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Outbreak affecting PC connectivity

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McAfee’s false positive outbreak has affected CSUB.

What does this mean?

For the students, faculty and staff that were on campus last Wednesday and attempted to turn on a PC computer, the nightmare of endless work ahead began with no accurate notification as to when the problem would be fixed.

Windows XP systems worldwide that are in alliance with McAfee virus protection services were directed to completely shut down as if the computer was not connected to an outlet.

“McAfee released a new virus definition for their enterprise customers, and we, of course get those automatically and that particular definition was bad, and it caused the virus scanner to assume that a critical window service was actually a virus,” said Information Technology’s Justin Coon.

According to Coon, on some computers individuals would come online the computer would be fine for a minute then the computer would post a message saying

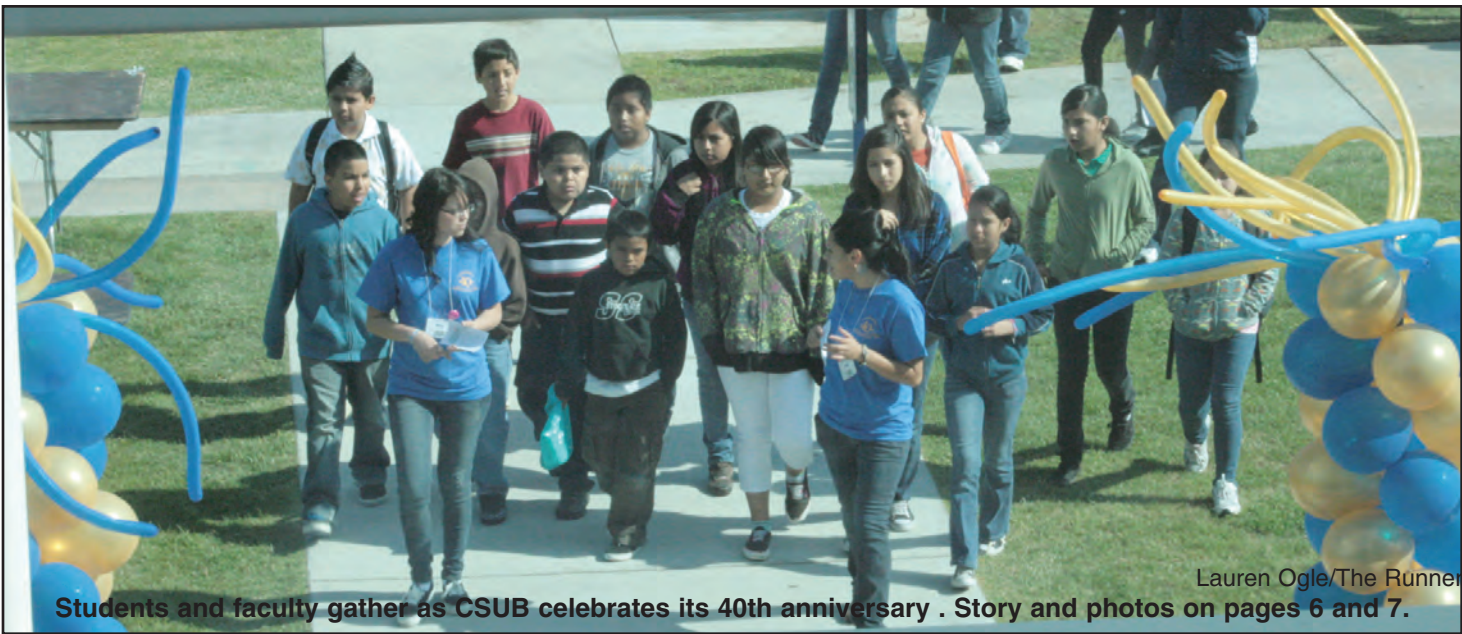
it needed to shut down.

“I was working and pretty much all the computers shut down and it tried to keep on rebooting itself so we had to spot check everyone’s ID. It was just a hassle to do all that,” said John Wilson, service staff member in the Student Recreational Center. “It happen at 8 o’clock on Wednesday. I came in twice that day and it still wasn’t fixed. I worked from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., and then I came back from [noon] to 3 p.m. and it was still messed up, it was a lot of congested traffic, I had to manually write down every one’s student ID,” he said.

Lasharee Walton went to the library after her first class around 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday and she went into the library like she usually does. She does all of her Internet research on campus because she does not have a computer at home.

When she entered the computer lab she said, “I saw an orange sign that was really bright which said all the computers were down due to a campuswide virus, and I found it so inconvenient because this is where I do most of my homework, so I just left.”

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Lauren Ogle/The Runner
Students and faculty gather as CSUB celebrates its 40th anniversary . Story and photos on pages 6 and 7.

Conversion to semesters delayed

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The decision to convert California State University, Bakersfield into the semester system is delayed at this point; however, the change is being seriously considered but would not be made without the provost, who is in charge of academics; management; and salaries.

CSUB is part of shared governance, which means that all members of the community – particularly faculty – have a say on how the university will be run at this point.

“We are at the questioning stage,” said Interim Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs Beth Rienzi, who shared her knowledge of the situation with The Runner.

CSUB is one of 23 campuses in the Cal State system –

most use the semester system. Soon, CSUB could be one of the three universities in the CSU system to remain in the quarter system. East Bay and CSU LA have decided to switch over. Pomona and San Luis Obispo must remain all year-round schools in the quarter system. Four 10-week quarters equals an advantage due to the animals and agriculture that they must take care of.

But why is a change to the semester system being proposed?

It would be much easier if everyone is on the same kind of schedule. It would be easier to transfer and it would reduce costs. More money would go into the instruction for students. However, it would be very difficult to switch over. It would consist of a financial aid process of several years – about two.

Some say more than five years after definite decision.

Why would the semester system save the university money?

In a quarter system the staff is required to post schedules and register students – that sometimes results in overtime for the staff – four times a year. As a change, advising, registering and financial aid approval are only done twice a year in a semester system. Over a period of time, the university would start saving money. There would be a significant workload reduction in processing grades, late grade exceptions and course drops. As a result, the staff and administration would be able to redirect more money for instruction. However, the conversion process is very expensive.

The university would notice no savings until after three years. In addition, all majors

would have to redesign their courses.

However, there would be an advantage because upper-division classes that have a research paper process would be best possible in a semester system. A student learning issue states that a semester system offers students more opportunity.

“Five more weeks for assignments would allow faculty more in depth work for students in their major.”

“Research in cognitive psychology in learning reports that one absorbs more material if it is spread over a period of eight days for half an hour, primacy and recency effect. The first and last thing studied is easier to remember. Students would have a greater advantage if they spread their studies in smaller amounts over a long period to process and use the information.”

Fraternity helps feed the needy

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The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity assembled a can food drive in order to help those who visit the Bakersfield Homeless Center.

Kappa Alpha Psi has been known to give back to the community. They move steadily toward a tomorrow of promise, productivity and influence, according to their Web site.

The can food drive ended on April 24. The fraternity was able to gather a large amount of food and was happy with the support of those who donated.

The Bakersfield Homeless Center provides support and resources to families and individuals in crisis and also helping them to be able to provide for themselves by training and assisting those who seek help.

Those who visit the shelter for assistance come from many different backgrounds. They have all suffered tremendous losses in their lives and need help to get not only survive from day to day, but to get their lives back on track so they can take care of themselves.

“I don’t know what I would do if I couldn’t come to the shelter to eat or sleep. They really take good care of me here. I want to thank all those who donate to the shelter because my life and other people’s lives depend on these

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Runner file photo
Greek week pits CSUB fraternities and sororities against one another through various challenges and competitions.

Annual Greek Week to bring superheroes to CSUB

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CSUB is known to be a commuter campus.

The students think there is not much going on with the campus life.

However, not all students are aware of the organizations on campus, and the events they hold – Greek life.

CSUB has seven different Greek organizations. The sororities are Kappa Delta Nu, Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Sigma

Sigma, Nu Phi Chi and Theta Sigma Chi. The fraternities, not “frats,” on campus are Kappa Sigma, Delta Zeta Tau and Theta Chi.

May 16-21 the campus will be having its annual Greek Week. The theme this year for Greek Week is superheroes. Each house has to pick its own superhero for the talent show, board and house that it will be having competitions for during Greek Week.

Kristy Phillips, Greek Week chairperson for Gamma Phi Beta describes

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Spring barbecue aims to benefit athletes

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Get ready and mark Thursday, May 13 on those calendars, because the 38th annual Spring Barbecue is on its way.

The smell of New York steaks and teriyaki chicken will fill the air as the chefs begin to prepare the main course early that day.

“There will be over 2,500 steaks, eight barbecue pits and about 300 pounds of pinto beans,” said Director of Special Events Mark Mayes over a phone interview.

The menu will include New York steak, teriyaki chicken, salad, beans, bread sticks from Olive Garden, salsa from Mexicali and pies from Marie Callender’s.

The dining will be inside the Icardo Center, while the social aspect of the event will take place in the surrounding area.

Aside from the food, there will be local radio DJs and the special events band will be Thee Majestics.

“They play old school stuff like KC & The Sunshine Band — stuff like that,” said senior and former track athlete Erika Silva.

Silva has attended both the fall and the spring barbecue ever since she has been a student at California State University Bakersfield. This one will be the eighth one she will attend.

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Mark Nessia, Managing Editor and Derek Bato, Web & Opinions Editor

This week, The Runner asked, "What are your thoughts on censorship in the media?"



Fernando Mecias
Senior,
Psychology

"It's more political than anything else. They show what people want you to see."



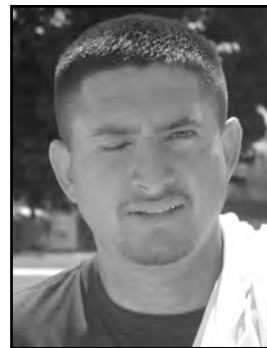
Markus Benavides
Senior,
Psychology

"I am for music censorship, I don't want my kids listening to the F-bomb on the radio."



Abby Orfano
Sophomore,
Nursing

"It's usually biased censorship in the news that depends on what channel you watch."



Chuey Ibarra Junior,
Mathematics

"I am totally against it. It's the public's right to know whatever is being published, as is."

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Letters to the Editor

Residence Life

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In Response to an article written in the Runner, April 14, 2010

One of the most important aspects of living in the residence halls is a strong community. Resident Assistants are responsible for developing the community in their respective residence halls and they work diligently to plan events and get students involved in their community. During the Winter 2010 quarter, the Office of Residence Life hosted eleven different events, working in conjunction with the Health Center, Food Services and University professors. We average one event per week. The main venue for hosting events is the Dining Commons with some building specific events being hosted in residence hall lobbies.

Some of the main topics for Winter 2010 included sexual education and alcohol: Sex, Drugs & Alcohol, and Sex in the Dark. A follow up to that program was a collaboration between the Student Union and Housing in a Speed Dating? program. Other programs had a more social component and offered students an opportunity to be creative and crafty: Express Yourself, was an art program where students from each building created a piece of art to represent their residence hall. Similar events hosted were, Chinese Fans, and, Picture Frame Decorating. Professors have also visited the Residence Halls in the evening to partake in academic programs such as Helping Professionals. Other community friendly events hosted by the Resident Assistant staff included Letter to Soldiers, Aromatherapy, Jeopardy, and 1 vs. 100.

Events happen on a weekly basis in Residence Life, but participation is a necessary component to being an active part of the community. Residents Assistants often provide residents with food and prizes, as well as advertise with posters and fliers in the Dining Commons. Our goal is to provide events for our residents that are fun and that will serve a purpose. We want residents to draw some meaning out of events while having fun and building a strong community so we include components that are fun, educational and developmental. The communities in each building are fairly open. Residents are strongly encouraged to keep an eye out for advertised events, to attend, bring your roommate, and meet new people. If there is something you want to see, talk to your Resident Assistant and they may be able to include it in their line up of events, or better yet, help you in hosting the event! There are over 300 hundred students living on campus. We are open to your feedback and suggestions, but take a risk and invest in making your community as great as you want it to be! Our community is as vibrant, fun, and creative as our residents make it.

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Hate Crimes

By Michael Pawloski
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Recently, the Chico student president, who is African, was stabbed four times from a hate crime incident on campus. Less than a week later, a transgender student was attacked on CSU Long Beach with the word "IT" carved in his chest.

In recent years, crime motivated by prejudice among adolescents has become an amplified societal concern due to increased victimization. In 2008, California reported 1,397 incidents of hate crimes (California Department of Justice, 2008). Only one-third of victims of hate crimes reported the incident to law enforcement, compared to 57% of victims of random crimes. Locally, though the numbers are small, Bakersfield, CA, reports hate crimes as well. In 2008, Bakersfield, Calif., reported hate crimes that were due both to a racial and sexual orientation bias. Therefore, Sabrina Heinze, Becca Moffatt, Amethyst Narron, Megan Solorio and I, Michael Pawloski, are completing a class project for the Advanced Policy class for our MSW, Masters in Social Work, Program. By creating public awareness and establishing early intervention for hate crime perpetrators, we believe that the number of people victimized by hatred will be reduced.

We believe that when school systems do not provide diversity training or knowledge and insight into different cultures and people, increased levels of hatred among our adolescents occur. These biases can manifest into serious acts against another, causing harmful psychological issues for the individual victimized. Due to this, our group wants to establish public awareness by having people sign our petition for high schools to offer a diversity training. We plan on addressing this issue to the Kern High School District Board of Supervisors.

One intervention the schools could possibly utilize to decrease crime occurring is a Freshman and Sophomore high school students' diversity program. This program provides students with the necessary knowledge to be better informed about diversity. The information provided to them should be integrated in their related curricular subject matter, such as United States History. The training should be distributed in a series of three to five sessions, addressing the importance of diversity awareness with information displayed in literature, movies, and guest speakers. During these sessions, there should be ample time to ask questions and investigate some of the stereotypes they may have already heard or adopted.

Through educating Kern County's youth that hate crimes are unacceptable, it is the hope that the students will act in ways that are healthy and appropriate for all individuals in the high school system. Through an evidence-based curriculum, staff and students would be able to see warning signs of possible hate crimes, what to do in the event of a hate crime occurring, and how to continue to deter hate crimes from occurring in the coun-

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‘Kick-Ass’ kicks ass

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What makes a superhero?
Is it the costume?
The powers?
The gadgets?
Or perhaps it's the heart and motivation that makes a person a superhero. That's how high-school student Dave Lizewski began his career as Kick-Ass, a superhero who has absolutely no "powers, training or meaningful reason to do so."

"Kick-Ass" is a movie that follows Kick Ass as he attempts to help people. During his first time at crime fighting he's stabbed and beaten and that tends to happen again throughout the film.

"Kick-Ass" brings a lot of unknown actors to the screen with a couple of famous actors. The most well-known were Nicholas Cage ("Gone in Sixty Seconds" and "National Treasure") and Christopher Mintz-Plasse ("Superbad" and "Year One"). Other actors were Aaron Johnson who plays Kick-Ass/Dave Lizewski, Lyndsey Fonseca who plays Katie Deauxma and Chloe Moretz who plays Hit Girl/Mindy Macready.

Cage plays Big Daddy, who is the spitting image of batman. Cage's character is a father who bestills some valuable life lessons to his daughter, played by Moretz, such as how to take a bullet.

What's humorous is their first scene in the film arguing over their so-called practice. Cage bribes



Moretz that if she'll take two full rounds of bullets without any whining or complaining, then he'll take

her for ice cream. Cool parenting, huh?

"Kick-Ass" is definitely not lying when it says it's rated R. It's full of foul language. For instance, two lines that the 13-year-old Hit Girl says is "Okay you cunts... Let's see what you can do now" and "You just contact the mayor's office. He has a special signal he shines in the sky; it's in the shape of a giant cock."

Violence is another factor when it comes to "Kick-Ass." Throughout half the movie, goons are getting sliced and diced and the good guys are being beaten.

This is definitely a film that can be compared to Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill" series, especially in the scenes where Hit Girl is dressed as a school girl and takes on an entire floor of bad guys. It was like a collaboration of the character of GoGo Yubari and Uma Thurman's character named Beatrix Kiddo.

A lot of superhero movies were referenced and essentially mocked in the film. We heard the "The Dark Knight" leitmotif and Big Daddy resembles Batman. Lizewski mocks Spiderman because Peter Parker felt the need to avenge his Uncle's untimely death, whereas Kick-Ass couldn't because his mother died of a brain aneurism at the breakfast table.

"Kick-Ass" gets four out of five stars due to the fact that I hadn't enjoyed this type of comedic violence since last year's "Zombieland."

What's happening this week?

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28**
Grad Fair 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Runner Bookstore
- BPA Career Fair 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Alumni Park
- THURSDAY, APRIL 29**
"Up" 7:30 p.m.
Bright House Networks Amphitheatre
- FRIDAY, APRIL 30**
An Evening of Opera and Musical Theatre
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Doré Theatre
- Sunday, May 2**
Initiation Ceremony of Alpha Chi and Honors Students
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Albertson Room

‘Rent’ gives new lease on life

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"Rent" by Jonathon Larson portrays the lives of a group of young, destitute artists in the lower east side of New York. As if the quality of life based on setting was not enough to create sad overtones for the plot, several characters suffer through the illness of the HIV/AIDS virus.

"Rent" is playing at The Spotlight Theater through May 9.

Rent has gained significant popularity over the last decade among teenagers and is sparking an interest in young audiences for musical theater. Each protagonist of the story falls into easily identifiable archetypes for teens and young adults: Mark, the artist, inspires those around him by creating his movies without succumbing to temptation of "selling out." Roger, the knight, sac-

rifices himself to protect the best interest of the woman he loves. Tom Collins plays the figurative father to these young men. Angel, both a literary clown and a victim, sweeps the audience's emotional spectrum by making them laugh and cry.

The cast was fantastic. Each actor portrayed his/her archetypal character flawlessly. Several actors notably shed real tears during tender moments.

Joe Cannon's portrayal of Roger set a "punk" overtone throughout the play while being foiled and also complemented by Jonathan Jones' portrayal of Mark as a neo-



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"Rent" was written by Jonathan Larson.

independent.

Mimi and Roger's duet, "Light My Candle," sparked familiarity, sparking memories of film "Say Anything's" use of Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes."

Angel, portrayed by Alex Neal, was very reminiscent of Edna Turnblad, a female role from John Waters' "Hairspray" always portrayed by a man. While Angel is obviously a drag

queen and Turnblad is not, Neal's performance and style choices revive Turnblad's bubbly, lovable character.

Each actor committed entirely. Jessica Merritt's (portraying Joanne) voice is strong and concentrated. Cannon's voice can be angelic and sweet, but the real extravagance is how his singing becomes gritty and caloused over with real angst when conveying Roger's torment.

Mimi's role (played by Veronica Surbur) had some disquieting prerequisites. Not only does Mimi need a top quality physique, but also needs to be comfortable making carnal references about herself while showing a little bit of skin to succeed in her attempt at seduction.

Also, the ensemble was fantastic. Each member of the ensemble had exceptional vocal talent. Furthermore, one could see where an ensemble actor could/would lack in their commitment to an unsubstantial role, but each and every member of this cast shined brilliantly.

The most prominent theme in this play seems to be betrayal. Almost every bond between characters in this play is damaged, more often than not by betrayal.

Neal designed the costumes and selected the wardrobe. Each costume suited its actor and character according to their respective fit and attempted traits. Neal's design not only painted a picture of poverty for the audience, but also allowed the audience to identify the represented archetypes and symbols of each character.

Editors' favorite spring time activity



Ashley Sizemore,
Editor-in-Chief

Swimming. Whether in the ocean or a pool it is very relaxing.



Melissa Villagomez,
Features

Picnics. In a few weeks, we'll be hiding indoors blasting the air conditioner.



Mark Nessia,
Managing Editor

Eating and eating and wondering why I don't have a six-pack.



Racella De Guia,
News

Flying a kite.



Lauren Ogle,
Photos

Frisbee golf. I love to frof.



Olivia Duncan,
Entertainment

Spending time outside because the weather is nice and its perfect for barbecues.



Manny Beltran,
Sports

Pool + bbq + friends + music + beer = good times



Derek Bato,
Web and Opinions

Hot boxing my whole apartment and planting nescastlevania.

Wrestler brings home All-American honors

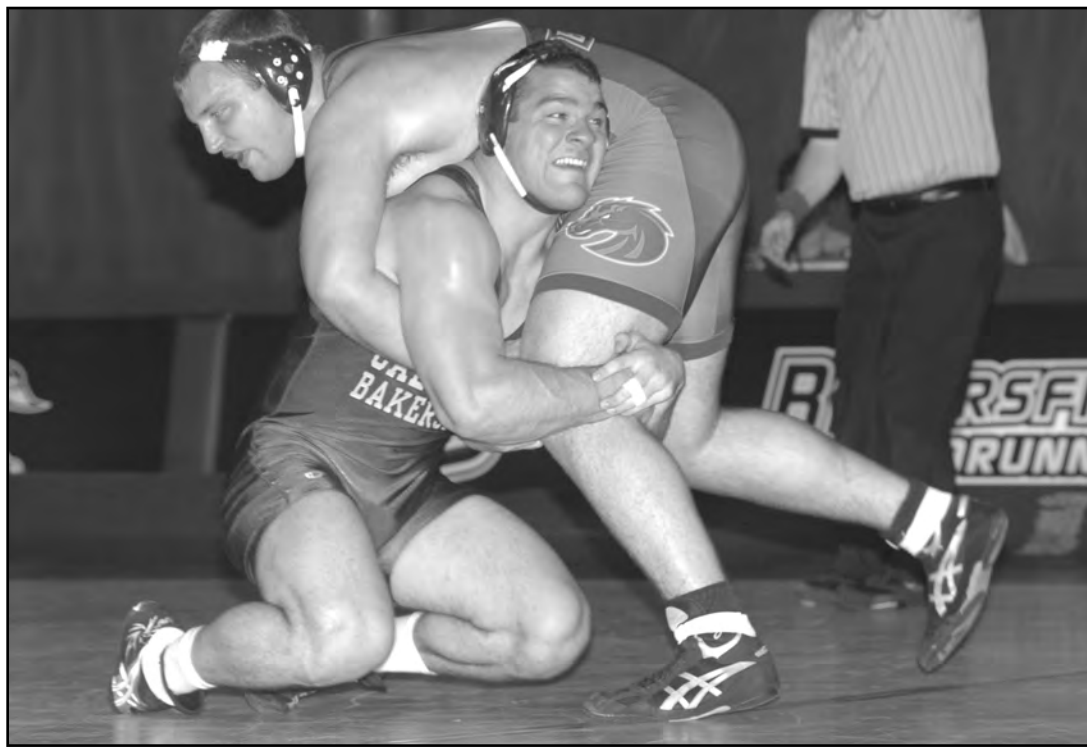
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For the past 20 years, senior Mitchell Monteiro has had nothing but wrestling on his mind. He was introduced to the sport by his father at age 3 and has lived up to become such an amazing athlete.

Following his father, Chris, and older brother Matt's footsteps in wrestling, he would become one of California State University, Bakersfield's best wrestler of all time.

Monteiro has spent the past 20 years of his life dedicated to his love for wrestling and it was no surprise to his coaches and teammates that he would earn All-American Division I honors for 2009-2010.

"This was my first time be awarded All-American. To be named the 44th Division



Senior heavyweight Mitch Monteiro became CSUB's 44th Division I All-American by placing fifth in the 2010 NCAA Championships.

I All-American that CSUB wrestling program has produced in its 37th year is such huge honor," said Monteiro.

With so much dedication

to wrestling and having a great coach like T. J. Kerr, coaching him it was only a matter of time for all his hard work to pay off.

"I'm lucky because

wrestling has paved my way through life to help me receive scholarships and earn a degree from CSUB," said Monterio.

Even though wrestling has

always been a big part of his life, Monteiro is happily working toward his bachelor degree in criminal justice with a minor in physical education.

Choosing CSUB as his university to get his education was an easy decision due to the rich history the wrestling program has had.

This wrestling star is no stranger for being noticed for his amazing wrestling skills. Monteiro was Pac-10 champion and also took fifth place in the nation which gave him the honor to be named as All-American.

"Being raised in a world surrounded by wrestling has helped shape me in so many ways; in ways that I wouldn't ever change. I feel honored for all the awards I've been given and have my family and coaches to thank for it," said Monteiro.

Barbecue May 13

[BARBECUE, from Page 1] will be the eighth one she will attend.

"I love going to it. It is one of the few events that Cal State has that is really big," said Silva.

A lot goes into setting up such a large event where roughly 3,200 to 3,400 people will show up.

"Over 100 volunteers help out during the evening and the Alumni Association prepares all the silverware," said Mayes.

In addition to the volunteers, there will also be many sponsors including Bill Wright Toyota Scion.

The chairman of the event is John Giumarra Jr. of Giumarra Vineyards and the chefs are Gary and Adam Icardo.

"There will be 200 ticket sellers," said Mayes.

Tickets start at \$15 for students and \$25 for general admission, but the price gets higher if purchased during the event itself. The price at the gate rises to \$18 and \$30.

Tickets will be sold at the cashier's office — the same place where parking permits are sold — or at www.gorunners.com.

Off-campus ticket locations include: Food Maxx, Vons, Wells Fargo, Mexicali and Russo's Books.

"All proceeds to the event will go to the Student Athlete's Scholarship," said Mayes.

McAfee update disrupts CSUB networks

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"I was in my calculus class and the computers shut down, and I tried to fix the computer, but I couldn't," said Nicholas Cross, student assistant for ITSS.

So when he realized he could not fix the computer, he went to the ITSS help desk where he works.

By the time he got there CSUB ITSS team had created a fix for the false positive definition. They created a disc labeled SVCHOST.exe and saved the fix onto flash drives as well.

"It is something our campus came up with because

McAfee didn't have it," said Cross.

"It gave us about a minute once we logged in, so we opened the command prompt and typed in 'shut down, dash a,' and that canceled the shut down and from there we copied a new SVCHOST.exe into the computer and updated McAfee. About 67 percent of the computers needed the whole file updated the fix was only 5 to 6 minutes, but we fixed about 300 computers. Windows 7 computers did not shut down," he said.

"Windows 7 has a different location for McAfee files, so McAfee couldn't find it."

"It slowed our work progress down to snail pace for almost half a day. Our IT guys were really good about notifying us that they were working on the problem," said Kathy Velguth, administrative support coordinator. You don't realize how much you rely on your computer until it is not working then it becomes a matter of cleaning files and doing paper work.

Some programs that you wouldn't think twice about running such as word just didn't work anymore. There is a lot of interdependency in the windows component and when a core component

shuts down it starts shutting down other programs, said Nick Rowland ITA coordinator for the help desk.

"We were not as effective as we normally are but we got through it."

The false positive that went out to computers from McAfee also deleted files "so those computers could no longer access the Internet," said Coon.

There is still much talk

about what the whole situation is called. Certain events that occur are usually named immediately. A seminar is simply that and this virus, or SVCHOST.exe, "was an incident that was caused by the very people who were supposed to protect it," said Kenton Miller, the lead for information technology services support.

The event is still currently unnamed.

Bragging rights on the line during Greek Week



Greek Week features games and competitions for sororities and fraternities to participate in.

[GREEK, from Page 1] Greek Week as a "time for Greeks to shine."

"People don't really know there's a Greek life on campus. It's also a great way to bond as different organizations as a whole," Phillips said. Phillips and her sisters will be the Powder Puff Girls.

Jacob Gonzalez, who does public relations for Kappa Sigma said that Greek week is a time to "celebrate Greek life on campus."

Gonzalez, who is a sophomore philosophy major, also said it's a time to get all the Greeks together for a fun and friendly competition, and to

entertain those who are not a part of a Greek organization on campus. Gonzalez encourages those who are interested in joining a fraternity or sorority to come to Greek Week. Kappa Sigma's superhero is Batman, and they will be hosting the barbecue during Greek Week.

One of the competitions from Greek Week is the house building competition. Each sorority and fraternity will build houses based on their superhero theme. This is Amanda Cebell's, who is president of Phi Sigma Sigma, favorite activity from Greek Week. She said she is "really excited about it

because [they] won the house building competition two years ago."

Cebell, a psychology major, also said that she hopes non-Greek organizations will come and support Greek Week so all the organizations can get more involved with each other.

Phi Sigma Sigma's superhero theme is Sailor Moon. Nu Phi Chi's superhero for this year's Greek Week is X-Men.

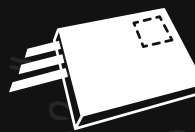
These organizations really want to better CSUB's campus life by making it more fun for students. In order to achieve this, they need the help of all their fellow peers.

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‘Party in the Park’ to raise funds, spirits

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Around every entrance that is laced around campus, one can see a purple sign with a picture of grapes on it. “Party in the Park, May 7” is what first catches the eye.

CSUB Alumni Association is having its 14th annual wine festival. Considering there will be wine and beer served at the event everyone attending must be 21 or older.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and the day of the event they are \$50.

The Party in the Park begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m., but it is not over yet. In the midst of the event, the Jazz Festival will begin at 7 p.m.

If individuals are interested in attending both events, tickets are \$70.

Each year the Alumni Association plans the Party in the Park event the Friday of the festival “to tie the two events together,” according to Director of Alumni Relations Shannon Hill.

According to Hill, Party in the Park originated from the Alumni Association which is

a group of volunteers who decided they wanted to create a fundraiser to help raise money to support alumni programs and scholarships.

“[The event is] not only to get together to enjoy good food, drink and friends, but to bring the alumni and the community together to enjoy what a great campus we have and bring graduates back to campus, but also to provide scholarship funds for students,” said Hill.

“There is usually a 500 to 700 people who comes out,” said Hill.

The public is also invited as long as the individual can verify with an ID that they are 21 or older.

There will be a beer tasting as well – one cup for beer and one for wine.

Hill specified that the scholarship is offered through the Alumni Association it only acknowledges students who have graduated and are studying to get their masters or teaching credentials. Information can be picked up in the financial aid office if graduate students are interested. Each year there are about two to three scholarships dispersed.

Over the years the event has become more



Runner File Photo

The Alumni Association hosts “Party in the Park” every year.

established, same as wine the more it ages the better it becomes.

The event is so students and the community can network and simply have a great time drinking, eating and socializing.

“It is a very unique event,” said Hill.

According to Hill, anyone 21 and over can

come and pour wine half the time and enjoy themselves the other half, their ticket to the event would then be half the price.

If you would like to RSVP a spot, call (661) 654-3211 or stop by the University Advancement office on campus.

Café hosted indoor farmer’s market

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Earth Week has reached its 40th anniversary after getting its start in Philadelphia back in 1970.

This year California State University, Bakersfield teamed up with CSUB Dining to help contribute to this eco-friendly cause.

On Tuesday, April 20, CSUB Dining hosted its first ever farmers market, which featured produce and fruit from California growers.

Weiser Farms, located in Bakersfield and Tehachapi, supplied fingerling potatoes; Polito Farms, from Valley Center, brought tangerines; Jaime Farms out of

Ontario brought baby rainbow carrots; Heirloom Organics, from Hollister, brought spring onions; Life’s a Choke, out of Lompoc, brought asparagus and artichokes; Rutiz Farm from Arroyo Grande, brought spring garlic; and Wong Farms out of Mecca brought sun-gold tomatoes.

The farmers market was scheduled to be held outside of the Runner Café from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., but due to weather conditions, they made a last-minute decision to move it indoors.

“We were a little unfortunate with the weather, but the event was a great success overall. Our goal was to bring attention to local farmers, and offer superior produce to the

students, faculty and staff,” said Rene Hjorth, marketing assistant for CSUB Dining.

The event also got positive reaction from other students who stopped by to look at what was being offered.

“I am very glad to see a farmers market being held on the CSUB campus. It brings attention to healthy eating and it came at a wonderful time because though it is Earth Week. I hope they continue to bring it back each year because I loved it,” said Melinda Litten, chemistry major at CSUB.

“Not only were the fruits and vegetables in good condition, but they also tasted delicious. I have never been to a farmers market and I was

glad to see that CSUB Dining hosted one on campus. I hope this event continues,” said Taylor Bowyer, nursing major at CSUB.

CSUB Dining did more than just have a farmers market to contribute to Earth Week.

The leftover produce was used in a cooking class, which was held on Thursday, April 22, at the Dining Commons. This class was to promote how to cook clean and use healthy foods, which is good for your body and the environment.

Also, top management, including the executive chef, catering manager and food service director participated in Campus Clean-up.

Cardboard recycling was set up throughout the CSUB Dining facil-

ities, as well as bottle recycling in the Runner Café, and battery and aluminum cans, which were collected for recycling at the Dining Commons.

“Currently at the Runner Café you can purchase a reusable coffee mug that comes with the CSUB seal, which will ensure 99-cent refills for the rest of the quarter,” said Hjorth.

There are recycling facilities located throughout Bakersfield that collect aluminum cans and plastic water bottles. Not only will you be helping out the Earth, but you will also receive money for your contribution.

A plan for higher education

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The month of April marks the celebration of California State University, Bakersfield’s 40th year as well as the 50th anniversary of California’s Master Plan for higher education, also known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act.

The name Donahoe may sound familiar to CSUB students through Dorothy Donahoe Hall, which was named in honor of the late California assemblywoman, who was a resident of Bakersfield and helped set the foundations toward the higher education act before her death April 4, 1960.

The act, which was passed 10 years before the CSUB campus opened its doors, set off the foundations toward creating CSUB as it is today, yet rising tuition costs across the state create a shift of focus outside of our own campus, and into the many college campuses across the state.

As students across the state continue to protest against rising tuition costs, they are reacting to the broken prom-

ise of the Master Plan for Higher Education and California’s lack of funding toward education. Situations become even more difficult as current high school seniors find themselves waitlisted in universities, and out-of-state students are finding their way into California colleges at rates greater than before.

University of California, Berkeley has increased its enrollment of out-of-state and international students from 8 percent to 18.5 percent for the fall of 2010. A news release in the Cal website explains that this was done “as part of an effort to generate additional funds during this time of budget deficits,” since non-residents pay the full cost of tuition, an amount which is three times greater than that of students from California.

According to a 2007 study by the Public Policy Institute of California posted on highereducation.org, almost two-thirds of Californians believe that college is necessary for success in the workplace. Also, large majorities believe that getting a college education has become more difficult and is out of reach

for many who are motivated and qualified.

Respectively, this means that Californians are set with the mentality that we need to go to college to succeed; yet those that are truly prepared for college are not necessarily attending one. Californian students find themselves pondering questions such as “do I really need to go to college?” and “how will I cover the costs?”

Paul Flores, a first year CSUB student and pre-engineering major expressed his feelings about the situation.

“Sometimes I feel like just giving up. I go online and see stories of high paying jobs without a degree or about the price of college decreasing the pay gap between a high school graduate and a college graduate and I’m like, I should just drop out already,” Flores said.

The state’s declining inability to assist students does not bring any solutions.

A comparison of CSU tuition costs over will show the decline of state funding through its inability to provide low-cost college tuition for students. During the 1967-’68 school year, CSU students paid an average of

\$99 for tuition, while the state covered the remaining 90 percent of tuition in the amount of \$1,310. This funding is reasonable to the promise of low-costs for college students as compared to a cost of \$4,172 during the 2008-2009 school year where the state covered \$8,738, only 64 percent of the total cost. UC’s have faced state coverage of 58 percent in ’08-’09 as compared to the initial 90 percent in ’67-’68 and these percentages will differ as UC’s faced a 30 percent increase of tuition this year and another 15 percent each year for the next two years.

In a report for Silicon Valley’s Mercury News, Pat Callan of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher education expressed his disappointment stating that “California is supposed to be the great innovator...These university systems have become so big and so complicated. So now, at a time of economic crisis, we suddenly need to be nimble and innovative – but it’s very hard.”

Correction:

In last week’s issue, a story titled “Expressing

creativity at Open Mic Night” – regarding Open Mic Night at Wahoo’s Fish Tacos – had photo of

a student playing the guitar who was identified as Earl Christian. His name is Earl Magiba.

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Freshmen discover CSUB

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This past Saturdays Celebrate CSUB was not only a celebration for the university but also a celebration for the campus' fall 2010 incoming freshmen.

"I think this particular orientation, because it has been coordinated with Celebrate CSUB for the past four years, is able to give freshman some sense of what is available to them," said Therese Elmore, orientation program coordinator. "Whereas other orientations are much smaller and we don't get as much participation. The participation from the Student Union, clubs, faculty and all things available to them are all here at this time. If they had any questions there were people to answer them on this day."

The two sessions of orientation had nearly 700 freshmen show up to take advantage of the opportunities. Each student received a packet that included information on meal plans, dorms, direct deposits, financial aid, registration, university IDs, how to file grievances, a ticket for lunch provided by the Staff Forum and the agenda of activities for the day.

"Orientation has helped me figure out what is required of me," said Janelly Uribe, a graduating Frontier High School senior and incoming criminal justice major.

An overview of university policies and registration procedures was given to freshmen to help inform them of what lies ahead.

Topics such as adding and dropping classes, withdrawals, retaking courses, degree progress, students obligations and requirements were discussed. Obligations and requirements included topics such as academic integrity, myCSUB accounts, payments and financial aid.

"I've been to college before, so I'm pretty familiar with how it works," said Calvin Smith, father of an incoming nursing student. "Us not being from the Bakersfield area, it was a nice introduction to the college. Plus I think this is important to help her be on her own and realize the importance of what she is doing. Even small mistakes can set you back and this gives her the opportunity to learn how to avoid some."

This event also gave freshman the ability to meet with advisers to complete early registra-

tion for fall quarter.

"Getting registration out of the way is nice," said Uribe. "Things get busy around graduation and become overwhelming. It's good to have that out of the way."

An overview of first-year class requirements was discussed with students in an effort to make sure all students were set in the right direction to begin their college careers in fall.

"It gives them the chance to register for classes, that way they don't have to struggle with them this summer," said Elmore. "We try to gear it to get it all done and have them ready to go for the fall semester."

Parent workshops were also provided for parents who wished to be a part of their student's educational opportunities. The workshops were a chance for parents to take campus tours, get information on everything from dorms to financial aid and have their questions answered.

"Parents have separate optional workshops that help to answer any questions they have," said Elmore. "It's for concerned parents who

maybe this is their first time putting through college or they simply want to know the atmosphere their child will experience on our campus."

Whether a parent, student or a Celebrate CSUB was a great opportunity



University President Horace Mitchell addressed the audience



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Community arrives for event

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CSUB has its 40th Anniversary this year and Celebrate CSUB certainly

Celebrate CSUB campus event occurred, and since the 40th anniversary for the university coincided, this year's celebration was very especially extraordinary.

Festivities for this year's event began as early as 8:30 A.M. with a pancake breakfast for those attending and many more attractions came up throughout the day. Events dedicated to the university's 40th Anniversary began around 11 a.m. with the 40th anniversary logo photo opportunity where students, staff and anyone who wanted to get involved formed a giant number 40 on the Science III lawn and posed for the celebratory picture. Any of the first 500 participants, like junior Andrew Mendoza, received a free 40th anniversary commemorative t-shirt for taking part of the event.

"It was pretty cool," said Mendoza. "Even though I've only been part of this university for less than a year, it was nice to take a part of something like this."

Other events dedicated to the 40th Anniversary also took place including the CSUB flag-raising and dedication for the campus' newly designed flag at the recently renovated library circle and the 40th Anniversary cake-cutting.

Throughout the day, clubs and organizations held booths to service any patrons who came to this event, such as CSUB alumni, current and incoming students and also many children who someday may grow-up to become part of the university like their brothers, sisters or parents.

CSUB staff forum hosted a barbecue stand, selling hot dogs, chicken, tri-tip sandwiches and even veggie burgers to hungry customers. Maintenance mechanic Kenny Simpson believes this is the best Celebrate CSUB to happen yet.

"This is the fourth year CSUB Staff Forum took part in Celebrate CSUB and this year is probably the biggest turnout," said Simpson. "We really

engaged the community better this year."

All proceeds from Staff Forum's barbecue go to provide students with scholarships. They have many more events for the rest of the year including an ice cream social in May and the year-end luncheon for June.

Community Service Cooperative also had its own event and hosted their second annual circle painting project where students, children and visitors were allowed to express their artistic side and paint on canvases on the Red Brick Road.

"I think it's a way better turnout than last year," said CSC President Nancy Solis. "Many enjoy the freebies and the yummy food."

All participants who were involved in the circle painting project were given free ice cream.

There were several attractions provided by various clubs and organizations on the campus. M.E.Ch.A. sold tacos and sodas, Japan and Beyond sold Bento boxes and Boba tea, Kaibigan Club had a duck toss for the kids, South Asia Cultural Association sold Indian cuisine from Desi Café, Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority sold root beer floats, Theta Sigma Chi Sorority sold fruit cups, Club SOSH sold fresh strawberries, Student Union Inc. made balloon animals and hats for children and many more groups provided refreshments and entertainment to all who came to this celebration.

Wahoo's hosted their Scion 2010 Tour where music was played by Los Angeles indie rock bands Bella Rouge, Dose of Adolescence and Entice. DJ Frankie Lektro also mixed hits for visitors to enjoy. Wahoo's also did another "spin and win" contest to win hats, shirts and sunglasses as well as a raffle for bikes and the big prize: a 2010 Scion.



around the new flag poles at the library circle.

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commemorated the occasion properly this spring. This is the fourth year the



signed CSUB Flag. They then lowered it at half-staff to honor the death of student William Cantrell. The Phi Sigma Sigma sorority entertained children with free face painting. Evelyn Young sang the national anthem and the CSUB alma mater. SIRC student assistants gave tours to incoming students and their families. Clubs and departments each had a booth to inform and entertain prospective freshmen.



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‘Its All Fun and Games’ at game night

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It was a stormy, gloomy night in Bakersfield on April 21 at 7 p.m., but inside the Commons of California State University Bakersfield, laughter, smiles of sunshine and happy college kids took it back to the schoolyard as they took part in cultural game night.

Cultural game night was just one of the events that a residential assistant has to put on each quarter. As current R.A of Entwood, Alyssa Wiley explained, “Each RA is responsible of throwing three events for the residents per quarter. The topic that have to be touched are: educational/academics, personal growth, cultural enhancement, life skills, community building, and community service.”

This particular event focused on the recreational activities of other cultures.

Wiley said,” The title of our Cultural game night was called “Its All Fun and Games” and it was on the flyers that people should come to the playground at 7. There was food, fun, games, and prizes to go

around, thrown by RAs, Jessica Meek, and JT Williams and myself.”

Students from all five dorms came out to participate in games from around the world. Foreign exchange student from Russia Anastasiya Skripuik gladly participated and voice her opinion about her overall experience. She said, “These games were very fun; I liked that all the people who came participated.”

Skripuik and roommate Camesha Patton aka Cam won the game called Kudoda, a similar game to “jacks” originating from Zimbabwe. After winning a laundry basket filled with detergent and fabric softeners she expressed her excitement. Skripuik said, “The atmosphere was friendly and I liked the prizes me and my roommate won.”

As the rain continued to pour, residents line up against the wall to partake in a game from China called “ Going to Town,” where participates had to find a teammate,



a stand back-to-back while linking arms then race to the finish line, sit down and try to stand back up while still attached. After a brief demonstration, students seem to realize that the game is easier to comprehend than to accomplish. After several crashes, mishaps and minor injuries, a prize of non-nutritional snacks was awarded to the surviving team.

Sweat drizzled down the determined players’ faces as they began to play the last game of the night, originating from Tibet: “ Musical

Chairs” However with no music in sight, Wiley took it upon herself to beat box and serenade the players as they began to circle the chairs. One by one, the slow pokes began to fall, as they were beat to a seat. By the end, dust settled and one boy, one girl, and one chair remained. Silence took over the room as battle of the sexes chanted for their gender to be the victorious.

Boys won.

The night had a wonderful turnout and was lots of giggles but end the end the reason for the night remained educational as well.

Wiley said “ The purpose of this night was to get the dorm residents together in a social setting and have fun by the standards of fun from cultures over the world. The topics it touched were community building and cultural enhancement.”



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Left and Above: Students celebrated diversity at CSUB with a cultural game night at the dorms.

What’s next?

Residential assistant JT stated that he and Wiley are teaming up on fitness programs. The games, prizes and information given at these events will encourage a healthier lifestyle.

Marching for marijuana rights

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Cannabis is a hot issue in the news these days. With the medical marijuana scene in California running rampant and legalization right around the corner, one might think the pro-marijuana folks wouldn’t have much to march, protest or complain about. Well, that assumption is entirely false.

“You’re damn right we’re going to march,” said Jose, a California State University, Bakersfield student and medical marijuana patient who chose to use only his first name due for personal reasons.

“We’re going to tell our community that we want change. We want marijuana as a legal alternative to alcohol.”

The Global Marijuana March, or GMM, is taking place May 1 at noon at Bakersfield’s Beach Park and many local cannabis advocates will hit the streets marching in support of marijuana liberation and their right to partake in the spoils of greenery.

“The local chapters are where most of the activity happens when it comes to the Global Marijuana March,” said Allen St. Pierre, executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML, based in Washington, D.C.

“The Global Marijuana March has been happening for 10 years in the US and 40 local chapters nationwide are working in conjunction with Cures Not War to promote this event in through news releases, posters and media coverage,” said St. Pierre.

With over a million people within their network, NORML plays a vital role in what’s going on with marijuana law reform and how it has drastically changed since its inception in 1970.

“Our supporters are the most important component to the growth of these marches year in and year out,” said St. Pierre.

The GMM is an opportunity for cannabis activists the world over to stand up for their right to choose an alternative to alcohol or tobacco, and to press governments worldwide to endless the war on marijuana.

According to globalmarijuanamarch.org, approximately 183 cities on six continents will be playing host to their own locally organized grassroots marches where pot smokers and their supporters can rally for the support of their local community and Bakersfield is lucky enough to have advocates who want to change the political and legal landscape on marijuana use.

“The community is getting really involved in this event and it’s nice to see,” says a local medical marijuana dispensary operator who chose not to use his last name.

“Our patients are really excited to get out and unite with their fellow smokers to fight for their right to medicate without legal issues.”

The Bakersfield march will start at Beach Park and march toward the Liberty Bell located in downtown Bakersfield.

For more information about the Bakersfield event, please visit curesnotwar.org, norml.org or globalmarijuanamarch.org for contact information.



Alyssa Fechner/The Runner

Some of the members of the International Students Club.

ISC encourages cultural diversity

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CSUB has over 100 international exchange students. When these students gather together, you get the International Students Club.

The ISC meets once a week to plan trips they are taking (an upcoming trip to Yosemite), talk about events they are putting on (a picnic with the faculty), and to discuss their own cultures in the context of and in contrast to the American culture.

According to its president, this club has, about 60 “rotating” members. These members come from all over the world, including Egypt, Kazakhstan, Japan, Afghanistan, Belarus, Russia, Jordan, and others.

For students from such different cultures, this weekly meeting provides a place where they can be with other students in the same situation as themselves.

At last week’s meeting, the topic on the table was body language. Each of the students excitedly offered up anec-

“It is important for our own CSUB students to learn about other countries...”

-Dagmara Karnowski

dotes about the body language of their own cultures.

Chiharu, a senior from Japan, said, “We don’t hug, we don’t kiss, we don’t shake [hands], we just bow.”

While student from Afghanistan explained that men only touch men, and women only touch women. A man would never touch a woman outside of

marriage.

Aside from social interaction, what do the ISC members get out of being a part of this diverse group?

The president of the club, Alena Kudzko of Belarus, said that being in the club “really changes [her] mind—it changes the way [she] think[s].”

Other members agree, and add that it is nice to share all of the different perspectives, and that doing so makes them more understanding.

ISC meets each Friday in the Student Union Green Room at noon, and everyone-including domestic students-is invited.

The club’s advisor, Dagmara Karnowski from Poland, stresses her invitation to domestic students, stating that they don’t leave out anyone. She said also that “it is important for our own CSUB students to learn about other countries . . . and I think our club would help.”

KΑΨ food drive

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life and other people’s lives depend on these donations to survive”, said Patricia Salazar, a visitor of the shelter.

The shelter has provides beds, meals, and also job placement for those who are homeless. Volunteers are always welcomed and donations are needed constantly. Those who go to the center for assistance are very grateful and they rely on giving hearts for their survival. Everyday the doors open to those who need a warm meal or a bed

to sleep in.

“I have been coming to the shelter for a while now. Drugs ruined my life. I lost everything I had because of it. Since I started coming to the shelter, I have been drug free and I’m working on trying to get a job. I don’t think I would be alive today without the shelter to go to”, said Henry Garza, a visitor of the shelter.

Kappa Alpha Psi has assisted the shelter by collecting can food and the shelter asks for future assistance from

those who are willing to donate time or any items on their list that can be found on Bakersfield Homeless Center Web site.

The food drive may over, but the shelter encourages those who want to help the less fortunate to come out to the shelter and volunteer. If you don’t have the time they also ask for donations from food to pens for their offices. They can use just about anything at the shelter.

Students perform original pieces

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The Music Department at California State University, Bakersfield hosted the Bakersfield Student Composers' Concert on Saturday April 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Students from both CSUB and Bakersfield College participated in Saturday's concert. Students were either performing, having their compositions performed, or even both in some cases.

Jenni Brandon, a professional composer based in Los Angeles, recently spent some time at CSUB with students to prepare for the concert.

"I did some ensemble coaching – worked with a couple of the groups that played tonight and spent a little bit of time talking about the forms of the pieces, working through some rehearsal things with them," Brandon said.

Brandon, whose compositions have been commissioned and performed across the world, also worked with student composers, lending some of her knowledge on the music industry.

"The composers were there, talked with them about some ideas, things to try – rhythms and ideas like that to fix. Then afterward I presented some of my music to the people and talked a little bit about the business of being a composer," Brandon said.

Brandon had two of her own pieces performed, both by Ryan Zwahlen.

Zwahlen is a professional oboist who has performed multiple times with both the San Diego Symphony and the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

It was the premiere of Brandon's second piece performed on Saturday night, "The Joshua Tree

and the Moth: A desert fable of love and survival."

"It was a good diverse collection of music," said Brandon on the 21 different pieces of music that were performed on Saturday.

"It was a lot of fun, you don't always get that at new music ensembles, sometimes you tend to get the same style, but this we had a little bit of everything on it. I really enjoyed the evening, it was a really ambitious concert to put on. I think the students did a great job - I think the student composers did a great job," she said.

Kevin Calvin, who recently graduated from CSUB with his bachelor in music, composed and performed his piece "Two Thoughts for Clarinet Quartet" Saturday night.

"We had everything tonight from wild to classical to beautiful poem stuff, it was great. There was something for everyone," he said.

Calvin also performed a piece by CSUB professor Jim Scully entitled "Hop, Skip and Jump."

Scully, who was the main organizer for Saturday's concert, is a composer and performer as well as teaching a wide range of music courses at CSUB including music theory, jazz studies and music technology.

James Russell, a current music major at Bakersfield College, also performed.

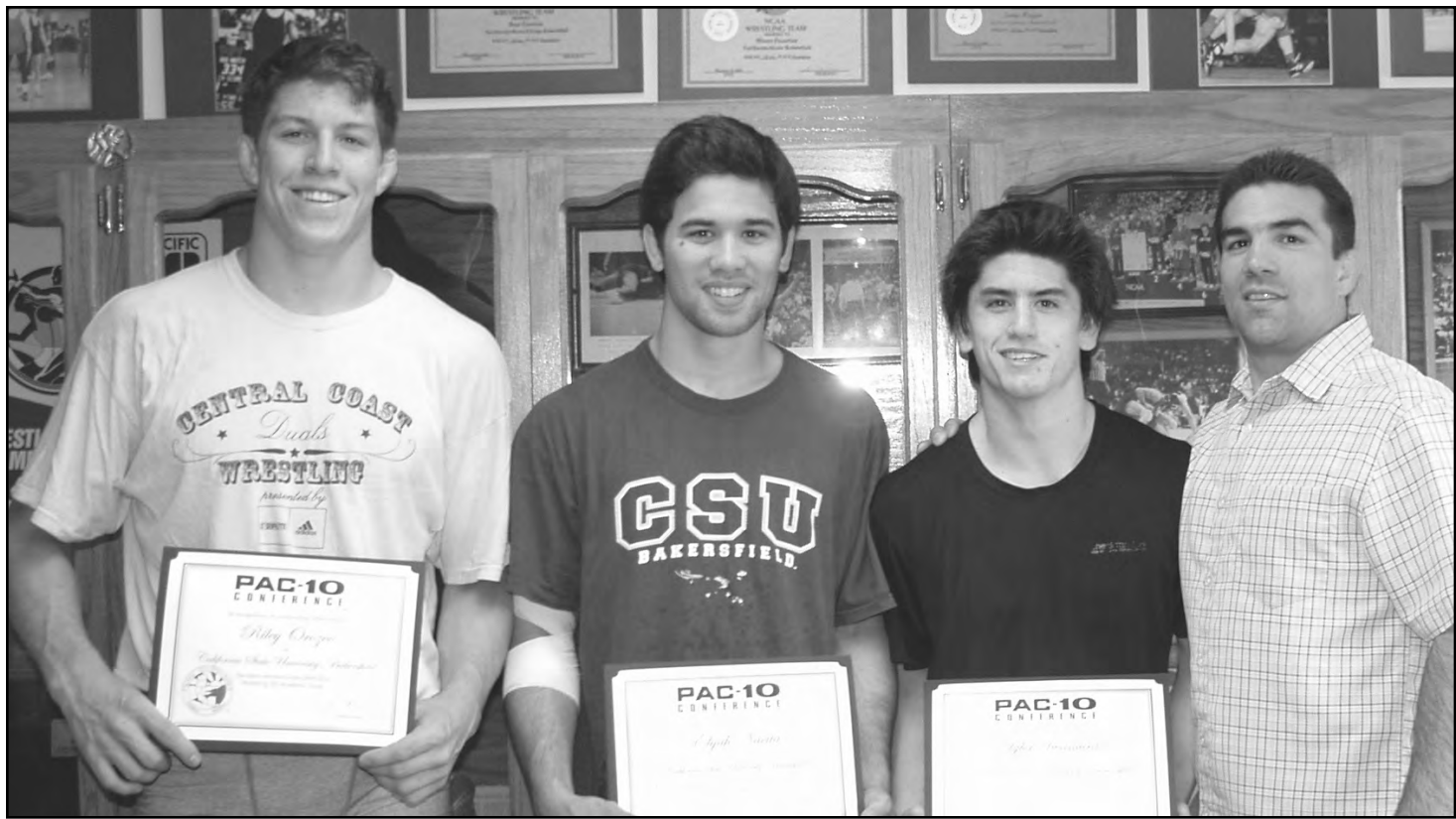
"It was exciting. The group that I played with had a bunch of my professors in it so it was really fun playing with those guys," said Russell, who also enjoyed the other performances.

"I thought it was really good, everyone did great on their compositions. It's a rarity to sit through a concert full of new stuff, it was really fun," he said.



Scott Roberts/The Runner

Fellow performers step aside to give the trumpet player a solo during the Bakersfield Student Composers' Concert.



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From left to right: Riley Orozco, Elijah Nacita, Tyler Iwamura and assistant coach Mike Mendoza.

Wrestlers receive honors

Four wrestlers earn Pac-10 academic awards

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Mike Mendoza, the assistant wrestling coach and former wrestler for California State University, Bakersfield, spoke on behalf of the wrestling team's Pac-10 Conference recipients, as the head coach T.J. Kerr was out fighting to save the team.

The CSUB wrestling team competed against other schools for this award.

Each school has a conference within National Collegiate Association for Athletics that its wrestling team is a part of. The Pac-10 Conference has academic awards for the top academic students from all weight classes.

"They beat kids from Stanford. It's a huge honor," said Mendoza.

To be eligible for this award, the wrestler must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average and either be a starter – meaning No. 1 in weight class – or significant contributor. Each student could only wrestle within one weight class.

Two wrestlers made the first academic team, meaning they were on the top 10, and two made the second team – they were within the top 20.

After eligibility the students with the highest GPA receive the award.

The awards were just sent out to juniors Riley Orozco and Elijah Nacita, and sophomore Tyler Iwamura.

Iwamura said, "It's pretty special, not everybody gets one."

It is the first time Iwamura received this award.

"I gave it my all, every day I came in and bought into the program. The program says if you give it your all – you'll be rewarded," he said.

Iwamura has been wrestling for two years at CSUB.

Orozco said: "It feels good. It's good to know that it pays off."

He has been on the second team for two years and is a first-time recipient of the Pac-10 award.

Nacita, who has been wrestling several years at CSUB said: "It's good to be able to get an award. We push that academics are above sports – even though sports are one of our main concerns – but we want to strive to get good grades as well because when we are done with our sports, we are going to be thrown into different careers and sports won't matter after that."

The Pac-10 academic team award certificate recipient's name is imprinted followed by the words "has been selected to the 2009-2010 Wrestling All-Academic Team."

It is difficult for a student on the

wrestling team to obtain the award.

"Their focus has to be on athletics and academics and there is not much time to focus on anything else," said Mendoza.

"There is a decent amount of time and effort that goes into training and we also spend time competing and traveling to compete, so it's really important for them. They also need time to rest; time management is extremely important. In addition, many of them have jobs," said Mendoza. "We are way up there when it comes to academic awards."

This is not the first time the team has won a Pac-10 award. There have been 38 Pac-10 All-Academic team members. Last year's team had 7 – the most for one school.

"We are tied with Stanford for members of the All-Academic team, with three students in the first team and two in the second team," said Mendoza.

Do the teams' achievements change the situation they are now facing due to budget cuts?

"The bottom line is we have to raise money to re-instate our program," said Mendoza. "Athletically it is one of the best programs in the country. For a small school, it is amazing to see how much this program has accomplished."

Mendoza is hoping to save the team through donations in the community.

Marijuana march in May

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Cannabis is a hot issue in the news these days. With the medical marijuana scene in California running rampant and legalization right around the corner, one might think the pro-marijuana folks wouldn't have much to march, protest or complain about. Well, that assumption is entirely false.

"You're damn right we're going to march," said Jose, a California State University, Bakersfield student and medical marijuana patient who chose to use only his first name due for personal reasons.

"We're going to tell our community that we want change. We want marijuana as a legal alternative to alcohol."

The Global Marijuana March, or GMM, is taking place May 1 at noon at Bakersfield's Beach Park and many local cannabis advocates will hit the streets marching in support of marijuana liberation and their right to partake in the spoils of greenery.

"The local chapters are where most of the activity happens when it comes to the Global Marijuana March," said Allen St. Pierre, executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML, based in Washington, D.C.

"The Global Marijuana March has been happening for 10 years in the US and 40 local chapters nationwide are working in conjunction with Cures Not War to promote this event in through news releases, posters and media coverage," said St. Pierre.

With over a million people within their network, NORML plays a vital role in what's going on with marijuana law reform and how it has drastically changed since its inception in 1970.

"Our supporters are the most important component to the growth of these marches year in and year out," said St. Pierre.

The GMM is an opportunity for cannabis activists the world over to stand up for their right to choose an alternative to alcohol or tobacco, and to press governments worldwide to endless the war on marijuana.

According to globalmarijuanamarch.org, approximately 183 cities on six continents will be playing host to their own locally organized grassroots marches where pot smokers and their supporters can rally for the support of their local community and Bakersfield is lucky enough to have advocates who want to change the political and legal landscape on marijuana use.

"The community is getting really involved in this event and it's nice to see," says a local medical marijuana dispensary operator who chose not to use his last name.

"Our patients are really excited to get out and unite with their fellow smokers to fight for their right to medicate without legal issues."

The Bakersfield march will start at Beach Park and march toward the Liberty Bell located in downtown Bakersfield.

For more information about the Bakersfield event, please visit curesnotwar.org, norml.org or globalmarijuanamarch.org for contact information.

CSUB softball battles San Diego University in dramatic fashion to split the weekend series

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The weekend series against San Diego University was a perfect example of the type of season the CSUB softball team has had so far. The Roadrunners split the four-game series against SDU but were in position in the losses to come away with the wins.

The 'Runners (20-30 overall) have had an up and down season with dramatic victories and disappointing losses. And the games against SDU were no different.

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader the 'Runners added another dramatic victory as starting pitcher Sammy Rodriguez hit a single up center field in the bottom of the seventh inning to win the game. Tied 3-3 in the bottom of the inning, Rodriguez had Jamie Miller in scoring position on second base with one out and that's all Rodriguez needed to help her own cause.

On the circle Rodriguez dominated SDU allowing just one hit in the first five innings. But after the fourth inning Rodriguez seemed to be favoring her left leg as she pitched and walked back to the dugout with a very slight



Manny Beltran/ The Runner

CSUB third baseman Emily Bliss in position to get a SDU runner out at third.

limp. Still she continued to pitch having a 3-0 lead, but it caught up with her in the top of the sixth as SDU catcher Taylor Hensley homered with a runner on first to get SDU back in the ball game.

In the seventh, SDU added another home run, this time by pitcher Jennifer Ellenbeck, to tie the game 3-3.

As high as the team was from the victory, they were brought back to earth as SDU won the second game of the double header 7-6. The 'Runners put themselves in position to

get the victory as they led the game 6-3 heading into the seventh inning but starting pitcher Shawna Truan couldn't hold off SDU as they scored four runs in the top of the inning before being relieved by Katie Chavez.

"We've been up and down all year, and this another example of that. I thought we played well for the most part but it's a game of inches and being ready every single pitch throughout the game," said coach Kathy Welter.

In Sunday's doubleheader, the 'Runners

battled back from a 5-1 deficit with the help of senior catcher Jaimey Kleinsmith's two home runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Kleinsmith's second home run came in a crucial time for the 'Runners. Down 3-5 in the top of the seventh and Rodriguez on second base, Kleinsmith hit a 2-0 pitch with two outs to tie the game 5-5.

But all SDU needed in the bottom of the eighth inning was one pitch to clinch the game. Hensley hit the first pitch Rodriguez threw and sent it over the fence in left-center to end the game.

"It was kind of disheartening but everyday we come out thinking we're going to win and work as hard as we can.

We try to leave everything out on the field," said Kleinsmith.

In the second game the 'Runners left no doubt about their ability as they dominated SDU winning the game 9-3.

Traun pitched five solid innings allowing three runs on four hits before Chavez came in to relieve her and allowed just one hit and no runs in the final two innings.

The 'Runners had 17 hits in the game and four runs in the fifth and sixth innings to put

Male Athlete of the Week



Courtesy of Sports Information

Senior outfielder Jason Kudlock went 5 for 12 in the weekend series against UC Riverside and tied fellow senior Brandon Boren's record consecutive game hit streak of 16 games. Kudlock is batting .355 for the season with four home runs and is third on the team with 27 RBIs. The 'Runners will head to Irvine for a three-game series against UC Irvine starting Friday, April 30.

Female Athlete of the Week



Courtesy of Sports Information

Senior second baseman Kristen Arculeta went 6 for 15 with three home runs and 10 RBIs in the weekend series against San Diego University. Archuleta is batting .306 for the season and has 10 home runs and is second on the team with 39 RBIs. The 'Runners travel to Sacramento State for a four-game weekend series starting Saturday, May 1, before heading home for the last four games of the season against Saint Mary's College starting Saturday, May 8.

Upcoming Home Games

Men's Baseball

Tue., May 4 vs. UC Santa Barbara @ 3 p.m.

Women's Waterpolo

Apr. 30 - May 2 WWPA Championship Tournament @ TBA

Softball

Sat., May 8, vs. Saint Mary's College @ 12 & 2 p.m. DH

Sun., May 9, vs. Saint Mary's College @ 12 & 2 p.m DH

Men's Soccer

Sat., May 8, vs. Cal State LA @ 7 p.m.

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