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battles adversity  
to play for  
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## Building, parking lot construction under way

By Sandra Vicuna  
Assistant News Editor

It's 11:45 a.m. and students are seen walking to their cars when suddenly two cars dart out to quickly follow their prey in hopes of finding a parking space. The problem seems to become worse each year.

Thanks to CSUB's master plan, students will soon see new parking opportunities.

Construction began on the new parking lot positioned between the Facilities Management Building and the Student Health Center this past December. Facilities Management Director Pat Jacobs hopes to have the parking lot useable by the beginning of spring quarter.

The new parking lot will hold approximately 600 cars. While this is significantly more parking than the campus currently holds, it is replacing parking lot E, which will be the home of the new Math & Science Building set to break ground spring quarter.

The parking lot may be farther out, but estimated

walking time is approximately 5 minutes to the Jazzman Café.

"As the master plan develops, we are going to be like bigger campuses are where the parking is on the parameter and all the walking spaces and bicycle spaces in the middle so we don't have conflicts between people and cars," says Jacobs.

Students shouldn't worry about safety, as each parking lot will be well lit with pathways into campus. Each lot will also include the emergency phones that are seen around campus.

"Obviously when we start adding more parking lots, it will require more time of public safety. They will have to devote more time to patrolling the lots and I think they are prepared to do that," says Jacobs.

When the construction begins on the new Math & Science building, the construction site will be fenced in



Photo representation provided by STUDIOS architecture  
An artist's rendition of what the Math and Science building will look like.



Sandra Vicuna/The Runner  
Site of new parking lot to replace parking lot E.

with construction fencing so students will have to walk around the old parking lot. Jacobs assures students that the people managing the project

will monitor the sound levels.

The new Math & Science building boasts several new accommodations.

According to Thomas Meyer, interim dean of the school of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, the new building will have approximately 68 offices, 8 computer labs and 11 classrooms (one that will have 98 seats and another with 78 seats). The building will have a conference room, three research areas for graduate studies, two math tutorial rooms, a library for both Math and Computer Science Departments, a student lounge, and an area that will house the computer servers and networking equipment for the Computer Science

Department.

Not all sciences courses will move to the new building according to Meyer. The first floor of Science Building I will house the Biology Department, while the fourth floor will house the Nursing Department.

"Most if not all of the Computer Science courses will move to the new building," says Meyer.

Meyer explained that many classrooms would be standard smart rooms that have computers and digital video projectors.

"Two of the rooms also contain so-called 'smart' See Parking pg. 2

## Foreign athletes making a splash at CSUB

By Beverly Weber  
Staff writer

Foreign athletes have been making the long journey to America for years to participate in college sport. With the increase of scholarship funding, the number of foreign athletes has increased due to the growing pressure to field winning teams. Because of their work ethic and athletic proficiency, schools are increasingly filling their rosters with foreign athletes.

Being an athletic powerhouse, CSUB refuses to be left in the dust, thus, the CSUB woman's water polo team has recruited four foreign athletes to ensure domination this season.

Emma Keogh, the first foreign player to join CSUB's women's water polo team, leads her fellow athletes this year as captain. Emma has dominated the pool for the last three years and plans on graduating this year with a degree in Economics.

Being a part of the national team in her native Australia, it is no wonder that she holds such honors with CSUB, being named MVP in 2005 and having the prestige of being a part of the all tournament team in her conference.

For many college athletes, their athletic career ends with graduation, but for Emma, her career will be taking off, as she plans on traveling the world with the Australian national team and dreams of bringing home a gold medal.

Amanda Jose Ortiz Irizarry is also a future Olympian that has been a welcoming threat on the CSUB team. Being the highest goal scorer in



Photo by:  
Beverly Weber

Emma Keogh, Amanda Jose Ortiz Irizarry, Tatiana Yakhina and Julia Blinovskaya are foreign athletes who are making an impact at CSUB.

wall," will definitely be and an asset to the team's success.

"She frustrates me sometimes because nothing gets by her!" explains Jamie Baker, a senior and co-captain of the team.

Blinovskaya is also a force to be reckoned with. Sasha Poljak, the head coach for CSUB's women's water polo team states.

"Being a utility player, she (Blinovskaya) has the ability to play any position in the pool effectively. She has a great outside shot and if she has her 'A' game, she can steal a ball from Godzilla!"

Many do not realize the amount of dedication and hard work that is put into playing a sport at the university level. While you are nestled in your warm bed at 6 a.m., the CSUB women's water polo team squeamishly anticipates the inevitable plunge into a dark, cold pool. Monday through Friday, the water polo team endures two practices a day and the relentless pursuit of a luxurious nap. Their long week is then followed by four game tournaments that leave the girls with fat lips and torn suits. The physical conditioning that is mandatory for this sport is unmatched to any other.

The CSUB women's water polo team would love to have your support. The season starts Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006 at Cal Baptist University and their season schedule is available on the university website. Support is always welcome and you are sure to enjoy an aggressive, fast-paced game.

the Junior Pan Am games, the native to Puerto Rico is anticipated on being one of the best forward offenders in her division. Irizarry has been playing water polo for thirteen years and doesn't plan on slowing down.

Russia has always produced hardworking, talented athletes. The same can be said about goalkeeper Tatiana Yakhina and utility player Julia Blinovskaya. These two Russian athletes came all the way from Moscow to conclude the "foreign force." Yakhina, better known as "the

port. The season starts Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006 at Cal Baptist University and their season schedule is available on the university website. Support is always welcome and you are sure to enjoy an aggressive, fast-paced game.

"We have high hopes this year and with the contribution of these four girls, we will definitely have a winning season," Poljak said.

Interested in Greek Life?

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"Brokeback Mountain" review

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## Runner on the Street

By Juan Torres and Evelyn Martin

**This week The Runner asked:**  
*What is the worst thing that's happened to you while on campus?*



**Suzanne Mendoza**  
 Junior, Health Care Management

"My car died right after my sorority meeting. It was 9 p.m. My sisters waited with me while the tow truck guy came. It was scary because it was Sunday night and no one was on campus."



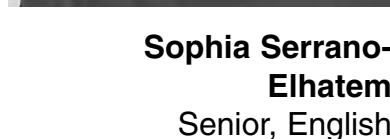
**Jose Venega**  
 Senior, Liberal Studies

"Dorm food."



**Brian Lopez**  
 Junior, Psychology

"I got a parking ticket for parking on the grass."



**Sophia Serrano-Elhatem**  
 Senior, English

"A tree fell on my car. Luckily there was no serious damage."



### Parking from pg. 1

boards'. Input and output from those boards is digitally connected to a computer," Meyer said.

A committee of faculty and staff from the Math and Computer Science departments has been working together in designing the new building.

"The collaboration between the construction manager, the architects, facilities management at CSUB and our committee has been very smooth and effective," says Meyer.

The architecture firm Studios Architect was chosen to design the new Math & Science building. The San Francisco based company also designed the computer center on the lower east end of the Walter Stiern Library.

The 20 million dollar project won't open its doors until winter 2009, but should be completed during fall quarter 2008.

"We'll spend that time working out all the bugs in the building making sure everything is right and everything is put in the building," says Jacobs.

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# CSUB physics Professor Dzyubenko awarded grant

By Alexis Stokes  
 Managing Editor

"I decided I wanted to study physics when I was 14. It was just for me," said Alexander Dzyubenko.

Dzyubenko is a physicist and professor on campus. The Kavli Institute of Theoretical Physics recently awarded him a grant at UC Santa Barbara. The grant will fund his equipment and travel to do basic research on semi-conductor metal structures and their optical response when being excited by currents.

"The research program selects about 7 candidates a year. I sent in a proposal of my work that would be researched and several letters of recommendation," said Dzyubenko.

According to CSUB Public Affairs the award has only been given to 24 other scholars. Each scholar is given travel funds for three trips and expenses while they are away. Dzyubenko added that he has also been awarded two other grants for his research.

"I study very basic mechanisms. I am a theorist, I work with my pen and paper and my computer," said Dzyubenko.

Coming from his native Moscow, Russia, to CSUB to



*Photo courtesy of www.CSUB.edu/~Dzyubenko/Research*

**Photographed above is CSUB's award winning professor Alexander Dzyubenko.**

study and teach physics was a journey. Having found a strong interest in math and physics at a young age, Dzyubenko adds that the education system in Russia nurtures a stronger understanding of mathematics than he has seen so far in his experience in the United States.

After attending a high school equivalent specialty school that worked primarily in math and physics, Dzyubenko attended Moscow State University, where

he received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate in Physics. As a theoretical physicist, he works with experimentalists to execute his basic research. Dzyubenko has published approximately 70 research papers working in solid state and condensed matters physics.

Before coming to CSUB he did research in Germany and worked at the University of Buffalo in New York.

One of his former students will

soon be coming to Bakersfield to work with him on the research.

"He was one of former students coming from Russia to work on my latest project with me," Dzyubenko said. "He received his doctorate in Israel and works in physics and computers, he also does work in biology. He is a busy guy, but I'm glad he'll be coming here."

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## Public Safety Report

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**Tuesday, Jan. 3**

**2:01 p.m.**

A window was broken by a glass beer bottle at Numenor dorm.

**Disposition:** Report taken.

**Thursday, Jan. 5**

**5:21 p.m.**

Hair clippers taken from Rohan dorm. Approximate value, \$150.

**Disposition:** Report taken.

**Thursday, Jan. 7**

**8:50 p.m.**

BPD called public safety to advise there was a sexual assault at the 9000 block of Ming Ave.

**Disposition:** Unable to locate.

**10:02 p.m.**

A vehicle was dragging a Christmas tree on the south end of Lorien dorm.

**Disposition:** Warning.

**Sunday, Jan. 8**

**10:58 p.m.**

Burglary report, occurred at parking lot H.

**Disposition:** report taken.

**11:10 p.m.**

Burglary report, occurred at parking lot H.

**Disposition:** report taken.

**11:12 p.m.**

Burglary report, occurred at parking lot H.

**Disposition:** report taken.

**Thursday, Jan. 7**

**1:59 p.m.**

Reporting party at the Children's Center states their personal belongings have been gone through over the weekend.

Information for this compilation found at [http://www.CSUB.edu/BAS/publicsafety/daily\\_activity.shtml](http://www.CSUB.edu/BAS/publicsafety/daily_activity.shtml)



Danny Raines/Special to The  
Gillian Lillich lays the ball in  
against CSULA

## Lillich's determination leads her back to the court for Lady Runners

By Juan Torres  
Assistant Sports Editor

Basketball is more than two 20 minute halves. The players put a lot of time and effort so they can be ready for those two halves. Each player has a story that led them to the team and to the basketball court.

After two knee injuries and a foot injury, Gillian Lillich is back on the court for the Lady Roadrunners this season.

"These injuries were hard to recover from. After my first knee injury, I had to miss a year," said Gillian Lillich.

Gillian first caught interest in basketball in elementary school in Camarillo in Ventura County.

"I saw some boys playing in sixth grade so I thought that looks like fun so I decided to give it a try. In seventh grade I joined a basketball team and have been playing ever since," said Lillich.

"She (Lillich) is one of the top players on the team and one of the top players in the division. Overall she is a great player and a great student who plans to go on to graduate school," said Tim LaKrose who is the Head coach for the Lady Runner Basketball team.

After playing basketball through high school the current head coach Tim LaCose of the Lady Roadrunners, who was the coach at Cal Lutheran University, recruited her to play.

"What brought me to CSUB was the coach. I played for him some time and when he got the coaching job here at CSUB and that the team was also first year he asked me to come play for him so I decided yeah I will," said Lillich.

With the basketball season under way, this is going to be an exciting season.

"This season I hope to end the season on a good note and go for the national championship," Lillich said.

## Mexica Tiahui Ballet Folklorico is a cultural club with flair

By David Lopez  
Staff Writer

If you feel that a student's life at CSUB is only about lecture, quizzes and exams you are sadly mistaken. The campus offers many activities, clubs and organizations to accommodate each person's personal preference. There are clubs for the academically inclined such as the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. Students with interest in politics may join the College Democrats or Republicans.

There are clubs on campus that are geared toward men (fraternities) or women (sororities). Others are geared socially and a few are even centered on sports.

Although there are several clubs on campus, one that seems to stand out is the Mexica Tiahui Ballet Folklorico. The club is a non-profit organization which focuses on exploring the Mexican culture through dance.

The club began as a result of a dance class, in which students only received instruction in dances from different parts of Mexico. Students learned various traditional Mexican dances, but there was not an outlet to present the students talents, thus in 1994 the club was formed.

Currently the club is made up of 15 members both men and women. Club members have the opportunity to learn and perform several traditional Mexican folk dances.



David Lopez/The Runner

Members of Ballet folklorico rehearse dance steps

Members have also had the chance to perform at various high schools including Bakersfield High School, East Bakersfield High School and Liberty High School. Mexica Tiahui Ballet Folklorico has also performed for many businesses in the community including the Centennial Garden Teacher Association and for the Channel 17 Community Health Day.

Club members travel through Mexico and the United States to learn various Mexican dances and exhibit their talents. To travel to the various places, the club has fundraisers like taco sales or an enchilada dinner.



When asked why one should join the club, junior student and club member Cani said, "Because it is like a second family and I love to dance."

If you would like to learn about the Mexican and love to dance or perform the Mexica Tiahui Ballet Folklorico is for you. For information contact Rey Cuesta, director of Mexica Tiahui Ballet Folklorico, located in the STAAR program office.

## A taste of Spanish Light Opera comes to CSUB

By Ranjanpreet Nagra  
Staff Writer

Singing in a foreign language, and acting and dancing at the same time is demanding. But a few CSUB students have challenged themselves to perfect this performing art. And for this they have been rehearsing for months.

CSUB Singers' Opera Theatre students have been practicing the Spanish "Zarzuela" or Light Opera called "The Festival of La Paloma" by Tomás Bretón. This opera is directed by Peggy Sears, CSUB vocal instructor and director. The play is set in Madrid in 1894 and is a story of two lovers and their tiffs on the

day of the festival of the plaza of La Paloma.

Paloma is a street in Madrid, famous for a statuette of the Virgin, which performed miracles in the late 18th Century. This was celebrated by people through dance and street carnivals.

The dialogue of the opera is translated by Sears. She has been interested in Hispanic literature and culture for years and used her sabbatical last year to translate the libretto of Ricardo de la Vega's "The Festival of La Paloma."

"The CSUB Opera Theatre has been performing zarzuela scenes as part of their opera scenes for years, but there are no translations of these opera available," Sears said.

It is first ever English translation of this Spanish zarzuela or light opera with 'some Spanish left for flavor'.

"CSUB only produces one complete opera with an orchestra every three years, so this is a big event," Sears said.

The dialogue is in English and the songs are in Spanish. There will be a translation of the songs shown on a screen for the audience above the performers as they sing the songs.

In the Opera, Julián, a typesetter who works in a printing works, has been courting Susana. But she has an affair with another man in town. Meanwhile, Julián's godmother gets involved and he must decide

to either fight for Susana or let her go.

The Opening Night Gala on January 27, 2006, is an exclusive evening of dinner and opera. The evening includes dinner at 6:30 p.m., the performance at 8:00 p.m. and a dessert/coffee buffet at intermission. Ticket price is \$120 per person.

The Sunday performance will include Sangria Brunch.

The curtain will rise at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28, with a matinee performance on Sunday, Jan. 29, beginning at 2 p.m.

Tickets for "The Festival of La Paloma" are \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors and students with ID.

## Opportunities to become involved thriving at our University

**Editorial**  
By Isaac Rocha  
Editor in Chief

A remarkable thing happened last week at CSUB.

Vince Carter, a professor for Business and Public Administration, invited the editors and advisor of The Runner to his--ironic as it may seem due to Carter's famous basketball namesake--sports marketing class to discuss the image of CSUB athletics in the our campus paper.

It was a very casual discussion intended to give the students in the class a glimpse into what drives CSUB sports coverage in our paper. We discussed some ins-and-outs of staff numbers, resources available to cover sports and even new cameras and deadlines, amongst other quirks that go on in newspaper production.

Though this might not seem remarkable at all, not even out-of-the-ordinary for a class to have a guest speaker in a field related to their studies, the significance of this encounter is, well, the encounter itself.

The meeting was not only a general discussion of our paper, which I have to admit was probably more exciting for us than the students in Carter's class considering we were the ones being questioned this time, but it was also a connection between students and ideas that wouldn't have happened on its own had it not been for Carter and his class reaching out to us. Since sports marketing has many career attributes in common with newspaper production, such as writing

and advertisement, both classes benefited from the meeting. We were given some great story ideas, such as international athletes that frequently attend our university (See story, Page 1), and more exciting was the networking possibilities we tossed around during our discussion--having marketing students direct and help get advertisers for our paper, business students taking care of the financial planning and resources of the paper and even public relations or marketing clubs on campus to promote sports. Having students take over these responsibilities will give them on-the-job training that will prove invaluable in their career field, as well as improve our campus paper.

With President Mitchell at the helm and DI on the horizon, student enrollment is sure to increase and bring with them new resources for improving our university. This, of course, is great from an administrative point of view because more students will bring them more money and thus more resources in which to run the school. But it also means that there will be more visibility for the university and an increase in diversity, culture and ideas that the students will bring.

Right now at the university, it was easy for Carter to get us in his classroom for a discussion. He just asked a student who happened to know an editor and they made the connection to bring us together. This type of community interaction, which goes on frequently at our university with programs such as the free tax assistance being offered by accounting students at CSUB, nurses volunteering for Hurricane Katrina relief, students running the multimedia lab in the basement of the library and math and writing assistance provided by

students are part of a social and academic infrastructure that exists at CSUB because we are a smaller university.

As students, we do not have to wait until we begin our careers to gain these valuable social and work experiences. We can network with each other, faculty and staff to create new and exciting opportunities to test our skills before we get a job. From music students creating the soundtrack for an art show at the Todd Madigan to political science students conducting debates live via radio with the help of communication students, the possibilities are endless.

As our university expands and we add a rec center, a baseball stadium, more students attend and new programs and schools are instituted, our university will only become more complex and bureaucratic. This does not mean that we have to become less connected.

In fact, with more students and faculty members, there will be even more potential for a rich and diverse community of involved faculty and staff to thrive and gain experience at CSUB.

We will be much more visible nationally because of Division I, which can mean more exposure on networks such as Fox Sports West and ESPN. But more than just exposure through athletics, the public visibility will attract interests in fields of study such as broadcast journalism and marketing.

It almost become cliché to say that CSUB is a commuter school and nothing much happens in this dry, hot country-music city. But for those involved in the campus, like Carter, there is a world of opportunities that is limited only by the person's imagination.

# Why it's great to be Greek

By Wesley Coble and Bianca Gutierrez  
Staff Writers

Whether you may realize this or not, Greek life exists on our CSUB campus. There are several international and local Fraternities and on campus that students have become a part of in order to increase student involvement.

Wes, who is in the international Kappa Sigma Fraternity gives his views on what it's like in being in a brotherhood. Bianca, is in the Sorority Gamma Phi Beta.

With the quarter in full swing, fraternities and sororities are looking for new potential members to become apart of their organization.

Wes and Bianca are here to lists the ups and downs of being apart of the Greek life.

**Wes:** I personally love the world of the Greek life. Being Greek has opened up many doors for me and I know that it will continue to do so for the rest of my time at CSUB as well as throughout life.

**Bianca:** I guess you can say the same for me, but being a Gamma Phi definitely takes some time and commitment.

**Wes:** I myself take great pride in my organization. I have formed bonds that will never be broken.

**Bianca:** I also made friends, but I guess you can say that I joined in order to become more involved in campus. For the first two years here at Cal State, I didn't even know what the Greek system was all about, especially since there is no Greek housing on campus. In fact, my first impression of the Greek system came from the 1970s movie "Animal House." When I first watched it, I could never become a part of one of those out-of-control organizations.

**Wes:** Well, I had been involved on campus in other areas, such as the Student Union Board and a variety of clubs. But I knew there was something missing from my college experience, and life, so I looked into joining a Frat. I took my time and looked in to all of them but ultimately I joined the Kappa Sigma because of goals and mindset of the men. The fraternity life is what I

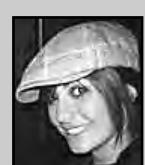
was missing and I am happy to have found the right mix of men that I can call my brothers. Bianca, took Hollywood's stereotypical angle that many probably do from the movie "Animal House" and, yes, there are probably a few things that do happen; however, the Fraternity I am a member of is very active on campus in the community as well as around the world.

**Bianca:** Wow; Wes, we sound like a huge billboard saying, "Come be a Kappa Sigma and Gamma Phi Beta, it's the best organization on campus." In fact, this is not true. The purpose of this article is to inform people about Greek life and what it has to offer. Yeah, maybe some scenes from Animal House do resemble what goes on here on and off campus, but when you're a greek you have to offer your time to not only your active members, but time goes into the community, charities and non-profit organizations.

**Wes:** Well, Bianca I have sounded somewhat "billboardish" but I am just very enthusiastic about the Greek Life growing on campus. I just want every student of CSUB to be able to enjoy any area of greek or even non-Greek life by being part of another organization and truly experience the college experience.

College was explained to us as the greatest years of your life and you should take advantage of every second, so that's exactly what we have done. If you aren't interested in Greek life we would hope you look into other areas to get involved in on campus. To find out more information on Greek life and clubs on campus stop by the Student Activities office and pick up some information.

*See you next week...*



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## BACK TO BACK DOUBLEHEADERS

**Friday, January 27  
v. CS Stanislaus**

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men-7:30pm



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## Runner swimmers split against UC Davis

Press release and Statistics provided by CSUB Sports Information  
The Cal State Bakersfield men's and women's swim teams split dual meets with NCAA Division I foe UC Davis Saturday at the Hillman Aquatics Center on the CSUB campus.

The Roadrunner men recovered from an early deficit to down Davis 126-115 while the Aggie women recorded a 128-108 victory.

The men's match was a thriller, coming down to the final relay of the day. The Roadrunners put themselves in an early hole after their two relays in the 400 medley relay were disqualified, a swing of 22 points early. After that, Bakersfield turned things on, roaring back to take a slight lead going into the final event, the 400 free relay.

In that relay, the Roadrunners trailed the Aggies going into the final swimmers. However, junior All-American Piotr Gegotek swam a blistering 44.29 in final 100 free leg to give the Roadrunners the victory. Gegotek was one of the stars on the day for Bakersfield, winning the 100 freestyle in 45.61 and placing second in the 200 free at 1:40.96.

In addition, Kyle Knoff set up the victory with a big win in the next to last event, the 200 breaststroke. Knoff came from way behind to win the event in 2:06.33.

The Roadrunner men can also be extremely thankful for their diving squad that swept the top three spots on both boards. Evan Crocker picked up the win on the 3-meter board with an automatic qualifying score of 297.00. Sean Ogren won the 1-meter event with



Isaac Rocha/Runner  
Runner Mansoor Al-Mansoor comes up for air versus UC Davis

a score of 253.13.

On the women's side the Roadrunners won six events overall. Senior diver Laura Lafranchise kept up her strong final season by sweeping both boards. She recorded scores of 303.68 on the 1-meter and 291.00 on the 3-meter.

Lexie Kelly scored a big win in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:12.98. Erin Craft touched first in the 200 backstroke in 2:11.06 and Merve Terzioglu took first in the 200 breast at 2:26.92.

The Cal State Bakersfield swimmers travel to Riverside to take on Cal Baptist on Saturday.

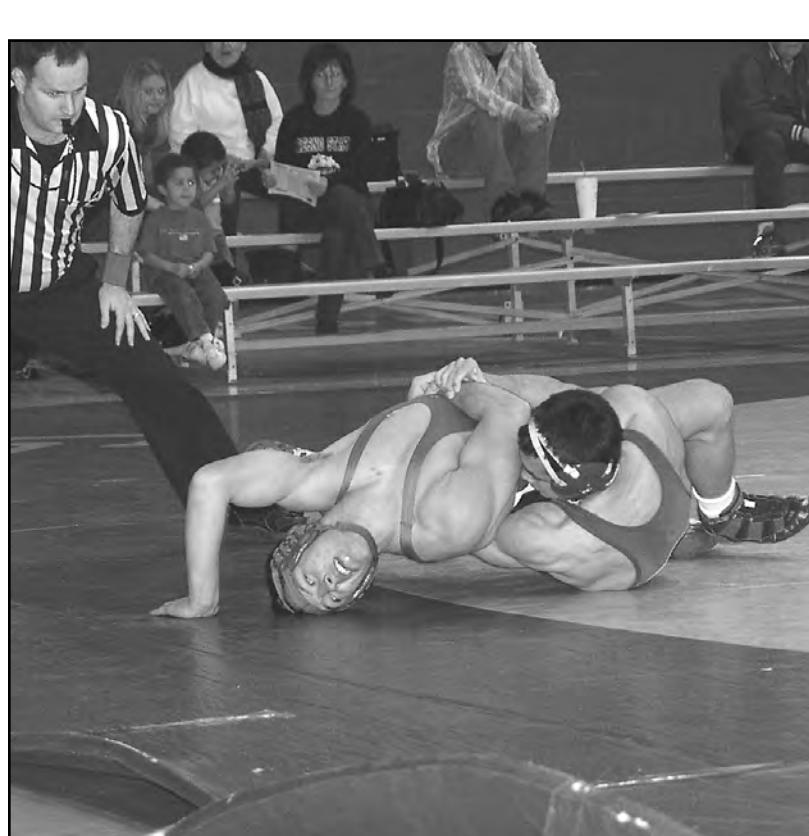
## Wrestlers lose to Stanford, defeat Davis

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The Cal State Bakersfield wrestling team fell behind early as Head Coach TJ Kerr used mostly back-up wrestlers en route to a 27-14 loss to Pac-10 foe Stanford at the Ford Center Friday night.

The Roadrunners, who wrestled just four regular starters in the match, lost the first six matches of the dual, falling behind 24-0 early.

Senior Eric Parker snapped the streak with a win at heavyweight, downing Jared Boyer by a 6-1 decision. It was Parker's ninth win in his last 13 matches.

Freshman Thomas Kimbrell kept things rolling with a big win at 133 pounds. Kimbrell, who is wrestling in place of senior Tommy Vargas,



Kyle O'Conner/The Runner  
CSUB wrestler Anthony Baza (bottom) grapples with Fresno State's Dustin Rocha Wednesday night.

scored a technical fall over Stanford's Eric Minnick, needing just 5:50 for his first collegiate tech fall.

Jeremy Doyle wrapped up the dual with his second pin in his last three matches, scoring the fall over Tyler Parker in just 4:11. He has been working to regain his starting spot at 141 pounds after wrestling behind Matt Schumm. Doyle has been wrestling well, however, including taking the 141 pound title at the Menlo Invitational last weekend.

Brian Busby, another regular wrestler Friday night, dropped a close decision to the Cardinal's Ray Black. Black, who entered the

## Runner basketball teams rolling right along

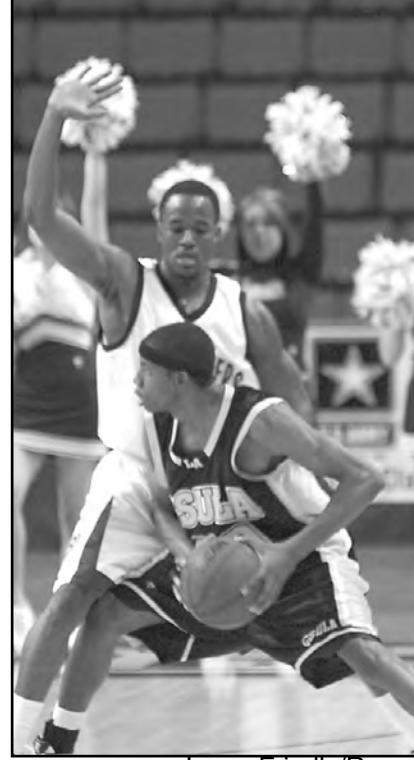
By Arianna Estrada  
Staff Writer

The CSUB men's and women's basketball teams added two victories each to their records this past week by beating Cal-State L.A. last Wednesday and Cal-State Monterey last Friday at Seaside.

The Lady Runners started out the night gaining their 11th consecutive win against the Golden Eagles 80-61. The win gives the Runners a one-half game lead in the CCAA race. The Runners entered the game ranked No. 2 and Cal-State L.A. ranked No. 4.

Freshman guard Kelly Tarver had a great night for the Runners, as she tied the CSUB record with nine steals. Meanwhile, Katie McElree worked the offensive side of the court, contributing 21 points, six assists and nine rebounds.

The men's team captured its victory late in the second period against Cal-State L.A. 79-62. The Runners were off to a slow start, trailing the length of the first period and ending at half time down 39-35. The injury of Golden Eagles junior forward, Jontae Vinson, who is the CCAA's second-leading scorer and leading rebounder, allowed the Runners to step up their game and finish the game



Jason Friedly/Runner  
CSUB's Randall Harding defends  
CSULA's David Lester.



Jason Friedly/The Runner  
Cheyenne Agin (Left) and Kelly Tarver (Right) catch a Golden eagle on the floor and wrestle for the ball.

with the win. The return of injured Runner Richard "Zeke" Andrews, who led all scores with 16 points, in combination with Tim Barnes, who put up 14 points and a game-high seven assists, contributed greatly to the victory captured with ten minutes left to play.

On Friday the Runners traveled to Seaside, Calif to face Cal-State Monterey. The women battled on the court for a victory of 79-68 against the Otters and increased their winning streak to 12. Monterey 2-12 and 1-16 now with the current loss, gave the lady Runners a challenge not expected. In the past four meetings between these teams, the Lady Runners have won each by an average of better than 50 points per game. The Otters held the lead on several occasions throughout the game, but the Runners gained the lead for good, 56-51 with 16:17 left in the game.

The men also achieved a win, 82-73, against the men Otters who last season ended the hopes of NCAA Tournament play for the Runners. Junior forward Richard "Zeke" Andrews had a career high of 19 points. It was a battle between both teams for the lead throughout the game, but a three-pointer by Antonio Griffin in the second period helped spark a 15-3 run giving the Runners enough leeway to maintain the lead for the victory.

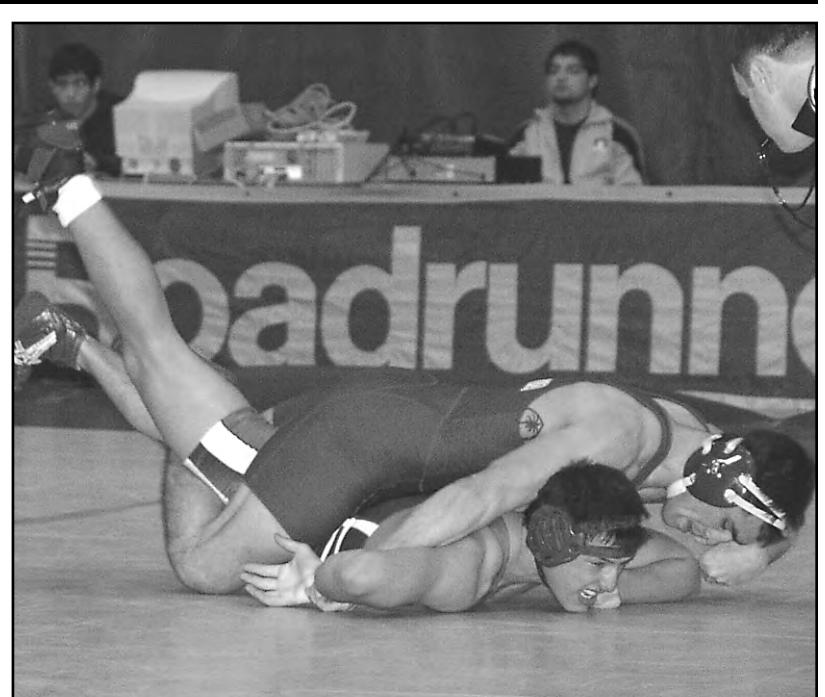
Both teams return to Rabobank on Friday to host Cal-State Stanislaus and the women (14-1, 7-1 CCAA) will tip-off at 5:30 p.m. and the men (10-4, 6-2 CCAA) at 7:30 p.m.



Danny Raines/Special to the  
Runner  
Dwuan Rice blows by the  
CSULAdense



Jason Friedly/Runner  
CSUB's Tarver looks to drop  
an inlet pass to Agin.



Kyle O'Conner/The Runner  
Runner Anthony Baza battles Bulldog Dustin Rocha on  
Wednesday night.

Kyle O'Conner/The Runner  
(Bottom)CSUB wrestler Eric Parker competes against Cody Parker from Fresno State on Wednesday night.



the much more experienced Gaitan, he battled hard to avoid the tech fall or the pin, eventually falling by major decision, but preserving the Roadrunners victory with a strong showing.

Bakersfield takes a bit of a break before traveling north to face

contest ranked behind Busby in the Pac-10 rankings, won by a close 7-5 score in the 165 pound match.

A number of other grapplers wrestled in place of the regular starters, some due to injuries or sickness while Coach Kerr decided to rest others for a busy upcoming week.

The Cal State Bakersfield wrestling team rebounded from the tough loss with one of its best showings of the year so far, downing UC Davis in a Pac-10 dual 20-19 Saturday night at Hickey Gym in Davis.

The Roadrunners picked up big wins from unexpected sources to run their record to 3-4 on the season and 2-2 in the Pac-10. UC Davis, which entered the contest ranked third in the conference, dropped to 3-6 overall and 1-2 in conference.

The dual went back and forth, with each team winning five matches. The turning point, however, came just after the midway point as sophomore Brandon Ceremello picked a good time for his first pin and second win of the season. Ceremello, who had wrestled tough against a number of the conference's top wrestlers in the last week, finally broke through with a win.

With the Roadrunners trailing 12-8 entering the 184-pound match, Ceremello managed to quickly turn Tyler Bernacchi onto his back and record the much-needed pin in just 1:41. The victory gave Bakersfield a 14-12 edge and seemed to turn the momentum of the match.

After Davis opened with a technical fall at 141 pounds, the Roadrunners regained the lead with a pair of major decision victories. Brandon Doyle had little trouble with Shawn Haratani at 149 pounds, recording a 14-5 major decision. He was followed by Daniel Atondo, who scored a major decision at 157 pounds, downing Jon Clark by a 17-7 count.

The Aggies responded with a pair of wins to jump right back into the lead. At 165 pounds, Brian Busby faced off against Frank Richmond in a battle of ranked wrestlers in the Pac-10. Richmond, however, got the better of Busby on the day, recording the 13-7 decision. That was followed by Ken Cook scoring a 13-5 major decision over Garth Warata at 174 pounds, giving Davis a 12-8 lead.

After Ceremello's victory, 197 pounder Colton Nichols was unable to record back-to-back wins despite wrestling a strong match, eventually falling to Eliot Kelly by a 12-6 count and giving Davis a slight 15-14 edge. Heavyweight Eric Parker then took the three points back, continuing his hot streak with a 9-3 win over Broc Maffia.

Freshman Brandon Zoetewey then followed with what has been the best showing of his young collegiate career, scoring a decision over Marcos Orozco at 125 pounds, just missing out on a major decision with an 11-4 victory. The victory gave the Roadrunners a 20-15 edge heading into the 133 pound match.

That match pitted UC Davis' Omar Gaitan, one of the best wrestlers at 133 pounds in the Pac-10, and Bakersfield freshman Thomas Kimbrell, who has been doing a good job replacing Tommy Vargas while the senior has been out sick. Though Kimbrell struggled with

# Culture and traditions of East Side restaurants always a treat

By Ty Cannon  
Staff Writer

In recent years Bakersfield has seen the arrival of some great new restaurants. Most recently, Elephant Bar and California Pizza Kitchen were added to the River Walk off of Stockdale Highway.

Other popular restaurants are Tahoe Joe's and Applebee's in the Marketplace. The Northwest Promenade has several selections including Red Lobster, Chili's, and Romano's Macaroni Grill.

However, with all of these great choices it is easy to forget about the older more traditional restaurants in town.

These restaurants may be older and tougher to find but the food is just as good if not better.

The east side of Bakersfield is full of culture and tradition, which is evident in its fine cuisine.

During the 1800s, Bakersfield had a large French migration. The result was numerous French Basque restaurants. These restaurants serve up a plethora of food. Your table is filled with soup, beans, salsa, salad, bread, tomatoes, French fries, and pickled tongue. That is all before you get your entrée.

By the way, do not be afraid to try the pickled tongue, it is very good.

Wool Growers is one of the more popular Basque restaurants today.

Founded in 1954, it is still owned and operated by the Maitia family. The restaurant, located at 620 East 19th street, has received recognition from around the country. Wool Growers was even featured in a New York Times article back in 2004.

If you have never eaten at a Basque restaurant then this is the place to start.

Apparently, Ronald Reagan was a big fan of Wool Grower's French fries!

Pyrenees Café, on 601 Sumner street, is another popular Basque restaurant.

Pyrenees has a classic bar with a ton of BC memorabilia. Being in the bar is almost nostalgic; it is easy to imagine a large contingent of BC football fans partying at Pyrenees after a big game.

The Noriega Hotel is not as well known as Wool Growers or Pyrenees, but it is a wonderful and unique dining experience that should not be missed.

Noriega's, located at 525 Sumner street, was a popular hotel in the late 1800s and early 1900s that was home to many French immigrants. Today, it is still very popular among the Basque community.

Lunch is only served at noon and dinner is only served at 7 p.m.. Patrons arrive early and gather in the bar area until the doors to the

dining area are opened.

While waiting, be sure to try a Moscow Mule, Noriega's specialty drink.

There are only a couple of tables at Noriega's but they are each long enough to seat 50 to 60 people.

The mood is always light and friendly at the Noriega's. You are sitting with strangers at first but by the end of the night you will have made some new friends.

If you ever want more of anything, pickled tongue for instance, just ask. The friendly staff is always willing to bring out more. Either that or your neighbor will pass some down to you.

Leaving the Noriega Hotel hungry is no one's fault but your own.

Another excellent French restaurant on the east side of town is Luigi's restaurant and deli.

Just north of Truxton at 725 19th street, Luigi's has been family owned and operated since 1910. Before it was a restaurant it was actually a grocery store. The story of Luigi's history is all right on the menu and makes for some interesting reading.

The atmosphere is always great and the service friendly. But, all of that is overshadowed by how good the food is at Luigi's.

The pasta is very popular and you will never go wrong with the daily special. Luigi's is well known for their steaks and the butterfinger pie is to die for.

Luigi's is only open for lunch but it could be the most popular lunch destination in town. Don't miss out!

If French Basque food is not your thing then Bakersfield has some other excellent options.

The Red Pepper, which is located just south of Highway 178 at 2641 Oswell Street, is a great Mexican restaurant that has been locally owned and operated for over 25 years.



Ty Cannon/ The Runner

Wool Growers is an old Bakersfield Basque favorite located in the heart of Old Town Kern.

The menu selection is very good and you will find one of the best margaritas in town served at the Red Pepper.

If you are really hungry get the Camaros Con Queso to go with your entrée. It is an appetizer that tickles the taste buds.

Finally, if you are a pizza lover then Rosa's Italian Restaurant is the place for you.

Located at 2400 Columbus Street, Rosa's serves up great Italian food and hearty hand tossed pizzas. The atmosphere is great for families or large parties.

Rosa's also has a wide variety of pizzas that should please anyone in your group.

So, if you ever get tired of going to the same restaurants or you do not want to wait for two hours to get a table, try out on of these great restaurants.

You'll be glad you made the trip to the East Side.

## Brokeback Mountain opens to Bakersfield audiences

By Kyle O'Conner  
Staff Writer



The controversial new western romance film, "Brokeback Mountain", featuring Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal, the actors portray two cowboys confused about their feelings toward each other in a time where homosexuality was scorned and often violently protested. The film has caused quite a ruckus with the love scene where Gyllenhaal and Ledger have intercourse on screen.

The acting in the film was excellent on all parts. Ledgers portrayal of a run-down cowboy in a time of desperation was stellar. Gyllenhaal portrayed a love struck man confused about his feelings for his life-long friend, with the talent that is expected of an actor of that caliber. Both cowboys have families and kids, yet they still meet each other often through the year to preserve their romance and love for each other.

The plot surrounding the romance between the two cowboys felt very strong together. The film was held together by the actors' sheer talent and skill at playing the roles they were given.

My main problem with this film was that it felt like it was not focused on being a romance film but more on showing you the love scenes between the young cowboys. "Brokeback Mountain" gave the

impression of being a film about homosexuality as opposed to being a film about the struggle between two confused cowboys. Apart from the plot, the settings of the movie were gorgeous and the music was very well suited for such a picturesque movie. It was filmed on sweeping scenes of lush grassland and in the mountains with snowy peaks and tall trees. Much of the hype that was attributed to this movie seemed to give standards that were impossible for the film to live up to.

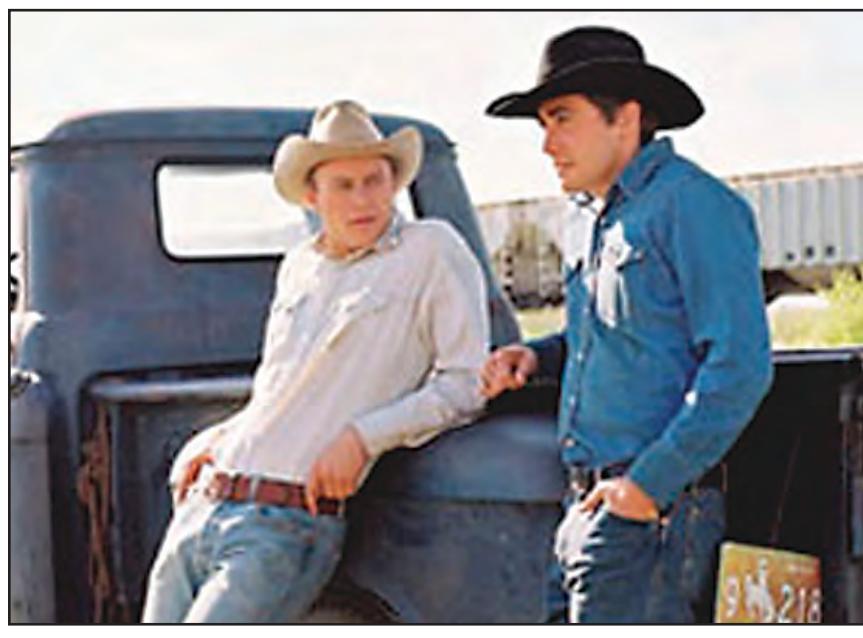
"Brokeback Mountain" is not a poor film, it is a better than average film that has attracted controversy that gives it some undeserved glory. The Western genre in the past has always been the masculine type- whiskey drinking, fist fighting and tough guys.

In this film the two lead characters are tough guys that are deeply in love with each other, completely twisting our views on what a stereotypical western film should be.

If the director had picked actors that were not as talented as Gyllenhaal and Ledger the film would not have been as well performed as it was.

If you want to see a movie that has more social impact than entertainment values, go see "Brokeback Mountain".

If you want to see a movie for the pleasure of seeing a movie that will keep you riveted, this isn't the film for you.



Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal play cowboys confused by their feelings for one another.

## Myspace connects students around campus

By Evelyn Martin  
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It seems as though everyone has a Myspace account these days. Merely blogging and emailing online are no longer enough.

The website that has over 42 million users has swept through CSUB and students have become quite addicted to adding friends, posting pictures, sending messages and customizing their profiles on the trendy social networking website that owner Tom Anderson and a team of developers created in 2003.

When Steven Provencio, a freshman and Psychology major, first discovered Myspace, he had his doubts about the benefits of having an account.

"I refused to take part in something that couldn't replace face-to-face interactions [and] invited creepy people to see personal information," said Provencio.

His move to Bakersfield after high school caused him to reconsider this feeling.

"Moving away from my friends was one factor that moved me to sign up," Provencio recalled.

Indeed, keeping in touch with friends is the most common reason students seem to have for keeping a profile.

"For me, Myspace is basically just to communicate with people I already know, and keep in touch with old friends from high school," said Holly Bishop, a junior and Political Science major.

In addition to the socializing that can be done, certain features on the site have enabled some students to receive benefits in more campus-related areas. CSUB has its own Myspace web-

page and group message board which students frequently visit to post and read information about classes, campus events, textbooks for sale and even apartments for rent. Students can also rate professors on the popular site.

CSUB's Greek population has found some use for Myspace as well, since some fraternities and sororities, including Kappa Sigma and Kappa Delta Nu, have their own group message boards.

Erika Santiago, Psychology major and new member of Kappa Delta Nu, finds having the forum extremely useful.

"We're so busy, so it's a new form of communication we have to reach one another. It's quick and easy for us to just post a message when we have meetings or events that we need to attend," said Santiago.

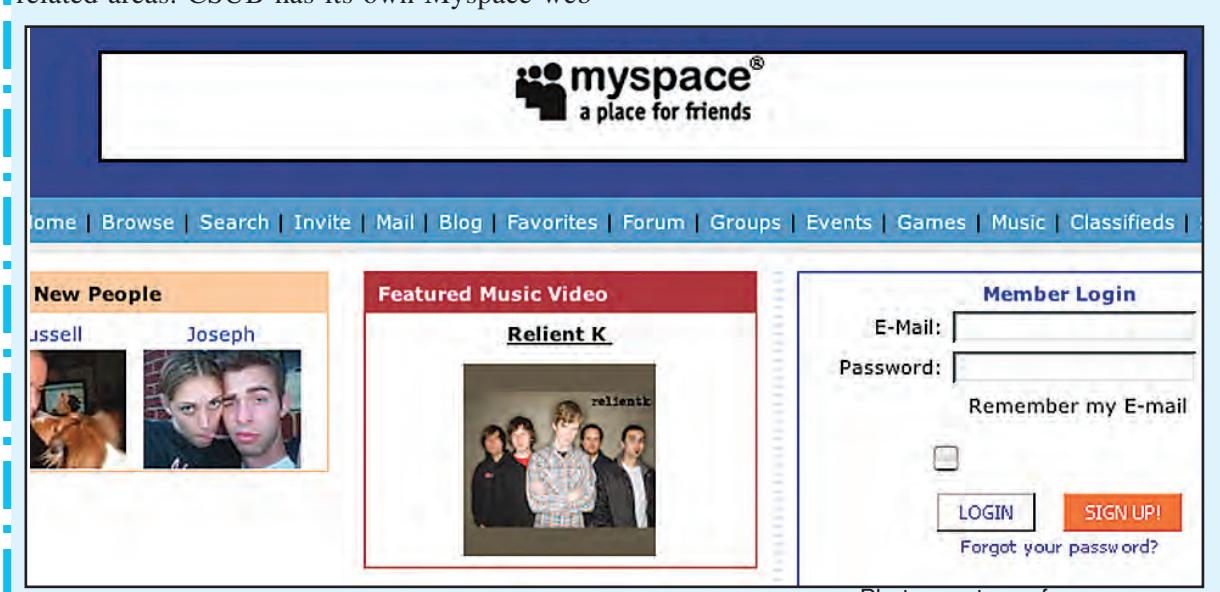
Even with all of the hype the site is currently receiving, some students have acknowledged the drawbacks. Trust becomes a big issue as people can only assume the profile details of a person are accurate.

"A lot of people seem to use the site as a dating service, which doesn't seem entirely safe to me," said Bishop.

Additionally, as with any hobby, time consumption might cause students to fall behind on homework deadlines.

The longevity of the site is debatable as trends rapidly change.

One thing is certain. Myspace has become the trend at least for the moment. Other networking sites like friendster.com and facebook.com are pooling large sums of fans as well and competition is persistent as always on the information super highway.



A familiar view of myspace.com for millions worldwide.