date & Time: 10/6/10, 5:00 – 6:00 pm Location: CECE (next to the Runner Cafe)

BUSINESS & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MIXER
DATE: 10/13/10, **TIME:** 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Alumni Park (outdoors)

Graduate School Application Preparation - Career Workshop
Date & Time: 11/3/10, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, Location: CECE (next to the Runner Cafe)

GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR
DATE: 11/8/10 **TIME:** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION: Runner Cafe Quad (outdoors)

Congratulations! What's Next? – Career Workshop for Recent Graduates
Date & Time: 12/1/10, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Location: CECE (next to the Runner Cafe)

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Women's soccer comes away with tie against Pepperdine

By Manny Beltran
Sports Editor

The CSUB women's soccer team added another tie to their 3-4-3 record against Pepperdine on Sunday, Oct. 3.

All looked well for the 'Runners as they took a 1-0 lead in the 32nd minute of the first half when Kassi Massey connected with Sam Pena on the right side of the penalty box. Pena was able to get the shot off that scored in the far post.

For Pena – last year's leading scorer on the team – the goal was her second of the season.

After scoring the goal Pena's reaction was more relief than celebration.

"I was just praying to God that I finally got a goal," said Pena as she laughed. "It was just a miracle; I was praying that I was there at the right time."

In the second half the two teams kept battling, making runs, but were unable to capitalize. Then in the 62nd minute, CSUB goalkeeper Kym Gause grabbed a Pepperdine cross but was bumped and lost the ball giving Pepperdine's Anisa Guardo an easy shot at an open net. The play could have been called for a Pepperdine foul as it seemed

Gause had control of the ball, but the referee let the play continue leading to Pepperdine's only score.

Senior defender Leanne Tucker felt the 'Runners



Mark Nessia/The Runner
Sam Pena reacts after scoring.

gave up the goal as opposed to Pepperdine earning it.

"Unfortunately their goal came from a defensive mistake, but you live and you learn. Our goal was creative and we put it away," said Tucker.

Pepperdine entered the game against the 'Runners having beaten UCLA. So the 'Runners knew not to take Pepperdine lightly. Head coach Nicole Van Dyke felt the team was ready for the challenge and it showed with what Van Dyke called an "excellent" defensive effort.

"This is a gritty hard-nosed team. ... This team has to get to the point where they don't

fear people. They just go out there and play hard and they just try to play for each other," said Van Dyke.

To make things more interesting the gritty play of the "Runners seemed to be not to the liking of the referee as the foul count at the end of the match was lopsided with the "Runners doubling Pepperdine in fouls 16-8.

"I hate to say the ref was awful, but he was awful. He missed three hand balls, and I feel like it was a bit one-sided, but I feel our team is tougher and it gets held against them sometimes," said Van Dyke.

The game was the first at home in nearly a month after six games on the road. In the six games the 'Runners compiled a 2-2-2 record which included victories over Saint Mary's College and Sacramento State.

Van Dkye felt the road trip helped in the maturity and development of the team thus far.

"We learned a lot on the road, we got a little bit more mature and a little bit more experience. I feel we showed that today," said Van Dkye.

Next up the 'Runners face rivals Fresno State at home on Thursday, Oct. 7, and try to bring back the Valley Cup.



Left: Teammates greet Sam Pena, 11, after scoring in the 32nd minute of the first half. Right: Tyler Shirk goes after a ball against Pepperdine's Michelle Pao.



Mark Nessia/The Runner

When it rains, it pours

Another injury strikes the Volleyball team

By Chris Davis
Staff Writer

RIVERSIDE, Calif. –

Murphy's law states if something can go wrong, it will. The CSUB volleyball team was already lacking depth, and then more injuries occurred.

During pre-match warm-ups junior Brookey Holmes went down with a sprained ankle. Add to it the long list of injuries the team already has to deal with, and it doesn't look good for the team.

"We played hard and it's very frustrating. I know it sounds bizarre, but I really am still really fired up about the girls we have on this team and the girls we have coming in," head coach John Price said after the match.

"We played really hard the whole time," freshman Jennifer Lawson said.

The one thing that the team is really lacking in right now is depth. With a total of 14

players on the roster at the start of the season the 'Runners (0-20) were already lacking some depth, and with the injuries the "active" roster stands at eight.

"I think it will be a lot easier once everyone gets healthy again," Lawson said.

In the first set, the 'Runners jumped out in front early in a

ted five service errors to CSUB's two.

One thing that was a constant in the match, and has been a real bugaboo all season, is service errors for UCR. The Highlanders came into the match with 147 errors in 49 sets that is an average of three service errors per set. When you don't serve well, things go downhill in a hurry. For the match, UCR racked up 14 service errors, giving CSUB 14 easy points throughout the match.

Freshman Haleigh Haratyk led the 'Runner attack with 10 kills with the injured junior Alysia Baker registering nine. Haratyk also paced CSUB's service attack



Chris Davis/The Runner
Freshman middle blocker Chelcy Motes, 14, goes for a kill against UC Riverside

see-saw battle, but ended up losing the set. The Highlanders (2-14) did it with good passing and capitalizing on CSUB's mistakes. The two teams were close as far as hitting percentage was concerned - UCR led 36.7 to CSUB's 21.7. Something that led to the see-saw set was the fact that the Highlanders commit-

with a match high three aces. Senior Lindsay Toone had a game high 17 digs, and junior Danielle Gong had a team high 26 assists.

The 'Runners will be back in the Icardo Center on Tuesday, Oct. 12 when they face perennial NAIA front-runner Fresno Pacific. That match is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Finding a home

After transitioning to D-I CSUB athletics must find a conference to play in

By Victor J. Soto
Staff Writer

Through an exploratory year in '06, and four transition years – from 2006-2010 – CSUB has finally earned full Division I membership in the closing months of 2010. At the end of July, CSUB's athletic programs accomplished their five-year mission to Division I. Now that CSUB is officially part of Division I, what is the program's next step toward placing the diverse sports into a conference?

Having experience in the Pac-10 conference for over 20 years, head coach of the CSUB men's wrestling team T.J. Kerr knows how tough it could be trying to win the hearts of the conference over in opening a spot for any athletic program. After taking the job 26 years ago, Kerr coached six NCAA Division II champions in three seasons, 17 Division II All-Americans, and led CSUB men's wrestling to a NCAA Division II national title in 1987 before his wrestling team was granted Division I status in 1988, joining the Pac 10 conference soon after.

Kerr said: "Before transition to Division I, we were a force in Division I as a Division II program. But in 1987-88, the NCAA through the 'wrestling sports committee' cut off going to Division I as a Division II school. So the toughest thing for me was to get the administration to allow us to go Division I, and the Pac-10 wanted us badly."

Having the Pac 10's interest made the transition for CSUB's wrestling team a smooth one.

Kerr also believes the experience and competitiveness of the wrestling team has an indirect affect on other sports teams trying to join a conference. He said, "I believe the wrestling program has an indirect affect on other sport programs because of our competitive history, fundraising, community rela-

tionships, camps and clinics."

When a conference is making the decision to allow a sports team to enter the conference, a lot more is looked at than simple competition.

The team's reputation is an important factor. Access into a conference is not going to be granted if the team has a bad reputation. If a team is really good, but causes a lot of problems on the field like fights, or reoccurring arguments with officials, it will be tougher for a team with that kind of reputation to gain conference status. On the other hand, if a conference feels the team trying to join cannot compete at a high enough level, that team will be considered "not good enough" to exist in the conference. Also, like coach Kerr said holding fundraisers, camps, and clinics plus earning a respectful community relationship helps add to the team's resume for joining a specific conference.

Once Division I status is reached, it isn't automatic that a sports team is given a place in a conference. This means that a team can be considered independent in Division I, and not required to be a part of a conference for tournament eligibility.

This can be good, and bad. This can be good because it means the teams playing at the DI level have a chance to make the tournament and contend for the national title.

The bad side of not being a part of a conference is it's harder to make the NCAA tournaments. Instead of having the sure spot in the tournament after winning a conference championship, independents in Division I must rely on their strength in schedule, wins/loss ratio, and RPI to help convince the NCAA the team is worthy of a tournament appearance, making it crucial to push for a conference spot for all of CSUB's sports programs.

Above all, every sports team at CSUB that isn't in a conference already, is trying every which way to squeeze into an opening somewhere, somehow. Being it CSUB's first official year with NCAA Division I status, it could possibly be very difficult for the sports to join their desired conferences.

Male Athlete of the Week



Sophomore defender Justin Finch got the men's soccer team off to a good start in conference play with a game-winning header against Seattle University. CSUB won 1-0.

Female Athlete of the Week



Sophomore forward Sam Pena scored her second goal of the season in a 1-1 tie against Pepperdine Oct. 2. Pena tied for the team lead in goals as a freshman last year with three.

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