

DAY OF THE DEAD

Celebrating lives of loved ones



Aztec dancers perform at the Altares de Familia and Dia de los Muertos event on Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Bakersfield Museum of Art.

By Karina Diaz
Photographer

Bakersfield Museum of Art and Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Dia de los Muertos and Altares de Familia event on Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Bakersfield Museum of Art.

The event included sugar-skull decorating, face painting, authentic Mexican food and drinks, and live Mexican folk dancing and music. It also included calaveras and altars from both family and students.

CSU Bakersfield communications major Skylar Carrasco, who was working at the Kix 92.1 booth said it was his first time. He added that his favorite part was the music and was looking forward to hearing Mento Buru live.

Education programs manager Liz Shewyn said that it had

started with altars then grew to be the huge festival it is today.

“It is a wonderful response, which built this huge festival,” said Shewyn.

She added that it taught her a lot about the culture and has become one of her favorite traditions. It showed how important culture is to a community and how culture can bring together people of all ages.

Altares de Familia and Dia de los Muertos has brought 4,000 community members together since it was created.

Community member Edvin Benitez said he was shocked on how many people had shown up. He describes how positive the event was.

“It feels good to see that not only the Latin culture comes together but others as well,” said Benitez.

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Community member Sylvia Luego gets her face painted on Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Bakersfield Museum of Art as part of the Dia de los Muertos festivities.

TECHNOLOGY

Email issues solved

By Heather Simmons
Reporter

After a shaky start to CSU Bakersfield’s new student email system this quarter, the Information Technology Services department has resolved password issues.

Earlier in the quarter, a conflict between CSUB and Microsoft Outlook’s password systems caused students to have issues logging into their email accounts. ITS solved this problem by resetting students’ passwords to the same ones used for myCSUB and Blackboard.

“Now, we’ve gone to the same system we use now for myCSUB, which I think is much easier and reduces a lot of support headaches both from our student, staff and faculty side, but also from the IT service side,” said Faust Gorham, associate vice president for ITS.

A licensing issue has also been fixed, which means that every student can now download Microsoft Office 365 for free.

This gives students access to Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint on up to five devices, a setup that would ordinarily cost \$150.

Another early issue involved contacting students through their personal accounts with information about their student accounts, as there was no guarantee that students would receive and read their emails. As the quarter progresses, more people are logging into their accounts, and this issue is solving itself.

“We have 16,000 accounts right now. The number keeps getting higher and higher as the quarter goes on,” said Gorham.

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CAMPUS

ASI continues to work on campus issues

By Graham C Wheat
Features and Opinions Editor

Last week’s student government meeting saw an induction of new members, funded some club events, gave recognition to a faculty member, and continued to show concern over campus issues and committees.

Associated Students Inc. welcomed new Director of Business and Public Administration Courtney Ludford into the fold of board members.

Ludford has hopes to impact the campus directly.

Ludford, a business major, made her bid

for the director of business and public administration position. During the boards interview, Ludford said her major would help her in her capacities for that office.

“I love being involved on campus,” said Ludford about her aspirations to be a part of ASI. “I think I can get students involved. I hope I can partner with CECE (Center for Career Education and Community Engagement) to get students more internships.”

Backing for club events is still important to the board of directors. Two clubs received funding for events scheduled later in the year.

Delta Zeta Tau fraternity had representa-

tive Eric Perez give a presentation to receive nearly \$3,000 for “La Gran Posada,” a holiday event that celebrates the birth of Jesus. ASI gave approval for the Nov. 12 event but expressed concerns over contracts and getting more people to the event.

Perez assured ASI that more advertising would be approved and that the Walter Stiern Library would see signage for the event this week. Perez said they would be in compliance with all CSUB contracts.

The Financial Management Association was approved for a career seminar on Nov. 5 totaling approximately \$1,300.

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ASI board members Danielle Kinsey and Anish Mohan analyze a document during the ASI meeting on Friday, Oct. 30.

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EVENT

'Candlelight' honors the lost

By Andrea Calderon
Copy Editor

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, CSU Bakersfield held its second Candlelight event, which seeks to raise awareness regarding depression and suicide.

The event began with attendees grabbing a tealight, putting it in a cup and slowly lighting up a heart on the Student Union patio.

The Candlelight event was hosted by the university's counseling center with booths from the Bakersfield Vet Center, Kern County Mental Health, CSUB Student Health Services, Services for Students with Disabilities, Inspire Program, and the Crisis line.

Eric Lord from the counseling center began the discussion by sharing statistics on suicide.

"Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students and the 10th leading cause of death among Americans," said Lord.

The first guest speaker of the night was Sunny Mueller from the Kern County Mental Health, who opened up about her suicide attempt and encouraged others to speak up.

"I'm living proof," said Mueller. "You are not alone. Depression is a liar."

Joe Acosta, from the Bakersfield Vet Center discussed suicide among veterans. Acosta is a Vietnam War, who lost many of his fellow Vietnam veterans to suicide.

"Suicide is not the solution," said Acosta. "Us, veterans, will stand together."



Dayshanae James/The Runner

The Candlelight vigil brings CSU Bakersfield students together to remember people who lost their lives through suicide.

The evening slowly turned into an emotional night as attendees gathered around the heart shaped by tealights and shared their experience with depression and suicide.

The first to speak about his experience was CSUB alumna Kurt Hettinger.

"I remember the day I put a gun to my head, and I survived because I didn't pull the trigger. I thought I was broken," said Hettinger. "It'll get better if you just hang on one more day."

Students gradually began to share their experiences.

Celeste Toledo became tearful as she talked about watching her boyfriend struggle with

suicidal thoughts.

Janine Parham, a music major, was sexually abused at age nine by her uncle.

"It took the life out of me," said Parham. "We all need support."

While the night was emotional for all who attended, the Kappa Sigma fraternity was grieving the loss of one of its members.

A year ago on Oct. 27, a member of the fraternity, Los Ortiz, committed suicide.

"On this day last year, we lost a brother," said Gorman Thind, a member of the fraternity.

"It hits home every day and every night but especially on this day."

The number of attendees slowly decreased but the support remained the same.

"The amount of support you guys are sharing with each other is unreal," said Mueller. "I am moved and touched."

As the night ended, the Kappa Sigma fraternity along with friends of Ortiz gathered around the heart as they remembered him.

The Candlelight Event started last year as an attempt to decrease the number of suicides among college students. CSUB, along with other CSU campuses, hopes to make this an annual event to help raise awareness throughout the CSU system.

CAMPUS

Water-wise gardens may soon be near

By Julie Perez
Assistant Multimedia Editor

Pat Jacobs, Assistant VP of Facilities Management, talks about the upcoming changes made to the water conservative project.

Jacobs said, "We're developing some Demonstration Gardens on campus through funding we got from the CSU. And in this particular location, this

Demonstration Garden is going to be a combination – low water use and rock garden that'll be used by the Science departments."

Students Katherine Cotzajay shared her thoughts on the Garden Project.

"We need more green areas on our campus, and it'll be nice," said Cotzajay.

"I think it's a cool idea to make the campus prettier, more beautiful, and more presentable," said Adrianna Cardoza. The areas that are now brown originally were grass areas. The plan is to take out the grass and install new drip irrigation systems and install water conservative drought resistant plants.

"The work is probably going to take about 60 days," said Jacobs. "In all likelihood, these projects should be completed about the time that we begin the winter quarter in early January."

ONLINE:

To watch the interview with Patrick Jacobs go to The Runner Online

TECHNOLOGY

Email problems being resolved

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While the number of accounts keeps growing, the number of calls to the CSUB Help Desk has decreased significantly since the password problem has been solved.

"The first two weeks were insane as far as the number of calls and tickets going into the help desk. That number is very low now," said Gorham.

Students feel that, although the password issue has been resolved, the email system has room for improvement.

"I don't like it," said Emmett Wirtz, a senior majoring in criminal justice, "It's just a hassle to get into."

Wirtz suggested that the email could be accessed through a more direct link.

Other students experience no problems with the Outlook website but find fault with the phone app.

"On the website, everything's fine. The layout is really user-friendly," said Aide Gutierrez, a sophomore majoring in biology, "Although for the app, I don't get notifications on my phone."

Although website and app layout changes have not been mentioned, improvements to the email system such as increased storage and spam filtering can

be expected.

"Microsoft continues to invest, both in features that are available, and the size of how much you can store in their environment," said Gorham.

CSUB's ITS department continues to evaluate technological issues, as well.

"There's a lot of things that I think we're taking a new fresh look at and going, 'does this really make sense?'" said Gorham.



Graham Wheat/The Runner

Students use the library computers.

CAMPUS

ASI still responding to student issues



Karina Diaz/The Runner

Eric Perez presents a proposal for "La Gran Posada," an event hosted by Delta Zeta Tau during the holiday season, as ASI board members carefully listen on. The board decided to give funding for the Christmas themed event.

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The Financial Management Panel will see career leaders in the community discuss the options for business and finance majors at CSUB.

FMA said that some professors from CSUB will be on the panel, as well as former students, who will help navigate the job market of the industry.

Oscar Alvarez, director of sustainability, was supportive of the event, saying it would help students find careers. Anish Mohan, vice president of university affairs, said he "would love to go to this panel." ASI made efforts to give a commemoration to Dean of the Library Curt Asher for his hard work during this quarter in

expanding the library hours. The biggest committee issues to report were from the Transportation Committee and the Sustainability Committee.

Mohan wanted to remind the ASI board that the Transportation Committee has subsidized the price of GET bus monthly passes. Students receive half off the price of a

monthly pass, reduced from \$40 to \$20. Mohan said students would see more advertisements for this feature within the next quarter. Mohan also said he spoke with David Hveem about he long lines in Runner Café, and that Hveem committed to some signage to inform students about the long lines during peak hours.

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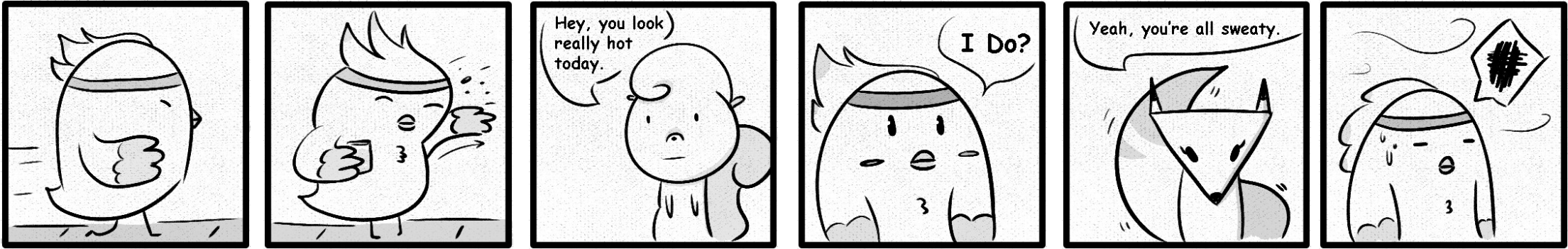
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COMIC

The Adventures of Runner, Nut and Kit

By Vyonna Maldonado



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First Runner Nights event a success

By Annie Russell
Reporter

The first Runner Nights at CSU Bakersfield was held on Oct. 30 and was presented by CSUB Student Affairs. Up to five hundred students were expected to attend.

“It exceeded what we thought, and it provided something for students to do. It was awesome,” said Spirit Program Coordinator Arthur Smith at the end of the event.

The gates opened at 9 p.m. and by 9:50 p.m. a large line of students stretched from the student recreation center to parking lot K.

The Runner Nights staff kept the line calm by passing out boxes of pizza from Pizza Rev while students waited patiently to get their ID’s checked and to get their wristband and meal tickets.

The event held multiple activities for students to engage in through the night, including a few carnival games like Walt’s Concession Game “Mash a Mouse” providing stuffed ani-



CSUB students show off their special-effects makeup.

mal prizes for the winners.

There was also laser tag, a superslide, a haunted house, a photobooth and a DJ that pumped up the crowd throughout the night.

Psychology major Ellen Ijebor, 17, said that the night had started off a bit slow.

“It got fun with time,” said Ijebor.

“There was super good music, fun games, and I got to meet new people. They should have it again.”

Many students came dressed up in a variety of Halloween costumes from witches and superheroes to even childhood cartoon favorites like Kim Possible and Helga and Harold from the ‘90s Nickelodeon series “Hey Arnold.”

Winning the costume contest for the night was Velma from Scooby Doo taking first place and Tom Clancy taking second place. Runner Nights staff Maritza Segura stated she had a great night.



Photos by Julie Perez/The Runner

Runner Nights attendees had a chance to showcase their costumes and carnival game skills on Friday, Oct.30. There were also carnival rides, a haunted house, and free food available.

“It was really fun. Laser tag was great,” said Segura. “My favorite part of the night was the DJ.”

Runner Nights was free to all CSUB students, modeled after other colleges that put on the same event every year like CSU Northridge’s Matador Nights.

The event ran smoothly with much help from the Runner Nights staff, police officers patrolling the area, guiding out traffic, and the night wouldn’t have been successful without the turnout of students who came out to have a great time.

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CULTURE

'Dia' celebrates the dead



Karina Diaz/The Runner

Young folk dancers perform at the Altares de Familia event at the Bakersfield Museum of Art on Sunday, Nov. 1.

By Alee Gonzalez
Reporter

Dia de los Muertos is a cultural celebration to honor those that have passed. It is celebrated on Nov. 1 and 2 every year. The origins of this holiday started with the Aztecs in the 16th century when they would hold ceremonies in the summer to remember their loved ones. It was moved to the fall when the Spaniards arrived and introduced All Soul's Day, which was similar in commemorating the dead. The two were combined and today The Day of the Dead is known for sugar skulls, face painting, and food. It is predominantly celebrated in Mexico and has spread to the United States but is less personal here. That may be credited to the commercialization of it in movies and at events.

"It's not something that you want to make mainstream or make a business out of," said CSUB nursing major Manuel Ramirez. "It's something you want to keep in your culture and celebrate."

He used to celebrate the holiday when he was younger, but he explained that adapting to the American culture makes it difficult to keep his Mexican roots. Some traditions from his culture are kept but holidays such as Day of the Dead become less relevant compared to Halloween in our society.

Jackie Alamillo, 18, a business major, knows about the holiday but has never celebrated it first hand.

She explained that her family does not celebrate the holiday, but she knows that altars are used to honor the dead and they are decorated with sugar skulls. Food is presented to the spirits and faces are painted. It's generally a day to honor and remember people that have passed away.

Similarly, Francisco Madrigal, 19, a nursing major has never celebrated Day of the Dead, but he learned about the tradition from family that he has in Mexico.

"In Mexico, it's celebrated, especially in Mexico City," said Madrigal. "Candles and food are left for the spirits, and it's a two-day process. The first day is for the kids and the second is for the adults."

CAMPUS

Gamers collect coins

By Patricia Rocha
News Editor

The fourth annual Extra Life fundraiser hosted by CSU Bakersfield's Campus Gamers hopes to save lives through gaming.

The Extra Life program is similar to signing up to run a 5K, explained Student Organizations and RunnerSync Coordinator Ed Webb: people register and have others donate on their behalf.

"When the day comes, instead of running around a track, they play games," said Webb. "What games they play and how long they play is entirely up to them."

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. both in the Student Union and DDH and all proceeds benefit the Lauren Small Children's Medical Center. A \$20 donation allows students to register to play over a thousand video, board, card and tabletop games spanning multiple genres and interests.

"If you compare that to going to a movie: you go to a movie, you buy a coke and a popcorn and you're out \$20, but here you get 12 hours of fun," said Webb. "A lot of it is stuff you can't get anywhere else."

Over the past three years, both participation and fundraising has exceeded expectations.

"Our Extra Life's participation is unique in that it serves two purposes: it raises money for the children's hospital but it also provides a very fun, engaging event for students on campus," Webb said.

In its first year, there were 80 participants who raised \$4,300 over the course of a year. Last year, 400 participated and

raised \$21,000, totaling 87.5% of the children's hospital's overall fundraising efforts. The CSUB group also finished 20th out of 6,200 teams participating across the nation.

"Our event, where we had everybody raising money for the same hospital, all participating in the same location, was the largest of its kind anywhere, and this year's is going to be bigger," he said, citing the over 1,070 people that have already signed up.

Webb was proud to share the details of the upcoming event and the lasting impacts of the previous ones. He said the children's hospital long had plans for a children's emergency room, but lack of support funding prevented anything from moving forward.

"The money that we raised last year put them over the top of [their] goal so that they were able to break ground on that new emergency room," he said. "So 2016, they're going to open that... They're going to save some kid's life because of the money we raised. So as fun as it is, that's the most important thing."

This year's goals are even higher than those before it.

"What we have told the hospital is

that our goal is \$30,000, and if we raise an additional \$4,000 above that, we'll purchase a mobile gaming cart for the new emergency room," he said, though \$35,000 would be the ideal.

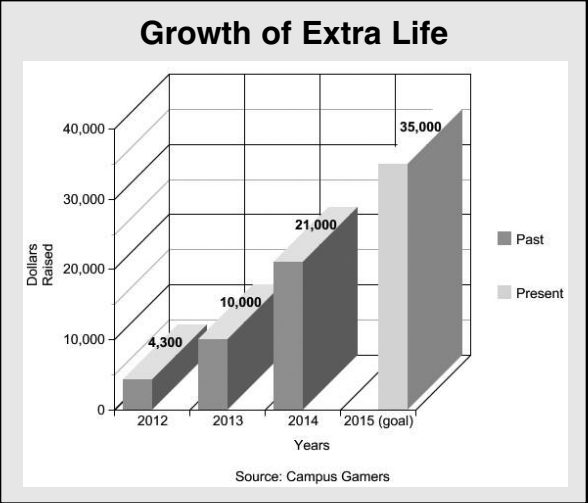
If the all-day gaming and goodwill weren't enough to

win an Xbox One console. Many gift cards, expensive donations and collectibles will also be available as prizes, with a special item among them.

"One of the things we had donated was a one of the little Nintendo 3DS Zelda units that's going for \$400 on eBay right now," he said. "You can't buy one anywhere right now. We've been sitting on it for months so that we could use it as a prize for this event."

Overall, Webb is excited about the impact the event has on CSUB school spirit and community efforts.

"We had somebody last year who has been on campus for eight years tell me that it was the single coolest thing he's ever seen on campus," said Webb. For students that are looking for something to do, they're not going to beat this one. If they miss it, they will be kicking themselves for an entire year as all of their friends talk about how fun it was."



Courtesy of Ed Webb

A former Children's Miracle Network patient poses with members of the 405th Pacific Halo Cosplayers at last year's Extra Life event.

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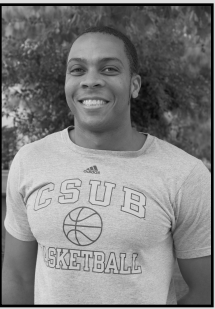
This week The Runner asked, "What do you think of the quarter to semester change?"



Mario Hernandez, 21, Computer Science
"It won't affect me personally too much, but technically I am in transition."



Melissa Miranda, 24, Bio-Chemistry
"I feel like we'll have more time to spare and get through a lot more information without it being overwhelming."



Micheal Andrews, 26, Biology
"It has kind of made things more hectic. No telling how the change is going to affect what you have to take."



Joshua Franco, 18, Theater
"I'm a freshman. I already know how semesters work. I prefer the semester system, so I'm actually looking forward to it."



Rudy Mencos, 21, Communications
"The quarter system is better because it keeps me on track and less time to procrastinate."

STAFF EDITORIAL

Fall graduation is needed to recognize student efforts

As the quarter comes to an end, some CSU Bakersfield students will be graduating this fall but will not have a graduation until the summer. For this reason, we believe the university should bring back fall commencement.

It doesn't feel like graduation anymore. Students who graduate in the fall have to wait six months to cross the stage in June. This wait makes the students less enthusiastic about crossing the stage since by the time of commencement they may have moved on to bigger and better things.

In six months a person's life can change dramatically, especially with a college degree. Students graduating may find a job away from Bakersfield.

Some students may leave the state or even the country. And let's not forget that after a bachelor's degree comes a master's degree and then a doctorate that some of these students

in your cap and gown that not only you have been waiting for but your loved ones too.

There are political matters at play here. Some say student and faculty apathy account for some of the reasons why fall commencement has been canceled. But, this apathy seems to be facilitated by CSUB by not offering the ceremony at all. Give students a reason to care about fall commencement instead of taking the easy way out and cancelling the event.

Students deserve to have their accomplishments recognized by the university that is purporting their academic success.

If you want to make a claim of graduation rates and retention statistics, give your students the commencement they deserve.



BY JASON GABRIEL/THE RUNNER

Students may already be pursuing in other universities. You worked hard to earn your degree for at least four years, and you finally get approved to graduate. But, you have to wait for the moment of crossing the stage

OPINION

Old cliches die hard, new ones even faster

By Katie Aubin Reporter

Two weeks ago when I told people I was comparing pumpkin spice lattes for an article, too many of them had the same, boring reaction: "Ha!" they would say, "typical white girl piece." Aside from just being highly lame, this joke bothers me because it alludes to a broader, more subtle issue.

The "basic white girl" is one of my least favorite cultural figures to emerge in the last decade, partly because despite its popularity, it is so poorly constructed. According to the hard-hitters at BuzzFeed, the Basic White Girl loves stuff like Starbucks and UGG boots and Instagram and taking pictures with her friends while listening to pop music - pretty offensive stuff. In fact, the criteria for this stereotype seem to just include everything that a girl might conceivably enjoy. Frankly, it has almost nothing to do with being white, and everything to do with being a girl.

Simply put, it's a trap. Any girl who has the nerve to love things without being ashamed of herself runs the

risk of earning the BWG label. For instance, Taylor Swift is one of the most popular and highest selling artists of all time, and has a net worth of close to \$200 million, but half of her fanbase is embarrassed to admit they love her because they're afraid some guy with

"Boys also make fun of girls for liking things like boy bands and rom-coms, but will still make decade-old Family Guy references."

Doritos breath might call her "basic." A recent large-scale example of this kind of mockery occurred in late September, when sports fans watching an Arizona Diamondbacks game could not emotionally handle a group of Arizona State sorority sisters taking selfies in the stands. Footage of these girls making silly faces into their phones instead of watching the game gained national

criticism from sociopaths and other people who hate fun things. When the Diamondbacks later offered the sorority free tickets to a game, the girls opted to donate them to charity, in the ultimate act of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, one of the most frustrating parts of the BWG phenomenon is that there hasn't really been a corresponding male trope, though not for lack of material. For instance, girls are ridiculed for liking pumpkin spice lattes, but guys have literally developed something known as "bacon culture." Boys also make fun of girls for liking things like boy bands and rom-coms, but will still make decade-old Family Guy references, or say things like "The Eagles have some great B-sides," when they barely even have good A-sides. Of course, I'm generalizing to make a point. Taking some perspective on the issue reveals that the BWG is an overrated joke at best and a sexist stereotype at worst. Either way, I hope we, as a society, can do a better job with our next cultural meme.

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WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Vandals sink Roadrunners at home



CSUB diver Carlee Burks attempts one of her dives against Idaho on Saturday Oct. 31.

By Esteban Ramirez
Editor-in-Chief

Despite a tough loss to the University of Idaho on Saturday, the CSU Bakersfield women’s swim and dive team received a two-win performance from junior diver Carlee Burks.

Burks also had a season-best performance at the Hillman Aquatics complex. She finished with a season-best score (277.88) on the one-meter dive. She won the event, but she missed her personal best by just five points.

Burks also took the three-meter race with another season-best score (255.53).



212



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The Roadrunners fell to the Vandals 212-88, but CSUB struggled thanks to being without senior Michaela Paige, junior Paola Hernandez and freshmen Emily Vose and Michaela Salinas.

“Paola Hernandez has the flu; she’s been out all week,” Chris Hansen, director of swimming, said to gorunners.com. “Emily Vose is out, Michaela Paige, Michaela Salinas due to injury. Not having those four women and three of them not in the water at all hurt us. We have to get over these injuries.”

CSUB’s freshman Sabrina Zavala posted a strong time in the 1000 freestyle on Saturday. She finished it in a time of 10:31.05, lowering her collegiate-best in the event by 16 seconds to place second.

CSUB is scheduled to compete at the Triton Classic from Nov. 19 to 21.



CSUB’s Alexis Cannon competes in the butterfly against the University of Idaho at the Hillman Aquatic Center on Saturday, Oct. 31. The Roadrunners lost to the Vandals 212-88.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

‘Runners hope to build off big year, win WAC Tournament

By Joe Macias
Reporter

Coming off a successful season, the CSU Bakersfield women’s basketball team looks to repeat what it did last year and improve on its postseason play.

“Trying to keep the bulk of your players healthy is really key for preseason and conference and then postseason,” said CSUB head coach Greg McCall. “The more students we have, the louder it is the more excited our girls will be. Just having that support is huge.”

Last year, the Roadrunners (23-9, 11-3 Western Athletic Conference) won their first round game in the 2015 WAC Tournament against Chicago State University, 71-63.

In the semi-finals, they lost to University of Texas-Pan American University, 76-70.

CSUB earned an invitation to the Women’s National Invitation Tournament for its successful season.

The Roadrunners fell short in a loss to UCLA in the first round 70-54.

CSUB set a Division I school record with 23 wins last season.

The Roadrunners are in a position to increase their 22-game home winning streak. .

Despite CSUB losing its all-time scorer Tyonna Outland, who averaged 19.7 points per game, the Roadrunners return some top players.

“Our main goal is to win (the) WAC championship,” said senior forward Batabe Zempare.

“I consider myself the best player in the conference so I work like I’m the best player in the conference.”



CSUB’s junior guard Lunden Junious-Reliford goes in for the two while under pressure against Seattle on Feb. 27.

Zempare is the all-time leading rebounder for CSUB (813). She was selected to the preseason first team All-Conference by CollegeSportsMadness.com.

“I think we were successful last year because everyone bought in to what the coaches and the coaching staff had to say,” said senior guard Alyssa Shannon. “Now I’m just really focused on really trying to do what I need to do to help my team get to the WAC Championship and for us to get to the NCAA (tournament).”

CSUB will begin its road to the WAC Championship against University of the Pacific on Nov. 13 in the Icardo Center at 7 p.m.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

CSUB set to host WAC tourney

By Esteban Ramirez
Editor-in-Chief

For the second year in a row, CSU Bakersfield will host a Western Athletic Conference Tournament. However, this time it will be the women’s soccer WAC Tournament.

The tournament will be held on Nov. 5 to 6 and the championship game will be on Nov. 8 at the Main Soccer Field.

“I think the conference sees that we are an operation that runs smoothly, and they are confident that we are going to give the student athletes a great experience,” CSUB’s Athletic Conference Kenneth Siegfried said.

Siegfried said that the WAC looks at all the schools to see which school is interested in hosting the tournament.

Siegfried said they showed interest in hosting the women’s soccer tournament two years ago and the school was picked to host the WAC Tournament this year because it was determined that CSUB had the facilities and the infrastructure that is needed to host the tournament.

The Roadrunners (5-11-3, 3-5-2 WAC) earned the number fifth seed in the tournament and will face number-fourth seeded New Mexico State (5-14, 4-6 WAC) in the first round on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

CSUB women’s soccer head coach Gary Curneen said they are hoping to use the fact that the tournament will be at home as their advantage, but he added that they need play well and give the fans something to cheer about

CSUB’s senior goalkeeper Tori Ornela said that having the tournament at home means a lot to the seniors.

“It’s just a confidence boost

to see how far we can get,” Ornela said. “If we do win that, that’s our goal is to win that championship. That’s always been our goal since the beginning of preseason and that hasn’t changed.”

The winner of the CSUB-NMSU game will play against No. 1-seeded Seattle University in the semifinals on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

Director in Facilities in the Athletics Department and Director of the WAC Tournament Matt Singer said that the first 50 students or fans will receive free tickets.

Since it’s a WAC Tournament, there aren’t any free tickets to anybody, so these tickets will be purchased by athletics and given out to the students or fans for free.

The price for the passes to get in the games vary.

It’s \$25 for adults, \$12 for youth (4-17), \$12 for seniors (60-plus), \$12 for WAC students and \$12 for WAC staff.

All-session passes and single-session passes are currently on sale and to secure your seats or for more details, contact the CSUB Athletics Ticket Office at (661) 654-2583 or tickets@csub.edu.

Singer also said to host the tournament will cost around \$8,000.

“We are projecting to bring in around \$8,000 in ticket sales, so depending on how much we make in ticket sales probably no cost.”

Siegfried added that if they had to travel for the tournament the cost would be \$10,000 because of travel cost.

Siegfried added that what he wants out of having the tournament at CSUB is for every student athlete to have a great time.