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CAMPUS

Blackboard issues eased by helpdesk

By Patricia Rocha
News Editor

As online learning management system Blackboard is the place most students receive course information, it is essential that they be able to access their accounts without issue, but this isn't always the case. To lessen the confusion is the CSUB Help Desk, available Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Fridays 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Information Technology Specialist Kal Shenoy and Director of Infrastructure and Support Services Chris Diniz agree that most of the issues arise from new students simply not familiar with the program.

"It tends to be mostly 'My web browser is not working,' 'I can't load the page,' 'I can't login'...basic items," said Diniz. "[We'll] make sure they're using a supported version. Blackboard does have their list of supported browsers. We'll help them clear their cache, help them verify that they're going to the right URL. If they've had a name change we have to get their name change processed."

As the demand for Blackboard and hybrid course support grows, CSUB is doing what it can to keep up, focusing on exactly what students need and when. Diniz said there are currently some days where there are no calls after 7 p.m.

"This is the challenge for us: to measure the support need," said Shenoy.

He said they may poll the student body to see exactly what is and isn't a support priority with students in the future.

WI-FI

Emergency update leaves users without Wi-Fi signal

By Patricia Rocha
News Editor

A recent update to CSU Bakersfield's wireless internet service left many iOS and Mac OS users without internet access for an estimated 15 hours over the evening of Sept. 23 and the morning of Sept. 24.

"Apple had sent out an alert saying that their iOS 9 as well as their latest version of the Mac OS was going to support a certain level of encryption that our environment at that moment didn't support," said Director of Infrastructure and Support Services Chis Diniz.

Hoping to prevent any issues, IT put an emergency update into place under Apple's recommendation.

"Unfortunately, we went ahead and did what they suggested and their documentation was actually incorrect," said Diniz.

When they realized the error, they attempted to revert back to the original Wi-Fi system, but that caused even more trouble as it prevented any iOS and Mac OS user from accessing it.

By noon the next day, it was running as it was previously with Wi-Fi working for all but iOS 9 users. Diniz said the

iOS 9 issues will be resolved shortly, as they are currently working in a test environment to make sure things work and are secure before they roll out a new system.

"We have figured out what the fix is and we're ready to deploy," said Diniz. "However, right before we deploy we're going to make certain that we have a roll back plan in case we run into the same problem we had before."

Despite the current iOS 9 issue, IT is proud of the current standards allowing hundreds of faculty and students to access the internet daily. "This summer we actually

increased our capacity, our ability to handle multiple connections at any given point," said Diniz. "Within our buildings we are operating above the standard."

However, outside Wi-Fi connection is still an issue. Currently, the signal comes from whatever is leaking from nearby buildings.

"It's just not strong," he said. "Ideally if you were anywhere on the campus you'd have wireless."

"So we are working on that, that's where our growth is heading towards."

"We just don't have the funding to cover that, so we try to

provide what we can."

Though funding currently isn't available to cover all of the wiring and installation costs for campus-wide Wi-Fi, a few popular spots may see coverage sooner than later, including the quad area between the cafeteria and Student Union.

"We're just trying to get something to increase the coverage out there, because we know a lot of students congregate there, so [the IT department] has took it upon themselves to provide that"

Installation for that area is estimated for some time this year.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASI inducts new member

By Graham C Wheat
Features and Opinions Editor

Last week's Associated Students Incorporated board of directors meeting brought some pressing campus issues to light and inducted a new member.

ASI President Mike Kwon was happy to see a meeting that was connected to matters on campus.

"Campus issues are already being brought up," said Kwon. "People are being more vocal."

The issue that compelled the most comments was the numerous car break-ins occurring on and surrounding campus. Recommendations to contact University Affairs and

University Police were brought forward. Dr. Jim Drnek, associate vice president of student affairs, recommended students keep valuables out of sight.

Board member Kathy Barrios brought up issues regarding the new student email system; subsequently, the executives promised to look into the matter.

Vice President of Student Affairs Anish Mohan spoke on the lack of tutors in the finance department and gave the board reassurance that he would look into the matter in the coming weeks.

The board was also notified to the Runner Café being closed early due to a burger-cooking station catching fire.



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ASI President Mike Kwon swore in new member Brittany Perez into ASI during their meeting on Sept. 25 at CSUB.

Brittany Perez became the newest member of ASI when Kwon inducted her during the proceedings of the meeting.

Kwon said that it "always feels good having ASI representation."

Kwon resolved vacant positions on the Teacher Education Committee, with directors stepping up to fill those open

spots.

Kwon gave encouraging words about the status of the current status of ASI.

In particular, Kwon said that there were, "valid issues, and important what the directors are doing."

ASI is approachable. We are here to serve the students," said Kwon.

ONLINE



Julie Perez/The Runner

President Horace Mitchell watches Mike Kwon launch the Runner Ride bike share program on Sept. 16 at CSUB.

- Free bike share program takes off at CSUB
- Library burglary occurs in Computer Lab 3

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Library updates hours, white boards; Mitchell hosts dinner

Extended Hours
Starting this quarter, the Walter Stiern Library at CSU Bakersfield has later hours, now closing at 1 a.m. on Sundays through Thursdays. So far, students are responding favorably to this change, and the number of students using the library at night is expected to increase throughout the quarter. The later hours are a response to an idea put forth by Associated Students Incorporated and the Academic Senate, and this initiative has been funded for two quarters. If students continue to respond favorably, the library may make these later hours permanent. “The cost is significant, but we feel that the value to students that the hours add to the library makes it worthwhile,” said Curt Asher, who is the Dean of the library.



Bre Williams/The Runner

Newly extended library hours allow students to study until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday for the next two quarters.

The costs, according to Asher, have been solely economical. A temporary night librarian has been hired, and part of the campus budget for the library goes toward that paycheck. In the future, the library will try to make it a permanent position. “It’s very difficult to hire a person for a job like this at night to work until 1:00 a.m. with no job security at all,” said Asher. Some of the budget also goes toward providing night security, although, according to Asher, the later hours have not increased criminal activity like theft and vandalism. So far, keeping the library open later has benefited students. “We’re grateful to ASI for their interest in the library and their efforts to improve,” said Asher. “[We] listen to what they say, and we try to carry

out their wishes when we can.” — Heather Simmons

Whiteboard Update
Two of the blackboards in the third and fourth floor study rooms of the Walter Stiern library at CSU Bakersfield have been replaced with new dry-erase whiteboards. The decision to replace them was made last year, but the funds for this project were unavailable. “We were hoping to get help to purchase those from ASI, but that wasn’t possible last year, so the library went ahead and paid for two,” said Sandra Bozarth, the First Year Experience librarian. The two blackboards that were replaced were the most worn and unusable in the library, so the upgrade is expected to benefit students. “I think that, if you look around the library, and you see how often people use those to

solve math problems and things like that in a group, they’re heavily used,” said Asher. As funds become available, the library will pay to buy the new white boards and have them installed. “We’re going to steadily replace [the blackboards], so we expect they’ll all be gone by the end of the academic year,” said Asher. According to Bozarth, the new white boards are expected to be “much cleaner and easier to maintain.” — Heather Simmons

Student Leaders Reception
CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell and his wife, First Lady Barbara Mitchell, hosted the President’s Student Leaders Reception at their home on Sept. 24. Sporting a masquerade theme, the evening was a chance for student representa-

tives from chartered student organizations to get to know their fellow students. After dinner and refreshments were served and a group photo organized, each club had an opportunity to discuss their goals and events planned for the upcoming year. As Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas D. Wallace said that night, “we have the best students so we should have the best student organizations.” The organizations presented an impressive list of community service activities ranging from free health screenings and fundraising to mental health awareness and hosting academic discussions. These chartered organizations and their specific activities can be found on the newest platform RunnerSync, hosted on Orgsync.com. — Patricia Rocha

CAMPUS SAFETY

Fire alarm disrupts classes

By Graham C Wheat
Features and Opinions Editor

A fire alarm displaced approximately 150 students from their classes in the Education building on Sept. 23. The alarm was triggered at approximately 1 p.m. and ended about 15 minutes later, allowing students to return to class. During the disruption, students filled the breezeways and sidewalks around the building while faculty volunteers kept unknowing passers out of the vicinity. Christina Chavez, academic advisor for the school of arts and humanities, was one of those faculty volunteers helping while waiting for the all clear from the fire alarm. She gave her thoughts about what had happened. “Sometimes it is burnt popcorn,” she said. Chavez noted that there is no way to turn the alarm off and all clear signals must be given before the alarm shuts off. An officer with University Police eventually emerged and elaborated on what had happened inside the building. The UPD officer said that the alarm culprit was a batch of smoking French fries in a toaster oven that had smoldered but not caught fire. “It happens,” said the officer, noting that nothing malicious was at play.

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TRANSPORTATION

Students discuss bus experiences



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Students at California State University, Bakersfield wait to get into the Get Bus on Friday September 25, 2015.

By Katie Aubin
Reporter

Most CSU Bakersfield students who frequently take the bus to school would rather not, complaining of inconvenience. Many students have the luxury of driving themselves to school while others are at the mercy of the bus system, which can be unreliable and tedious. With somewhat limited route options and occasionally mismatched bus schedules, passengers can find themselves taking multiple buses to school, with lengthy wait times between transfers. Additionally, increases in bus fares are making this travel

option less financially forgiving, especially for those taking several buses a day. As of August 1, 2015, a single ride costs \$1.50: a 25-cent markup from previous years. The good news for frequent riders is that 15-day (\$25) and 31-day (\$40) bus passes are available at a relative bargain. Business major Jasmine Carrillo, who takes the bus every day, finds it an inconvenient but necessary evil. “I have to get to school,” said Carrillo, who does not currently have a driver’s license. Diamond Jackson, a criminal justice major, agreed, describing the bus system as “sometimes” convenient, but not as

idyllic as driving herself. Despite the occasional frustrations of being a frequent bus rider, there are still plenty of pros to public transportation. “I’d probably rather take the bus” said child, adolescent and family studies (CAFS) major Leslie Martinez, who is in the process of getting her license. Martinez says she hasn’t had a problem being late, and she appreciates the ease of being a passenger who doesn’t have to worry about things like gas prices or unsafe driving conditions. Bus riders also get the option of using their ride time to get their school work done, relax or listen to music.

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Punk legend rocks downtown record
store with newest book and band

By Patricia Rocha
News Editor

Legendary punk frontwoman and activist Alice Bag gave a reading and musical performance to fans at Going Underground Records last week to promote her newest book, “Pipe Bomb for the Soul.”

The book is a self-annotated diary from her travels to Nicaragua to teach in 1986 during the height of the Sandinista revolution. In an email interview before the performance, Bag shared her thoughts behind publishing her diary online in blog form as well as physical publication, saying she was glad to have the journal as a reference after all these years.

“My experiences in Nicaragua were unforgettable but some of the small details might have been forgotten if not for the fact that I wrote about them,” she said.

As a self-described bibliophile, Bag says she has a sentimental attachment to books and how they feel when she holds them in her hands, but the blog was an important enhancement for the diary as well.

“I wrote the blog because I wanted to make sure the information I was putting out was accessible to anyone with access to the Internet,” she said. “I like the fact that with a blog you can add links to material that would otherwise have to be licensed.”

In Pipe Bomb for the Soul, Bag discusses the ways her travels helped enhance her understanding of things like feminism, politics, and consumerism.

“There were many times when I was scared because the country was at war, and it wasn’t unusual to hear gun fire at any hour of the day or night. But I was committed to being there despite the risks,” she said. “At a certain point, I felt like I was serv-

ing a purpose as an internationalist, I had a role to play. I wasn’t always sure what my role was, but I sensed that I was participating in some important changes both on a personal and global level.”

Instead of editing her entries to reflect her current mindset, Bag posts them in their entirety and makes notes of how her perspective has changed over time afterwards.

“Reading the diary that I had written when I was much, much younger was difficult,” she said. “I really value my age and experience. I thought it was important to acknowledge that there were times when I was misguided and naive.”

One of the passages read to the audience that evening described an instance where Bag wanted to buy groceries for her host family after days of eating nothing but beans and rice.

After a conversation with the local grocery owner, Bag realized how rude the gesture would seem and adjusted her mindset. Returning to the United States after her travels opened her eyes to the stark differences in lifestyle.

“I think there are many people who are trapped in an endless cycle of joyless work and consumerism. There’s a beauty involved in enjoying the fruits of your labor, regardless of any monetary compensation. Doing what you love to do, regardless of pay feeds your soul; doing what you hate in pursuit of a paycheck starves it.”

Bag also made a point during the night to talk about the first wave punk scene she helped create in East LA with her band The Bags.

She described it as all-inclusive in its inception, turning away no one based on gender, style, race or orientation, a trait she says has changed as the music became more mainstream.



Photo courtesy of Omar Oseguera
Alice Bag reads a passage from her first book, “Violence Girl,” at Going Underground Records. The author was supporting the release of her second book, “Pipe Bomb for the Soul.”

As a feminist, Bag spoke about the pressures society put on women during that time that still continue to this day.

“I am constantly waging war in that arena. As a 56-year-old woman I am bombarded with messages that want to help me stay thin and unwrinkled, but my skin and metabolism have

changed and I don’t feel like I need to apologize for aging.”

Bag and her current band, aptly named “The Baguettes,” played songs that reflected the book’s messages, including The Bags original “Babylonian Gorgon” a cover of X-Ray Spex’s “Oh Bondage, Up Yours!”

Rowdy Run gets freshmen involved
with school spirit during halftime



Karina Diaz/ The Runner

The Rowdy Run is one of the signature events where freshmen are the focus. The event is meant to bolster school spirit for newest members on campus. Here, ASI President Mike Kwon (directly behind the mascot) runs with the crowd to show his support.

COLUMN
Personal
style is
created,
not just
bought

SUSTAINABLE STYLE: News editor and resident thrift store addict Patricia Rocha shares tips on how to stay stylish without breaking the bank or the planet.

I wear other people’s clothes. To be more specific, I wear clothes other people have given me, donated or literally thrown away, and I love it. I reach into my closet every day and can pull out an outfit I love for any occasion and haven’t yelled the phrase “I have nothing to wear!” in quite a few years.

It wasn’t always this way. I used to shop the way most people my age shop: strolling through the mall trying to find something cute for under \$25. Places like Forever 21 and Charlotte Russe made that a breeze.

After a few years of shopping this way, I ended up with a closet full of clothes that I hated and a perpetually empty wallet in my purse. The problem was that I was buying clothes that were picked for me, hand selected by trend reports and mass production companies that didn’t actually represent the style I envisioned for myself. I had to constantly settle for something that only mildly resembled what I wanted.

I appreciate glamour, carefully coiffed hairstyles and clothing altered to perfectly fit the wearer. I love clothes that make statements and build confidence, but clothes don’t really get made for this purpose anymore, and after reading Elizabeth Cline’s book “Over-Dressed: The Shockingly High Cost of Cheap Fashion,” I knew I could never go back to my shopping mall ways.

It the book, Cline covers a multitude of issues, many of the issues were things I had questioned myself in the old days. “How can this shirt be this cheap?” “Why are these shoes so flimsy?” “How did I manage to wear a hole in these jeans in a month?” She investigates, mostly undercover, factories where these fast-fashions are created, noting the terrible conditions workers are subjected to while making far less than livable wages. She also describes the textile industry, full of toxic dyes and questionable fabric production, as well as the over-burdened thrift stores where a lot of clothes end up after their fame as “the hottest new trend” ends.

As Katha Pollitt of The Nation put it, “Overdressed does for T-shirts and leggings what Fast Food Nation did for burgers and fries.” Since reading it, I’ve stopped ordering these fashion fries. Once I did, I realized just how many fantastic alternatives there are, including Etsy, lesser-known local thrift stores and independent designers all over the world.

I value glamour and art and aesthetic pleasure, but I, by no means, value it more than the environmental impact it could leave behind. I don’t value it more than I value the lives of the men and women who work to make and then sell the clothing I wear. I don’t value it more than I value the freedoms of others to look however they please. With a bit more care and a bit more responsibility I believe that style and sustainability can be one and the same.

KERN COUNTY FAIR

Family affair: A glimpse at fair food history

By Bre Williams
Senior Reporter

Walking into the fair, there is an instant aroma of salty fried treats. Food is part of the fair going experience and each year people crowd around the stands for mouth-watering concoctions.

The fair has become synonymous with fried foods and many people cannot wait to get their hands covered in fryer residue, much like Sophomore CAFS major Marissa Armendariz.

“I am most excited for a fried Oreo,” Armendariz said. Amidst all the giant corn dogs, funnel cakes, and oversized bags of cotton candy there is a history behind the fair food. While some of the food stands travel with the fair there are others that are owned and operated by Bakersfield locals.

The Mill Creek Church Men’s Fellowship has been making and selling Karmel Korn since 1946. This is a trade that the church has been passing down for generations, and the operation is now being ran by Mark Jones and Terrance Owens. Jones said that he first learned how to make Karmel Korn in 1978 from the second generation of men from Mill Creek Church.

Jones explained that when he first learned to make the treat it would take about 6 1/2 minutes to make 15 bags, but now they are able to produce 75 bags in 14 minutes on two stoves.

When the men’s fellowship first started they only made Karmel Korn, but after the fair threatened to take away their space three years ago due to low profits, they knew change was in order.

“Kids were just walking by because they wanted kettle corn,” Jones said.

Despite his passion for the tradition Jones decided it was time to branch out. Now, when you stop by the

Karmel Korn stand you find bags of all colors of the rainbow. They carry wild flavors from banana to jalapeño cheddar and because of these new developments Jones says their sells have gone up three times.

All the workers at the Mill Creek stand are volunteers and proceeds go to fund events like food banks and children’s camps. Jones hopes to keep “passing the tradition down right,” so that future generations can continue making perfectly sweet crunchy “korn” for Kern County.

People drinking a beer on a patio, kids eating an ice cream, a window full of delicious looking onion rings; this is what you’ll find as you pass by Mac’s Patio. It is a family affair, owned and operated currently by Sharon and Cathleen Parks.

Parks’ parents, Mac and Mary, first opened the stand in 1952 but have passed away. While none of the recipes are family secrets, Cathleen said when the stand first opened her grandmother Mary did all the cooking. Mac’s adds something new to their menu every year to keep up with the daring foodies looking for new endeavors.

Their menu now includes a hot beef sundae, which is made to look like an ice cream sundae, but is savory instead of sweet. It is roast beef and gravy atop a mound of mashed potatoes topped with cheese and tomatoes. They also added chocolate covered bacon to their menu.

“We’ve worked hard to improve,” said Parks as she reflected on her parents patio. “It’s been a challenge, but it’s fun.”

She as well as her daughter recalls helping out around the patio from a young age, and they both said “It’s in our blood.”

The fair is a tradition for many Bakersfield families, but as we revel in all the fried goodness, it is easy to forget all the rich history at the Kern County Fair. History not only lies in the kitchens, but it is being made in memories by fairgoers everyday.



Bre Williams/The Runner
Ernie Peterson works one of the stoves in the Mill Creek Church stand on Sept. 24 at the Kern County Fair.

REVIEW

Beach Boys bring ‘Good Vibes’ to fair

By David Kaplan
Multimedia Editor

On Sept. 23, The Beach Boys gave “Good Vibrations” to a crowd of more than 2,250 people at the Kern County Fair. Of course when you go to a Beach Boys concert you’ll see plenty of Baby Boomers in Hawaiian shirts, but fans of all ages were crowding in at the Bud Pavilion to see the band and hear their greatest hits. The crowd was treated to all The Beach Boys’ major hits, including “Surfin’ Safari,” “Surfin’ USA,” “Barbara Ann,” “California Girls,” “Wouldn’t It Be Nice,” “Good Vibrations” and “Kokomo.”

Dutch neuroscientist, Dr. Jacob Jolij from the University of Groningen, found through research that The Beach Boys “Good Vibrations” is the No. 3 feel-good songs of all time, and that the song is the No. 1 feel-good song of the 1960s.

Beach Boys fan Tania Jimenez, 30, stood outside the gate watching The Beach Boys with her two daughters, Lacie, 11, and Angelica, 9. Jimenez said she has been a fan of The Beach Boys as long as she can remember, thanks to her dad,

and now Jimenez wants to bring this uplifting music to the next generation.

“I think their music is very enthusiastic. It’s very positive. It’s very upbeat,” Jimenez said.

The seven-member band includes only one original member, lead singer Mike Love. Keyboardist/back-up vocalist Bruce Johnston replaced Glen Campbell in 1965 and has been off and on with the band ever since. Love and Johnston not only still have the pipes, but they also kept the moves and the charm.

Love flirted with every woman in at least the first 10 rows, tapping his chest with his hand as if to say “You move my heart” and then pointing to or blowing a kiss to a particular woman.

As concert goer Eddie Baker, 53, was buying a program, he said The Beach Boys’ music is timeless.

“It makes you feel young,” Baker said. “Some of the music today is just pounding or vulgar.”

Scott Haidze, 53, said The Beach Boys’ music is different. “It makes you feel good, and not too many bands today can do that,” he said.



Karina Diaz/The Runner
The ferris wheel stood tall over the grounds of the Kern County Fair on Friday, Sept. 25. The fair continues until Sunday, Oct. 4. For information, visit www.kerncountyfair.org.

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FALL 2015
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With Mackenzie:
MW 3-5pm, Tu 12:30-2:30pm

Music - MUS 120
With Sharyn:
MW 8:30-10am, MTu 5:15-6:45pm

Spanish - DDH E102
With Maribel:
MTu 9am-1pm, W (lab) 9am-1pm

Philosophy 102 - DDH B115
With Mark:
TTh 3-5:30pm
With Christian:
MW 3:30-5:30pm

Philosophy 316 - DDH B115
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Mike Love, lead singer of The Beach Boys, brought the ‘Fun, Fun, Fun’ to the Budweiser Pavilion at the Kern County Fair on Sept. 23.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Orientation should be streamlined

It is amazing how much support there is on our campus to ensure student success. Countless advisers, counselors, teachers and centers all promoting the idea that the student comes first. Health, wellness, fitness, academics, and clubs: they're all here and waiting to be utilized, but how does CSU Bakersfield let students know about all of these incredible resources? By making all incoming freshman and transfer students pay a mandatory \$55 fee to sit in a gym for seven hours to hear all about it.

There is no reason to be opposed to something as simple as an orientation.

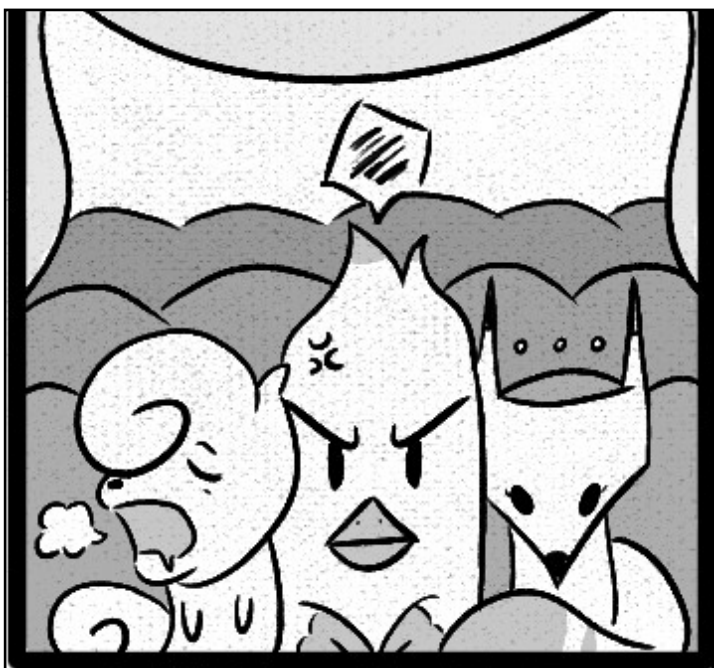
It makes perfect sense to make sure all students know what is available to them, and make them feel welcome by the CSUB community. However, taking their money and then

calling all of the food and refreshments available there "free" feels more like a slap in the face.

Most students who show up have no idea of the expected end time, leaving many to awkwardly sneak out between speakers, distracting the rest of the audience. It just seems misleading to ask a class of students, many of whom work and have other time-sensitive responsibilities, to clear an entire day for something that, if streamlined effectively, should take no more than two hours.

The current setup is a welcome by CSUB President Horace Mitchell himself, with various staff introductions, tour of campus, and a student panel Q&A session.

The information they all give is definitely useful, but there is only so much information one



By Vyonna Maldonado/The Runner

can process while their leg is falling asleep and a distinct, hours-old-coffee smell fills the

room. A true welcome shouldn't feel like an obligation. Perhaps there should be more of a

relaxed atmosphere.

Imagine the Icardo Center is filled with a little music, reusable decorations and booths for each participating resource so students can focus on the information they will utilize most.

The orientation should start out with President Mitchell of course, introducing each booth with a two-to-three sentence description.

Most centers and clubs already have pamphlets, business cards and internet sites where all of their services are listed.

Why not just give those out so they can be used by students when they personally need them? Should they seek specific mentoring, they can go straight up to the source and have it answered face to face, a far more enjoyable experience than awkwardly shouting their ques-

tions from the bleachers in front of hundreds of people just to get back a generic response.

Additionally, instead of the prepared folder for each student, everyone gets a ticket. At each booth where they receive information, they get their ticket punched.

About 10 punches and a list of links lets the student get back to their life.

That way those who are already familiar with how college-level resources work can get in and out, while those students who need a little bit more attention receive it.

Orientation doesn't have to be so forced and groan-inducing. If you want students to feel welcome at their university, lose the useless jelly bracelet giveaway and give them their time and money back.

COMIC

Critter Capers: The Adventures of Runner, Nut, and Kit

By Vyonna Maldonado

Artist



COLUMN

Gaming has impacts

By Graham Wheat

Features and Opinions Editor

Video games have become a major player in the entertainment industry. The budget of the biggest games can be on par with that of motion pictures. The market share continues to rise, and innovations are rapidly turning from concept to reality. The conversation about video games is longer restricted to obscure chat rooms and friends basement's. It is played out on the front pages of major publications and dinner tables across the U.S. The bigger conversation that all video game players should be a part of; after all, it is our money that is driving the production of video games.

Players should not sit idly while someone else makes decisions about an important future, and instead participate in the debate that happens on a daily basis.

It should be up to gamers to influence how the things they love evolve and affect their daily lives.

Whatever your preference your thoughts on video games create the conversations that are needed to achieve recognition for, and further the advancement of these past-times (that are quickly becoming more than just past-times).

The conversation must be broached, and this column is meant to spark those conversations about quality, quantity and the effects of video games on all of us.

The goal of uniting gamers under one umbrella is challenging. It is a world highly specific, competitive, and often niche users.

One thing that we must all remember is that we are all gamers at heart and in practice, and the only way to truly influence the things that we care about is to be one voice, speaking for what we care about.

The young adults that play and make these video games are shaping the world of entertainment to come, and it is up to all gamers to help create that world that is to come.

RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Annie Russel / Photos by Dayshanae James

This week, The Runner asked, "How do you feel about the new student email system?"

	Anthony Bresino, 19 Environmental Resource Management "I hate having to check two emails, but The benefit is free amazon shipping."		Raven Franklin, 19, Human Biology "I dislike it because I'm used to everything going to my regular email."		Jennifer Gonzalez. 18, Music Education "It's confusing, I don't know how to work it."
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MEN'S SOCCER

Zamora hopes to build off freshman year



Julian Zamora sizes up a kick during a night game for The Roadrunners.

By Joe Macias
Reporter

After leading the CSU Bakersfield's men's soccer team last year in goals (12) and points (26), forward Julian Zamora is working on having another great campaign in 2015. Zamora, who is a Golden Valley graduate, sat out his freshman year as he redshirted the 2013 season. Zamora credited a part of his excellent play by being able to get some visual experience in the 2013 season. "I would train by myself," said Zamora. He was unable to partake in any of the team's activities but that didn't stop him from working on his game, and it ultimately paid off due to his performance last season. He played in leagues outside of CSUB and got a lot of playing time there. Zamora also earned Western Athletic Conference Freshman Player of the Year and First Team All-WAC awards for his play in his first season playing at CSUB. "I didn't know it was an award," said Zamora when he heard he had won Freshman Player of the Year and First Team All-Conference. After finding out he was acknowl-

edged for his performance with the awards, he was very pleased and excited. Zamora also had two assists last season and led the Roadrunners in game-winning goals with three. He also led the team in shot percentage (.273) and in shot on goal percentage (.591). Zamora wasn't one to shine off the good-relations with his teammates that help him with his play on the field. He acknowledged that they all push each other to do better and work with each other. "He won't leave someone behind," said CSUB's sophomore forward Marshall Garcia. "He stepped up to the plate and delivered." Zamora's talent and good relationships with his team does not go unseen by his fellow teammates and their expectations for him this year is to perform just as well as he did last season if better. Coach Richie Grant is in his second year as head coach for the men's soccer team and said Zamora was a big contributor for the Roadrunners, especially in the crucial moments. "He benefited a lot from the chances that were created," said Grant. "[The] goal is to score a goal per game."

The CSUB men's soccer team (1-2-2) is in its sixth game now with Zamora yet to score one goal this season but don't count him out so soon and expect him to step his game up in league play later on in the season. Grant also added that Zamora knows he has the ability to score a goal a game and that he is not good by accident. "He's always shooting extra balls (after practice)," said coach Grant.



Redshirt-sophomore forward Julian Zamora.

GOALS IN 2014	POINTS IN 2014
12	26

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Late rally leads Roadrunners to tie Grand Canyon

By Esteban Ramirez
Editor-in-Chief

Despite falling behind late in the game, the CSU Bakersfield women's soccer team rallied back to force a tie in its Western Athletic Conference opener against Grand Canyon University 1-1 on Sept. 26 at the Main Soccer Field. GCU (3-6-1, 0-0-1 WAC)

took the lead in the 77th minute off a goal from freshman forward Deseree Doty. However, CSUB (2-6-2, 0-0-1 WAC) responded later in the 77th minute with a goal from redshirt-freshman forward Aminah Settles, which was assisted by redshirt-freshman midfielder Alexa Orrante. "Heads go down when the first goal gets scored by them,

and you're just thinking, 'there's only [13] minutes left. How are we going to get back in this?' When it happens a minute later, it's amazing and it's awesome," Settles said. "I'm really proud of what the girls did tonight," Curneen said. "This will leave us in good standing, of course, we will have to build on it, of course, we are not happy where

we are at yet but this is good progress for us," he said. CSUB also received the best performance of the year from redshirt-senior goalkeeper Tori Omela, who finished with nine saves and recorded her 300th save of her career for the Roadrunners. "[Getting a tie] was important because it's a result and not a defeat,"said Omela.

In the first half, the Roadrunners were struggling to get their offense and the Antelopes had control of the game. However, as the game progressed, CSUB took control of the game more and more and even had a couple opportunities to win the game in overtime. "I thought we were pretty

slow in the first half and then in the second half, we got a lot better," Settles said. "We started to possess, and we have been working on that a lot so we've been trying to play like that and when we did, I thought we started to control it a lot." CSUB will play next at New Mexico State on Oct. 2 at 3 p.m.

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