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Students honored at the Dr. Ernest W. Williams Jr. Scholarship Fund Awards Dinner

By Celia Kelly
Staff Writer

Many prominent community individuals, CSUB faculty and students convened on Saturday night to acknowledge this year's recipients of the Dr. Ernest W. Williams Jr. scholarship. The scholarship awarded

\$25,000 worth of scholarships to noteworthy CSUB students.

In 1986, the Dr. Ernest W. Williams Jr. Scholarship Fund was established by concerned CSUB faculty and staff to assist African American and other students achieve a dream they may not otherwise attain without financial assistance. In 1988, the first scholarship was awarded to Jesse Beed and Leticia Martin in the amount of \$250. Now, 20 years later, each recipient of the award received



Celia Kelly/The Runner

Dr. Jackson speaking at the Dr. Ernest W. Williams Jr. Scholarship Fund Awards Dinner.

President Scholarship Matching Fund, to total each individual receiving a \$2,000 award.

"Over the course of the 22 years we have awarded somewhere between \$240,000 and \$245,000," said Mr. Charles Craig, a long time committee member of the scholarship fund.

As those who are receiving the scholarship are an important part of this project so is that who gives the scholarship its namesake. Dr. Ernest W. Williams Jr. was born on July 17, 1912 in Thomasville, Georgia. He attended Meharry Medical College and earned a medical degree in 1941. In 1945 Dr. Williams arrived with his

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Proposition 8 proves to be a sensitive topic

By Perla Madrid
Staff Writer

Tension was in the air last Thursday night in Cal State Bakersfield's Multipurpose Room, which was at its maximum capacity due to a fiery and emotional debate on Proposition 8. Multitudes of students and community members entirely congested all entrances into the facility, while many others stood along the wall or took a seat on the room's tile floor.

Proposition 8 seeks to amend the California Constitution to state that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California, and will appear in California's November 2008 ballot.

Panelists included Marylee Shrider and Ken Mettler defending traditional marriage, and Dr. Anne Duran and Whitney Weddell defending same-sex couples' right to marry.

Columnist, Shrider, referred to the legislative attempt as an "If you give a mouse a cookie," proposition, and stated that simply redefining



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There was a packed house watching the heated Prop 8 debate.

marriage would never be enough.

Shrider concluded her argument by saying, "Man and marriage are creations of God, some of us know that, with our hearts and minds and souls, some of us know it innately, which is why his creation, his approval and his affirmation is now so desperately sought. Through his word, God makes it clear his design for marriage, its the

union of one man, one woman, a husband and a wife ... how do I tell God he's wrong?" Shrider's question was followed by sudden laughter that quickly filled the room.

As the night progressed, issues of artificial insemination, the definition of marriage and religious persecution arose.

Opposing Proposition 8 was

CSUB psychology professor Dr. Duran who stated she was a straight woman, married to a man and an opponent of the proposition. Duran argued, "if marriage is for procreation, then what we really should do, logically, is test people's fertility when they get their marriage certificate."

Kern High school District trustee, Mettler, said it was

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Isaiah Morfin blows audience away

By Oscar
Lozoya
Staff Writer

The young man starts to play, it's as if he has transformed into another person. The reverberation coming from his saxophone silences the mixed age crowd. When he stops playing, his shirt drowns his slender body, but when he starts, he is filled with so much confidence his shirt looks as if it was custom tailored. Tears escape from faces in the audience as memories rekindled from the song pass through their



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Isaiah Morfin playing his saxophone.

heads, penetrating deeper and deeper with every note. The boy finishes his set and the crowd is in awe. They are hesitant to clap, knowing that just a simple applause would not truly compliment

what they have witnessed and heard tonight. Claps and cheers then erupt as the confident performer morphs back to a humble young man, walking off stage his shirt once again begins to drown his body.

This was the scene as Isaiah Morfin closed his last set at the CSUB Jazz

Coffeehouse event Saturday night. These venues are put on twice a quarter by the CSUB music department primarily to showcase local talent. The proceeds from this

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CSUB awarded \$10.4 million grant for child health study

By Nicole Schorr
Staff Writer

Cal State Bakersfield had an exciting start to the new school year. In August they were awarded a \$10.4 million grant for a national child health study. CSUB will be partnering with University of California, Berkeley, University of California, Irvine, and University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center.

The grant is a giant step for CSUB, a step they have been waiting to take for more than a year.

The partnership began when CSUB President Horace Mitchell was contacted about the study by a former colleague, Jim Swanson, who is the principal investigator of the study. Without any hesitation, President Mitchell agreed.

"There was no question that we wanted to contribute to the effort," said President Mitchell at a national news conference.

The first step was given to Interim Assistant Vice President of Grants and Research, Dr. Bob Horton. He joined the CSUB less than a year ago and the first item on his to-do-list was to make the grant proposal happen. After a failed attempt, Horton and his team had to

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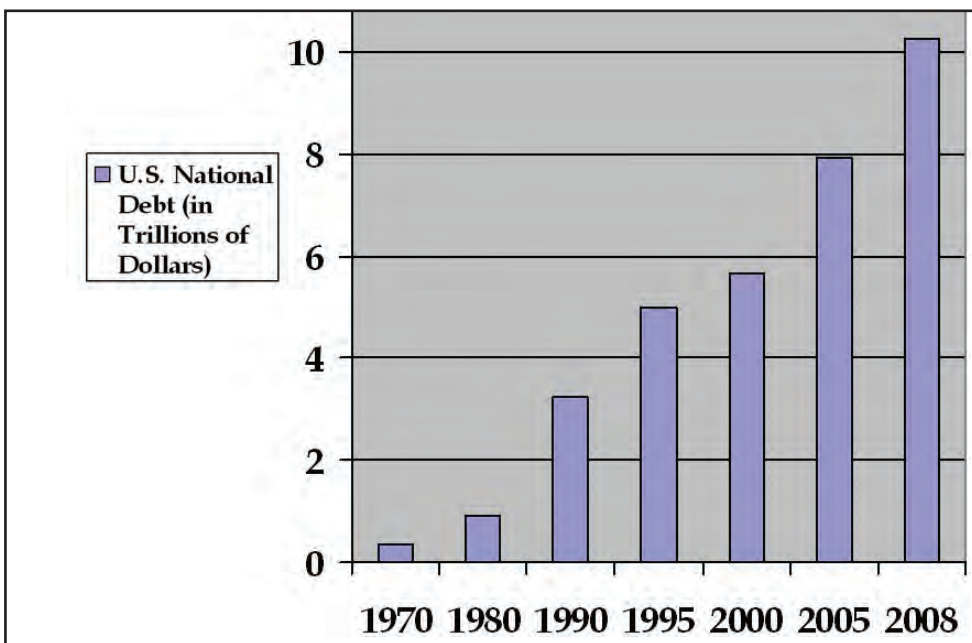
Economic crisis trickles down to CSUB students

By Hillary Haenes
Staff Writer

For the last 60 years we have been the largest and leading economy in the world, but after this economic crisis is over, the status of the United States in the world financial system may change, according to Professor of Economics and Department Chair, Dr. Don Oswald.

"I think one or both of these two presidential candidates should look the public in the eye and tell them, given these circumstances, there is no way I can give you the things I am promising you. There is going to be no money. I don't see how McCain can cut taxes or how Obama can get universal health care," said Dr. Oswald.

Since the late 1970s and early 1980s, the U.S. economy has experienced its ups and downs - known as the business cycle. Some of the factors that set the stage for the down spiral of our economy were: deregulation, a culture of debt and a combination of mistakes made by



Graph courtesy of Mark Martinez

America's national debt in trillions of dollars from 1970 to 2008

Congress and the Federal Reserve.

"Regulation is not the enemy of the market. Regulation helps markets work ... It is like if you threw candy out to a pile of kids and said, 'have at it.' You can't do that. You have got to have

rules. You say one piece of candy a day and if there is not enough, you've got to share it," explained Political Science Professor Dr. Mark Martinez.

Deregulation really took off after 1982

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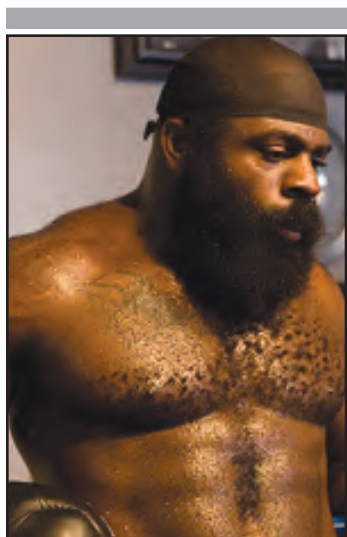


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Audience members line up to ask questions of the panelists.

Debate on Prop. 8

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as simple “as ABC: A is activist judges, B is benefits and C is children”. Mettler said that the main reason why the debate was taking place was because of “activist judges” that decided they would use their personal judgment, overturn Prop 22, and make law, instead of interpret it.

Mettler emphasized to the crowd that voting against Prop 8 would have great ramifications beyond marriage, causing California textbooks to be changed and pastors negating same-sex couples the right to marry in their chapel could consequently, be sued.

Weddell, a Kern county teacher and gay rights activist said, “the Supreme Court rule talked about civil marriage and specifically excludes churches...from having to go through marriages that

they don’t agree with. This is about civil marriage ... if you don’t believe that alcohol is good for your faith then don’t drink, and if you don’t believe that gay marriage is right, than don’t have one.”

Excitement spread throughout the Multipurpose Room as audience members approached the panelists with questions.

The majority of the questions were directed at Mettler and Shrider, concerning their faith, while only one question was made by an undecided voter, who expressed her disappointment toward the defending panelists for Yes on Prop 8.

Cal State communication student, Ashley Nation, came to the debate for a business class, “I’m here for school but I also came here to educate myself on the Prop because I believe in it and I want to vote on it.” Nation came to the debate

with her mind made up, and when asked if her position had shifted since the debate, she said, “No, I still firmly believe what I believe, and I will until the day I die.” Nation commented on the atmosphere of the debate, saying “Oh my gosh, so much tension, I appreciate the comment made [by an audience member] that the behavior here is absolutely childlike, I’m respectful, I listen to both sides ... these people are passionate but I wish they could mature a little bit and listen.”

As the debate drew to an end, the questions for the panelists didn’t. Weddell reminded the crowd that although on opposing sides, the effort made by both sides to discuss an issue both sides differed in, should be celebrated in future generations.

CSUB awarded \$10.4 million grant for Child Health Studies

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go back to the drawing board and rework the grant proposal. In April of this year, the second draft, of 500 pages was sent in and just four months later they were notified that they had received the grant.

The National Children’s Study is the largest study, with 100,000 participants, to be conducted on the efforts of environmental and genetic factors.

The study comes as a big advantage to residents in Kern County.

“We’re going to be keeping track of the health of the children in Kern County. So if there is anything going on in Kern County that is out of the ordinary we might be able to spot it, treat it and identify causes,” said Dr. Horton.

While the study is beneficial to the community, it is just as valuable to the nursing students at CSUB. Students enrolled in the nursing program will have the opportunity to get hands-on experience in learning about public health. Peggy Leapley will lead the team as the local principal investigator.

Out of the 100,000 participants 1,000 will be from Kern County. The participants will be on a volunteer basis and will be chosen from all areas of Kern

County. The researchers will randomly monitor the children from before birth until they are 21. The key focus in the study is to take the data and develop treatments and prevent techniques to health issues.

The impact this will have on the community and the campus is immense. It’s a big role that was never doubted.

“CSUB is ready to take on any role as long as we have the disciplines on campus that are the subject of the research. There’s never any doubt that we are ready. The question is simply the matter of making sure we have the right environment for success,” said Dr. Julio Blanco, dean of Natural Science and Mathematics.

Dr. Blanco will oversee the project to ensure that things are on track. His next step is to hire new faculty for the study, they will also be adding offices to Science Building I for the project and by 2011 they hope to have all 1,000 participants.

The big question remains, will this be the last large study for CSUB. The answer is simple: No. Both Dr. Horton and Dr. Blanco agree that Cal State Bakersfield is and will always be looking to take part in any groundbreaking research.

ASI conducts weekly meeting

By Danica Asbridge
Staff Writer

The Associated Students, inc. (ASi) board held its weekly meeting on Friday afternoon. The board gathered as usual to prepare events for the upcoming weeks and make some important decisions concerning Cal State Bakersfield students.

The Leadership Development Center room 401 was filled with students dressed in formal, business-like, attire. They bustled with talk until the president, Carlos Ortiz, called attention to the front of the room at 3:59 p.m.

First off, he asked all members to notice several hand-written paper signs that had been posted. Names of several clubs and organizations were listed and had lines for members to sign up.

Carlos said, “These are campus committees that ask for ASi representation.”

As soon as that announcement was made, the official meeting was called to order.

With any organization’s meetings, several events took place very quickly. These included roll call of the members and introductions from non-members.

A few motions were carried out and finally new business began.

The first new business was an interview of

a student named Chris (last name not announced), who was applying for the Vice President position. He faced several very tough questions from the entire board. It was obvious that anyone wanting to be in the important organization has to match up to the qualifications and expectations that are held for every member.

One question posed by an inquisitive member was, “CSUB is considered by many a ‘last resort’ school - how would you help change this?”

Another question was, “If you could name three characteristics about yourself that would explain your leadership skills, what would they be?”

The board then discussed and deliberated on whether or not they wanted Chris to receive the position. ASi has yet to make an announcement on the new Vice President.

The next item on the agenda included a reminder to all the members about the organization’s current Voter Registration Drive.

Ortiz urged people to encourage their fellow students to register to vote, if they are not already registered. “This is the biggest event for ASi the entire year. Students who are registered can have their voice heard for student issues like tuition fees and financial aid.”

Next, the board approved the funding for the Community Service Week, which will bring organizations to campus to give information about community service.

Lastly, an appeal on a previous decision was brought forth from the sorority Gamma Phi Beta. The sorority had asked for help funding a recruitment event for the two sororities on campus and was denied.

Ortiz explained the reasoning for this decision.

“If we give funding for one club’s recruitment, it would set it up that we have to give funding to every club, which we can’t do,” he said.

Emily Robb, vice president of Psi Gamma Beta, was in attendance as a representative.

“These sororities include very excellent women who work very hard. It’s difficult when we come to ASi for support and we are denied... Funding has been denied for this event before in the past,” said Robb.

The board again discussed and deliberated, but failed to announce a decision, stating that further research into rules about appeals would have to be made.

Ending rituals - announcements and reports - were given. And the meeting came to a close at 5:01 p.m.

RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Ashley Sizemore, Entertainment Editor

This Week, The Runner asked, “What question would you to see asked on Runner on the Street?”



Ashley Riggs,
Freshman,
Mathematics

“How long have you been studying at CSUB?”



Diana Melgar,
Sophomore,
Psychology

“Why don’t people get involved more on campus?”



Mariela Zubiaga,
Freshman,
Engineering

“What’s your favorite Holiday?”



Yolanda Raya,
Senior,
Criminal Justice

“Are you addicted to coffee?”

Danish student calls CSUB home

By Emily Shapiro
Features Editor

CSUB is a cornucopia of student diversity. Many students hail from Bakersfield, while others are from different areas of California.

However, unless a student lives in the residence halls, he or she might not know about the international community. Every year a number of students—through different programs—come to call CSUB home.

One such student is Kasper Madsen, (no he’s not related to Casper).

Kasper Madsen, a tall student, is from Kolding, Denmark. Kolding—according to Madse, is in the southern part of Denmark. Madsen attended the University of Southern Denmark, where he studied International Business, Communication and Information Technology.

Although CSUB does not have his exact program, Madsen is taking classes in Management, Business Administration and Communications.

Madsen came to CSUB on a scholarship given by his home university.

“In Denmark we have semester systems. The fifth semester is called the International semester. This is when students who qualify—with good grades—are given the chance to go abroad and study,” said Madsen.

Although Madsen was not able to pick his university, he was able to choose his state.

“CSUB is the only college in California in this system,” said Madsen.

Although only sponsored for one quarter, Madsen plans to make the most of his stay.

“I want to see the Grand Canyon, I’ve wanted to see that for ages. I also want to

travel to San Francisco and Los Angeles,” said Madsen.

The comparisons of being a student here, versus being a student in Denmark, are enormous.

Some of these differences include tests and class sched-

“In Denmark we don’t have Halloween or Thanksgiving,”said Madsen.

One goal he has is to see our infamous governor in action, “I really want to see Arnold; he is an internal joke at home,” said Madsen.

As a student and a visitor time is the one thing Madsen would like to have more of. He knows that a few months is not enough time to go around and see all the places in California that he would like.

However, “I think I am going to manage it,” said Madsen.



Emily Shapiro/The Runner
Danish student Kasper Madsen.

uling.

“Here you can choose the classes you want. In Denmark all the classes—for three years—are laid out and are taken with the same group of people. The tests at home are also very different. In Denmark there are no multiple choice tests, we either write huge papers, or have oral exams,” said Madsen.

According to Madsen oral exams are tests that are given to a student, on a certain day,

“The student basically draws a topic and then the teachers fry you for 40 minutes,” said Madsen.

According to Madsen the reading is also very different. CSUB has more compact reading.

The two universities also have similarities.

“The professors kinda teach the same way, being in the classroom I don’t feel out of my element,” said Madsen.

Another part of the American experience that Madsen is looking forward to is being able to partake in uniquely American holidays,

Besides tests, and teachers Madsen has found a few other things about CSUB that he really likes.

“I like the campus, and the International Student Coordinators are really great and helpful,” said Madsen.

One aspect that Madsen really enjoys is the residence halls.

According to Madsen, in Denmark he lives in his own apartment, but here is a different story,

“I find experiencing the whole living on campus thing really interesting. I like having people around me all the time. I have a wonderful roommate, so that makes it really easy,” said Madsen.

Madsen’s post CSUB plans include more studying, “In my particular field, businesses look for Master’s. You can’t get far with a Bachelors degree,” said Madsen.

According to Madsen, his career goal would be to work in international relations, but is not sure which country he will live in.

CSUB alumnus finds success

By Najiyah Baith
Staff Writer

Janalynn Castillo, 25, CSUB Alumnus/ Bachelor’s degree in Political Science was first a liberal study major and says that she, “accidentally fell in love with political science.” While working a voter registration job to pay the rent, she learned that she loved helping people and hearing their needs and concerns. She then knew that she wanted to be a part of making voices matter. So, Castillo then immediately switched her major from liberal studies to political science.

During her 5 years at CSUB

she was able to intern through a DC political consulting firm by the name of Fieldworks and helped with organizing the John Edwards campaign in Las Vegas. Two of Castillo’s personals motos that have helped her success after graduating at CSUB are:

“Don’t be afraid to make lots of mistakes” and “Don’t be afraid to take a break if

you need one.” Castillo

True to form Castillo followed that motto and took a break for 6 months to explore Costa Rica and Europe. Taking a break helped to get her motivated to finish Cal State. She came back to CSUB after much needed R & R and hasn’t slowed down yet. After graduating in spring of 2007 she moved to Santa Fe, New

campaign.

Castillo said, “that she is doing what she loves and that is the key to success for her.” When asked about what’s next, she replied, “I am going to apply to UC Irvine’s first law school program in fall of 2009. She has no aspirations of slowing down at this point. Castillo is simply on a roll!



Najiyah Baith/The Runner
CSUB Alumnus, Janalynn Castillo.

Mexico and worked on a congressional race. However, after her candidate lost, Castillo came back to California and was hired on by Planned Parenthood Mar Monte Bakersfield as there, Public Affairs Director/ Grass Roots Coordinator. This job allows her to work on many campaigns that involve Planned Parenthood issues and concerns. She is currently working on the Proposition 4 campaign and makes great strides for the

CSUB Women’s Network for all

By Korisha Hamblet
Staff writer

CSUB Women’s Network focuses on the issues of women and gender. Its objective is to allow individuals the opportunity to express interest in bettering the issues of women. The program was started over 25 years ago and is not only limited to CSUB’s campus, but other outside schools as well.

The network is often misconstrued as an organization only for women, but the truth of the matter is that this network is for all genders and people who are interested in helping women in society.

The president of the Women’s Network, Alyssa

Wolfer, said, “Through this culture of openness, we hope to increase the visibility of women’s and gender issues, and to, through critical discourse and campus and community activism, subvert damaging social practices and facilitate change.” She basically states that, through the openness to all genders, race and ethnicity, they hope to gain more power and help for women.

Currently the program on our campus has 15 members and, on October 10,they elected their official board members. Although all the elected officers were not mentioned she did include her vice president, Ellen Piris.

According to the Wolfer, “We went through a few years of very limited activity and interest. I didn’t even know we had a Women’s Network before I took over as President last Fall.” They are hoping to gain more members and continue to grow the program throughout this school year.

They have a number of events planned for this quarter as well as the rest of the school year. Just a few upcoming dates are, “We celebrate Love Your Body Day on campus monthly ... a rally in protest of prop 4 and prop 8 ... In the Winter quarter we plan to have a feminist film day on campus.”

J.A.B

Meetings every Thursday night at 8 p.m. in DDH, G 103

GLSSN

We are the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Student Network.

www.myspace.com/glssnclub

Club meeting times vary, please see page for more information.

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Artist's Spotlight: Pamela Ramos

By Korisha Hamblet
Staff writer

Daring to be different, 20 year-old Pamela Janet Ramos says she became an art major through childhood. Ramos said, “second grade is when I realized that I loved art, nothing major happened I just knew it from the way I felt when I was drawing or choosing my clothing for school.”

Ramos is a junior at CSUB with a major in studio art and a minor in business.

The art program for Ramos is not great, but she says it is a pretty good stepping stone to receive her BA. She plans to take her degree to San

Francisco to join an art institution to pursue her career even further and advance her chances in her field.

After she finishes her academic process, Ramos plans to take her career to New York, where the city never sleeps, and open her own shop.

She also wants to start a clothing line. Ramos says that she wants to keep her career very open; she wants to create clothing, be a make-up artist and just any general fashion related work.

Ramos said that she



Photo by Korisha Hamblet/The Runner
Ramos began her love for art in early childhood.

decided to pursue fashion over basketball at a young age. Although she loved both basketball and art, Ramos said that her decision to choose art was because it had a free feeling that allowed her to “express each moment in time.”

She said that art is a way to express how she is feeling at any given time and basketball was simply to time consuming.

Ramos is excited to be able to receive her BA from

CSUB; however she feels that the art program that is offered here is ok but not competitive enough to get her where she needs to be in life. She said that the campus doesn’t offer competition which denies her the opportunity to get better.

Ramos concluded her interview by stating that “art for me is an escape for me to any of my problems, it sets me free from everyone and everything that is troubling at the time. Art is not just a career but my passion ... I call it my passion because it allows me to do something I love to do.”

Volkslauf has participants saying, ‘pain is good’

By Jena Lopez
Staff Writer

On a cold, early and smelly Saturday morning, the annual Volkslauf took place off of Lerdo Hwy. The Volkslauf is located right next to a cow farm, so one could imagine how bad it smelled. The Volkslauf is a run which consists of tons of obstacle courses and plenty of field to run. Hundreds of people gather to this event to either get in shape, help donate or just to have fun.

The Volkslauf costs approximately \$60 to participate in and only happens once a year in October. The proceeds go to Toys for Tots, but included with the registration, participants receive a t-shirt and a meal after you run. The Marine Corps are also there to help out with this annual event. They are there to encourage people to keep running and to not stop for anything.

Hundreds of people are there from young to old. Many of which are there to just run for fun and they can have bragging rights for completing the course. There are two different courses the Marine Mud Run offers, the 5k and the 10k. The 5k is obviously shorter, which consists of running less but



competing in the same obstacles. The 10k is a longer run with more mud.

Mud is everywhere and it

doesn’t help when the wind is blowing extremely cold air. Participants must tread through several mud pits to

complete the obstacle. There are obstacles such as: running long distances in harsh condi-



Photos courtesy of Alex Harver

Top Left: Participants lift themselves the bars in order to get across.

Top Right: CSUB Junior Daniell Hernandez ran the Volkslauf with other CSUB students.

Bottom Left: Hernandez runs through mud after getting out of one of the mud pools.

tions, climbing over bars, going across rope using only your arms and legs, going under tiny tents on your hands and knees, keeping good balance running across logs, and of course, swimming in a six feet deep pool of mud. Of course, with all of these obstacles they must go through, there are Marines at every obstacle, yelling at you, “HURRY UP!” or “YOU BETTER GO FASTER!”

“It was my first time running the Volkslauf and I ran the 5k. It was challenging in that I did not prepare for this event. As a 10 person group we finished in an hour and 15 minutes and after-

wards we were tired, cold and wet.” Tim Polkinghorne, a CSUB student explained, “The hardest obstacle was the rope climb, we had to pull ourselves across a rope and 10 feet beneath us was a mud pit. But it was all worth it because it felt good saying, I finished the Volkslauf!”

At the end of the Volkslauf, awards were presented to those who finished first. Whether you watched, participated, or volunteered in the folkslauf, it’s a fun experience but if you go to watch there’s always a part of you that’s thinking, “maybe I should have done it.”

For more information on this event, you can go to www.volkslauf.com.

Campbell's Critique: Macaroni Grill

Reviewed by
Nathan Campbell
Online Editor

Do you remember that obnoxious guy in high school, who no matter how annoying, cheesy or rude he seemed – always got the girls? I feel that is the best way to describe the Macaroni Grill.

Macaroni Grill is a chain Italian-food restaurant located in the Northwest Promenade on Rosedale Hwy. Without fail, the place is always packed to the gills on Friday nights and does a pretty swift business any other time of the week, so I had to investigate.

Now, I will be the first to admit that I do have a bias against chain restaurants. They take business away from the, typically, much better locally owned restaurants, and tend to sell their mediocre food at a marked up price. However, I tried to set these feelings aside as I entered the Macaroni Grill, so that I could be as fair and objective as possible.

This was nearly impossible.

From the minute I walked in the restaurant to meet some friends of mine and saw the oodles of people crammed into the waiting area surrounded by the cookie-cutter, stereotypical Italian décor, I knew this was going to be one of those typical chain-restaurant experiences.

The table I sat at had a paper tablecloth on which you could doodle with crayons – quite gauche, but being the person that I am, I of course obliged and decorated my dining area whilst waiting for my food.

I ordered the veal marsala, which at \$14.29 seemed to be a mid-priced entrée. When it arrived, it hardly appeared appetizing. I think the exact words of one of my friends were, “Eww, that looks gross.”

The meat was chewy and was served lukewarm. The pasta and sauce were comparable to anything you could buy at the grocery store and make in a few minutes – it was depressing. For the quality of the food, there was not



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even a decent quantity of it.

It baffles me how this restaurant, which has been around for several years now, still manages to pack its doors on weekend nights. Perhaps, it is some socially constructed conception that a well-recognized name will produce a quality product or maybe that the people of Bakersfield just have masochistic palates. What I do know is that I will not be returning to the Macaroni Grill anytime soon. Nor should you. Instead, I urge you to check out some of the city’s many locally owned places – you’ll be happy you did.

Isaiah Morfin blows audience away

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event go to help the music department fund more shows and award scholarships.

Students as well as musicians from the community are gathered to perform their original compositions. For many music majors, this event is part of a grade. Students rehearse twice a week and prepare specifically for these ensembles.

Professor Scully was one of the performers at the Coffeehouse. “I will say for a small school with a small amount of music majors, relatively 35 – 40, we put on a lot of good jazz shows in a year with the resources we have. The kids learn a lot, they have a lot of individual attention.”

Isaiah Morfin is one of these students. He has received countless awards and has been recognized as one of the best Jazz musicians in the country. “The music program gives me

experience playing with a lot of good musicians. They offer opportunities to compose your own music, you get to learn about all the theory behind music, it’s really organized and it helps you excel,” said Morfin after finishing up his set.

Many of the faces in the audience were other students of Professor Scully. As part of a requirement for class, they must attend one of these coffeehouses and fill out a jazz evaluation sheet. When asked what they thought about the event being required for class, many had a positive outlook. “Even if it wasn’t required for class I would be here anyway. I love music and how they performed tonight...it was amazing. I loved how they played with emotion and that’s how music should be,” said Christina Blair, a CSUB senior.

Travis Boos, another student, was also positive about the event but did have a rec-

ommendation. “Awesome show! I’m glad I went even though it was required. It’s a really cool place to take your girlfriend. It had a great atmosphere. I really wish they would hold a free concert for the students to let them know what it’s about.”

Professor Scully stated that if anyone on campus, or from the community, would like to be involved in the Jazz Coffeehouses; they are more than welcome to contact him via email or phone. Scully has several links on his CSUB webpage (csub.edu/~jscully) that give detail about what the music department has to offer. You can also be redirected to his Myspace and Youtube page. From there, those interested can stream video of past performances and check out dates and times of upcoming events.

The next CSUB Jazz Coffeehouse will be held Saturday, November 1, 7:30 pm in the Student Union Building.



Michelle Ramos/The Runner
Three members of the Native American Club.

Indigenous Native American Club not just for Natives

By Michelle Ramos
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a club and are interested in Native American Culture, check out the Indigenous-Native American Club that currently meets on Tuesdays at noon in the Student Lounge located in the Student Union. There you will find a little club with BIG personality.

Wondering whether or not you have to actually be a Native to join the club? The answer is no. In fact Erica Silva, a Lakota BioPsych major and President, as well as "Laughing Horse" Robinson, Chairman of the Kawaiisu Tribe and Advisor, encourage everyone to join regardless of family lineage.

"Laughing Horse," as he is called at meetings, said, "We are trying to get families and students here to identify themselves," but they both stressed the idea that they would like to spread awareness of the Indigenous culture. This includes, but is not limited to, the Samoan culture, Hawaiian culture,

Mexican culture and Native Canadian culture.

In an online interview from last year's Red Bear Circle Laughing Horse said, "We need to take control of our lives," and discussed how gaming tribes are uneducated and therefore do not know how to handle the success of their casino's. He states, "We are the first CSU campus to have a Native American Club ... we want to bring tribes to campus and bring families to campus ... [but] we don't want to lose the culture in the process of education."

If you're interested, the Indigenous Native American Club is open to any and all ideas for field trips and fundraisers. Meetings are casual and informal so don't bust out the regalia just yet. On Saturday, November 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the club hosts Luta Sah-canskaw Circle (Red Bear Circle) at Runner Park in front of the Student Union. There will be dancing, native arts and crafts and cultural awareness. Attendance is

free and all drums, singers and dancers are welcome to attend, regalia or not.

Other activities planned for this year include: a \$2 million fundraiser to build a multicultural center in collaboration with ASI; a Sustainability forum where local Solar and Wind energy experts will be talking about how to eliminate the carbon footprint; a dream-catcher t-shirt sale; and they are also currently seeking art made by Native Americans to put in an Art Show. They also are in collaboration with the NAACP to encourage more Native American students to participate in sports by offering scholarships to those who qualify.

If any of the above named activities include you please come to a meeting or log on to www.myspace.com/nativeamericanclub. Or contact David "Laughing Horse" Robinson at horse.robinson@gmail.com. Come check out the little club with BIG plans!

CSUB student group launches Community Service Awareness Week

Courtesy of Public Affairs

The Community Service Cooperative, a California State University, Bakersfield student organization, along with the Associated Students, Inc., will be hosting the inaugural Community Service Awareness Week on Monday, Oct. 27.

"Our mission as an organization is to raise awareness among the CSUB student body of the need for community volunteers; to increase participation through coordi-

nation of events, and motivation of students and student organizations," said Mike Butler, student and CSC president.

The Community Service Awareness Week activities are as follows:

Monday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Runner Park

A student awareness and information day that includes free food and service awareness information.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Café Quad

Over 20 service organiza-

tions will be on campus to meet with students and provide information about volunteer opportunities.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2 p.m., Student Union multipurpose room

Three showings of the film "American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver" will be presented with free refreshments.

While events are student-oriented, the public is invited to attend. For details, contact Butler at (661) 654-2176.

Information session scheduled for prospective CSUB accelerated nursing program applicants

Courtesy of Public Affairs

California State University, Bakersfield will offer a second class of its accelerated bachelor's of science in nursing beginning in June 2009. Prospective applicants are advised to attend a free information session on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. in the Romberg Nursing Education Center, room 105. The information session will provide potential students with all program requirements and application deadlines.

The aim of the accelerated program is to educate people interested in becoming registered nurses. This program is unique in that it offers those with a non-nursing bachelor's degree an opportunity to enter the nursing field after completing a rigorous and accelerated program of study.

Eligible applicants will have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university and will complete the 13 nursing prerequisite courses no later than March 27, 2009. The program will be limited to

about 44 students.

"The accelerated B.S.N. program is designed to help ease the region's nursing shortage," said Kathy Lewis, recruiter and adviser for the accelerated program. "It provides a faster pace for prospective students with their prerequisites met and evidence of academic ability."

In this accelerated format, students are involved in an intensive full-time educational experience that does not allow for breaks between academic years. As a result, after 18 months students will be eligible for the registered nurse licensure exam. The accelerated students will graduate at the end of fall quarter 2010. Completion of this same level of education through the traditional program would require 33 months. The curriculum is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

CSUB launched the accelerated nursing program in January 2008 as another answer to meeting the criti-

cal need for nurses in the Central Valley. In response to the growing nursing shortage, the department has gradually increased the number of students admitted annually to the undergraduate program by 25 percent, from 60 to over 80 students, over the past several years.

Funding for the accelerated B.S.N. program is provided through a local nursing education partnership. The partnership includes Memorial, Mercy and San Joaquin Community hospitals and the County of Kern. The County of Kern includes Kern Medical Center, Department of Public Health and the Department of Mental Health.

To learn more about the prerequisite courses, timing associated with completion of prerequisite courses, application period and fees, visit www.csub.edu/nursing/absn.shtml.

Interested parties may register to attend the information session on the website.

For more details, contact Lewis at (661) 654-2508.



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Check out RunnerO at www.csub.edu/runner and click on the RunnerO link.

Economic crisis trickles down to CSUB students

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with the Ronald Reagan administration. Deregulation is an attempt by government officials to privatize markets. Essentially, the government gives up the right to control what happens in our markets, or what is also known as a more hands-off approach. This idea of small government is promoted by the Republican party.

Another contributor to our downfall has been our culture of debt. As of Monday afternoon, the number on our national debt is now \$10.279 trillion. When George W. Bush came into office, January 20, 2001, we owed \$5.72 trillion and, in a span of seven and a half years, our national debt has doubled.

"It's nice to talk about no taxes and no new taxes, but if federal and state governments don't have any money, they need to go borrow. In 1980, we owed \$907 billion - that was it. We just spent half of that in 19 days," said Dr. Martinez.

Dr. Grammy explained that our government is spending money it doesn't have, which is why it must borrow money. The more it borrows, the more interest it has to pay, therefore it would have to borrow more. It is a vicious cycle of

using debt to pay debt. To fix this mess, Congress would have to borrow at least \$1.3 to \$1.5 trillion from the Chinese and Japanese, who are running large trade surpluses with the U.S.

Prior to finishing up his book entitled, "The Roots of Market and Wealth" that will be released in late March or early April of 2009, Dr. Martinez decided to take another look at the national debt. Even though he checked it 19 days before, Dr. Martinez found that \$540 billion had increased on our balance sheets.

"In 19 days, this country has added \$540 billion of debt. No U.S. president has added \$540 billion in any one year to our national debt, let alone in 19 days," as stated on Dr. Martinez's website <http://markmartinezshow.blogspot.com/>.

"There are multiple reasons as to why our country and individuals are getting farther into debt," explained Economic Professor Dr. Abbas Grammy. "The Federal Reserve bank lowered the interest rate to such a low that they created cheap money. Commercial bank lending agencies took the risk of lending cheap money to whoever wanted to borrow money ... Then we began to experience inflation

because of high oil prices and high food prices, therefore, the Federal Reserve began to raise the short-term interest rate. This caused mortgage rates and prices to increase and ignited the flood of foreclosed homes ... Now the government is pumping \$700 billion to get things corrected, but it will take a long time."

The federal government is bailing out several insurance companies and financial institutions that have participated in risky business. The largest insurance company in the world, AIG, borrowed \$85 billion. The Federal Government has already spent \$61 billion for their bailout. It must have been greatly appreciated because last week, the company's executives spent \$440,000 on a posh retreat at Southern California's St. Regis Resort in Monarch Beach to cover golf and spa treatment expenses.

"To me, this economic collapse threatens the American way of life. Our overt materialism and wastefulness is finally going to catch up to us. We are already feeling the pinch in our pocket book when it comes to the gas prices," said graduate student Michael Wilson.

At the state level, California was unable to pass a state budget within a suitable timeframe. This has

affected numerous individuals, companies and agencies.

"They are never quite willing to bite the bullet, which is either raise taxes, cut spending or some combination of the both. The problem with California is on the spending side, not on the revenue side. That suggests the dominant party that controls the legislature is probably part of the problem. They are the ones who are in favor of so much spending," said Dr. Oswald.

The State Constitution of California requires a super-majority to pass all laws with a 2/3 majority. To get our own state debt under control, the majority party, Democrats, are pushing for a 1 percent increase in the state sales tax. Since a super majority is required to pass laws, the minority party, Republicans, who are for no new taxes, can block these type of measures.

This state budget mismanagement affects CSU campuses because their funding is granted by the state. "There is no money to hire new faculty or replace retired faculty. For example, in our department of economics, one of our faculty members left and we did not get a replacement," said Dr. Grammy.

By not having money for faculty

replacements, this creates a problem for students who plan to graduate on time. Some students are taking classes at Bakersfield College that are not offered frequently enough at CSUB. Others are thinking of transferring to another CSU to take the classes required for their major.

On a local level, Bakersfield is doing a lot better than many other areas because we live in a community that has oil and agriculture as the main source of our economic income.

"In fact, Bakersfield was on the top-20 list of best performing cities across the country. Things are not as bad here, but there is much room for improvement," exclaimed Dr. Grammy.

In the past, Bakersfield was known for having affordable homes, but as prices increased, many bought homes with bad loans and lost them due to foreclosure. Others were completely shut out of the market. As prices decrease, eventually many will again be able to enter the housing market.

The economy has always been cyclical. Hopefully, the government will change its policies and get a handle on the slumping economy.

Fall BBQ: America’s game 2008



Guests were able to stay updated on the Dodger- Phillies game.



Representatives from the Bakersfield Condors at their display booth.



CSUB students enjoying the night’s festivities.



People lining up to have either teriyaki chicken or steak.

By Celia Kelly
Staff Writer

News Commentary

All photos by Juan Torres

This was my first time attending CSUB’s Fall Barbecue, and to be honest, I was astonished with what I saw. There were actually a lot of people there. Allow me to be frank; I didn’t expect to see anyone but cheerleaders and boosters. But I saw hoards of people, people I’ve never seen before. People I never would have imagined all convened in one area supporting CSUB athletics. My question to all of them was, where the hell are they come game time? I’ve been to many Cal State sporting events over the years, if everyone who showed up for tough steak and beer attended a basketball game, we might fill up the spotty stands once in a while.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m not talking bad about our basketball team by any means, I’m talking about our fans. I hold the game of basketball very dear to my heart, so to see all those people spread out over the hardwood, sipping their Miller Lights and white zins, I was almost angry. I did, like most, straggle in around 7:30, picked up my ticket at will call and strolled on in. Luckily I had my partner in crime, Shanyia, with me because something told me on the way over there it

was going to be a long night. We followed the line around the front of the Icardo Center and proceeded to pick up our plates for the wonderful feast in front of us. Everyone I know who has been to the Barbeque before always raved and raved about how good the food was - well, they must have had the chicken. Now, it wasn’t everybody’s steak that was tough, just four people I was sitting next to and three more I talked to later in the night. So I guess seven steaks out of hundreds is not bad.

I entered the gym and surveyed the land, fighting over who was going to decide where we were going to sit. I snuck behind her and said, “You’re already in front, just find us a seat.” The gym was filled with more people. The most people I’ve seen in Icardo since ‘93. Back when students actually attended the games and Ray Burris, Beau Redstone and Wade Green picked up three CCAA MVP awards in four years. But I guess this just isn’t the place to reminisce on the CSUB men’s basketball history.

She found a seat, and a good one at that. Not too far from the door, and there were about five or six empty chairs surrounding us. Ideal. Well, not for long. Three girls and their guy friend, walked up and said, “Is anyone sitting here?” Of course I answered her with a yes. Like I said, it was ideal with all those empty chairs around us. My friend Shanyia just happened to be saying no at the

same time. There went that. As the girls piled in and sat down I was beginning to regret my decision to say yes. To my surprise, two of three girls were actually pretty nice. I could tell they had a few drinks before they sat down, but they were nice nonetheless. The first girl, the heaviest of the three, started telling what she thought was a joke to her friends, “It was so funny, the black guy was serving chicken.” No one laughed. She gave herself the “sympathy laugh” and Shanyia and I just looked at each other. What would you say to that? As I look up I notice her two friends face buried in their plate, trying to disassociate themselves with the poor girl’s awkward statement. I guess that’s what these school functions are for - sitting with people you don’t know, awkward silence and corny jokes.

As the tension eased so did the girls in front of us. I informed them I was from the Runner and was writing a story on the Barbecue.

“What’s that?” said the first blonde.

I looked down and covered my head with my hand. She didn’t even know we put out a paper, weekly.

I took that as my cue to excuse myself from the table and continue my full circle of the evening and head outside. To my surprise, again more people. Many people. Many people and Thee Majestics. I didn’t know what to expect when I heard the name “Thee

Majestics,” but I guess you could say they lived up to the name. As I walked outside I heard some combination of “Maria Maria” by Santana and “Suavemente.” Maybe it was one or the other, but really it sounded like both. The dance floor was packed with adults over the age of 35. All of the “kids” were standing on the outskirts, each of them with some kind of beer in their hand. I realized it was getting late and my patience was wearing thin. I made my rounds through the crowd bumping into people I knew here and there. Every third people I ran into asked me why I wasn’t drinking. I couldn’t tell if they were genuinely asking or suggesting I drank too much at past functions and was surprised I didn’t have a drink in my hand. Either or I was ready to make a mad dash to for the gate and make my trek back to the library parking lot.

As I approached the gate two of my friends from the men’s basketball team were there. I told them I was covering the barbecue for the paper and they actually knew what it was, the paper that is. They restored my faith in our lovely student body. Who says athletes don’t read?

All in all it was a success. My chicken was great. There was a crazy number of people. Everyone seemed as if they were having a great time. Now, if we could just get half the people out to some home games this season, we just might have something.



A couple dancing the night away to the sounds of The Majestics.



Guests enjoying the food.



Alonzo Aguirre and Kameron Smith of Kappa Sigma Fraternity having some milk.



Members of the Roadrunner cheer squad.

Runners fall to TMC

By Miguel Cuate
Staff Writer

Coming off of last week’s 2-1 victory over Seattle, The CSUB Men’s Soccer Team (3-11-0 overall) was looking to add to this victory with a win against The Master’s College (7-0-2 overall) Tuesday night. However, the Runners would come up empty handed as TMC would score the golden goal in the first half of extra time to leave with the overtime victory.

The Runners ended the first half tied at zero with most of the battle being fought evenly by both sides in midfield. CSUB managed to put in several dangerous crosses, but TMC Goalkeeper Kevin Lawson cut most short. The most threatening play of the first half occurred when TMC Midfielder, Fabio Joaquim, had a powerful crossed shot attempt go just wide of the second post in minute 36 of the game.

TMC would score first and gain the advantage after scoring early in the second half. In minute 55, a cross from the right wing of the field would find TMC Midfielder Jacob Marchesani just outside of the penalty area box. Marchesani would lose his mark by cutting to the inside of his opponent, leaving himself free to drill the ball in from the left side to

the second post for the Mustang goal. TMC’s early second half goal would set the tone for the remainder of the second half and put pressure on the Runners to find the equalizing goal.

To add to the Runners desperation to find the equalizing goal, CSUB Midfielder Manny Guzman would be ejected from the game after an over aggressive tackle. The Runners would have to find the equalizer playing a man short with little over nine minutes left to play in the match.

With five minutes left to go, CSUB Forward Towa Manda would tie the game in the dramatic final moments of the match. A Runner free kick would produce confusion in the penalty area over a loose ball. Manda connected with a header to put the ball into the back of the net giving the Runners hope of a victory going into overtime. The goal would also give Manda his sixth goal of the season as the Runners leading scorer.

Unfortunately, TMC Forward Marlon Lindo would deflect the ball of a defender’s slide tackle to put the ball over the goalkeeper, off the first post and finally into the net giving TMC the overtime victory over CSUB with a final score of 2-1.

CSUB’s next match will be on October 18 against the Runner Alumni on the Main Soccer Field.

Lady Runners fall to Waves

By Lavinia Sfetcu
Staff Writer

Pepperdine and CSUB women’s soccer took the field Wednesday, October 8 at CSUB’s main soccer field.

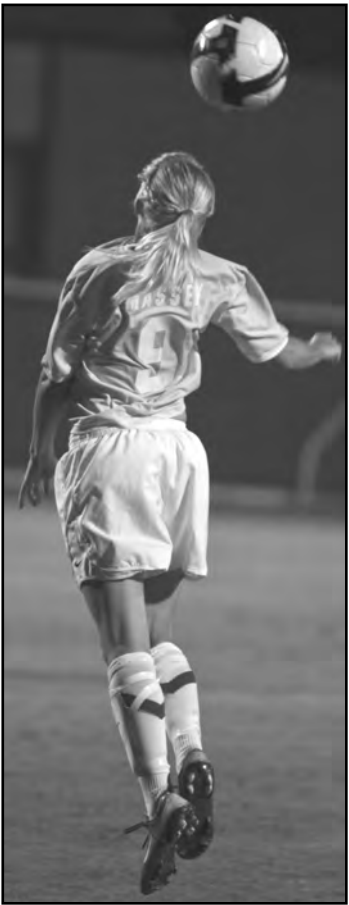
The match started off scoreless for the first 20 minutes until Kassi Massey had a major opportunity for a goal and followed through to set the match score 1-0 in the ‘Runners favor.

It didn’t take long for Pepperdine to respond the CSUB’s goal. Wave’s Ashley Copp received a goal opportunity in the 40th minute but did not make the connection. Then, in the 41st minute, Copp found herself yet again with an opportunity and scored, leaving the scoreboard at 1-1.

Then, Amanda Rupp of Pepperdine finished off the score by making a goal in the 56th minute and leaving the final score at 2-1.

The Runners played with good offense and defense but couldn’t pull out a win.

Head Coach Nicole Van Dyke expressed her emo-



Joseph White/Runner
Kassi Massey heading a ball

tions of the game on the CSUB athletics webpage. “I am very pleased in how we played tonight,” Van Dyke said. “I thought we were dynamic going forward and solid defensively. Hopefully

we can go on and attack our last four games. Massey’s effort for us was very impressive. She hustled and gave us a great chance to tie the game in the closing minutes.”

To benefit Breast Cancer awareness, the team sported pink jerseys, which were auctioned off at the game Wednesday night. Both tickets and auction sales were donated to the Breast Cancer Awareness cause.

“I have relatives that have had breast cancer,” sophomore and defensive player Kelly Mitterholzer said after the Wednesday night game. “Raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness is a good cause.”

The Runners drop to 4-10-1 after Pepperdine loss and will be on the road for their next games playing Utah University and Seattle.

For more information on your favorite CSUB Roadrunner athletes, visit www.gorunners.com and support your fellow Runners!

Students honored at the Dr. Ernest W. Williams Jr. Scholarship Fund Awards Dinner

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family in Bakersfield and instantly became a staple in the community. He was very involved, shown through his many affiliations with groups from the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce and the Kern County Medical Society, to the NAACP. Dr. Williams practiced medicine in Bakersfield for 29 years and in the early 1960s expanded his office to a medical clinic at 234 Baker Street. During the course of his life and career he continued to serve the community and go above and beyond his professional and financial obligations. He will always be remembered for his generosity and care for the citizens of Bakersfield.

One of the highlights of the night came from an extremely moving speech by Dr. Elizabeth K. Jackson, CSUB’s own Communications professor and the evening’s keynote speaker. She spoke of her time spent in Africa as a Senior Fulbright Scholar, and the many issues she and her students faced in the impoverished Zimbabwe.

She spoke of the lack of water, electricity and food that happened to be a frequent occurrence at her host university. She recalled instances where she would ask her student’s what they had to eat that day and they would reply with air pies. “I would send the students to the store and ask them to pick up as much food and groceries they could carry in their arms,” said Dr. Jackson. She would cook for the students every day and the first seven students that arrived would receive a meal. Through her generosity she fed 35 students a week.

She told the tale of students who were not only grateful for her experience and insight but eager to learn as much as possible. If for some reason Dr. Jackson did not cover the material to their liking they would reply to her, “Prof, do you think you could come in for a Saturday session?” These were the same students who had no class set of textbooks, only the books that



The recipients of the Ernest W. Williams Jr. Scholarship.

came from Dr. Jackson’s suitcase. These were the same students that, despite the weathering conditions, studied by the light of a cell phone or in some cases candlelight. They would pass the books around the dormitory and under these extreme conditions, still never came to class unprepared.

Lack of water, food and electricity was

minimal in comparison to the disturbing final story told by Dr. Jackson. For her final story, she read an abridged excerpt of her upcoming book about her experiences in Zimbabwe. She told the story of a young woman who came to her during the first few days after her arrival and asked if she may reside in her “extra room.” Dr. Jackson explained to the girl that her

“extra room” was nothing more than a storage closet and she should seek other means of housing. The young woman explained why this was not possible and in turn unveiled some of the inappropriate procedures being carried out by the dormitory director. In order to receive housing, one must pay in sugar, meal or sometimes sex. As Dr. Jackson delivered these words all eyes in the audience widened. She began to tear up, as did many in the crowd. Everyone was fixated on her words, her stories, her wisdom and advice.

She quickly regained her composure to deliver the remaining words of her excerpt with the same power and confidence she began it with. She spoke about her struggle to decide if she should speak out about the injustice and her eventual decision to speak with the dean about those problems. She finished with her final decision to allow the humble young woman to reside with her in her home. As her speech came to a close, everyone rose from their seat to award her with a much deserved standing ovation and very loud round of applause.

In addition to her spoken contribution to the wonderful evening, Dr. Jackson also provided four pieces of politically banned art from Zimbabwe by the master sculptor Godfrey Maunga for a silent auction and pledged to match the proceeds up to \$1,000. Each piece was bid on and two well over the asking price for a total contribution, including the matched amount of Dr. Jackson of \$2,750 to be divided among efforts in Africa and the Dr. Ernest W. Williams Jr. Scholarship Fund.

The community came together to celebrate the continued success of the students and express their pride in their achievements. The 22nd Annual Dr. Ernest W. Williams Jr. Scholarship Fund Awards Dinner was a success. The students were recognized, four people left with wonderful pieces of art and each person left being touched by Dr. Jackson’s speech.



Two of the statues that were auctioned off during the night.

Celia Kelly/The Runner

Seth Petruzelli knocks out Kimbo Slice in 15 seconds

By Bryson Paul
Staff Writer

David beat the mighty Goliath with only a sling shot in the past and became legendary, MMA fighter Seth Petruzelli has placed his name in history by knocking out the number one MMA fighter on the planet, Kimbo Slice. Slice is the premier fighter for the national mixed martial arts competition league known as EliteXC. The knockout from Petruzelli was as unexpected as the match itself being Slice was arranged to fight MMA legend Ken Shamrock. Petruzelli was expected to fight Aaron Rosa at EliteXC: Heat, but he replaced Ken Shamrock to fight Kimbo Slice at the last minute when Shamrock received a laceration above his left eye and was not allowed to fight. Petruzelli defeated Slice at 0:14 of the first round via TKO. Slice definitely made a bad career decision competing against Petruzelli at such short notice and suffering his first defeat in the EliteXC.

Seconds into the match on CBS's Elite XC Heat, Slice rushed in for a close range assault and left himself unguarded to a crush over hand right to his eye by Petruzelli. Stunned by the counter, Slice stumbled to the ground and Petruzelli rushed to continue his assault. The ref announced Slice was unable to continue and Petruzelli was announced the winner. Slice's gameplan was to overpower his opponent with his size and brute force. However, it was Petruzelli speed and accuracy that countered his opponent's tactics.

Slice came into the MMA world a superstar, receiving high views from his youtube backyard brawls in the streets of Miami for a couple years. He recently signed a contract with EliteXC and became its most popular fighter. Since signing his contract,



photo courtesy of ESPN.com

Seth Petruzellic celebrating after his upset win over Kimbo Slice.

Slice has starred in two main events from the fighting promotion company and been victorious in both. A marketing cash cow for the company and himself as well, Slice has been a guest on many famous shows like the late night talk show hosted by funnyman Jimmie Kimmel. Many say this loss to an unknown fighter can affect Slice's marquee value but it is too early to admit that is true. Petruzelli was not an unfamiliar face to the world as everyone portrays him out to be.

Petruszelli has become an overnight celebrity after the victory over Slice, going into the match audiences were unfamiliar with the fighter. However self-proclaimed "Silverback" does have some impressive credentials as a fighter. Petruzelli is a former contestant on the hit MMA show "Ultimate Fighter" and has also competed in the top ranking UFC. Petruzelli is a former K-1 kickboxer currently fighting in the Elite Xtreme Combat fight promotion where he competes in the Light Heavyweight class. He is currently signed to a

four-fight deal with the promotion that will surely be extended.

This loss ended any belief that Slice's ready to move up to the major leagues in MMA which is the UFC. Fighters in the UFC have been saying distasteful things about Slice since the announcement of him becoming a ranking fighter. They believe Slice is just a gimmick, a promotional tool to get audiences excited about watching Mixed Martial Arts, being that Slice delivers highlight attacks in his matches. The UFC has publicly stated on numerous occasions, through both staff and fighters, that Slice does not have the abilities to compete with the top fighters in the world competitively in the world famously recognized Ultimate Fighting Championships.

But before there can be any more talk about UFC tryouts for Slice, or even a match with Shamrock, he must prove that Petruzelli was a fluke. Judging from the match, a rematch between Petruzelli and Slice is possible but not very marketable right away. The match was never

supposed to happen in the beginning and it was too quick to determine if Slice deserves a rematch. Slice had a previous match where the fighter took him to a decision and left him seriously physically drained. Many believed he lost the match and, due to his popularity, was given the decision. Rematch talk has been demanded since that match as well, and it is still undecided on rather the original Shamrock and Slice match should still take place.

Can Slice take another chance on being knocked out once again by Petruzelli so soon and possibly end his career in the sport? Petruzelli has already voiced that Slice should be given a rematch with him due to the situation being so quickly put together.

Rematch talk has been circulating seconds after the match ended and many have mixed reviews about the match and situation. Responses from analyzers and bloggers all over the world are proposing that a rematch should take places for a few reasons. Many believe Kimbo was unprepared for Petruzelli being the match had been announced so quickly, causing his defeat; however, Slice was in top fighting condition to take on a legend like Shamrock. Petruzelli should have been at least a fair competition. Bloggers all over the world feel that Petruzelli got a lucky shot on Slice, a normal outcome that has happen many times in the fighting profession. Since the victory, Petruzelli has decided to become a full time MMA fighter and is ready for what comes next.

CSUB Fanfest to be held on Thursday

By Phillip Barnett
Editor in Chief

Friday, October 17th, marks the official opening of the 2008-2009 college basketball season.

Instead of the traditional Midnight Madness, Bakersfield's media and fans alike will get a chance to go out and meet players and coaches from both the men's and women's basketball teams.

Along with the opportunity to meet the players and coaches, fans will be offered free food and will have the opportunity to win prizes.

Prizes include free game-day t-shirts to the first 100 fans in attendance and one lucky fan will have a shot at a \$10,000 prize.

"We're going to have free food and chances to win prizes," said Karen Langson, the CSUB Athletics Marketing Director. "We have iPods and a chance to win \$10,000 -- but we also have things like autographs and interactive situations with the players for the kids as well."

The event will take place Thursday night from 6 to 8p.m. in the Icardo Center. For more information on the event check out www.gorunners.com.

Former CSUB Men's Soccer standout wins USL-1 Championship

By Celia Kelly
Staff Writer

The horn sounds, the game is over and Lyle Martin has won his first pro soccer championship in front of a sold-out crowd. Martin, the former CSUB Men's Soccer standout, and the Vancouver Whitecaps defeated the Puerto Rico Islanders in the USL-1 championship game Sunday afternoon, 2-1.

The victory was the Whitecaps second championship in the last three seasons and the win extended their undefeated streak over Puerto Rico at home.

"I don't even feel anything yet, I still feel like I have practice tomorrow," said Martin. "I probably won't feel anything until I'm at home." Martin comes back home to Bakersfield on Saturday. He gets a few months off before returning to play again sometime between mid-January and early February.

Martin played four seasons with the Runners beginning in 2003. While sporting the blue and gold, Martin appeared in 79 games and scored 29 goals. In his final season as a road-runner in 2006, he earned the CCAA scoring title with 17 goals in 19 matches. That also placed him second on the all-time list of most season goals in school history. Currently, Martin is leading the www.gorunners.com website fan poll of the best CSUB soccer player of all time with 21.47% of the votes.

While still playing for CSUB, Martin also played for the Bakersfield Brigade of the

USL Premier Developmental League. In 2005, his rookie season with the Brigade, he played 10 games and scored five goals. During his second season with the Brigade his stats rose to 16 matches and nine goals.

After his final season at CSUB, Martin entered the Major League Soccer Supplemental draft and was drafted by Chivas USA, but ended up signing with the Vancouver Whitecaps, USL First Division.

Martin enjoyed an impressive rookie season last year with the Whitecaps. That year the team made it to the USL-1 playoffs. However, they lost in the first round. He was honored with the Whitecaps Newcomer of the Year award.

His second season with the Whitecaps was no different. He

contributed immensely to the team's success with his speed and efficiency at the right full-back position. Even the success of first place is not enough for Martin. When asked if he was going back to Canada next season he replied, "If I don't get to a higher league. My goal is always to get as high as possible." With all the talent and the impressive track record, it should not be hard for Martin to advance.

Fame and pro ball hasn't changed the charismatic Lyle Martin. When asked if they get a bonus for winning the championship he replied, "We get a little somethin' somethin'."

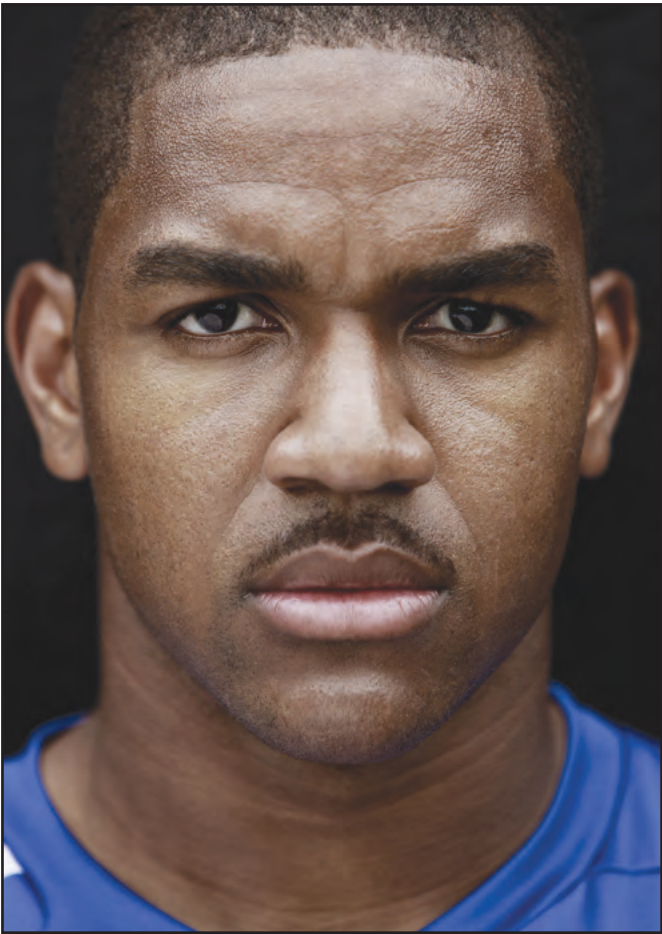


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Lyle Martin is considered one of CSUB's greatest soccer players.

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