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It was the best of times

By Esteban Ramirez
Sports Editor

The California State University, Bakersfield women's basketball team has been thriving in the spotlight this year.

During the winter break, the 'Runners (12-6, 1-2 Western Athletic Conference) went 10-5 and have yet to lose at home winning all 10 games at the Icardo Center.

"I thought they did very well," CSUB coach Greg McCall said on his team's performance during the break. "They try to find ways to win games, and that's what we always end up doing."

Leading the way for CSUB has been redshirt-senior guard Tyonna Outland, who is averaging 18.9 points per game, 5.2 rebounds per game and 3.1 assists per game. Outland is poised to break the school's scoring record- with just nine points remaining.

Despite their strong play at home, the 'Runners have struggled on the road going 2-6.

McCall said that the 54-45 loss to the University of Nebraska on Dec. 13 was because of missed opportunities and not getting to the free-throw line once the whole game. He said that the 71-66 loss against Cal Poly on Jan. 3 was on him because he could've made some changes to speed the game up.

"We were getting turnovers that we wanted against them," he said. "There were some things I should've done differently."

After the loss to Cal Poly, CSUB regained momentum at home and beat University California Santa Barbara 74-64 on Dec. 6 and then followed with a 90-67 conference win over Grand Canyon University on Dec. 10.

But the 'Runners struggles away from home continued as



Brie Williams/The Runner
Roadrunners' Junior forward Brittany Sims goes up for a shot against Grand Canyon University at the Icardo Center on Jan. 6.

they

lost two conference games on the road. They lost to New Mexico State University 90-78 on Jan. 15 and to University of Texas-Pan American 77-60 on Jan. 17.

"We've got to do a better job of going on the road and playing a lot better," McCall said. "We know that and we are excited about the fact that it's conference time. I think our girls are ready for the challenge. We are going to go out there and take care of business."

Despite the struggles on the road, McCall said that he is pleased with his team by how hard they play, but what he's

most impressed by is how hard they have been playing defense.

"It has been the most impressive thing I've seen with this group," he said.

McCall added that the thing that concerns him is rebounding.

"We need to play hard defense," McCall said on what the team needs to do the rest of the season. "We just have to keep playing defense the way we are playing, create easy buckets for ourselves and for each other."

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were in attendance. Student Housing East was also able to host an ice-skating social with the help of Campus Programming.

"There was a big turnout at the ice-skating rink," said Rasheed with a huge grin. He mentioned that a school dance was held for residents in the spacious MPR as well. He said that every event thrown has seen a great amount of resident participation.

Fun and creative social events aren't all the new dorms have to offer. Alcala said that she noticed that the rooms of the new dorms have come quite complete, and while there may still be little things that need adjusting, the move itself has been very smooth.

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A tale of two seasons

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It has been an interesting season for the California State University, Bakersfield men's basketball team to say the least. While CSUB students have been away during the winter break, the 'Runners (5-13, 1-2 Western Athletic Conference) continued their season and have lost in some close and unusual ways to start the season but also have had some big wins as of late.

"I thought we made progress," CSUB coach Rod Barnes said. "I think that's one of the biggest things that we tried to do. I thought we worked our way to get better every week, and I think we've done that."

After a home win against the University of Delaware on Nov. 23, CSUB had trouble closing out games as they lost six straight games, including four games by two points or fewer.

The 'Runners had a 17-point lead against the University of South Dakota on Nov. 30, but after losing leading-scorer Ahmed because of two technicals, CSUB relinquished the lead and lost 68-66. CSUB then hosted UC Riverside on Dec. 2 and lost 59-58 due to costly turnovers in the final minutes and crucial free throw misses in the final seconds.

CSUB was able to regain momentum and beat UC Berkeley 55-52 on Dec. 28 behind a strong defensive performance in which they forced 17 turnovers. The 'Runners were able to build a 17-point lead, and CSUB was able to close out the game and got its first win over a PAC-12 opponent.

"I always felt that we had the ability and talent to play well and to pull off one of these wins," said Barnes. "We feel it was a statement win."



Eric Garza/The Runner
CSUB junior forward Kevin Mays goes up for a rebound against University of Texas-Pan American at the Icardo Center on Jan. 17.

They carried that momentum over against the University of La Verne as they beat them 87-36 on Dec. 31, but they lost Ahmed to an injury that game and went on a three-game losing skid.

But the 'Runners rebounded after getting Ahmed back and got their first win in the WAC by beating University of Texas-Pan American 66-53 on Jan. 17.

"We never feel like we are going to lose and after that University of La Verne game when Aly got hurt, it's tough to make that adjustment and put guys in those key roles," junior forward Kevin Mays said.

The game against UTPA was

the perfect example of what this season has been about for CSUB. In the first half, the 'Runners shot 50 percent building a 17-point lead, but in the second half they went on a cold stretch shooting just 28 percent and the Broncs cut the lead to 55-49 with 4:56 left in the game.

They were able to rely on their defense like they did against Cal. They were able to get two big free throws from Ahmed and finished the game on a 9-4 run.

CSUB will play at University of Missouri-Kansas City on Jan. 22.

New student housing enhances CSUB campus life

By Josh Lofy and Athena Skapinakis
Runner Staff

California State University, Bakersfield's new Student Housing East residence halls, Juniper and Pinyon, are up and running. Although there is still some construction visible on the outside, Amanda Alcala, a residential advisor said the residence halls are running well.

Alcala said that the new Multipurpose Room has been used to great effect with Week of Welcome. Great efforts are being made towards adding a welcoming touch for the residents of the new dorms.

According to Hakim Rasheed, 22, a senior criminal justice major and a RA on Juniper's second floor, there are three types of events that they host for their residents such as formals, socials and community builders. Typically, flyers are made to advertise the events to the residents. RAs also go door to door to personally invite residents.

Alcala said that the RAs have programming meetings where they get the opportunity to develop their own events. Over the last weekend, she was able to host a hot chocolate social.

Recently, a chicken and waffles event was hosted in the Multipurpose Room. Around 300 guests

were in attendance. Student Housing East was also able to host an ice-skating social with the help of Campus Programming.

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In terms of meals, students can head over to the

Runner Café where breakfast, lunch and dinner are available. They can also use their dining dollars to choose something else for themselves. These dining dollars may also be used at Peet's and Rowdy's but not at Togo's located in Science III.

"The new dorms are really nice, but of course they have their issues. I feel as if they could have let us move into them in the spring quarter so that they could fix a lot of them," said sophomore Breana Sheffield, a child, adolescent and family studies major. She said that some of the issues included residents not getting hot water, ID cards not working within the halls, elevators malfunctioning as well as furniture and vending machines not arriving. Sheffield said that most issues tend to get "fixed pretty quickly, depending on the problem" and that residents "don't wait more than a day or two."

Despite some minor hiccups with the dorms opening, the RAs work hard to ensure the satisfaction of their residents.



Diana Olivares/The Runner
Junior engineering science major Michael Lovato and freshman nursing major Jack Moutra play pool in the new dorm game room.

"We're big on customer service, and making sure this place feels like home to [the residents] and that they have everything that they need," said Rasheed.

The new Student Housing East residence halls are a successful project it seems. CSUB has come a long way to strive for this improvement. With many more phases coming to further enhance the new dorms, the struggles of the old housing will be a thing of the past.

"[The dorms] look elegant, and invite people to come in. I'm proud to say that I live in the dorms," said Rasheed.

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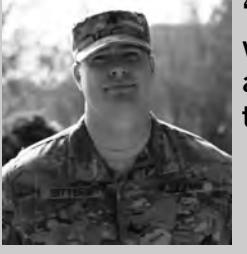
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RUNNER ON THE STREET

This week, The Runner asked, "What was your New Year's resolution and how is it going?"

By AJ Alvarado, Assistant Photo Editor

	<p>"I do not have a New Year's resolution, because every day is the same."</p>		<p>"My resolution is to study better and focus more on school. It's going okay."</p>		<p>"My New Year's resolution was to stay being awesome, and I'm continuing to do that."</p>
	<p>"I'm not making a plan to lose weight, but to eat healthier...so far, I've been doing good."</p>		<p>"My resolution's to be a better programmer. It's going well."</p>		<p>"My resolution was to do new things, get physically fit and attend church more. It's going good."</p>

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Marijuana is a drug, not a harmless miracle

By Richard Garibay
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After the recent legalization of recreational marijuana in Washington and Colorado, I've noticed a new surge of enthusiasm for the substance and I have to say I'm pretty annoyed with it.

I hate this booming weed culture, not because I'm not a fan of marijuana, but because most of the people in the movement treat the plant as if it were a holy cure-all.

Tell any barefoot, beard growing, rent dodging pot lover that marijuana is bad and they'll go off the wall with reasons why it should be legal.

One of the more popular arguments is that it's much safer than alcohol and cigarettes. I agree completely that weed is safer, however, don't sit there and tell me that there are no negative effects of marijuana.

In fact, an article published on the National Institute of Health's website says that, "The current state of science on the adverse health effects of mari-

juana use links the drug to several significant adverse effects including addiction."

Marijuana is indeed addictive, which is a negative effect, contrary to what many pot enthusiasts would have you believe.

Many of these people claim that they can quit anytime, which sounds exactly like what a drug addict would say.

The University of Washington's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute have also explored the negative effects of marijuana use. In a study conducted in 2011, researchers found that "systematic review of the research concluded that long-term marijuana smoking is



Marijuana enthusiasts act as if weed could do no wrong, and will argue to the death about the numerous benefits they believe the plant has.

associated with an increased risk of some respiratory problems, including an increase in cough, sputum production, airway inflammation and wheezing similar to that of tobacco smoking."

Just because Marijuana is safer than alcohol and tobacco does

not mean it is safe. Tommy Chong sharing a picture of a weed leaf with a made-up statistic on Facebook isn't scientific evidence.

What angers me the most are the ridiculous claims that many people will make in order to further the pot cause.

According to FDA.gov, "The FDA has not approved marijuana for any indication... The FDA's drug approval process requires that clinical trials be conducted in a way that provide the agency with the necessary scientific data upon which the FDA can make its approval decisions. Without this review the FDA cannot determine whether a drug product is safe and effective."

So, just because a single AIDS or cancer patient in one hundred smokes marijuana and makes a bit of progress does not mean that it is the cure all for every disease in the existence.

If you want marijuana legalized, that's fine, but do not insult my intelligence and say it's the greatest thing ever. If I tell a smoker that tobacco is bad, they don't try to argue uphill. They accept this and go on not worrying about what I think of them and their habits.

Be that way, pot smokers. Accept that it is bad for you and say, "I don't care what you think, I want to smoke pot legally."

Sequels and remakes ruin movie-going experience

By Anthony Jauregui
Senior Reporter

With the recent release of Oliver Megaton's "Taken 3," I've come to realize that Qui-Gon Jinn, also known as Liam Neeson, needs to stop making movies, especially ones that require the athleticism of a 19-year-old Chinese gymnast.

More importantly, Hollywood needs to stop wasting their money on failsafe remakes and sequels of already perfected movies, such as Jurassic Park and Batman.

The lack of creativity that thrives in Hollywood is what gives us movies like "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," where April O'Neil spends more time

breathing hard than reporting like she's supposed to.

Nonetheless, the influx of remakes and sequels in Hollywood nowadays aggravates me and it should aggravate you.

A childhood classic like the Ninja

Turtles is what we expected when we watched the newly

revamped version

starring Megan Fox and Will Arnett, but that is not what we received. What we got was a huge disappointment.

Now, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" is an easy target to make fun of and get angry at, but what about the doomed "Jurassic World" that's set to release in June 2015?

The film which stars Chris



Liam Neeson, star of the "Taken" trilogy, has a very special set of skills, like getting you to watch the same movie three times.

Pratt can't help but worry me of what lies in store for the film.

A range of emotions hits me in the heart thinking of what this film does to my pre-conceived notions of what Jurassic Park was for me as a child.

However, with that in mind, I understand why these movies are being made: to target and please a new audience!

These films aren't being rebooted, revamped and redone for the hell of it; they're being remade for new, young audiences, and for the conglomerates that are the movie studios.

My beef isn't with sequels, remakes or revamps, it's with movies that are done, and should stay done, but are added a sequel just because the first one was good.

"Taken 3" should have been done at "Taken." At this rate, the story line is going to continue with Slovakiens taking Liam Neeson's cousin's boyfriend's mom's sister's husband.

For the sake of good movies that everyone loves, don't make unnecessary sequels.

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Editorial: Dorm names fall short on creativity

By The Runner Staff

The new Student Housing East complex is impressive. The newer, cleaner and more modern buildings present an improvement over the old dormitories toward the west side of campus in many ways. However, they lack in the name department.

Names such as Juniper and Pinion reflect very little about CSUB, Bakersfield or the country they reside in. While the plants the dorms are named after are local, Bakersfield conjures images of oil, agriculture, civil rights and music in the minds of many.

In 2013, CSUB honored legendary country singer Merle Haggard with a doctorate degree. The Bakersfield area is home to many fantastic musical

acts that could be honored through naming a section of Student Housing East after them. Merle Haggard Hall, The Buck Owens Corridor, Korn Row or many other names drawn from the local sound would have been welcome possibilities.

Outside of music, the contributions of activists such as Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, Phillip Vera Cruz and Benjamin Gines have left a huge mark on farmworker's rights locally and nationwide. With CSUB's large number of migrant students, paying honor to those who worked to make conditions better for their parents and grandparents would be appropriate.

Even the Lord of the Rings themed names would be a great way to keep a part of CSUB history in the dorms. The names were after all decided by some

of the earliest classes at CSUB. And, the series continues to be immensely popular. Box Office Mojo recently reported that the latest Hobbit film has already made a quarter-billion dollars domestically, and the names had lasted decades at CSUB. To see the names disappear forever from the living quarters would be slightly disappointing.

Mostly, the student housing should mean something to the students living there. Be they names after a famous alum, an important local historical figure or even just names by the students themselves.

Students will spend years of their lives living in the dorms – it's an important time of their life. While the juniper tree is a beautiful, and local, plant perhaps the dorms can do better than a tree.

Sasha Abramsky gives campus insight on poverty

By Barry Ramirez
Reporter

On Wednesday, January 14, students, faculty, and concerned citizens filled the Student Union to hear Sasha Abramsky talk about his book "The American Way of Poverty: How the Other Half Still Lives." If your initial impression is that this was only another author revamping the uncommon horrors of rare and irresponsible Americans, you would be wrong. Poverty, Abramsky argues, is becoming more common than we should be comfortable with.

Abramsky began his lecture on what would be a short-winded, sanguine note. "Nationally," he said, "unemployment is now down 5.7 percent. It's actually at the lowest level it's been in America since the 1990's...On a monthly basis, more than a quarter of a million jobs are being created in America." Bringing the good news closer to home, California for the first time in ten years actually has a surplus in budget.

Despite the current estimations of national unemployment and

the heralding of the death of the recession, poverty is as terrible and pressing as it's ever been.

Abramsky differentiated between two types of unemployment. If a person is actively seeking work but is unsuccessful, then that person becomes statistically unemployed. However, if a person has deemed the labor market "hostile" and doesn't actively search work, then that person becomes, effectively, "invisible." Put another way, they're not even a statistic, a number on a page.

There is another angle from which we can view the current well-being of the economy, Abramsky posits. The current growth rate for the economy is two or three percent annually.

Yet, when you analyze where the growth is going—how the wealth is distributed—another, disconcerting story is told.

Abramsky broke down the conventional economic pyramid as it currently looms: "You have a small number right at the top, who are earning millions, or if you're a hedge fund manager billions of dollars a year. Then you have people in the

middle, professionals, people earning fairly decent money but by no means are rich. Then you got the people at the bottom, who are on a daily basis chronically economically insecure."

If an economy is functioning healthily, then all tiers of the pyramid ought to improve. However, as it currently operates, the growth of the economy returns to the people at the pinnacle; the top five percent, and most of that to the one percent within the five percent.

Of course, this isn't a problem if you're wealthy. But if you're poor, then these are troubling economic times. "the new normal," Abramsky hailed, "is insecure. The new normal is profoundly unequal. And the new normal for tens of millions of Americans represents downward mobility."

Traveling the country, he interviewed people who were barely able to pay their rent and people who were in "deep poverty."

He spoke of one couple that he had met in New Mexico who had lost their mobile home, but kept and lived in a storage unit on the land. There were no win-

dows or ventilation in the unit.

"I said to them 'what do you want? What are your aspirations?' the women laughed nervously, and she looked at me and said I dream of having a flushed toilet. This was in the year of 2011, in the richest country in human history and this woman's aspirations had been reduced to longing for running water and a flushing toilet."

While reciting the intimate stories of the abject poor is important and necessary, Abramsky ended his podium with possible tactics that could circumvent the problems of poverty in the future. He discussed a "public works reserve fund" that would function like social security. Everyone pays into a single account, and when an economic catastrophe like that of 2008 implodes, there are financial means to intervene and save



Sasha Abramsky spoke about the status of the American economy with a humanistic emphasis.

jobs.

Emily Lyons, a 23 year old philosophy major, commented that she was "inspired" by Abramsky's lecture. "I'd be really interested to hear somebody challenge it, because I'm having trouble thinking of any ways that I don't agree with him," she said.

Jesus Garcia, on the other hand, a 30 year old who is working on his master in education, felt that while the talk was "right on the button" in assessing the magnitude and tragedy of poverty, he didn't genuinely take account for the element of self-responsibility.

"When my family first moved to this country," he said, "we were dead broke. We were too broke to realize that we were broke."

You got to push, you got to push people to get out of that. If you don't push them, they conform and that's the way it is."

The podium was ended with the din of laughter as an audience member likened the discussion to a cathartic, sexual experience. Saying he was "ready to go home and smoke a cigarette." By which he likely meant that the lecture didn't offer sturdy, practical solutions.

Student email is a certainty with an uncertain date

By Chris Bodirsky
Reporter

Cal State University, Bakersfield students have lacked an internal email system since Runner Mail's closing in late 2009, but plans are in place to change that. The question is when will the system be released. Madhu Gogulapati, project manager for IT services, stressed that a key concern for the delay is to make sure not to interrupt academic schedules. With concerns of the system working properly, there are plans to test the system and

make sure that students will have a great experience when it's released.

The CSUB student email system is currently going through early testing, according to Christopher Diniz, director of infrastructure and support services for IT. With plans to expand testing to a larger student group in February, the team is cautiously optimistic.

Kallya Shenoy, interim assistant vice president for IT services, explains that the previous Runner Mail system was closed because the system was not popular. Many students simply forwarded emails to their pri-

mary accounts and bypassed Runner Mail altogether.

With that lack of usage and costs associated with maintaining Runner Mail, a decision was made to close down the service.

A problem faced by students is that many are having trouble getting emails from the college and professors, leading to liability issues. A student who fails to update their email address information or has their college emails end up in their spam folders will not get the information they should be getting.

To make sure there will be no lost emails in the system, the team is carefully test-

ing and adjusting. With plans to make the email system mandatory for all students in the future, they want to provide a product that will be reliable, but Stacey Childress, web communications manager for CSUB, made it clear that "we can't commit to a date yet."

With budget concerns looming across campus, Shenoy was happy to note that the future system will come with no budget changes. The future system will be based on Microsoft Office 365 services which will be available for free and is a cloud based system. There will be no onsite servers for CSUB

staff to maintain or pay for. Childress pointed out that Office 365 services are additionally beneficial because of the wide usage in business settings and allow students to become experienced with what they will likely face in work settings.

Childress also pointed out that the IT help desk will take on any concerns and help with handling the email services on campus.

When asked about features, basic functionality of email and calendar services were the main concerns.

The staff is eager to hear about

what students want to see available. "The best ideas still come from students," Childress explains, "so we need that feedback."

There was a general excitement about the CSUB email system for students. Diniz happily offered that he is "really looking forward to this system." The team also pointed out they are currently looking for more testers of the system when they expand the testing in February.

Students who are interested in testing the new email system can contact Student Affairs at (661) 654-2161.

Campus dining expands hours for dorm residents

By Ileana Angulo
Senior Reporter

Along with the New Year came the addition of modernized residential housing at California State University, Bakersfield. Approximately 400 students are being housed in the facility.

But many students are asking why a dining hall wasn't built alongside the residential facility?

Without one available, students must resort to the Runner Café for their meals.

Some are having a hard time adjusting to the transition.

"Being closer was more convenient; now we have to walk all the way there," said Jiselle Zuniga, freshman housing resident.

In order to accommodate students, hours have been extended at the Runner Café, Rowdy's, Peet's and Walter's.

Students are given a variety of meal options to choose from.

One option being an all you can eat buffet style. This was a previous option at The Commons.

Therese Dozier, Coordinator of conference and transition specialist said, "The hours have been expanded just for dorm students we expanded meal service with University Grill. Some meals have options from all you can eat to different kind of plan."

Also, there will be daily specials and varieties of daily meal deals students can pick from. Meal plans and dining dollars will be usable at all four locations.

The purpose is to offer stu-

dents a variety of options and to facilitate getting food.

Despite extended hours David Hveem, Aramark food service director at CSUB said additional staff was not hired. Instead staff employed at The Commons was relocated at the Runner Café.

Additional staff was needed to make the process of serving students and staff faster.

To minimize wait time, an additional register was added for students getting meals from the grab and go food section. Students have been complaining about the wait time and amount of people trying to get food at once especially during lunch time.

Chase Hicks, freshman housing resident said, "Sometimes it gets really chaotic and you can't get in and out."

In response to student complaints Hveem said, "You go anywhere during peak lunch hours you will wait a long time; whether it's sit in, fast food or not, you'll wait."

He also said the average wait time per student is ten minutes but at times wait time is self inflicted.

"What I notice is students walk in talk with friends, text, socialize and then they order."

If you go straight to food station it would be faster. It's not the case with all students but more often than not," said Hveem.

In addition, he added that President Horace Mitchell had the longest wait time on record, with a wait time of approximately 17 minutes.

Since more students are

expected at the Runner Café, seating has been expanded with the addition of the Stockdale room.

The housing facility is a long term project which consists of five phases. Currently, phase 1, which was the construction of a residential hall with the capacity of 500 beds, has been completed.

Dr. Thomas Wallace said in phase 2 or 3 a dining hall will be built, "As soon as we look to our numbers and look at capacity we will begin planning as soon as we get to that point based on the needs of our students if we see a need we will begin planning sooner rather than later."

CSUB Food Services Schedule

Runner Café -

Mon.-Fri.
7:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.
11 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
5 p.m.- 7 p.m.

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This quarterly event, hosted by President Horace Mitchell, is an opportunity for students to meet, converse, and have lunch with CSUB leadership in a casual setting. Ask burning questions, make suggestions, and enjoy a free lunch while doing so. This event is free to all CSUB students.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 21st

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: New Student Housing Multi-Purpose Room



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Pizza Rev opens two locations in Bakersfield

By Heather Hoelscher
Features Editor

The Grand Opening of Pizza Rev, the new unique pizza place in town, was on Wednesday Jan. 14 at the Gosford Village. Pizza Rev is unique to other pizza places because it can provide personalized pizza with any topping you want for \$8.25. The whole process takes about 8 to 10 minutes from the time you walk in the door. And that is only three minutes in the oven.

Students can grab a quick meal in between classes or after school with friends. The new Pizza Rev will be located at the Riverwalk on Stockdale Hwy. The grand opening is this week at that location.

Marissa Bing, 23, who has worked with the Pizza Rev Company since the beginning, talks about the company's training process for new employees.

"The training process [is] about a seven day schedule," said Bing. "Three days just hands on training and then they have a day off we come back and do all out promotion week. They get to practice on their friends and family first. And then our corporate friends and family and from there we are open to the public."

Bing has been a loyal employee since the beginning of Pizza Rev.

"I love working here," Bing said. "I'm part of the original crew in Northridge Calif. right by [California State University, Northridge] and it has expanded from there. If you look at our first location, it still is surround-

ed by students. I'm sure the Riverwalk location will be just like CSUN but for CSUB students."

What makes Pizza Rev different from other pizza companies is the "speed, quality and customization pizza rev offers," Bing said.

Daniel Embry, the General Manager at the Gosford Village location, loves working at Pizza Rev because he simply loves pizza.

"I mean, who doesn't. I tell people that you could come here and eat lunch and dinner every day for a week and never have the same thing twice," Embry said. "It's an amazing company to work for that believes in promoting from within. Most of the people that work at our corporate office started as regular crew members at our first store in Northridge which opened April of 2012. They are expanding rapidly all over the country which offers chances to travel and possible move."

This year they plan to open up 40 stores in California and other states, according to Bing. "We've opened up in Minnesota, Utah, and Texas so far. Crew members have traveled across the states to go open a store so there is a lot of opportunity here," she said.

The most popular pizza combinations they provide are the Margarita, Mediterranean and The BBQ Chicken pizza. All of which can still be modified to the customers liking.

"We do a 'craft your own pizza' we take you down the line and let you choose your

own sauce, cheese, meats and veggies," Embry said. "We use fresh ingredients and offer Gluten free crust, Vegan Cheese and Vegan Sausage."

Pizza Rev, which stands for pizza revolution, is providing new experiences. They are revolutionizing the way people buy pizza.

"We offer over 30 toppings and the price stays the same no matter what you get," Embry said. "We have a huge open-flame stone-bed oven that cooks the pizza within four minutes. We are also about giving back to the community that we are a part of. The grand opening for Gosford Village donated 50 percent of all its profit to the Kern County Boys and Girls Club. River walk will do the same on Jan. 22 with the Bakersfield SPCA. We hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year."

Nicholas Eckerman, co-founder and Chief Operating Officer, is excited to be a part of the Bakersfield community.

"The Bakersfield population and economy continues to expand, but the community remains tight-knit and residents truly care about supporting each other. We love the vibe out here and are excited to be a part of the community," Eckerman said.

"We have 20 restaurants open across the country — our Gosford Village and River Walk locations are #21 and #22. All open and upcoming locations can be found here: <http://pizzarev.com/locations>," Eckerman said.

Wakie Phone App Gets Millions of Users

By Kabria Dodley
Reporter

Imagine being awakened by a complete stranger halfway across the world to start your day.

That is exactly what the Wakie app does.

Being connected to someone half way across the world in a matter of seconds is something that, generations ago, may have seemed impossible to achieve. Someone that simply wanted to do a kind favor would have to wait a couple of days, maybe even weeks in order to do so. Normally, whoever you live with wakes you up, or perhaps someone you already know gives you a phone call to remind you of something important you had planned for the day.

The new Wakie app is connecting 1.5 million members in 80 countries around the world.

"Instead of an ear-splitting alarm, you get a call from another "Wakie", who will chat you into consciousness," said The Daily Telegraph, a UK newspaper.

You are asleep and your phone starts to ring. It's a girl from China with a friendly and soft voice that tells you to wake up and even cracks a joke or two.

With the Wakie app, users are able to set an alarm on their phone and be matched up with random people who can wake them up in the morning. The



Illustrated by Eric Garza

Simple and kind gestures such as this are something that the world needs today. Especially when we may be down and just in need of someone to make us feel better.

"Love it [I]!! You can tell there is a lot of thought and love in this app, making it the best!" said, Inky Doodler, a user on the Itunes preview page online.

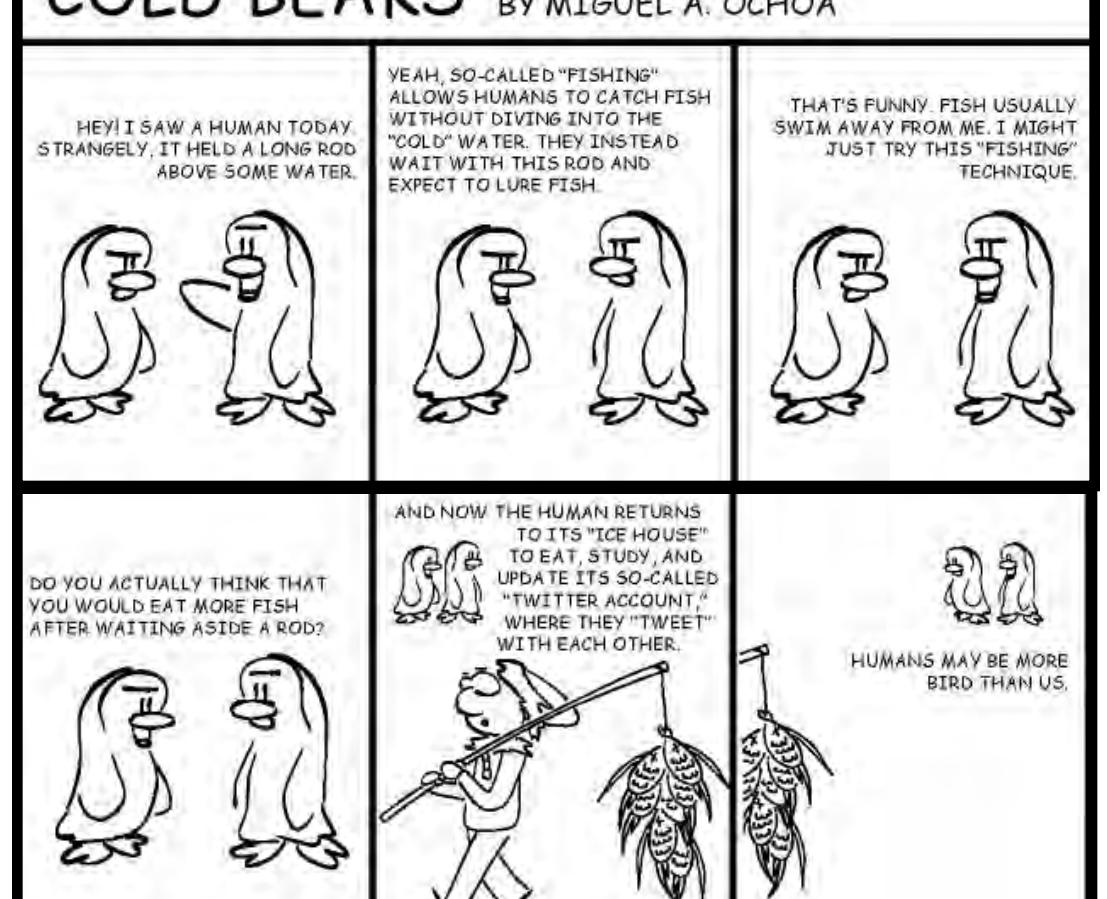
Unfortunately this app may not be for everyone. "I think the app is pointless because your phone already has a built in alarm clock. Why would you have someone else from another state wake you up when you're already gonna wake up at a certain time anyway?", said junior David Rodriguez.

With the Wakie app, users are able to set an alarm on their phone and be matched up with random people who can wake them up in the morning. The

Calls made through the Wakie app can last a maximum of one minute. At about 50 seconds, the app will give you a gentle reminder that your time with the conversation is running out. The purpose of this one minute phone call limit is to keep conversations short, sweet, and to the point.

If you're worried about your phone number being exposed and given to millions of strangers, fear not. The Wakie app connects you to others completely anonymously and does not share your number with any other users within the app.

COLD BEAKS BY MIGUEL A. OCHOA



Winter Fashion Trends



Ruby St. Clare/Special to the Runner
The winter 2015 runways presented felt fedora hats as a prominent trend. CSUB fashion blogger, Crismat Mateo, takes this trend to the streets.



Crismat Mateo/The Runner
Ruby St. Clare is wearing trendy black and gold along with a 1960s modernized silhouette. Styling by Crismat Mateo.

By Crismat Mateo
Reporter

This past winter has been one of the coldest that Bakersfield and its neighboring cities have experienced. Thus, more layers of clothing! This winter's fashion trends are definitely in full swing.

Black is a prominent color on the fall-winter collections of different womenswear designers. This season, Saint Laurent, Moschino, and Prada accented black with gold fabrics and appliques — perfect for the holiday season.

A 2015 twist to the 1960s look also flooded the runways this season. Designers like Prada, Chloé, and Valentino modernized classic 1960s silhouettes and patterns.

Masculine trends on women's clothing are always a risk, which is why military styles were refreshing to see on the runways. Balmain and Calvin Klein were among some designers that showcased military structure and uniform-like styles on their collections this season.

Bianca Barron, a public relations student at California State University, Bakersfield, dealt with the winter cold with her fuzzy house slippers. "I could not walk around the house without them," she says.

Kayla Dacoron says her favorite piece for the winter season is a red jacket. "It goes so well with everything," she says, with a classic military silhouette and trimmings. Dacoron is a former nursing student at CSUB.

Fashion is not just for women anymore. The fall-winter runways were also filled with trends that men are able to apply to their wardrobes.

Designers took it upon themselves to put greenery back into the colder months. Different shades of green were made easy-to-wear by designers, like Gieves & Hawkes and Richard James, where green trousers, coats, and suits were presented.

An accessory that dominated the menswear runway this season is the felt fedora. Not only did hats help runways "keep it gangster," but they were also seen on the streets. E Tautz and Oliver Spencer were among the designers that presented the felt fedora.

A winter classic that remained a classic this season was black. Many designers renowned for their use of color during the colder season swung to the opposite side of the spectrum by accenting black with white trims, prints, and patterns. Black and white looks were prolific in the collections of Tom Ford, E Tauts, and Agi & Sam.

Corey Groves, communications student, says that his must-have of the winter season is a "nice, warm beanie to keep the cold off of his ears."

A new leather biker jacket has been on my wish list of things to have, making the black and white look a favorite trend for the season. Paired with a simple white T-shirt and black jeans, the outfit is ready to go out of the door on trend, and ready to hit the streets.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

JAN 21	Lunch with Leaders – Informal setting to discuss opportunities and ask questions at the residence hall at 11:30 – 12:30pm
JAN 22	Road Runner Resumés- Center for Career Education and Community Engagement (CECE) help with writing resumés at the Classroom Building room 105 5-6pm Women's Basketball vs. Missouri-Kansas City – Icardo Center 7pm
JAN 23	Runner Rally – Women's Basketball at Rowdys 5:30pm
JAN 24	Women's Basketball vs. Chicago State – Icardo Center 1pm
JAN 25	Women's and Men's Swim vs. UC Santa Cruz – Hillman Aquatics Complex 11 am
JAN 26	Campus Clean Up Day – "Coca-Cola campus Clean up Day" Last Day to submit Graduation Checks for Spring Quarter Graduation
JAN 27	Men's Basketball vs. San Diego Christian – Icardo Center 7pm
JAN 30	An evening of Opera Scenes – Scenes from Così Fan Tutte by Mozart, Lakmé by Delibes and more at the Doré Theatre 7:30 pm
JAN 31	Men's Basketball vs. Seattle U. – Icardo Center 7pm
FEB 5	Men's Basketball vs. Utah Valley – Icardo Center 7pm

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Track and field

Team ready for new season

By Esteban Ramirez
Sports Editor

After a disappointing 2014 season, California State University, Bakersfield's track and field team is ready to redeem itself this year.

"We are definitely better than last year," CSUB coach Marcia Mansur-Wentworth said. "Last year we were second to last in the conference."

She added that they want six athletes from the men's team to make the Western Athletic Conference and believes six women will make the WAC finals.

CSUB will start the season at the Northern Arizona Invitational on Jan. 24 at Flagstaff, Ariz.

Some of the key returners for the men's team are: senior Bryan Wilmert, who is the defending Western Athletic Conference champion in the hammer throw and All-Conference in the shot put and senior Richard Maestre, who was All-Conference in the 400 hurdles.

Some of the key returners for the women's team are: sophomore Ariana Mariscal, who was All-Conference in the 800 meter run and senior Alyssa



Janeane Williams/The Runner
Roadrunners junior Tricia Cervantes jumping the hurdles at practice on Jan. 16.

Page, who was a WAC finalist in the 400 meter outdoor run.

Mariscal said she is excited for this year's team.

"I'm definitely aiming for a WAC position to hopefully win a WAC title for myself and as a team to gather the most points," Mariscal said.

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"I'm really excited," Maestre said. "This is my last year, so I'm just working really hard and staying on the grind. I'm really excited to see how I do and I feel like I'm going to do

Volleyball

CSUB thrived in Melo's first year

By Esteban Ramirez
Sports Editor

In its first year under Director of Volleyball Giovana Melo, the California State University, Bakersfield volleyball team soared to new heights as the team snagged its very first Western Athletic Conference Championship and made it to the NCAA Division I Volleyball Tournament for the very first time.

The 'Runners struggled to find some consistency early on in the season, but they were able to gel at the right time, make team history and now have established a solid foundation to build from.

"It was a great experience," Melo said. "We went through a lot, but it was definitely a good ending."

CSUB (16-15, 9-6 WAC) went through some up and downs during the 2014 season, but were able to peak at the right time by winning three of its last four regular-season games and headed into the WAC Tournament with the number three seed.

Once in the tournament, which they hosted, CSUB swept No. 6 seed University of Texas-Pan American (25-8, 25-

16, 25-18) in the first round.

They followed with a second-round victory against second-seeded New Mexico State University (21-25, 26-24, 26-24, 25-20).

Then in the championship, the 'Runners swept fifth-seeded Seattle University (25-21, 25-22, 25-17).

"The final moments were pretty indescribable," Melo said. "It was very exciting to know that we accomplished something so big."

Senior middle blocker Molly O'Hagan said that the emotions after winning the WAC Championship were through the roof.

"It was just such an unreal feeling to have a goal be reached after four years of hard work and ups and downs," O'Hagan said. "I went through a couple of coaches, and it was just a great way to end."

Redshirt-senior libero Mariah Alvidrez shared in the sentiment.

"It was very exciting," said Alvidrez. "At the beginning of the year none of us knew how good we were going to be, to hear our coaches tell us we are going to be WAC champions it was a dream come true in the end."

After winning the WAC Tournament and earning an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament, the Roadrunners played the number one seed Stanford University in the first round. The Roadrunners lost to the Cardinal (21-25, 21-25, 18-25), but kept it close throughout.

"It was a great first experience of making it there and for the girls it was another great experience with another great feel of emotion," Melo said.

After the season was over, CSUB extended Melo's contract by one year. She's now under contract until the 2018 season.

"It was great because [it was] a big insurance to me that they were behind me," Melo said.

O'Hagan added that she only sees more WAC championships for future teams.

"We're just going to keep getting that championship experience, and I see this program really developing, becoming a force to reckon with and becoming a very respected program not only in California but in the whole country as well," O'Hagan said. "I see this program exploding. It's only up from here."

'Runner Roundup

Women's Basketball



UTPA 77

The CSUB women's basketball team fell to the University of Texas-Pan American 77-60. The 'Runners fell behind early to the Broncs and went into halftime down 45-28. Redshirt-senior guard Tyonna Outland led CSUB with 24 points and four rebounds.



CSUB 60



CSUB 66



UTPA 53

Men's Basketball



CSUB 43



Grand Canyon 0

The CSUB men's basketball team beat University of Texas-Pan American behind 12 point and 11 rebound performance from junior forward Kevin Mays. Junior center Aly Ahmed added 14 points. CSUB will play at University of Missouri-Kansas City on Jan. 22.

Wrestling

On Jan. 18, the CSUB wrestling team shutout Grand Canyon University 43-0. It was the 'Runners first shutout since the 2010-2011 season. The 'Runners will host San Francisco State University at the Icardo Center on Jan. 25.

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Walter Stiern Library - Lab 16
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Walter Stiern Library - Lab 14
- February 20, 2015 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm
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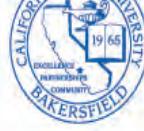
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1/13/15

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Location: DDH E102

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Tutor: Mark
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
3pm-5 pm
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