

THE BIG STORY

Student files complaint against CSUB professor

By Esteban Ramirez
Managing Editor

A CSU Bakersfield student has filed a complaint against a faculty member for retaliation.

In September, communications professor Elizabeth Jackson posted a video on YouTube in which she discussed in a spoken-word-poetic-rap format what it is like teaching while black and talked about institutional racism and individual incidents when students filed complaints against her.

Now, one of those students is speaking publicly about the video and what Jackson said about him.

“I was disappointed that someone who bears a Ph.D. would go to this extreme level

to make a point, even though her point still wasn’t made because everything was fabricated or falsely applied,” said senior education major Shad Williams, 25.

Williams said he was sent a link to the video by a fellow student and feels that Jackson violated confidentiality by releasing the video. However, Jackson said the purpose of the video was to serve as an example of her experience as a black female professor for the past 27 years at CSUB.

“I don’t think a poem or that kind of expression violates any confidentiality,” Jackson said. “How can it violate confidentiality? How can a poem violate that unless you are being a literalist? How can a poem be

held as evidence? It’s preposterous.”

Williams said he feels instances of retaliation in the video.

“When the investigation wasn’t even closed, she revealed information that was completely confidential,” he said.

Jackson said the confidentiality makes it seem secretive.

“It’s confidential therefore it makes it secretive therefore it makes the process punitive,” she said. “It can be used as a weapon.

“It seems to err on the side of the complainant, and so all you can do as a respondent is merely respond.”

Jackson said she did not identify the student in the video.

“It was someone who was wearing a mask,” she said. “He wasn’t identified, and if he is, it’s because he self-identified.”

How it all started

During spring 2016, Williams filed a CSU Executive Order 1097 complaint of discrimination against Jackson.

Williams said during a History of Film class in spring, Jackson was discussing the lack of black actors in movies.

In her lecture she said if an actor who was not black needed to portray a black character they would do what is called black facing, which is when actors put on makeup to give them African-American features.

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CAMPUS



Karina Diaz/The Runner
Outreach director Darius Riggins ensures students their information is kept private at the Nov. 22 discussion.

Post-election forum educates students

By Carla Chacon
Reporter

A round of supportive applause swept through the Stockdale Room as 21-year old student of sociology, Laura Bautista, wept as she asked how the country could have elected such a hateful candidate as president.

Students, faculty, and members of the Bakersfield community gathered on Tuesday, Nov. 22 to discuss the president-elect Donald Trump’s divisive policy intents and comments.

The major concern discussed in the forum was immigration and whether Immigration and Customs Enforcement would be allowed on campus.

Bautista said that her emotional response resulted from Trump’s divisive campaign platform.

“It stems from the emotion of what does it mean to make America great again. Is it diversifying our country or is it creating a division [when] we’re so continuously fighting to create a more integrated society?”

In response to Bautista’s question, professor of sociology, Gonzalo Santos, addressed President Mitchell.

“I support the policy that you have enunciated in your written statement of non-collaboration...but I’ll tell you this,” said Santos, “This is a moral struggle. If anyone attempts to come to this campus, [they are] going to face resistance and by that, I mean by every means necessary.”

Microphone in hand, Santos faced Mitchell, encouraging him to support immigrant students.

“There’s 180 colleges and universities that have already signed a national petition to Donald Trump to not revoke DACA. Four of which are Cal State universities...I expect you will sign that.”

President Mitchell replied to Santos saying that he will sign the petition.

DACA refers to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. Although it is not a way to permanent residency or citizenship, DACA protects undocumented youth who came to the U.S. as children from deportation and grants them a work permit.

During his campaign, trump has said he would reverse current President Barack Obama’s executive actions and orders, which DACA falls under.

That idea has inflicted fear in students who are currently in the program.

But Mitchell said he wanted to assure everyone that they would be supportive of them.

“At times decisions like this become traumatic...I want to make sure that we address that in a way that is positive and make sure that people understand that we’re listening to them and that we will be supportive,” he said.

Mitchell added that if CSUB is asked to detain any member of the campus community, they will not do so.

“If the police is asked to detain someone, that is not something that we will do,” he said, “Unless they themselves have a reason to believe that somebody is a target of their enforcement, then theoretically they have a right to be here, but without any kind of campus collaboration.”

The campus is aiming to continue to build the sense of community which will be key to supporting minority groups.

“[CSUB], in being the sole four-year college in the region, plays a pivotal role in being a standard bearer of resistance on the attacks,” said Santos, “I would expect that this generation of students...rise to the historic occasion and contribute to resisting any injustice being perpetrated onto vulnerable populations.”

IMMIGRATION



Julie Mana-Ay/The Runner
CSUB students and faculty protest president-elect Donald Trump in front of the Student Union patio on Nov. 16.

CSUB responds to student concerns

By Jonathan Wells
Multimedia Editor

With the recent election of Donald Trump and the remembrance of his campaign promising mass deportations and the building of a wall, many undocumented students throughout the CSU system fear the reality of deportation, either for themselves or their friends and family.

In an attempt to massage student concerns, the CSU system has issued a statement reassuring undocumented students that CSU won’t enter into

agreement with local or state law enforcement in regards to deporting undocumented students.

CSU Bakersfield has also made an effort to put student concern at ease by hosting discussions on campus to bridge communication between administration and students who feel uneasy following the November election.

In a recent Brown Bag Discussion, CSUB President Horace Mitchell addressed immigration and what that could mean under president-elect Trump.

In the discussion, one student asked about deportation and the potentiality of CSUB being a sanctuary campus to its undocumented students.

“We have to stay in line with state laws and policies, and so, none of the CSU campuses will declare themselves as quote sanctuary campuses... which often means a person is protected in that community no matter what,” said President Mitchell.

The state laws and policies that President Mitchell are referring to are covered in an open letter recently released by the Chancellor’s Office.

“Our university police departments will not honor immigration hold requests; our university police do not contact, detain, question or arrest individuals solely on the basis of being – or suspected of being – a person that lacks documentation,” wrote CSU Chancellor, Timothy White.

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MARIJUANA

Smoking weed still illegal at CSUB

By Julie Mana-Ay
News Editor

For many Californians, the passing of Proposition 64 will make it legal to purchase marijuana for recreational purposes. However, for CSUB students not much will change.

Director of Development of University Advancement Victor Martin said that the passing of Proposition 64 will not alter campus rules.

“It basically doesn’t impact current campus policies governing the area. It’s still illegal to use marijuana, either consumed or [smoking it] in public areas on campus that’s governed by other federal and state

laws, so it doesn’t really change in that sense,” said Martin.

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities act requires “an institution of higher education to certify it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.”

As noted, drugs are defined under federal law to include marijuana.

Because CSUB is a state institution, failure to meet regulations on colleges campuses may forfeit a campuses eligibility for federal financial aid, funding and contracts. As a state institution, the Drug-Free

Schools and Communities act require all college campuses to be a drug-free campus.

Zoat Sandoval, a 19-year-old nursing major, thinks that smoking marijuana would affect a student’s school and daily life.

“It could also affect our campus in a negative way because we do have people that smoke and letting them do it freely is bad,” Sandoval said. “They should smoke it off campus, wherever they have their own private area where the smell can’t spread and not in public places.”

Martin says that the University Police Department will cite and fine individuals for holding

possession of marijuana on campus.

“On campus and in on-campus housing, UPD can cite individuals for the following which are unlawful under current state law, so that would encompass smoking, consumption, cultivation or possession for the sale of marijuana at any age,” said Martin. “It also includes possession for anyone under 21 years of age.”

Smoking or ingesting marijuana on campus remains illegal, especially to recreational and medicinal users.

“Smoking or consuming marijuana in a public place is still illegal and that fine is \$100 but if you smoke marijuana where

tobacco is also prohibited, that is a \$250 fine,” said Martin.

Unlike CSUB, other college campuses like CSU Fullerton, UCLA and San Diego State are non-smoking campuses.

Martin says that CSUB is in progress to move toward non-smoking, although it is still permitted in designated smoking areas on campus.

Lawrence Prieto, 20-year-old engineering major thinks that Proposition 64 doesn’t change anything for marijuana users in general.

“I don’t believe anything would change as people already use it for recreational purposes whether it’s legal or not. The people who smoke it will keep

smoking it and the people who don’t, they’re probably not going to keep smoking it,” said Prieto.

“Since Proposition 64 doesn’t change rules or regulations on campus, there shouldn’t be anything different in terms of enforcement except that if students or others do things that are currently illegal under state or federal law, they would be cited accordingly as they would have 64 passed,” Martin said.

Individuals who don’t have medical marijuana prescription cards will not be able to purchase marijuana until January 1, 2018 though laws changed for recreational purposes on Nov. 9, 2016.

IMMIGRATION

Immigration issue tackled at CSUB

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“We are also partnering with elected officials at the state and national level to inform and work to prevent negative developments regarding immigration for our undocumented students, including those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status.”

Although some feel CSUB is moving in the right direction, other students felt that there wasn’t enough being done to protect its undocumented students.

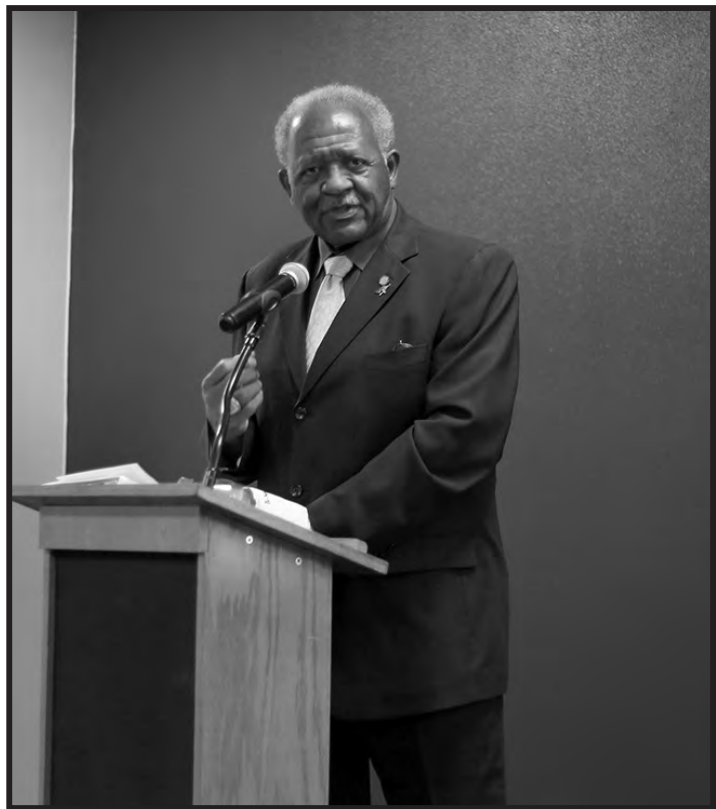
“I don’t feel like CSUB is doing enough,” said political science major Randy Villegas, a student who participated in the protest of Trump’s election in front of the Student Union Nov. 14. “I think CSUB can do a better job, we’ve seen other campuses across California and across the U.S. that have even created centers for their immigrant students and I believe that’s something we should see here at CSUB.”

One day prior to the Brown Bag Discussion at CSUB, Bakersfield College President

Sonya Christian held a press conference at BC’s Delano campus where she spoke of implementing plans to provide expert legal advice to students about immigration matters starting in December. She also pledged her support for BC’s undocumented students saying, “Let me make this very clear, Bakersfield College stands with you.”

“We need to see that same support here at CSUB for all of our dreamers,” said Villegas. DACA students studying in America aren’t the only ones affected by Trumps presidency. DACA students currently studying abroad are being warned to consider returning to the U.S. as DACA is expected to be eliminated following Trump’s inauguration.

“The chancellor is warning that that’s a possibility that the president elect might not continue that funding so students who are overseas at this time... should probably get back home,” said ASI President, Alex Dominguez in the Oct. 19 board of directors meeting.



Karina Diaz/The Runner
President Horace Mitchell addresses the issues and concerns of student regarding elections.

“If you’re still overseas by the time president-elect Trump is sworn in and inaugurated, there is a chance that he could end the DACA funding which would affect those students which are overseas.”

Although some student believe CSUB is not doing enough for undocumented students at CSUB, some students

believe the faculty at CSUB will come forward and support its students.

“I feel all I can say is that we should find comfort in CSUB, because even though we don’t have sanctuary, I’m confident that our faculty and staff won’t allow for this,” said ASI Vice President of Finances Precious Nwaoha.

CRIME

Sexual assault takes place at Halloween party

By Chris Mateo
Senior Staff Writer

The Kern County Sheriff’s Office responded to a report of sexual assault in southeast Bakersfield on Oct. 29.

The deputies received the call at 1:16 a.m. and arrived to a property adjacent to 426 Gray Court.

According to KCSO’s Public Information Officer Raymond Pruitt, deputies arrived to the property where a Halloween party was being hosted with about 200 people in attendance.

The people at the party were mostly CSU Bakersfield students, however, people who were not invited also attended the Halloween party.

Pruitt said a woman reported a male suspect she had met at the party had sexually assaulted her.

The suspect has been described as a black male adult

between 6 feet to 6 feet 4 inches tall.

So far there have been no arrests and the survivor was taken to the nearest hospital with no serious physical injuries.

Pruitt said the deputies talked to a few people at the party and also with the property owner’s son, who was the person hosting the party.

According to students who chose to remain anonymous, the party was being co-hosted by the Party Runners, which is a sub-branch of Platinum Entertainment Services.

Platinum Entertainment Services’ website lists CSUB alumnus, Karnell Grimes, as a contact and as of Monday Nov. 28 Grimes’ Instagram states he is the CEO of Platinum Entertainment Services.

When contacted, Grimes declined to make a comment on the incident.

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Professor, student respond to complaint

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Williams said Jackson went to the back of class where he was sitting and told him “with your dark skin, big nose and nappy hair, you are the perfect negro candidate.”

“I was at a loss for words,” Williams said. “I was sickened and distraught.”

Williams said the incident changed how he felt about the class.

“Every time I came in the course, I was not known as Shad Williams in that class. I was known as the student she called out.”

He added Jackson continued to say that if there was a holocaust situation, since she is lighter black and because he is a darker black, she would get life in prison and he would get placed in the gas chamber.

Jackson denied that’s what she said in the lecture.

She said she was doing a lecture on the research done on perceiving stereotypes for people of color by Jennifer Eberhardt, who won the MacArthur award in 2015 for research.

She said she told Williams that he almost fit the criteria in almost every way about the perceived stereotypes but not the broad lips.

“On the other hand I have nappy hair, big lips and big nose,” she said to him. “Then I asked him ‘if I had to pull the trigger or you had to pull the trigger, who gets the gas chamber?’ Did he get the point? No. Did everyone else? Most likely they did.”

She said the research showed that when people were asked to identify prisoners in a lineup, people picked them by the

features of big lips, broad nose, curly hair and darker skin tones when compared to other people that looked less African.

Williams said he then filed the complaint against Jackson, but he wanted to have a meeting with Jackson, an adviser and Title IX Coordinator Claudia Catota first to be fair to her.

However, he said she still didn’t seem to understand the problem, so he filed the 1097 complaint.

In spring 2016, the case then went under investigation by CSUB and Catota.

“Your job is to teach and to just grow the world with knowledge. Your job is not to belittle a student,” Williams said about Jackson.

Jackson said no racial discrimination against her has been substantiated.

She also added that seven other students were interviewed about the complaint.

Video Appears on YouTube

In September, Jackson posted the video on YouTube.

In the video, Jackson references the incident from class. Then she shows a photo of Williams that she says a staff member from the Student Union took of him and sent to her. In the photo, he is wearing a mask over his face.

She says in the video it is “black face,” but he said he was wearing a monkey mask for a children’s play.

“What she is stating is that black people look like monkeys,” he said. “I don’t feel like brown or any shade of brown looks like a monkey.”

Jackson replied that monkeys don’t look like “black face.”



Screenshot of YouTube video CSUB professor Elizabeth Jackson posted the video “Teaching While Black” on YouTube this September.

Williams said he showed the mask to his mother’s transitional kindergarten class.

“I asked them what it was and they said it was a monkey,” he said. “If TKers can get it, why can’t she?”

In the video, she also alleges that Williams’ grade was tampered with, but Williams said he was moved out of her class.

Communications Department Chair Judith Pratt stated in an email that grades can only be changed with a signature by a faculty member.

Williams said he was disappointed when he saw the video and filed a second complaint with Catota’s office. That investigation is still open.

CSUB President Horace Mitchell stated in an email that he is aware of the new complaint.

He also acknowledged Jackson’s freedom of speech to make the video.

Bakersfield California Faculty Association Chapter Faculty Rights Chair Bruce Hartsell wouldn’t comment specifically about Jackson but said he strongly supports First Amendment rights.

Jackson said the video is about more than just her issues with Williams.

She made it to speak to racism, to a certain extent to sexism, and to a lot of the injustices people of color feel in the university system.

“It represents many, not just one person,” she said.

She said she wanted the video to also speak to many faculty members who have been subjected to institutional racism.

“We have been subjected to being gagged, being manipulated, being threatened with our jobs,” she said.

She added she knows at least six people at CSUB that have experienced the same things but she did not want to comment on who they are.

“It has gotten so bad on this campus that... there have been a group of colleagues who have wanted to have meetings, and I offered my house as a meeting place because they were feeling threatened, stalked, all of the things I mentioned,” she said.

“At the last minute, the meeting was canceled because I really think a number of persons felt they were going to be targeted,

so it was called off.”

Complaint Policy

Catota, who represents the university and is a neutral fact finder, would not comment on this specific complaint but said a 1097 is for students who feel harassed, discriminated or retaliated against.

“If a student wants to file a complaint with the university, they can file the complaint form and then meet with me and we will walk through the complaint process,” she said.

She said as long as the complaint meets the criteria of discrimination based on race, national origin and gender, then it pretty much falls under the complaint form.

Catota added then students have a chance to go to an informal stage for mediation and try to work things out or go into a formal stage, which is an investigation.

She said if there is a finding, it can lead to discipline. The person, who the complaint was filed against, does have the opportunity to appeal it to the Chancellor’s Office. The discipline can vary from different complaints, but the harshest discipline is termination.

Williams said his goal has never been to get her fired.

“That has never been my goal,” he said. “My goal is to never strip someone of their employment, but that’s not my jurisdiction. I feel that if you go to these extremes to do these actions, then you are asking for whatever repercussion you get. I don’t want anyone to lose their job, but there are times where losing your job is justified.”

If a faculty member is issued a complaint, they can request assistance from the Bakersfield CFA but they don’t have to.

Hartsell said they get about two or three requests of assistance from faculty members per year.

Hartsell said CFA’s assistance to a faculty member is comparable to an attorney helping someone that has been accused of a crime.

“We are trying to ensure that the procedures are properly followed and to help to make sure that the accused is treated fairly in the process,” he said.

Williams said he is disappointed in Jackson and saddened by how long CSUB is taking to resolve the issue.

“The only reason I’m saddened is because I just felt the answer is so easy to choose,” he said.

Hartsell said the 1097 process could be discriminatory.

“It’s possible for students to take offense and let’s call it mob mentality for students to kind of year after year say, ‘Hartsell talks about this, he’s a racist.’ I have said to Claudia Catota you have a duty to exercise discretion just like a police officer does in every other level of law enforcement to decide whether this is worth investigation because the investigation itself can have a chilling effect,” he said. “If the allegation — even if entirely true — doesn’t rise to the level of a violation of a student’s rights, then it’s not worth the investigation.”

CSUB officials did not comment where the investigation is at, but it is still ongoing.

What’s Happening Around Campus

DECEMBER

- 1

Holiday Craft Fair
6 a.m.-6 p.m. DDH Red Brick Road
- 2

LinkedIn/Portfolium Lab
10-11 a.m. Education Bldg. 128
- 3

BCSD Oral Language Festival
7 a.m-3 p.m. BDC 153 B
- 5

How Did We Get Here & Where Are We Going?
6 -9p.m. Student Union MPR
- 7

Fab Lab Student Access Hours
3 -5 p.m. Fab Lab Bldg. 83
- 8

Final Exams Begin
Good Luck Roadrunners
- 9

Summer 2017 Graduation
Application Deadline
- 10

Holiday Concert
7 -9 p.m. Dore Theatre
- 12

Study Strong De-Stress Island
1 -5 p.m. Stockdale Rm
- 14

Fab Lab Student Access Hours
3 -5 p.m. Fab Lab Bldg. 83
- 16

Fab Lab
Will be closed until Jan.
- 17

It’s a Very Steam Powered Giraffe Yulema
5 -7 p.m. Albertson Rm. Dore Theatre
- 24

Christmas Eve

Holiday 5K Toy Run
7 - 9 a.m. Campus (non specific)
- 25

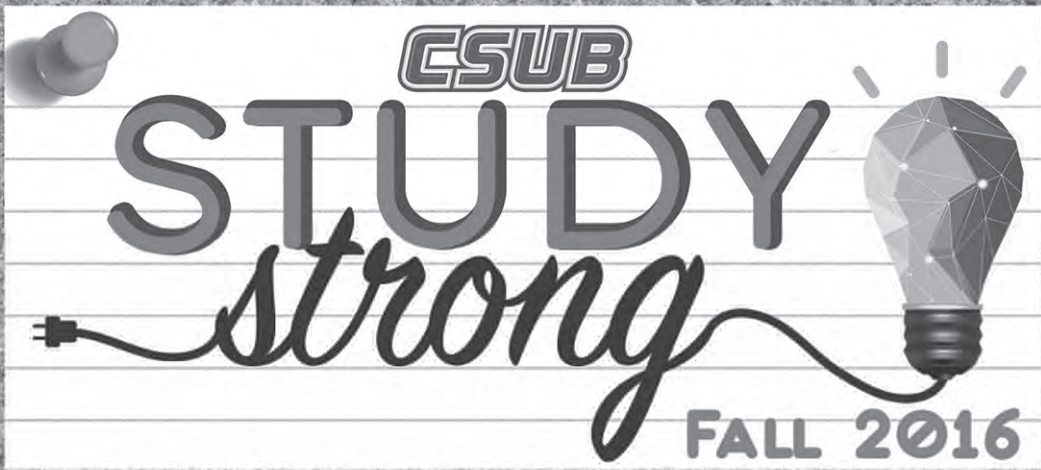
Christmas Day
- 27

Women’s Swim vs. San Jose State
11 a.m. Hillman Aquatic Complex
- 31

Women’s Basketball vs. Cal Poly
2 p.m. Icardo Center
- Women’s Basketball vs. Stanford

7p.m. Icardo Center
- Women’s Basketball vs. UC River side

7 p.m. Icardo Center
- Final Exams End



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WEDNESDAY 7TH, Social Media Contest | (All Day)

ASI Snack Cart | 6pm-8pm

THURSDAY 8TH, Free Massages | 12pm-2pm @ SU

Doggy Unwind | 12pm-2pm @ SU Park

Late Night Breakfast | 9pm-10pm @ Cafe

FRIDAY 9TH, Motivational Munchies | All Day

MONDAY 12TH, De-Stress Island | 1pm-5pm @ Stockdale Room

Late Night Study | 7pm-12pm @ SU

TUESDAY 13TH, Taco Tuesday | 11:30am @ SU

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GRADUATION

Grad check delays create concern

By Annie Russell and Uzziel Hernandez
The Runner Staff

It’s been almost a month since CSU Bakersfield students registered for enrollment for spring 2017 classes. However, a majority of senior students registered for classes without the helpful guidance of their grad checks that they paid for back in April.

“My experience with grad checks has been unsatisfactory,” said senior psychology major Julian Alberto Delgado. “In April I submitted my grad check due to the deadline and yet I have not received any word on the status of my application.”

For a fee of \$70 paid 15 months in advance before the planned academic year students plan to graduate in, students are given the green light on the last few classes they still need to take. Once the grad checks are paid for, students are then told they should receive them back within four to six weeks.

Besides from the lack of knowledge of the status of grad check applications, students have also expressed their dislike of the price jump from \$55 to \$70.

“Before enrollment I talked with an advisor to make sure I had everything I needed for graduation. Look at that, a free grad check done on the spot. Makes me wonder why I paid

so much to never get a response back. I understand that there are a lot of grad checks to process but it is unfair to charge students for a service that has rendered itself,” said senior biology major Sheri-Amor Craig.

Associated Students Inc. president Alex Dominguez also voiced his concerns with the problem with grad checks.

“In my opinion I don’t agree with the grad checks, with the prices of the grad checks. However, I do understand the logic behind them in regards to the institution implementing them,” said Dominguez.

CSUB host around 9,000 students with nearly over a 1,000 seniors expecting to graduate this coming spring making the grad check process a longer gruesome workload for those working on them.

However, with the recent \$15 increase in the grad check fee to hire student workers to expedite the process, some students are just barely getting their grad checks. With registrations having already taken place as early as Oct. 31 most classes by now are full.

“I come from Bakersfield College, at Bakersfield College there was nothing like that. There was no grad check fee,” Dominguez said. “Your counselor would reach out to you and say hey you’re at X percentage you should be on track to graduate, come set up a meeting with me and we’ll

figure it out.”

“We [ASI] would like to see a process where the department reaches out to the students,” Dominguez said using BC and CSU San Luis Obispo as a prime example who don’t utilize grad checks.

“The main problem I’ve faced so far is that when I asked on the status of my grad check, their response was ‘we’re still working on it.’” Delgado said. “In addition they tell me they’ll move mine on top. It’s been weeks and still have not received any responses”

Not only has CSUB students been dealing with a late status notice of their grad checks but so has students of Antelope Valley College who also vocalized their complaints to the ASI board for something to be done.

Dominguez admits that there is flaws in the system and that ASI has been pursuing a solution to the problem.

“There’s something not jiving correctly and that’s really been one of our big goals right now something that were pursuing,” Dominguez said.

“If you haven’t received your grad checks reach out to ASI because that’s something that we are very passionate about right now. If students haven’t received their grad checks by now that’s a problem and it’s not a problem of the students it’s a problem of the administration,” said Dominguez.

GREEK LIFE



Karina Diaz/The Runner
Live entertainment was provided by Mariachi Juvenil while attendees enjoyed their food.

La Gran Posada returns for 17th annual celebration

By Karina Diaz
Photo Editor

Delta Zeta Tau hosted the 17th annual La Gran Posada event and invited members of the community and CSU Bakersfield students to celebrate Latin culture with food and live entertainment.

With the support from Associated Students Inc. and other clubs, Delta Zeta Tau held a successful event that brought 397 attendees to celebrate a tradition that illustrates the meaning of the birth of Jesus Christ.

“We have clubs helping. We are bringing all clubs together,” said Delta Zeta Tau advisor Rey Cuesta.

Cuesta has been part of the tradition since the annual celebration first started.

The event was designed to keep history alive and bring back a piece of Latin culture.

Cuesta also mentioned that seeing all the effort Delta Zeta Tau put into the event and keeping Latino history alive is amazing.

The event included music by Mariachi Juvenil and DJ Frank G from La Campesina 92.5 FM.

M.E.Ch.A. helped serve rice, beans, salad, barbacoa, dinner rolls, lemonade and hot chocolate.

“The music was really good and it was a bonding experience dancing with people,” said environmental resource management major Elizabeth Perez who attended the event for the second time.

Attendees joined and sang traditional posada songs as St. Augustine community youth church members walked through alumni park.

“It’s just amazing how people come out and celebrate their culture and are not afraid to show it,” said merchandise executive of Delta Zeta Tau Jesus Castrejon.

The event was about keeping the tradition of posada.

M.E.Ch.A. President Guadalupe Nuñez said that the event was not only great but nostalgic.

“It’s a good event for the community to come because it helps them stick to their roots,” said Nuñez. “It’s a back-home feeling.”

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

CSUB ends drought against Fresno

Roadrunners end their seven-game losing streak against the Bulldogs

By Joe Macias
Senior Writer

The CSU Bakersfield men's basketball team held off a late rally from Fresno State to beat the Bulldogs 71-63 in a sold out Icardo Center Tuesday, Nov. 22.

This win snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Bulldogs.

"It's a big win, huge win for us," said CSUB coach Rod Barnes. "I think the people here of Bakersfield should be proud of this team and proud of what we've done tonight."

The Roadrunners kept a steady lead throughout the first half.

Redshirt-senior forward Jaylin Airington knocked down four consecutive shots, scoring the most points in the first half with 12. Airington went five for seven from the line and

two for two from three-point range. Redshirt-sophomore Damiyne Durham also put up 10 points to end the half to give CSUB a nine point lead.

"I've been here for about three years now and it's always a big thing when Fresno State comes to town, but our whole thing is we are going to play one way regardless if it's Fresno State or New Mexico State or whoever it is," said CSUB redshirt-senior forward Matt Smith.

The Roadrunners (3-1) controlled much of the game.

CSUB took the lead early on in the game and maintained the lead in the first half.

Durham hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer to give the Roadrunners a 34-25 lead into halftime.

CSUB kept the momentum coming out of halftime, which was highlighted by an alley-oop dunk from freshman forward Taze Moore to Airington.

That dunk got the crowd to its feet and capped off a 21-8 run, giving the Roadrunners a 55-33 lead with 12:45 left in the second half.

"It was a great feeling, getting the crowd in it," said Airington. "Coach, he was loving it. We fed off the energy from the crowd."

It was their largest lead of the game.

CSUB kept a double-digit lead throughout the rest of the game, until the final three minutes.

The Roadrunners would struggle late in the game and let Fresno State back in the game, as the Bulldogs kept cutting into the lead.

The Bulldogs (2-2) went on a 15-4 run with 2:39 left in the game that got them within 11 points of the lead and then cut it to 8 points.

The Bulldogs late run would be too late, as time would run out.

Airington finished as the leading scorer with 28 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal. The Chicago native shot 9 of

17 from the floor and 3 of 6 from outside the three-point arc.

Airington leads CSUB on the season with 23 points per game. Durham added 15 points and grabbed five

rebounds. Durham ended the game 5 of 10 shooting from the floor and 3 of 7 shooting from the three-point line.

Over the weekend, the Roadrunners went 1-2 at the Men Against Breast Cancer Classic at Dayton, Ohio. CSUB's first game against Wright State University put six key players in foul trouble for the Roadrunners.

Durham ended the night with a team-high 28 points. The Raiders took advantage of the Roadrunners season-high 20 turnovers and won 68-64.

On Saturday, CSUB dominated against North Florida, while four Roadrunners scored in double figures.

The Roadrunners forced 24 turnovers from the Ospreys to win, 77-54.

The last game of the tournament for CSUB took place Sunday against North Dakota.

The Roadrunners lead by 11 points by the half and sustained a double-digit lead for most of the second half.

The Roadrunners' defense was strong throughout the game, but the offense went on a cold spell at the end of the second half.

The Hawks went on a 16-0 run with a buzzer-beating layup by forward Conner Avants ending the game 57-55.



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CSUB's redshirt-senior forward Jaylin Airington pushes through Fresno State's sophomore guard Sam Bittner on Nov. 22.

ATTENDANCE

Roadrunners draw first sellout crowd of the season



CSUB fans express their school spirit by painting their bodies at the sold-out against Fresno State on Nov. 22.

By Peter Castillo
Reporter

For the second consecutive season, CSU Bakersfield experienced a sellout crowd at the Icardo Center for a men's basketball game after a 26-year drought.

In a game dubbed as "The Battle of the 99," Tuesday's highly anticipated matchup against Fresno State produced an attendance of 3,497.

Those in attendance witnessed CSUB defeat Fresno State 71-63. Prior to last season, the Icardo Center had not had a sellout since the 1993 season when CSUB hosted the Division-II West Regionals.

CSUB senior and kinesiology major Lizeth Carrillo said she was expecting to see a lot of school spirit.

"I wasn't expecting to see so many people of different age groups. There are students, children and older people here. It's nice to see so much school spirit," said Carrillo.

Assistant Athletics Director of Communications Corey Costelloe said he was impressed with the noise-level and atmosphere that was created Tuesday night.

"This [environment] was as good as any on the west coast tonight the way the crowd was into it," he said. "They were loud, they were supportive, especially when we were on defense. I think that was a huge deal. They were definitely the sixth man tonight."

CSUB head coach Rod Barnes said he had envisioned an excitement level like this for the program.

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ATTENDANCE



3,497 people packed the Icardo Center to watch CSUB take down Fresno State in a men's basketball game on Tuesday, Nov. 22.



The CSUB men's basketball team had its first sellout this season against Fresno State. The Roadrunners are hoping to have three more sellouts this year.

CSUB expecting 3 more sellouts

[SELLOUT, Page 5]

"To see this many people out here for the game, and for it to be this early in the season and to sellout, says something about the people here," Barnes said. "They want a winner here and they deserve it. That's what we're trying to give to them. I'm just hoping we can make this an every week deal."

Redshirt-senior forward Jaylin Airington said that the team fed off the energy of the crowd in a rivalry game.

"The energy in the stands felt great. I definitely wanted to get those guys in my last year playing here. It was a great atmosphere," said Airington.

Students were painting their faces and bodies as well as

"To see this many people out here for the game, and for it to be this early in the season and to sell-out, says something about the people here."

Rod Barnes, Men's Basketball Coach

engaging in chants and cheers throughout the night.

"To see our students come into the game an hour early to run in to their seats is

impressive," said Costelloe.

"We saw that at certain places like Arizona, where their kids were there an hour and a half early. It's nice to see our students are learning to understand that this is a hot ticket."

Costelloe said that the marketing team is hoping for three more sellouts this season.

He tabbed the Feb. 9 match-up versus New Mexico State University, the Feb. 25 game against Chicago State University and the March 4 game versus Grand Canyon University as all potential sellouts.

The Roadrunners' next home game will be on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Icardo Center against Pacific Union College.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Roadrunners routed in loss to South Dakota

By Juan Garcia
Reporter

The CSU Bakersfield women's basketball team fell to The University of South Dakota 75-60 after falling behind by 22 points on Sunday in the Icardo Center.

The Coyotes (5-1) pulled ahead with a 10-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Roadrunners couldn't recover from this deficit. CSUB trimmed the deficit to 11-10 with 2:04 left in the first quarter. However, the Coyotes caught fire and finished the quarter on a 10-0 run.

USD extended its lead to 20 points in the second quarter after a foul on junior forward Aja Williams sent the Coyotes' sophomore guard Allison Arens to the line.

The Coyotes pulled ahead by 20 points on two different occasions. CSUB is now on a four game losing streak.

"You can't give up twenty plus points in three quarters and expect to win a basketball game," said head coach Greg McCall. "When you don't play defense like you're supposed to, these are the results that you're going to get."

USD was rolling in the third quarter and stretched its lead to 22 points. It was its largest lead of the game.

South Dakota sophomore guard Jaycee Bradley scored a career high of 26 points on 81.8 percent shooting from the floor.

She also made five of six attempted three-pointers, while leading the Coyotes in rebounds with seven.

"We had a whole week to prepare and we just didn't come out and live up to what we were supposed to live up to," said McCall. "Hats off to South Dakota, they ran their stuff really well. They're a great team. They're WNIT [Women's National Invitational Tournament] champions and you could tell why."

The fourth quarter was the only time that CSUB rallied



Alejandra Flores/The Runner
Freshman guard Kate Tokuhara scored a career-high 11 points in loss to South Dakota University.

for a hard charge against South Dakota, outscoring them 20-13 in the fourth. The charge was led by sophomore guard Addi Walters, she knocked down five of her six shots.

Walters took a team high 16 shots on the night, including 13 in the fourth quarter alone.

Arens responded with eight points of her total 15 in the fourth to secure the lead for South Dakota. She led the Coyotes with a team high seven assists.

The Coyotes supported their strong offense with great defense. USD limited Williams, the Roadrunner's leading scorer, to only two points on 1 of 10 shooting.

Williams entered the game with a scoring average of 23.3

points per game.

The Roadrunners (1-4) will host No. 11 Stanford (6-1) on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Icardo Center.

The matchup will be the second time coach McCall will host his daughter, Senior forward Erika McCall, the leading scorer on the Cardinal women's basketball program.

"It is always tough playing against a member of the family because we know each other so well and we are so competitive with each other," said McCall to GoRunners.com. "We have to match Erika's intensity. We have to do a good job of keeping her out of the paint and keep her from hitting open threes."

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Brandon Redmon/ Photos by Allison Lechman

This week The Runner asked, “What will you do differently in the Spring semester?”

Fidencio Cuevas
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Engineering



“I think I will do [homework] earlier just because at the end it starts to pile up. So just organize myself more and try to do everything early so at the end I am already done with it before the deadline.”

Itzel Veliz
23
Social Work



“Better time management because I feel like a lot of the work was back to back. The professors didn’t really prepare for that.”

Glenda Molina
19
Psychology



I will study for my tests because I always do my studying last minute and I need to buy an agenda. I need to write down all the dates for tests and things because I never really know what’s going on.”

Stephanie Bela
21
Criminal Justice



“I said I wouldn’t procrastinate, but here I am procrastinating again. I would have better time management just from the whole quarter to semester system.”

STAFF EDITORIAL

CSUB needs to protect our undocumented students

The political turmoil following the November election has slowly settled after weeks of protests, calls for vote recounts and petitions signed by millions asking the Electoral College electors to change their votes. As the reality of president-elect Donald Trump begins to dawn on the American people, many are left with the fear of the change that is to come.

In our previous staff editorial, we wrote about how terrified we are as an editorial board. This was a loss that hit us especially hard because some students on our staff expect to be directly affected by Trump’s deportation promises that helped him get elected. Although CSUB adminis-

tration is taking steps in the right direction in protecting students under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, The Runner editorial board feels that CSUB needs to further their efforts in assuring our undocumented student population.

Over the past few weeks, students on campus have protested against a Trump presidency and discussions have been held by administration in hopes to create campus dialogue about the current issues affecting students following the election results.

Now more than ever we will aim to cover the issues that arise from the change that is to come in the fairest and most accurate way possible. CSUB is a campus comprised of minority students and as such, many of the students attending are expected to be affected by Trump and his administration.

In an open letter to the CSU students, faculty and staff CSU Chancellor Timothy White reaffirmed that CSU policy states that it will not honor immigration hold requests and that university police won’t detain, question or arrest individuals based on lack of documentation.

However, the chancellor did not deem the CSU campuses as sanctuaries.

CSUB president Horace Mitchell has joined 250 college and university presidents from both public and private institutions throughout the country who have signed a statement in support of the DACA.

The statement asks that DACA be upheld, continued and expanded within higher education institutions across the U.S.

Recently, CSUB’s Associated Students Inc. has reaffirmed their stance on discrimination on campus and the organization has vowed to fight and advocate for their students.

This is a step forward for CSUB, in some ways our campus has done a good job of advocating for their minority student population but the fight is just beginning.

CSUB needs to continue the dialogue, and administration needs to find ways to fight for and protect the minorities.

OP-ED

Hope for the future

“We are not defined by our President,” would have been a better quote to display in student housing windows instead of the adolescent profanity we saw on the morning of Nov. 9.

I wish I could tell you the night before was a dream, but for over half the country it’s a nightmare many still have not awoken from. There’s a reason why Republican voters are sometimes called the silent majority, and while the election of Trump is no doubt a demoralizing blow for liberals, but I’d like to offer a silver lining to readers to who are frightened about what the future holds.

This is not the end.

America has had terrible presidents before and probably will again in the future.

Allow me to clarify that I’m not a fan of Donald Trump either. I proudly voted Libertarian this election, as futile a gesture it was, which gives me a unique perspective outside of both major parties and their rhetoric.

In the same way conservative audiences latched on to rallying cries of “He’s not my President” in 2008, people need to tone the hysterics down a bit. Remember when conservatives stockpiled survival rations, or the hollow promises of Republicans moving to Canada in 2012? Democrats are doing and saying many of the same things today.

America has survived war, economic depressions, terrorist attacks and more.

If you think for a second that millions of LGBT allies and minority advocates are going to abandon you because a billionaire Oompa-Loompa with a toupee is in office you’re sorely mistaken.

From civil rights to gay rights and beyond, that support won’t erode just because of Trump.

Let’s not forget he’s only one man, checked by congress and a supreme court. Political power shifts occur.

Maybe next time the DNC won’t cheat Bernie Sanders out of the nomination. I hear he’s pretty good with not deleting emails.

Women deserved a better first female president anyways.

If anything, this election has served as an opportunity for us all to reflect upon ourselves and our nation as a whole.

For what it’s worth: I sympathize with liberals, but this is only a bump in the road and not the end of it.

I know what it’s like to have your candidate lose, but take it from someone who’s used to defeat.

Everything will be okay as long as we remember we’ve always been in this together.

—William Schiewe

HOLIDAYS

Black Friday overshadows Thanksgiving

By Riley Heffernan
Reporter

Every November, American families come together to celebrate perhaps the most important holiday in terms of our national culture: Black Friday.

In the past, the U.S. would customarily celebrate “Thanksgiving” the day before this most sacred holiday.

But now, thanks to our capitalist, consumerist culture of greed, the annoyance of Thanksgiving can be gently pushed aside with Black Friday sales beginning at 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.

What a convenience.

No need to waste time on idle chit-chat with the family — once we’re done gorging ourselves on the traditional Thanksgiving feast, we can skip over the part where we’re thankful for what we’ve already got and get right down to what really matters: buying more stuff.

This Thanksgiving my family congregated around a normative turkey-gravy-potato-cranberry-vegetable dinner at about 2 p.m. By 6 p.m. the kitchen was clean, the grandparents were shuffled along back to their retirement home.

I, on the other hand, was decked out in riot gear ready to eliminate any obstacle standing between me and my new pleather massage chair.

I didn’t know I needed a massage chair, but I knew once I saw it at 75 percent off, not even the sanctity of human life was going to hold me back.

For a moment I paused while admiring myself in the mirror, dressed in combat boots, bulletproof vest, and barricade shield. I had a brief, yet jarring moment of self-awareness. What have I become?

Flashback to elementary school, reading about the origin of Thanksgiving, the dead of November, long past harvest season, starving pilgrims eating food provided by friendly Native Americans, Native Americans teaching us how to live on the inhospitable East coast of North America.

And then, smallpox blankets. The Trail of Tears. Genocide. The XL Pipeline.

Thanksgiving Day has become nothing more than a compulsory annual dinner during which the only thing paramount to gluttony is greed.

We may eat until we induce a diabetic coma, but you’d better believe that when Black Friday sales roll around we will rouse ourselves from slumber and fight tooth and nail for whatever material thing is marked down the most.

Do you really think the manufacturer is losing money by selling this at a quarter of its original value?

No.

The manufacturer will still make money from this transaction and you’ll lose space in your garage because that’s where that massage chair is going to die.

So why is it that I saw “75 percent off”, instead of “This Thing Is Usually Marked Up At Least 75 percent More Than It’s Worth, For 364 Days of The Year?” How exactly is this a “bargain?” Has my selfish lust for things blinded me to the fact that I’m being played?

We’re all being fooled at the hands of the corporate conglomerates that sell us televisions and massage chairs. It’s impossible to convince every consumer in the United States to stop shopping Black Friday, but in the words of DJ Khaled, “Stay away from they” because you all played yourself.



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COMMUNITY



Debbie Rodriguez has lived on the streets for over seven years. After her camp was raided, she stays on the move.

Photos by Ben Patton/The Runner



Joe Barham and Dale Robertson fashion a shelter out of cardboard to make it through sub 40 degree nights.



A Kern County native, "Smoke," has been homeless for a decade. The 60-year-old frequents downtown Bakersfield.

No shelter from the cold

By Ben Patton
Photographer

It's hard to imagine Bakersfield as a cold place, or even a town with seasons, but to many who walk the streets and sleep in alleyways, winter is a cutting reality.

As the temperature drops into the 40s, Bakersfield residents head for home as Kern County frosts over.

For Debbie Rodriguez, home only exists in memories.

"I've been homeless for seven years," said Rodriguez. "It doesn't seem like that much

time has passed but it has."

Rodriguez's face is a mustard orange of tan, her skin bearing the creases of seasons spent in the elements.

She pushes her cart up the steep incline of Columbus Street near Bakersfield College.

Despite a bad knee, she pushes on toward a destination that changes by the day.

Rodriguez looks up to the sky, noticing the rain clouds.

When she can't take sanctuary under a roof, she uses an old shower curtain to keep dry.

She points to a drop into a dirt lot off the side of Columbus

Street, just bordering the bluffs that overlook the city.

"We used to have a spot... but over the summer, they started stealing our stuff and raiding our camps... they [looters] made it hard on us."

Nowadays, she stays on the move, walking the streets of Bakersfield on the search for food and shelter.

According to the Kern County Homeless Collaborative, 1,067 people were reported homeless with the majority residing in Bakersfield.

A quick walk through downtown Bakersfield reaffirms

those numbers.

Huddled into the front of a storefront on H Street, Terry Joe Barham and Dale Robertson fashion a cardboard shelter to get them through the night.

Barham lies down while Robertson keeps the first watch as darkness falls.

Barham has only been homeless for a year, but the 62-year-old Bakersfield native keeps positive. Barham's face holds a smile, though it's apparent that he is cold under his cardboard encampment.

His days are spent foraging for food with Robertson.

At nights, he does his best to keep dry.

He stresses the importance of keeping things sanitary. "If you're not clean, you're gonna get sick or get in the hospital," said Barham.

Robertson and Barham repeatedly mentioned their need for clean underwear, fresh socks and sleeping bags to make it through the street nights.

In an interview with Erin Mitzell, an administrative assistant at the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter, she echoed the need for donations in the winter season.

The Bakersfield Homeless

Shelter helps over 250 people a day with breakfast and dinner meals as well as 174 beds that hold a standing wait list throughout the winter.

Mitzell said that the organization is happy for donations of any kind, but stressed the need for socks, jackets, sweats and food.

Volunteering is another way to make a positive impact this season.

"We get a lot of calls during the holidays, but we actually use volunteers 365 days a year, in fact they're our biggest workforce," Mitzell said.

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