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## Student Union turns 20 years old

By Layne Ogle  
Staff Writer

Throughout the month of April, CSUB has been celebrating the 20th birthday of the Student Union, leading up to a ceremony that took place on April 18 in memory of the day the doors first opened.

While also being the location for the Roadrunner Bookstore, the Student Union is home to all ASI offices, student involvement offices, and Rowdy's Place.

All of these locations add a sense of belong-

ing and a place where all students will feel welcomed.

The CSUB website describes the Student Union as "a casual lounge, which gives students a fun, relaxed setting to unwind between classes or after a long day." It is definitely seen as that; the lounge is stocked with table tennis and other various activities to allow for students to interact with their friends in a laid back environment.

This fun hangout spot is more than just a place to gather and "chill" with your friends and it is more than just a building. The

Student Union is a welcoming place that has helped shape the futures of many young students and that, in itself, is worth celebrating. E.J. Callahan, treasurer on the Board of Student Union Directors, recalled his experience as a student when the doors opened in 1994.

"Every time I walk through the doors it's like I'm reliving my undergraduate years," said Callahan.

Assistant Director of Campus Programming, Emily Poole, along with several other

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The 20th birthday of the Student Union kicked off by the cutting of the cake, led by Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Thomas Wallace on Friday.



## Students stay up all night to help kids during 24-hour event

By The Runner Staff

California State University, Bakersfield held a dance marathon benefitting the Lauren Small Children's Medical Center.

The event was held in the Student Union on Friday, April 18 at 7 p.m. and lasted until 7 a.m. on April 19.

"The marathon will raise money for equipment and supplies for kids to be treated here in Bakersfield instead of having to go out of town to be cared for," said Lauren McCain, a registered nurse from the Children's Medical

Center.

The marathon featured many different activities, from a dance floor in the Blue Room to people showing off their amazing breakdancing skills.

"Thank you for helping kids like me," said Dewayne Figures as he took center stage.

Figures has received treatment at the Children's Medical Center for his acute asthma.

The Dance Marathon charity benefit event was an excellent opportunity for students to give back to the community and help children while being with their friends and dancing the night away.



Above: Students participate in the annual Dance Marathon supporting the Children's Miracle Network in the Student Union on April 18, 2014.

Below: Andrew Rosales, a 19-year-old CSUB freshman, shows his moves on the dance floor.

## CSUB raises awareness about human trafficking

By Hiba Ali  
Staff Writer

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, and California State University, Bakersfield has shown its support for the innocent children who have been abused or sexually harassed by presenting a local movie called "Trade of Innocents" at the Student Union.

The Student Union presented the film for all students and staff on April 16.

The United Nations Children's Fund has estimated that Human Trafficking is now the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world. More than one million children are trafficked each year.

Like any other criminal act, human trafficking is an underground activity that is prohibited all around the world, as it should be. Human trafficking affects numerous amounts of parents, including women, men, and children.

The movie shows children, starting with the age of six, which were sold to a man to sell their bodies for sex in exchange for money. The movie showed that children could not choose their life. Some of the young girls were sold, and others were taken from their parents.

Emily Poole, the Assistant Director of Campus Programming, decided to show "Trade of Innocents" in order "to provide opportunities to students to learn about what sexual assault is, and the resources on

campus that we have."

"The students and committee, made up of faculty, staff and students, wanted to include an anti-human-trafficking component with the sexual assault month awareness," Poole added.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "In the United States, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men have been raped in their lifetime and nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men have experienced other forms of sexual violence at some point in their lives."

The CDC is trying hard to stop this horrifying activity and helping the people who have gone through it.

Teaching children at a young age about assault and giving them a safe place to talk about their questions and concerns is paramount in preventing further issues such as trafficking and abuse.

"Spread the word out, not only to college students, but also younger students; especially kids these days with social media and stuff," said Ghassan Bin Rasheed Al-Olaimi, a 24-year-old CSUB student.

The next Brown Bag Discussion will have sexual abuse survivors and local women, who will talk and share their story of being survivors after being human trafficking victims. The discussion will be held on Thursday, April 24 from noon til 1:00 p.m. at the Stockdale Room.

## Students seek opportunities and internships at Career Day

By Juana Martinez  
Photographer

Career Day began early in the morning from 10 a.m. til 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 at the Runner Café Quad. It was a bright clear sky, suitable weather for a student to meet potential employers and get hired on the spot.

Many companies and organizations attended Career Day at California State University, Bakersfield, such as Bolthouse Farms, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Panda Express, Ikea and OXY, just to name a few.

Some companies were there to seek volunteers, recruit candidates and to promote their businesses.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is a nonprofit organization working in prioritizing cancer issues at national levels.

It is an affiliate of American Cancer Society. Currently ACS CAN is seeking volunteers to

help at Relay For Life, which will take place on May 3, 2014.

Stephanie Baker, a volunteer and cancer survivor at ACS CAN, said that, "ACS CAN is the political side of American Cancer Society. They go out and fight for the laws to change through the legislatures."

ACS CAN provides agendas, and background on laws that are backed by them. One of the laws that ACS CAN helped make was the no smoking inside businesses. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer go to [www.acscan.org](http://www.acscan.org) to sign up on the group's website.

The Boys and Girls club is also looking for volunteers who would like to be mentors.

APPLUS oil and gas service company is an international company from the Netherlands. They support 450 employers in California.

An APPLUS employee said, "What we are

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Students mill around the Runner Café Quad on Wednesday, April 16 to meet potential employers and inquire about volunteer opportunities. Businesses and nonprofit organizations alike participated in Career Day, such as IKEA, Panda Express and The Boys and Girls Club.



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# Refusing vaccines is unwise

Anthony Jauregui  
Senior Staff Writer

Throughout the history of the earth there have been numerous viral outbreaks such as the Bubonic Plague, American Plagues of the 16th Century, and Myspace. Each time we were affected by viral outbreaks, we weren't prepared. Now that we're prepared, people don't want to use them. Unfortunately, when those events occurred, we were not prepared for them.

Now, science has advanced so much that we are prepared for viral outbreaks of measles and smallpox and such. But, now some parents are denying vaccinations for their children because there is speculation that vaccinations cause autism and other health disorders.

Though most of these are speculation, parents continue to deny vaccinations because they heard a rumor going around that vaccinations cause illnesses. Or, that the government is behind this conspiracy to infect the world.

Hey, we live in a free country where

you can do whatever you want with your kids, but there are consequences to not having your child vaccinated.

According to the California Immunization Coalition, "During outbreaks unimmunized children may be mandated into quarantine or isolation. Simply not being vaccinated could mean that your child care or interaction with others until the outbreak is over." If there's an outbreak and you nor your child are vaccinated you pose a threat to the rest of the community.

I don't think it is worth the risk, nor hassle to deal with school districts and universities when you do not have vaccinations. After all, we need immunization records to attend college.

According to a blog from Dr. Jennifer Raff, who holds a Ph.D in anthropology and genetics, in regards to rumors that are made to discourage people from getting vaccinated, "Some are doing it for profit, trying to sell their alternative remedies by making you afraid of science-based medicine." She also adds, "But as a certain astrophysicist recently

said, 'The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it.'"

For some time, Jenny McCarthy was on the anti vaccine bandwagon because her child had autism. Now, she's saying she was never anti-vaccine.

The anti-vaccine coalitions had McCarthy, an ex-playboy model, as their spokeswoman. At least the pro-vaccinations side has scientists and non-playboy models.

The backlash against vaccinations is from people who have a bone to pick with them and their effects. There are a myriad of blogs and forums of parents saying they are bad because they make

Photo by Juana Martinez



children sick. Then there are families that have been living without vaccines for generations without so much as a cough.

People should not risk the consequences of not getting vaccinated just because they heard of some conspiracy that they cause sickness. Vaccinations are like an employee who works extremely hard bending over backwards for a manager, but gets immediately steamrolled when he does one thing wrong. Vaccinations were amazing until someone got sick and blamed doctors. We should not ignore what vaccinations have done for our world.

# Bako stereotypes miss the mark

By Alex Ripepi  
Opinions Editor

Within the past year, the Internet has been bombarded with what some would call "click-bait" websites.

What that entails is the Buzzfeed style article that lists around ten places, people or ideas that are relatively innocuous, and very eclectically appealing.

Recently, an article was posted regarding 10 stereotypes that Bakersfield citizens exemplify.

However, the general attitude on the page is that the author was off base, and many of the stereotypes are incorrect, so let's go through them one-by-one.

**"1. Folks in Bakersfield are more west Texas than West Coast"**  
Okay... so this is actually pretty accurate.

We do have a pretty deeply-rooted country scene, and a precedent for famous country singers coming from our town has been set in the past.

But seriously, we literally have a building named after Buck Owens (not that he is undeserving of praise). Also, we are extremely conservative as a community. We may as well be living on an actual red dot in a giant ocean of blue.

**"2. The Bakersfield soundtrack is way more Nashville than L.A."**  
See #1.

**"3. People in Bakersfield are obsessed with the Bakersfield Blaze."**  
Honestly I have no idea where this came from. One might even say it came out of left field. Personally, I've never discussed the Blaze organically, and I can't recall ever going to a game. Nor is this something that any of my friends talk about.

No offense to anyone on the Blaze, you just simply aren't an obsession to the point this article states.

**"4. Bakersfield folks have high school spirit (Yes, they do!)"**  
While I can't vouch for everyone, as a Bakersfield High School grad, I can say that high school spirit is a fitting stereotype for me.

With their recent state win, the pride I have as a Driller (once and always) was renewed, and I am guilty of occasionally referring to them as "my team."

**"5. In Bakersfield you can start your meal out with an order of pickled tongue. Yes, that's a thing."**  
This... uh... this isn't really a stereotype? I mean... yes? It is most assuredly possible to eat an order of pickled

tongue in Bakersfield. Maybe the author meant to say that we're all Basque? And while that certainly isn't true, pickled tongue itself, one tiny facet of Basque culture, is delicious.

If the stereotype is that all Bakersfieldians love the dish, I'm a one-man evidence of that. In all honesty though, a lot of people hear the word tongue and run away fast.

**"6. Matt of fact, Bakersfieldians are total foodies..."**  
For my opinion of this, refer to The Runner's April 16 article "Foodie culture a load of curd."

**"7. ... And it's filled with people who kind of can't breathe."**  
Why thank you for not only implying that everyone has asthma or some other respiratory issue, but also trivializing them with comedy!

While breathing issues are just hilarious to some people, some of us living in the Central Valley actually do have serious chronic health issues due to breathing air that collects pollution from every surrounding area. But, seriously, it's a problem.

**"8. Bakersfieldians have Oklahoma roots."**  
Well, we also apparently have Basque

roots. I could generalize for hours that different areas have high concentrations of a specific race or ethnicity, but, yes, we do actually have a lot of ancestral Oklahomans living in our town. It was better than living in the Dust Bowl apparently.

**"9. Bakersfieldians complain about their city and leave as soon as they have the chance."**  
Yes.

**"10. If outsiders talk smack about their hometown, Bakersfieldians defend Bako to the end."**  
This point is the one that makes me think the author simply doesn't live in Bakersfield.

I may point out that it isn't a giant steamy pile, but I have to say, I find more camaraderie in making fun of my town than rushing to champion its cause.

We're polluted, we're illiterate and dammit I live here for now. So if I need to use humor to cope with being here, then so be it. But as polluted as it is, as illiterate as our population may be and however long it takes me to run the hell away from this place, it will always be my hometown, just as it will always be a hometown to so many other people.

# Semester change mostly positive

By Richard Garibay  
Senior Staff Writer

By now you've probably heard all of the talk about the big change from quarters to semesters happening in 2016. You've most likely also heard the two sides arguing endlessly either in support of or against the change.

When it comes down to it the change is really from three five unit classes per quarter to five three unit classes per semester, which means more classes and twice the amount of time in that class.

The "Discussion Paper: Conversion of Academic Calendar from Quarters to Semesters" packet states that, "The administration currently believes that a semester conversion would best serve the long-term needs of students and the institution as whole."

From what I have read that is actually true.

It brings up important points like failing students being able to take more time to catch up than they can with the current system.

The packet also says the change will increase the efficiency of CSUB because it "... reduces workload by reducing the number of academic-year term-based processes from three to two times per year."

This basically means offices that deal in things like financial aid and academic advising

won't have to scramble around for three times a year, only two.

Junior communications major Zachary Gonzalez brought up a very good point in support of the change, "It's going to give students an opportunity to really immerse themselves in what they're learning," which is very true as they'll spend more time in the classes.

**Another concern I have is that more time means more opportunity to fall behind not catch up. Maybe it's just my glass half empty outlook but with quick quarters I'm out of a class before I've had the opportunity to give up.**

There is, however, another side to this argument.

When asked about the change, junior theatre major Kayleigh Jacobs said, "I don't like it at all because I was on semesters at BC and I love quarters so much because as soon as I start to get bored with my classes they're over. You don't have that extra five weeks of pretending like you care."

I completely agree with her. A mathematics major that has to spend twice as long learning about Shakespeare might as well be in hell.

Another concern I have is that more time means more opportunity to fall behind not catch up.

Maybe that's just my glass half empty outlook but with quick quarters I'm out of a class before I've had the opportunity to give up.

When it comes down to it I believe that the change from quarters to semesters will benefit CSUB itself and those 2016 freshman who will start with the semesters.

This leaves those people who must endure the change in an awkward position.

To you I say suck it up, it isn't all about you.

President Mitchell's announcement of the change states that the university will strive, "to provide individualized academic planning for every student, no loss of academic progress, no extended time to degree completion, and no additional cost for degree completion for students who meet with university academic advisors, develop an approved academic plan, and follow the plan."

Realize that this change will be positive for the bigger picture.

However, I don't believe the administration should tell you it's the greatest thing since sliced bread.

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# CSUB revamps website, hires new webmaster

**By Kennedy Thomas**  
**Web Editor**

California State University, Bakersfield’s Office of Public Affairs and Communications has recruited a new web communications manager to handle content management and technical problems reported regarding the new school website.

Stacey Childress, former web services coordinator for Texas Christian University, began work at CSUB on April 21. Although he is still being acquainted with the university’s websites and systems, Childress said he was aware of the priorities of his new position.

“What’s most important is that everything works,” Childress said.

Childress’ last job, at TCU, involved participating in the planning stages of streamlining projects for two university websites. Now, dealing with a finished project, he will deal primarily with quality control issues.

Colleen Dillaway, CSUB’s director of public affairs and communications, selected Childress for the new position.

Dillaway said that Childress’ list of duties will include communicating with department web liaisons to ensure that content is updated and mistakes are corrected, and working with social media to communicate with the public.

In addition to proactively checking the CSUB website for errors and missing content, she

specified that Childress will handle reports sent through the website’s site issues link, directing them to the appropriate departments.

Childress’ hiring comes after the majority of errors with the website have been resolved.

Dillaway said that since the recently refreshed website launched on Jan. 28, various website issues have been reported and fixed, including missing content, broken links, and typos.

During the most egregious period of corrections, immediately after launch, Dillaway “saw maybe 100 emails” of site issue reports.

According to Dillaway, “the week of broken links,” as she calls it, was inevitable, regardless of when the site launched.

“We knew that was going to happen, no matter when we launched it,” she said. “Even if we launched it three weeks from tomorrow, or three years from tomorrow, there would still be a week of broken links.”

The amount of reported site issues has decreased, but there are still instances of missing information.

As of April 21, Associated Students, Inc.’s weekly meeting agendas and minutes for the current spring quarter had not

been uploaded to the website.

ASI Executive Vice President Derek Stotler said that the delay was due to recent “changes in staff,” but will be uploaded “within the next couple of weeks.”

Stotler pointed out that agendas and minutes are currently available upon request directly from the ASI office, with agendas posted 72 hours in advance. He said that minutes will be posted as soon as possible, once approved by the ASI board of directors.

Individual departments and organizations, such as ASI, are now responsible for their own sections of the website.

CSUB Information Technology Consultant Don David said that one of the

changes that came about with the new website was a move to each department managing their own sections via their appointed web liaisons.

He said that each department utilizes the “web content management system” to make changes.

David said that, with regard to the website, the IT department currently functions primarily as support for web liaisons who may need help in managing or updating their sections of the website.

“If you don’t know how to do x,y,z, we’ll at least provide you with training,” he said. “But the main responsibility is still up to you.”

# ASI holds meeting to discuss election handbook

**By Stephanie Cox**  
**Senior Staff Writer**

A riveting debate stirred in the Associated Students Inc. business meeting on Friday.

The topic of discussion was the revision of the 2014 election handbook in which the board talked over adding new hydration stations to campus.

With elections coming up, the first business was amending the agenda and moving the ASI Election Handbook since it had not been finished at meetings prior.

First, changes, which were made previously to the document, were shown.

The first change was that now all students would be able to vote for all positions.

In the past, if a student is an Arts and Humanities major they could only vote for Arts and Humanities.

Next, the eligibility for Election Coordinator was changed from not allowing any previous ASI members to only an ASI member from the last four years is ineligible.

Another major change was for a “Single Transferable Vote Process” that would eliminate the chances of having to hold a run-off election.

The new voting process would eliminate the need for a 50 percent plus one vote to win. Previously, if 800 students voted out of 3 candidates one candidate would need 401 votes to win.

If no one got 401 there would be a re-vote, in which the one with most votes would win.

Now, voters will rate there candidates assigning numbers for who they most like to who they least like.

With this new process the possibility of a tie or a run-off is, as Executive Vice President Derek Stotler, said, “extremely unlikely.”

The previous meeting sparked a debate by Ricardo Perez, Arts and Humanities Director, who said he didn’t believe that ASI should implement this handbook now due to the

upcoming elections.

Perez felt that it wasn’t enough time to explain the new process to students.

“I think we’re the dream team. We can educate our students. We have the board to do it, and yeah, it’s a challenge, but I have never seen you guys back down from a challenge,” Stotler said.

Victor Ortiz, General Studies Director said, “This is a good process, however, just give the time to students. It’s very time-consuming to explain the changes to our students.”

Sara Melgar, Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering Director said, “I know the changes are more minor than major, but I think it’s best to move this from this year to next year. It would be more beneficial if we

implement it next year. Some of us are still kind of iffy.”

After all discussion ended, ASI President Hilda Nieblas asked for a motion on a vote to pass the changes made to the election handbook.

The vote passed.

No word was added if the new handbook would be implemented this year or next year.

The next item discussed was the addition of hydration stations to the California State University, Bakersfield campus.

ASI had been granted a \$1,000 grant from Greenovation Fund as part of CSUB’s beautification and recyclemania.

The grant would fund three hydration stations onto campus.

A hydration station isn’t just a fancy word for water fountain. In fact, the new units would also provide retro fit top filling stations where students can refill their water bottles, reusable water bottles or cups. The station also has a count per every 12 ounces how many plastic bottles have been saved.

“We haven’t spent our reserves – really, any of our reserves – in a very long time. This would be a great thing to give to our students,” Stotler said.

Stotler also spoke with CSUB President Mitchell, who addressed making a sort of senior class project. This project would be the first of its kind.

The next ASI board meeting will be this Friday, April 25, in the Student Union Multipurpose room at 3:15 p.m.



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# Student Affairs Report

## Brown Bag Discussion

*Sexual Assault Awareness Month*

Thur. April 24th, 2014  
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Stockdale room  
(Inside Runner Cafe)

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Consent Project Student Union (MPR) April 30th 6:00pm-7:00pm	From Backpack to Briefcase “Crafting a plan” CECE April 30th 5:00pm-6:00pm	From Backpack to Briefcase “Mastering the Interview” CECE May 7th 5:00pm-6:00pm
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# Student copes with loss of a loved one

By Athena Skapinakis  
Advertising Manager

On April 9, 2014 at 8:15 p.m. my grandmother died.

I knew this day would come.

The deafening silence of my vibrating phone was a harbinger of the death as an unfamiliar number flashed on its screen.

I answered, hoping, praying, it was just a classmate with a question about an assignment or even a wrong number. But I knew it was the call to let me know the inevitable.

Upon hearing the news, I felt detached and yet totally aware as the world around me became distorted, drained of color and wrong.

None of that moment was real to me, and yet it was the most real thing I could feel.

We are all born to die. It's a fact of life easier to preach to another rather than to hard-swallow it ourselves.

For the past few years with my grandmother straddling the fence of life and death, I'd been trying to mentally prepare myself for that bitter dose of medicine.

C.S. Lewis once said, "No one ever told me grief felt so much like fear."

Losing a loved one has always been by far my greatest fear.

There is no way to prepare for that amputation, so excruciating and heartbreaking a process.

It's like trying to brace yourself to break every hard bone in your body.

You flinch with every agonizing crack and fracture, entirely aware of pain so real that you almost feel numb, transcended to some surreal state of being as if an onlooker rather than a victim of life's cruelties.

But you do feel it—ready or not.



Photo courtesy of Letty Skapinakis

**I would always take naps with my grandma to let her know I was there with her.**

Every person faces this at some point, and acceptance seems an intangible distance to reach. It can be especially trying when you are in college, burdened by academic responsibility.

But I crossed that unfathomable distance and have reached acceptance.

My Grandma Lucy had greatly suffered. She had been bed-ridden, losing her mind to dementia as she battled diabetes, Alzheimer's and several other maladies.

Her vigor and health were lost. Every time I visited her, I felt a great sorrow in my heart.

She was no longer the woman I was accustomed to seeing—the one who smiled when she delivered her wit, who sang her favorite hymn, who helped teach me Spanish, who told me fascinating stories of her life, and who played with my hair in the gentle, soothing way only a grandmother could.

The luster of life had diminished because of the diseases, the illnesses, and the despair I'm sure she felt while it all slowly overcame her.

When I say that I would not bring her back if given the chance, I mean it.

I mean it in a way that I know where she is now, and that she is better.

It eases my heart to know she is whole again, with God, and that one day when my time is up, I will see her again. Looking forward to that reunion is all I can do.

Until then, I realized that I must appreciate my grandmother's daughter, my wonderful mother. She is a beautiful being, sculpted by the hands of my equally beautiful grandmother.

I'll remember my grandmother in the best times, not the worst, and cherish every pearl of wisdom as my treasure. And I will wait patiently, keeping her locked firmly in my heart, until she and I meet again.

On April 9, 2014 at 8:15 p.m. my grandmother found peace.

## In Loving Memory of Grandma Lucy

June 25, 1940 – April 9, 2014

*Todavía estás conmigo en algún lugar  
que sólo nosotros conocemos.*

*You're still with me somewhere only we  
know.*

## Athena's Tips for Coping with Loss:

\* Allow yourself enough time to grieve.

\* Return to your daily routine to keep your mind off.

\* If you have a faith, turn to it and find comfort in it.

\* Tell your professors so that they can understand your situation.

\* Seek a grief counselor or therapist if needed be.

\* Don't withdraw from everyone.

\* Talk about it and share your feelings with those you're close to.

\* Stay away from depressing or sad songs, or any music that makes you feel that way.

\* Don't let anyone else tell you how to feel; you own your feelings, not them.

\* Let your loved ones comfort and support you through this.

### CSUB Counseling Center hours:

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# On-campus hangout contributes to student success

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committee members put a lot of time and effort into planning the event because of its importance to the student body. The event also consisted of free celebratory items such as key chains, lanyards, and cake. Poole said that the most successful aspect of the Student

Union is associated with "student growth and development."

Spirit Coordinator Arthur Smith states why students should take the time to celebrate the Student Union reaching 20 years.

"I think this event is important for people to see and understand that over the past 20 years

not only has the Student Union served as an on-campus place for people to come enjoy a sporting event or get their books, but also a place where students have developed into young adults through the clubs and organization within these halls," Smith said.

Campus Programming and

ASI have been responsible for planning and hosting many extra-curricular events on campus.

The Brown Bag Discussion and the Fireside Chat have been excellent ways to reach out to students and involve them in improving themselves and the school as a whole.

The Student Union is also hosting the Ethics Bowl to take place May 17.

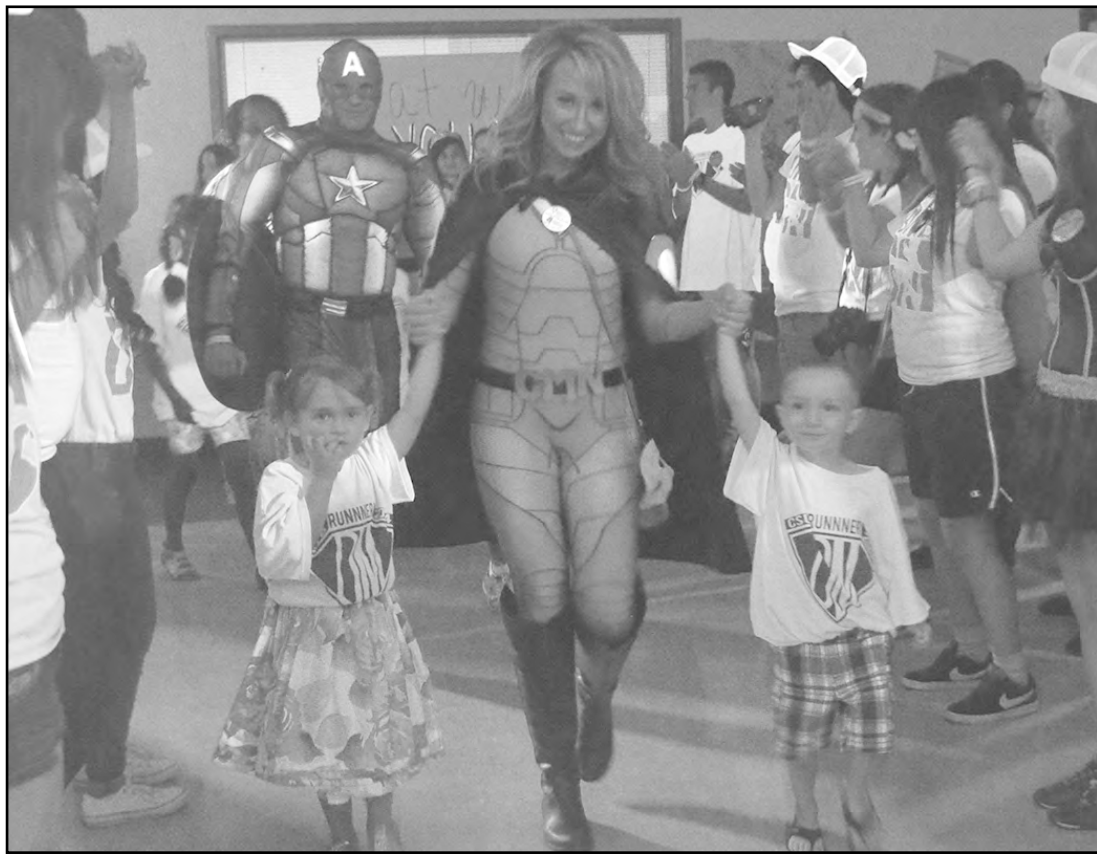
In addition to many events that have been and will continue to be held here, the Student Union is looking to expand. Dr. Thomas Wallace, Vice President of Student Affairs, remarked on the history of the

building.

"It is important that we know where we've been so we know where we're going," said Wallace.

Wallace also said that while the campus and student body are growing it is time to update and expand the building of the Student Union as well.

# Community dances to raise funds for children's hospital



Above: CSUB students hold hands in unison to support families of the Children's Miracle Network as they enter during the opening ceremony during the Dance Marathon on April 18.

Right: Christian Elston, a senior computer science major, enjoys the Dance Marathon with friends in the Student Union.



Marisel Maldonado/ The Runner



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# Oildale, crack heads and Lorde: Oh, my!

By Christopher Short  
Staff Writer

Kern County is historically known for three things: country music, meth and agriculture. As one can imagine, the stereotypes run wild. From the cowboy to the tweaker, Bakersfield has its own plethora of societal stereotypes.

Oildale, otherwise known as the “08,” has its fair share of what is considered, stereotypical entrapment. One can see this captivity in its crime rates, drug infestation, and human trafficking issues.

Sean Flowers, a 25-year-old musician and local native, truly captures the essence of this imprisonment in his Lorde “Royals” parody titled, “Oildale Royals.” With over 50,000 views on YouTube, the song continues to gain popularity.

Using music and comedic relief, Flowers wraps some of Oildale’s biggest social issues in a blanket of satire.

“My inspiration for the song was simply living in Oildale. The stuff you see is so unfathomable sometimes that you can’t help but just laugh,” said Flowers.

Flowers, has lived in Oildale for the past three years and has seen it all: the good, the bad and the ugly.

The “Oildale Royals” lyrics clearly display this in the following stanzas:

“ And everyone’s like no  
teeth don’t care  
How ya like my long hair?  
I got those drugs  
Come on over I’ll share  
Hit that pipe  
It’ll have ya feelin’ real nice  
Until you come down  
‘Cause I’m Oildale Royal  
You won’t catch me sleep-  
ing  
I’m up all hours of the  
night  
I think I’m bad ass cause I  
fight  
Check out all of my tattoos  
I sure do love my Swazi  
And damn it I’m cool  
Sippin’ on my forty ”



Adriana Vega/The Runner  
**Sean Flowers, the creator of the “Oildale Royals” song and YouTube video, has lived in Oildale for three years.**

**“While humorous in nature, I feel that some Oildale residents might find the song offensive and a misrepresentation of the people from there.”**

Oscar Sandoval

If you name all of the Oildale stereotypes off the top of your head, they’re all present.

“Obviously not everyone in Oildale fits the lyrics, but the stereotype of someone from Oildale is in the lyrics to a ‘T,’” said Flowers.

So, what has the local response been to such a controversial lyric?

“I have received a lot of feedback. As for the negative, I haven’t received a single comment, message, or complaint about the song. Not one. All I have heard has been great,” said Flowers enthusiastically.

However, students at California State University Bakersfield are more apprehensive.

“Part of me wants to laugh because it’s a decently-written parody of a popular song,” said Ruben Carrillo, a 27-year-old music major. “But the other part is uncomfortable because most of these things are nothing to joke about. I think the musical aspect of it detracts from the seriousness of it, but it definitely should serve to get people talking about it.”

There is also the fear that some Oildale locals will be upset about the song’s sweeping generalizations.

“While humorous in nature, I feel that some Oildale residents might find the song offensive and a misrepresentation of the people from there,” said Oscar Sandoval, a 21-year-old psychology major.

When serious societal issues are masked in satire, stereotypes are enshrined and thrive in ignorance. In this light, “Oildale Royals” is not only a source of entertainment, but also a plea for help, change and awareness.



Crismat Mateo/The Runner  
**Andre Carino, a second grader, enjoyed feeding the goats and all the other animals inside the Children’s Park at CALM as the park celebrated Spring Fling on Apr. 18, 2014.**

## California Living Museum provides wildlife experience for children



Crismat Mateo/The Runner  
**Left: One of the black bears at CALM wakes up to say hi to the park visitors for spring fling on Apr. 18, 2014.**

**Below: Children of all ages were able to feed the different animals at the Children’s Park inside the California Living Museum in Bakersfield on Apr. 18, 2014.**



Crismat Mateo/The Runner  
**Terri Hayes, a CALM employee, teaches a little girl about the life cycle of a tortoise during the park’s spring fling event on Apr. 18, 2014.**

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Freshman goalkeeper Courtney Wahlstrom attempts to save a San Jose State attempt on Friday's 13-10 loss at Hillman Aquatics Complex. Wahlstrom finished the game with eight saves.

Diana Olivares/The Runner

## Water polo battles until the very end



Senior freestyle Taylor Hanson battles for the ball with a Spartans player during Friday's Mountain Pacific Sports Federation matchup against San Jose St. at Hillman Aquatics Center.

Diana Olivares/The Runner

## Is the NCAA finally losing power?

By Nate Sanchez  
Sports Columnist

The National Collegiate Athletic Association's grip on control of college sports is beginning to loosen. For years, the non-profit organization has reaped the benefits of a billion-dollar industry on the backs of modern-day slaves.

In the midst of the controversy surrounding the rights to unionize recently exercised by the football players of Northwestern University, the NCAA finds itself with its back against the wall once more.

After the University of Connecticut's men's basketball championship victory earlier this month, guard Shabazz Napier mentioned to the media that he and other athletes would often go to bed "starving."

Last week, the NCAA's legislative council got rid of all of its restrictions on food for athletes.

NCAA President Mark Emmert mentioned that this conveniently-timed legislation has been in

the works for over two years on ESPN's Mike & Mike. A twitter Q&A session allowed fans to ask Emmert about his position on the issue, and it did not go well.

The consensus among those who chimed in was that the NCAA isn't doing enough by releasing restrictions on food and snacks.

The issue is bigger than food. While this is a huge step toward the liberation of student athletes, Emmert still makes \$1.7 million according to the NCAA's tax return.

Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski made \$7.2 million last year, Alabama's head football coach Nick Saban was paid over \$5 million last year.

The players to whom these men have built their success remain without compensation for the extra time and effort they put into making millions of dollars for their school.

Coaches, in addition to financial compensation, are allowed more freedom. They are allowed to bounce from school

to school as they please in search of a contract. Players, if they want to transfer, must receive a written letter of permission from their current coach and must spend a full year at their current school. Then they have to sit out the year at their new school. A year without playing can be detrimental to a player's future career.

The purpose of college is to prepare its young men and women for the future. Besides an education, why withhold students from opportunities to find work elsewhere? Other students are allowed to make money on their creative enterprises, why not athletes.

The student athletes make more money for the school than their education is worth. In many cases, the athletes go pro before they even finish school. The NBA only requires one year of college. The NFL requires two. What's the point of getting an education if you're going to end it halfway in?

## Softball wins first WAC series over Seattle University

By Stephany Bravo  
Staff Writer

The 'Runners women's softball team had an efficacious win in a doubleheader against the Seattle University Redhawks, scoring 2-1 the first game and 3-0 the final game on Saturday April 19 at the CSUB softball complex.

The 'Runners, with a current record of 13-35-1, started their first game with two runs in the fourth inning.

"We all just came out strong, we wanted to do it for the seniors and to start a winning streak towards the end of the season," said junior third baseman Madison Bundy.

Bundy highlighted the first game by leaping to catch a foul ball delivered by Seattle in the seventh inning, leaving the 'Runners with a 2-1 win.

Before the start of the second game the 'Runners acknowledged and said their dedications to five seniors.

The team, along with Jordan Lovett, the CSUB Superfan, applauded and gave roses to right fielder Taylor DeSilva, catcher Kara Frankhouser, second baseman Shay Fryer, first baseman Amy Ricciardi and left fielder Karissa Veiga on Senior Day.

"It's bittersweet being a senior

but it's been fun. [I] love the team, coaches are great, it's a good program," said senior second baseman Shay Fryer.

Fryer was hindered early in the season with a knee injury but was able to return and help contribute to the team. She attempted to bunt as often as she could, giving the opportunity to drive in runs.

"Just going into everything confident, hitting wise, defensively, just knowing that [I] can do it, and that [I] have the ability to," said Fryer in regards to her ability to overcome her injury.

In the second game, the 'Runners remained stable by playing small ball scoring a run in the first three innings.

The team was not as effective on Friday, losing 4-3 to the Redhawks.

This is the first WAC series victory for the 'Runners since they joined the conference.

"The conference series win was a big thing for us, this is the start to keep playing well, every game is important to keep building for that championship," said Head Coach Crissy Buck-Ziegler.

The 'Runners will travel to Kansas City for a weekend series as the season begins to wrap up.

By Josh Bennett  
Sports Editor

The water polo team wrapped up their regular season with a defeat to the No. 7 San Jose State Spartans 13-10.

In the defeat, senior driver Paige Tsuruda scored three goals, junior utility Janelle Shelby scored two goals, and redshirt junior Bridgette Sousa scored one goal.

Goalkeeper Courtney Wahlstrom finished the game with 8 saves.

The team only trailed by one with under two minutes to play, but turned it over in the Spartan zone and was not able to mount the comeback.

The team concluded the regular season with a record of 12-20. They also went 0-6 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play.

The 'Runners are the 7 seed in the MPSF Tournament which begins on Friday at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. They will play the number two seed, UCLA, at 10:30 a.m.



Adriana Vega/The Runner

Junior pitcher Kelsie Monroe delivers a pitch during the 'Runners 2-1 victory over Seattle on Saturday in game one of their doubleheader. Monroe finished with four strikeouts.

## 'Runner Roundup

By Josh Bennett  
Sports Editor

**Baseball:** The 'Runners won their game on Friday against Texas Pan-American 3-2, but dropped the games on Thursday and Saturday 2-1 and 5-1 respectively.

On Thursday, catcher Ross Hough hit an RBI single in the second inning to give the 'Runners the early 1-0 lead. However, the Broncos mounted a comeback in the bottom of the ninth and won off a walk-off 2 RBI single. Senior pitcher Taylor Aikenhead had seven strikeouts in the loss.

On Friday, UTPA took an early 1-0 lead until Freshman infielder Max Carter hit a sacrifice fly in the third to tie the game. After the Broncos retook the lead, junior outfielder Jordie Hein hit an RBI single

in the fifth inning to re-tie the game. The 'Runners took the lead for good in the seventh inning when junior catcher Ross Hough scored off a UTPA error to seal the 3-2 victory.

On Saturday the 'Runners opened with a 1-0 lead in the second following a RBI single from junior outfielder Andrew Lojewski. UTPA opened up the game with a four-run sixth inning to clinch the win for them.

On Monday, the 'Runners travelled to Kansas State and erased a 2-0 deficit to rally to a 5-2 victory.

Junior infielder Solomon Williams broke a 0-25 slump with a pinch-hit home run to put the 'Runners on the board in the sixth inning. CSUB then tied the game on a Wildcat error. The team scored two

more in the seventh and one in the eighth to seal the win.

**Track and Field:** The men's and women's teams were at the Bryan Clay Invitational at Azusa on Friday. The women's 4x400 relay team, consisting of redshirt freshman Marina Emhoff, freshman Ariana Mariscal, sophomore Erica Wilcox, and junior Lyssa Page finished third with a time of 3:53.17.

**Sand Volleyball:** The team finished third in the inaugural Pac-12 tournament in Santa Monica. On Saturday, the team defeated Arizona State 4-1, lost to No. 1 USC 5-0, beat Cal Poly 4-1, and lost to No. 8 Loyola Marymount 3-2. During the pairs tournament on Sunday, redshirt senior Mariah Alvidrez and graduate Shayna Guitare reached the semifinals.

### Athlete of the Week

Water polo senior freestyle Taylor Hanson scored four times in the team's loss to No. 7 San Jose State 13-10 on Friday. The goals were her first of the season in three games played. Hanson also has seven steals and an assist in her brief playing time.

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