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ASI

ASI discusses allegations in meeting

By Esteban Ramirez
Sports Editor

At its weekly board meeting on May 8, Associated Students Inc. addressed the allegations that Ricardo Perez, vice president of external affairs, is facing.

In response to a May 6 article in The Runner, which detailed alleged misconduct such as tardiness and missing meetings, and as well as marijuana drug use, ASI discussed those allegations with the rest of the board.

Executive Vice President Mike Kwon started the discussion by asking Perez why he did not discuss his concerns over those allegations with the board.



Ricardo Perez (left) and Mike Kwon (right) discuss issues at the ASI meeting on Friday, May 8.

Perez did not comment on that during the meeting and chose not to comment after the meeting.

Mercedes Macias, director of legislative affairs, responded to Kwon's question by asking why Kwon hadn't discussed anything with the board either.

"There has to be some discussion," Macias said during the meeting. "You guys can't hide behind 'oh there's confidential-

ity.' If he's doing something that is so terrible, I think the board has a right to know. Not only the board but his constituents as well, who have voted him in.

"You guys are taking measures against him, yet you haven't told us why these actions are (taking) place. We don't know

removal was sent to Perez on April 2 and an executive meeting was held on April 14 from 10 p.m.-12:30 a.m., where all of the allegations were heard. They determined there would be a contract between Ricardo and the executive board, and they decided not to take it to the next step of removal.

Then on April 24 they discussed the terms of the contract. At the end of the meeting they had a consensus of what was going to be a part of that contract.

After discussing

the timeline, the board brought up questions regarding the allegations and the contract: Why did only certain directors on the board know? Why was the word "board" used in the contract when not everyone on the board knew about it? What were the terms of the contract? Did Perez agree to the contract? Was the contract ever violated? If the contract is not followed, how

will they keep him accountable?

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Later in the meeting, Jennifer Sanchez, vice president of university affairs, said that she didn't appreciate Perez emailing his removal letter and didn't appreciate that he said that ASI leaked the contract in order to allegedly smear his campaign.

"To me, that is set up,"

Sanchez said. "That looks set up. It makes it look like it is set up to make one of the

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ELECTIONS

ASI pres candidates talk platform, qualifications

Questions by Steven Barker, News Editor

Tell us about yourself. Include your age, major and year in school.

My name is Mike Kwon, I am a senior year Philosophy major with a Concentration in Pre-Law. I am running for ASI president because, simply put, I love CSUB and all student events and initiatives that students plan and put on.

I think its important, as ASI President, that I do my best in representing all 8,567 students and shape ASI to become the important source of communication between Administration and students.

It is also just as important to make sure that all ASI initiatives are a reflection of student input, and I plan on communicating with students all initiatives next year.

Why are you running for this position?

Truly, any position in ASI is a learning, growing and developing experience. After becoming executive vice president last year, Derek Stotler (current ASI president) and I worked well into the summer to draw out goals and plans for the school year.

Working so closely, I was able to identify key responsibilities of the ASI President, and I was able to learn what to anticipate this year.

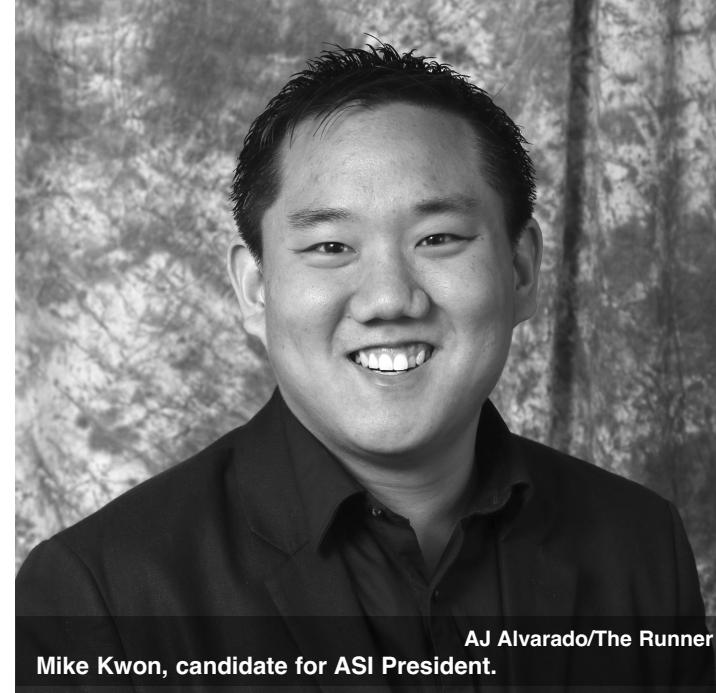
Describe for us your platform and vision for your position.

Keeping your student needs as my top priority, I pledge to better represent you and empower your voice on this campus. More specifically, I shall focus on three key initiatives for the upcoming year:

1) Establishing a Food Bank to tackle food insecurity.

2) Working towards establishing CSUB as a leading supporter in community engagement.

3) Enriching student life by



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Mike Kwon, candidate for ASI President.

focusing on larger themed events. Along with those initiatives, I shall also work to better communicate state and federal legislation and get your input so that I may better represent you and our campus.

Last year, roughly 25 percent of the student body voted in the ASI election. What will you do to gather feedback and perspectives from students who don't vote?

Through the 60-Day Outreach initiative, students that did not get a chance to vote shall be exposed to ASI as well as different clubs/organizations.

Through surveys or face-to-face communication, the ASI Board shall communicate all events, initiatives and projects back to the campus. By appropriately allocating the ASI Budget, I believe that we shall accomplish important goals that reflect the needs and desires of the student body. A big and exciting initiative that I would like to work on with the Board is to bring a student concert onto our campus. This is only

possible through club/organization support.

Why should we vote for you?

The reason students should vote for me, as partially mentioned above, is because I love CSUB and love representing CSUB in any possible way that I can. Whether its through communicating with students, or communicating with administrators, or lobbying for higher education overall, I believe that I possess the necessary skills to help CSUB grow and develop. I love getting to know students and love to ask their concerns/wants to improve CSUB.

What's your favorite movie?

My favorite movie is Big Hero 6. I love that big robot and his talking tone!

What are your plans after graduation?

My plans after CSUB is to go to law school and protect families and students from whatever trouble that they are in.

Tell us about yourself. Include your age, major and year in school.

I am a first-generation college student that has grown to be an strong, independent individual living in a diverse society. I am 24 years old, have a fond appreciation for technology and will be finishing the political science program with a concentration in American Politics next Spring. At the age of 19, I had to make the decision to leave my hometown in Arvin and fend for myself, with no choice but to find two jobs and continue my education by attending community college in Santa Monica. After working to save up to afford the cost of attendance, I returned to CSUB and have grown to integrate and appreciate the concept of being 'made in the CSU.'

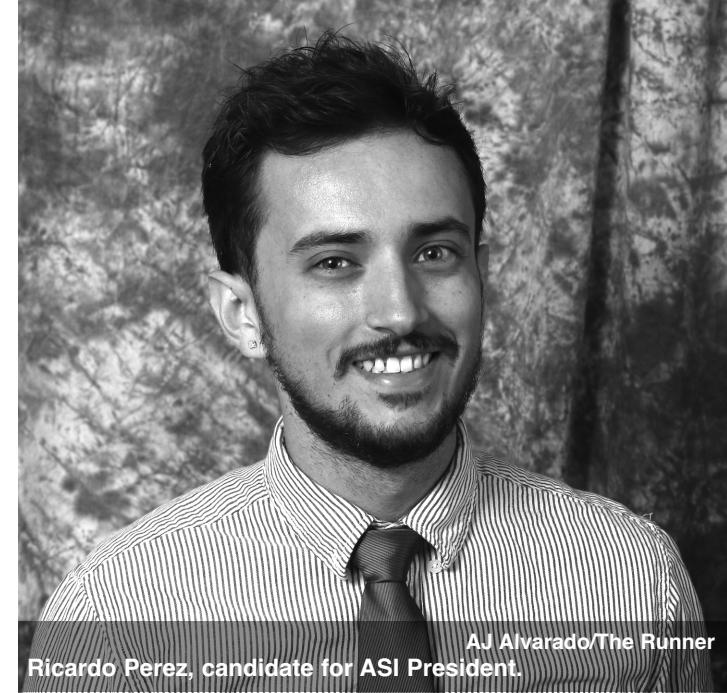
Why are you running for this position?

I am running for the position of ASI president because I will bring the sense of urgency required to operate our student government. I will allocate resources effectively in order to provide for the basic needs and interests of the students on our campus. I will also share the power of representation by appointing vacancies within the organization and among the various campus committees from among students. I have clear goals, new experience, and a modest heart, and I am looking to put my energy in working for the students interests.

Describe for us your platform and vision for your position.

Part of my platform is to truly develop a representative student government that captures the diverse voices from our student population.

Next, I will work for students



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Ricardo Perez, candidate for ASI President.

to stay on campus in a healthy learning environment and help them witness an improved sense of community. I want to ensure that the minority that would occasionally be left in the dark is equally heard.

Lastly, the more opportunities students have to work on campus, especially by virtue of high impact practices, the less likely they may be inclined to leave to find a part-time job in order to make ends meet.

Last year, roughly 25 percent of the student body voted in the ASI election. What will you do to gather feedback and perspectives from students who don't vote?

I will use multiple platforms of social media, optional text messages and emails, tabling at events, and open forums to address the needs of the students. These efforts will continue monthly, with correspondence from myself and any other officers wishing to participate.

Why should we vote for you?

From academic studies to efficiency in the use of scarce resources, I will be a competent and practical leader in ensuring that the student interests at the heart of negotiations. Thoughtful decision-making, balanced attitude, and generous behavior is required among a group of leaders who officially represent the students on our campus: I bring all of this and more to the table. As a modest servant leader with a creative mind, an eagerness to learn and a compassionate heart, I am the best choice as your next ASI president.

What is your favorite movie?

Favorite movie is Billy Elliot. It is a movie about a young boy who secretly attends ballet lessons while he should have been at boxing lessons.

What are your plans after graduation?

After graduation, I plan to learn how to speak Arabic. I have always wanted to be able to communicate using this beautiful language.

VOTING

What you need to know: ASI election info

By Steven Barker
News Editor

On Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 14, voting will open for the Associated Students Incorporated elections. This year, 28 students are running for 15 offices within student government.

ASI President Derek Stotler said student participation in the elections is vital, for voting gives students a chance to let their voices be heard.

"I think it's really important to vote because the students that are elected into these positions negotiate on behalf of students," Stotler said. "They speak to a lot of administrators on behalf of students, so making sure leaders know their

information and making sure they're a good leader ... is really important."

"It's really important for students to cast their vote and make sure they're well represented."

Stotler said he is hoping for a 35 percent voter turnout this year. In the previous election, 24 percent of the student body voted in the ASI elections; that percentage is currently the highest participation rate in CSU Bakersfield history.

Stotler added that ballots will be emailed to the email addresses associated with students' myCSUB accounts.

The Executive Positions

In this election, four of ASI's six executive positions include an opposing candidate. Mike

Kwon and Ricardo Perez, ASI's executive vice president and vice president for external affairs respectively, are running for ASI president.

Four candidates – Jesus Banuelos, Laura Castro, Michael Gongora and Jennifer Sanchez – are vying for executive vice president. Sanchez currently serves on ASI as the vice president of university affairs, while Castro is the president of Global Medical Brigades.

Christina Swanson and Mirka Sanchez, both of whom are directors on ASI, are running for vice president of campus programming, and Anish Mohan and Joel Rodriguez are competing for vice president of university affairs.

Parmeet Sidhu and Danielle Kinsey are both unopposed in their campaign for vice president of finance and vice president of external affairs respectively.

Vacancies Among the Board

Despite there being no candidates running for 15 of ASI's 30 positions, Stotler said he was unconcerned with the vacancies. He said directorships typically fill up throughout the year, so vacant positions would eventually be filled.

"The positions that we have, there are students who have interest in them," Stotler said. "Also, the people that don't necessarily win [in] this election sometimes come back and fulfill another position."

MEETING

ASI Board talks aftermath of Perez article

[ASI, Page 1] candidates look like a victim. I don't think that's fair... The contract and the terms of the contract were discussed two weeks ago and I know it took almost a week to get it to you, but we are almost at the end of the quarter. There should be some follow through with this contract."

Kwon said after the meeting

that he was pleased with the questions brought up by the board and that the discussion showed the members what was going on within ASI.

"This meeting was important because it showed what kind of steps we took, so that his side was being communicated on both sides," Kwon said. "We did try to reach out our hand

and try to provide communication with him, but he didn't and he released it so I don't know how to proceed from here on out."

Stotler said it was important to have the discussion for everyone to be on the same page.

"At the end of the day, we're student government," he said. "Our job is not to stay on issues

or not be concerned with rumors that are spreading but rather representing the student body. This was a minor hiccup in our year. We've done some incredible things this year."

ASI meets every Friday at 3:15 p.m. in the Business Development Center in room 155B.

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29th annual Jazz Festival livens up CSUB



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The Western Standard Time Ska Orchestra was the final act for the night on May 9 at the Bakersfield Jazz Festival held at CSUB. They performed after the fireworks with an energetic set.



Patti Morris/The Runner
Dancing to the music of Jonathan Kreisberg Quartet at the CSUB amphitheater during the Bakersfield Jazz Festival on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

By Shelby Parker
Senior Columnist

Festival season is upon us, and the notes of the 29th Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival were floating through the air last weekend at CSU Bakersfield's amphitheater. Over the two-day event, many people gathered to enjoy cooler weather, evenings under the stars and dancing.

The event was dedicated to Adele Davis, wife of festival founder Doug Davis, who helped start the Jazz Festival and recently passed away in March.

Friday night kicked things off with The Braxton Brothers, fol-

lowed by Boogaloo Assassins and Big Sam's Funky Nation. Fun and upbeat songs were the theme, which had everyone grooving in no time. At the entry stage, the Blue Deacons, CSUB's Jazz Players and Uncle Funkle could be seen, including the sounds of drums, guitars and of course, saxophones. The lawn had plenty of room to dance and for others to come and go as they pleased.

Saturday seemed to be the main event, and the earlier start made sure it was jam-packed with festivities. The afternoon line-up consisted of the Kern County Honor Jazz Band and the Jay Smith Group. As day

turned into night, Louis Hayes and the Cannonball Adderly Legacy Band took to the stage. After the sun had set, everyone turned their attention to the fireworks for a short show. Just minutes later, the Western Standard Time Ska Orchestra closed out the show on the main stage.

Along with good music, attendees could also check out a variety of booths selling jewelry and art, among other items. While all who had a great time, the main goal was to raise money for student scholarships. According to KERO 23, the event raised between \$26,000-\$30,000 over the two-day event.



Ileana Angulo/The Runner
Hudson Sanders and Miriam Rodriguez sharing a tender moment while dancing. Photo taken at CSUB on May 8th, 2015.

Grandson of Cesar Chavez talks about his goals and family legacy

By Esteban Ramirez
Sports Editor



AJ Alvarado/The Runner
Andres Chavez, who is the grandson of Cesar E. Chavez attends CSUB.

ing handball, and how we was really competitive. On Easter Sunday, we used to have a big softball game every year, and he would always be full-time pitcher because he always wanted to be on the winning team so kind of just funny stories like that."

When he's not at CSUB, Andres also helps with the Cesar Chavez Foundation as a curriculum specialist and a speakers bureau coordinator. As a curriculum specialist, he writes an after-school curriculum and as a speakers bureau coordinator, he gets speakers out to all the requests that the foundation gets for events.

"I work full-time and go to school full-time, so it can be tough at times, but I have managed to be pretty successful," he said.

Back in October 2012 when President Barack Obama went to Keene, Calif. to commemorate the National Cesar E. Chavez Center becoming a national monument, Andres got to shake his hand. For the first time he was star struck.

"I've met movie stars before and seen movie stars before, but I never really have been star struck before," he said. "However, when the president came out, he was a figure that seemed larger than life. We were so close. I was probably 15 feet away from him, so I met him and his charisma, his composure, his speech and kind of everything that transpired that day and just the emotions of this happening just made it a really good experience."

"It was an incredible honor and what it really meant is that the federal government was willing to recognize the important contributions of a Latino-American."

"There's a lot of ways you can help people," Andres said. "[Cesar E. Chavez] had a quote that the fight wasn't so much about the lettuce or the grapes that the fight was about people, and that quote sits really well with me because that really speaks to the magnitude of who he was and how wholistic his view was. It also talks about the work that I can do to maybe continue his legacy."

He said that there are so many ways to help people.

"You can help people in just about every profession that you choose to do, but it's just about how you go about doing it," he said. "Will I follow my grandfather's legacy? Probably not step by step in the work he did, but I can do it by helping people and that's ultimately what I want to do."

Andres, 21, was raised in Keene, Calif. and is one of four siblings. He attended Tehachapi High School before coming to CSUB. He is currently a junior and is the third of his siblings to come to CSUB.

He is majoring in public policy and administration, and he's hoping to work with economic development and reach out to communities that don't have as many job opportunities to help them achieve the American Dream.

"The cool thing would be if you can go into these communities, invest in them and help them out, then I think that

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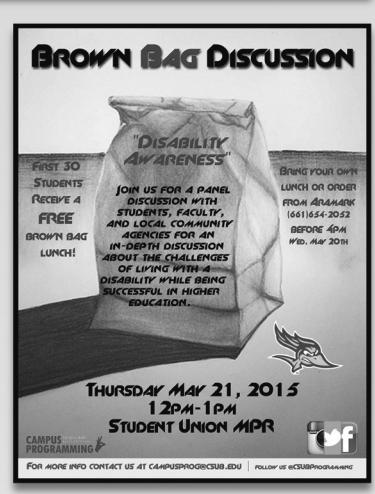
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Alonzo Patterson (US Army) counters Isacc Preston's (USMC) jab with an overhand right at the Battle of the Badges in the Icardo Center on May 8.



AJ Alvarado/The Runner

Richard Choi (left) KCDA throws a flying punch at Jonathan Yang (right) Public Defender during their bout at the Battle of the Badges.



AJ Alvarado/The Runner

Chad Cowan of BPD (left) getting hit by a right hook thrown by APD Jared McCombs (right).

CSUB hosts Craft Fair

By Kristin Galetano
Reporter

On May 6, a Craft Fair was held at CSU Bakersfield on the red brick road in front of Dorothy Donahue Hall.

There were several booths at the fair selling a variety of things from jewelry, rings and necklaces, to items geared toward feminine self-defense, pepper spray and stun guns.

Stephanie Perez, a financial aid counselor here at CSUB, makes and sells teething necklaces and bows for babies. The teething necklaces are made with wooden beads sewn into bright and colorful cloth.

"I have a little baby so I just started making them for her but then other people started to request that I make them," said Perez, "Places like Babies R Us sell teething toys that are made of plastic. The teething necklaces I make are made of wood and since they're necklaces, they don't fall on the floor and get dirty."

Aside from making the bows and teething necklaces, Perez also makes clothing for her baby daughter.

"I first went to college for fashion design," she said, "I love to sew."

Rocio "Rocky" Jones, another financial aid counselor at CSUB, was sharing a booth with Perez. Jones was selling different types

of jewelry that she buys herself.

"This is just a side thing I do. I just like jewelry so I started doing this," Jones said, "I started doing this two years ago because I overbought and had too much jewelry. Selling it helps me de-stress."

There are other local craft fairs that Jones goes to, selling her jewelry.

"Because I work here on campus this is the most convenient," Jones said.

Jones was not the only one selling jewelry at the craft fair.

Diane Garner, a retired independent designer with Origami Owl, was one of the many selling jewelry this past Wednesday. Like Jones, Garner does not make the jewelry herself.

Origami Owl is a customizable jewelry company.

"What we have are lockets that you, the customer, can put charms inside of," explains Garner.

There are many different charms for people to place inside of their own lockets, personalizing them for themselves. Everything from sports to holidays to ribbons, representing various causes.

Garner has been doing this for about two years.

"Since I am retired I wanted something to do rather than just sit around," she said. "I found this company and thought that it was just so amazing."



Karina Diaz/The Runner

The view of the Craft Fair on Wednesday, May 6 on the red brick road.

The Consent Project set to be here fall 2016

[ANDREWS, Page 1] "Talking to Sarah helped me realize that I should be doing something positive with my life and helping other people through their own personal experiences," said Andrews.

Phillips, herself, is not involved with The Consent Project.

"I knew that Savannah was on the path to becoming a campus leader at CSUB, and I hoped to help her by letting her know about programs that support students at other campuses," said Phillips.

From then on, she brought the project to CSUB Counselor Coordinator, Janet Millar. They both began recruiting other faculty, staff, and students.

"Janet was the only one promoting anti-sexual and anti-domestic violence programs before I brought The Consent

Project to campus," Andrews said.

Millar, before the project, chaired and coordinated domestic violence awareness activities the month of October and sexual assault awareness activities throughout the month of April. She believes that her input in the project has impacted and allowed people to stand up and speak up more and more about this cause.

"Savannah showed an interest in the sexual assault awareness month activities, and then after a couple of years, she found The Consent Project," Millar said, who is still involved as an advisor to The Consent Project.

"The Consent Project would not be successful without all the individuals who have contributed to its achievement, especially Janet Millar," said

Andrews.

The programs that are put on by The Consent Project are to educate our students, administration, staff, and faculty.

"If the Consent Project can educate at least one person, then it is considered successful to us as an organization," said Andrews.

The Consent Project is said to be included in the educational curriculum under Deborah Jackson. The plan is for her to teach a class called Sexual Ethics and will begin with the quarter to semester conversion.

"No one is going to be able to make a difference if they don't speak up against what is wrong," said Andrews with such enthusiasm and passion. "So instead of being silent, speak up! Embrace your past and create a future worth living!"

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43RD ANNUAL
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@ICARDO CENTER

VOICE RECITAL
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@MUSIC BUILDING
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BETA GAMMA
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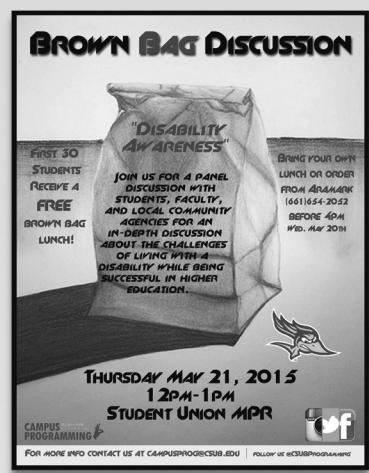
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EDITORIAL

The Runner endorses Kwon and Sanchez

When CSU Bakersfield emails its students an online ballot for the Associated Students Incorporated elections on Wednesday and Thursday, students will be able to vote for 28 of their peers across 15 positions within our student government.

When deciding between the president and executive vice president candidates, we believe Mike Kwon and Jennifer Sanchez should be the candidates for whom you should vote.

Let us begin by saying that both presidential candidates are well qualified for the position of ASI president. In the last two years, Perez has been elected as the director of arts and humanities and vice president of external affairs respectively, and

Kwon has been appointed as director of housing before becoming this year's executive vice president.

In these roles, both have been able to interact with their constituents to address relevant issues, both bring diverse background and perspectives to their offices, and both in that respect have a deep understanding of the needs of the university.

However, where the candidates differ significantly is in how they will accomplish their platform.

We think Perez's goals are both ambitious and wide-reaching, and we do not say this negatively. Perez's motivation to eliminate the clique culture within ASI, bring more educationally-related jobs and a clothing bank for students and

eliminate discrimination against minorities and the LGBTQ+ community are all noble and worthy goals – but when we asked Perez how to accomplish these goals, his answers were not particularly clear. In sum, he said he plans to advocate for these goals, but how or where or in what manner he would advocate for students seemed vague.

Meanwhile, while Kwon's platform is perhaps less far-reaching, he can thoroughly describe how he plans to achieve his targets.

When telling our editorial board that he wanted to bring a food bank and University Garden to combat food insecurity among CSUB students, work with clubs and the Greek system to create more events

he would work with and how he would better improve student outreach.

This clear course of action is Kwon's key strength over Perez. We admire both candidates' ideas, and we believe that each should incorporate the other's ideas into their priorities for the coming year; however, in addition to bold ideals, a candidate must also show a clear course of action. Only Kwon

seems convincing in his ability to bring about change.

For this reason, we also support Sanchez for executive vice president.

Laura Castro, one of Sanchez's three opponents, is knowledgeable about issues facing departments within the school of natural sciences, mathematics and engineering, and her experi-

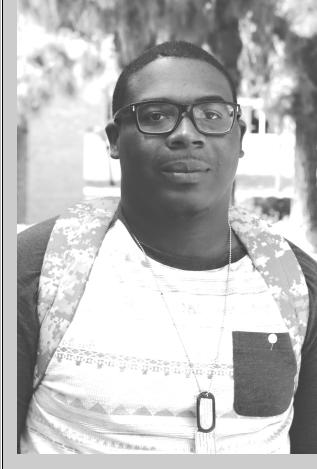
ences in Ghana and Panama as president of Global Medical Brigades give her a unique perspective on life and how to work with others. She also embodies the characteristics of strong leadership and is passionate about the school. But, like Perez, Castro is running on a platform of advocacy, one she struggled to articulate before the editorial board.

Sanchez, like Kwon, has a clear course of action for accomplishing change. She, like Kwon, is passionate about a University Garden and food bank and wants to improve campus life; she, like Kwon, clearly knows who and how to bring about resolutions – and because she understands how to carry out her plan, she too has our support.

RUNNER ON THE STREET

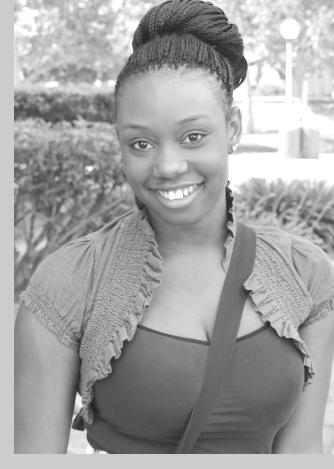
By Alex Ripepi, Senior Columnist

This week, The Runner asked, "Are you voting in the ASI elections? For who and why?"



Kyle Lee
Senior
Liberal Studies

"I ran into a gentleman named Ricardo Perez. Mostly, I just see posters, not faces. It's hard to choose who to vote for if you don't know who they are and what they stand for."



Tat'yana Taylor
Sophomore
Biology

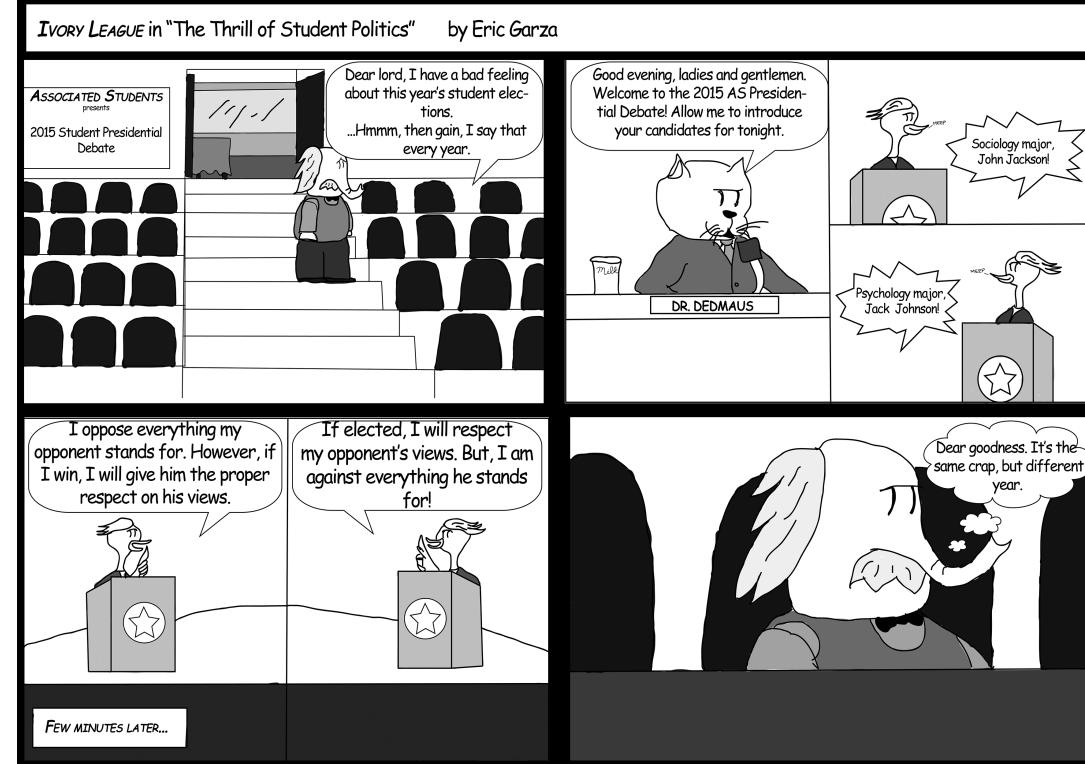
"I would choose Mike Kwon. He seems like a more organized individual. He would be a good ASI president."



Ivan Rojo
Senior
Psychology

"I don't even know when they are. Don't they send me an email?"

COMIC



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ASI shouldn't ignore students' questions

What is the purpose of Associated Students Inc.?

Do you think ASI serves this purpose well?

Do you think, given the minimal turnout of student voters when compared to total student population, that ASI can be said to be truly representative?

Simple questions from a selection of the six I submitted publicly to ASI Executive Vice President Mike Kwon after his announcement of candidacy for ASI president on Facebook. Questions which we as students should ask ourselves, and questions for which we should expect instant answers from those who would seek to represent us. Answers that I would wait days to receive, and be left wanting.

ASI as an organization aims to represent the interests of the student body as a whole to the university's administration.

When properly functioning, they are our point of contact with the powers that be, our advocates who ensure our concerns are being heard and our needs are being met by the school which we attend. The questions which I posed to Kwon, and later to ASI Vice President of External Affairs Ricardo Perez as well as any and all other candidates running, have answers. The way a candidate answers those questions informs the way we vote. I shouldn't need to hope that a candidate has an answer, I should be able to demand one.

This inquiry isn't the sort of thing we as students bring forward weekly in the hope of a response from the dark cloisters of student government, this is the sort of thing that gets nailed to the door.

When answers were eventually received it was days after the

fact, and as I feared they were heavily polished, workshoped and politicked. I submit that we as students have no right to be surprised by this. Our lack of engagement has created an environment within which our representatives do not feel any real pressure to engage with us publicly beyond smiles and handshakes.

We should expect responses free of controversy or offense, lacking any real substance, insight or meaning. We should expect the non-answers we deserve to the conversation we aren't having from the people most of us didn't elect.

If this seems like a problem to you, and it should, start asking questions.

Start demanding answers.

– **Travis Rosenlieb**
Senior
Philosophy



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BASEBALL

CSUB's top hitter breaks the mold



Photos by
Marisel Maldonado

Above: Sophomore David Metzgar waits for his at-bat against Northern Colorado at Hardt Field on May 3. Metzgar is hitting .348 with 33 RBIs, one home run and 70 hits for the Roadrunners.

Left: Metzgar gets ready for the pitch in an at-bat against Northern Colorado on May 3. Metzgar has played in all 50 games for the Roadrunners.

By David Kaplan
Reporter

When you hear the sound of the ball flying off the bat, you probably wouldn't think that it was coming from one of the smallest guys on the team.

Sophomore second baseman David Metzgar has been judged in his life over and over again for his size.

"Growing up I was always the smallest guy," Metzgar said. "I would go to baseball camps and the coaches would always overlook me."

In reality, Metzgar stands five feet seven inches tall. If you look up Metzgar's height on gorunners.com you find that he is listed as five feet eight inches tall.

Metzgar said he listed himself that height to make himself sound taller.

First-year assistant coach Bob Macaluso says Metzgar's work ethic is off the charts.

"His make up," Macaluso said, "That's another reason he's such a great player."

Sophomore utility player Max Carter says Metzgar's hard work has translated on the field. "He's one of the hardest workers I know," Carter said. "His work ethic is by far the best out there."

Macaluso says it's Metzgar's hitting that makes him such a special player.

"He's got really good hand-eye coordination," Macaluso said. "Overall he's just a good hitter, he's got bat speed that gives him the speed to hit."

"He's our best player."

Macaluso compares Metzgar to Dustin Pedroia, the second baseman for the Boston Red Sox, because they're both around the same size, they're both second basemen, and they're both very good hitters. Metzgar says Pedroia is his favorite player because he's a grinder.

As a person Macaluso thinks Metzgar is a great kid.

"He's an outstanding person," Macaluso said. "He doesn't party."

CSUB Baseball Coach Bill Kernen saw Metzgar's talent and potential.

Metzgar says the reason he is having a blast playing with this group of players is because like him they're the players that were passed over by other schools, and they are proving people wrong now.

"I'm just having a blast playing with these guys because we're all overlooked," Metzgar said. "They're the players no one wanted."

Metzgar grew up with a very supportive and sports-loving family, in Lancaster, Calif.

Metzgar started playing baseball when he was four years old. His father threw him out there.

Metzgar's sister played softball and was coached by their mother.

"We were always in sports," Metzgar said.

Last year, Metzgar led the team in batting average, (.312), as a freshman.

He has picked off where he left off from last year and has made some clutch hits to help his team win, like his game-winning single to beat Cal Poly, 5-4 on April 28. As of May 11, Metzgar was batting .348, with 33 runs batted in, 1 home run, 70 hits and had played in all 50 games.

"He's come up big so many times for us," Carter said.

Metzgar credits hard work with his success from last year and this year.

"Day in and day out, just trying to help my team out," Metzgar said. "I just continue to work. Just taking advantage of the free time I have, not taking breaks."

Carter said Metzgar is an even better person than he is player.

"He's a really good teammate," Carter said. "He's one of the nicest guys on and off the field."

"It's fun having him on the team. I love David. He's one of my best friends. I look forward to seeing what happens in his baseball career."

PREVIEW

Spring barbecue back with new additions

By Esteban Ramirez
Sports Editor

The 43rd CSU Bakersfield Athletics Spring Barbecue is set for its return on May 14 at the Icardo Center.

However, there are a few new additions to this year's event.

According to Assistant Athletic Director for Communications, Corey Costelloe, some of the new additions to the event are bringing on the band Truxton Mile and with the collaboration of the Student Recreation Center, they will have the SRC Student Spot Zone.

Director of Marketing Brynn Conapitski said that in the SRC Student Spot Zone, students will have a student DJ section. There will also be other games and activities for students to participate in such as cornhole and speed-pitching cages. Fans will get to test their fastball speed and get a chance to win Dodgers tickets thanks to Fox Sports Radio 970.

"I think there's more interactive game opportunities and stuff like that this year than just eat dinner and hangout with friends," Costelloe said. "I think it adds that almost tailgate atmosphere to it this year to make it a little more fun."

Head chefs Gary and Adam Icardo and their team will prepare dinner with Harris Ranch N.Y. Steak or teriyaki chicken. The dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Besides Truxton Mile, the other live entertainment will be Foster Campbell and Friends.

Tickets are \$30 and they can be purchased at Vons (Marketplace and Stockdale Highway locations), all three Lengthwise locations, both Mexicali Restaurant locations and Firehouse Restaurant on White Lane.

They will also be available at the door the night of the event for \$35.

Costelloe added that the overall purpose for the

barbecue is to raise money for the Roadrunner Scholarship.

"It is one of the main fundraisers for the scholarship, especially this time of the year in May when they are in the middle of their fund drive to try and get money for next year," he said.

He said that they are hoping for more students this year.

"That is the target of the student zone," he said.

He added that people from around Bakersfield have dubbed this as the premier social event.

"It is just a great time," he said. "We have people from all age groups and it's like a Bakersfield tradition. It really is. Forty-three years later it's a tradition in the spring. There are people who come to this event that we never see at games. The one time they come to campus, and it's for the barbecue, so that's kind of a good chance for students to be a part of something that Bakersfield has pretty much deemed as an annual tradition."

ONLINE

Tyonna Outland, senior shooting guard for the CSUB women's basketball team, discusses transitioning from college to the WNBA as well as some of her key past experiences in life and at CSUB that motivated her to achieve her life-long dream of playing for the L.A. Sparks. Outland holds the CSUB team's all-time scoring record. For access to the full interview, visit the video tab at therunneronline.com

SOFTBALL

Roadrunners fall just short of first WAC title

By Nate Sanchez
Senior Columnist

The taste of victory is as sweet as a thousand ripe pomegranates, unless you're allergic to pomegranates in which case think of strawberries.

Unfortunately for CSU Bakersfield's softball team, the morsel was snatched away in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament Championship game, courtesy of a 10-run explosion in New Mexico State's half of the fifth inning.

The Roadrunners led the Aggies by four runs going into the fifth inning. Then the Aggies drove 10 runs across in what would eventually lead to an unexpected 18-10 loss on May 9 at Las Cruces, N.M.

The Roadrunners defeated the Aggies in the second round of the conference tournament, but because of the double elimination format, had to face them again in the championship round, and again because the Aggies handed them their first loss. It was a sad end to what turned out to be a good season for the Roadrunners, who were slated to finish last in the pre-season coaches' poll. Contrary to expectations, they won three of their last four games heading into the tournament, and was only a win away from securing their first WAC



Kabria Dodley/The Runner
Senior starting pitcher Kelsie Monroe winds up to pitch the ball against New Mexico State at Hardt Field on April 17.

Championship.

"Being picked last in the WAC and coming out and being runner-up is a tribute to our student-athletes and them believing that we can get this done," CSUB coach Chrissy Buck-Ziegler told gorunners.com.

Despite the loss, the tournament was not without high points. The Roadrunners left New Mexico with the program's first two conference playoff victories, bringing their tournament record to 2-4. This was the first time the

Roadrunners had advanced beyond the first round of play. Madison Bundy, Kelsie Monroe and Sydney Raeber were named to the WAC All-Tournament team, two more Bakersfield representatives than last year, with Raeber earning her second appearance. Bundy was the first runner-up for the honor of Tournament MVP.

Alexandrea Simmons and Julea Cavasos also earned honors for the Roadrunners by being named to second-team all-tournament squad.