

## LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT

### Runner Nights attracts nearly 2,000 students

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Spencer Nguyen/The Runner

Students enjoy The Sizzler at the Runner Nights carnival at CSUB on Friday, Sept. 21, 2018. Nearly 2,000 students attended the event, which ran from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

## MONEY

### Over \$65K in student fees granted to 23 campus groups

By Rylee Smith  
Reporter

Every year at CSU Bakersfield, a committee comes together to determine how to allocate funds from the Instructionally Related Activities Fee required by the California State University system.

IRA funds, according to Executive Order No. 740: The California State University Student Fee Policy, are given to events and activities that are necessary to the “educational mission” of the

university. These activities must have some sponsorship from an academic department on campus.

This year, the committee met on May 31, and awarded \$65,790 in total, according to the group’s official spreadsheet.

Twenty-three organizations or events were chosen to receive funds for this school year, such as the Sexual Ethics Education Fair, which received \$1,000 and CSUB’s participation in the Nursing Leadership and Professionalism State Conference, which received \$4,940.

A field trip to Zzyzx, California to the Desert Studies Center received \$6,718 in funds, which was the highest amount given out this year. Last year’s trip hosted 66 CSUB and Bakersfield College students and faculty.

The membership of the committee rotates by year. As outlined by the executive order, the committee is made up of three faculty members (chosen by the provost and the academic senate) and three student representatives (the Associated Students Inc. president and two students chosen by the

president). A representative of the Fiscal Services Department and the Dean of Student Life also attend meetings as non-voting members.

Starting annually in February, applications for funding open to faculty members who hope to have their events funded for the next academic year.

By the time applications closed this May, requests for money from the IRA fund had grown substantially. According to committee member and ASI President Ashley Schmidt, the 31 requests added up

to \$201,409.

With so many applications to consider, the committee had to choose which programs would be granted the funds for which they applied.

Executive Order No. 740 outlines certain guidelines for making this decision, such as a list of activity categories that qualify for funding, including athletics and drama productions. Not all organizations receive the amount they requested.

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Safety

# Be ready for anything

## CSUB hosts disaster preparedness event

By Sarah Montano  
Reporter

Community members attended the Disaster Preparedness Event at CSU Bakersfield on Saturday, Sept. 15 to learn what to do in the event of a disaster. Attendees explored helicopters, portable animal shelters, the SWAT team’s Hummer, and experienced a 7.0 magnitude earthquake simulator. Bakersfield is susceptible to many different kinds of natural disasters. Fires, earthquakes, and floods are among the top disasters residents are likely to see, according to displays set up at the event. Booths were set up by various Kern County disaster relief agencies and medical agencies, as well as geological groups and local ham radio experts in order to teach people necessary skills in the event of a disaster.

“It kind of shows the community that there is help and it does help to be aware of what actions to take in a certain situation,” Sarah Hughes, a geology major at CSUB, said while running the university’s geology department booth.

Maria Guzman, mother of three, received a flyer from her children’s school, Valley Oaks Char-



Skylar Carrasco/The Runner

**Kern County Sheriff’s helicopter prepares to touch down on CSUB campus on Don Hart East Lawn for the Emergency Preparedness Fair Sept. 15, 2018.**

ter School, inviting the community to attend. She said her kids are studying earthquakes in school, so she thought it would be a good idea to come to the event.

“I think it’s a really good thing. It’s good to know what to do in a disaster. I like that it is very scientific too,” Guzman said.

The Kern County Mineral Society, as well as the CSUB geology department, displayed different minerals and stones. A map of fault lines was also on display illustrating how susceptible Kern County is to earthquakes.

The Bakersfield Community Emergency Response Team and the Kern Fire Department displayed a map of Kern County under water in the event that the Lake Isabella Dam breaks. It described how quickly the water levels would rise depending on location and how much time residents would have to get to safety. They also taught people how to bandage a very bad cut or scrape with gauze.

Hope Guerrero from Kern Medical Trauma Services taught attendees how to “stop the bleed”

with a tourniquet. When asked what the most important thing to do when someone is bleeding severely, Guerrero said, “Just recognizing that they are actively bleeding and activating the 911 emergency system because even if you didn’t have a tourniquet and you just have loose clothing, even the shirt off your back, just applying that direct pressure on a wound is going to help someone immensely.”

There were opportunities to talk to local law enforcement and firefighters as well.

The Kern County Sheriff’s Department landed their search and rescue helicopter on the Don Hart East Lawn, at about 8:15 a.m. in preparation for the event. Attendees had the opportunity to go inside the helicopter while Deputy Sheriff and pilot, Kevin Austin, described what all the buttons and machinery do.

A tour inside Kern County Fire Department’s urban search-and-rescue truck also attracted many young kids who lined up to hoist themselves up into the passenger seat.

The SWAT team had an arsenal of explosives on display, including a bazooka. They also had the robots they use to diffuse bombs, one marked from a shotgun blast, on display across from the SWAT Hummer.

A ride in a 7.0-magnitude earthquake simulator gave visitors a safe perspective of what the real thing would feel like.

The Salvation Army added to the atmosphere by serving free hot dogs, chips, and water from their mobile “Emergency Canteen.”

Kern County Animal Shelter had their portable rescue unit for pets for the public to see. Search and rescue dogs were out for the public to learn more about them.

Transportation

# Don’t get used to parking on temporary dirt lot

By Alejandra Alberto  
Reporter

As many know the first weeks of school can be hectic, especially when it comes to finding parking. As in previous semesters, University Police opens a temporary dirt parking lot located on Kroll Way and across from parking lot K2.

According to Chief of University Police Martin Williamson, opening the dirt parking lot “relieves a lot of the congestion. However, it is for day use only and it is not an approved lot which allows for dust and dirt issues along with

potential pot holes and such.”

Nursing student Samantha Edwards thinks they should keep the temporary parking.

“They should definitely keep it until they make it into an actual parking lot,” said Edwards.

The temporary dirt parking cannot be open all semester because of state regulations.

“I have been advised we could be fined by state agencies if we used it for a long duration that is not its intended or authorized purpose,” said Williamson.

However, Williamson is currently in the process of collecting data and statistics to determine if

the university may need to start planning for a new parking lot in the future.

According to Williamson, he personally assesses the parking needs on campus weekly. There is still not a date in which it will be closed. However, UPD will post signs and use social media to announce when they will close the temporary parking lot days before to advise students and faculty.

“One thing that should be considered is making more parking, as in parking structures, since it is a struggle finding parking,” said Dayton Graham, a nursing student.



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**Nester Alvarado Espinoza walks to classes after parking his car in the dirt lot on Monday, September 24, 2018.**

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## CRIME

# UPD urges students to lock up bikes

By **Fernanda Martinez**  
News Editor

If you walk around campus on any weekday around noon, you are likely to see more than one bike on each rack across the campus. Some students rely on their bicycles as their main form of transportation from their homes to school.

On Sept. 11, University Police sent out a campus crime alert stating that they had two reports of bike thefts from Student Housing East. In both cases, it appeared that the locks were cut with bolt cutters and the bikes were removed from the rack.

“One of the biggest frustrations I have is those types of thefts, the bike thefts, because people may not have cars and it’s their mode of transportation,” said Marty Williamson, chief of University Police.

According to Williamson, the bike thefts that have occurred on campus have been committed by individuals outside of CSUB who walk in and try to blend in as students. In some instances, UPD has caught them elsewhere in Bakersfield trying to sell the stolen bikes for 20 to 40 dollars.

Williamson stated that the best way to prevent bike thefts is to ensure that it is secured to a rack correctly and to use a

U-bolt lock because those are the hardest to break.

UPD will give students, faculty, and staff a free U-lock when they register their bicycles with them. Williamson was able to partner up with Action Sports to receive the U-bolt locks.

Joshua Pearlman, a first-year Criminal Justice student, has already registered his bike with UPD, but prefers to use his personal lock. “I like mine because it is longer and I can wrap it around both tires,” said Pearlman.

“They come in and register it, we give them a free U-bolt, and if they need help, we show them how to properly use the lock,” said Williamson. “In reports that I have seen, U-bolts have shown to be the hardest to defeat.” Williamson said that to break a U-bolt lock, a potential thief would have to carry a long cutter that is hard to hide.

When a bicycle is registered with UPD, the serial number of the bike is taken along with a picture and description. This makes it easier to identify incase the bike is reported stolen or lost.

When asked if her bicycle was registered with UPD, Keneika Jensen, Kinesiology major at CSUB, stated that she did not



Fernanda Martinez/The Runner

**Cody Crawl, a computer engineering major locking up his bike on a rack outside Science II.**

know what that was about. “I’ve actually had a bike stolen before and so has my roommate,” said Jensen. “Mine was near Edgewater and my roommate’s was on campus, and she’s had two that were stolen.”

Jensen said that her current bicycle cost her around 300 dollars. Some students may not be in a situation where instantly replacing their stolen bicycle is a solution. “If it were stolen, I’d have to walk, that would suck,” said Jensen.

## COURT

# Ex-professor gets 1,000 hours community service

By **Peter Castillo**  
Editor-in-Chief

After being found in possession of more than 800 images and videos of child pornography on his laptop, Theodore Ishida, a former assistant professor here at CSU Bakersfield, was sentenced to 1,000 hours of community service.

Ishida, 64, was arrested at his home on Dec. 14, 2016. It was revealed at the time of his arrest that Ishida downloaded the child pornography onto his laptop from a CSUB computer.

He was placed on paid administrative leave on Jan. 13, 2017, through March 15 of this year. During which, he did not have access to his office or campus. He retired the following day and is no longer affiliated with the university, according to Chief of Staff to the President, Michael Lukens.

Prior to being placed on leave, Ishida was earning \$76,536 per academic year as an assistant professor in the department of psychology. He was hired by the university in 1988.

According to the Bakersfield Californian, Ishida pleaded no contest to the charges and must now register as a sex offender.

Ishida is also on probation for three years, during which he is not allowed to possess pornography, associate with minors or delete his computer history, as he now must permit law enforcement to search his electronic devices.

As The Runner previously reported, Ishida contacted Bakersfield Police after his home was burglarized on Aug. 7, 2017. He reported someone had forced entry into his home and stole some personal belongings, including his laptop.

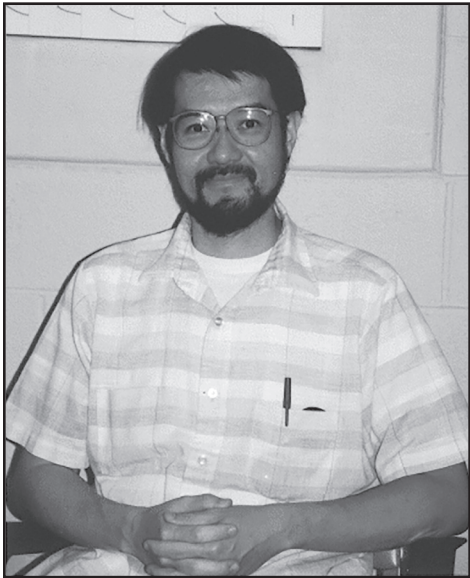


Photo from the Bakersfield Californian

**Ishida was a former assistant professor in the psychology department at CSUB. He must now register as a sex offender.**

Four months after that, Ishida once again called the police to notify them of a threat of extortion against him.

The man who broke into Ishida’s home, Francois Garipey, found the images of child pornography on Ishida’s laptop and was demanding money from Ishida for the laptop or he would go to the police.

The extortion threat was traced through an email sent to Ishida from the email address of lessthanlawrfees@yahoo.com and called himself “Your Wayout,” according to documents obtained by the Bakersfield Californian.

In August, Garipey pleaded no contest to attempted extortion, in addition to two other offenses. He is serving eight years in prison.

## What’s Happening Around Campus

### October

**1 Loteria Lunes**  
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Stockdale Room

**Cumbia Dance Class**  
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
SRC Sequoia Room

**2 Walter Stiern Presents: Catherine Hodges**  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Library, Dezember Room

**3 Women Rock**  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
SRC Rock Wall

**4 Speaker Dra. Linda Alvarez**  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
Stockdale Room

**Essential Oils Workshop**  
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
SRC Solario

**6 RowdyCon**  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Student Union MPR 125 - DDH

**8 Bachata Dance Class**  
6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. @ Sequoia Rm

**10 Fall Blood Drive**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Student Union Lounge

**Ally Rally**  
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Stockdale Room

**Spanish Conversation Table**  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Albin Conference Room

**11 Expression Nights**  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Stockdale Room Backside Patio

**12 Pride Week Movie Night**  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Alumni Park

**13 Prospanica Seminar**  
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Student Union MPR 125

**14 Taste of Arts 2018**  
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Music BLDG 127

**15 CSUB Food Distribution**  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Stockdale Rm

Calendar sponsored by School of Natural Science, Mathematics, and Engineering and School of Arts and Humanities. To be included, contact jburger1@csub.edu.



MONEY

# Larger events get more student fee money

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Beyond these descriptions, however, the committee is in charge of determining how they will distribute funds. These specific criteria must be documented in preparation for the committee’s final meeting. Among these criteria, Schmidt says, is the requirement that an event benefits as many students as possible.

“One of the events on the list, for instance, the geology one, affects so many students. So many students can go and see this event take place. It’s a wonderful opportunity.”

Another IRA-funded event that many students can attend is a lecture in the History Forum series.

Though they did not know that the event was funded through the IRA committee, senior sociology major Yoceline Aguilar and junior accounting major Bladimir Benitez are planning to attend one of the lectures coming up this October. “They’re educational... They bring awareness on certain subjects,” Aguilar said.

Benitez agrees. “We always go to those. A lot of people ask questions. You have to listen for key details; they cover a lot of subjects.”

As someone who goes to the events that

the committee funds, Benitez says that he has no issues with the fact that the Instructionally Related Activities Fee is added into student tuition. He explains, “Is it benefiting me? I mean, yeah. I think so.”

Though the executive order does require a tuition fee to pay for it, IRA funding is not meant to be a complete financial solution to academic departments. Instead, as Schmidt puts it, it is intended as a way to “give back to the curriculum.”

The executive order outlines that one of the intentions of the fee is to take some of the burden of funding activities off of the Associated Student Body.

With all of the time that goes into determining which events are awarded funding, one student argues that getting the word out about events should be a priority.

Jenny Kay Pratt, a senior majoring in liberal studies, said, “I think the events are super helpful, but I think smart advertising is key! Bright colors and fun fonts are really going to make people want to come over and read your flier. I almost never hear about the educational events until after the fact unless a teacher brings it up in class for extra credit.”

California State University, Bakersfield Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) 2018-2019		
Organization	Amount	%
Zzyzx Field Trip to Desert Studies Center	\$6,718	10.2%
Earth System Science Educational Program	\$6,050	9.2%
The Runner	\$6,000	9.1%
Nursing Leadership & Professionalism (State Conference)	\$4,940	7.5%
Successfully Managing Student/Life Balance	\$4,700	7.1%
Gender Matters Student Research Symposium	\$4,500	6.8%
Legislative Lobby Day in Sacramento	\$4,250	6.5%
Student Research Competition	\$4,000	6.0%
Community Tamalada	\$3,500	5.3%
Local Struggles, Critical Dialogues	\$3,500	5.3%
History Forum	\$2,500	3.8%
Ethics Bowl	\$2,182	3.3%
15th Annual Phil & RS Undergraduate Conference	\$2,000	3.0%
Supplemental Instruction	\$2,000	3.0%
Visiting Artist Program and Class	\$1,500	2.3%
Ally Rally	\$1,500	2.3%
Promoting Advanced Practice Nursing Leadership, Education, & Professionalism	\$1,080	1.6%
Sexual Ethics Education Fair	\$1,000	1.5%
International Film Series	\$1,000	1.5%
Social Science Subject Matter Speaker Series	\$960	1.5%
Regional Case Competition	\$950	1.4%
Institute for Leadership Education and Development (I-LEAD)	\$660	1.0%
Better Together Day - Celebrating Religious Diversity at CSUB	\$300	0.5%
Total Allocated	\$ 65,790	100%

Miguel Fabian/The Runner

**\$65,790 was the total amount allocated for the 2018-2019 academic school year. The majority of funds are for events happening during the school year.**



## California State University, Bakersfield Graduation Workshops

The **Division of Enrollment Management** has scheduled a series of graduation workshops as shown below. If you would like to learn how to avoid delays and know what to expect when you are close to graduation, you will want to attend one of these workshops. You will learn the answers to the following questions (and more).

- What do I need to graduate?
- How does the graduation filing process work and when should I apply?
- What if I filed for graduation but still have classes to take?
- What is the timeline to have my degree conferred and get my diploma?
- How does graduation relate to Commencement?

### Next Graduation Workshop(s):

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, October 10th	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Main: BDC 156B
Tuesday, October 23rd	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Main: DDH 103G
Monday, November 5th	2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Main: DDH 101K

**For more information on the workshops, contact the  
Office of Admissions & Records at (661) 654-3036.**

## HEALTH

# Counselor training clinic open to Bakersfield community

By **Fernanda Martinez**  
*News Editor*

CSU Bakersfield’s University Counselor Training Clinic is currently accepting new clients for the 2018-2019 school year. Services in the clinic are provided by training Counseling Psychology students and are available to non-students.

The clinic operates by counseling psychology graduate students to help them earn training hours. Since they are students too, they are unable to see CSUB students as they would have a dual relationship with them. However, they are asking the CSUB community to inform their friends and family that there is an option on campus for them to receive low-cost therapy.

Jacob Kountz, clinic manager, said that the clinic offers counseling services in stress management, child therapy, group therapy and marriage counseling to name a few.

“Our training counselors have about two or three clients each. We are seeing about 80 to 90 people currently and we are hoping to increase,” said Kountz.

Appointments to the clinic are made over the phone and the staff evaluates whether they are able to see a person.

“We have a list of criteria that we follow, so if you are court mandated, we can’t do that. We can’t write letters on behalf of people. If we feel that you are a high risk client, we want to make sure that you are seen appropriately by someone who has been in the field for quite some time,” said Kountz.

The clinic functions by recording therapy

sessions so that the training therapists can receive feedback from their supervisors. Prior to signing consent forms, clients are informed that the therapy session will be recorded and supervised.

“It is not for what they are doing but our supervisors want to see if the therapist is maneuvering in the right direction, asking certain questions, and the supervisor can suggest to try a different route. It’s like live critiques,” said Kountz.

Kountz mentioned that some clients have been attending the clinic for almost a decade and they are seen for as long as they need.

According to Kountz, the first session costs \$25 and \$15 for every session after that.

“We don’t turn anybody away for lack of payment. So if they say they can only do five today then that’s fine. They can negotiate with their therapist,” said Kountz.

All fees are used to support the operation of the clinic.

CSUB enrolled students can receive free and confidential counseling in the University Counseling Center.

“Students think that these services could be for them but I want to inform them that there are services that their tuition pays for but if they have family and friends that are in need, they can come in here.”

The clinic is currently open during the school year Monday through Thursday from 1-9 p.m. and Friday from 2-6 p.m. and is located in the Education Building room 200. For more information, you can contact the University Counselor Training Clinic at (661) 654-3402.



ENTERTAINMENT

# A conversation with local country DJ

By Kayla Olivieri  
Reporter

What is Brent Michael’s advice for landing a career in radio?

“The biggest thing, and it’s really hard, is you don’t say no. Just like anything super competitive like music, journalism and acting, you really can’t say no and you need to stand out and put yourself out there.”

Michaels is KUZZ’s program director and on-air personality. He says he loves his job, from covering large music festivals, being nominated for a Country Music Association Award for On-Air Personality of the Year for three consecutive years, to playing songs on the radio every day for his listeners.

Cortney Reed, a loyal listener and junior English major at CSU Bakersfield, said, “I listen to KUZZ and Brent Michaels almost every day on my way to work and school. I connect and relate really well with country music. I just really enjoy it.”

Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, Michaels has lived in Bakersfield since 2001, after he met his wife, a Bakersfield native, at the University of San Francisco where he graduated.

Michaels knew at an early age that he was meant for a life in radio. When he was in junior high school in Hawaii, Michaels did a project on music censorship and had the opportunity to interview some program directors and tour radio stations.

“When I went into the radio station, I thought it was the coolest thing I had ever seen and seemed like so much fun,” said Michaels. “From then on, I pursued a career in radio.”

Michaels went on to intern for a radio station in high school, then to work for USF’s radio station while he was in college.

When he landed in Bakersfield, Michaels called every radio station he could to try to find a job.

Work ethic, time spent “paying his dues”, and never saying no, even to the point of making multiple personal sacrifices, eventually paid off. Michaels started at KUZZ in 2008 and worked weekend and fill-in shifts until taking over the night show in 2015. In 2016, he moved to middays and was promoted to Program Director of the station.

His most rewarding and favorite part of his job at KUZZ is taking a chance on new artists and watching them rise in the ranks of the country greats. He also said he loves “putting fans with artists”. He said, “From giving people meet and greets with their favorite artists to [something] as simple as bringing someone from the back row to the front, I love making that happen for fans.

It brings excitement and allows them to experience something really cool.”

Ironically, country music was not a passion of Michael’s prior to working at KUZZ. Michaels laughed and said, “Funny enough, the one rule at our wedding was no country music allowed. And fortunately, now I can honestly say country music is my favorite genre. I live and breathe country music!”

Now, Michael’s life is entrenched with country music from his job to his hobbies and spare time going to concerts for fun. His favorite memory? A Garth Brooks meet and greet where Garth did an incredible card magic trick that to this day Brent and his wife Julie still can’t quite figure out how he pulled it off.

2018 brings the third consecutive year that Michaels has been nominated for CMA Award for On-Air Personality of the Year in a Medium Market. Along with his nomination, KUZZ has also been nominated for Radio Station of the Year in a Medium Market.

Ryan Bianchi, a sophomore and business administration major at CSUB, said, “I’m

very excited that KUZZ and Michaels are representing Bakersfield, the Nashville of the west, this year because I believe they both give an accurate depiction of the country music popular to Bakersfield right now.”

“I think this is exciting! Being a smaller town, it’s nice to see people going places and really representing us,” Reed added. Michaels said, “I am really honored to get nominated and I don’t take that for granted at all. Fingers crossed, and I would love to bring the win back to Bakersfield and represent Bakersfield. It’s crazy that every year the day that the nominations are released hearing my name on the short list of only five people nationally to be nominated, and the only one on the West Coast.”

When looking toward the future, Michaels is always looking to improve KUZZ and the listener experience. He appreciates his CSUB listeners and said, “If you ever have any advice for us on air, please share them with us! We want to play what you want to hear, and we want to make listening to KUZZ a great experience for you. We truly appreciate our college listeners because they are the present and future customers of radio, and their opinions matter massively.”

You can hear Michaels on KUZZ Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The CMA Awards will be broadcast live from the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville on Nov. 14 starting at 8/7 central. Viewers can tune into ABC for all the action.



Andrew Paredes/The Runner

KUZZ’S Brent Michaels sits down to talk a little about his life as KUZZ’s Program Director and On-Air Personality on Monday, Sept. 17, 2018.

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## RUNNER NIGHTS

# Students turn up for free night of fun

By Chelsea Lorene McDowell  
Features Editor

In a line that stretched all the way to the Student Union patio from the Don Hart East lawn, CSU Bakersfield students waited eagerly for the Fall Runner Nights Carnival gates to open Friday night.

*“We the best music! Another one! DJ Khaled! You stick out of the crowd, baby, it’s a no-brainer”* sang Justin Bieber from the DJ’s stereo, inviting students into the carnival at 9 o’clock.

Colorful, neon lights that flashed in advertisement of the carnival rides could be seen from Stockdale Highway. Carnival rides consisted of a Fun Slide, Ferris Wheel, Balloon Fiesta — and two new editions to the fair — The Sizzler and the Rock-O-Plane. The rides were located on the east side of the fair upon entry.

After helping CSUB Housing set up its fortune telling tent, Ignacio Contreras, a junior business administration and marketing major, was one of the first students to experience the fair.

“This is the best one yet,” said Contreras. “There’s way more rides and more fun.”

On the west side of the fair, the clubs of CSUB set up booths that offered games to carnival goers in order to raise awareness for their meetings.

Associated Students, Inc. held a table that allowed students to spin a wheel to win a prize next to CSUB’s men swimming team. Shirtless and lively, the swim team provided a dunk tank to challenge the aim of students passing by.

Artists who specialized in neon face paint and a game of human Hungry Hungry Hippos, in which participants are harnessed and attached to corners of an inflatable bounce house, sat in between the booths.

Food trucks, located toward the back of the fair, offered free food and drinks. Corndogs, frozen lemonade, tacos and fries, and kettle corn were some of the options students could choose from. However, alcoholic beverages were not made available to students.

The DJ sat on the stage in the center of the carnival site. Also on stage was Master of Ceremony Mohammed Cook, a CSUB alumnus whose job was to remind those in attendance to remain hydrated and enjoy themselves.

Many carnival goers were there for the first time and had no idea what to expect.

Freshman nursing student Angela Lopez was surprised by the Runner Nights Carnival.

“I was expecting it to be a lot of fun. I was not expecting the



Spencer Nguyen/The Runner

Students enjoy the classic carnival Fun Slide while others await the Balloon Fiesta at the Runner Nights carnival on Sept. 21, 2018.



Spencer Nguyen/The Runner

On top of free food and festivities, CSUB students enjoy a live DJ during the Runner Nights Carnival on Sept. 21, 2018.



Spencer Nguyen/The Runner

Geoffrey Maramo and Laura Cavasos enjoy each other’s company during the Runner Nights festivities on Sept. 21, 2018.

rides,” Lopez said.

By 10:15 p.m. 1,176 CSUB students were let inside the gate. The line then reached The Runner module.

Students were brought to a cleared area in front of the DJ, which acted as the dance floor, with late 2000’s hits like Cupid’s 2007 song “Cupid’s Shuffle” and New Boyz’s 2009 hit “You’re a Jerk.”

They remained gathered on the dance floor as the DJ played radio-edited hip hop and Latin pop.

Junior kinesiology major Justin Lyons attended the fair.

“It’s cool, beautiful students

“This is a special event. I have never participated in such a fun event with students while in the CSU system.”

Lynnette Zelezny,  
CSUB President

... Free stuff,” Lyons said in between bites of his Popsicle. “You meet people you don’t see in a classroom.”

Lines to get on rides grew and caused a wait time for students. Junior psychology major Taylor Garcia and two friends waited in line for the Rock-O-Wheel for thirty minutes and were still a considerable distance from the front of the line.

Biology graduate Iesha Clouden and senior biology major Prit Deol rode on the Sizzler, the kind of ride that was created to make riders dizzy.

“Lines are really long, that’s the only thing I don’t like,” Deol said.

Clouden and Deol agreed that while it was annoying to have to wait in line to get into the fair, and then to wait to get on the rides or for food, with the amount of people in attendance, it was understandable.

By 11:38 p.m. 1,914 students were let into the event that ended at 1 a.m.

President Lynnette Zelezny was among those who attended the fair. This is her first fall semester as president and she was excited to observe the carnival.

“This is a special event,” said Zelezny. “I have never participated in such a fun event with students while in the CSU system.”



COMMUNITY

## Kern County Fair brings life to Bakersfield

By Jayson Edgerle  
Reporter

Whether it be for the food, music, or the animals, the fair has 102 years worth of stories to tell. With variety of selections of funnel cakes, corn dogs, gelato and others, there's something for everyone. Many of these vendors are owned by local organizations, such as Boy Scouts and the National Order of Trench Rats Dugout 159.

Fred Powers, a veteran and head of the National Order of Trench Rats Dugout 159, discussed what his organization does with the funds they earn from selling, in his words, "the best burgers and the coldest beer on the Fairgrounds."

"We have been on the grounds here at the Kern County Fair since 1952," Powers said. "We're an old veterans' organization, [with the goal] to support the veterans that are hospitalized, housebound, and the needy in the community. All of our money raised at the Fairgrounds stays in Kern County."

The Fair showcases many exhibits in which people can enter into different contests. A branch in particular are the art contests for people of various ages and

different mediums. For college students looking into being part of these contest, the entry forms can be found online at the Kern County Fair website along with Exhibit Catalog, which will have the due dates for each piece. The only requirement is that the pieces have to be at least a year old.

Music is a big part of the fair. Throughout the week that the fair is open, every day has a concert with popular acts like The Beach Boys and War as well as many local musical groups, such as The Alley Cats and Mariachi San Marcos, that perform throughout the week.

Brent Michaels, a radio personality with KUZZ, explained what it means to have these big music names perform here in Bakersfield.

"This is the biggest annual event that happens in Kern County every year," Michaels said. "And I know that, at least on the Country side [of music], a lot of the artists like to come and play it. It's fun for the people of Bakersfield to have free shows when they get into the Fair, they can go watch. Any time you have national artists coming in and performing in Bakersfield, it always raises the profile."

Whether it be livestock or some-



Claudia Alvarez/The Runner

**Bakersfield residents gather at the Kern County Fair grounds to enjoy the rides, among them the very popular swing carousel. For a review of the Beach Boys concert, turn to Page 10.**

thing exotic, the Fair has a wide variety of animal shows. The real story is in the livestock showing exhibits. These kids have spent months preparing their animals for this single week, enduring countless setbacks, juggling their time to work on their projects, and often times losing an animal before it even steps into the ring.

Tyler Ruddell, a high school senior with plans to attend Fresno State, shared his experience with raising his pigs.

"For the most part, it's been pretty fun," Ruddell said. "Learning how to walk them, learning how to take care of them. I have really no setbacks, other than the fact that a couple of weeks ago, my

pig lost fourteen pounds. That was a big loss for him."

For those who are planning on going to the fair and staying for extended periods, keep the weather in mind. Mostly, stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and a hat. More importantly, have a good time.

CULTURE

## Religion embraces LGBTQ+ community

By Kimberly Hernandez  
Reporter

On Friday, Sept. 21, people arrived in downtown Bakersfield at the Kern County Center for Sexuality and Gender Diversity to attend Faith's Rainbow, a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning community event held to highlight the acceptance now practiced in many religions.

At the entrance, Lou Medina, the vice president of the board of directors for the center, and the man responsible for coordinating the community event, greeted every person that walked through the door.

The event was titled: "Faith's Rainbow: Acceptance and Contributions of LGBTQ People in Local Spiritual Communities- An Interfaith Panel and Discussion." According to Medina, the event was the first event of its kind and it therefore took extensive planning from volunteers and members of the centers Board of Directors.

Dr. Nate Olson, associate director of the Kegley Institute of Ethics at California State University Bakersfield, was present as a

moderator for the night's discussion.

There were three addresses lined up to be given by guest speakers, The Right Rev. David C. Rice, Alex Medina, and Dr. Liora Gubkin Malicdem. Although each panelist was of different religious backgrounds, they all had a similar intention for the discussion that night: to raise awareness of local spiritual communities that embrace and accept members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The evening started with a quick introduction from Medina who gave background on the center. Medina said that the Center for Sexuality and Gender Diversity has a mission which is to be "an easy access hub providing a safe, supportive space, and services to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning community, and also to serve as a bridge to the greater community."

Rice was the first of the panelists to speak as he brought forward a Christian perspective on support and acceptance towards the LGBTQ+ community. Rice is bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin and was ordained in the 1980's.



Kimberly Hernandez/The Runner  
**Speakers Rev. Rice, Dr. Malicdem, and Alex Medina at the Faith's Rainbow on Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.**

Rice said that during the 1980's homosexuality was labeled as an "affront to God" and a "sin" within the greater Christian Community.

However, the message Rice delivered was the opposite of the message given towards the LGBTQ+ community in previous

years. During his speech, Rice said, "Here is what I want you to know about us. We have transgender clergy. We have lesbian candidates in the process for ordination. We have gay priests with husbands. We are a different people in this landscape."

Rice went on to say that it is our responsibility to continue to break down the walls that have been put up for the LGBTQ+ community by the church in the past.

Alex Medina spoke next, offering a Buddhist perspective to the conversation. Medina is a counselor at the Kern County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Drug/ Alcohol Abuse and Crisis Line. Medina recounted his struggles early on in life. He mentioned how, after years of searching for a spiritual medium, he came across Buddhism and converted. Medina said that being homosexual is not denounced in Buddhist religion and he was therefore able to find a spiritual connection.

In addition to speaking on acceptance within Buddhism, Medina also spoke on mental health awareness and invited anyone who is dealing with mental health

issues to visit the Kern County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Drug/ Alcohol Abuse and Crisis Line. Anyone who has survived a suicide attempt, anyone who suffers from suicidal thoughts, substance abuse, or any type of mental health issue such as depression, is encouraged to visit the center. Mentors, like Medina, are available to help.

Dr. Liora Gubkin Malicdem, a donor to the Center for Sexuality and Gender Diversity and a professor at CSUB, spoke with a perspective of a Unitarian Universalist. Dr. Malicdem said, "It is critically important to acknowledge that religion has done real harm. We can't move forward without noticing that."

Gubkin Malicdem continued to state how universalists have moved further than only acceptance of LGBTQ+ people. Rather, the church recognizes that humankind is diverse and that differences in gender and sexuality are an entirely normal part of humanity. Dr. Malicdem ended with the message that it is up to us as community to dismantle the harm that has been inflicted on LGBTQ+ people.



## CULTURE

# Celebrating a month full of fiestas

## CSUB hosting numerous events to celebrate Hispanic culture

By Valerie Hernandez  
Assistant Features Editor

CSU Bakersfield began the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off on Sept. 17 with a series of cultural events and will continue through Oct. 12

The kick off started at noon and provided free food and drinks for students. Students waited in line for tacos while listening to music and hanging with friends.

Olly Lopez, a business administration and spanish major explains the focus of CSUB's Hispanic Heritage Month, "Campus Programming is partnering with the SRC and the library to put on various events across campus to help celebrate culture, history and the arts."

Lopez also illustrated the significance to celebrate this month. "We are a Spanish serving institution and to help recognize diversity we have to make sure this is an inclusive campus," said Lopez. "It's important we represent people identities but also celebrate it with them. It helps create a sense of community on our campus."

Expression Nights was another school event during the Hispanic Heritage month activities, made for students to come together and express themselves in different ways. The theme of this year's event was "La Noche de Estrel-

las," The Night of Stars. The event was held outside the Runner Cafe with hot chocolate and ice cream for everyone to enjoy while they watched the performances.

The event consisted of multiple performances with a series of talent.

One poet who performed Sara Alnagar, a sophomore majoring in English literature, read an original piece and enjoyed the experience.

"I write a lot and it was good for me to get rid of that stage fright," said Alnagar. "I was really nervous but it felt really nice at the end."

Her advice for any future students who want to participate in Expression Nights is to not hold back.

"I was in your shoes but after you do it you get that nice feedback, everyone's hyping you and that gives you much more courage to keep writing, to keep speaking," said Alnagar.

However, there was more talent than just poetry. Hispanic dancers dressed in authentic gowns and attire gave a beautiful performance that showed culture and pride.

Zachary Zimmer, a freshman majoring in electrical engineering, rapped to Witt Lowry's "Dreaming With Your Eyes Open."

For him, this was a song that was really close to his heart.

"I like performing, I did a song



Andrew Paradez/The Runner

Mia Lopez (right) receives her delicious plate of tacos on Monday, September 17, 2018 for the Hispanic Heritage event that took place at CSUB.

by Witt Lowry, it means a lot to me because before I started school hear I was actually homeless," said Zimmer. "The song just speaks to me. People have their issues that others don't know about."

This was his first time performing at Expression Nights but despite the nerves, the atmosphere

and encouragement of others helped him.

"It's a safe space, no one's going to be judging you," said Zimmer. "I didn't get that vibe from people, everybody wants you to do good."

There will be more upcoming events this month for Hispanic Heritage Month, such as The Sto-

ry of Jose M. Hernandez: From Migrant Farmworker to NASA Astronaut on Sept. 28, Cumbia Dancing on Oct. 1, and Dr. Parada on Spanish in the U.S.: Myths and Realities on Oct. 3.

The celebrations will conclude on Oct. 12 with a speech from Dr. Camarillo on "Latino Voting Rights."

## STUDENT LIFE

# Afro Rush Week brings cultural awareness to CSUB

By Kayla Culberson  
Reporter

From Tuesday, Sept. 18 through Friday, Sept. 21, the African Student Association held its semi-annual Afro Rush Week in front of the Student Union Patio to celebrate African culture and bring awareness about what ASA has in store for the 2018 Fall semester at CSU Bakersfield.

The official CSUB ASA page lists its focus as "increasing awareness of the ASA members and CSUB students about the African culture; to recognize, encourage and empower that culture on campus at CSUB; and to provide resources and activities to students that will enrich and express the culture."

While this association is focused on the "empowerment of Africa and peoples of African ancestry," senior liberal studies major Jane

Anyanwu said this association and its events are not limited to people of African ancestry.

She said "This association is meant to bring awareness to the African culture but is open to everyone. There are social events to get to know each other and to meet the club members. We want to make it feel like a family for everyone."

CSUB's Afro Rush Week event was created to "to provide a home away from home for the members" and inform CSUB students and staff about what the club represents and how to get involved.

The event booth had snacks, t-shirts, and music playing for students to enjoy while they found out more information about the club. Afro Rush Week's main purpose was to help fundraise for the ASA.

Senior kinesiology major Precious Nwaoha said on their

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senior liberal studies  
major

official page that "different forms of fundraising will also be implemented in order to generate funds for a non-profit organization of our choosing, originating in Africa."

The ASA holds many events throughout the academic year, including African Gala Night, fashion shows, socials, mentor programs, and performances by a traditional African dance team.

Nwaoha said their annual spring Made in Africa Culture Show was a major event for the ASA.

Their culture show in spring of 2018 was held on April 13, and was a way for CSUB to "experience a showcase of music, African dancing, singing, food, and a whole night of fun to allow the CSUB community and Bakersfield community to learn and experience African culture."

Nwaoha emphasized that everyone is welcome to these events, as

they're a way to spread awareness and help fundraise.

A typical meeting with the ASA involves debates, food, and information about different African lifestyles.

Nwaoha and Anyanwu said the meetings mostly consist of discussing different countries and cultures in Africa.

The club even has competitions to showcase their knowledge on the different African cultures and traditions.

This Friday, Sept 28, the club meeting is "Bring a Friend Day," where students can invite their friends to bring even more awareness to the club and its goal.

ASA meets every Friday at 5:00 p.m. in Dorothy Donahoe Hall, Hall H, Room 101.



## RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Hana Ayoub/Photos by Andrew Paredes

This week The Runner asked, "What does it mean to be Hispanic to you?"

**Kimberly Flores**  
Biology



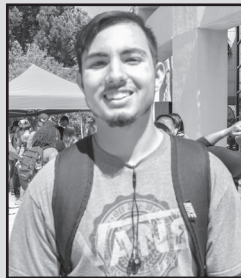
"I hold my culture really highly, I love that I can speak another language and indulge myself in many different foods."

**Jesus Valle**  
Chemistry



"Working hard no matter what the circumstances, [and] trying to get ahead."

**Antonio Madrigal**  
Psychology and Criminal Justice



"Be proud of your culture. There's a lot of people that lose their culture and my family, they make sure to hold onto it."

**Susana Benitez**  
Kinesiology



"It means family and embracing the culture."

### DINING

## A first-hand take on the best food on campus

By Michael Lynch  
Assistant Opinions Editor

As college students, saving money is important. Knowing where to eat and what to order can maximize the value of the dollar when eating on campus.

By far one of the tastiest options on campus, Curbside offers Mexican food, cheeseburgers, sandwiches and breakfast options. Located near the Humanities Office Building, it serves students and faculty on the northwest side of campus.

Its drawback is the price. With \$7 for a quesadilla, it is not a good option for students looking to get the most out of their money. The best bet is to stick to burritos, cheeseburgers and tacos.

One of the most popular restaurants at CSU Bakersfield, Panda Express is packed every day during lunch hours. It provides one of the best values because of the amount of food given at a reasonable price. This can be enough food to last two meals.

Gustavo Hernandez, a senior business major, tries to find healthy options at a reasonable price. "At \$7, Panda Express is very affordable."

Panda Express is a good option for students on the go. For the best value, order a plate instead of a bowl, which gives more food for about one dollar more. Addition-

ally, ask for a water cup to avoid paying for an expensive soda.

The Runner Cafe is the only all-you-can-eat restaurant at CSUB. The best way to get your money's worth is to order from the Runner Grill, located in the back of the café. Avoid cheap carbohydrates and sodas. The salad bar also provides a great option for health-conscious students.

Most importantly, do not buy the community meal plan.

According to [csub.campusdish.com](http://csub.campusdish.com), the website for campus dining, "Community Meal Plans and Flex Dollars are non-refundable. Unused block meals in a community plan and any Flex Dollars that were purchased with the community meal plan expire at the end of the each semester."

Because meal plans do not carry over each semester, the money not spent is wasted. Although housing students are required to buy meal plans, do not buy prepaid block meals if you are a non-residential student. The best option is to pay at the door.

The Runner Café is a good value if you are very hungry, such as an athlete after practice. For a regular meal, it is best to explore other options on campus.

Located in the heart of campus, the Runner Express offers a variety of grab-and-go snacks and meals. It is a good choice for students who want something light to



Christian Kirk/The Runner

Which Wich, Starbucks, Panda Express and the Runner Express are just a few of the spots on campus which students can choose from to eat.

eat in between classes.

It offers much of the same food available at Walter's, located in the first floor of the library. The notable difference is the Runner Express offers a microwave free for student use.

One of the most anticipated additions to our campus, Starbucks arrived at CSUB in January of this year. It is one of the most expensive spots on campus. While Starbucks drinks regularly run for about \$5 each, this location does allow students to use the app to pay, but not to redeem a free

drink/food.

Although it is a welcoming study space on campus, CSUB is already surrounded by other Starbucks locations.

When looking for a place to study, the on campus location is a great choice.

Walter's Coffee and Snack Bar is one of the most convenient choices when studying at the Walter Stern Library. The prices are identical to the Runner Bookstore or Runner Express. The best value Walter's offers is 99 cent coffee refills if you bring your own cup.

Which Wich is the healthiest option available on campus. It offers custom made sandwiches which are convenient for students on the go. While it is high quality, it is also relatively.

Stephany Leon, a sophomore nursing major, doesn't eat on campus often. "When I do eat on campus, Which Wich is my favorite place."

Which Wich has a greater array of flavors and variety not found elsewhere on campus. It also provides vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options.

### OUR VIEW

## Students voices need to be heard when attaching fees

Despite the usefulness of the Instructionally Related Activities Fee, which evolves the student experience outside the classroom, it should not be attached to student fees.

The IRA fee was created by an executive order passed in 2007. A committee, which consists of three faculty members and three student representatives, including the Associated Students, Inc. president, decides how to allocate the funds among the applicants.

Organizations and activities which are given funds must be academically related.

However, there should be another way to allocate funds toward these organizations and events without it coming directly from the students' pockets.

Here at CSU Bakersfield, students pay \$183 annually for the IRA fee and \$383 toward the student association fee.

ASI does the best they can to disperse the money among all the applications they receive, but it might not fill the best interests of all the students.

More student involvement on the committee would be ideal. A more diverse group of students would

be able to voice their opinions about which organizations or events are in need of the cash.

A student vote would another way to determine where the funds are directed.

According to ASI Executive Director Ilaria Pesco, the IRA funding is not meant to provide permanent aid.

"Groups have to really think about if they can do a certain event without the funding," Pesco said during an interview last semester. "Our committee needs to consider if our repeat applicants should require

permanent funding."

Some of the events which received funding have vague descriptions and most students are likely not aware of what they are.

If students are paying for the events in which they are funding, they should at least know what they are going toward.

During the 2017-2018 school year, The Runner requested \$14,650 and received \$6,500.

It is advised applicants should request more than the organization or event holders request than they believe they need.

This can cause some

organizations to get less than they desire.

The IRA is a highly useful way to expand the student experience, however, it is necessary to allow more students to be involved in the process of it all.

**Editor's note**  
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COMMENTARY

Combating study room issues

By Cecilia Torres  
Reporter

According to the Walter W. Stiern Library website, there are several hundred opentable and carrel study spaces for students. Despite the abundant study spaces, it seems very few of them are meant to accommodate a group, rather than an individual.

Group study rooms on the fourth floor are now available for reservation.

If you haven’t already, chances are you will have to do a group project at some point in your college career.

The issue with group projects is they can be very frustrating. Part of the struggle before even starting the project is getting the group to decide on a time and location.

“It is really hard,” said Diana Alvarez, a fourth-year human biology major, about finding a place to work in groups. “The only chance you have is if you can reserve a room.”

The 23 group study rooms in the library are the ideal space to get a group together.

The study rooms are some of the few spots where you can work in a quiet space while still being able to talk freely without having to whisper all the time.

These commodities attract many students. But, the limited amount of study rooms and the high demand for them, paired with the first-come, first-served system means not all students will be able to find a study room. The

new room reservation system has already begun this semester to combat that problem.

Sophomore Gabrielle Badasci, who has only reserved a study room twice said, “It’s helpful because as a nursing major, we have blocks of time before and after classes and we like to get in groups, share notes and take each other’s blood pressure.”

To ensure that there is more access to the library study rooms, limitations were put in place. One of the limitations is reservation sessions are 2 hours long and can only be checked out twice a week.

“I don’t like how they limit the hours you can get in a week, but as long as you can get an hour or two,” said Alvarez.

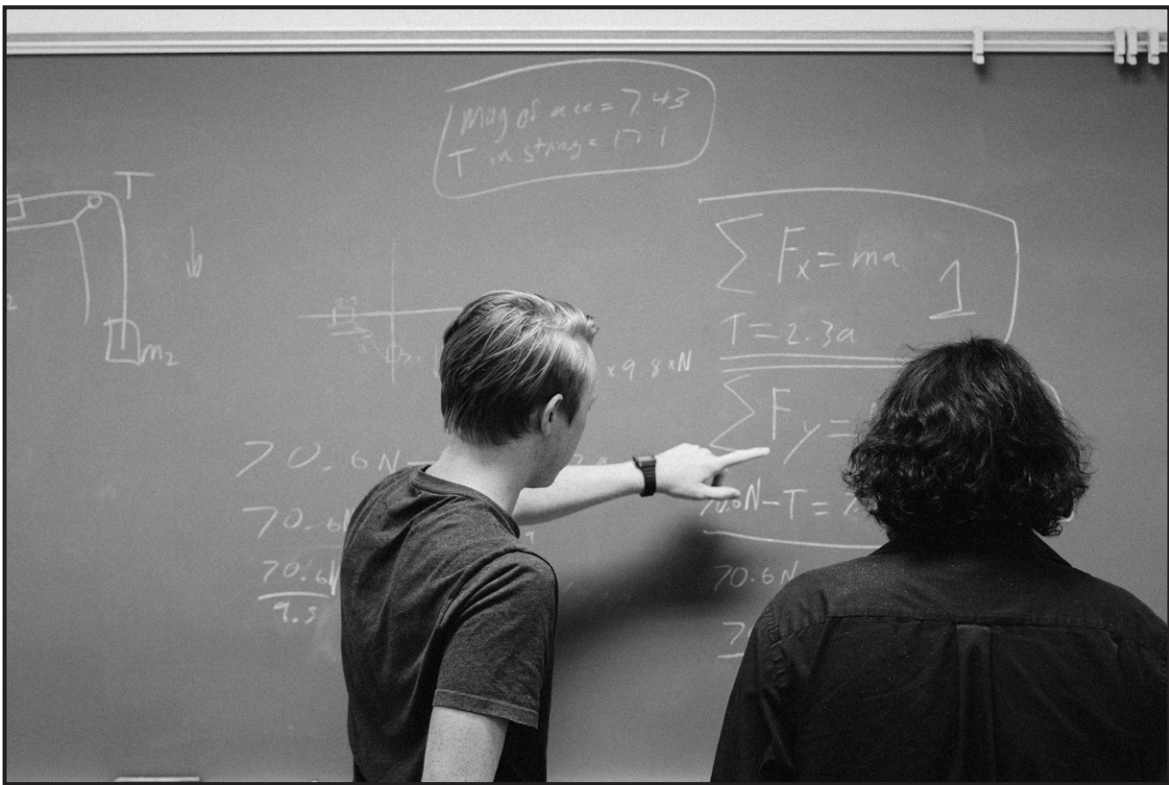
Alvarez is not the only one who doesn’t like the time limit on the rooms.

“I don’t like it at all,” said Badasci after finding out about the time limit.

When the rooms were all on a first-come, first-served basis, it was very easy to occupy a room the whole day. It’s great if you are the one in the room, but it is not when you are the one stuck pacing up and down the halls for more than 30 minutes looking for an empty room.

Having some of the rooms available for reservation while still having the third floor open, creates a balance.

“I think one floor is fair enough,” said Alvarez. “Because then you won’t be able to find a room.”



Christian Kaff/The Runner

Engineering major Blake Haley (left) and physics major Alex Grijalv (right) work together in one of the reservable group study rooms on the fourth floor of the Walter Stiern Library.

Alvarez says that with more people finding out that they can reserve a group study room, it is getting harder to find times available for reservation.

Unlike Alvarez, Badasci thinks the library should consider putting all the rooms up for reservation.

“I was confused on why all of the study rooms on the third floor weren’t like that. I come from Fresno state and over there all of the study rooms are like that,” Badasci said.

Just because you reserve a room twice doesn’t mean your group

will get done in that amount of time, so it’s nice to know that you can still have a chance at using the other study rooms on the third floor.

Students might feel that the new service is limiting the spaces, but that’s not the case. The reservations are meant to ensure that all students who benefit from the use of the study rooms can have access to them.

The misuse of the study rooms affects availability. There have been too many times when I am looking for a room and I see that

students are just hanging out, having lunch or watching Netflix. It wouldn’t be as bad to wait for a room, but these were typically the students who stayed in the rooms for long periods of time.

Students can reserve a room by going onto the library website and clicking the “Reserve a Group Study Room” link that will open a listing of all the rooms and times that are available. Students are able to reserve a room up to a week in advance.

Finding a location shouldn’t be stressful, reserve a study room.

COMMUNITY

Beach Boys surf through Kern County Fair

By Hana Ayoub  
Reporter

While the Beach Boys are not a new band, they can still attract a crowd as if they had just released their first album.

The Beach Boys performed with John Stamos for the opening night of the Kern County Fair, drawing in crowds of all ages. Toddlers, teenagers, grandparents, people of every age packed the stands at the Budweiser Pavillion, to the point where the entry had to be closed off 30 minutes before the show began.

This did not stop many more fans pressing up against the gates of the arena, all trying to get a glimpse of the amazing show. Every seat was filled, and the group had everyone’s undivided attention until the very last verse.

Although the Beach Boys are all older gentlemen, heartthrob John Stamos helped them keep the

night young, playing the guitar, drums, and singing alongside the group. They covered classic songs, such as “Good Vibrations” and “I Get Around,” but also sang new music that they released recently.

Stamos sang along with every lyric, and even took over for the drummer halfway through the show. Many girls held up signs reading “Have Mercy,” which is John Stamos’ famous catchphrase on the show “Full House.” There was not one person in the arena that was not dancing or singing along, and it was truly a family-friendly event.

The band played music, but lead vocalist Mike Love kept the night lively by cracking many jokes as well, and asking John Stamos to humor the crowd with light drum rolls.

Towards the last few songs of the event, multiple fans were pulled up on stage to dance next

to the performers, taking pictures with the men on stage.

For me, the performance was an amazing experience. The crowd had a good lighthearted vibe, and the family-friendly show was more than just a concert. Everyone in the arena seemed to hold great attitudes towards each other as well, as though the strangers sitting beside them were long lost friends.

It was a joy to see little ones dancing along with the music as well, even if they didn’t know the lyrics. I felt that was the power of the Beach Boys: bringing together people of all ages, and making them happy. There were many people, including myself, who were still humming the songs, even as we walked out of the pavillion.

Not only did the band put on an amazing performance, but the group gave inspiring messages about hope and the events of the



Hana Ayoub/The Runner

Beach Boys and John Stamos preform at the Kern County Fair on Sep. 19, 2018.

world today.

John Stamos spoke about all of the negativity in the world, and that “At least we have the music of the Beach Boys to get us through.” He ended the night

by thanking the crowd, and his last words before he left the stage were “Don’t give up on your dreams, anybody.”

Their words and performance will stay with me forever.



VOLLEYBALL

Wicks makes CSUB her second home

By Briana Gutierrez  
Reporter

What started off as a fun game of volleyball turned into a lifelong passion for CSU Bakersfield red-shirt junior setter Sidney Wicks.

As a 10 year old, most kids don't know what they want for dinner or even for their birthday, but Wicks knew she wanted to continue her volleyball career throughout college.

Wicks attended Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora, Colo., where she graduated in 2015. Coached by Terry Miller, Wicks broke the school record in career assists with 2,562 and service aces with 154, according to go-runners.com.

Wicks was named first team All-league in all four seasons on the varsity squad and was named to the 2014 CHSAA/Maxpreps second team All-state in Colorado.

Having received offers from multiple universities around the country, Wicks knew the moment she stepped on the campus of CSUB that this was where she wanted to play her collegiate career.

"I came on a visit and absolutely fell in love with [the campus]. The coaches and the team dynamic were something that I knew I wanted to be a part of,"

said Wicks.

Wicks sat out her first season at CSUB, using her redshirt eligibility.

In her first season on the court, Wicks played in 19 matches and started in four of them. She recorded 278 assists along with 93 digs and 8 services aces. She averaged 4.88 assists per set.

During her redshirt sophomore year, Wicks recorded 573 assists, along with 206 digs and 21 service aces.

She also had six double-doubles on the season as the Roadrunners went on their way to winning the Western Athletic Conference Tournament.

After helping her team win the WAC tournament last year, getting "two percent better" is something that she continues to strive for practice after practice, especially after taking over the role as the main setter for the 2018 season.

"You can see her competitiveness and passion on the court," said CSUB volleyball head coach Giovana Melo.

"She has gotten where she's gotten because of her work ethic. She pushes herself to be better."

Wicks made her career debut in sand volleyball for the Roadrunners on February 28 and earned a victory with partner redshirt

junior Hannah Manzarares as the No. 5 pair against Vanguard University 21-12, 21-12.

Wicks went 3-9 during the 2017 beach volleyball season. All of her wins came against Vanguard University.

To begin the 2018 season, Wicks has played in all 14 of the Roadrunners matches, including 13 starts. She leads the team with 323 assists and a 5.98 assists/per game average. Wicks is third on the team in digs with 94.

WAC play has begun and Wicks and the Roadrunners have started strong with a 2-0 in the WAC conference.

The Roadrunners defeated the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (10-6, 1-1 WAC), 3-1 on Thursday, Sep. 20 and New Mexico State University (10-5, 0-2 WAC), 3-2 on Saturday, Sep 22. CSUB ended the non-conference season at 6-6 after a complete sweep of the Roadrunner Classic against the teams of UC Santa Barbara, University of Montana and University of South Dakota.

Wicks had 73 assists during the tournament for the Roadrunners. The Roadrunners are on a five game win streak to being the seven game homestand.

CSUB will finish the homestand on Saturday, Sep 29 against Utah Valley University (8-7, 0-2 WAC).



Johnathan Wheatley/The Runner  
Redshirt-junior setter Sydney Wicks serves for the gold team during the Blue vs. Gold scrimmage at the Icardo Center on Aug. 18.

ROUNDUP

Soccer preps for WAC play, cross country set for next meet

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Women's Soccer

The CSU Bakersfield women's soccer team has ended the 2018 non-conference schedule on a high note with a 2-1 home stand.

The Roadrunners ended non-conference with a three game home stand that began with Saint Mary's College on Friday, Sep 14.

Both teams struggled to find the net, even with the shot totals in the double digits.

The game went into double overtime when a cross from senior Aminah Settles found its way to the foot of senior Sabrina Delgado in front of the net for a CSUB goal in the 106 minute. CSUB defeated SMC, 1-0.

In the second game, CSUB faced CSU Northridge and were overpowered.

CSUN outshot the Roadrunners, 32-9. CSUN scored in the 17 minute and once more in the 54 minute to defeat the Roadrunners, 2-0.

The final game of the three-game home stand was against the University of the Pacific.

CSUB got on the board early with a goal in the 16 minute by senior Claire Nelson, her first of the season.

Pacific responded with a goal in the 38 minute to tie it at 1-1.

Once again, the Roadrunners went into double overtime to settle a match and in the 108 minute Nelson struck again.

CSUB defeated Pacific and improved its record to 3-6 on the season.

The Roadrunners begin Western Athletic Conference play on the road against Chicago State University (0-8-1) on Friday, Sep. 28.

Men's Soccer

The CSU Bakersfield men's soccer team started out the year strong with a 2-0 start, but have since dropped six straight. Redshirt-sophomore goaltender Detre Bell was injured in the game against Cal Poly after two saves. He was in a sling against SJSU.

The Roadrunners have been in striking distance in all of their matches, but have not been able to overcome the hurdle to grab the victory.

In the first game of Western Athletic Conference play the Roadrunners faced San Jose State University.

It did not start pretty for the Roadrunners as the Spartans scored two goals within the first 13 minutes of the game.

Just before the first half ended, freshman Niall Owens scored for the Roadrunners to cut the lead in half and keep CSUB within striking distance.

The Roadrunners came out firing in the second half rattling off 14 shots, but ran

into a brick wall as SJSU goalie Alex Clewis would not let anything past him.

CSUB fell to 1-2 and are looking for the first win in the WAC.

The Roadrunners go on the road for two games as they take on Grand Canyon University (4-4, 1-0 WAC) on Friday, Sep. 28 and University of Nevada Las Vegas (5-4, 0-1 WAC) on Sunday, Sep. 30.

Cross Country

The Roadrunners' next meet will be Saturday, Sept. 29 at The Master's University Cross Country Invitational in Santa Clarita.

CSUB finished 18th out of 23 schools last time out in the UC Riverside Cross Country Invitational. Redshirt-sophomore Alejandra Frausto paced the Roadrunners, finishing 78th out of 170 participants.

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