

## Remembering Jeff – CSUB Psychology student passes away

By John Paul Horn  
Staff Writer

Jeffrey Douglas Fagan, 22, a psychology major at CSUB passed away on Feb. 22, 2008.

He had varied interests, the main being cars. His friends and family recall that his most defining quality was his knowledge of mechanics.

Fagan is survived by his father and his fiancé, his mother and step-father, sister, aunts, uncles and numerous relatives.

Fagan loved cars and automobiles. According to Robin Field, friend to the family and professor of psychology at CSUB, he worked with cars as a hobby and as a job.

Field, who had Fagan as a student in her Psychology 291 class (Interpersonal and Group Process Skills), mentioned that Fagan had written about his love for cars in a paper for her class.

“From what I understand, Jeff would design car parts on his com-

puter, send them in to a company to have them made, and they would send them back to him,” recounted Field.

Field, who had known Fagan through working with his mother at a hospital prior to his enrollment in her class, remembers Fagan for being bright and articulate. She commented that he was a great student and expressed himself well in his writing. She also added that the students in her class liked him and were upset about the news.

According to his obituary, Fagan was talented with machines and computers. An inventor, Fagan understood the complex assembly of machines and surprised others by inventing things others thought impossible. He was a creative individual, using the car parts he designed to succeed in drag racing.

Field was shocked and saddened by the news that Fagan had passed away.

“It was such a shock because he was so young and so bright. I feel for his family. I’m also the parent of adult children and it’s hard for me to imagine what they’re going through. On a personal level, it

makes me hug my children more and realize how precious everyday is with them,” commented Field.

Fagan will be remembered by many for his kind heart, compassionate nature, imagination, creativity and his desire to help others.

A visitation for Fagan was held on Feb. 27 at Basham Funeral Care on Niles Street from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Memorial services were held for Fagan on Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. at St. Phillip the Apostle Church on Stockdale Highway. In lieu of flowers, his family requested that a donation be sent to Washington Mutual Bank in the name of Jeffrey Douglas Fagan Trust. The money from the trust will be used by the family to help others as Fagan would have wanted.

Grief counseling is being offered by Janet Millar and the CSUB counseling staff for students and faculty. The counseling staff is also there to provide emotional support to those faculty and staff grieving. For more information call 661-654-3366.



Wendy Hernandez/ The Runner

Students and employers mingle with mocktails at the first mocktail job fair event.

## Mocktail event a success for CSUB students and employers alike

By Wendy Hernandez  
Staff Writer

How often can you informally chat with 10 different employers, hand in resumes and have them critiqued, have free food and non-alcoholic drinks all within two hours and under the same roof? On Feb. 26, 10 different companies came together for the first ever Mocktail event on campus.

The career development center put together the event with the school of BPA (Business and Public Administration) primarily in mind for the first time, however, the event was open to everyone. The participating employers included: Target, State Farm Insurance, Northwestern Mutual Financial, Wells Fargo, Disney, County of Kern, Aera Energy, Daniells Phillips Vaughn & Bock, CBIZ/Mayer Hoffman and Frito Lay.

Kim Williamson, assistant director for the career development center, was found overseeing the event and making sure everyone was as comfortable as can be. The employers were contacted about four to five weeks prior to the event. Williamson mentioned that the idea was to keep the event intimate by only inviting a

small number of employers.

“They are local recruiters that have actively worked with us before and have shown interest in meeting with CSUB students,” Williamson said. The companies were those looking for business majors mostly. She also stated that the companies responded well and were anxious to attend.

The student lounge located in the student union was set up with tables along one side each with a corresponding label and recruiters standing near by. Students walked from table to table in no particular order chatting with employers and presenting resumes. It was a two-hour mingling session with potential job results

“I heard that there are very few financial job opportunities in Bakersfield. Being that many of the companies here tonight are financially oriented I decided to come,” said Michael Carlson a senior majoring in finance.

The event was promoted heavily for the last two weeks. Emails, flyers, posters, word of mouth and professors were all means of promotion for the event.

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## Black Young Starz end Black History Month with an exciting show

By Lawrence Lyons  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 29, the Black Young Starz (BYS) club, a performance group on campus put on their Black History Month tribute program. The night was full of various types of performances, from singing to dancing and impersonation speeches.

The night started off with Nakeya Dillard giving a brief history of who wrote the black national anthem and why it was written. This was immediately followed the singing of the anthem by Danielle Mabon. After she sang, President Mitchell came up and also spoke about the anthem, he gave more information on where it came from and the importance it carries.

Alyssa Simone started off with one of the night’s many impersonation speeches, with her soulful rendition of Sojourner Truth’s speech Entitled “Aint I a Woman.” From the clothes to the accent to the attitude, Alyssa recited the speech with great believability. Following that performance Alyssa Reeves played Amazing Grace on her clarinet after a brief history of that song was given by the night’s Narrator Sara Booker.

The first highlight of the night came in the form of a dance. LaDrema and September Glover danced their take on a famous performance originally danced by the famed Nicholas Brothers. The crowd seemed impressed as the girls tapped and jumped and splitted. The crowd rewarded them with cheers for their acrobatics and tap dance steps.

Though the dancers were a hard act to follow, The club’s president Tye Richardson managed to keep

the crowds attention with her rendition of Maya Angelou’s famous speech, “Still I Rise.” Her performance was immediately followed by Jamaal Tolbert’s recitation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s I have a Dream speech. The Final Performance Of the first half of the show lightened the air as the

club performed a famous song and dance scene from Spike Lee’s well-known film “School Daze.” Immediately following was a brief intermission.

The second act started off strong with an African inspired dance sequence performed by the group. After the dance, a confident James Sykes rendered what would be the highlight of the evening, an empowering and scarily accurate

rendition of a Malcolm X speech.

The crowd was clearly impressed because they were cheering as if they were listening to the real Malcolm X. And as James took his seat the crowd shouted Malcolm! Malcolm! As if it was X in the flesh.

This performance was followed by a very energetic Tyree Boyd-Pates Jr. with his Muhammad Ali speech, the crowd shouted Ali! Ali! As Pates mock boxed with the announcer as the real Ali would do, and again after Pates finished. Crowd participation was in great supply at this event no doubt about it.

BYS finished off the night’s festivities with a fashion show that showed the evolution of black fashion throughout the decades. There was also slide show that showed some famous ups and downs in black history. And last but not least, Micoya Edwards finished the program off with her Angela Davis (Black Panther pioneer) speech.

The night proved full of surprises, humor and truly memorable moments.



Lawrence Lyons/Runner

Black Young Stars performing in a Black History Tribute.

## CSUB professor shares his family history with tales of survival

By Erica Juarez  
Staff Writer

Thomas Meyer, a professor of physics and computer science at CSUB, shared his story of his family’s survival and experiences during the Nazi invasion, which had divided Germany during the post war.

He told the story of how his family struggled to stay safe from being sent off to concentration camps where people were executed just because they were Jewish.

He also shared lots of pictures of the people dur-

ing the 1930s, the war and some of his family.

He shared a photograph taken in 1944 of the Moulin Rouge in Paris and a photograph of a daylight attack bomb that hit a building during the war.

Thomas’ father, Karl Meyer, and mother Ilse Meyer, had four sons and lived in Germany.

In 1932 Hitler came into power and everything had turned into chaos, laws such as mixed marriages being illegal were formed.

Meyer was working as a journalist and photographer. He took pictures of the Nazi’s, the French army, and unique people such as his family.

Karl’s wife Ilse was Jewish and Meyer was

Christian. They were considered a mixed marriage.

December 16, 1935 the Nazis found out and told the newspaper company to tell him to get a divorce or he would be fired.

“My father refused to get a divorce and was therefore fired from the newspaper,” said Thomas.

Karl continued reporting anyway. He had connections and did well in providing for his family.

As things were getting worse Thomas’ father had used false names as he continued reporting to avoid the Nazis.

The Gestapo, the German police, was getting too close to his family and he was forced to go into

hiding with them.

He moved to a small town in Austria.

During these years as the war progressed the German army and police were recruiting men between the ages of 20 to 80 years old.

In 1946 the British, Americans and Russians overcame the German army. Hundreds of German troops were placed under arrest for the murders of many Jewish people.

Karl had spoken English and was appointed mayor of that small town, where they had been in hiding.

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Biology Club plans annual clothing drive

By Joshua Wuillamey  
Staff Writer

Have you had an urge lately to do something good for your community? Then the Biology Club has given you just the opportunity. Starting on Jan. 30 and ending on March 14, the Biology Club is hosting its annual clothing drive for Tabatha's House, a halfway house for recovering substance abusers. The Biology Club has collection boxes set up in Dorothy Donahoe Hall, the Student Union, and the Science Building, so there are plenty of places on campus to accomplish your good deed.

According to Crystal Duran, the Biology club president, the club has been hosting a clothing drive every winter quarter for the last four years. Last year was their most lucrative year, when

they expanded the clothing drive to include the residence halls. Each dorm competed to donate the most new or gently used clothing items.

"As a result," said Duran, "we had the highest number of clothing items donated since we've started the clothing drive." The Biology Club expects a great turnout this year as well.

"We expect to be able to at least fill up the back of a pick-up truck," said Duran.

So far, the strongest supporter of the Biology Club's clothing drive has been the Science Department.

"I've noticed that a lot of them associate the Biology Club with an annual clothing drive and will actually save clothes throughout the year and donate them to our clothing drive in the winter quarter," said Duran.

The recipients from Tabatha's House are mostly women, according to Duran, but there are a variety of clothes available for boys, girls and teenagers. The Biology Club also accepts most non-clothing items, especially children's toys. Tabatha's House provides rooms for their clients' children to stay in so that they are not separated from their mothers. For this reason any type of toy that has been donated has been greatly appreciated.

If your New Year's resolution included doing a good deed for your community, this is your chance! Bring your unwanted or unneeded clothing and toys with you. With collection boxes all over campus, there is little chance for you to miss this wonderful opportunity to help those in need.

Crime Beat

Compiled by Erica Juarez

Feb 23

08:43 Suspicious Subject

Occurred at F A C T

Disposition: No Further Action Required. Subject left the area.

11:28 Disabled Vehicle  
Officer initiated activity at Wb Stockdale/No Ayso, C S U Bakersfield. Disposition: No Further Action Required. Vehicle moved.

6:59 Found Property Report  
Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot D, 200, C S U Bakersfield. Office chair

Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safekeeping.

Feb 24

3:14 Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus  
Officer initiated activity at Amphitheater, 2 subjects Disposition: Advised and Complied. Left the area.

Feb 25  
08:33 Burglary Report  
Occurred at Science 1 Taken: \$20.00 from desk.

Disposition: Report Taken. Investigation is continuing.

10:33 Found Property Report

Occurred at Parking Lot I . Disposition: Assignment Completed. The property was seized for safekeeping.

11:58 Burglary Report  
Occurred at Walter Stiern Library report stated that student's blue Nissan Sentra was broken into and that the handicap placard was stolen Disposition: Assignment Completed. Placard and suspect located. Investigation is continuing.

Feb 26  
12:33 Suspicious Vehicle  
Occurred at G E T Bus Stop Vehicle occupied by female

subjects driving reckless and doing donuts in the bus turn around Disposition: Unable to Locate. After checking the area.

Feb 27

1:02 Found Property Report  
Occurred at Science 1 Black wallet Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safekeeping.

2:14 Found Property Report  
Occurred at Classroom Building calculator Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safekeeping.

4:09 Found Property Report  
Occurred at Health Center visa card found Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safekeeping.

5:14 Found Property Report  
Occurred at Parking Lot K. Mens black wallet Disposition: Assignment Completed. The property was seized for safekeeping.

11:47 Suspicious Subject  
Occurred at Dobry Dorm. RP states that three subjects 1 female wearing a white t-shirt, 2 males wearing black t-shirts are outside her dorm room.

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Karl had always been a social democrat. When German lands were finally separated the Meyer family fled to Hannover, Germany. Karl left his position as mayor because that small town where they had been hiding became part of Russia. Karl continued reporting again. By 1949 Karl wanted to go to America and tried to gain permission to go but was declined because he had been a mayor. As years had progressed he kept trying to get a green card by writing letters to the presidents such as Eisenhower and Nixon. He finally succeeded. "When I turned 19 I came to America and attended UCLA where I had studied physics," said Thomas. By 1966 Karl had died of a stroke. Karl left thousands of pictures and documentation of their experiences of hiding and struggles because of the war. Thomas shared his families' story of survival and how they succeeded because of his father Karl Meyer.



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By Emily Shapiro, Assistant News Editor

This Week, The Runner asked, "What are your Spring Break plans?"



"Going to Santa Monica Pier."

Niki Maramo  
Junior  
Nursing



"Go back home and go to the beach house with my friends."

Fressa Mey-Ambatali  
Freshman  
Nursing



"To work, and I get the week off for Easter. Going to the beach with my family."

Eva Salas  
Sophomore  
Liberal Studies



"Going on a cruise with my nursing pals."

Jennifer Celestino  
Junior  
Nursing

RUNNER ON THE STREET

# This Quarter in Pictures



Sean Macguir and Amber Tamblyn posing with a CSUB Student.

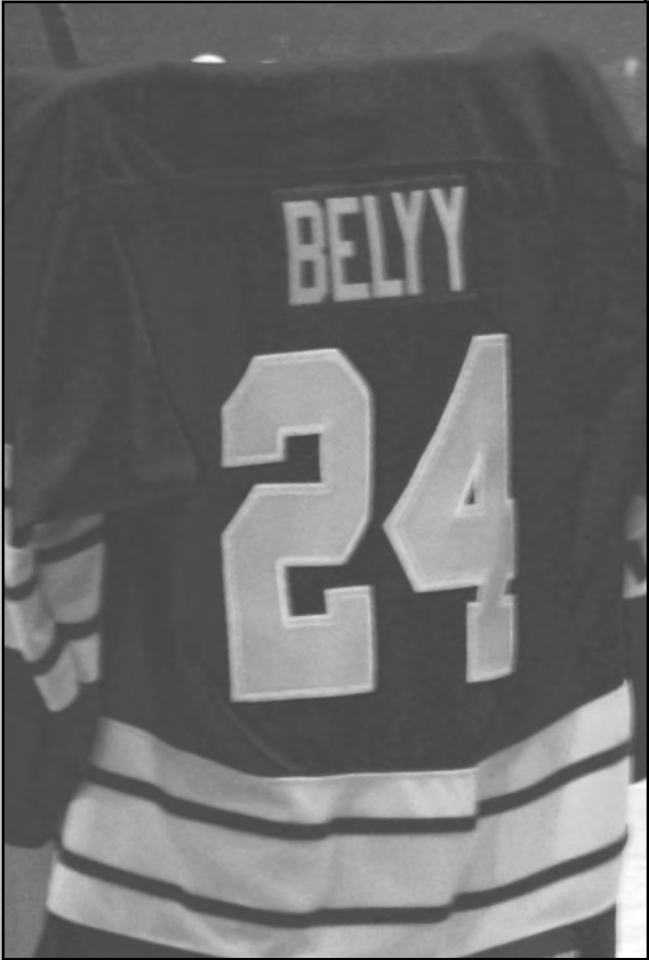


Matthew Bramen enjoying dinner at Casino Night in the islands.



Homecoming King and Queen Garrett Johnson and Angie Gonzalez.

The jersey of swimmer Alexey Belyy who passed away earlier this quarter. Doctors discovered that a rare heart defect caused the death of the 26-year-old swimmer.



Track and field athlete Brian Lopez throwing the javelin.



Runner Cheerleaders performing a stunt at the homecoming game.





# Mouse in the House comes to CSUB to recruit Disney-minded folk for internship opportunities

By Emily Shapiro  
Assistant News Editor

Ugly Betty, Desperate Housewives, Baby Einstein and the History Channel, are all shows that have one thing in common. They are all owned by Disney.

Last Wednesday, representatives from Disney came to speak about their College program. The presentation dealt with the inner workings of the company as well as the classes that a student will take, and the work that he/she might undertake.

Disney recruiter Sarah Woodman provided highlights of the program including the classes that are available to the students. A CSUB student may take up to 12 units for credit while also working a variety of positions. Disney is a very unique company that provides paid internships to their cast members. There are four classes that a student may take while interning at Disney.

The classes provide a unique opportunity to meet with top executives of Fortune 100 companies and executives in the entertainment industry. During the presentation, Woodman provided five short videos in order to familiarize interested students with Disney

and the kind of opportunities that he/she might encounter.

The first class, "Marketing You," teaches students how to put themselves out in the business world. The curriculum includes lessons on networking, resume writing, career focusing and interviewing tips.

The second class, "Leadership Experience Series," is a class that allows a student to interact with eight vice-presidents in eight weeks. The class allows students to ask the VP questions.

The "Organizational Leadership" class lasts 11 weeks and involves the learning and practice of leadership theories.

Finally, there is the "Professional Development Studies" class, which according to Woodman teaches the business of show business.

To participate you must be currently enrolled in classes and must be 18. All majors are welcome. According to Woodman, CSUB students will have access to new housing, so that they don't have to commute. Disney also allows the students access to their Learning Centers. Here a student may access online courses and will find a quiet study facility.

Woodman was quick to point out the differences between Disney and other companies. "We are not a banker job, a nine to five job. We are open 365 days a year," said Woodman.

The company provides perks to being a cast member. These include free admission; discounts up to 20 percent off of food, beverages, hotel stays and cruises; previews of the new attractions coming to the resort and park and field trips to television stations like ABC.

After the videos Woodman went over the next steps in the application process. Each interested person must fill out an application packet. Then a Web based interview is performed. Following this an over the phone interview. At the end of the interviews, there is a two to three week period of what Woodman termed, "think time," Finally, there might be an offer session.

There are also a few stipulations. A student must work with the school, and more exclusively with Jane Evorian to come up with a Learning Plan. This plan will outline the classes that a student will take. There is a \$75.50 one-time assessment fee.

Woodman believes Disney is a great opportunity.

"Disney gave me my professional direction. Before the program I had changed my major three times. After the program, I knew what I wanted to do and I wanted to get back to Disney," said Woodman.

Walt and Roy Disney founded Disney in 1923. Disney owns the Pixar Company and Square Soft among many other companies. The Disney Company has six locations worldwide, including Hong Kong, Paris and Tokyo. For more information about the Disney College Program contact Jane Evorian at the Career Development Center at 654-3035.

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## International dinner showcases diversity

By Eman Shurbaji  
Features Editor

Last Friday, the International Students' Club on campus hosted its annual dinner, with entertainment and socializing in tow. What makes the event so special is its ability to unite people of all nationalities in an effort to promote multiculturalism and acceptance. This year was no exception.

The event was scheduled to start at 6 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Guests piled outside the Runner Café early in hopes of getting a ticket and a program.

Some international students wore traditional dress. There was a display of clothing from Africa. Some males wore a bubu, or Saharian shirt. African students from countries such as a Chad, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Maili and Nigerian wore clothing from back home.

The air was welcoming as students set up the food in the cafeteria, a place where American hamburgers and sandwiches are usually served.

Emily Shapiro was out and about as she set up her dish, Caramel Kugel from Israel.

"We had to come early to make the food because we have to use a commercial kitchen," said Shapiro.

Korean international students set up their food next to Shapiro, egg rolls.

Even some graduate students and alumni showed up to help out. Salman Hassan, despite graduating, brought in Sindi Buryani and somosas and caught up with old friends.

Dalia Baldarani, a graduate student at the School of Counseling, was elated with the turnout and the enthusiasm seen in the room.

"We want to celebrate diversity, especially people in Bakersfield are not so exposed to other cultures, so this is a very nice event for them," said Baldarani.

Baldarani was of several students of Lebanese descent at the dinner. Johnny Baaklini, a Lebanese student from Bakersfield College, heard about the dinner and went to hang out with friends. One aspect did disappoint him, however.

"I can't believe they don't have the Lebanese flag hung up," said Baaklini.

Flags were hung up near the performing stage, and there were decorations on tables as well. The tables had snapshots of various countries, with their flags and information about the cultural landscape.

The event kicked off with a welcome from the dinner hosts, Tiemoko Diarra and Raluca Popa.



Eman Shurbaji/The Runner  
Filipino dancers entertain the crowd.

There was also an introduction by the advisor of the International Club, Dr. Karen Stocker.

There was plenty of socializing seen as people lined up to get their food.

Ali Zaniel attended as a representative for ASI.

"Most of my friends are international, that's why I came," said Zaniel.

A family from the Ahmedi Muslim community was also at the event, representing their community.

The Friendship Force International, Bakersfield chapter was also seen represented at the dinner. According to Dolly Hei, the organization will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Bakersfield. The organization was started when Jimmy Carter was president, and there are about 360 chapters around the world.

Caroline West, a native of the South, went to Australia nine years ago on vacation, and found a souvenir unlike any other.

"I met a man on the bus, like him, and decided to keep him," said West.

Robert Laramee, the exchange director, has helped members to countries such as Ireland and England. Friendship Force members will soon be hosting people from Thailand in their homes.

The event was concluded with entertainment. The entertainment included a Chinese tongue-twister song, a Tinikling dance performance by Filipino students, a live hip-hop show and other presentations.

Among the final presentations, Ballet Folklorico members danced to traditional Mexican music.

The Bakersfield group is called Mexica Tiahui, has 12 members and meets every Tuesday and Thursday to practice at CSUB.

Hector Cabrera, a dancer, said he would dance to the music from Nuevo Leon, a region in Mexico.

Despite all the presentations, I knew the night was complete when I looked up from my notepad only to see a snapshot of the country of Lebanon.



Eman Shurbaji/The Runner  
Guests wait patiently for the night to begin.

## Todd Madigan Gallery hosts exhibit featuring student artists

By Ellen Piris  
Staff Writer

The CSUB Art League Juried Exhibition's opening reception was Friday, February 29, and was the opening night of the exhibition.

The show features a variety of student art, including paintings, photography, and sculptures.

Emily Becerra, one of the artists featured in this show said, "It's nice to see people going and looking at my stuff and hearing their comments. It's not what I expected. There's some really good stuff. I'm impressed and I hope they keep doing stuff like this."

One student that came to the show, Chris Clarke,

told about his favorite piece. "Nick (Strobl)'s 'Nibiru' one means so much, if people really knew what it meant." Nick Strobl, the artist, explained, "I was most eager to put that one ('Nibiru (Planet X')) out because it's something that has to be known. I had to put it out there. It means more to me than anything else cause it affects the whole planet."

Many of the pieces of art are for sale and all the proceeds go directly to the student artist.

The CSUB Art League's Juried Exhibition will be open until Saturday, March 8, Wednesday-Saturday, 3:30-6 at the Todd Madigan Gallery of the Dore Theater. Admission is free.

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# Rowdy Roadrunner returned

By Phillip Barnett  
Sports Editor

On February 22nd, the men’s basketball team played UT Pan American in their homecoming game. Along with what looked like the largest student attendance to a men’s game this season, Rowdy Roadrunner also attended the game to help entertain the crowd.

Sometime after that game, the nine year old mascot went missing leaving much of the athletic department worried about the where abouts of the costume. Karen Langston, the Athletic Department’s director of sales and marketing, sent out an e-mail to all of the students on campus and wrote a press release informing everyone that Rowdy went missing. There was a no questions asked, \$500



photo courtesy of sports information  
**Rowdy was found at Rabobank Arena.**

reward to anyone who returned the mascot.

One week later, the Rowdy costume was found and returned to

CSUB. Rowdy was recovered Saturday night by a Rabobank Arena staff member after the CIF wrestling championships, under 15 boxes of Gatorade chests.

“The costume was found under some Gatorade boxes,” said a relieved Langston after the mascot was found. “After the game the mascot was left in the same dressing room, it was just moved without us knowing. It was later mixed in with some of the Condors’ things and was found during the CIF Wrestling Championship on Saturday.” Rowdy was returned in time for the Runners last home game this season against Cal State Fullerton.

Rowdy has been the mascot since the 1998-1999 season.

# Atondo, Monteiro, Zoetewey earn NCAA automatic bids

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A trio of CSUB wrestlers claimed top-three finishes Monday at the Pac-10 Championships, earning automatic bids to the 2008 NCAA Division I National Championships in St. Louis, Mo.

Boise State claimed the team title with 152.5 points, while Stanford (160.5points) edged Oregon State (106.0 points) for second place. The Roadrunners finished with 94.5 points, good for seventh place.

Mitch Monteiro was the Pac-10 runner-up for a second consecutive year, falling 3-2 in the championship match. Meanwhile, Daniel Atondo earned a return trip to nationals, while Brandon Zoetewey will make his first trip to the national tournament after both Roadrunners claimed third place finishes.

Following a scoreless first period in the heavyweight title bout, Monteiro went up 2-0 on a reversal with 1:05 remaining in the second period. Gardner earned an escape point, then went ahead 3-2 on a reversal 33 seconds into the third period.

Zoetewey, who placed fifth at the Pac-10’s one year ago, defended his No. 3 seeding Monday with a 5-4 decision over No. 5 Micah Ferguson (Cal Poly) in the wrestleback semi-finals and a 3-1 decision over No. 4 seed Marcus Orozco (UC Davis) to place third.

In the wrestleback match, the 125-pound junior took a 3-0 lead with a takedown and escape before Ferguson scored a takedown with three seconds remaining in the second period, cutting

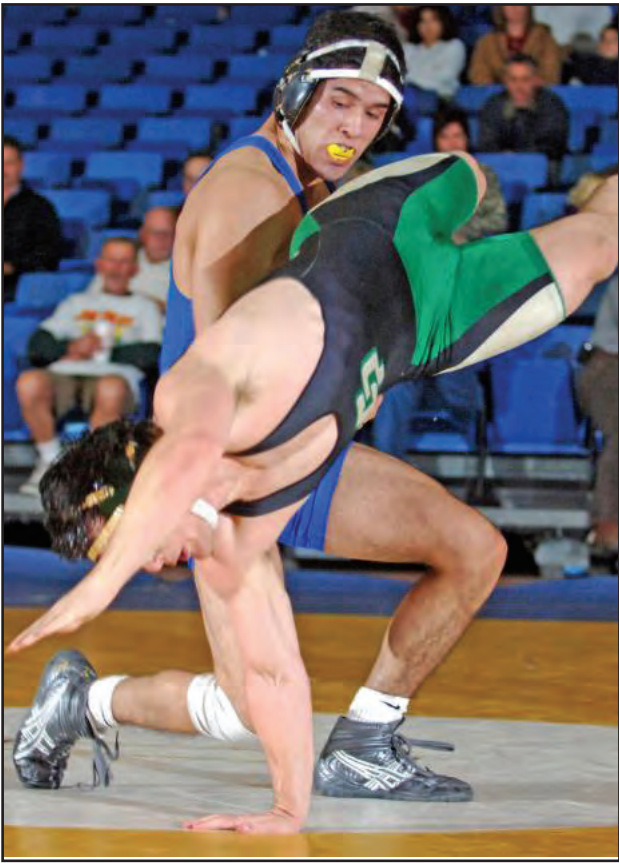


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**Senior Daviel Atondo finished third at the Pac-10 Championships.**

the lead to 3-2. As time in the final period wound down, Ferguson earned another takedown, but Zoetewey quickly escaped to tie the score 4-4 as time expired. Zoetewey’s riding time advantage became the deciding factor in the 5-4 final.

In the third place match, Zoetewey scored an early takedown and later added one more point with an escape to gut out the two-point win over Orozco.

At 165, No. 4 seeded Atondo used a pair of 8-1 decisions on his way to a second consecutive third place finish at the Pac-10’s. After a scoreless first period against No. 6 Keegan Davis (Oregon State), Atondo scored five unanswered points in the second period and, put the nail in the coffin by scoring a takedown with two seconds remaining in the match.

The third place match against Stanford’s Kyle Barrett was very similar as Atondo rode a 5-0

first-period lead on his way to the 8-1 final.

Riley Orozco opened the day by knocking off No. 2 John Drake (Cal State Fullerton), 8-4, to advance to the third place bout where he would place fourth after falling 4-2 to Boise State’s Matt Caspersen.

At 157, freshman Trevor Hall lost his wrestleback match, 15-6 to No. 2 Josh Zupancic (Stanford), then bounced back to claim fifth place with a 7-5 decision over No. 4 Kyle Bounde (Oregon).

Also placing fifth for the ‘Runners was Thomas Kimbrell at 133. In the wrestleback semi-finals, he No. 6 seeded junior and No. 5 Boris Novachkov (Cal Poly) took a 1-1 tie into

a second tie breaker period when Novachkov scored a one-point escape for the 2-1 win. In the fifth place match, Kimbrell made easy work of UC Davis’ Francisco Manriquez in an 8-3 final.

While the possibility of earning an at-large bid is not entirely out of the question, Jeremy Doyle’s career as a Roadrunner may have come to an end with a sixth place finish. The senior dropped a pair of two-point decisions to Stanford’s Lucas Espericueta and Cal Poly’s Eric Maldonado Monday.

All first, second and third place winners earned automatic bids to the National Championships while a total of nine wrestlers who placed out the top three will be named “wild card” selections.

The NCAA Championships will take place March 20-22 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Mo.

# Mike Neal awarded alumni of the year

By Ashley Sizemore  
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CSUB’s Vice President of Business and Administrative Services Mike Neal was just named Alumni of the Year.

Neal has been Alumni President twice. He’s also been awarded the Outstanding Alumnus of Business award twice. He used to be the Roadrunner Club president as well.

“I’m very surprised and humble,” said Neal, “There are so many great alums that do great things, this is very humbling because the award is from the alums themselves and not just faculty.”

Neal graduated from CSUB with a bachelor’s degree in science with a concentration in accounting in 1973. He graduated with an M.B.A in 1982.

“I started at the early days of the university. I originally was supposed to go to San Jose State, but due to personal circumstances, stayed here in Bakersfield. So the plan was to come to CSUB for a year and then transfer, but I ended up staying,” said Neal.

The faculty and the instruction of the education system at CSUB impressed Neal.

“It was a life changing event for me. I was first in my family to obtain a college degree,” said Neal.

The Vice President has also elaborated on how grateful he is for the work he was able to do.

“The whole experiences enabled me to work at jobs that I’ve always enjoyed. I’ve been

very fortunate,” said Neal.

While Neal was in school between 1971 and 1973, the professor that inspired him most was Professor Jim Vigen.

“I believe he had just retired, but I worked for him and he was great mentor,” said Neal.

During his graduate work, Professor Jimmy Barnes constantly challenged Neal to do better.

“He’s gotten me through quite a bit,” said Neal.

During college Neal wanted to have a career in education.

“My goal and aspiration was to become a teacher of math or history, especially in high school,” said Neal.

However, Neal was advised by a career counselor at Bakersfield College that there was about to be an oversupply of educators so she advised him that he might want to change his major.

“I’m happy to be back in education after so many years, but if the timing had been different who knows what I could be teaching,” said Neal.

During the time Neal was a student in the early 1970s, he was a part of various organizations.

“We did not have ASi back then but we had college council. It was a group of professors and faculty and representatives and students. I was involved with that for a year,” said Neal.

He also established an accounting club on campus. It gave students the chance to learn and interact with international C.P.A. firms.

“These international firms

would come and speak with us. I actually was fortunate enough to end up working for one,” said Neal.

Neal is also grateful for the quarter system. He prefers that to the semesters.

“By overloading three years work into to two years, especially on the quarter system, it accelerated my career. I was also able to do some work with Emerson Herb at the time as well,” said Neal.

Neal has been employed with CSUB since 1996.

“It will be twelve years this month,” said Neal, “it’s been very humbling to work with everyone.”

The vice president has been active throughout the alumni association for many years.

“I’ve always kept in touch with CSUB,” said Neal, “I’m interested in the growth and development of the CSUB campus.”

Neal has been heavily involved with the building of the upcoming Mathematics/Computer Science building. He feels that it is a great time to be a student at CSUB.

“I can see, for the maturity of the campus, that these are exciting times for students,” said Neal, “I now get to see the behind the scenes of student life.”

The vice president used to be involved with agriculture and likes to draw metaphors between it and teaching.

“To me, spring is always the harvest in the educational process,” said Neal.

# Mocktail event a success for CSUB students and employers alike (cont.)

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“We heard it from our professors on campus. This event was really well promoted,”said Neeraj Rama, a senior majoring in finance.

Every company present was eager to chat with students that Tuesday night. State Farm Insurance supports CSUB as much as they do this community. They presently have 1200 employees in their neighboring location.

“Since their building opened in 1997 we have employed over 200 graduates from CSUB. At least 80 percent of those graduates are still working for State Farm Insurance. Positions are constantly opening on a daily basis and this event is a good way to get that initial interview for those students interested in working for us,” said Dario Catallo, a recruiter for State Farm.

Christina Ozaeta, a 2006 graduate of CSUB, was present at the Mocktail event recruiting for Aera Energy. As a land representative she was looking for interns from CSUB. The internship is directed to mainly sophomores and juniors however even accounting majors and Spanish majors stopped by and talked to her about the position.

“I have a lot of faith in CSUB and their education. I want to recruit CSUB alumni ultimately for this position,” Ozaeta said.

Another CSUB graduate that was recruiting at the Mocktail event was Jared Lorrain. Lorrain was recruiting for a Frito Lay’s operations management position. Frito Lay hires at least one CSUB graduate ever year or two. The majority of their employees come from job fairs they attend.

“It is a good opportunity to come and support the community, get our name out and see what the campus has to offer,” Lorraine said.

Among those employers turning to CSUB for qualifying candidates was the County of Kern. Linda O’Neil the recruiter present at the event commented on the atmosphere.

“It’s a nice relaxed way to speak to students. It allows more time for each individual than at the job fairs. Hopefully they’ll remember us when they graduate,” O’Neil said.

Four times a year Daniells Phillips Vaughan & Bock visit the CSUB campus for accounting events. They are very happy with the event they said. “I think it’s very successful. Students are actually interested in the companies who are here,” said Pat Turner and Nancy Belton, recruiters for Daniells Phillips Vaughan & Bock.

Target does its share of participation in CSUB functions. They cooperate regularly with professors conducting mock interviews and giving feedback on resumes. This event was no different. They did their share of analyzing resumes. Wells Fargo, always present at job fairs, maintained busy with constant students stopping by. Each representative attended a student and collected resumes.

Disney was also present; however, they were on campus an extra day promoting the Big Mouse on Campus event to make students aware of internship opportunities with Disney. All the tables were decorated with white table cloths and balloons, Disney’s table however, stood out with a purple cloth that lay over the common white table-

cloth.

“It is very important for students to know what is out there. They don’t usually find out until they need a job. Networking is very important. Attending this event not only allows the student to network and meet employers, but it gives the employers an opportunity to put a face to the resume they are being handed,” said Danielle Camarena, a recruiter for Northwestern Mutual.

As opposed to the four times a year DPV&B visits the campus, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network visits the campus at least once a month. Northwestern Mutual has been in Bakersfield for about four years since their office opened. They have been within America’s Top Ten Internships for the past 12 years. They have always been impressed by the students at CSUB.

“I’m happy with the employer and student participation. That’s what is going to keep them wanting to hire students from CSUB,” Williamson said.

“It was very well orchestrated. The recruiters were very friendly and approachable. I’m glad that I got to see what these organizations had to offer and what they were looking for,” said Michelle Henry a senior majoring in business administration with a focus in human resources.

Jack Ghali, a senior majoring in finance had high hopes for the event. His hope is “to get a job or an internship with a company here when I graduate.”

With positive results and feedback the career development center will most likely make the Mocktail event an annual tradition.

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