

## A Hero for all women: Zoe Nicholson

By: Ellen Piris  
Assistant Editor

Zoe Nicholson has a presence that commands her audience's attention. Her moving presentation delved deep into her feelings and experiences during her fast in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. Her colorful language and sense of humor made it as entertaining as it was inspirational.

Nicholson said that women in the U.S. make up 52 percent of taxpayers, 16 percent of Congress and 16 percent of the Fortune 500, yet somehow they still are paid significantly less. A white woman makes 76 cents to every dollar a man makes, and for a woman of color, 69 cents.

"Nancy Pelosi being at the podium does not mean you are getting fair pay. Don't get confused," she said.

In her speech, delivered April 7, in the Student union Multi-Purpose Room Nicholson also explained how women throughout history have been oppressed, even as artists. She said that

women couldn't afford the oil paint and equipment, nor could they afford the time. Also, in many cases, women would be committed to psychiatric facilities if they were discovered to be practicing their art, which resulted in miniaturist, "Which meant women had to paint very small and hide it," she said. Nicholson then explained her new habit of asking museum docents to show her all artwork done by women. At the Louvre there were none. At the Museum of Modern Art in New York, out of the 423 pieces, there were 26 by women. One of which was a piece by Frida Kahlo, one of Nicholson's favorite artists, entitled "Self-Portrait with Cropped Hair."

"Frida Kahlo has discovered Diego, the rat bastard that he was, banging her sister," Nicholson explained about the situation under which the painting had been done.

The Equal Rights Amendment



Juan Torres/Runner

Zoe Nicholson recalling her fast in the Illinois Capital Building

(ERA) states, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state, on account of

sex."

"Here's the thought I want you to think," Nicholson said. "I'm even going to tell you, I'm not

going to do that passive aggressive thing. I want you to look at that and think, 'what's wrong with that? What the hell is wrong

with that?'"

Nicholson, and seven other women, fasted for 37 days at the Illinois state capitol to demonstrate the hunger of women for equal treatment under the law. They dressed in all white with purple sashes like the suffragists had done. They were met with much opposition. Nicholson had a cigar put out on her arm, and they all had several people step on their feet and drop food on them as they walked by in the rotunda of the capitol. Other groups of women also avidly opposed them. Phyllis Schlafly, an active member of conservative movements to oppose feminism, even came to argue against the fasters and encourage the legislators to oppose the ERA. When Nicholson saw her walk in she quickly approached Schlafly and asked for her autograph.

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## Celebrate CSUB set April 26

By Emily Shapiro  
Assistant News Editor

Earth Day, CSUB Idol and Freshman Orientation are some of the events scheduled for the upcoming "Celebrate CSUB," to be held on Saturday April 26th from 9-2 p.m.

"We are thrilled to once again roll out the welcome mat and invite everyone back to campus for Celebrate CSUB," said Evelyn Coyle Celebrate CSUB chairwoman in a press release.

The event caters to people of all

ages. Children's events, art workshops for kids, a 5K Alum Fun Run, a pancake breakfast and a club fair are just a few of the many activities that can be found at the campus's open house

An assortment of food vendors will also be on hand.

Earth Day will be celebrated on campus as part of the festivities.

"The purpose of this day is to get people to change their behavior, and to lower their footprint on the Earth," said Carol Raupp, organizer of the event.

The attractions will include hybrid cars, alternative energy sources, a car crusher, a giant paper shredder, a mobile paper shredder and a GET bus. There will also be an Art show sponsored by the Indigenous Native American Club.

Most of the activities will be held in the North amphitheater area, but the vehicles mentioned above will be located in the north end of Doré parking lot.

For those of a musical mind, CSUB Idol will be on hand to entertain the audience. For this contest 10 people will sing their hearts out before a panel of judges.

In addition, Freshman Orientation will also be hosted at this event. The orientation welcomes new freshman to the campus with instructional sessions, a chance to meet with the deans of the schools and a chance to meet with an advisor and



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Two contestants from the first CSUB Idol.

register for classes.

Cost to attend the Freshman Orientation and lunch is \$35. For more information contact Victoria Champion at (661) 654-3138.

Finally, the ASi and Office for Student Activities will once again sponsor the Club Fair. Many clubs will sell refreshments.

Preceding the day's festivities will be a performance by stage and screen legend Carol Channing, on Friday April 25th, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Doré. Tickets are \$25. Tickets are available at Russo's at the marketplace. General admission is \$25, VIP seating and post concert reception with Channing is \$100.

All proceeds will be used for the establishment of the Dr. Carol Channing - Harry Kullijian Performing Arts Scholarship at CSUB. For information, contact Sheri Horn-Bunk at (661) 654-3209.

Also, on the 25th is the Police Activities League Battle of the Badges, at 7 p.m. in the Icardo Center. Come and watch police and probation officers duke it out for charity.

"It's a great show and it's exciting. All proceeds will go to our youth program," said Chad Jackman director of the event. Ringside reserved seating is \$40, general admission \$20, students with ID \$10 at door. For details, call (661) 283- 8880.



Courtesy of Ballet Folklórico

Students celebrating Mexican Culture through dance.

## Ballet Folklórico

By Eman Shurbaji  
Features Editor

Ballet Folklórico Mexica Tiahui, a dance club at CSUB, is one of the best-kept secrets on campus. Although the club is not as visible as other clubs on campus, the club has a long tradition of celebrating Mexican culture and dance at CSUB and in Bakersfield.

In the early 1990s, a group of students felt a need to develop a cultural program in which they could actively participate. A class was thereafter created and called Mexican Culture and History through Dance. The class allowed students to receive instruction to learn regional dances from the different states of Mexico.

Ballet Folklórico was founded in 1994 and became the product of the class. Students were now able to give presentations of the different regional dances, and the organization became more tangible for students to learn the preservation of Mexican Folklore. The dance group allows for socializing and friendships to be made as well.

Rey Cuesta, the advisor of the club, says that the club unites students and allows for a showcase of the diversity of cultures in one country alone. Mexico has more than 30 different states, and each country in South American has a distinct culture.

The dance group includes two groups, a beginner and a more advanced level.

Hector Cabrera is the vice president of Ballet Folklórico. He has been an active member for three years. As an advanced student, he also assists dancers in the beginners' class.

"We practice every Tuesday and Thursday night and it's a lot of fun," said Cabrera.

There are currently 10 members in the club, though there are often students who inquire about joining.

Cabrera, who once served as the president of the club, said the dances were compilations of the steps and moves from the different regions of Mexico. Some of the dance moves are relative to Nuevoleon, Sinaloa, Guerrero and Vera Cruz Tradicional.

The final dance presentations consist of four to six couples dancing to 15 and 30 minute pieces. The costumes dancers wear are reflective of the region the music is coming from.

In addition to performing locally at the fair, high schools and other venues, Ballet Folklórico members have been to 11 dancing conferences. At the conferences, students learn new dance steps and meet new people.

Cuesta feels the club is about more than dancing. Previously shy people have become more outgoing after joining the club. For others, it was a way of becoming known in the community, and this was a point of assistance once they graduated and started looking for jobs.

"This club changes people," said Cuesta.

Anyone may join the club, irrespective of whether or not they are Hispanic. Past members have been East Indian and African American, for example. Those interested in joining the club may contact the STAAR Program at (661) 664-2281 for more information.



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Houchin Blood Bank hosts blood drive at CSUB

By Eman Shurbaji  
Features Editor

The Houchin Blood Bank was on campus last Wednesday, completing its biannual visit to CSUB. Houchin's presence was due to a blood drive sponsored by the Athletics Department and the Student Athletic Advising Committee (SAAC) as part of a community service effort.

Two mobiles were stationed in Runner Park, ready to receive blood donors. The event took place from 10 a.m. to 5 p. m. There were hot dogs, cookies, and chips for donors to eat after donating blood. There were also beverages available courtesy of Pepsi.

Many students were out in Runner Park by mid-afternoon Wednesday, and some dropped by just to hang out. Amit Qwfan had donated blood earlier in the month, yet decided to sit at the tables in Runner Park with friends. Qwfan is O positive, and enjoys giving blood.

"It's fun, I always donate blood," said Qwfan.

According to Tracy Hunter, the community relations coordinator for Houchin, a steady stream of people piled into the Student Union lounge for screening throughout the day. The screening process was very thorough, and people had to wait 20 to 30 minutes for a turn at one of five screening stations.

Potential donors also get a chance to place a ticket in a raffle for a laptop or



Photo by Eman Shurbaji

Lizette Delgado gave blood in the Houchin van that came to CSUB.

iPod. There were many gifts to choose from as well. Gifts included T-shirts, mugs and iron-on stickers.

First, a potential donor is asked a series of questions to determine if their health and medical history qualify them to donate blood. The donor's temperature, pulse and blood pressure are taken. A sample of blood is also drawn

from a donor's fingertips too make sure they are not anemic. Also, too much iron in the blood does not allow for donation.

After donors have been screened, they wait for their turn to go to a bed in a mobile where blood is drawn. The big mobile had six beds and the smaller one had three beds.

By noon, more than 80 people had donated blood. Dr. Horace Mitchell was one of the first people to donate blood.

Greg Gallion, the C. E. O. of Houchin, was impressed with the turnout at CSUB.

"This exemplifies that Cal State rests in the future of Bakersfield," said Gallion.

Letter to the Editor

By Sam McGauhey

Look very closely at this picture. Do you see it? Right there – it's a dangerous, magazine-blocking, floor-destroying piece of machinery. At least that's what one librarian sees. I just see a bike.

I've been taking this very bike into the library for three quarters now. Often times I'll bring it into classrooms with me, or carefully lean it against a wall in the library while I study.

No one ever said anything to me about it, which is why I was a bit befuddled when staff member Aide Zaragoza approached me in the reading room on April 02 and asked me to take the bike outside. She claimed it was blocking student's use of magazine racks and damaging wood flooring.

I didn't understand why my bike was suddenly a big deal after having brought it into the library for three quarters. I asked her if this policy was in writing. She called the campus police on me, for disturbing the peace.

When officers arrived I had a friendly conversation with them and affixed

my bicycle to an exterior bike rack, thus resolving the disturbance.

Shortly thereafter I spoke with library dean Rod Hersberger. Given my longstanding practice of bringing my bike into the library. He understood my concern for the lack of consistency in enforcement of library policy.

"We don't allow bicycles, skateboards, roller skates or anything else like that," he told me. He also cited damage to walls and floors as a determining factor in this policy. "We want you to use the library, though!" he reassured me.

I also spoke with a few students who were in the reading room during the incident. I wanted to ensure that my brazen peace disturbance hadn't hindered their studies. One student, Yi Du, laughed and said, "I was asleep the whole time."

Whatever the case may be, please consider this article an official declaration of the library's policies regarding alternative forms of transportation.

If you want to bike, skateboard, or rollerblade to school feel free to do so. Just be sure not to bring any of those



Photo by Sam McGauhey

A picture of the dangerous bicycle.

things into the library. Find a way to lock that skateboard to a bike rack. It may take three quarters, but eventually

someone's going to notice if you bring it inside.

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Ellen Piris

This Week, The Runner asked, "What are you going to do with your tax return?"



"Probably just put it in my Savings account cause you never know when you might have a broke day."  
-Ashlee Knox, Junior



"Pay my bills. Pay my credit card off."  
-Rosemary Stribling, Junior



"Well I don't know if I'm going to get one, but if I do then I'm going to pay off some bills, buy some stuff for graduation and buy some summer clothes."  
-NaTasha Weatherspoon, Senior



"Save for a car. A nice one."  
-Robert Turnbull, Junior

# Crime Beat

By Ashley M. Sizemore  
Assistant Editor

**March 27, 2008 Thursday**

**2:59 pm Petty Theft in Progress**

Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot I. Disposition: Report Taken. Suspect was cited for taking cans from the recycling bins.

**3:19 pm Found Property Report**

Occurred at Old Gym. Disposition: Report Taken. The property was stored for safekeeping.

**5:58 pm Vicious or Uncontrolled Animal**

Occurred at Parking Lot A. Dog off leash, white female adult wearing a white shirt walking towards Kroll Way. Disposition: No Further Action Required. Subjects left the area.

**6:12 pm Vicious or Uncontrolled Animal**

Officer initiated activity at F A C T. 1 male and 1 female with 3 dogs off the leash. Disposition: Advised and Complied. Subjects left the area.

**11:21 pm Vandalism Report.**

Occurred at Rivendell Dorm. A Community Service Officer is reporting the fire extinguisher case appears to have been vandalized. The glass on the case is shattered and on the ground. Disposition: Report Taken. Investigation is continuing.

**March 28, 2008 Friday**

**6:37 pm Generic Fire Call/Not Specified**

Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot C. Vehicle fire Disposition: No Further Action Required. Fire Department handled.

**9:09 pm Suspicious Circumstances**

Officer initiated activity at Southwest Little League. Minors were seen drinking alcoholic beverages. Disposition: No Further Action Required. Subjects left the area.

**March 30, 2008 Sunday**

**1:45 pm Incident Involving an Animal**

Occurred at Runner Café. R/P stated a 3rd party reported to her 2 subjects possibly injuring the animals at the Koi pond behind the

cafeteria Disposition: Advised and Complied. Subjects left the area.

**4:03 pm Trespassing**

Officer initiated activity at A Y S O Soccer Fields. Subjects on Soccer fields w/o authorization from AYSO. Disposition: Warning (Cite/Verbal). Subjects instructed on how to get authorization.

**April 2, 2008 Wednesday**

**2:39 pm Officer Standby; Keep the Peace**

Occurred at Walter Stern Library. Patron in the library brought his bike into library asked to take it outside. Patron then refused. Disposition: Assignment Completed. Subject left the building with his bike.

**3:38 pm Vandalism Report**

Occurred at Science 3. RP stated someone pulled a sign off the wall Disposition: Report Taken. Investigation is continuing.

**6:18 pm Assist Other Agency**

Officer initiated activity at Marketplace-Starbucks, Campus police assisted locating a White Female wearing a yellow t-shirt for a possible burglary suspect Disposition: Referred To Other Agency. Bakersfield Police handled.

**April 4, 2008 Friday**

**6:58 pm Disturbance (on campus)**

Occurred at Walter Stern Library. RP is complaining of a loud group in the 24hr study lab. He asked them to quiet down once, but they did not comply. Disposition: Advised and Complied. After contacting the subjects.

**April 6, 2008 Sunday**

**2:28 pm Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus**

Occurred at Quad Area 3-4 Subjects skateboarding off of the steps by the Administration West and Faculty Towers Disposition: Warning (Cite/Verbal). Subjects left the area.

**2:59 pm Suspicious Subject**

Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot A, Numerous subjects playing soccer. Disposition: Warning (Cite/Verbal).Subjects left the area.

**3:42 pm Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus**

Officer initiated activity at Amphitheater. Disposition: Advised and Complied. Subjects left the area.

**4:02 pm Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus**

Occurred at Facilities Management. Report of multiple juveniles skateboarding. Disposition: Gone On Arrival.

**April 7, 2008 Monday**

**10:08 am Suspicious Circumstances**

Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot K, Subject was seen looking into vehicles. Disposition: Report Taken.

**4:40 pm Disturbance (on campus)**

Occurred at Numenor Dorm. RP called housing telling them about the room above her being loud. Housing told her to contact UPD. Disposition: Advised and Complied.

**April 9, 2008 Wednesday**

**5:41 pm Suspicious Subject**

Occurred at fields south of lot J. RP saw two unknown Male Juveniles playing in the fields. Disposition: Gone On Arrival.

**April 10, 2008 Thursday**

**1:01 pm Traffic Collision (injury)**

Occurred at Parking Lot I. RP is reporting a collision vehicle versus a bicycle rider. Unknown on injuries. RP states the rider was knocked down and doesn't know if they are injured. Disposition: No Further Action Required. No injuries, and the accident is under investigation.

**3:36 pm Check the Welfare**

Occurred at Parking Lot E. RP stated he arrived to campus at 10:30 am and parked by a red Honda that was running with the driver sleeping inside. The RP is now leaving campus and the driver is still inside and the vehicle is running. Disposition: No Further Action Required. Subject was checked and found to be ok.

**5:29 pm Suspicious Subject**

Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot D, Subject looking into vehicles. Disposition: No Further Action Required. Subject was identified and he stated he was waiting for his wife.



Photo By Nathan Campbell/ Runner

Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority poses with the Bakersfield Fire Department at the Rock-a-thon.

## Phi Sigma Sigma supports Kidney Foundation

By Nathan Campbell  
Editor-in-Chief

Saturday the ladies of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority rocked out to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation – but not in the way you'd expect. Saturday marked the annual Rock a Thon fundraiser for the sorority, who rocked in rocking chairs for donations for the foundation.

Dozens of sorority women clad in pink t-shirts descended on the Northwest Promenade shopping center on Rosedale Hwy to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation, which is a multi-faceted organization aimed at aiding individuals with kidney diseases.

“This is our biggest philanthropy event all year. All the Phi

Sigma Sigma chapters in the country do fundraisers every year for the National Kidney Foundation,” said new member Patricia Pfeifer.

To raise funds, the sorority sold raffle tickets for a variety of gift baskets and other prizes. The women also held up signs and solicited money from shoppers at a couple of the shopping center's intersections.

According to Fatemah Hamdani, the coordinator of the event, the sorority was attempting to raise \$6,000. However, as the day dragged on, the goal seemed distant as the ladies filled in their large guitar shaped graph indicating the amount of money they had raised.

Philanthropy is a large part of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority,

but the Rock A Thon is especially important to the sorority, because they do it in memory of a member who suffered from kidney problems.

Karina Lopez, the sorority president, commented, “As stewards of our community, we realize that philanthropic giving is a vital responsibility that each ones of us it committed to. We are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to give back to the community and organization that has provided us with so much. The Rock A Thon is a wonderful event where we can show our commitment to philanthropic and community service. As always, Rock A Thon is dedicated in memory of sister Jenine Weirather.”



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# Zoe Nicholson – cont. from Page 1

“I respect activism wherever I find it, because someone’s taking a chance... I applaud it,” Nicholson said. Schlafly believed the ERA would make it so women could not be taken care of by men anymore.

On day 20 of the fast, the women each had the opportunity to speak to a large crowd at an event in a park. A man at the event was caught with seven knives, each of which was carved with one of the faster’s names.

“The police had bumper stickers that said ‘They needed to lose weight anyway,’ so we knew how they felt.” The man was released when the fast was over with no charges against him.

Illinois voted 103 for the

amendment and 72 against, which was four votes short of the super majority rule that Illinois has in place. Eighty percent of United States citizens support the amendment and 72 percent believe that it was passed, although it still has not.

“If you think you’re here to change the world, don’t let anyone tell you ‘No, not you.’ Don’t let anyone stop you... its a calling, its a private personal calling. If you have a calling to change the world then get on with it,” Nicholson said.

She said she has “Three rules and only three,” for people who want seek to become activists.

1. Always step in and not around a problem you want solved. Find

your center and step in.

2. Your purpose is to get under your opposition and lift them up and empower them. Empower, not control.

3. Advance and not break. The purpose of activism is to help and not to hurt.

“If there’s a chance to make something better, then do it, cause there’s no one to call... Well Ghostbusters, but other than that...”

Nicholson also urged all who would like to support the ERA to call (850) 488-1450, which is the number to Florida’s House Speaker Rubio’s office, between now and April 17 and only speak to, or leave a message for, the Speaker or Bob Ward, his Chief

of Staff, and say, “I am calling to urge the Speaker to put his power and weight behind calendaring the ERA bill in the House right away.” Nicholson’s blog can be found at <http://onlinewithzoe.com>.

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**4/17 oHIRA and NOWling Art Exhibit**  
Sculptures and works on paper by Echiko and Minoru Ohira, plus CSUB Art faculty member Margaret Nowling’s “Stranger in a Strange Land” sculptural assemblages. Located in Todd Madigan Gallery. Cost is free.

**4/18 Salsa lessons fundraiser**  
Learn the basics of salsa while

supporting the CSUB singers’ trip to Switzerland. Cost is \$5 for students with a valid ID and \$7 for non-students. Lessons are April 18 and 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**4/21 Slayer Fest 2008**  
Sponsored by the CSUB counseling center and various other departments as a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Union multipurpose room. Cost is free.

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# oHIRa & NOWling Art Exhibition

**Photos by Darla Kendrick**

The oHIRa and NOWling Art Exhibition began with an opening reception on April 10. The exhibit is open until April 30, Wednesdays-Saturdays from noon-6 p.m. (except April 25 and 26), in the Todd Madigan Gallery at the Doré Theater. It features sculptures and works on paper by Echiko and Minoru Ohira. Art was also submitted by CSUB's Margaret Nowling.





# Runners win weekend series against UVU

Courtesy of Sports Information

## Saturday

In what were the two wildest home games of the CSUB softball season, the Roadrunners split a doubleheader with visiting Utah Valley University Saturday at the Roadrunner Softball Complex. Utah Valley took game one 9-4 before CSUB came from behind twice to pull out a 7-4 victory in the nightcap.

Senior centerfielder Pikake Nutter-Gaudet led CSUB (17-19 overall) with three hits, three runs and her team-leading fourth home run of the season. Senior catcher Hilary Taylor went 3-for-3 with three RBI in the nightcap, including a two-out, two-run double that tied the game at 3-3 in the fourth inning.

Ali Bramwell had a pair of hits in each game to lead Utah Valley (8-23). Meghan Woodworth and Cherylyn McGraw added doubles to UVU's 12-hit attack in game one.

Although the Roadrunners pounded out 10 hits in the nightcap, sophomore pitcher Katie Chavez played the role of hero. Chavez relieved starter Kristen Schlegel with no outs in the third inning and pitched five innings of four-hit ball, allowing just one unearned run. Chavez kept the 'Runners in the game until they first tied it on Taylor's double, then took the lead for good on a Stafanie Frei two-run single in the fifth.

Game one started with a wild first inning in which UVU scored four runs while only three balls left the infield. Stranger still, the Wolverines hit three one-hoppers

back to starting pitcher Brittany Johnson, but the CSUB defense generated just one out from the trio of ground balls.

Woodworth led the game off with a double to the fence in left center. But nobody covered first when Bramwell grounded back to Johnson, allowing Woodworth to reach third. McGraw followed with another one-hopper back to Johnson, who got Woodworth in a rundown. But the 'Runners failed to get the out again.

An infield single, a fielders choice and a throwing error helped UVU score four times before Johnson got Magan Niemann to end the inning by hitting another one-hopper back to the circle.

Bramwell, meanwhile, did her best Houdini impersonation in the circle for the Wolverines. CSUB entered the game ranked No. 15 nationally with a .312 batting average, but managed a pedestrian seven hits against the UVU sophomore.

Including walks (4) hit batters (2) and errors (1), Bakersfield actually had 14 baserunners. But UVU played solid defense and Bramwell made big pitches when needed to keep the 'Runners mostly in check.

Trailing 9-3, CSUB had a final chance to close the gap in the fifth inning, but it left the bases loaded after scoring just one run.

## Sunday

There were story lines aplenty as the CSUB softball team celebrated senior day Sunday at the Roadrunner Softball Complex. The most significant proved to



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Freshman Brittany Johnson pitching against UVU.

be about the weather.

Visiting Utah Valley University found it couldn't escape Snow in sizzling Bakersfield.

Senior rightfielder Bethany Snow, in her final at bat in her final collegiate home game, drilled the first pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning just inside the leftfield pole for a walk-off home run to help CSUB complete a 4-2, 5-4 sweep of UVU.

All four Roadrunner seniors played significant roles in helping CSUB make a remarkable climb back to .500 (19-19 overall) with nine games remaining in its first full NCAA Division I season. Snow's home run merely put the finishing touch on a four-run rally in the final two innings that turned near tragedy into triumph.

Senior centerfielder Pikake Nutter-Gaudet began the 'Runner rally in the sixth inning by drilling a two-run double off the wall in right centerfield. Senior catcher Hilary Taylor tied the game by driving home Nutter-Gaudet with a two-out double of her own.

Senior second baseman Cara Klein did her part by hitting safely in both games-including her sixth double of the season-while driving in an important insurance run late in the first



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Kristen Archuleta trying to advance the runners.

# Polo tops WWPA rival Otters, falls to Number 6 Cal

Courtesy of Sports Information

Playing the final two regular season matches of the season Saturday, the CSUB women's water polo team earned a big 12-10 win over Western Water Polo Association rival CSU Monterey Bay, then dropped a 16-6 decision to No. 6 nationally ranked Cal.

In the early match, the 'Runners withstood a second period, four-goal push by the Otters by outscoring the home team 7-5 in the second half.

Amanda Ortiz scored four of her six goals in the first half, while Petra Koudelkova tallied all three of her goals in the second half, including a pair in the final period to help the 'Runners hold onto the two-point lead. Jessica Manke added a pair of goals while



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Junior Amanda Ortiz had eight goals in the final two games.

Brittany Berry chipped in one.

After making the trip from Seaside to Berkeley, the 'Runners suited up against the

No. 6 Cal Bears, and despite a third period surge, CSUB ran out of gas in the final period.

A 5-meter penalty shot by CSUB put then down just 2-1 after the opening period, but Cal outscored the 'Runners 4-0 in the second to lead 6-1 at the half. Third period goals by Ortiz, Koudelkova, Katherine Gillett and Becky Seelos brought the 'Runners to within six, but the Bears went onto score five goals in the fourth, effectively putting the game away.

Ortiz and Seelos finished the match with two goals each while Gillett and Koudelkova chipped in one apiece.

The Roadrunners now stand at 18-16 overall and 10-5 in conference action headed into the WWPA Tournament April 25-27.

# Six 'Runners set personal records at JJK invite

Courtesy of Sports Information

A trio of Roadrunner women claimed personal best marks in the 1500-meter run while three 'Runner men recorded PRs in their respective events for the CSUB men's and women's track & field team at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner Kersee Invitational hosted by UCLA.

"This was a big meet with a lot of top college athletes and unattached competitors," said CSUB Head Coach Alan Collatz. "The key for us is to keep improving. We have a lot of young athletes who are stepping up and getting

good experience through this transition process (to Division I) so that when we are fully compliant they will be ready to go."

For the 'Runner women, sophomore Christa McCann broke the five-minute mark for the first time in the 1500 meter run, finishing in a time of 4:55.49. Senior Lauren Nolasco and sophomore Lina Nuñez also recorded personal records in the same event with respective times of 5:00.34 and 5:03.39.

Other top performances for the women's squad where sophomore Connie King in the 800 meter run and freshman Briana Woodfox in the long jump. Both athletes came up just shy of

matching their personal bests with King crossing the finish in a time of 2:23.83 (.23 seconds off her record) and Woodfox jumping a distance of 16-11.25 (.75 inches short of her PR).

For the 'Runner men, freshman



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Senior Brian Lopez finished 3rd in the javelin throw.

Cameron Jost and sophomores Jose Orozco and Daniel Hernandez all turned in personal best marks over the three-day Invite. Jost shaved .29 second off his time in the 400 meter dash, crossing the finish in 49 seconds even. Orozco, who's previous fastest time in the 1500 meter run

was 4:10.36, cut that mark down to 4:08.10, while Hernandez turned in a 57.03 finish in the 400 meter hurdles, .38 seconds faster than his previous PR.

While no Bakersfield thrower turned in a record setting performance, senior Brian Lopez's mark of 180-04 in the open javelin throw was good for third place, while junior Steve Trojanowski placed fourth in the open hammer throw with a mark of 171-05.

CSUB heads south next weekend, competing in the prestigious Mt. SAC Relays hosted by Mt. SAC Community College in Walnut.

# Runners finish on high notes

Courtesy of Sports Information

By they way it finished Tuesday, it looks as if the second season of the CSUB women's golf program ended too soon.

Led by freshman Jennifer Beggs, whose 79 matched the third-lowest round in CSUB women's golf history, the Roadrunners shot 336 Tuesday—the second-lowest team round in school history—as they concluded the season with a ninth place finish at the Matador Spring Invitational on the Tierra Rejada Golf Course.

Only Meggan Bellows, who set the CSUB record with a 76 last season, and Jenna Barnett, who carded a 78 at the NCAA West Region Preview last week, have done better than the career-low 79 Beggs carded Tuesday. She matched a pair of 79s turned in by Jennifer Haws earlier this season.

Beggs was not the only Roadrunner to play well.



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Freshman Jennifer Beggs matched the third lowest round in CSUB women's golf history.

Bellows and Barnett supported her effort with rounds of 83 and 84 respectively. Ashley Neal closed out the CSUB scoring

with a 90, just two strokes off her collegiate best.

Those rounds added up to a 336 for Bakersfield. It was the best finishing round ever for the Roadrunners, breaking the old mark of 337 set at the Lady Otter Invitational on Oct. 2. It was also three strokes off the school record of 333 set at the Mauna Lani Invitational on Oct. 29.

Cal Poly shot 295 Tuesday to widen its first round lead into a seven stroke victory at 607. Host Cal State Northridge finished second at 614.

Cal Poly's Hannah Brabb carded the only sub-par round of the tournament by shooting 70 Tuesday to earn a three-stroke victory over UC Riverside's Jennifer Birmingham, 145 to 148.

Barnett was CSUB's top finisher, placing 33rd at 166.