

THE BIG STORY

Through labor, dreams are reborn

CSUB student immerses into world of fieldwork

By Chris Mateo
Senior Staff Writer

A warm breeze blows over the silhouette of the mountains as we wait in a line for the foreman to teach us how to pick the grapes.

Imagine a simple fruit shaping your life and adopting you into a whole different culture. Fieldwork is not just a job, it is a lifestyle.

It is hard.

It is demanding.

But for many, this is their only option.

This past summer I decided to experience what it's like to work in the fields and immerse myself into this lifestyle.

Two months earlier my parents had started to work in the fields for the first time.

I followed them when CSUB let out for summer.

My parents left their original job of cleaning restaurants after 14 years to start a food truck business.

However, the money that they were making selling tacos was not consistent enough so they decided to go to work in the fields.

Agriculture is one of the largest industries in Kern County.

During the summer the most common fieldwork is harvesting grapes.

My day typically started at 4 a.m.



Photo by Monica Mateo
Chris Mateo picks grapes as part of his summer job working in the fields.

After waking up I would shower just like any other day and I kept showering for about three days. I quickly realized it was useless to shower in the morning because when I got home I would be covered in dust, dirt, and spider webs.

When I got home the first thing I would do is take off my shirt, hat and pants and put them into a special pile of work clothes that cannot be mixed in

with your regular clothes. After doing that I would shower and it seemed like I was washing mud off of me.

After getting ready in the morning I had to prepare the food I would take to eat for lunch. I was lucky enough that my mother would make my lunch for me.

I found that most field workers take pride in the food they prepare.



Chris Mateo/The Runner
A row of midnight grapes grow at the foot of the Grapevine near David Road in Mettler, Calif.

The reason for that is because breaks and the lunches are the highlight of the day.

It was the silver lining in my day after working hard to the point of exhaustion.

The general rules for breaks are that at 8a.m. sharp there is a 20-minute break, then at 10:30 a.m., there is a 30-minute lunch break. The last break is a 10-minute break and that comes at 1p.m.

When I took my break, it was difficult to find comfort sitting down.

There is a table and a bench to go sit on, which the foreman hauls around every day, but space is limited.

People that know each other or are family always sat together and ate together.

Everyone shared their food with each other and I got a buffet everyday because I sat with

my aunt and other co-workers.

The field workers take so much pride in their lunches that they do not hesitate to share their food with their co-workers.

Some people would bring tacos, others would bring some kind of soup and the younger people tend to bring simpler items like burritos or sandwiches.

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ASI

Changes coming to grad ceremony

By Javier Valdes
Editor-in-Chief

CSU Bakersfield's administrative cabinet is currently exploring different graduation ceremony options that would change not only the location of commencement but also the structure of the event as a whole.

ASI Executive Vice President Alana Lim recently attended the Academic Support and Student Services Committee where changes to the commencement ceremony were discussed.

"Due to increased (commencement) attendance and also an increase in the amount of students that are graduating from CSUB, we've outgrown the venue that we have previously used," said Lim to the ASI board during the Sept. 23

meeting.

The new location that is currently being explored is the grass area east of Alumni Park, next to Parking Lot M and the CSUB soccer field.

Academic Support and Student Services Committee Chair Janet Millar said that the administrative cabinet is seeking to eliminate the need for tickets for future graduation ceremonies and for that to happen a new commencement location would be necessary.

Once the changes go through, it is expected that students will no longer be limited to the amount of people they can invite to their graduation ceremony.

Lim reported to the board that there are currently two options being explored.

Option A would be an all-

school graduation where each of the four schools will hold their graduations all at once, schools would be called by name and students would stand up when called, this option would eliminate the individual handing out of diplomas. The ceremony would then be followed by a reception where CSUB President Horace Mitchell and his cabinet, along with faculty would greet students and be available for pictures. The hooding ceremony for graduate students would then follow the undergraduate ceremony reception.

Option B would consist of three ceremonies, two undergraduate and one graduate. The two undergraduate ceremonies would be divided, each hosting two schools. This ceremony would have students walk the

stage and have their names individually called out. Each ceremony would then be followed by a brief reception. All three commencements would be held the same day.

Millar said that the cabinet is discussing having a stage that would rest on Lot M and chairs that would be set up across the lawn.

Currently, the options are still being explored, and there has been no definite agreement made, but Millar said that she anticipates the decision to be made soon since the ceremony planning is expected to begin in the following months.

"It won't be the same, it will be different," said Millar.

Lim asked the board to really think about the change, as this is a decision that will be

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CAMPUS

Asbestos problem continues at CSUB

By Marissa Patton
Reporter

Within the littered ground, steep stairs and musty rooms of the CSU Bakersfield faculty towers thrives a beast. It usually won't bother people, unless provoked. Known as asbestos, this beast is a silicone mineral that thrives within the tower walls.

The person with extensive knowledge of the beast is Safety and Risk Management Timothy Ridley. Having worked at CSUB for the last three years, he carries certification in Health Safety, Environmental and Risk management, and asbestos.

"I have been working in

environment protection since 1978," he said. "When I have a concern I always do an investigation."

Ridley explained that the asbestos in the faculty towers is not causing any imminent danger because it is in non-friable form. While the faculty towers have been up since the 1970's, the only issue is the lack of elevators which go against ADA's newer regulations. When they were built in the early 1970s, they were up to all building codes.

"Asbestos is friable which means it can be released if crumbled. It can create problems if you breathe it over a

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AWARENESS

Shedding light on suicide awareness

By Mark Saso
Reporter

Glowing cups with encouraging messages and loved ones' names written upon them, were placed in the shape of a heart just outside of the CSU Bakersfield's Student Union Building on Tuesday Sept. 27.

Students gathered at the third annual Suicide Awareness Candlelight Vigil that brought recognition to a topic that is rarely discussed.

"Events like this are important in order to bring awareness to show students there is a hand out there to help them up, they just need to reach for it," said Eric Pichardo a theater major.

The CSUB INSPIRE Program participated in the event providing information on suicide and what the program has to offer for students.

The program is a two unit general studies course that educates students about mental

illnesses, such as suicide.

The INSPIRE Program seeks to shed light on mental illnesses and make it a topic that people aren't afraid to talk about.

"Suicide is the second leading cause of death on college campuses, and it is good to tell students there is someone willing to help," said mathematics major Lupe, who is currently enrolled in the INSPIRE program.

Some statistics given at the vigil by Eric Lord, a CSUB counselor, were as follows: there are 94 suicides a day that makes an average of one death from suicide every 12.8 minutes, every 38 seconds there is an attempted suicide, and 1 in 10 college students have planned a suicide.

"I feel like for a long time mental illness has been viewed as taboo, so people don't want to come out and talk about it," said Maria Borjas an electrical engineering major.

If you are or have struggled with suicidal thoughts, it is important to understand that you are not alone and there are people willing to help.

If you are a current student at CSUB, the Counseling Center is available for help. Counseling Center hours are: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

There is a CSUB Crisis Line that is open 24 hours and can be reached at 661-654-3366. Additional help can be found by calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or the Kern County Mental Health Hotline at 1-800-991-5272.

All of the organizations are open 24 hours a day. If you believe that someone you know may be suicidal, or you would like to learn the warning signs of suicide, visit suicideispreventable.org for more information.



Karina Diaz/The Runner
CSUB volleyball team member gave each other support at the candlelight event held by the counseling center at the Student Union patio on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

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Candlelight event brings attention to mental illness



Karina Diaz/The Runner

A CSUB student places her cup on the heart at the candlelight event at the Student Union patio on Tuesday, Sept. 27

By Annie Russell
Features Editor

Under the darkening blue sky, small flames flickered from candles that sat on the stage in front of the Student Union in a heart shape symbol in remembrance to those who had taken their own life.

"I think it's important to keep remembering people," said CSU Bakersfield counselor Ruth Miles.

The month of September not only holds the luxury of fall leaves, pumpkin spice lattes and the fair but it is also the month to bring awareness to the issue of suicide.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, around 42,000 Americans die by suicide each year.

"It could be anybody," said freshmen art major Mia Rios. "Somebody could have done something but they didn't."

CSUB offers resources to

students who are feeling overwhelmed with classes or feel like their head is submerged under blistering ice cold water.

Students can set up appointments with on campus counselors who will provide them with support and help for various situations.

Counseling can be helpful but talking with each other is key.

"Were all so connected that were disconnected," said Suicide Survivor Outreach and Prevention team supervisor, Ellen Eggert.

She stated that students are on their phones so much that they are not communicating face to face. "Let's start relating," said Eggert.

"Every single one of us can prevent suicide," said Eggert. "Ask a question save a life."

Suicide awareness is important for all communities to listen to and acknowledge that suicide is real and can happen to anyone.

Without awareness there is no plan for prevention.

In the article "Suicide Prevention Awareness Month," the National Alliance on Mental Illness found that "suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people and is often the result of mental health conditions that affect people when they are most vulnerable."

Having a mental illness is nothing to be ashamed about noted Eggert who spoke during the candlelight event held this past week.

"My mental illness [bipolar disorder] is a gift from god, because I share it with people," said Eggert.

Students are encouraged to break the silence and talk to one another and be aware that suicide is never the answer.

"Suicide is the most preventable cause of death there is," said Eggert. "If we become aware we can erase suicide."



Ben Patton/The Runner

Students gathered to raise suicide awareness with a candlelight vigil outside of the CSUB Student Union Patio on Tuesday, Sept. 27.



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CSUB students choosing their cups and personalizing them with words of remembrance and encouragement at the candlelight event on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

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Business conference returns to CSUB

By Zachary Fennell
Reporter

Over the past number of weeks, tents have been sprouting up behind the new residential dorms like wildfire hailing the arrival of the 2016 Bakersfield Business Conference. CSU Bakersfield will be hosting the event Saturday, Oct. 8 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The conference will accommodate around 40 speakers, 16 of which are former Olympians. Conference Communications Director Brandon Martin said that Ben Carson, Governor Rick Perry and even Magic Johnson will be making appearances and speaking. While smaller than past conferences, there is expected to be around 6,000 people attending this year. Though the conference itself

is not affiliated with either political party, speakers from both sides of the spectrum are expected to be there. The conference will be hosting what they call “no holds barred” debates, so attendees will be able to hear what each party has to say. Debates and speeches aren’t the only attractions the conference will have to offer. Various tents will be holding food, ice cream, live music, a farmer’s market, a sports tent which will have bleachers, huge TV’s playing sports, an area where attendees can meet the Olympians and a carousel. As of Sept. 23, Residence Way is closed at Don Hart East and Lot L in front of Student Housing East, as well as a section of Lot J and will remain so for the duration of the conference. UPD advises students to park

on the south end of campus in Lot I. Signage will be placed to enforce these closures. To UPD’s knowledge, they are not working in junction with any other jurisdictions on security. The Bakersfield Business Conference organizers are arranging, managing, hiring and funding any other security and paid staff. Typically, any outside organizations pay for the space utilization of CSUB grounds and it is believed to be the same case for the conference. General admission tickets are still on sale and can be purchased for \$295 through the website. However, even though it is being held on their campus, there is no discount for CSUB students. In the past, a video feed of the



Karina Diaz/The Runner

Workers prepare for the upcoming Bakersfield Business Conference by setting up the tents in the center of the gated lawn in front of CSUB's residential halls.

conference was displayed on campus and the students were able to watch a live broadcast of the speakers and debates free of charge, but it was reported that not many students were attending so it was discontinued. For a full list of guest speakers and events visit their website at bakersfieldbusinessconference.com.

FACILITIES

CSUB’s faculty towers create asbestos nightmare

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long period of time,” Ridley said. “Asbestos is also in non-friable forms such as floor tile. The campus has buildings that contain asbestos but it is in the non-friable form. There is no hazard and no safety issues.” Yet professors with offices in the faculty towers have thoughts contrary to Ridley’s claim. One such professor is Milissa Ackerly, who has taught modern languages and literature for the past 16 and a half years.

“I was in the faculty towers from November 2010 to June 2016,” Ackerly said. “We had an annual notice every year that the asbestos was in the floor, ceiling and walls. It’s big in the shipping industry; I know it causes lung problems and mesothelioma.” Ackerly explained an incident that occurred around 2013 when private contractors drilled into the towers and the asbestos fibers spread. “We were told it wasn’t a big problem even though employees wore these hazmat suits,”

she said. “They never told people to leave even though all the stuff is flying around. I know one professor just got up and left.” Ackerly recalled how the dust flew right into Administrative Support Coordinator Kathy Hafler’s office. “They were drilling and we had no idea what they were doing,” both CSUB employees said. “It was awful.” When asked about the drilling, Ridley said it was to construct new posts in the towers, as evident by the white plaster around

the building. “There was no release of asbestos during construction,” Ridley said. “The employees wore suits out of protocol. They broke stucco but repaired it. Employees were completely safe.” Even with preventative protocols in place, Ackerly said there is a lack of concern for employees’ health. “It’s a thing of no consequence,” she said. “They think it’s just faculty, but students go there too. And what if that was the child development build-

ing? Think if your mother was there! You would want her out, wouldn’t you?” All things considered, the asbestos and faculty towers will not survive for long. According to Interim Dean of Arts and Humanities Liora Gubkin-Malicedem, “we are in the midst of building a new Humanities building scheduled to open by fall 2017 at which time Faculty Towers will be vacated.” “We are tearing down tearing down due to compliance issues of repurposing the towers,”

Ridley said. “Repurposing the towers is not a cost effective option. I look forward to tear down because it an old structure.” Both Ridley and Gubkin-Malicedem have been involved in the process of destroying and rebuilding the faculty towers. Ridley met with employees leaving the faculty towers so they were satisfied with the layout. When the buildings come down they will meet all regulatory concerns for the health and safety of the campus population.

What’s Happening Around Campus

OCTOBER

5	Lunch with our Leaders 12-1 p.m. Student Union Multipurpose Rm	10	Financial Literarcy with Eric Smith 11 a.m., Student Union Multipurpose Room
	LinkedIn CECE Workshop 5-6 p.m. DDH Rm 104K	11	Scholarship Endowment Lunch Noon-1:30 p.m., Alumni Park
6	Hispanic Heritage Month: Mobilization and Awareness Fair 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., SU Patio		Walter Presents: Peter Panagore, author of “Heaven is Beautiful” 1-3 p.m. Dezember Reading Rm
	Brown Bag Discussion: ADHD & Student Success 12-1 p.m. Stockdale Room	12	Runner Letter Day 9 a.m.-9 p.m., SU Patio
	Interview Skillbuilding Workshop 4-5 p.m., DDH Rm 106E	13	Walter Steirn Presents Water: A Global Challenge 6-8 p.m. Dezember Reading Rm
	Fall Craft Fair, all day Red Brick Road		Comic Relief/Laughter Wellness Workshop 7-9 p.m., SRC
	Crossing Borders: Anthea Hartig 6:30-8:30 p.m., Dezember Reading Room		Volleyball vs. Utah Valley 7 p.m., Icardo Center
	“The Counted” documentary screening & discussion 6:30-8 p.m., SU MPR	14	Discover CSUB, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Student Union MPR
8	Men’s Soccer vs. San José State 7 p.m., Main Soccer Field		Men’s Soccer vs. Incarnate Word 7 p.m., Icardo Center
	Santa Barbara Sea Kayaking 9 a.m.-7p.m., \$70 Students Registration closes Oct. 5	15	Jazz Coffeehouse 7:30 p.m., Music Bldg Rm 117
			Public History Institute Conference 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Science III, WSL
9	Taste of the Arts 4:30-6:30 p.m., Music Building/Doré Theatre Visual Arts Building		Volleyball vs. Seattle University 1 p.m. Icardo Center
	Women’s Soccer vs. Seattle Univ. 1 p.m., Main Soccer Field	18	Trio Céleste Fall Residency 1 p.m., Music Building Rm 127

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SPEAKER

Filmmaker Esparza visits CSUB

By Victoria Coronado
Reporter

Award-winning filmmaker and owner of Maya Cinemas Moctesuma Esparza shared his inspiring success story at CSU Bakersfield as part of a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month on Tuesday.

Born and raised in East Los Angeles, Esparza attributed his inspiration and motivation to both his father, who instilled in him that he could do anything and encouraged him to pursue an education to achieve his goals, and to Chilean philosopher and politician Fernando Flores.

“The second most important influence in my life was Fernando Flores,” Esparza

said. “He focused on the work of Heidegger...[who] had one idea. That language creates reality. What you say, what you think, what you listen to creates your individual reality, and creates our group reality and it literally creates the reality that we all live in together.”

Upon the discovery and practice of this philosophy, he found that the power to personal success lay within him and how he handled outside situations.

He emphasized greatly on the weight and power words, and our mindsets, have on the outcome of our situations and achieving our goals.

“It wasn’t so much that I had goals. It was that I had the ability to move through what

showed up,” Esparza said. “It is how you navigate those events, how you hold them in your own mind, that determines your ability to prosper.”

Captivated by his passionate speech, students and faculty were highly intrigued with what Esparza had to say.

“I think it was definitely, absolutely true. Completely. [Words] affect the way you are viewed and how you want to be viewed” said Wendy Melendez, a fourth-year business major who felt extremely motivated and enlightened by his speech.

“It’s extremely empowering to be like ‘okay this isn’t a crazy thought.’ Especially in the Latino culture where you know journalism or film production isn’t exactly the number one

thing you go to” expressed Melendez. “Especially within the arts or something outside of practical everyday stuff you hear, to see that coming in and saying this is where we are at, you can do it too, is extremely cool.”

Esparza encouraged faculty and students to be proactive and intentional in their interactions.

“If you don’t ask, you don’t get. If you don’t knock, the door doesn’t open” Esparza shared.

The talk given by Esparza was part of a series of events celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month which are guided to empower Latinos and Latinas, to take pride in their roots and strive for their dreams.



Peter Castillo/The Runner
Award-winning filmmaker Moctesuma Esparza talked to a crowd of CSUB students about his success story.

ASI

Board discusses commencement

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affecting the future graduating students.

During the Sept. 30 ASI board meeting the issue was brought back to the board after CSUB student Ashlee DeMalade addressed the board to ask them to speak to the provost and director of commencement and let them know that students aren’t happy with the possibility of not having personal recognition during the ceremony.

“I’m a first generation college student so it’s not just important to me, it’s important to my family to just hear my name,” said DeMalade. “It’s not event that I have to walk across the stage but just to be recognized that I’ve been working very hard to graduate from a university.”

ASI President Alex Dominguez said that he personally advocated against having a graduation that wouldn’t include personal recognition.

“We felt that the purpose of graduation is to walk the

stage,” said Dominguez. “You walk the stage, you hear your name, your family comes and cheers for you.”

DeMalade, who worked graduation last year, said that she didn’t think that there were any problems in regards to the efficiency of graduation and felt that reading students’ names shouldn’t be such a difficult task.

“It takes five seconds to say somebody’s name to make them feel like they finally reached that accomplishment in life,” said DeMalade.

Dominguez asked the board of directors how they felt about the issue. Director of Diversity Affairs Anthony Briseno said that students work very hard and that graduation is the one time in their higher education studies that students can be recognized for their work.

“It takes the whole moment out of graduation,” said Briseno “I care more about walking the stage than actually getting my diploma.”

CAMPUS

Panel discusses racial stereotypes

By Marissa Patton
Reporter

The smell of fresh turkey sandwiches, chewy chocolate chip cookies and potato salad filled the CSU Bakersfield Stockdale Room on Thursday, Sept. 29. Students, professors, and President Horace Mitchell sat around tables in anticipation for the brown bag discussion of “Do You Speak Mexican?”

The event included a short video and panel of four individuals speaking on stereotypes. Each speaker in the panel was asked about their history and what racial stereotypes they have experienced. Mikel Torres, a student programming assistant at CSUB, spoke about his Spanish race and fluency in the language.

“I haven’t experienced many negative stereotypes,” said Torres. “Except that, most people don’t expect me to be able to speak Spanish.”

Torres explained his world as being a white Republican bubble. Having graduated from Frontier High School, Torres said he has only recently been able to find out his culture and discover who his true friends

are.

Dr. Ivy Cargile, a political science professor, had more to say about her experiences. Certain stereotypes occurred in her politics class at Claremont Graduate University.

“I remember in 2008 we were all sitting in class and I was the only woman and woman of color,” she said. “And this was in California, LA County. I always got looks when I commented in class. Even when I knew the material.”

Cargile explained how her peers would ask her question about immigration and immigration laws, but not on politics. They didn’t expect her to be the expert because she didn’t look like everybody else.

This centralization on looks was still an issue when Cargile became a teacher. Students would come and say they didn’t know how to talk to her or how to be her student because she didn’t look like other professors.

“They’d say, ‘you speak Mexican?’ And I’d say, ‘Mexican is not a language. It’s an ethnicity, a community.’”

History professor Alicia Rodriguez also talked about her

experience with stereotypes. Rodriguez is a Bakersfield native, having completed her undergraduate degree at CSUB and graduate degree at UC Santa Barbara.

“My parents’ didn’t graduate high school, and their first language was Spanish,” she said. “They had their mouth washed out with soap for speaking Spanish. I was fortunate to have friends and faculty that were very encouraging.”

Rodriguez recalled a stereotype during her graduate study in Texas. It was an exclusive area, and she received dirty looks from people in stores and around town.

“I was even told that I was really lucky I didn’t look Mexican,” she said. “And I’ve been mistaken for a kid’s babysitter.”

It’s either a babysitter or housekeeper according to Rodriguez. She explained how the current state of politics is very disturbing and the stereotype exposures, Ms. Housekeeper specifically, are alarming.

Associate Vice President of ITS Faust Gorham was the fourth speaker and gave insight through his background. A Mexican native and UC Davis

graduate, Gorham said he wasn’t exposed to issues in the U.S. until he was 11 years old. Strong stereotypes appeared during his time at Davis.

“The campus was almost all Anglo and Asian,” Gorham said. “I really saw how people perceived me and that I was not what they expected. I was very alone even though I tried to build friendships.”

Gorham said there’s a crossroads where a lot of comments that haven’t gone away are still there, comments inciting elitism and classism.

“I just know my culture is very hard working, honor bound, and has a great love of family, food, and friends,” he stated. “That’s just who we are.”

The panel speakers agreed that the stereotypes provided in society aren’t true. They acknowledge that media is complacent in providing such false stereotypes.

“However grim times may be,” Rodriguez stated. “It’s important to remember that we are on a trajectory that continues to move forward.”



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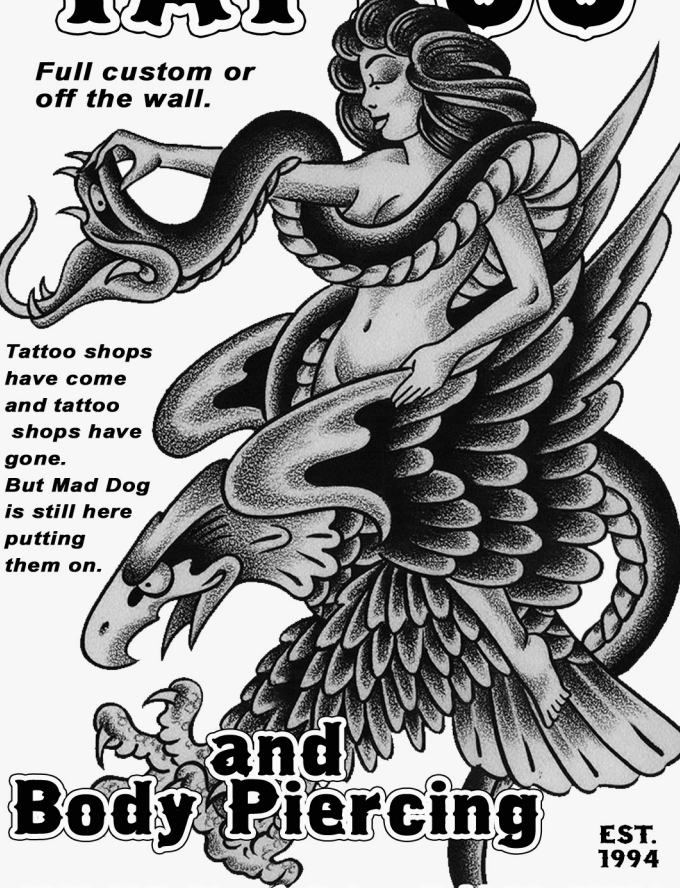
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CAMPUS

President Mitchell talks cultural diversity

By **Carla Chacon**
Reporter

Approximately 100 students filled the Multipurpose Room to listen to CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell's lecture on Wednesday.

Standing behind a podium, President Mitchell presented a lecture on identity, and cultural diversity as guest speaker for Elaine Correa's, professor of Child, Adolescent, and Family Affairs and program director, class.

"The society in America is multidimensional, but our major institutions are not," said Mitchell.

The reason for this is that, "the dominant institutions of our society are based on a Eurocentric world view."

But as Mitchell points out, there is nothing wrong with a Eurocentric world view. The

issue arises when the Eurocentric view becomes hegemonic, meaning that it is placed in society as the ruling ideology.

A hegemonic, Eurocentric worldview asserts the false notion that European culture has been at the center of human knowledge when, as Mitchell said, "All groups have contributed to the intellectual development of mankind...it is inappropriate to say that any one group's contributions have been the primary contributions."

When educational institutions operate under a hegemonic, Eurocentric worldview, Non-Euro-Americans may be placed at a disadvantage because their cultural contributions are not being acknowledged.

Mitchell pointed out that an issue in higher education institutions is underrepresentation of minorities in faculty, "One of our goals here at CSUB has

been to continue to diversify our faculty, so that it looks more like the student body."

Having a more diverse faculty benefits everyone, "All of us would be richer...in terms of knowledge if people were given opportunities."

Mitchell also emphasized the importance for individuals to expand their knowledge beyond the boundaries of their own culture. During the Q&A, Mitchell said, "We are wanting more of our students to study abroad because when you are exposed to other cultures, you begin to look at American society in a different way."

Berenis Morfin, a 27-year-old sociology major, said that, "The most interesting part was where he talked about travel...how it helps a lot to expand your knowledge and to view things from a different light, that not just one point of view is the



Ben Patton/The Runner
CSUB President Horace Mitchell lectures about cultural diversity in the Student Union Multipurpose Room on Friday, Sept. 28.

correct point of view."

Elaine Correa, said Mitchell's lecture, "...was very profound, and it had a strong impact for

the students to be listening to the fact that they should not let other people tell them 'no'. Don't let other people decide or

frame what you can or cannot do...push those limits."

STUDENT LIFE

Omega Delta Phi makes its debut as a new fraternity

By **Uzziel Hernandez**
Reporter

A new national fraternity is on its way to expand Greek life at CSU, Bakersfield and it is entitled "Omega Delta Phi."

Currently, CSU Bakersfield hosts five on-campus Greek organizations, but plans to expand this community by welcoming two additional fraternities this upcoming year, one of them being Omega Delta Phi.

"Our students want to join fraternities and sororities," said the Greek Life Coordinator, Maureen Fillmore "and we want for them to have a place

to do that.

We want to provide them with a wide variety of organizations that are going to fit their personalities and needs."

The need for expanding on-campus organizations led to a decision by the Greek Council to invite more national fraternities to apply to be a part of the Greek community at the CSU, Bakersfield campus.

"We have an expansion procedure that we follow," said Fillmore "Greek council voted to be open for expansion in fall of 2015. We then sent out notices to national organizations. Omega Delta Phi applied, was

reviewed by a committee, and got approved."

Omega Delta Phi is a national and multicultural fraternity dedicated to the needs of the community.

"We have brothers from all walks of life and have a diverse composition of personalities. It does not matter the race, sexual orientation, or financial background, which a member has. We do not turn anyone down," said the on-campus representative for Omega Delta Phi and graduate student of UC Merced Matthew Bacio, 24.

As a fraternity, Omega Delta Phi has several objectives, but

it is principally centered on two ideas

"Our goals are: one, to graduate our members and two, to serve our local community" said Bacio.

Omega Delta Phi, which has already began an interest group on campus called "the men of vision," intends to have established official members in the CSU Bakersfield campus as soon as next year.

Freshmen psychology major and an active member in the interest group Adrian Escalera, 18, appreciates the friendly atmosphere presented by Omega Delta Phi thus far.

"I'm interested in this fraternity specifically due to the other fraternities not really catching my eye and Matthew Bacio being so welcoming to new members. I thought that this could be me" said Escalera.

Despite common opinion, involvement in an on-campus fraternity or sorority entails much more than merely having a few colorful Greek letters on a stylized shirt or throwing huge parties on the weekend.

"Everyone will tell you that their experience is different," said Fillmore "Personally, because of my involvement, I have achieved employment

opportunities and networking opportunities."

"Involvement in a fraternity fosters leadership, academic achievement, community service, and fellowship," said Fillmore.

"Your organization's alumni will often connect you with employers and look over resumes. These organizations have national headquarters that they have to respond to, they have budgets to work with and have social and philanthropy events" said Fillmore.

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AGRICULTURE

New perspective for CSUB student



Fieldworker Juan Pablo Santiago packs grapes his wife has picked.



Fields of green table grapes await picking in an agricultural farm in Porterville, Calif.

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I would bring whatever my mother had prepared for me. During lunchtime we got to bond with each other and talk about life. I got to listen to all types of conversations like my aunt’s conversation with other ladies about her home life and how she could not get my cousins to pick up after themselves. I was able to listen to their problems like some of the body aches they have because of the work they have been doing. For many of the field workers, their jobs have become more than just a job. It has become a lifestyle that their whole families have to be accustomed to. Julia Tapia, 31, has grown accustomed to this lifestyle after working in the fields for 10 years. She came to the United States from Jalisco, Mexico when she was 2 years old. Tapia said she wakes up at 3:30 a.m. and prepares her family’s lunch including her own. She takes her kids to an aunt’s house at 4:30 a.m. She heads out and picks up five people that she gives rides to work. “Es puro corer,” said Tapia. I’m always on the run. The fieldworkers that have young children from 12 or younger typically take them to be babysat. It is tough on the kids to wake up early to be dropped off. However, it can get tougher because the fieldworkers are not the ones looking after their children. Most of the time a complete stranger is. These children spend more time with their babysitters than with their actual parents. Even when they spend time

together it is mostly in a hurry. The mornings are a rush for both parents and children. In some cases, these children can even face danger. Gisela Guzman, 21, is a mother of two. She has a son who is three and a daughter who is five. Guzman is from Michoacán and was brought to the U.S. when she was 14 years old. I asked her what was the hardest aspect of being a field worker and without hesitation she responded it is being away from her children. “Me quisieron robar a mi niño ayer,” said Guzman. Someone tried to take my son yesterday. While the babysitter was putting the other children she takes care of in her car, a woman approached Guzman’s son and tried to take him. When the babysitter realized what was happening she put herself between the woman and Guzman’s son. I asked her how that made her feel she said, “Me dio mucho miedo porque yo no estaba con el, no estaba cerca para defenderlo. Estaba trabajando,” said Guzman. I was very afraid because I wasn’t there, I wasn’t there to defend him, I was working. She said that she continues to leave her child with the same babysitter because she has no other choice. Guzman dreams of continuing her education because she had to dropout at 15 when she became pregnant with her daughter. She attends night school and she hopes to be a prime example to her children that anything is possible with hard work and determination. However, Guzman said, “Es mas difícil ser joven y tener

que trabajar por que en mi caso estoy estudiando y no tengo tiempo para verlos [sus hijos],” said Guzman. It is harder being young and having to work because in my case I am going to school and I do not have time to see them [her children]. Guzman added she wants a better career and wants to give her children a better life and that is why she goes to school. Leaving their children with a babysitter and not seeing their children is just part of the culture that being a fieldworker requires. These children have to accept and mold their lives to not seeing their parents as often as they would want to. Family matters are not the only aspect of a person’s life that becoming a fieldworker shapes. Fieldwork even shapes habits that most people may not even take into consideration. Before becoming a fieldworker, I would get in my car and just drive. I would not care if my car is warmed up or if my tires are in good shape or if they had air, or what my tire pressure was. I couldn’t have cared less of my oil level. All of that changed once I started driving to all these rural areas that sometimes do not even have asphalt on the road. On average, I would drive 15 to 20 miles to work and that would be considered close. The furthest my co-workers and I had to go was about a one-hour drive to the foot of the Grapevine. All of a sudden I had to pay attention to all those types of details. Juan Pablo Santiago, 34, put this in perspective to me and showed me that I was not the



Workers prepare to return into the grapevine after packing up their grapes in a field in Porterville, Calif.



Gisela Guzman, 21, explains how hard it is to be a young mother and work in the fields at the same time.

Correction
In Issue 3 the photo caption under the women’s soccer photo misidentified the team. The team was Eastern Washington University.

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RUNNER ON THE STREET


By Anthony Jauregui / Photos by Karina Diaz

This week The Runner asked, “How do you feel about Apple replacing the revolver emoji with a squirt gun?”




Emilio Mosqueda
18
Petroleum Engineering

I don’t think it’s fair and I think they should just stay away from the whole subject of guns. Personally I am pro-gun, and I don’t want to send my friend a water gun emoji.”




Nannette Gonzalez
57
Spanish

“I think maybe we should use a squirt gun. We have so much violence in our country.”



Christopher Coleman
19
Computer Engineering

“People are too butt hurt. It didn’t need to be changed. But then again, I have an android.”



Denise Chavez
19
English

“The squirt gun is cute. Some people think their rights are getting taken away, but I don’t really mind.”

STAFF EDITORIAL

CSUB students need to start caring

As the mid-semester point nears, the period of settling comfort is beginning to bloom. Students are predictably starting to miss class, parking is becoming less of a nightmare and professors are beginning to realize that talking about their weekend is taking up half of their 50-minute class time. Behind the scenes, fee advisory committees are planning what fees to increase this year, administrative cabinets

are preparing to change our graduation ceremonies and ASI is deciding how to spend our student funds. Currently missing however, are the complainers and faultfinders, the students that come out of hibernation to criticize passed policies and fees raised but never do anything throughout the process of implementation, those students will be back soon, once another unwanted fee or policy is

established. Most students don’t care what happens behind the scenes of CSUB and that is a big problem in our institution. Not enough students are expressing their campus issues to their student government, or approaching administrators with concerns when a fee is established. These concerns are not being brought up to the correct individuals and instead end up as

vents only seen by Twitter followers or random Yik-Yakers. Being a commuter school, CSUB cultivates a breed of students that don’t necessarily spend unneeded time on campus. This in turn creates a separation. Most students see CSUB as a place where you attend class and nothing more. Students are not taking the time to develop a relationship with their campus, and this

keeps them unaware of the politics and business that surround them. Last year, grad checks increased from \$55 to \$70, My-WritingLab fees from \$24 to \$36, technology fees from \$6 to \$15 and parking passes from \$135 yearly to \$186, yet the student interest on these fees didn’t occur until after those fees were established. CSUB students need to realize the impact that their voice can

have on this campus and use that voice to create real change in this institution. Now that CSUB students are looking at the possibility of not crossing the stage during graduation, it is up to them to make their voices heard and possibly change the way the administrative cabinet decides. It is after all our school and it would only make sense that students have a say in its decisions.

TECHNOLOGY

iPhone vs. Android

iPhones easy for everyone Android blows away iPhones

By Brandon Redmon
Reporter

One of the most well-known rivalries between companies would be the battle between iPhone and Android. Each company has features the other does not have, but the iPhone has what it takes to be the best in its class.

The iPhone boasts many features that offset its few downsides, and its user interface sets a standard that provides ease of use of Android.

The iPhone features secure encryption that makes the device almost impossible to hack into, allowing users to keep their peace of mind if they lose their device.

Apple constantly sends out updates to their devices, such as the new iOS 10 update and constant bug fixes.

The newest update involving iOS 10 makes a number of changes that makes newer iPhones a bit easier, cleaner, and more convenient to use.

The “slide-to-wake” option is gone and replaced with “raise-to-wake,” a feature that allows users to quickly access their phone content with minimal time wasted from waiting for the screen to turn on and then swipe to unlock their phone.

Apple also utilizes Siri. iOS 10 enables Siri to do more for the user by allowing messages to be sent through skype, send payments to friends, make jokes with the user and make searches in an efficient way all with a voice command.

With an iPhone being able to do much with Siri, CSUB Spanish major Nannette Gonzalez said “I like my iPhone because I can do my online banking, send and check emails, Skype, send instant text, take pictures and the list goes on.”

Apple also has stores that people can visit, customers can use for tech support, while An-

droid users have to call support and wait for weeks for repairs if support is unable to offer solutions.

There is a reason why iPhones are very popular and well-known, and it has to deal with their phones being easier to use. Child development major Romalyn Cordova said “I chose the iPhone because it seems easier to use and because I’ve always wanted one.”

iPhones are known to have a large impact due to media, which are also often seen on TV shows.

“I feel like media has affected people into getting iPhone’s because if you’ve seen Asian dramas shows, when they have a phone, it is always an iPhone,” said engineering major Rudan Padre.

While iPhones can’t have it all, Androids pick up where iPhones leave off.

iPhone’s do not have expandable storage, but Android systems do have this feature and are generally much cheaper than their rivals.

Putting music on an Android is as simple as copying the contents to the phone, and their

screens tend to be tougher than the glass that iPhone uses, whereas iPhones need iTunes, which often causes issues with pre-owned non-iTunes music.

Androids are not limited to software and offers customizability that Apple wish it had.

The new iPhone 7 does not feature a headphone jack, angering many people who do not wish to buy new wireless headphones to listen to music.

But what people do not understand is that the audio port was getting annoying anyway. The amount of dust that got trapped in the audio port was enough to grow a dust bunny.

Despite the Android having these features, they still suck because they will never reach the ease-of-use, features and support that iPhone’s have.

Despite what the iPhone may lack, it still comes out on top as the best in phone technology.

The iPhone simply has more to offer, albeit at a higher price. But with a higher price, the iPhone has higher quality technology, security, and support that puts them at the pinnacle.

By Riley Heffernan
Reporter

Once more, the season has come for smartphone users to ask themselves: iPhone, or Android? It’s an important question, and the topic of much discussion, but nonetheless it’s veiled in mystery. With the back-to-back releases of Apple’s iPhone 7 and the Galaxy Note 7, Android’s champion from Samsung, the smartphone arena is presented with a new pair of gladiators that battle contentiously for smartphone superiority.

As the two face off, it’s up to consumers to decide which faction reigns superior- but before we do so, let’s remove some of the mystery behind the comparison.

First we must ask, what do we want from a smartphone? The expectations here are a cut above the expectations from normal cell phones- beyond the basics of making calls, sending texts, and taking pictures and video, we expect our very costly smartphones to be fast, powerful, reliable, sleek, customizable, and compatible.

Innovation in the world

of technology does have its drawbacks. Design flaws like the famous case of the “bending iPhone 6’s,” or the iPhone 7’s “aux cord for the aux cord” are bound to happen as tech companies strive to provide the most in cutting edge technology. Most notably in recent news, Samsung’s “exploding” Galaxy Note 7’s compromised the sense of reliability consumers look for in a smarthphone.

Before I continue, I need to put the fear mongering behind this whole “exploding Note 7” thing to rest. The 35 note 7s that “exploded” actually just caught fire, and did not do so spontaneously

For the sake of the overall debate, I’ll set these occasional mishaps aside and restrict the comparison to the following main areas: the Operating System, the Hardware, and the special features that really set the phones apart.

As we all know, Apple’s iOS set the standard for smartphone user interface. It’s literally in a class of its own. As any Apple representative would attest, iOS is formatted from the bottom up to deliver unparal-

leled ease of access, antivirus, and compatibility between Mac products.

However, this compatibility also means that iPhone users are excluded from the wider world of non-Apple software. If you want your phone to “play well” with other devices, your iPhone requires the full Apple setup: Mac, Apple TV, iTunes, the whole package. And when the iPhone falls so short in hardware, that starts to become less-okay.

Android upped its game immensely in recent years, resulting in a line of smartphones that can blow iPhone-anything out of the water in terms of power, customizability, photo/video quality, memory, resolution... basically, all the benchmark areas of a smartphone.

The Google Play store for Android has also improved its app options, making it comparable- if not better than- the iTunes app store. For the price of an iPhone, you could get an Android device with nearly twice the resolution, more than twice the processing power, a better camera, and virtually endless storage using removable microSD technology.

The bottom line? Android looks set on pulling further and further ahead of iOS, untethered from the limited world of Apple software that confines iPhones.

I made the switch from iPhone to Android a year or so ago, and I haven’t regretted it once.

If what you’re looking for is the tried-and-true package of cookie-cutter smartphone options, then by all means feel free to settle for the newest flavor of the good ‘ole iPhone. But if you want fast, powerful, reliable, sleek, customizable, and compatible, consider braving the wider world of technology with an Android device.



COMMENTARY

Tragic death strikes close to home

Fans, city and league mourn and honor life of Miami Marlins’ ace pitcher Jose Fernandez

By Peter Castillo
Reporter

The tragic death of Miami Marlins’ pitcher Jose Fernandez was a devastating blow that rocked the sports world and sent shockwaves throughout the nation. Fernandez, 24, was killed in a boating accident off the coast of Miami Beach along with two other men on the morning of September 25, 2016.

When I woke up that Sunday morning, I checked my phone, just like any ordinary day. When I saw the news, I couldn’t believe it. I didn’t want to. I felt sick to my stomach. My father called me later on to ask if I heard what happened, and I could hear the pain in his voice. I couldn’t help but cry.

Fernandez was born July 31, 1992 in Santa Clara, Cuba. He defected from the country at the age of 15 after three failed previous attempts. However, during the successful escape, a woman had fallen overboard from the boat. Fernandez immediately jumped in the water to save her only to realize that it was his mother. The two eventually settled in the Tampa,

Fla., where Fernandez attended Braulio Alonso High School. Fernandez was later selected in the first round of the 2011 MLB draft by the Marlins.

Fernandez’s career got off to an unprecedented start. He debuted in 2013 at the age of 20. He was named National League Rookie of the Year that season. 2013 was also the same season that Los Angeles Dodgers rookie outfielder Yasiel Puig took the league by storm and somehow, Fernandez wasn’t overshadowed by that. Fernandez’s numbers from that season are impeccable. In 28 starts, he recorded a 2.19 earned run average and racked up 12 wins and 187 strikeouts in only 172.2 innings pitched. His numbers almost dwarfed those of Puig’s that season and he won the award in a landslide vote.

Fernandez was off to another outstanding season in 2014 until he was sidelined with an elbow injury that required Tommy John Surgery in early May. Fernandez missed 14 months of action and returned July of 2015 and didn’t miss a beat. He finished the season with an ERA of 2.92 and 79 strikeouts in only 64.2 innings.

When I woke up that Sunday morning, I checked my phone, just like any ordinary day. When I saw the news, I couldn’t believe it. I didn’t want to. I felt sick to my stomach.

This season, Fernandez put it all together. He set multiple career highs, including wins (16), strikeouts (253), innings pitched (182.1) and strikeouts per nine innings (12.49). He was in contention for his first NL Cy Young Award this season.

And yet somehow, all of these numbers, as eye-popping as they are, feel so meaningless now. Fernandez was so much more than just an outstanding pitcher. He meant everything to the city of Miami, his native Cuba and the Marlins’ organization. The news of his death was felt through much more than just the baseball community.

The Marlins cancelled their game that day versus the Atlanta Braves. The following day, September 26, 2016, the Marlins organization made the decision to retire Fernandez’s number 16 jersey. No Marlins player will ever wear that number again.

Later on, the Marlins played their first game since Fernandez’s death. The ballpark was filled with sorrow and raw emotion. His uniform number, 16, was painted on the back of the pitcher’s mound. Each Marlins player and coach wore Fernandez’s jersey that night with his name and number. The Marlins held a moment of silence prior to the game; followed by a special tribute by the players who surrounded the mound to pray as a team. The opposing team, the New York Mets also joined the Marlins on the field to offer their condolences.

Marlins second baseman Dee Gordon honored his friend and teammate by homering in his first at-bat to leadoff the game. Gordon was in tears as he crossed home plate. The Marlins went on to win the game 7-3. Following the win, each Marlins player and coach left

their hat on the pitcher’s mound to honor Fernandez.

Although I wasn’t alive during the rise of Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Fernando Valenzuela in the early 1980’s, my father and grandmother would tell me vivid stories of it. ‘Fernandomania’ as it was known, was a craze that swept the nation. Valenzuela, who is Mexican, was treated like royalty in Los Angeles. People would pack the stadium to see him pitch. It was like a party every time he took the mound. Fernandez had a similar impact with the heavily populated Cuban community in Miami.

The Cuban community in south Florida absolutely adored Fernandez. He was their beacon of hope. Fernandez was, in many ways, the epitome of the American dream.

He had fled from an oppressed country, came to America with absolutely nothing and made himself. Fernandez represented the freedom that so many of his people had sought when they came to this country.

People were drawn to Fernandez. His personality was so engaging and genuine. He would always take the time to sign autographs and give back

to the community. Fernandez also played with a great deal of flare and flamboyance; the type that could people in the seats to watch the Marlins. Attendance rose by more than 30 percent when he pitched.

Fernandez had actually announced just days before that his girlfriend was pregnant with the couple’s first child via his Instagram.

On September 28, 2016, a public viewing was held for Fernandez in Miami. A motorcade transported the casket of Fernandez throughout the city. It made a stop at Marlin’s Park prior to arriving at the church where the services were held. Members of the Marlin’s organization, players and fans walked along the side of the hearse to pay their final respects. His name was chanted along the way. A formal memorial service was held the following day.

The sorrow felt of Fernandez’s death will not subside anytime soon.

It is truly ironic that the ocean that gave him his life and freedom was also the same that took his life.

Goodbye, Jose Fernandez and rest in peace.

VOLLEYBALL

Grasso’s double-double powers CSUB win against UTRGV



Allison Lechman/The Runner

The Roadrunners celebrate a win against UTRGV on May 2 after losing three straight sets against New Mexico State.

By Peter Castillo
Reporter

The CSU Bakersfield volleyball team finished their six match home stand with a 3-1 win to hand the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley their first loss in Western Athletic Conference play on Saturday afternoon at the Icardo Center.

CSUB (5-11, 2-1 WAC) was led by senior outside hitter Carol Grasso and redshirt-junior Sydney Haynes with 15 kills apiece.

Grasso also recorded her seventh double-double of the season as she also tallied 12 digs.

“I’ve been focusing a lot on being positive and not getting frustrated,” said Grasso about her stellar play as of late. She also nearly recorded a triple-double in Thursday’s loss.

After losing in straight sets to New Mexico State University

of Thursday night, the Roadrunners stumbled out to a 14-8 deficit in the first set against UTRGV. However, CSUB turned the tide and stormed back to win the set 25-23.

After UTRGV (12-6, 3-1 WAC) jumped out to a 16-7 lead in the second set, the Roadrunners mounted yet another comeback.

CSUB cut the lead to 19-14, forcing the Vaqueros to take a timeout.

UTRGV responded strongly after the timeout with a 6-1 run to win the set and even up the score, 1-1.

After halftime, the Roadrunners raced out to a 17-9 lead in the third set.

But UTRGV weathered the storm and went on a run of their own to cut the lead to 22-20. CSUB called a timeout to regroup and eventually won the set 25-22 to take 2-1 advantage.



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“We switched it up and tried a new routine at halftime. We were listening to each other and helping each other out. Those adjustments really helped us in the third set,” said Haynes about the team’s strong performance after halftime. The fourth set began with a 11-6 CSUB run. However, UTRGV mustered

yet another comeback and eventually led 15-14 at one point.

With the score tied at 16, the Roadrunners scored three straight to force a UTRGV timeout.

The Vaqueros fought back once again to tie the score at 21. CSUB rattled off three more points to bring set up a match point. After UTRGV staved off defeat with another point, Grasso ended the match with a kill to win the set, 25-22.

“I thought we did a good job stopping their big hitters. We were focused on doing the little things and playing as a team. So it was a good win,” said coach Giovana Melo after Saturday’s win.

The Roadrunners will now hit the road for their first road WAC match of the season as they take on the University of Missouri-Kansas City next Thursday at 5 p.m.

COMMENTARY

Frustrations with fantasy football

By Joe Macias
Senior Writer

There’s no better feeling than finding out on a Monday night that you just crushed your friend’s team and started your fantasy football league with a 4-0 record.

With the NFL just four weeks into its season, men and women around the U.S. collect their knowledge of football and form their best fantasy football team they can. They form their teams and compete against friends, family and people they’ve never met before.

Fantasy football has not been something I enjoyed in my past years of playing with family members.

It was nice to win from time to time, but it was frustrating when I would pick my players and find out they got injured during a game.

It seemed that every player that I thought was going to do good had some catastrophic injury happen to them.

This would make me pick up a player with half the talent and ruin my team.

After this occurring to me season after season I just decided to stop playing completely.

I would also hate when some of the other people playing in my league would put no thought into picking players for their team and put up 130 team points.

Fantasy football leagues usually have some type of “draft party” to select professional football players and form their teams for the season.

The order in which you select your player is either randomized or done how private leagues choose to.

Some leagues may decide to allow last year’s winner to go first or the last place person choose the first pick.

For those of you who don’t know what fantasy football is, it is a points based game based on how well professional football players play in their game.

People will select these players on their performance on past years or sometimes just choose the player and hope they do well.

Yahoo Sports, NFL, FanDuel and DraftKings are just some of the websites that offer fantasy football.

Some leagues have a buy-in amount that varies from as little as a dollar to hundreds of dollars or even more.

There have also been extreme leagues that punish the last place person by forcing them to get a tattoo of whatever the others decide. The only thing the loser has a say in is where the tattoo is placed.

A group of fantasy football players from Nebraska that are known to have implemented this punishment have made their league losers tattoo things such as a portrait of Justin Bieber, a unicorn with a rainbow, and a group of care bears surrounded by clouds.

My experiences with fantasy football have not been anything like that, but I’ve played three seasons of fantasy football and I found out that it is not for me.

As a Dallas Cowboys fan I found that when I had players on my fantasy team playing against the Cowboys it would be frustrating because I would want my fantasy player to do good but I wouldn’t want the Cowboys to lose.

I stopped playing fantasy football because I am too much of a Cowboys fan to continue playing.

I didn’t want to jinx the Cowboys by rooting for a player on the opposing side just because he is on my fantasy football team.

Do I see myself playing in the future? Maybe.

Only because when you play fantasy football it brings up conversations with people.

It is a good barber-shop discussion topic and can break the ice when talking with someone.

MEN’S SOCCER

CSUB drops three straight games

By Juan Garcia
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield fails to come away with a win against Seattle University as the Roadrunners fell 2-0 Sunday, Oct 2.

The Roadrunners (2-8, 0-2 Western Athletic Conference) have now lost three straight games

Freshman forward Louis Lapouge with an early attempt at the goal, but was deflected by Seattle defense.

In the first half of the game, the Roadrunners had several chances to a goal in the back of the net, but were unable to hit their mark.

“I thought we were excellent in the first half,” said head coach Richie Grant. “I thought our shape interrupted them and allowed us to get a couple of great chances. We could have come in at half time with 1-0.”

Junior midfielder Alex Roldan scores the first goal of the game for the Redhawks at the 58th minute with an assist from redshirt-senior Jeff Rose.

“We had a couple of chances that we should have put away,” said senior Hugo Vinales. “I think that would have changed the whole momentum of the game.”

Roldan with a pass to sophomore Julio Rubio at the 78th minute put the Redhwaks up

2-0.

“We were in there fighting and stayed as a team,” said Vinales. “Once we’re in the field I don’t see a strong team to beat. It’s just 11 against 11.”

CSUB’s goalkeeper made two saves out of Seattle’s four shots.

Junior defender Jamie Carey-Morrell had three of the total seven attempts at the goal for CSUB.

“As a team we have got to get out of this tough spot were in,” said Carey-Morrell. “We’re playing good football. We have just got to put those chances away and stop the conceding of goals.”

On, Sept. 25, CSUB fell to UNLV 3-1 in its first conference game. CSUB is scheduled to play at Utah Valley Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.



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CSUB’s senior forward Hugo Vinales chases after the ball against UC Davis’ junior defender Chase Rhode to a goal in the first half of the Sept. 15 game at the Main Soccer Field.

WOMEN’S SOCCER



Eastern Washington’s Kiana Hafferty and CSU Bakersfield’s forward Aminah Settles battle for the ball in the first half of the Sept. 9 game at the Main Soccer Field.

Roadrunners win in double overtime

By Esteban Ramirez
Managing Editor


After a close loss to Grand Canyon University, the CSU Bakersfield women’s soccer team rebounded with a 3-2 double overtime win over UC Riverside on Sept. 25.

The game was going back and forth as it headed into overtime. Still the game stayed even with a 2-2 tie.

But at the start of the second overtime, the stage was set for the eventual game-winner.


Freshman defender Sophie Freeman crossed it to red-shirt-sophomore forward Aminah Settles who put it away at 108-minute mark to give CSUB the win.

“To say this is a big win for us is an understatement,” said CSUB coach Gary Curneen to gorunners.com. “UC Riverside is a great team who we have always looked at as a benchmark in terms of both physicality



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and quality. To come here and win is a big step forward for our program and will hopefully provide us the confidence and belief to propel us to keep building.”

Freeman also had a big game for the Roadrunners as she had a part on every goal.

She assisted on every goal for CSUB, which all came in the second half and overtime.

However, the Roadrunners didn’t start off strong.

“We had a shaky start, but grew into the game and everyone stepped up when it mattered,” said Curneen. “Aminah, [redshirt-freshman forward Jordin Bartel] and Sophie will get the headlines on the box score, but this was a team win in every sense of the word.”

UCR took the lead early on as the Highlanders scored at the 15th minute. Sophomore midfielder Tatum Lockett scored the first goal for UCR.

However, to start the second half, CSUB reeled off two goals in under one minute.

The first goal to tie the game came at the 49-minute mark on a cross from Freeman to Bartel who was inside the penalty box and put the ball in the back of the net.

Then, just 50 seconds later, Freeman made another assist to Bartel to put the Roadrunners ahead.

However, UCI responded with a goal of its own.

At the 57-minute mark, redshirt-senior forward Tayler Dragoo hit the equalizer when the Highlanders were awarded a free kick and she catapilized as the ball soared past CSUB sophomore goalkeeper Jen Padilla.

Both teams had their chances to take the lead in regulation but the game needed extra time where Settles sealed the game for CSUB.

CSUB outshot UCR 14 to 13 but the Highlanders had four corner kicks while the Roadrunners only had one.

The Roadrunners were able to stay more disciplined as they only had 5 fouls, while the Highlanders had 14 foul.

Padilla finished with four saves for CSUB.

CSUB is scheduled to play at Utah Valley this Friday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.

MEN’S GOLF

CSUB tees off 2016 season

By Peter Castillo
Reporter

The CSU Bakersfield teed of its 2016 season and the Roadrunners are hoping to build off last year.

“They’re all great kids, great players and they play great golf, so keep your eye on all of them because they are going to show their skill this season,” said CSUB coach Meggan Bunker.

The men’s golf team consists of senior, Ibranim, juniors Nathan Green and Garry Cai, sophomore Michael Mahlberg and freshmen Dominick Hoover and Warren Miller.

Bunker is entering her third season as head coach for the men’s golf team here at CSUB.

The men’s golf team will compete in ten tournaments this season.

In its first tournament of the season on Sept. 19, the CSUB teamed finished third in the CSUB Roadrunner Invitational which wrapped up play Sept. 20.

It was held at Bakersfield Country Club here in Bakersfield, Calif.

This is the first time that Bakersfield Country Club has hosted a CSUB men’s golf an invitational tournament since March of 2013.

“For all their families to come out and for the staff from school to come out, it was really special. We put on a great event and it turned out great,” said coach Meggan Bunker

about hosting the event.

The Roadrunners had a three-way tie atop their team leaderboard.

Senior Izzad Ibrahim, junior Nathan Green and freshman Dominick Hoover all finished tied with 229.

The trio finished tied for eighth overall on the individual leaderboard.

“We played great, but we have so much more room for improvement and so much potential. And while they were consistent, I know we’re a lot better,” said Bunker.

UC Riverside led after each round and claimed the top spot in the tournament with an overall team score of 874.

Fellow Western Athletic Conference member University of Texas Rio Grande Valley finished only nine strokes behind the leader to finish second.

CSUB was third with 919 strokes.

Menlo College finished a distant fourth with 943.

Sam Gillis of UCR had the lowest individual score of the tournament at three-under par.

He was followed by his teammate Matt Lutz.

Ali Khazanbeik of UTRGV finished third.

Up next for the Roadrunners is the Nick Watney Invitational, which will take place from Monday, Oct. 3 to Tuesday, Oct. 4 in Fresno, Calif. at the San Joaquin Country Club.

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- AS WOMEN’S GOLF GETS ITS YEAR GOING, CATCH UP ON HOW THE TEAM IS DOING HEADING INTO THE SEASON.

FAIR

100TH ANNIVERSARY LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT

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Bakersfield community members Christina Perez and Fabio Castaneda swing high on “Invasion” at the Kern County Fair on Thursday, Sept. 30



The Kern County Fair provide multiple attractions for the community to enjoy.



The gravitron reaches high speeds and lights up the night at the 100th anniversary of the Kern County Fair.



John and Alisha Aultman enjoying sights of the fair on Thursday, Sept. 30.

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The Kern County Fair celebrated its 100th year with a Boyz II Men concert in the Budweiser Pavilion on Thursday, Sept. 29.



The Kern County Fair boasts a carnival section with a Ferris wheel, a rollercoaster, and various pendulum and swing rides.