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## Marathon overruns CSUB

By Marilu Cisneros  
Assistant Multimedia Editor

The Bakersfield community gathered once again to participate in The Bakersfield Marathon on Nov. 12th, for its second year. CSUB Bakersfield served as both the start and finish line for the races. The marathon showcased many of Bakersfield's more popular and notable parts. "This is an event that highlights the community of Bakersfield. We invite hundreds of people from outside of our community. We have 16 states represented, 170-plus cities,

someone from Japan is running our race today. What better way to show off our community, and the best parts of Bakersfield, than to bring folks here? We can direct the exact track they take through town, so we can show off Cal State, and BHS, and the bluffs, Westchester, and La Cresta all our beautiful neighborhoods," said David Milazzo, Bakersfield Marathon's executive director. The marathon invited people from all over the world and more than 1,200 people participated in this year's marathon. For many of them, like Ryan Carmody, this was their first year participating in this mar-

athon. "I was well led throughout. I didn't get lost at all. I was confident on where I was going and everything like that. There was plenty of water to drink and everything. Lots of support from people on the sidelines so overall, I think it was a really good half marathon," said Ryan. At the finish line, volunteers waited to greet runners with medals, pictures, and free massages. "We are here giving out massages and stretches. So, when the runners come across the finish line, we are stretching them out, we are addressing

any issues, cramping or muscle tightness. So, we are spending like five minutes with each runner," said Tim Gajich, owner of Fit For Life gym. Adults, children, even dogs participated this year. Angela Bull walked the Runner 5k Run alongside her dog Samson. "We walked it. He doesn't run... He doesn't get socialization as much anymore, so I come to these events it gets him out, he likes it and he is kind of an attention getter," said Angela. After the races, participants and guests were able to enjoy live music, food, and drinks in the festival area.

"I mean what better event to be healthy, and then destroy that healthiness with some burgers, and pizza, and beer. I mean, awesome, right?" said David Milazzo. Some of the amenities the marathon had for the participants included a breakfast, and short sleeved shirt. For participants 21 years or older, one free beer was provided. The marathon also had a course for those who rather walk. The Bakersfield Marathon will be back next year, on Nov. 11. One hundred percent of the

donations made to the Bakersfield Marathon go to the CSU Bakersfield Roadrunner Scholarship Fund, for student athletes. The Bakersfield Marathon is also a Boston Marathon qualifier.

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Bakersfield Marathon on  
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### VOLLEYBALL

## Roadrunners win WAC for second time in four years

By Johnathan Wheatley  
Reporter

For the second time in four seasons, the CSU volleyball team has won the Western Athletic Conference Tournament and clinched an automatic berth in the Division I Women's Volleyball Championship. The Roadrunners defeated the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley 3-1 in the championship match. The second-seeded Vaqueros were the defending WAC champions. "I'm seriously out of words," said CSUB Director of Volleyball Giovana Melo to the WAC Digital Network. "The girls have fought so much throughout the whole year and it means everything. It means a lot to me because of them." CSUB swept Seattle University on Thursday and upset top-seeded New Mexico State University 3-1 on Friday in the semifinals. Senior outside hitter Aleksan-

dra Djordjevic was voted the Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Fellow seniors middle blocker Sydney Haynes and setter Fabiana Andrade were also named to the all-tournament team.

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CSUB Director of  
Volleyball

"I don't know if it's a dream or real life," said Djordjevic to the WAC Digital Network. "But we did it. Every athlete,

the main goal is to win something like this. I am so proud." CSUB went into the WAC tournament as the fourth seed after finishing conference play with a 9-5 record. CSUB split the regular season series between Seattle U and lost both matches against New Mexico State. CSUB split the regular season series with UTRGV. In the Roadrunners' previous match against the Vaqueros, the teams went five sets with the Roadrunners taking the victory. The first set of the championship match began with both teams battling back and forth, with neither team able to separate. A kill by Haynes gave CSUB the advantage they need and take the lead 8-6. The Roadrunners would follow that by extending their lead to 11-6. Haynes totaled 19 kills, a match high for both teams and a service ace. UTRGV battled back and tied



Jesica Gonzalez/WAC Sports

The Roadrunners celebrate as redshirt-senior Sydney Haynes is named to the all-tournament team after CSUB's 3-1 win over UTRGV on Saturday, Nov. 18 in Edinburg, Texas.

the set at 12, and once again both teams would struggle to separate themselves. The set went into overtime as UTRGV

took the first set, 27-25. The second set saw the Vaqueros take an 8-3 lead over the Roadrunners.

CSUB stormed back and tied the game at 10 with a kill by Djordjevic. See WAC, Page 10

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FACULTY

Too much staff, not enough space

**By Mario Hernandez**  
*Reporter*

CSU Bakersfield is in need of 41 new instructor positions for next year. However, there is no guarantee all positions will be filled.

Vice Provost David Schecter said the decision regarding the total number of professors being hired next year was part of a larger goal to increase the number of tenure - track faculty on campus. This is a goal of all 23 CSUs.

“This academic year we’re [hiring] about 41 [faculty], and that is a mix of about 35 tenure-track and six lecturers,” said Schecter.

Many programs are growing at a rapid pace and the campus is structurally expanding.

“Engineering would be one example where the number of majors is going up, and it’s very important for us to have the number of faculty in place to support those majors,” said Schecter.

The deans from each school at CSUB inform the Provost how many new faculty positions are needed. The Provost makes the final decisions.

A department may ask for a dozen new instructors, but the school might only be able to add 10 for this year.

Bianca Garibay, a senior kinesiology major, said it was important for professors to have their own office space.

“Professors and faculty, in general, need their office space in order to meet the needs of the students and fulfill their role

as a professor. How can they do that without adequate office space? Why aren’t we utilizing the old dorms for office space?” said Garibay. “I’m sure not every single room in the old dorms is being occupied.”

The budget for the current faculty search is still unknown. There will be a budget forum on campus in December.

“There is a cost associated with the hiring, like we bring people in, we fly people in from around the country, around the world, we put them in hotels. Each of those hires is allowed \$5,500 dollars,” said Schecter.

In addition, the university also must budget for new hires’ salaries and benefits.

Along with the search for more faculty comes the problem of where to put them. Schecter said the process takes a lot of planning.

“There is some truth to that concern, absolutely. We do the hiring process each year, where we start the hiring process a year in advance. We plan how many positions will be approved,” said Schecter.

Part of the planning involves taking into consideration which faculty will be leaving and retiring.

Sandra Hernandez, a liberal arts major, felt that the lack of office space was only a part of a larger problem, the lack of space all over campus.

“Students as well as professors face the problem of available space on campus.

“Space is a problem for everyone right now, including students. Every location is over

flooded. The Student Union is no longer fun to be at because you have nowhere to sit. The library has the same problem of needing a place to study. With this Bakersfield weather always being too cold or too hot to be outside we need more indoor places to study and hang out,” said Hernandez.

Lack of space is an unavoidable conflict for any growing university. However, CSUB is doing its best to provide every individual on campus with adequate space.

“It doesn’t always work out well enough where we have specific offices lined up for every new faculty. But we do our best and I would say 90 plus percent of the tenure-track faculty have space,” said Schecter.

Lecturers are viewed differently in terms of office space due to their lack of time on campus and their constant travel from one campus to another.

“For lecturers it’s a little different because some of the departments and schools do not have enough offices for each individual lecturer, and sometimes lecturers are teaching two classes here [at CSUB] and two classes at Bakersfield College or two classes at Taft,” said Schecter.

Different measures are taken by different universities to accommodate the instructors as best as possible. Some of those measures may result in the sharing of an office.

“I love and value a higher education, and we need to supply our professors with the right resources,” said Garibay.



Part of the new Humanities and Office Building was allocated for office space for new instructors.

The next building with additional office space will be the Natural Science, Math, & Engineering Building IV.

“NSME IV is the next building in line that has already been approved by the campus and the Chancellor’s Office and they are now doing architectural plans and all that for that building,” said Schecter.

An NSME IV structure will not be seen until two to three years from now.

CSUB Crime Log

Crimes from Nov. 1- Nov. 11, 2017

Non-student refused to leave campus

On Nov. 1 at 7:08 p.m. an unsolicited patron was reported on 800 Roadrunner Drive at CSU Bakersfield.

Vandalism: damaged property (fight/challenge at university)

On Nov. 6 at 4:51 p.m. an altercation, along with vandalism, was reported in parking lot J. This incident is pending additional leads.

Outside agency warrant (misdemeanor)

On Nov. 6 at 8:01 p.m. a citation was made at CSU Bakersfield’s Walter Stiern Library.

On Nov. 9 at 9:50 a.m. a citation was made in parking lot K1.

On Nov. 11 at 10:31 a.m. a citation on Residence Way was made.

Petty theft

On Nov. 7 at 7:05 p.m. a petty theft was reported in the Fine Arts building. This is pending additional leads.

On Nov. 8 at 4:23 p.m. a petty theft occurred at the Student Health Center. This case is pending additional leads.

Illegal speed contest

On Nov. 8 at 11:08 a.m. an illegal speed contest citation was made. This occurred off campus on Camino Media/Southwest Drive.

Vandalism (deface property)

On Nov. 9 at 4:41 p.m. a vandalism was reported at the Visual Arts building. This case is pending additional leads.

Contact UPD at 661-654-2677 or visit <http://www.csub.edu/bas/police/> if you or any others in the community have any further information on the above pending cases or non-reported crimes that you would like to be investigated.

STUDENT CLUB

Consent Project helps victims of sexual and domestic violence

**By Alexis Redding**  
*Reporter*

The Consent Project is a national campaign that supports victims and families affected by sexual or domestic violence.

The Consent Project Club has been active on the CSU Bakersfield campus since October 2012.

Humboldt State University was the first college campus to implement the Consent Project in fall 2010. At CSUB, a Consent Project club was formed with the help of students, staff, and the organization Kern County’s Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault (AAFVSA). The club’s

goal was to focus attention on what consent is and what it means for young adults.

Club members and AAFVSA established the Consent Project at CSUB to give victims and non-victims a safe environment to freely express their experiences.

The purpose for the Consent Project and their activities is to provide a safe space for all, including non-victims, to speak confidentially about domestic violence and sexual assault.

According to the organization, consent is defined as words or conduct that gives permission for a particular sex act. If a person is intoxicated, unconscious, physically or mentally incapacitated, or coerced into

submission, consent cannot be granted.

Students at CSUB have participated in events, club meetings, and projects such as Denim Day, Mental Health Awareness Month, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month to help support the Consent Project.

Between Oct. 16 and Oct. 31, 2017, students, survivors, and AAFVSA have collaborated for Domestic Violence Awareness Month and held their first pop-up art show titled, “Unsilenced.”

Ten original art pieces were on display in the Rohan Building at CSUB from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m Monday through Friday. Those in attendance saw visual interpretations from survivors

and had the opportunity to hear and share experiences of sexual assault.

The club’s mission is to “educate students, staff, faculty, and administrators about sexual and domestic violence.”

The last meeting for CSUB’s Consent Project Club was held on Nov. 15. The upcoming meeting schedule is yet to be determined, but it will be posted on CSUB’s events calendar.

For more information about CSUB’s The Consent Project, contact Campus Advocate and Education Coordinator Vanessa Corona at 661-654-6210. Also, visit the Consent Project’s university webpage at [www.csub.edu](http://www.csub.edu).

CORRECTION

A headline and photo caption on issue six of The Runner regarding the Día de los Muertos art gallery was incorrect. Wilfredo Bravo hosted a two-day Día de los Muertos art gallery.

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COMMUNITY

CSUB inducts alumni into Hall of Fame

**By Runa Lemmin**  
*News Editor*

The nominees for CSU Bakersfield’s Alumni Hall of Fame had similar responses to making it onto this year’s list. Jeremy Adams, Bryan Burrow, Edward Paine, and Debbie Wood all said they felt extremely honored to be nominated.

The event announcing the nominees was held on Nov. 14. Carla Barrientos, President of the CSUB Alumni Association, opened the event.

Barrientos said the Alumni Hall of Fame was created 12 years ago to recognize and celebrate CSUB’s most distinguished alumni.

The Board of Directors and President Dr. Horace Mitchell came together to create the Alumni Hall of Fame.

Barrientos said each year, university staff, alumni, faculty, and other community members nominate the individuals they feel are deserving of the award.

“These four inductees are a great example for nearly 15,000 alumni, not just locally, or nationwide, but worldwide,” said Barrientos.

To be nominated, individuals must fulfill certain criteria, which include earning a degree or honorary degree from CSUB prior to five years before the year nominated, a track record of success, an emphasis and care for higher education, and community involvement with CSUB. A history of positive contributions to the community is also on the list.

Following the opening speech by Barrientos, CSU Board

Trustee John Nilon introduced Mitchell.

Mitchell said he tells each graduating class at commencement that he looks forward to seeing some of them as nominees in the future.

“At commencement, one of the things that I say to our students is that we look forward to the cumulative and collective contributions they will make through their professional achievements, civic engagement, and leadership in our global and diverse society,” said Mitchell.

Business major Samuel Mata, an undergraduate student, realizes the value of the Alumni Hall of Fame. Mata said the award was a positive thing.

“Anybody who can make not only the campus, but the community, a better place should be recognized,” said Mata.

This year’s nominees each have an impressive list of achievements and contributions to the state and local community.

Some of nominee Adams’ many achievements include earning a teaching credential from CSUB in 1999. He is a teacher at Bakersfield High School, and an adjunct professor at CSUB.

Adams said he didn’t imagine he would ever actually win a nomination.

“This award gives me a sense of real humility,” said Adams. “It’s not just that you win it, it’s that you want to be worthy of winning it. I feel like I need to keep working to be worthy of it.”

Burrow, who earned an MBA from CSUB in 2000, is the



Alumni Hall of Fame Nominees were announced on Wednesday. Left to right: Carla Barrientos, President of the CSUB Alumni Association; Jeremy Adams, Inductee; Bryan Burrow, Inductee; President Mitchell; Edward Paine, Inductee; Debbie Wood, Inductee; and Sarah Hendrick, Director of Alumni Engagement

CEO of Sierra School Equipment Co., and served as President and CEO of the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra on the long list of positions held in the community.

“I shouldn’t be here,” said Burrow. “It’s an honor to be a part of this group.”

Burrow said it’s about investing in people and the investments people have made in him over the years.

“It’s about the collective investment that people have made in my life, and so it’s

my way of kind of giving back,” said Burrow.

Paine, who earned his bachelor’s in business administration in 1980, has been successful in real estate and insurance. He has been involved in many charitable causes locally. One of his accomplishments is saving the Mercy Child Development Center from closure.

“Like most people in my position, I feel that I am not overly deserving of the accolade,” said Paine.

“You don’t have to do anything spectacular. You can just

be steady in your commitment and good things can happen.”

Wood earned a bachelor’s in nursing in 1982, and an MA in education in 2000. She is the school health coordinator for Bakersfield City School District, and she has taught in CSUB’s nursing program for nearly 20 years.

Among other accomplishments, Wood established health centers to treat many of Bakersfield City School District’s 30,000 students, a

large percentage of whom are uninsured or underinsured.

“Without Cal State, I would never have been able to do what I’ve done,” said Wood.

Mitchell said the CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Friday, Feb. 16, at the Bakersfield Country Club.

“Proceeds from that event will support and benefit the alumni scholarship fund,” said Mitchell.

Campus Beautification  
- OCTOBER'S WINNER -  
CHILDREN'S CENTER

The purpose of the Campus Beautification Committee is to beautify the CSUB campus through education and example with the prideful participation from the University community. Each month, the Monthly Selection Committee tours the campus to see which adopted area is the cleanest. Congratulations to October's winner for their adopted area, CSUB Children's Center. We are proud to recognize members of our campus community each month for their outstanding contributions toward keeping CSUB beautiful. If you are interested in adopting an area or would like to learn more about the Campus Beautification Committee, please visit us at: [http://www.csub.edu/about\\_csub/beautify/](http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/)

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27 SOCI Week

29 Networking and  
Resume Building  
Workshop with  
Professionals  
7:00 p.m.  
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30 Film Club's Fall 2017  
Film Screening: "His  
Girl Friday"  
6:30pm - 9 pm  
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Stress Management/  
Study Skills Workshop:  
4 pm - 5 pm  
DDH 108A

30-1 CSUB Opera Theatre  
presents: "Back to  
Baroque"  
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
Dore Theatre - Main

4 Quidditch Club Interest  
Meeting:  
4 pm -5 pm  
SRC Conference Rm

3 Wilderness & Remote  
First Aid Course:  
8 am - 5 pm  
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5 Visiting Artist Lecture:  
Keith Boadwee:  
5 pm - 6 pm  
Visual Art Rm 103

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Basak: Geological  
Sciences  
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CULTURE

Fraternity celebrates a holiday tradition

By Chantel Vargas  
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield’s fraternity Delta Zeta Tau hosted the 18th annual La Gran Posada on Nov. 16 in the Student Union. The event began with dinner and music by Mariachi Juvenil. The Student Union was decorated with papel picado and a donkey piñata on every table used as center pieces. Three different types of tacos were served at the event with chips, salsa, Mexican sweet

bread known as “pan dulce” in Spanish, and much more. The vice president of DZT, Adalberto Valenzuela, and brother Francisco Torres introduced La Gran Posada’s guest speaker Clarita Portillo and recited the fraternity’s mission statement in both English and Spanish. “Delta Zeta Tau Fraternity, founded in the fall of 1992, aims to enable, empower and enlighten CSUB students of Latino and Hispanic descent by promoting education, cultural

traditions, and provide a sense of unity among its members. The gentlemen of Delta Zeta Tau are committed to excellence.” Portillo is the founder of Mariposa Con Propósito, which means Butterfly With Purpose in Spanish. Portillo explained what a Posada is: “The posadas are some of Mexico’s most popular traditions. It’s about parties, games, songs and the breaking of the traditional piñatas.” La Gran Posada reenacts the biblical story of Mary and Joseph searching for lodging in Bethlehem on the eve of the birth of Jesus. DZT introduced the re-enactment with the song “Campana Sobre Campana” then shared red velvet and tres leches cake and followed along with the folklorico segment. Marc Chavez, a local guest at the event, shared his thoughts on the 18th annual La Gran Posada. “Watching everyone sing all the songs about Jesus together was a joy. Seeing the families point to the words with their



Courtesy of Veronica Catalan

President Mitchell joined students at Delta Zeta Tau’s 18th annual La Gran Posada. The celebration, held in the Student Union on Nov. 16, honors many Mexican heritage traditions.

little ones in their laps and spreading the word of God was really sweet,” “The folklorico dance was very beautiful to watch. The colors of all the dresses were so vivid. Watching them dance and sway their dresses from left

to right was very mesmerizing,” said Chavez. Adrian Aguirre, the coordinator of La Gran Posada, closed the program with a thank you recognition and opened up El Baile, which means the dance. Each organization that helped

make the celebration was rewarded with certificates. Organizations including the Associated Students Inc., Nu Pi Chi, Newman Club, Saint Augustine Church and many other organizations.



Courtesy of Veronica Catalan

Students at CSUB joined together in the Student Union to celebrate the 18th annual La Gran Posada on Nov. 16.

WALTER PRESENTS

Raising awareness of immigration reality on campus

By Veronica Morley  
Features Editor

The U.S. immigrant community may have many concerns but CSU Bakersfield is expressing its fealty for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). “I obtained my green card under Ronald Reagan’s Amnesty Act. I don’t recall living in fear that I would be deported until I met my children’s father who was in the country illegally,” said Heidi Forsythe. Forsythe is an alumna of CSUB and adjunct professor here as well as Bakersfield College. Forsythe was born in Mexico in 1977 and came to the U.S. when she was three years old. As a student at CSUB, she said she never had the same fears

of deportation that others may experience today. Although CSUB has continued to support a Dream Act and undocumented students, the recent repeal of the DACA by President Trump in September has left many in discord. One DACA student, Ana Chavez, is working to help undocumented students receive the support they need. She and other students this year have attempted to reestablish the school club United Now for Immigrants Rights (UNIR). The group meets on Thursdays in DDH 103G at 3 p.m. “We’re preparing this coming break to plan activities and more workshops to help any students. We would like next semester to have more counseling and support groups,” said Chavez.

Forsythe remembers when she was a young immigrant living in Lamont she never realized the struggles other immigrants may face. Even after receiving her green card at seven years old, she never thought about her status or how she differed from other students. “I was also living in poverty but maybe I didn’t look like I was poor. I remember telling my classmates that if they were going to call these Mexican students ‘wetbacks’ then they should call me one too, and I pulled out my green card. The teasing soon stopped,” she said. Chavez hopes that by reestablishing UNIR, immigrant students will feel this same sense of responsibility that Forsythe felt towards standing up for one another. “I really advise them to check

it out and to get into the community to express themselves. Especially with DACA being rescinded we want congressmen to act,” she said. The support for immigrant rights in Kern County extends further than just CSUB. Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro shared his hopes that the California congress will support to pass a Clean Dream bill. “My advice to Dreamers wherever they are would be to continue to raise their voices, to get involved in advocacy, and to push back,” he said. He also expressed his sympathies for the CSUB Dreamers who may feel unease in Kern County. “The majority of Americans understand that these young people are adding a lot of value to our country and that they’re

morally blameless for being here in the United States and that the United States is a place that they consider home,” he said. The library program “Walter Presents” has also shown their interest and support for undocumented students. In October, the library invited Don Bartletti, of the Los Angeles Times, to share his experiences documenting immigration. Bartletti spent 32 years travelling through various areas of South America and photographing immigrants. The following event was a public screening of the documentary “American Migrant Stories” which follows groups here in Kern County. On Nov. 16, as part of the CA Writers Series, poet Vicki Vertiz performed a reading of her latest work in the Dezember Reading Room. Her poems spoke especially to Latino culture and immigrant struggles. UNIR hosted a workshop on Nov. 17 to help Dreamers understand the application process for the Dream Act and other scholarships. The workshop was run by

Stephanie Perez who works in the financial aid office with undocumented students. Perez says she has a special passion for her Dreamers. “If there’s any definition of dream, it’s my AB545 students,” said Perez. She herself is a sixth generation citizen. Her family originally migrated to the U.S. from Holland and she feels strongly about the treatment of immigrants in the U.S. “No one really has claim to this land in my opinion, unless you’re Native American,” she said. Perez also wants students, immigrant or not, to feel comfortable asking the financial aid office for help. She believes students, especially those living in student housing, have a false fear about aid and taking out loans. She wants students to understand that taking out loans is sometimes necessary, but does not mean the end of the world. If there was any question of CSUB’s support for immigrants, it should be put to rest.

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ARTS

Harmonious sounds fill the air

By Karin Patiño  
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield’s Chamber Orchestra and Symphonic Band performed at the Doré Theatre on Nov. 13.

Opening up the night was the Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Leo Sakomoto. The orchestra performed pieces by Jeff Manookian, Edward MacDowell, Johan Svendsen and Gustav Holst.

Although it was a petite orchestra with only 10 players, the combination of the violins, cellos, basses and viola filled the theater with their soft and superb sound. The arrangements of the evening varied from mellow, grandeur songs to later performing a downright jig. Holst’s “Themes from St. Paul’s Suite” part one is literally titled “Jig.” Quite catchy, if you ask me.

The orchestra’s members showcased skill and precision whilst working among such a bevy of strings with no frets on the instrument necks to add any guidance. Level of impressed: through the roof.

After four songs, though, the tune of the evening changed. While the orchestra exited stage right, the Symphonic Band entered to round off the evening. Grander in size and instrument variety, the symphonic band filled the stage from front to back. While the chamber orchestra blessed the audience’s eardrums with peaceful and serene melodies, the band absolutely shattered it with mega hard pizazz, in an incredible way.

Performing works by Caesar Giovannini, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Clare Grundman and



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Members of the CSUB Concert Band perform arrangements in the Doré Theatre on Nov. 13.

Gordon Jacob, the Symphonic Band kept a continuous raucous boom throughout the room. The flutes, the clarinets, the trumpets and everything beyond showered the room with big, boisterous sounds that absolutely filled my heart with joy. But maybe, most likely, I’m just being a biased band geek.

Halfway through the set, guest conductor Carlos Vasquez stepped out to guide the band during Grundman’s “American Folk Rhapsody No. 2.” Switching back with Sakomoto, Jacob’s “An Original Suite” was the closing number on the repertoire.

Sakomoto was all gusto and zest when conducting the musicians, but none of this would be possible without the hard work of the players. Hours of practice was evident in their show.

“I can go on and on about how proud of them I am. It is an absolute pleasure to work with these students and the community,” said Sakomoto.



Scot Swan/The Runner

Leo Sakomoto conducts the CSUB Concert Band in a performance in the Doré Theatre on Monday, Nov. 13.

ACADEMICS

Study, travel, learn

By Allison Lechman  
Reporter

“Alright let’s get started,” said Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley into the microphone as she announced the start of the CSU Bakersfield study abroad panel discussion.

The six panelists were sitting behind at a table with a blue piece of fabric draped and awaited to be asked questions about their experiences.

Studying abroad is where students take courses for their home university in other countries.

They discussed many reasons to study abroad. Maybe to learn another language?

Student Alisha Faith traveled to Spain for a year. Her program revolved around learning Spanish.

Along with learning another language, Faith had other reasons to study abroad. “I think what motivated me to study abroad is at my first college in Iowa, I was surrounded by different cultures,” said Faith.

She felt she never really got to connect with foreign students in the way she wanted. She thought studying abroad would give her the chance to make a connection. “I took that leap of faith and I did it,” said Faith.

Studying abroad is an opportunity to explore the differences in the world.

Emily Hernandez, an archeology major who studied in Ghana, said, “In Ghana, everything is different, very different, the first month was really hard to get used to.”

Hernandez went on to tell the panel crowd about some of the differences between classrooms in Ghana and in the U.S.

“You can’t ask questions,” said Hernandez. She shifted the

microphone into her other hand and said that there is no class discussion in Ghana.

Hernandez said she could tell people in Ghana wanted to give their opinion but they couldn’t give it.

“I would push people to speak out and challenge professors,” said Hernandez.

Faith shared to the group about the differences in her educational experience, “No syllabus, no online portals to check on our progress.”

Along with the educational system, those who study abroad experience the differences in cultures.

In the U.S. people have the option of driving themselves. Hernandez explained this is not the case elsewhere.

Hernandez described something similar to a bus in Ghana, a trotro driver and a trotro mate. The trotro mate sticks his head out of the window, yells and uses hand signals to convey messages to riders.

Hernandez demonstrated some of the hand signals by extending her arm over her head. Her thumb, pointer finger, middle finger up and made a small fast back and forth motions.

“It was stressful at first but you have all these people to help you,” said Hernandez.

Studying abroad may also connect those who are different from each other.

Sometimes people go away from home to find themselves.

Bertha Ruiz, a political science major who studied in the United Kingdom, gave some advice.

“Give yourself wholeheartedly to the experience it’s important to not be afraid of getting hurt,” she said.



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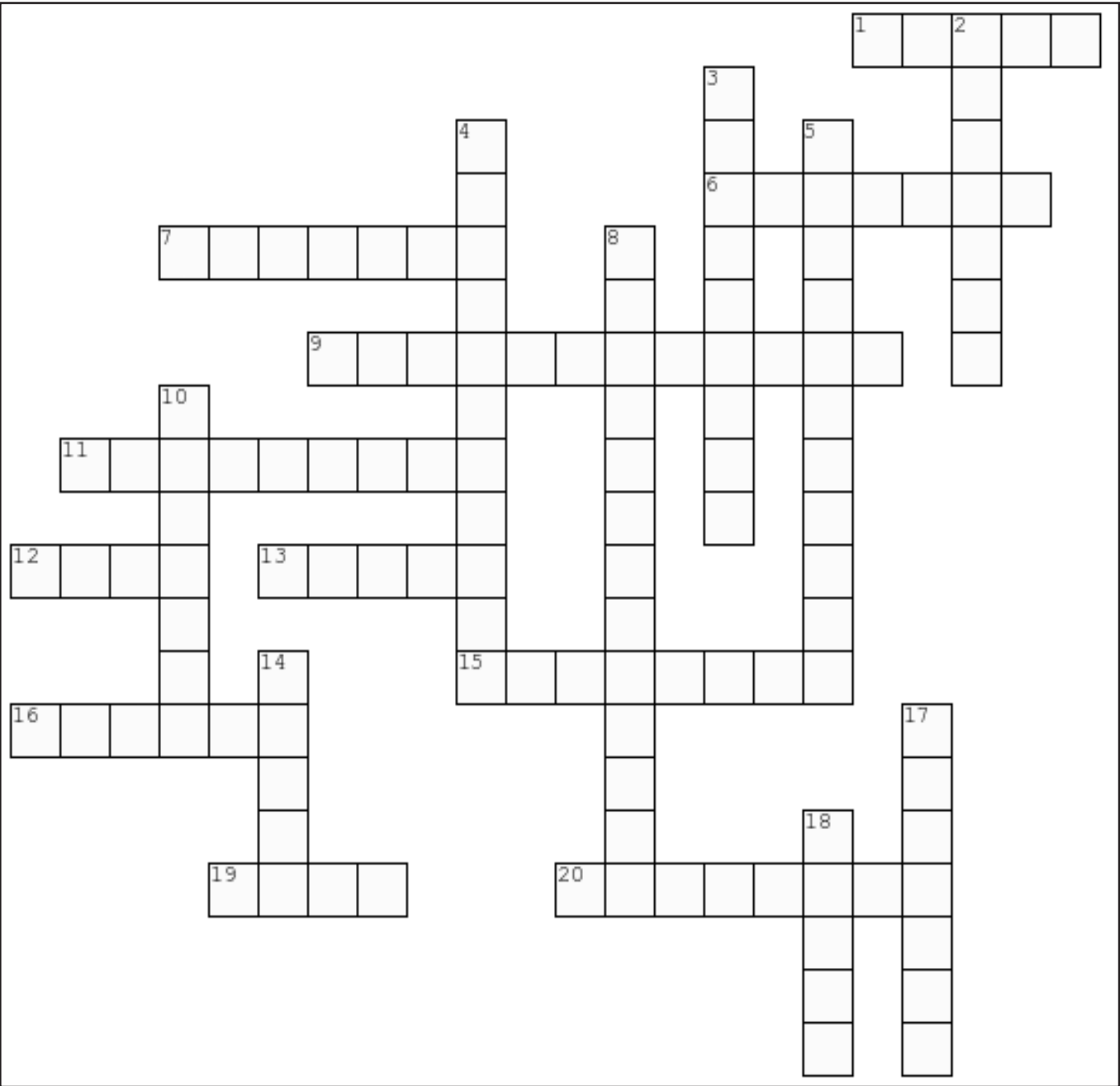


Puzzles

The Runner Games

By The Game Master

Crossword Puzzle



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6. Tony Stark  
7. Cameo in every Marvel film  
9. Precedes Galactus  
11. Commisioner of the Gotham PD  
12. Son of Odin  
13. Son of Thomas and Martha Wayne  
15. The last son of Krypton  
16. Star Lord’s ship is the \_\_\_\_\_  
19. The Incredible \_\_\_\_\_  
20. The merc with a mouth
- Down
2. Talks to fish  
3. Has had 6 films, but roles in 7  
4. Will unite to face Thanos in 2018  
5. Diana of Themyscira  
8. United on screen for 1st time in 2017  
10. Steven Rogers is Captain \_\_\_\_\_  
14. Said “I’m Mary Poppins Y’all”  
17. Thor’s Hammer  
18. Coined phrase “Why so serious?”

Sudoku

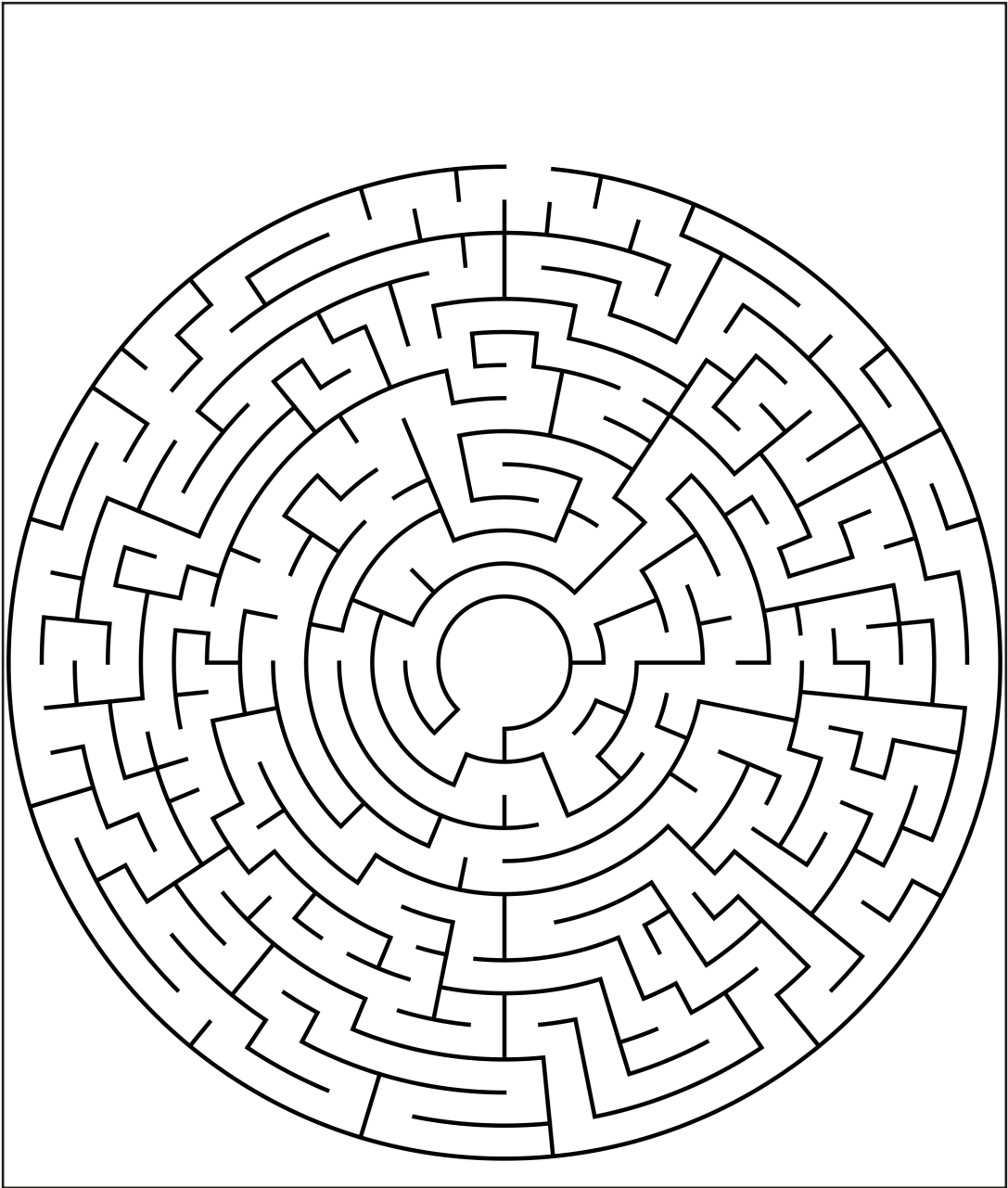
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# RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Alee Gonzalez

This week The Runner asked, “Does your family have any topics of conversation that are off-limits on Thanksgiving?”

**Robbie Davalos**  
Kinesiology, 23



“Not so much that you can’t talk about, but just that you don’t talk about. Probably the actual meaning of Thanksgiving I guess, because people just kind of ignore it. But it is good to know.”

**Jacqueline Cardenas**  
Liberal Studies, 21



“Yeah, if there’s an aunt that you’re like, ‘Mm, I don’t like her,’ and she’s sitting at the end of the table you can’t be like, ‘Did you see her? Yeah, I don’t like her!’ Probably like that.”

**Nathen Schallock**  
Electrical Engineering, 19



“If my uncle from Florida were to visit and we were to talk about his ex-wife or something, that’d probably be kind of bad, but I don’t think it’s forbidden. It’s just inappropriate or looked down upon.”

**Monica Coleman**  
Psychology, 19



“Maybe like parties, like what you do at parties, or something. I’m pretty open, but I’d say people generally wouldn’t be honest if their parents asked if they’d been drinking or stuff like that. So probably along those lines.”

STAFF EDITORIAL

## Survivors should stand in solidarity

We congratulate each of the individuals who have been brave enough to share their experiences with sexual assault. Exposing those who, for far too long, have perpetrated these inhumane crimes is a brave feat that does not go unrecognized. Although we understand and respect everyone’s decision on whether to speak out or not, we encourage more victims to share their stories.

We’ve recently witnessed how speaking out can bring awareness, debase assailants, and most importantly, assure victims they are not alone.

This modern wave of awareness and intolerance towards sexual harassment has brought forward a community of support for sexual assault survivors.

Social media has become a medium for the movement, “Me Too.” This movement has resembled a snowball effect; the growing number of people that have shared their stories has encouraged more people to share theirs.

In light of these stories, we are very disappointed and disgusted by how many people have been accused.

It saddens the editorial board to see how many people have been affected. It also saddens

Editor’s note

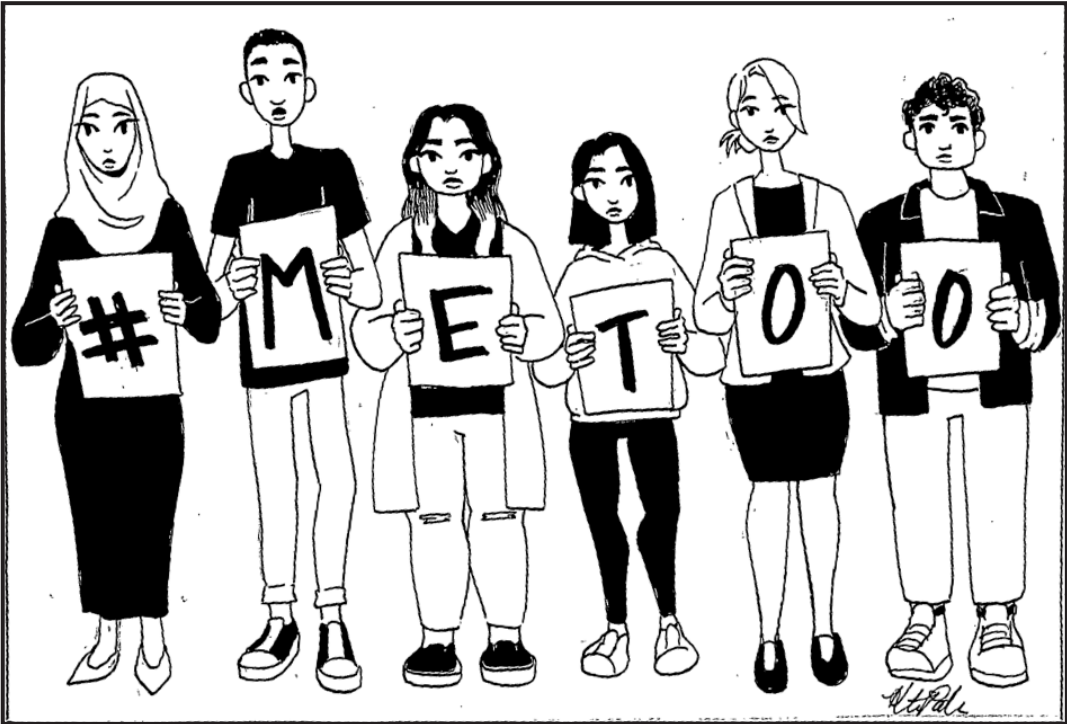
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us to see that people that were once considered heroes and leaders in their industry were being glorified by fans, all while preying on their victims behind closed doors.

Unfortunately, bringing attention to sexual assault was necessary in revealing that sexual harassment does not discriminate on any grounds.

One of the women who was assaulted by Harvey Weinstein was actress Lupita Nyong’o.

In an Op-ed written by Nyong’o in the *New York Times*, she writes “Harvey led me into a bedroom — his bedroom — and announced that he wanted to give me a massage. I thought he was joking at first. He was not. For the first time since I met him, I felt unsafe. I panicked a little and thought quickly to offer to give *him* one instead: It would allow me to be in control physically, to



know exactly where his hands were at all times.”

In a recent interview between Anna Wintour and Meryl Streep, the topic of sexual harassment was discussed.

“Do you feel the recent events regarding predatory work place behavior will advance the feminist agenda and opportunities for women, or set it back,” said Wintour.

Streep said, “This moment is absolutely thrilling. This is a door that will not be closed. We got our foot in there now, and it will be difficult for people

to conduct their lives like they have in the past. ‘Oh that’s just locker room talk.’ ‘Oh that’s just the way men are.’ No it’s not. We are civilized people and we learn from our mistakes.”

We agree with Streep’s statement. “Locker room talk” can no longer be an excuse or a shield that people can hide behind.

We have a president that is guilty of this type of rhetoric.

How can a nation change its mind when the people in power refuse to do so?

Beverly Young Nelson was one of the women who has come forward to reveal how Moore sexually assaulted her in 1977, when she was only 16 years old.

One of the more striking details of Nelson’s encounter with Moore was how he used his status to intimidate her, not unlike other powerful men who have been brought to light regarding their predatory behavior.

Although it has been decades since the assault against Beverly Nelson, it is nonetheless inspiring that she came forward.

Individuals such as Nyong’o and Nelson should be recognized as beacons of strength and inspiration for other survivors to come forward.

It is in our hopes that they, and all others, will be able to find closure with what happened to them.

The time is now when all survivors of sexual assault, rich and poor alike, are being heard and finally have the power to shape the future.

So much momentum has been built surrounding these issues and it’s a provident time to continue the conversation and remain in arms against rape culture.

We as a society, we can change. We need to change.

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WRESTLING

# CSUB hosts Roadrunner Open

## Williams, Nickell win titles as Roadrunners finish second

By Vincent Perez  
Assistant Sports Editor

The CSU Bakersfield wrestling team (2-4) finished second of 22 teams in their own Roadrunner Open on Sunday, Nov. 19. Three Roadrunners reached weight-class championship matches, winning two.

Senior Matt Williams remained undefeated this season and won the 197-pound weight class championship against Stanford's Nathan Traxler, by decision, 12-8.

"I like competing. It was a close one," said Williams. "That's the joy of wrestling, is battling."

In Palo Alto, during their Nov. 11 dual, Williams beat Traxler 5-4, by decision.

"This time, I wanted to widen the gap," said Williams.

Williams is ranked No. 10 in the country. But, he said that rankings don't matter.

However, he added, "If they put me at No. 1, they got it right. If they don't, that's their bad."

Sean Nickell, a redshirt-junior, won the 133-pound weight championship and second weight championship for CSUB.

Nickell beat Dylan Duncan of Illinois by a 10-4 decision.

After the clock ran out, Duncan gave Nickell a shove in the face. Nickell said he was a better wrestler than Duncan and it showed.

Redshirt-senior Sergio Mendez (125) reached his weight

championship, but lost to Wisconsin's Travis Piotrowski, via decision 11-4. Redshirt-sophomore Lorenzo De La Riva (165) lost his championship match against Evan Wick of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin won five weight championships at the Roadrunner Open, leading the team to a first-place finish as a team.

Head Coach Manny Rivera said that the two championship wins was good for the team.

"It's nice to get a bigger portion of our season done," Rivera added that Nickell wrestled his best wrestling of his career in his championship victory.

Redshirt-sophomore Russell Rohlfling (141) and redshirt-freshman Dominic Ducharme (184) both won their 3rd place matches.

On Nov. 17, CSUB hosted No. 18 Wisconsin and No. 25 Pittsburgh.

CSUB lost to Pittsburgh 21-18 and Wisconsin, 22-18, despite leading 11-0 to Pittsburgh and 9-0 to Wisconsin to start each dual.

Rivera said, "We wrestled poorly against Pittsburgh. We threw that one away." He added, "We put ourselves in position, won our first few matches and had some letdowns."

Mendez (125) had two victories on the day against Brendan Price of Pittsburgh by decision (9-5) and he pinned Wisconsin's Ethan Rotondo.

Williams (197) defeated Pittsburgh's Kellan Stout by major decision (11-3) and earned a



Senior Matt Williams wrestles in the Roadrunner Open in the Icardo Center on Sunday, Nov. 19. Williams is currently ranked 10th in the nation in the 197 weight division according to [intermatwrestle.com](http://intermatwrestle.com).  
Simer Khurana/The Runner

4-1 decision over Wisconsin's 16th-ranked Hunter Ritter.

Williams said, "It's just having fun. The goal is to dominate, and you got to love what you do. Let the results take care of themselves."

He added he wants to win as a team.

"If you look back, the mistakes we made, they're just silly mistakes. We got to go back and work the fundamentals of wrestling," said Williams.

In his first match of the season, redshirt-sophomore Matt Penyacsek (285) pinned Wisconsin's Ben Stone early in the second period, which inched CSUB closer to Wisconsin. Penyacsek said he wanted to get the pin for the team win.

"I just hope to make a good contribution," said Penyacsek.

On Nov. 11, the Roadrunners lost another close match, 18-16 to No. 18-ranked Stanford. Sophomore De La

Riva (165) won by decision over Stanford's Dallavia 5-4. No. 19-ranked redshirt-sophomore, Rohlfling earned a major decision (14-3) over Stanford's Isaiah Locsin.

Both teams exchanged wins and team scores came down to the last match of the night.

The final team score came down to the heavyweights. At 285, No. 12 Nathan Butler, of Stanford, pinned CSUB freshman Jarrod Snyder with 32

seconds left in the first period.

Next, CSUB hits the road for the two-day Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational Dec. 1-2.

Following that, the Roadrunners travel to Fresno State Dec. 8 and face Northwestern Dec. 18 in San Luis Obispo, California.

Rivera said that the wrestling team will be ready for the invitational.

"We got a nice break and time to get ready."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Briggs powers CSUB past Lamar to snap losing skid

By Peter Castillo  
Sports Editor

In the first ever matchup between the two schools, the CSU Bakersfield men's basketball team handed Lamar University its first loss of the season with an 85-73 win on Sunday, Nov. 19 in Beaumont, Texas.

Senior forward Shon Briggs led the way for the Roadrunners as he finished with 22 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

With the win, CSUB improves to 2-2 on the season and snaps a two-game skid.

"Always good to get a win on the road and Lamar is a good team," said CSUB Head Coach Rod Barnes to gorunners.com. "It wasn't a perfect game, but our team figured out a way to get the win on the road. I thought we did a great job of getting to the line and making the free throws and I thought that was the difference in the game."

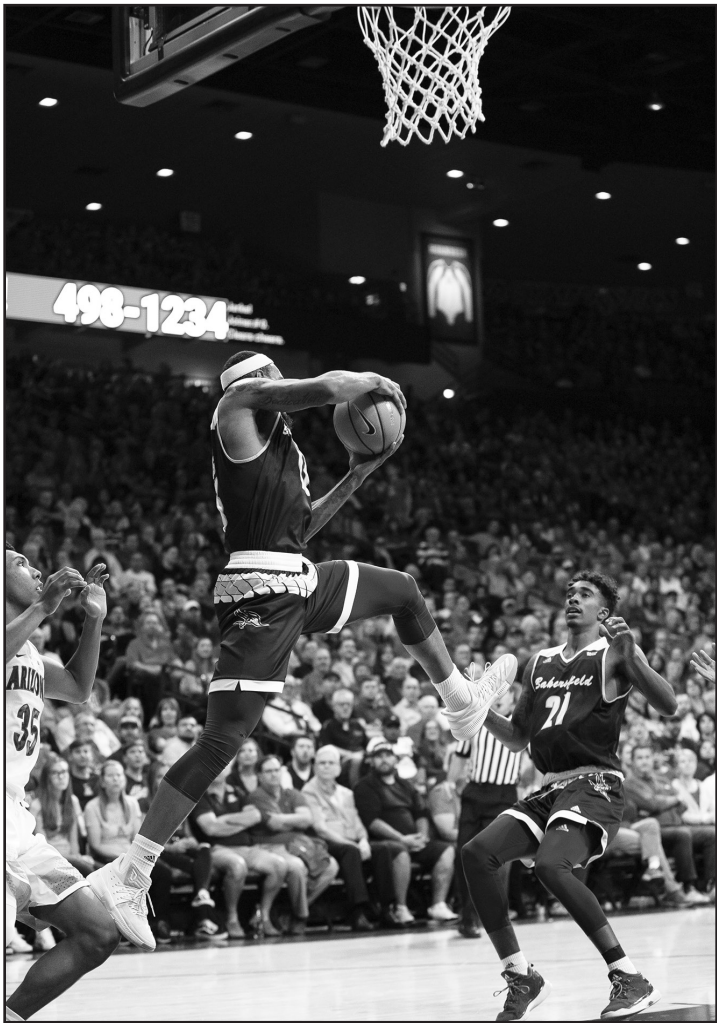
Freshman guard Jarkel Joiner added 18 points and six rebounds. He also shot a perfect 12-for-12 from the free throw line.

Redshirt-junior guard and Texas native Damiyne Durham chipped in with 17 points off the bench. He knocked down five three-pointers on the afternoon.

CSUB outrebounded Lamar 35-26 and limited the Cardinals to only 25 percent shooting from deep.

"I am really pleased with how we played defense and how we rebounded the ball tonight," said Barnes to gorunners.com.

The win followed a pair of road losses to Georgia Southern University on Monday, Nov. 13 and the University of Arizona on Thursday, Nov. 16. The



Senior forward Shon Briggs corrala a rebound in front of redshirt-freshman forward Greg Lee against Arizona.  
Simon Asher/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Wildcats were ranked third in the nation in the AP Poll.

In the two losses, CSUB was outscored 168-112.

Despite losing to Arizona 91-59, CSUB outscored the Wildcats 36-30 in the paint.

Poor free throw shooting hampered the Roadrunners in the first two games of the road trip as they shot only 17-for-43 from the charity stripe.

However, CSUB recovered Sunday and shot 27-for-33 from the line.

Senior guard Brent Wrapp fouled out with just under eight minutes remaining. He was a nonfactor in the win as he

only scored two points in 17 minutes.

The two teams combined to commit 59 fouls on Sunday.

Up next, the Roadrunners will travel to Anchorage, Alaska to play in the final installment of the GCI Great Alaska Shootout. CSUB will play three games over Thanksgiving weekend, beginning with a matchup against Alaska-Anchorage University on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 9 p.m.

The Roadrunners will play either the University of Idaho or Santa Clara University on Thursday, Nov. 23.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Roadrunners drop both in Northern California road trip

By Taylor Long  
Reporter

The CSU Bakersfield's women's basketball team dropped both games of its two-game Northern California road trip over the weekend.

The Roadrunners (1-3) faced the San Jose State Spartans on Friday, Nov. 17.

The Roadrunners fell behind early to the Spartans but made a late comeback.

They eventually fell 67-57.

San Jose State (2-2) jumped on the Roadrunners right out of the gate, leading after the first quarter 26-10.

The Roadrunners caught up in the second quarter, outscoring the Spartans 16-6 in the frame.

Junior forward Malaysia McHenry led the Roadrunners with seven points and three boards in the quarter. She finished with 12 points and four steals.

San Jose State made eight-of-ten free throws while CSUB made only one-of-four.

Senior redshirt-center Jazmyne Bartee and junior guard Alexxus Gilbert helped cut the 16-point deficit with six points each in the frame for the Roadrunners.

Bartee ended the night with 13 points and eight rebounds, while Gilbert finished with eight points and three assists.

"We battled all the way back to be in the game at the end," said Head Coach Greg McCall to gorunners.com. "We had a lot of mental errors, a lot of fundamental errors down the stretch, but I'm very proud of how hard we battled to get ourselves back into position to win it. Now we just have to learn how to go out and win it with this young group."

Yet again, the Spartans came



Senior forward Aja Williams puts up a shot in the key against Fresno Pacific on Tuesday, Nov. 14 in the Icardo Center.  
Simer Khurana/The Runner

out on top by the end of the third quarter extending their lead by nine points and finishing in the fourth with a 67-57 victory.

The Roadrunners made it a close call as sophomore guard Dalis Jones made a three-pointer with seven minutes remaining to give CSUB a 48-47 lead.

"We'll try to get focused for Stanford," said McCall to gorunners.com. "It will be a good game for us to get focused and bounce back."

The Roadrunners fell short to No. 9 Stanford 57-34 on Sunday, November 19.

The Roadrunners held their own throughout the game putting up a tough fight against nationally-ranked Stanford.

In previous games, the Cardinal have been a tough competitor for the Roadrunners. Stanford defeated the Roadrunners in the Icardo Center last

season, 77-56.

CSUB trailed 21-11 at halftime against the Cardinal.

Sophomore guard Daije Harris led CSUB with 10 points.

McHenry also helped CSUB put some points on the board with five points, six rebounds and one assist.

Senior forward Aja Williams scored seven points but shot only 3-for-13 from the floor. She is the team leader in points per game with 9.5.

The Roadrunners managed to shoot only 24 percent on their field goal attempts while the Cardinal shot 39 percent.

The Cardinal (1-2) also outrebounded CSUB by a 44-30 margin.

CSUB is scheduled to have their next game against Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. in the Icardo Center.



WAC

# Djordevic named MVP of tourney



Jesica Gonzalez/The Runner

Aleksandra Djordevic is overwhelmed with excitement as she is interviewed after Saturday's win over UTRGV by the WAC Digital Network's Jessie Punch.



Jesica Gonzalez/WAC Sports

Aleksandra Djordevic rises for a kill against two UTRGV blockers in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament Championship. Djordevic was named tournament MVP.

## Haynes, Andrade also named to all-tournament team

[WAC, Page 1]

She finished with 14 kills and 12 digs, her third double-double of the tournament. Both teams went back and forth until CSUB, led by Haynes, went on a 5-0 run and took a 20-15 lead. A service ace by Andrade won the set for the Roadrunners 25-18 and tied the match at one set apiece. CSUB came out after halftime firing on all cylinders and took a commanding 17-8 lead over

UTRGV. The Vaqueros did not give up, going on a 13-3 run of their own to take a 21-20 lead. It was their first lead since the opening set. The set went into overtime with the two teams swapping leads. The Roadrunners prevailed 30-28 with two straight kills by Haynes and Djordevic. In the fourth set, both teams once again went back and forth with neither team being able to

separate themselves by more than a point. CSUB finally extended its lead by two, 13-11 forcing a UTRGV timeout. The Roadrunners continued to stretch the lead and would force another Vaqueros timeout after a kill by junior outside hitter Briannah Mariner made the lead 17-12. Mariner added six kills and four blocks to the Roadrunners total. UTRGV tried to stage a come-

back but would only get within four points of CSUB. A kill by Haynes and an attack error by UTRGV gave the Roadrunners the set win 25-18 and the win. "It's amazing. I couldn't be more proud," said Melo to the WAC Digital Network. "It's just a group that knew what it wanted from the beginning and fought through it the entire tournament." Freshman outside hitter Desiree Sukhov and sophomore setter Sidney Wicks both

reached double-doubles in the championship match. Sukhov totaled 10 kills and 11 digs along with four service aces, while Wicks added 28 assists and 10 digs along with three service aces. "I have to give it to the coaches," said Haynes to The Bakersfield Californian. "They told us, 'We believe in it. No matter what, no matter how our season's gone, we believe in it.' We just went along with it and we started believing. We wrote

it on our wrists every day and we looked at it. We believed in each other, we believed in this program and we knew we could do it." The Roadrunners will have to wait until Sunday, Nov. 26 to know their opponent in the first round of the NCAA tournament. It will be aired on ESPN at 6 p.m. The previous time CSUB was in the tournament, the sixteenth-seeded Roadrunners fell to top-seeded Stanford.

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