

## Optimism abounds at the Basketball Tip-off Dinner

By Steven Barker  
Staff Writer

Amid the glamour of the Marriott Downtown, basketball coaches, players, CSUB faculty and community members gathered on Oct. 28 for the Basketball Tip-off Dinner, an event that featured both amazing food and glowing optimism about the upcoming season.

Many community members and coaches were excited about the upcoming year. Beaming about CSUB's inclusion into the Western Athletic Conference next year, Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall called this upcoming season a year of "personal significance for [himself] and everyone in the community." The upcoming season ends an era of athletic independence, granting the CSUB basketball teams a greater opportunity to compete in the March NCAA Tournament.



Women's basketball team wait for the tip-off dinner to start at the Marriot on Oct 28.

Abi Khan/The Runner

In regards to this season, both coaches held high expectations for their team. Heading a team that was plagued with injuries last year, women's Head Coach Greg McCall said, "One thing I pray for every single day is health."

"As a first-year head coach at the Division 1 level, you have all high expectations about what your team is supposed to be like, what you want to do and what you want to accomplish, but you will never understand what you have to go through to be successful without healthy players," said McCall.

Despite facing a tough schedule (featuring national powerhouses like Arizona, California, Oregon State and Duke University), McCall is excited to compete with national championship contenders. "We're trying to get [to that level]"

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## Stormtroopers, superheroes invade Bakersfield during Comic-Con

By Sarah Nusser  
Staff Writer

Last Sunday, Bakersfield Comic-Con came back to the Doubletree Hotel for the fifth year. The comic book, fantasy and collectable show filled up the reserved space of the hotel, with many more attendees than in years past. Dealers sold a variety of items to the crowd, including comic books, posters, DVDs, t-shirts, action figures and an assortment of other science fiction and comic book themed items.

According to attendee Kevin Workman, "Everything about the convention appeals. There are panels, shopping, other nerds in costume." Workman was dressed in a semi-homemade version of the Green Lantern costume.

Workman was not the only superhero in attendance. The cost of the convention was \$7 for adults, but \$3 were taken off for those in costume. Many took advantage of the discount, dressing up not only as superheroes, but also as "Star Wars" stormtroopers, robots, and cartoon and video game characters. So close to Halloween, many parents brought their children in

their costumes.

For West High senior Alexis Trevino, seeing everyone in costumes is a large part of the reason she has attended all five of the Bakersfield Comic-Cons. She said a large part of the appeal is how much she loves seeing people dressed as characters, especially from her favorites, the comic "Batman" and

video game series.

Trevino likes that she can go to a convention so close to where she lives. She said, "It is not like many people can travel to Los Angeles and San Diego," where many of the popular comic book conventions are, and added, "Bakersfield has an alternative community. It may be small, but it is there."

The community Trevino talked about is growing, which explains the increase in attendance to this year's show. First-time attendee Jessica Shoopman said, "I absolutely cannot wait for the next one. I am definitely going to dress up next time." She said for her it is "mandatory to have a convention in Bakersfield." Like Trevino said, other conventions are often too far away and too costly.

The small size of Bakersfield might suggest a lack of special celebrity guests attending the show, but this is not the case.

According to Comic-Con organizer Steven Wyatt, the artists attending this year have worked on popular shows such as

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Courtesy of Danielle Alcala

Left to Right: Athena Skapinakis as "Link" from "The Legend of Zelda" and Danielle Alcala as "Silk Spectre" from "Watchmen" pose with a "Star Wars" Star Trooper.

the television show "Doctor Who."

Trevino herself was dressed up as a bobble-head nurse, one of the monsters from the popular "Silent Hill"



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# Infected by ‘The Walking Dead’

By **Stephanie Viloría**  
Staff Writer

“The Walking Dead” is a terrifying rendition of the zombie apocalypse that has swept so many people across the nation, including myself, under its hypnotic spell. Airing at 9 p.m. every Sunday night, “The Walking Dead” warps the viewer into the world of Rick Grimes and a group of survivors, where they struggle to survive against the hordes of zombies that hunger for their flesh.

On the back of every “Walking Dead” issue is written, “In a world ruled by the dead, we are forced to finally begin living.” This quote speaks so much truth to me about the kind of world we live in now, in which everyone has become dependent on being served anything and everything on a silver platter, no longer having to worry about greater, natural predators, or having to sustain ourselves on our own.

This show presents the scenario of “what if” we had to rely on ourselves to survive. And having read all existing “Walking Dead” comics and watched all seasons and episodes of the show, I think I can honestly call myself a devoted “Walking Dead” fan. I discovered the show on Netflix one uneventful, boring night. I pressed the play button and never regretted it since.

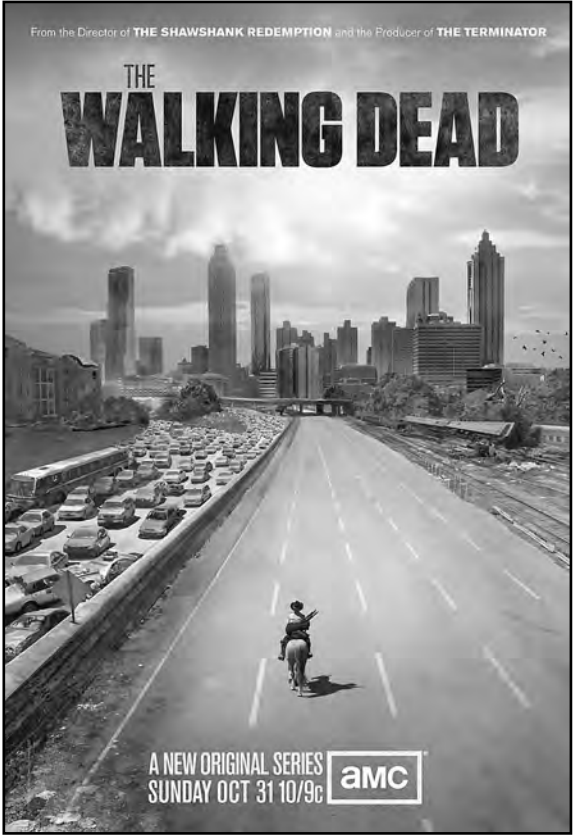
Here’s a quick warning for those of you who have not watched this show yet: it can be excessive with the use of special effects, sometimes depicting scenes not suitable for those with weak stomachs. That is not to say that “The Walking Dead” is all blood and guts.

An average of 3.4 million viewers tune in for this show every Sunday for good reason. “The Walking Dead” has real, dynamic characters that make for a captivating story. From the start, you begin to start care for these characters – these living, breathing people – as the show progresses, and along the way, you have to see some of them literally die on screen.

This emotional connection viewers have made with these characters is one of the reasons that keep people watching every week. I’ll admit, I’ve

openly cried while watching some of my favorite characters receive their kiss of death, otherwise known as the zombie bite.

Before I knew it, these fictional characters became real people that I felt I intimately knew. Watching them on the show was like watching my



close friends, which brought out this constant fear and worry that made me think, “Maybe they won’t survive this time.” Scariest and worst of all is that these characters are also made to seem just like you and me. How cleverly messed up is that?

The photography, special effects and makeup make the show so visually appealing. The camera filter makes their fictional world all too real by setting the gloom and doom atmosphere, and in turn, creating an ominous mood within the viewer. The set is absolutely amazing in the aspect that everything in the back-

ground, including the props, has the perfect degree of grime and unruliness that really portrays a world in ruin. But, really, the most impressive of all is the zombie makeup. Just catching a glimpse of one of those things sends shivers down my spine. From the hollow emptiness in their eyes to the blood dribbling from their rotting teeth, these zombies are the epitome of horror. If you don’t want to watch the show for the story, which I highly doubt, just stay for the zombies.

In an essay, Stephen King once said, “[The horror movie] appeals to all that is worst in us. It is morbidity unchained, our most base instincts let free, our nastiest fantasies realized ... and it all happens, fittingly enough, in the dark.” King makes a valid point. Why else would so many people take time out of their day to watch something as morbid as zombies ripping people to shreds, other than the reasons stated before? Perhaps it’s the thought of living in a completely uncivilized and dangerous world that excites us.

“The Walking Dead” gives people a chance to take a step out of their clean, safe reality, and allows them to satisfy their fantasy of a life out of the ordinary, in constant danger of a predator beyond our understanding.

Are you infected with “The Walking Dead” virus yet? If not, I suggest staying in this Sunday night at 9 p.m., tune in to AMC and watch the show for yourself. Expect to see symptoms within 24 hours of exposure, which include, but are not limited to: an insatiable craving for more of “The Walking Dead.”

## Never too old

By **Sergio G. Espain**  
Staff Writer

The first Halloween costume I remember was one my mom made for me when I was about four or five years old. She took an old, white bed sheet, cut out two holes, and draped it over my bigger-than-average head. “You’re a ghost this year,” she commanded. That ghost costume was the coolest costume ever, except for that old linen and stale air smell. My mom even told me I could be a ghost again the next year and the year after that.

I did not know that my parents could not afford to buy me that “Ninja Turtles” costume, or the red “Power Rangers” uniform I always whined for. I was a bed sheet ghost for five years straight, and I didn’t complain.

Fast forward nearly 20 years. I strutted around the campus of CSUB last year as a Ghostbuster. You probably saw me with my custom Proton Pack made out of an oversized cardboard box and aluminum cans. You probably even heard the “Ghostbusters” theme song billowing from the speakers I installed inside the Proton Pack. What got the most attention, however, were the Ecto-Goggles I had that were made out of old welder’s goggles and pipe fittings. I walked proudly, taking pictures with anyone who asked. I even won the Best Individual Costume award from the Student Rec Center’s “Scary Carnival” event. However, I was saddened to see that not many people dressed up last year. I felt like I was the only kid dressed up at school.

Halloween is a holiday that used to signify celebratory feasts before All Saints’ Day and various Day of the Dead celebrations. Now, Halloween means we get to stuff our faces with chocolate and other sugary goodies while we dress up as ninjas, pirates and other archetypal ghoulies. It’s the one day we get to dress up as someone else, forget all our inhibitions, and have a drink with that busty cheerleader... or is that a dude dressed as a busty cheerleader? It’s the only day where it’s socially (and publicly) acceptable to dress up like your favorite movie character or comic book henchman.

Halloween is the “last chance” holiday to screw around before the serious and family oriented holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmahanakwanzika. Those holidays, however, do not promote organized chaos, grown men dressed as their favorite cartoon characters, and half-naked nurses and policewomen the way Halloween does.

Big kids like me count down the days until Oct. 31. It’s the one day our inner-child is allowed to come out, dress up like our favorite superheroes, and run around pretending we are Indiana Jones or The Flash. It’s perfectly normal for that one day for a grown man to put on a cape and act like a child, reliving his younger joys. Women are allowed to wear a mask and that super skimpy skirt they can’t wear to work and become a cat burglar. That’s the spirit of Halloween: tomfoolery, costumes and candy. I’m starting to notice that the older I get, the less people participate in getting dressed up and acting like someone they could not be on any other day.

By the time you read this, I will probably already be on campus, dressed as an NFL Referee. I’ll be proudly blowing my whistle, hurling candy-filled penalty flags at random people. I’ll be wearing my striped jersey, white cap and whistle. If you see me, say hello and Happy Halloween. Do not let growing up stop you from still being a kid at heart.

## National Cyber Security Awareness Month: ‘Be smart with mobile devices’

By **Sue Rivera**  
Special to The Runner



As the holiday season approaches and retailers get ready for the latest technology to be sold, you can be prepared by safeguarding your mobile devices. “A survey of 1,008 consumers in the U.K. found that 36 percent had lost an electronic device in public. Among the devices lost or left in an unsecure place, 42 percent had no active security measures,” according to Sophos, a malware monitor. In this last article for National Cyber Security Awareness Month, we discuss various options to help keep your mobile device from getting into the hands of others and how to minimize the possibilities of others getting access to the information on your device if it’s lost.

Mobile devices are just as powerful and vulnerable as any computer or laptop. A huge difference is that you are now carrying information about your life around with you, wherever you go. Mobile devices are appearing in more people’s pockets, purses and briefcases. According to Homeland Security, the popularity and relatively lax security have made them attractive targets.

To help prevent your device from being stolen:

- \* Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- \* Don’t allow strangers to borrow your device. Offer to call for them.
- \* Keep your purse closed and out of the reach of thieves.
- \* While in shopping malls, bus or train stations as well as airports, minimize the use of your device where quick hands can snatch and run.

For protecting the information on your device, it can’t be stressed enough to use a strong password (passcode). Did I mention strong? There are several other tips that are just as important.

- \* Use at least 8 characters and mix them with lowercase, uppercase, numbers and symbols.
- \* Do NOT use words found in a dictionary.
- \* Lock your device.
- \* Get used to entering a password into your device regularly. Your device should go into a black screen after a minimum of 30 seconds, less if possible. If your device was ever lost or stolen, this will make it more difficult for someone to access your information.
- \* Use your wireless company’s recommendation for backing up and managing your device. Backup to iCloud or iTunes. SpiderOak and iDrive are also available.
- \* The software should be kept up-to-date, use anti-virus software, and use encryption.
- \* Carefully consider what information you store on your device: account and password information, banking and credit card information should never be stored.
- \* Do you ever answer those security questions when you open an account? Don’t post the answers on social networking sites.
- \* If your device is stolen or lost, it’s important to deactivate and wipe your device.

Have a safe and secure holiday season. Take time to familiarize yourself with your device and protect what is yours. Secure your device now. Stay in control of your device and choose what is best for you. Thank you for reading these articles and supporting National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Remember: Stop. Think. Connect.

# School quarter vs. semester system

By Anthony Williams  
Staff Writer

CSUB plans to change from a quarter school system to a semester school system in 2014. This is either good or bad depending on a person’s preference. Many students like myself came from a semester system, and it is not as bad as it sounds. The key for a student to survive the transition is to adapt, work with the instructors rather than against them, and be patient. In an article written in April 2012, the school board claimed that the transition would cost \$2.5-3 million to complete the transition, though the numbers may vary closer to the implementation date. In a semester system, students are enrolled for 16-week semesters at a time. With the school year divided into two semesters, a total of 32 weeks of classes are attended. What this means is there is more time to get adjusted to classes for those who do not like fast-paced courses. With a longer period of classes, individuals who find they are not doing as strongly as they

normally would have a chance to make up work to better their grade in the long run. More classes are usually taken in a semester system than its quarter counterpart. Because of this, classes start earlier in the year in August and finish mid-December. “The school needs to consider the act of switching because it will most likely hurt the students who are in the school right now,” Dyami Larsen, a concerned student, said. “From reading what President Mitchell said and from the comments made from other students, it is mostly going to

affect those of us who are graduating near the year of the transition,” Aaron Bonilla said. “Though the ones who are the least affected are the seniors and the new students who arrive on campus after the transition occurs.” A good point is made because changes in curriculum could upset the previous graduation requirements and offset certain required courses that may or may not be offered at later times in the year. “Instructors need time for training and to adjust, otherwise it will be compared to instructors working overtime with no extra pay,” Sarah

Vanderlip, a concerned instructor, said. In the quarter system, which is already implemented in CSUB, classes are attended for 11 weeks at a time. Because of the amount of time required to get students hours of class time, this system is more rigorous and progresses quickly. The pros are also important in the quarter system, because with the shorter teaching spans, the breaks are longer and leave more time to recharge before returning to school studies. It is no secret that some college students do not get along with their instructors, and the quarter system is short enough to the point where a student should not make a fuss if they do not see eye to eye with certain teaching methods. “A change to a semester system would be a good change, but at the same time a bad one. Sure we get more time to study for our classes, but it would hurt the current students because we have to stay longer due to the semester system having us take 9-11 classes a year,” Dwayne McGee, a computer science major at CSUB, said.



## November 9 marks the beginning of a prosperous season

[DINNER from Page 1] tenders. “We’re trying to get [to that level] and compete nationally with these teams and let them understand that we’re here too in Bakersfield, and we want to be recognized. I’m really excited about this season. I wish we could play tomorrow.” Men’s Head Coach Rod Barnes is equally confident about his team’s ability to compete with national contenders. Following a 16-win season, Barnes believes his team can

eclipse 20 wins despite facing many teams ranked in the nation’s top-25 last year. “The same excitement that I had last year, I have this year,” said Barnes. “This is a new season, a new opportunity - this [season] gives us a new opportunity to go and play against great [teams].” “When we get to the floor, it’s Bakersfield,” Barnes added. “That’s who we represent. We’re trying to represent our city.” Barnes concluded the night with a bold promise. “We will get to the NCAA

Tournament; I promise you that,” said Barnes. Beyond the speeches from both coaches, the event was a beautiful event that promoted optimism about the basketball program and the school at-large. The CSUB Athletic Department conducted a silent auction featuring many items, including a basketball autographed by members of the team. Arrangements to travel with the CSUB men’s basketball team on road games in Las Vegas and New Orleans were auctioned off. The

Marriott Hotel provided all attendees with a wonderful chicken dinner, creamy chocolate lava cake and stocked bar. Many student-athletes were able to socialize with long-time supporters of the CSUB basketball program, learning more about the program’s history and the lives of people who love the school. The men and women begin their season on Nov. 9. The men play against UT-Arlington at 6 p.m., while the women will compete against Arizona at 8:30 p.m. Both games will be held in the Icardo Center.



Abi Kahn/The Runner Men’s Head Coach Rod Barnes spoke at the Basketball Tip-off Dinner at the Marriott Hotel.

## Bakersfield pulls a large crowd of characters at local Comic-Con

[COMIC from Page 1] “The Simpsons”, “Futurama”, “Charmed”, as well as for companies Hanna-Barbera and Lucas Animation. The fun of dressing up, meeting famous artists, and shopping for comics and collectables is not the only reason to attend the Comic-Con. The convention had organized a charity raffle, this year for the Bakersfield Rescue Mission. Wyatt said, “Over the past four years, we have raised over \$3,000.” The goal this year is to reach over \$2,000. To encourage attendees to buy raffle tickets, the tickets were only a dollar to purchase, and the prizes included comics, action figures and other memorabilia items sure to appeal to the collectors who attended.

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- Costume contest
- Dj
- Drinks



## Nile Halloween Bash

**The Nile Nightclub**  
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- Costume Contest
- Drinks

## I don't always write about a fraternity, but when I do, it's DZT

By Athena Skapinakis  
Staff Writer

CSUB has been home to many organizations that have come and gone throughout the years, but this past weekend, the local Delta Zeta Tau (DZT) Fraternity celebrated their 20th year anniversary. DZT is the longest standing fraternity on campus, which is no small feat.

"Celebrating our 20th Anniversary we get to see so many alumni that want to see what has happened with the fraternity since they started," said Rudy Sanchez, DZT's historian and a computer science major in his fifth year. "Throughout the years we have seen so many just come and go, but we are still here."

"I believe it's a huge landmark," said Ivan Melendez, a third-year computer science major. "Our 20th year is definitely a mark of importance because we are still continuing our brotherhood to this day and helping it grow and stay alive."

"We're all very proud of it. People don't realize there have been a lot of fraternities on campus that haven't stayed. It's a strong testament to how strong we are," said Pablo Hernandez, the current President of the DZT Fraternity who's in his fourth year as a double major in criminal justice and psychology. "Even though we're local, we have a lot going for us."

Delta Zeta Tau was founded Oct. 26, 1992, and based upon Hispanic culture beliefs and strives for academic excellence and prosperity. They are recognized by their red, black, and gold colors as well as their Aztec symbolism.

This fraternity is especially dedicated to philanthropic works such as taking part in the Great American Clean Up, participation in March of the Dimes and the Asthma Walk, serving deliciously homemade burritos to the homeless on Thanksgiving, and many more.



They are active with non-Greek students on campus as well. Every year they've put on La Gran Posada at CSUB, a cultural event to the equivalent of Christmas which always includes food, dance and informative speakers. The event is free and allows for non-Greek students to come together with the fraternity to enjoy the festivities and learn more about Latin culture. Other social events are held with other members of the Greek system, the CSUB athletic teams, other campus organizations and non-Greek students.

Also, the members of DZT are known for being reoccurring Greek Week champions. In 2001, local fraternities on campus were allowed to compete in the annual event, Greek Week, which is an entire competitive week of fun events the CSUB Greek system participates in and gives the winner bragging rights as the best Greek organization on campus. DZT was able to win Greek Week six years total - three of those years were in a row. It's one of the many accomplishments they're proud of and that can be admired.

I have definitely admired their structures created during the house building portion of Greek Week as well as their always hilarious, imaginative and well-put together talent shows. This fraternity has proven to be particularly creative in both endeavors, which has put them

ahead of their competitors several times.

Especially close-knit, Delta Zeta Tau strives for brotherhood as well as academic excellence. Each brother of this fraternity supports the other and helps create their strong bond.

"They are my family that is there to guide and support me in all the decisions I make in college," said Sanchez. "This fraternity has turned me into the person I am today, so therefore I'm grateful, which fills me up with so much love for this fraternity. There is nothing I wouldn't do for any of my brothers."

"[DZT] completely changed my college experience. I want two degrees now. It's helped me pursue my dreams. It makes me want to go further," explained Hernandez.

"I feel DZT is a life changing experience and I definitely recommend it to anyone who would be interested in becoming a part of it," said Melendez. "It has definitely helped me grow as a person by helping me become more outgoing, professional, and also a better overall person."

I strongly encourage everyone to go out and meet the incredible members of the Delta Zeta Tau Fraternity. They've contributed quite a lot to our campus and to our community.

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# Volleyball ends the home season with a split

By Steven Gaede  
Sports Editor

The CSUB volleyball team fell to the Fresno State Bulldogs 3-1 (25-19, 25-18, 23-25, 25-18) Thursday, Oct. 25.

With the exception of game number three, the Bulldogs controlled the flow of the meeting by countering Roadrunner momentum with runs of points.

CSUB opened up the second game strong, going up 4-0, but Fresno answered with five straight points. The 'Runners and the Bulldogs fought for the lead in the game until Fresno went up 9-8. Not faltering, Fresno held onto the lead the rest of the game.

The Fresno attack was led by Korrin Wild who tallied 27 points via 24 kills, two serving aces and two assisted blocks.

"We were getting them to do things we wanted them to do, but I commend Fresno State. They came out - they outscored us," Head Coach Jolene Shepardson said.

Game number three proved to be a nail-biter. CSUB never gave up the lead after going up 8-7, but the Bulldogs stayed in contention, coming within one

point of CSUB, 24-23. Bakersfield was able to dismiss Fresno's hopes of a sweep with a kill from junior outside-hitter Debora

excited." Despite the morale-boosting third game, Fresno came out in the fourth and final game with something to

25-15, 26-24, 25-16) Saturday, Oct. 27.

Araujo led the Bakersfield attack with 19 kills and 20.5 points. In addition to

Araujo's stellar performance, O'Hagan had 11 kills and 15 points, and Sawyer had 15 kills and 16 points.

The CSUB players with double-digit kills had great games, but credit must be given to Gonçalves, who had 47 assists.

Saturday night's contest against Utah was CSUB's final home game of the season.

Seniors are recognized in the final home games of each season, but since there are no seniors on the team, no farewells were given to the squad.

"I'm excited about this next year going in with a solid group of girls. We don't lose anybody - it's awesome," said Shepardson. "We don't have the experience yet, but we're gaining it. We've played some great competition this year, and I think we're just getting better and better."

CSUB will hit the road for the final six games of the season. Bakersfield will take on UC Riverside on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. and conclude the season against San José State Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.



Fernanda Gonçalves sets the volleyball for a teammate Oct. 25.

Elena Geiger/The Runner

Araujo, who was assisted by Fernanda Gonçalves.

"We came out with a good game plan. We were serving tough from the end line, much improved from the last time we faced them at their place," said Shepardson.

Several things came together in game number three for the 'Runners; Wild was held to two points, freshman opposite Kelsee Sawyer had five points, and CSUB as a team had five-and-a-half blocks.

"I think our blocking pressure got to them," Shepardson said. "We got a couple of blocks, and that changes momentum. It gets our team energized and

prove, capturing the early lead and never relinquishing it. Wild was not able to be tamed in the final game, earning nine kills and a serving ace.

"We were doing well offensively and everything was clicking. I wish we would have kept that pressure on them," Shepardson said.

Sawyer led CSUB in kills and points with 15 and 16.5 respectively. Araujo was second in kills with 14 and second in points with 14.5. Sophomore middle-blocker Molly O'Hagan also had double-digit points with 10.

Putting the Thursday loss behind them, CSUB defeated Southern Utah 3-1 (22-25,

# CSUB fails to convert shots on goal, ties Air Force 1-1

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Despite holding a 31-12 shot differential against the Air Force Falcons on Oct. 28, the men's soccer team failed to capitalize on their offensive opportunities, resulting in a 1-1 tie in double overtime. Saturday's home game was the final regular season home game for star forward Gyasi Zardes, who intends on turning pro at the season's end.

The 'Runners' aggressive offense established dominance over the game and manufactured a 17-7 shot differential in the first period. An early corner kick by sophomore midfielder Lucas Dall'Orso - one of eight corner kicks in the first period and 12 in the game - led to a near goal by freshman midfielder Christian Duarte, sailing just over



Lucas Dall'Orso crosses the ball into the Air Force penalty box off of a corner kick Oct. 28.

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the top post. Zardes, overpowering the Falcons' defenders, recorded four shots on goal. However, the Falcons' defensive swarming within the penalty box prevented the 'Runners from manufacturing the space necessary for accurate shots, forcing the 'Runners to take distant, inaccurate shots that prevented them from scoring.

While unable to score, the 'Runners'

defenders stifled the Falcons's attempts at offensive cohesion. Aggressive attacks and elevated physicality from redshirt junior defender Scott Juedtke neutralized multiple Air Force attacks, limiting the opposition to distant shot attempts that posed no scoring threat.

"It was very frustrating that we couldn't put the ball in the back of the net," said Zardes. "We definitely outplayed this team, but it's devastating that we couldn't score."

Shortly after the second half, the 'Runners' offense finally produced a goal. A series of passes from Zardes and Dall'Orso led to a goal from senior midfielder Jesus Sanchez in the 51st minute, giving CSUB a 1-0 lead. However, Air Force immediately responded. A 'Runners defensive lapse resulted in Air Force's Brian Klazura scoring an equalizer in the 56th minute.

The offensive eruption would not continue. Physical defensive and aggressive play by CSUB's defenders prevented Air Force from scoring another goal. Similarly, while the 'Runners frequently penetrated the Falcons' defenses, Air Force's ability to deny CSUB space within the penalty box forced many errant shots, holding the score at 1-1 when regulation ended.

When overtime began, CSUB again established offensive dominance. Although he was unable to score, Zardes was a defensive nightmare, recording two shots (11 in the entire game) and creating multiple opportunities for his teammates to score. However - as was the case throughout the game - while the 'Runners created numerous chances to score, CSUB failed to score a winning goal. Their possession dominance was for naught; sloppy possessions in the closing minutes of both overtime periods resulted in a 1-1 tie to end the game.



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Gyasi Zardes chases down the ball as a Falcon defender pursues him Oct. 28.

While not satisfied with his team's performance, Head Coach Simon Tobin was relatively pleased with the men's performance. "Most sports, if you totally dominate them like we did tonight, you come away with a win," said Tobin. "Although we dominated them in every aspect of the game, it's frustrating to get the tie, but I'm happy with the way we played."

"The beauty of soccer is defending work as well," added Tobin. "Their goal keeper came up with some supreme saves in the first half. Credit [goes] to Air Force for keeping in there."

For Zardes, the game was the inevitable end to a great era in Roadrunner soccer.

"It was great playing here on this field and being surrounded by the Bakersfield community," said Zardes. "But, at this point, I'm going pro next year."

CSUB plays UNLV on Nov. 2 before competing in the MPSF Tournament on Nov. 8-11.

## Athlete of the Week

Women's soccer vs. Northern Arizona Oct. 26.

Freshman defender Chloe Varvell scored the golden goal 3:38 into overtime against Northern Arizona Oct. 26, giving the 'Runners the 3-2 win.



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# CSUB Women's soccer battles, falls short, 2-0

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Last Wednesday night, Oct. 24, CSUB hosted the Portland State Vikings for their last home game of the season. Celebrating the occasion, CSUB recognized its two seniors Sam Pena and Daisy Vasquez. Although they played extremely well, CSUB did not get the result they expected.

Head Coach Melissa Phillips was frustrated and expressed that she was very displeased at Portland, who she felt did not try to to play soccer; Phillips thought that the refs were calling many unnecessary fouls and that Portland was not playing the ball. It was a tough game for CSUB as they fell short to the Vikings.

"Unfortunately, we just didn't execute what we needed to do in the first half and it put us at a disadvantage," said Coach Phillips. The match started off with an intense battle for the ball. Early on, many fouls were called giving Portland States' Amanda Howie the opportunity to score their first goal.

Defensively, the 'Runners still had a chance to keep up. Junior players Erica Shelton and Tyler Shirk showed up with much speed and aggression. Redshirt-freshman goalkeeper Tori Ornela kept her eyes wide open with a total of eight saves for the night.

After the half, it was 1-0, and the 'Runners were determined to stop the Vikings. The game was at a back and forth pace with excitement of who would have control, then Amanda Dutra of Portland scored the second goal and ended the night with the final score (2-0). Forward Pena was upset about the night, feeling bittersweet about her season wrapping up - the loss was not how she pictured the last home game.

Throughout the game, the aggression from both teams was evident. Recovering from a hamstring problem, Pena knew it was not going to be easy, but that did not stop her from striving for her team. With two more games left in the season, Pena just wants to win and improve the team's record, then she will focus on finishing off the year.

Coach Phillips said she is going to miss both her seniors Pena and Vasquez, and she stated, "They are both fantastic players - they are fantastic student athletes and incredible leaders for this program."

With a record of 6-11-2, the women's soccer team finished off their season with a successful 3-2 win against the Lumberjacks of Northern Arizona on Oct. 26 and an upsetting 2-3 loss against the Thunderbirds of Southern Utah on Oct. 28.



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