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THE ELECTIONS ISSUE



MAYORAL RACE



Karen Goh for Mayor campaign

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Kyle Carter for Mayor campaign

KYLE CARTER

The race for mayor continues

By Javier Valdes
Editor-in-Chief

From serving as vice president of publishing operations for a Fortune 500 company, to working for a nonprofit organization while accepting no salary for six years, CEO and President of Garden Pathways, Karen Goh is ready for a new challenge in life as she hopes to serve the Bakersfield community in a new way as Bakersfield mayor.

Born in India and living in England for part of her childhood, Goh didn't come to know the city that she seeks to represent until she was 7 years old, when she first arrived in Bakersfield.

After attending Bakersfield High School, Goh completed both her undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Southern California.

After completing her studies Goh moved to Alpine, New Jersey and worked on the development of music textbooks for the MacMillan publishing company. What she thought would be a five to six-month job became a career.

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By Julie Mana-Ay
News Editor

Stimulated to improve the Bakersfield community, retired realtor and businessman Kyle Carter is one of the final two candidates running for mayor of Bakersfield.

Carter has been a businessman for 41 years and owns 20 businesses and continues his career today. From starting his first business as a carpenter in 1977, to a swimming pool company, to being a co-founder of the Bakersfield Music Hall of Fame, Carter continues to be successful as a businessman.

"Hiring for the mayor's position is like hiring someone for a job. You want to get the best person to do the job," said Carter. "You want to hire someone who [has] had success in their past."

Not only is Carter a board member of the Bakersfield Homeless Center, he serves on multiple boards such as the Downtown Bakersfield Development Corp., Alliance Against Family Violence, the Fox Theater Foundation, Keep Bakersfield Beautiful and is co-founder to the Bakersfield Music Hall of Fame.

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ASI

Possible increase in tuition for CSUs

By Javier Valdes
Editor-in-Chief

CSU Bakersfield's Associated Student Inc. discussed a potential tuition increase within the CSU system for the 2017-2018 academic year at the Oct. 21 board meeting. The possible tuition increase is contingent on whether or not the CSU's receive the adequate funds needed from the state.

ASI President Alex Dominguez and Executive Vice President Alana Lim gave a budget presentation to the board high-

lighting the 2017-2018 budget proposal from the CSU's.

"This is a result of the possibility of not receiving a fully funded budget from the state of California," said Lim.

Possible tuition hikes could mean a maximum increase of \$270 a year for undergraduate students, \$438 a year for graduate students and \$312 a year for credentials.

According to Lim, if the CSU system does not receive the funds to provide students with the resources needed, then the possibility of a tuition hike is



ASI board discusses the new Kern Value Card on Oct. 21.

likely. The state of California has approached the CSU Board of Trustees with set priorities on graduation initiatives, enrollment growth, facilities and infrastructure and employee compensation said Lim.

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ELECTIONS

Importance of voting is stressed as elections near

By Marissa Patton
Reporter

Heavy sighs can be heard all around the world, a collective sigh of relief. Presidential elections are coming to a close, sealing the U.S.'s fate for the next four or so years. Winter is coming and it brings with it the last chance to vote in 2016. Ivy Cargile, who was hired this semester as an assistant professor in political science, discussed the significance of voting.

"Voting is very important," Cargile said. "It is the pinnacle in terms of political participation, the culmination of donating, canvassing for a party, or having a conversation about politics. It is how we express our civic duty. If you don't vote, it can hurt you. It can hurt your pocket, your income, and your health care."

Cargile discussed how voting turnout has drastically declined over the years. She explained how Americans tend to be concerned with the presidential ticket only or don't exercise opportunity.

"People don't exercise preference," Cargile said. "Candidate A is chosen when Candidate B was the better choice. But no one or a small percentage showed up or voted for Candidate B."

According to Cargile, 18-29 year olds historically have not been very plugged in to voting.

"Most 18 year olds are worried about their first year of college not public policy," Cargile said, "but it is important because they might be paying for a war in Syria at 45 years old. They need to know and care about it."

She added that debates are hosted on news television, yet most 18-29 don't watch such television and miss important election news.

Statistics from Shoren Stein

Elections Issue

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ELECTIONS

Bond measures seek to support education

By Courtney Villasenor
Web Copy Editor

Kern County school campuses are facing issues integrating new learning environments with crumbling infrastructure. Bond Measures J through S aim to relieve some of those pressures through a property tax increase that will be put to a vote during the Nov. 8 elections.

The majority of Kern County voters will be asked if they are willing to support a bond for each level of education.

The cost of supporting all three could total close to \$900 million depending on which school district the voter lives in.

It is important to remember that regardless of whether the taxpayer has children in the

district every taxpayer will be expected to contribute if a bond measure is passed.

CSU Bakersfield sociology major and homeowner Kyle Lee, 25, was hesitant to the idea of paying a potential \$200-plus yearly tax increase.

"I'm not sure if I want to be paying for all of these renovations to all these campuses," said Lee. "If they all get passed, I'm looking at almost a \$200 a year increase in my taxes."

"I feel that it is more important to renovate the K-12 schools, people pay to attend the college it should be self-sufficient."

Bond measures work much like car loans or mortgages with exceptionally low-interest rates.

Money is distributed to the au-

thorized entity, who uses it for a predetermined purpose.

Taxpayers pay off the loan over 25 years through a property tax increase.

Homeowners will see the cost directly when their tax bill arrives in the mail at the end of the year; renters, however, will feel the impact more gradually likely through an increase in their monthly rent.

Of these measures, J is likely to hold the most importance to CSUB students.

Measure J looks to provide \$502.8 million in local funding to the Kern Community College District for necessary renovations to the campuses buildings and the continued development of job training and workforce preparation programs.

CSUB geology major Andrew Alexis, 21, said that bringing in needed funds to the KCCD might help community college students seeking to transfer.

"Funneling money into the dilapidated campus was an important step in the right direction for the community," said Alexis.

"They need to focus on making classes more available. There are people that spend four years working on an AA because they can't get into the classes they need."

Measure J has been endorsed by a number of local organizations including the Kern Taxpayers Association, the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce and Kern Agriculture Foundation.

ECONOMICS

Forum offers professional point of view

By Zachary Fennell
Reporter

A long line of students stretched from the Student Union's Multipurpose Room out the doors as they awaited the beginning of the Economic Forum on Oct. 26.

The Economic Students Association and the economics faculty of CSU Bakersfield organized the event.

The forum discussed and analyzed presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton's political propositions from an economic standpoint. Leading the event were ESA President and ASI Vice President of University Affairs Oscar Alvarez, Associate Vice President of CSUB Academic Affairs Dr. Vernon Harper and President/CEO of Kern Schools Federal Credit Union Stephen Renock.

Alvarez said that he hoped the

forum would people question their own knowledge. A panel of six professors from CSUB's Economics Department proceeded to explain in detail the consequences both presidential candidates' policies will have on the United States economy.

Leading the discussion section of the forum was Dr. Margaret Malixi with the topic of "International Trade."

Aaron Hegde discussed with the audience the candidates' policies on immigration.

The main point Hegde made is that Trump's policies on immigration focused on minimizing undocumented immigration while Clinton's policies appealed to the reunification of families of immigrants.

"Students get to find out how economists think and how we approach different positions. It's not necessarily that we want them to think a certain way, but find out what the

thought process is that economists engage in to assess a position," Hegde said.

Following Hegde was John Deal who explained the plans each candidate had for the tax policy.

As the forum went on, the professors of the economics department discussed the national debt, health, welfare and poverty, energy and the environment and macroeconomic implications.

Mark Evans, Richard Gearhart, Aaron Hegde and Abbas Grammy presented these topics respectively.

As the forum went on different professors presented on various issues.

While most of the professors did not feel the need to discuss which side of the election they stand on, Grammy said, "I am currently undecided, as I have one candidate I despise and one candidate I do not trust."

After a ten-minute break with the panel of professors took questions from the audience to wrap up the forum.

At any time during the forum an audience member could have asked a question.

Students had various reasons for attending the forum; some for extra credit, others for genuine interest.

"I thought it would be nice to hear the candidates policies from people who actually have a background specifically in economics rather than the candidates who are obviously pandering to gain undecided voters," said Jeffrey Kenney, 20, junior and economics major.

With the forum coming to a close, Gearhart said, "[I hope] that students learn that ideas need to be supported by facts and that they need to be able to support what they believe with actual evidence."



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ASI

\$168.8 million needed to avoid possible tuition hike

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In order for the CSU's to provide the resources and initiatives it seeks to implement for the CSU system it needs a total of \$346 million.

Currently the CSU has \$172.2 million, they need an additional \$168.8 million to reach their goal.

"It's important for us to begin lobbying efforts," said Dominguez.

CSUB's ASI is currently working on contacting

U.S. Congressman

Kevin McCarthy, Senate

Republican Leader Jean

Fuller, Senator Andy Vidak,

assembly member Rudy

Salas and other legisla-

tors that can help persuade

the state to

fully fund the

CSU system's

budget.

"We just want to let

the students know

that we are jumping

on this as soon as

possible, we under-

stand that this is

a short period at

which we have to

operate."

Alex Dominguez,
ASI President

immediately," said Dominguez.

New Business

ASI approved the purchase of the Kern Value Card sticker.

KVC is a program that provides discounts for students to local Kern County businesses, bringing the KVC sticker to the CSUB campus means that there is a potential to create a new source of revenue for ASI as they seek to further enhance programs to combat food and housing insecurity and create student scholarships.

ASI will purchase 500 KVC stickers at a cost of \$1.25 each for a total of \$760 that will be taken out of the ASI budgets Special Project line item.

ASI will then sell the KVC stickers for \$10.00 for a potential \$4,000 profit, 50 percent of which will go to

student services and the other 50 percent which would go directly to student scholarships.

Appointments/Oath of Office

Recently appointed Graduate Director Abel Morelos took an Oath of Office during the Friday meeting.

The ASI board also approved CSUB student Wendy Melendez as the new Director of Community Engagement.

Melendez talked about her

plans to help students engage more with ASI in order to have a better relationship with the student body.

"I think she would be a great asset to ASI and a great addition to the board," said Lim.

Corrections

Milissa Ackerley's occupation was incorrect on Issue 4. Ackerley serves as Administrative Support Coordinator at CSUB.

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ELECTIONS

Goh looks to give back

[GOH, Page 1]

Goh moved to New York and from there she advanced in the corporate world. Starting as a consultant, Goh moved up to executive director, then to editorial director, managing editor, vice president of editorial administration, vice president of administration and finally vice president of publishing operations.

In 2004, Goh's mother was diagnosed with cancer and was given a short time to live. Goh came back to Bakersfield to be with her mother during her last days.

During her time in Bakersfield Goh became involved in Garden Pathways, a community-based nonprofit organization that aims to mentor children, youth and adults to build better and more productive lives.

"As I became involved with that [Garden Pathways], we were working with people that had gone through really hard times, people who wouldn't have much of a future, who didn't have a lot of hope," said Goh. "But I could see as we invested in their lives, as we paired them with mentors, as we really cared about them and moved them along in their journey, how we could change the future of their family forever."

Goh came to a predicament when the board of Garden Pathways asked her to join them as their executive director. Choosing to leave the city life was a hard decision for Goh, so she made her pros and cons list and even though her friend advised her that leaving the city would be "career suicide," Goh chose to join Garden Pathways.

"As I started reflecting back on the brevity of life and the opportunity to invest in lives, I had to say, 'What's the value of a pair of \$500 Prada shoes, compared to human life?' ...and so I made the choice to come back here," said Goh.

Garden Pathways didn't have the funds to pay Goh the type of salary that she was used to in New York's corporate world. Goh chose to accept no salary for six years, instead opting to change her lifestyle and living off savings.

After years of working for Garden Pathways, Goh was presented with yet another opportunity. In 2010 the 5th district board of supervisor's seat became vacant and friends asked Goh to consider interviewing for the position.

Although Goh says that she never had any ambitions to be involved in politics, she did see this opportunity to expand the scope of what she was doing for the Bakersfield community. Goh got the position as the 5th District Kern County Supervisor, where she was introduced to government.

In 2013, after Goh finished serving as county supervisor she returned to Garden Pathways as CEO and President of

the nonprofit. It wasn't until Mayor Harvey Hall declared that he would not be running for another term as mayor, that Goh decided that she wanted to run for Bakersfield mayor.

Goh looked back on the preparation in her life, her experience in corporate high-level decision making, her involvement in the community and her experience as county supervisor, before deciding that she wanted to continue that involvement but this time on

a much broader scale.

Goh believes that her involvement in the community has prepared her to better understand the people she hopes to represent.

"I am equally as comfortable in a board room out at Seven Oaks, as I am sitting on the river bed with my arm around a

homeless person,"

said Goh. "And I've gone out, I had somebody take me out and say 'nobody from government has ever come out this far.'"

Connecting with the Bakersfield community and better understanding the less fortunate and those who have had tough lives, is something that Goh hopes to continue.

"Here's another way I can give back to the community on a broader scale, to take all of this experience and to be an

encourager, a facilitator, and not only a red ribbon cutter... but also a red tape cutter," said Goh.

However, Goh's campaign goes beyond understanding the Bakersfield community. Goh seeks to take what is already great about Bakersfield and build upon it to make it an even greater city.

"As mayor... I can bring those areas of business development, government services, and community involvement; to focus on economic development, safe neighborhoods, and also for job training," said Goh.

Goh has a vision for the city of Bakersfield, and hopes that she can see Bakersfield evolve that vision into a reality.

"I see a city teaming with production, commerce, lively arts, safe and clean and affordable neighborhoods, thriving business, all supported by an efficient and responsive city government," said Goh.

Goh seeks to raise the bar higher in job creation and job development, technology, healthcare, retail and in downtown business development.

As for what drives the mayoral candidate, Goh credits her parents for instilling in her the values that build her core foundation.

"From a very early age my parents instilled in me the core values of the importance of family, always working your hardest, the importance of a good education, and then the value of faith, which today remains the foundation for all my decisions," said Goh.

Carter hopes to bring opportunity and jobs to Bakersfield

[CARTER, Page 1]

Carter graduated from North High School in 1975.

He attended classes at Bakersfield College but never graduated.

"BC is the key to a bigger and better life. It's a pathway out of

poverty, that's what BC is,"

he said.

Carter hopes to make more jobs available for those who aren't able to

find one by giving them jobs in construction.

He wants people to have the opportunity to get an education and open a business.

"Anybody that knows Kyle

knows he has the ability to excel in any industry he goes into and making every project the absolute best it can be," said

Bakersfield realtor and friend Jonathan Weinman. "The thing that stands out to me is his

ability to operate an integrity, honesty and do everything he does the right way."

Through his campaign, Carter has used his own money to fund his candidacy.

He said he hates to spend oth-

ers' money when he already has the money to do so.

In the past, he has supported and donated money to congress, assembly, and city council candidates who were campaigning.

Carter follows core values of his "faith in God, family, and others."

He said that Ronald Reagan, Jesus, his dad and his uncle Curt are people who made a difference in his life. Those people helped him shape the person he is today.

His faith, followings and teachings of God helped Carter embody

"It is incredible the things that Kyle Carter thinks of to improve the community, he is definitely someone who thinks outside the box."

John Enriquez,
Keeping Bakersfield
Beautiful

the man he is today. People around him consider Carter to be a hard worker and driven for change.

He hopes that his competitors speak well of him.

"It is incredible the things that Kyle Carter thinks of to improve our community; he is definitely someone who thinks outside the box with a plan of action," said John Enriquez, founding member of Keep Bakersfield Beautiful.

What's Happening Around Campus

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2 CECE Graduate & Professional School Fair SRC 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	9 Men's Basketball vs. Master's University (exhibition) Icardo Center 7 p.m.
Walter Presents Diwali Festival of Lights Celebration Dezember Reading Room 2:30 - 5 p.m.	10 Residence Hall Fall Festival Student Housing West BBQ 7- 10 p.m.
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3 Active Shooter Training Stockdale Rm 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Wrestling Rutgers vs. San Francisco State Icardo Center 5:45 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Chicago State Icardo Center 7 p.m.	Wrestling vs. Rutgers Icardo Center 7:30 p.m.
4 Out of Darkness DDH 11 a.m.-2p.m.	12 Men's Basketball vs. San Diego Christian Icardo Center 7 p.m.
5 Extra Life 2016 SU & DDH 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.	13 1st Annual Bakersfield Marathon Red Brick Road 6-11 a.m.
Salute to Our Local Heroes KC Fairgrounds 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. Hawaii Icardo Center 1 p.m.
Volleyball vs. UMKC Icardo Center 1 p.m.	14 Blackout Week SU Patio 11 a.m.- 11 p.m.
Wrestling vs. California Baptist Icardo Center 6 p.m.	International Dinner Stockdale Room 8-11 p.m.
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ELECTIONS

THE RUNNER ENDORSES CLINTON AND GOH



HILLARY CLINTON

Hillary Clinton Campaign

Endorsements

The Runner editorial board is endorsing a few propositions that we feel will impact California the greatest. A full list of the propositions and measures endorsed can be found on The Runner's website.

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Go to **Page 5** to read our staff editorial on why The Runner board chose to endorse Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton for president.



KAREN GOH

Karen Goh Campaign

PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 51

Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for new construction and modernization of K-12 public school facilities and California Community Colleges facilities.

NO

PROPOSITION 54

This proposition prohibits the Legislature from passing any bills unless published on the Internet for 72 hours before a vote; requires the Legislature to record its proceedings and post them on the Internet; and it authorizes the use of recordings.

YES

PROPOSITION 55

Extends by 12 years the temporary personal income tax increases enacted in 2012 on earnings over 250,000, with revenues allocated to K-12 schools, California Community Colleges, and in certain years, healthcare.

YES

PROPOSITION 56

This proposition increases cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack, with equivalent increase on other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes containing nicotine.

YES

PROPOSITION 57

This proposition is both an initiative, constitutional amendment and statute. It allows parole consideration for nonviolent felons; authorizes sentence credits for rehabilitation, good behavior and education; and provides that a juvenile court judge decides whether a juvenile will be prosecuted as an adult.

YES

PROPOSITION 60

Requires adult film performers to use condoms during filming of sexual intercourse. Requires producers to pay for performer vaccinations, testing, and medical examinations. Requires producers to post condom requirements at film sites.

NO

PROPOSITION 62

Repeals death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole. Applies retroactively to existing death sentences. Increases the portion of life inmates' wages that may be applied to victim restitution.

YES

PROPOSITION 63

Requires background check and Department of Justice authorization to purchase ammunition. Prohibits possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines. Establishes procedures for enforcing laws prohibiting firearm possession by specified persons.

YES

PROPOSITION 64

Legalizes marijuana under state law, for use by adults 21 or older. Imposes state taxes on sales and cultivation. Provides for industry licensing and establishes standards for marijuana products. Allows local regulation and taxation.

YES

PROPOSITION 66

Changes procedures governing state court challenges to death sentences. Designates superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions. Requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals.

NO

CSUB Todd Madigan Gallery presents

The Bakersfield Fan Forum
The Poetic Research Bureau
with
Joseph Mosconi
and
Maryah Chester
Barry Michael
Viridiana Pena
Marco Silva

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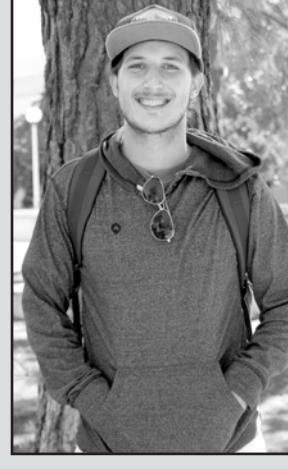
This week The Runner asked, "How do you feel about the upcoming elections?"

Diajai Fletcher
Sophomore

Corey Ottley
Junior

Dustin Tompkins
Junior

Jessica Alcala
Sophomore



"I feel like everything they say is a lie, both of them. So I just don't really care for them at all, but I prefer Hillary over Donald. Donald Trump is racist. And Hillary will have Bill to help her out a little bit."

"I feel we are all doomed. I feel we just need to take a break off of presidents. I don't like what they plan to do."

"The elections are terrible right now. We are forced to pick between two people who, in their own right, don't seem very qualified for the position. Me personally, I will not vote for Trump or Hillary."

"I don't see none of them as really compatible candidates. I would choose Hillary. The reason I don't pick Donald is because there is so much negative media around him."

STAFF EDITORIAL

Clinton is default choice for us

EDITOR'S NOTE: The endorsement of Hillary Clinton is based upon an editor's meeting where the editorial board of The Runner newspaper decided and discussed why and who they would like to endorse for the president of the United States of America.

Election day is just six days away as the outrageous scandals and ridiculous statements continue.

The Runner editorial board

has decided to endorse democratic nominee Hillary Clinton for president of the United States.

We decided that Clinton is the lesser of two evils. Clinton has her faults and she seems to be untrustworthy. But does America need a rich bigot who can't lose because he will throw a temper tantrum and launch the U.S. into World War III?

Trump cannot be trusted with his own businesses let alone

our country.

Clinton at least understands she can't bomb a country simply because they do not agree with her terms.

America's future might seem dull and hopeless because of the two candidates that are running to control one of the world's most powerful countries. It is unfortunate to realize that Clinton has tainted the trust the American people had in her, however, it is harder to accept

the sickening things that have come out of Trump's mouth.

Trump received no votes from the editorial board but when voting for Clinton it was clear that the board was only voting for her because she is the candidate that seems to be most competent.

If there were an alternative to voting for Clinton or Trump, then the board would not have hesitated to grant their votes to that nominee. It would not be

enough to just vote for a third party because the possibility of a third party candidate winning an election at this point is very slim.

At this point, voting for a third party candidate is not the best choice, and the argument of ethics and sticking to values' and morals was discussed but in the end the board does not want to see someone as reckless as Trump in control of the country rendering Clinton

winner by default. We cannot trust a man who won't release his taxes and cannot accept the results of the election if he loses.

Trump is just a power hungry man who just wants to add running a country to the ground to his resume.

We encourage all of the students and staff to go out on Nov. 8 and vote for the lesser of two evils.

ELECTION COMPLIMENTS



BY PALOMA ROSALES

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TOBACCO

Prop 56: \$2 tax raise for cigarettes, about time

By Riley Heffernan
Reporter

Proposition 56 proposes an across-the-board \$2 raise in tobacco tax that encompasses all things nicotine, except things like Nicorette gum and Nicotine patches- and it's about time.

For too long Big Tobacco has profited off nicotine addiction with little regard for cigarettes' known link to cancer, heart disease, lung disease, etc. It's about time California put forth a plan to profit off of nicotine cessation.

I have smoked cigarettes for 4 years, and my instant reaction to this proposition is full support. Of course we should tax cigarettes. Why wouldn't we tax cigarettes? The only possible controversy has to do with how the tax revenue will be spent.

According to Section 4, the revenue will be allocated toward things that are basically impossible to oppose. For example treatment of smoking-related diseases, research into cures for such diseases, toward education and prevention programs, and toward a system of unbiased review which will assess the overall benefit (if any) that this measure has on Californians' quality of life.

The opposition to Prop 56- that the tax money "could be allocated better," or that it

"doesn't address all the issues," (according to NoOnProposition56.com), is pathetic.

Even the opposition supports the idea of Prop 56, but says they're voting "no" because it doesn't go far enough.

The law isn't as perfect as some would like it to be because some of the percentages in allocation don't go as far as some would like.

So what?

It's still a step in the right direction, it still provides funding to things that are inherently good, and it is still legislation that openly discourages smoking.

"I'm all for it," says 22 year old CSUB Music major Jordan Espiritu. "The tax itself will deter people from smoking, and the money will go towards things that will actively do a lot of good."

A more cred source of opposition comes from those who favor "vaping" to smoking as a healthier alternative.

The tax has specific provisions for e-Cigarette and vaporizer pens, a rapidly growing market that appeals to the under-21 age group in California.

As of right now neither vaporizer pens nor eJuice are regulated by the FDA.

Prop 56 allocates nearly \$150 million of the expected tax revenue to the California Department of Public Health in order to bolster its Tobacco Control

program, this includes provisions for funding into FDA research on eCig and vaporizer safety.

If "vaping" truly is a healthier alternative, why vote against legislation that works to prove that?

Without proper FDA approval, vaporizer pens have been occupying a dubious gray area in the eyes of the nation.

Most public places forbid the use of vaporizer pens on the principle that they are comparable to cigarettes, since they contain nicotine.

With the added funding from Prop 56, we can finally get definitive answers on how safe vaping is relative to cigarettes.

If they are determined to be of help in smoking cessation, the \$2 tax would have to be lifted from the vape pen market.

Still, such a verdict would have to pass through the slow process of legislative approval, and no doubt Big Tobacco won't go down without a fight.

It's debatable whether a \$2 increase per pack of cigarettes will be as much of a deterrent as most voters hope but Prop 56 is an important step toward spreading education, prevention, and treatment of smoking and its related maladies.

And if you don't like the tax, well, I suppose you'll just have to quit.

Take it from a 4-year smoker, good riddance.

By Anthony Jauregui
Opinions Editor

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This is what's happening with Proposition 60.

Voting "yes" on Proposition 60 would require condoms and other protective measures to be on set for pornographic films, as well as require producers to pay for checkups and other health requirements for performers.

Porn producers already require their performers to use condoms on set and even require two week check ups for their performers.

The new guidelines are the reason much of the P.O.V. porn viewers enjoy show casual shots of palm trees and crystal blue water out of the windows of the 5-star Miami hotel rooms they're shot in.

But the issue is more than

requiring condoms during sex scenes or requiring paid health check ups.

It's about California's inability to sustain one of the largest economies in the world.

Like a self saboteur, California needs to screw up anything that's going good in the state.

This proposition is nothing but California trying to push yet another hard, thriving, and powerful industry out of California.

Most studios have fled the streets of California for filming because California thought it'd be a good idea to raise taxes the film studios.

It goes deeper than that, though.

Again, in an industry that pleases people on a financial and sexually stimulating level, California feels it needs to step in and put a stop to something.

Disguised as a ploy to promote safe sex and health benefits, this proposition is California's way to protect a minority of performers who caught the clap.

Although pornography producers should be held accountable for the transmission of STDs on set between performers and clean up rags, part of the accountability should be held on the performers.

The best interest of the performers should be shown by producers, but part of the prob-

lem is that performers enter the sex industry thinking it's all glitz, glamour, and gonorrhea.

The porn industry is sketchy as hell.

I don't go into the Denny's dishwashing industry with the notion that I'll be shielded from scraps of dried egg and cheese sauce.

I know it's there, and if it stains me, I know it's part of the job. Just like having sex for cash.

Sketchy, right?

If you catch Hepatitis or HIV then that's on you.

It's all about accountability. If the transmission could've been avoided, that's a different story, though.

Nevertheless, no one wants to watch people have sex with condoms.

Part of the glory of porn is seeing performers do things normal people would never do, like use glory holes in dark rooms or watch people have sex with chocolate cake.

Proposition 60 is another excuse for California to put their greedy paws on a thriving, rock-hard industry.

Let the industry come to its own conclusions about what to do with performers and let viewers sit back, relax and expel juices in peace.

ADULT FILMS

Porn industry desensitized by Proposition 60

By Anthony Jauregui

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CAMPUS

'Breaking Bad' actor fills the Doré



RJ Mitte speaks of his experience on the AMC series *Breaking Bad* where he played the role Walter "Flynn" White.

By Uzziel Hernandez
Reporter

The Dore Theatre at CSU Bakersfield was filled with numerous attendees on Oct. 24 as the co-star of AMC's "Breaking Bad" RJ Mitte, 24, shared his inspirational discourse.

Coordinated by the Services for Students with Disabilities, Club ANCHOR, the Counseling Center and ASI, RJ Mitte's presentation featured a rousing speech followed by a Q&A and concluded with a meet-and-

greet.

In commemoration of Disability Awareness Month, Mitte spoke largely on the importance of believing in yourself, being fearless and resisting pressure.

Similar to his character on the show "Breaking Bad," Mitte was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at a young age.

Since then, Mitte has not allowed his condition to prohibit his potential for success.

"The main message that I try to connect is that you don't have to accept the expectations

that are attributed to you," said Mitte.

Mitte said believing in oneself is the key.

"If you don't have belief, you don't have much," said Mitte. "Also, you don't have to bow down to people who think they are better than you. We're all stuck in the same sinking ship."

Graduate student and English major Jake Williams, 22, was one of the many who had the opportunity to witness Mitte's stirring speech.

"His story inspired me to

keep chasing my dream," said Williams.

Williams added Mitte's speech motivated him to achieve the goals he has set for himself.

"This inspires me as it makes me think of achieving my own goals despite my own problems," said Williams.

The night concluded as several attendees lined up at the Albertson Room in the Dore Theater as they got a chance to meet Mitte, ask some final questions and take photos with him.



Karina Diaz/The Runner

Community members and CSUB student's lined up to take photos and greet "Breaking Bad" actor RJ Mitte on Sunday, Oct. 24.

WATER

'The Big Thirst' author taps into water issue

By Samantha Melendez
Reporter

Charles Fishman, author of "The Big Thirst" discussed his book at CSU Bakersfield on Oct. 27 as part of the One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern event.

Fishman began his speech humorously by reading reviews CSUB students made while they read or after they finished

"The Big Thirst."

"Anthony wrote, 'That book put me through hell,'" said Fishman.

While not all reviews were bad, he empathized with the audience by acknowledging how challenging it is to read his book.

Fishman continued his speech by sharing with the audience how he became interested in water around the planet.

Five years ago Fishman and his wife checked into a hotel where Fiji water bottles were offered. He had never seen Fiji water bottles before.

Fishman was interested that the bottle claimed to have water from Fiji and asked his wife if she believed it.

This led Fishman to 'poke around' and do research on water. From this experience Fishman wrote a small story

on bottled water. The story got so much attention that it led to him to write "The Big Thirst." Fishman also spoke about statistics and information on water usage in everyday tasks.

For example, he says every time something is searched on Google it takes two tablespoons to complete that task.

Fishman said 3.5 billion google searches are done in one day, meaning 7 billion

tablespoons of water are used everyday by Google.

The CSUB community was put on the spot as Fishman spoke about water usage in the University and how water conservation or reuse could be handled better.

"Here at CSUB, the university uses as much water a day as a family of Bakersfield uses in a year," Fishman said.

He also stated that the univer-

sity has one hundred thousand sprinkler heads around campus. He prompted the students to make sure the sprinkler heads were watering the grass and not the concrete.

One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern was adopted by Kern County in 2002 and since then the community has had the opportunity to meet authors of the books that are chosen for that year.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Valdez heading to NCAA Regionals

Bakersfield native becomes first CSUB runner to qualify

By Syleena Perez and
Esteban Ramirez
The Runner Staff

For CSU Bakersfield's junior Angel Valdez, cross country was never a sport she took seriously growing up. However, by following in her mother's footsteps, the Bakersfield native finds herself as the first CSUB cross country runner in the program's 39-year history to qualify for the NCAA Division I West Regionals. "I ran track as a kid, but it was a joke," said Valdez. "I did sprinting and I wasn't very good at it."

Her first love was soccer, but soccer was not the sport she was growing in.

"I started falling out of love for soccer," said Valdez. "I started doing really good in running my freshman and soph-

omore year [at East Bakersfield High School] and that's where the shift began." Valdez takes a lot of inspiration from her mother, Diana Valdez, and even follows in her mother's footsteps. Her mother is a teacher and cross-country coach at Eissler Elementary

School and she always knew that Angel Valdez had the ability to be a good runner.

"[My mom] was the one that told me to do long distance running since I was seven," said Valdez. "She would tell me every year and I never would listen."



Photo by gorunners.com

Valdez said it is rewarding to be able to represent Bakersfield at the Regionals. "It just makes me a little more proud of what I'm doing because not only am I running for my school but I'm really representing Bakersfield,"

she said. "I was born and raised here... It's awesome wearing Bakersfield on my back."

Valdez's road to qualifying for the Regionals really started for her at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational in Claremont, California Oct. 15.

Valdez was trailing the leading runner by a significant distance,

when she took a wrong turn and ended up going off the course.

But that mistake did not stop her from breaking a school record.

With some help from other CSUB cross-country runners guiding her to the right direction, Valdez found her stride and finished in third place out 140 runners.

"For a lot of people that would have messed with them, but for Angel that was like I got this," said coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth.

Valdez also broke CSUB 6K record in that race with a time of 22 minutes and 20.1 seconds.

She broke the old record of 22:22, which was set by Casey Glassey seven years ago.

Since that race, she has also received more honors.

She earned Western Athletic Conference Female Cross Country Runner of the Week, and this past Saturday, Oct. 29 she earned All-WAC Honors at the WAC Championships thanks to an 11th place finish in the 5K race with a time of 18:40.40.

Both awards were the first time a CSUB cross country runner had ever earned them. Thanks to her 11th place finish she was able to qualify to the Regionals.

The NCAA Division I West Regionals are scheduled for Nov. 11 in Sacramento at 11 a.m.

"I was just really proud of myself because every year it's a process, so to finally get to where I wanted to be, as a junior is really fulfilling," said Valdez.

Valdez said she knew she qual-

ified because she stayed with the front pack and saw that there weren't a lot of runners in front of her.

She said being CSUB's first cross country runner feels unreal to her.

"My freshman year I didn't think about any of this, and in my sophomore year is when I realized I had a lot more potential than I knew. I started pushing myself a lot harder," she said.

That mentality has now put her in an unprecedented position for a CSUB cross country runner, but she is already setting her sights on improving her time.

She said she wants to break the 6K record at Regionals.

"I see her leaving her as the most decorated female distance runner in program history," said Mansur-Wentworth.

WRESTLING

CSUB hopes to build off last season

By Juan Garcia
Reporter

Under new head coach Manny Rivera, the CSU Bakersfield wrestling team hopes to continue to build off last year's success.

CSUB wrestling finished last year with a Pac-12 best 4-1 record last season in dual competitions and sent five wrestlers to the NCAA Nationals in New York.

"Since I've been here, these guys have been willing to get to work, and they've received me and the expectations I have for them really well," said Rivera. "They've not only done what I asked but they've done it well."

Another change to the coaching staff this year is the addition of CSUB alumnus Reuben Franklin, who graduated last year.

Redshirt-sophomore Sean O'Rourke will wrestle at 157 after being a backup last year.

"I'm pretty excited for this

season," said O'Rourke. "I think we're going to have some strong competitors, not just in the Pac-12 but in the nation."

Another new starter for the CSUB wrestling program is junior Dylan Bollinger who will compete at 184.

"The team got a lot closer, in my opinion, after the old coach left," said Bollinger. "The new coaching staff was a big change at first, but now, it's just the same wrestling room with the same people and ultimately the same mission."

For Bollinger, that mission is being the national champion.

"I want to be a National champ. That's all there is to it," said Bollinger.

Some of the other key returners for CSUB are redshirt-junior Coleman Hammond, who finished with a 10-4 record and qualified for the NCAA Nationals last year and redshirt-junior Matt Williams, who went 20-18 last season.

Rivera said he knows what the



Chris Mateo/The Runner

CSUB's Coleman Hammond, left, returns after qualifying for the NCAA Nationals in New York last season.

community expects and he just wants to raise the bar.

"There's such a rich tradition here at Bakersfield and the standards and expectations have always been high," said Rivera. "For me coming into a situation where that was

already in place, now it's up to me to keep building on it and for us as a team to keep raising that bar."

CSUB is scheduled to host California Baptist Saturday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Icardo Center.

BASKETBALL PREVIEWS



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STUDENT LIFE

RUNNER NIGHTS RETURNS WITH HAUNTED VEGAS



CSUB students dress up as Joker and Harley Quinn at the Runner Nights Haunted Vegas event on Oct. 29. Javier Valdes/The Runner

Javier Valdes/The Runner
Dressed up in their costumes, students compete for prizes at Runner Nights on Oct. 29.

By Victoria Coronado
Reporter

Parham, a third year music major. "There was such unique diversity."

Like previous Runner Nights events put on by the school, students were able to come together in a safe place and enjoy themselves.

Students were immediately greeted by their peers who gave them the essentials of the night: food/dessert ticket and Runner Nights money.

The Vegas inspired glam dominated as students swarmed around the photo booth or lounged around on the couches as their peers danced the night away.

The DJ turned up familiar

tunes that brought everyone together in runner pride while others waited in line to go through the haunted house.

The haunted house put on by Talladega Frights had everyone screaming and running adding to the suspense of the evening. Some students were surprised at the extent of the dedication to the haunted Vegas night put on.

"I showed up to have a good time with people I thought were my friends," Destiny Gonzales, freshman nursing major said. "Until they put me through that haunted house!"

Students were also to team up with friends and participate in

laser tag or take their Runner Nights money and play Vegas theme card games.

There was something for everyone to come in and enjoy at every point of the evening including a magic show.

Runner Nights consistently continues to grow and be more and more successful especially with the help of sponsors.

The Haunted Vegas event had nearly 1,500 students attend.

Runner Nights has created a positive impact on the CSUB campus and is continuing to create a safe environment where students can come together.

Javier Valdes/The Runner
CSUB senior and women's basketball player Brittany Sims enjoys activities at Runner Nights.

Students participate in poker games as a part of Runner Nights Haunted Vegas theme. Julie Mana-Ay/The Runner

Julie Mana-Ay/The Runner
CSUB student happily partakes in activities in front of the Student Recreation Center.Javier Valdes/The Runner
CSUB students battle each other at the Runner Nights event.

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Javier Valdes/The Runner
CSUB student Janet Farala dresses as Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.Javier Valdes/The Runner
Students show off their Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle costumes at the contest.