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THE BIG STORY

UPD officers locate perpetrator

By Javier Valdes and
Chris Mateo
The Runner Staff

CSU Bakersfield's University Police Department officers located the subject that inappropriately touched at least two students between the Walter Stiern Library and the Student Affairs Office on Aug. 29 around 3 p.m.

The perpetrator was found the following day around 1:20 p.m., just north of Dorothy Donahoe Hall after he allegedly attempted to touch another student but missed after the female student sidestepped him.

UPD Chief of Police Marty

Williamson attended Friday's Associated Student Inc. meeting to speak to students about security on campus, including the unlawful touching incident. Williamson said that the incident was not sexual assault and that at best it might fall under unlawful touching.

There was no "timely warning," as defined by the clery act, sent out to CSUB students following the Aug. 29 incident in which one victim said that she made eye contact with the suspect before he inappropriately touched her.

"I was on the phone and I made eye contact and he came up and I thought he was going

to shake my hand but then missed my hand and touched my butt," said the victim.

The Runner does not publish the names of victims in order to protect their identities.

The victim did not realize what she had experienced until she saw another woman being approached by the same man and touching her in a similar manner.

The victim said that she was

unsure whether to report the incident until she realized that it wasn't just her that he touched.

Williamson was working with

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Marty Williamson,
UPD Chief of Police

many people trying to get the information out a day after the incident when he got the call that students had spotted the suspect near DDH.

A campus bulletin highlighting the details of the incident was sent out to

students a few hours after UPD officers located the suspect.

UPD officers were not able to arrest the suspect since the law does not allow the officers to arrest somebody on a misdemeanor not committed in their presence.

"Rest assured, we looked at every angle that we lawfully could to try to take that guy to jail and there was nothing we could do," said Williamson. "We did everything, trust me, I was there."

Instead, the subject was banned from campus for seven days under PC 626.

Under Penal Code 626.6 a person who is not a student,

officer or employee of the university may be asked by the chief administrative officer to leave the campus if they are suspected of committing any act that is likely to interfere with the peaceful activities on campus.

"If that person fails to do so or if the person willfully and knowingly reenters upon the campus or facility within seven days after being directed to leave, he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor," according to PC 626.6.

If the subject decides to return to campus within the seven-day period then UPD can then take See PERPETRATOR, Page 3

MEN'S SOCCER



CSUB's Jacob Alatorre drives over a fallen Mitchell McPartland on Thursday, Sept. 1 at CSU Bakersfield. Full story on page 7.

PARKING

Influx in student enrollment creates parking difficulties

By Annie Russell
Features Editor

The influx of student enrollment at CSU Bakersfield has extended the need for more parking spaces on campus. Chief of Police Marty Williamson ensures students and faculty that additional parking is underway.

"We're calling it K3," said

Williamson.

The parking is expected to be completed by March.

Parking lot K3 is to be placed in between lots K1 and K2 near the residential hall in the grassy area. The parking lot will hold approximately 186 new spaces available for use with a permit and with further observation more parking on campus is to be discussed.

"Once the humanities building is built out on the west side of campus we have to consider those parking issues out there," said Williamson. "Then we'll assess and see if we need to build there."

Due to the need for building new parking spaces and maintaining both the old and new lots, parking permits have risen

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CAMPUS

Resources available for victims in need of help

By Julie Mana-Ay
News Editor

In light of recent events surrounding student safety on campus, CSU Bakersfield Campus Advocate Vanessa Corona and Title IX coordinator Claudia Catota share what resources students can access to seek help when witnessing or experiencing sexual misconduct.

Claudia Catota, who serves as CSUB Title IX coordinator and assistant to the president, says that if students feel like they're being targeted or a victim of a crime, they should report it.

Students are able to contact Catota directly to file a complaint against another person.

As the Title IX coordinator Catota investigates harassments, accusations of discrimination, sexual misconduct upon college students.

"The crime doesn't necessarily have to happen on campus.

As long as it is a CSUB student, they can come and see us for resources," Catota said.

Title IX is a federal law that was established in 1972. The law protects student rights against discrimination of sex, gender, or sexual orientation in activities and educational programs organized by CSUB.

Title IX protects students against sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, gender discrimination, stalking, domestic violence, rape, sexual assault and gender equity in athletics.

"Within the past five years or so, it has really evolved into encompassing sexual assault on college campuses and it really came about as a response to a lot of student activism on different college campuses when universities weren't responding to allegations to sexual assault adequately," said Catota. "Universities are now being held accountable for these types of

complaints."

When dealing with sexual misconduct, both Corona and Catota believe University Police Department, the counseling center, and even stopping by either of their offices are fundamental resources students should take advantage of.

"No one deserves that. We want folks to know if they do come forward or do feel uncomfortable, knowing these places will never make this your fault. Even if it does take a little time, the awareness is out there," Campus Advocate Vanessa Corona said. "We know things are happening so people can say something about it because each of us is one person."

Corona said that if a student doesn't feel confident in themselves about intervening in a situation, it's okay to notify a staff member or to call the

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CSUB's parking lots have been impacted during the first two weeks of the fall semester. Lot F was full on Friday, Sept. 2.

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Chief addresses campus security

By Javier Valdes
Editor-in-Chief

As CSU Bakersfield's University Police Department works to keep the campus safe, UPD Chief of Police Marty Williamson stopped by to speak to the Associated Students Inc. board about security at CSUB.

"Our role here is to support student education and our role is to provide the safest and secure campus we can for the students to get educated, faculty to teach and staff to work," said Williamson.

Williamson addressed the board noting that enforcement is not the only role that the UPD plays at CSUB.

Williamson said that being part of the campus community and reaching out to knock down barriers within the community they protect is something they aim to do.

"I'm really pushing our officers to get out, hopefully you've seen our bike patrols are back out again... I'm trying to get them out of those cars," said Williamson. "Cars are a necessity, that's where we carry all of our equipment but it's really hard talk to people, it's hard to socialize with people so I'm really striving to move forward."

Williamson also talked about the recent incident on campus where students were inappropriately touched and mentioned how having the right team available made locating the perpetrator easier.

"It's really great to see that we had that type of a priority call... and everybody pulled off what they were doing and within... minutes we had six officers there, so if it had been a bigger incident we were well equipped," said Williamson.

Williamson was asked how many cameras are installed at CSUB, but was unsure as to the exact number of cameras on campus.

"We don't have a lot, not compared to other campuses," said Williamson.

Williamson has proposed that more cameras be added around campus, but is unable to do so at the moment.

"I've got areas where I do want to add cameras, but right now due to union negotiations, I'm at a standstill," said Williamson.

Williamson, "I'm not able to proceed in installing cameras on the campus right now. I don't know when I'm going to get permission to install the cameras that are already planned on campus."

Williamson has about eight cameras that he has authorization to install and has funding for, but can not yet install.

"What I'm looking for is placing the cameras in strategic locations such as along the red brick road on each side of DDH, where we have high traffic areas," said Williamson.

Williamson said that community service officer's at the library and the student union to provide escort services and to help provide additional security on campus.

"They are not cops, but they are out eyes and ears and if they see anything they call the radio," said Williamson. "It's a lot cheaper than me paying for an officer there."

Williamson mentioned how his goal is to have CSOs or

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Marty Williamson,
Chief of Police



CSUB Chief of Police Marty Williamson speaks at the ASI meeting Sept. 2. about security at the CSUB campus.

officers available within five minutes.

Williamson informed the board about the upcoming Rape Aggression Defense class that will be offered from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

"RAD is a comprehensive self-defense course for women intended to teach realistic

self-defense tactics and techniques," according to the UPD flyer.

Women get to practice their self-defense skills on UPD officers who are padded in a foam suit.

Williamson also talked about the recent Coffee with a Cop event where stu-

dents and staff stopped by to talk to UPD officers this past week. Williamson mentioned that they are trying to do this more often and would like to set up this event with student housing.

CAMPUS

Library extends hours to students for fall semester

By Uzziel Hernandez
Reporter

There have been several changes made at the Walter Stiern Library in CSU Bakersfield. Some changes are immediately visible upon entering the premises. One notable difference is the extended library hours.

A sign outside of the library reads that the library is now open until 1 a.m. everyday with the exception of Friday and Saturday when the library closes at 5 p.m., a major difference from last year's hours of

operation.

"We increased the library hours based on a survey we conducted five years ago that identified student needs and desires and also a continuing idea that we want to improve the place and provide students with a place to study during the times they wish to study.

The 24-hour room just wasn't enough," said the Dean of the University Library, Curt Asher.

While increased library hours may appear beneficial to some students, some believe the contrary. Junior psychology major Christian Palma believes

that the extended hours will increase chances of sexual assault and property destruction as it encourages more students to be on campus longer and at a later time.

Senior and kinesiology major Jesus Castrejon, believes otherwise. He believes that the extended library hours will only encourage students to study longer as opposed to having to leave the library at an earlier time and interrupt their study session.

Apart from the extended library hours, the Walter Stiern Library has introduced new

programs such as the Westlaw Campus Research Database. According to the Walter W. Stiern Library Newsletter, the Westlaw Campus Research includes "primary and secondary law sources, law reviews, business information, and many news publications."

In addition to the new programs available to students, the library has also remodeled several areas in its interior. Asher said that about twenty aisles of shelving were moved to different areas or donated in order to build study areas in the first floor.

"It is the first phase of what we call the library of the future project and we are trying to provide more space for laptop and portable device use and also provide more segregated study areas," Asher said.

Still, Asher's has many more plans in store for the library that he would like to see complete in the future.

"The whole second floor is going to become a collaborative study area and the third and fourth floor, we're going to replace the old furniture and with new furniture build some sound barriers so we can have

silent study areas and then we will also have group areas."

Walter Stiern Library Hours Fall 2016 schedule
Monday - 8 a.m. - 1 a.m.
Tuesday - 8 a.m. - 1 a.m.
Wednesday - 8 a.m. - 1 a.m.
Thursday - 8 a.m. - 1 a.m.
Friday - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday - 11 a.m. - 1 a.m.

To see library hours visit csub.edu.

FACULTY

Criminal justice professor excels outside of CSUB

By Marissa Patton
Reporter

Studying crime brings intelligence to the surface. At least that is the case for criminal justice professor Anthony Flores who has dedicated his life to the subject. Dr. Anthony Flores is a criminal justice professor at California State University Bakersfield. After receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Cincinnati, he moved to Bakersfield and began teaching criminal justice.

"I was originally a psychology major," Flores said, "and literally stumbled into a criminal justice class because it was open at a time I needed it. I was immediately fascinated by it; the discipline was very interesting."

Flores has written and published four articles this year regarding the risk offender assessment. The risk offender assessment is a means to get around subjective decision making, making the process more objective, and more science based.

"Within criminal justice we have to make decisions regarding offenders about treatment options, who to watch more closely, and risk assessment tools," Flores said. "Results will show who is low, moderate or high risk."

Flores was exposed to risk assessment in graduate school and learned how subjective criminal justice can be. He believed that risk assessment was a way to get involved in criminal justice and be a part of the decision making process. Flores was recently inter-

viewed by the Washington Post regarding a paper he and three other co-authors wrote.

Their paper was in response to another paper that had been published on ProPublica, claiming that a certain risk assessment was racially biased. Those who made the claim didn't follow any testing standards that the American Psychological Administration and the National Education Administration have to test for bias. When Flores and the co-authors followed the procedures themselves, they found

no evidence of bias.

"ProPublica is a major outlet and we were concerned that because of it, the paper would be taken as a rule over the existing research," Flores said. "There is such a focus on reforming criminal justice and if there was bias we would want to know about it to come up with solutions to render it."

According to Flores, if the incorrect paper would have been left alone it would be taken at face value and could undermine a lot of reforms going on. Reform is important to Flores,

who believes that everyone is a budding criminologist. He acknowledges that everyone is interested in crime and has an opinion about it, students included.

"Students should study criminal justice because they are concerned with crime and because they are the future," he said. "Studying criminal justice can better prepare them to make better, more scientifically reformed decisions. They can better the practice by getting an academic scientific education and carrying that into the field."

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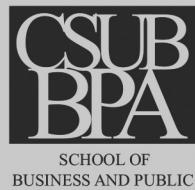
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PARKING

Parking prices shouldn't rise soon

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this semester from \$45 a quarter to \$93 a semester.

"The fee increase will allow us to plan for the future and build adequate parking as the campus grows without having to go back and raise the fees in the near future," said Williamson.

Even with the parking fee increase CSUB is still one of the cheapest CSUs for parking tied alongside Fresno State University.

Williamson states that there are no plans to raise the parking fees in the future, however, the possibilities of the fees being reduced back down to its original price are slim.

"I would love to say we can reduce it but the cost to maintain it [parking lots] and the cost to build them are not going

to go down," said Williamson. Students who haven't purchased their fall 2016 parking permits and are illegally parking on campus run the risk with being cited with a ticket around \$35-40. Williamson states that receiving two tickets ultimately pays for the parking permit.

Students who are looking to save money by not buying the parking permit are free to utilize the parking lot across campus on Stockdale Highway beside the bike path.

The Marketplace across from CSUB has been ticketing students who are parking in their lots and going to class. If students have a previous CSUB parking sticker in view there is risk of being cited.

The increase in parking permits are not the only thing new this semester that has changed.



Ben Patton/The Runner

CSUB's parking lot H filled to capacity on Thursday, Sept. 1. The campus is expected to get a new lot sometime in Feb. 2017.

With classes ending within a short span of time students leaving are able to rotate their cars faster with the students who are coming to class. The campus police took

extra precaution this semester to create overflow parking unsure how bad back-to-school parking would be. Fortunately, overflow parking was not needed.

"For the last two weeks we have not exhausted all of our available parking," said Williamson. "The turnover rate of students leaving and coming have been related close enough

that we have got very few if any (I have not received any) complaints that there wasn't any parking."

CRIME

Suspect found north of Dorothy Donahoe Hall

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legal action against him.

"If he (the suspect) comes back and we find him, he has now committed a misdemeanor trespass of which we can then take lawful action because he has committed a misdemeanor in our presence," said Williamson.

Williamson is confident they caught the right guy after the description given by the victims fit to a tee and after a witness

was able to identify him.

The campus bulletin students received described the suspect as a Hispanic male, 5 feet 10 inches, 160 pounds, black hat and shorts with tattoos on both legs.

"One of our witnesses actually picked him out, we were able to get that witness from a previous day and did an in-field lineup," said Williamson. "He didn't know we did, but we got an in-field line up and she picked him

out, so we know we are dealing with the same guy."

As for now all cases have been sent to the District Attorney for review.

"If the District Attorney sees that there's...enough elements for a crime or crimes, then they will issue a criminal complaint, a judge will issue a warrant, set bail," said Williamson. "If we find him...we can arrest him on the warrant and then the case will be adjudicated in court."

CAMPUS

Help available for victims

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University Police Department.

"I want all of us to be equal in trying to prevent these things from happening. We know these things won't happen if we continue to hold people accountable. We need for people to not feel concerned or scared when they come to school," Corona said. "This should be a safe place and it should be a learning environment."

Corona encourages students to report these incidents to UPD. In any of those situations where a student may be uncomfortable giving their names to

UPD, they're also able to go to Corona to speak in a more confidential environment.

As a campus advocate and education coordinator at CSUB, Corona is able to help with Title IX, proceeding with law enforcements, or going to court dates if any sexual misconduct incidents were to happen to any student.

"Offenders are often repeat offenders. They've done it before and they know they've gotten away with it, so they continue to do so," said Corona.

Corona wants students to know that if these situations do

happen to them, it is not their fault.

"We want there to be that cohesion. We never want people to think there's one person to talk to. There is a support team," she said. "Sometimes we might be in situations where there's less than positive people around. Call a friend, get a safety escort on campus. Don't be afraid to use those resources. Don't ever turn a blind eye."

Corona is located in Rohan Hall 102 and Catota is located in the Office of the President.

FALL 2016 TUTORING SCHEDULE

HISTORY

Monday

9a - 1p (w/ Daniel)

11a - 5p (w/ Shawn)

Tuesday

8a - 12p (w/ Bryan)

Wednesday

9a - 1p (w/ Daniel)

11a - 5p (w/ Shawn)

Thursday

8a - 12p (w/ Bryan)

DDH B115

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Tuesday & Thursday

2:30p - 4:30p (w/ Madison)

Friday

8a - 12p (w/ Madison)

DDH B115

PHILOSOPHY

Monday

8a - 11a (w/ Russell)

Tuesday

9a - 11a (w/ Scott)

1p - 3p (w/ Scott)

Wednesday

8a - 11a (w/ Russell)

Friday

11a - 1p (w/ Russell)

1p - 5p (w/ Scott)

DDH B115

Spanish

Monday - Friday

2:30p - 4:30p (w/ Estrella)

DDH E102

MUSIC: Theory

Monday

11a - 2p (w/ Courtney)

Tuesday

2p - 5p (w/ Courtney)

Wednesday

12p - 2p (w/ Courtney)

MUS 120

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10a - 2p (w/ Quoc)

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PREVIEW

Runner Nights returns next week

By Mark Saso
Reporter

The CSU Bakersfield Division of Student Affairs is bringing the fair to campus in the first round of Runner Nights.

The event will take place on Friday, Sept. 16 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on the Don Hart East Lawn.

If you enjoy the fair but not the prices to get in, Student Affairs recognizes this and is offering the event free to currently enrolled students.

This event is only for CSUB students so be sure to bring a valid student ID to gain entry.

Student Affairs understands that most college students do not have much money to spend.

They have organized this event to give the students something to look forward to, but will not break their bank.

"We are giving back to the students at CSUB," said Associate Director of Campus Programming Emily Poole.

The activities and events taking place include: a super slide, mash-a-mouse, caricature

drawing, food vendors, a DJ, club booths, and even a Ferris wheel.

The food vendors will be offering food items for free along with items for purchase.

There will also be various carnival-type games with prizes to win.

This is the second year Runner Nights has taken place, so Student Affairs is trying to raise the bar from last year.

They would like for more students to attend this year and have gone above and beyond to bring a true fair-like atmosphere to campus.

If you are unable to attend this first event, there will be three more Runner Nights events this year, two per semester.

The next event this semester will be Oct. 28 themed Haunted Vegas.

The next two will take place in the spring semester: a comedy show featuring local comedians on Feb. 10 and a concert on April 28.

As the dates get closer to the future events, more information will be given.



Julie Mana-ay/The Runner

Then-freshman, Ian McCool, plays a carnival game at Runner Nights on Oct. 30, 2015.

ADMINISTRATION

New associate VP supports student success at CSUB



Vernon Harper, associate VP for Academic Programs
Etelvina Castillo/The Runner

By Carla Chacon
Reporter

In April, Vernon Harper joined CSU Bakersfield as the university's associate vice president for the Office of Academic Programs.

With hands rested softly on the round, wooden table located near the window of his office, and a warm, friendly smile, Harper said it was California's unique diversity that enticed him to relocate across the vast distance between the East Coast and West Coast.

"Diversity. The diversity is incredibly powerful...it is one of the reasons we decided to move back to California," he said.

Harper's journey to California began after he earned his Ph.D. in human communication studies at Howard University in 1999. After graduation, his field of study led him to California.

"My first position was at Cal

State San Bernardino," said Harper.

At CSUSB, Harper served as an assistant professor for four years. In 2003, he moved back to the East Coast where he joined the faculty of Christopher Newport University in Virginia as an associate professor.

Although Harper moved to the East Coast again, he knew he would one day return to the Golden State.

"My wife and I really fell in love with the state of California, as most people do, and when we relocated back to the East Coast, it was always on our minds to try to set up an arrangement where we could return to California," he said.

Prior to returning to California, Harper served as associate provost at Wilkes University for three years and then held the position of associate vice president of Academic Administration at West Chester

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Vernon Harper,
Associate V.P. for
Academic Programs

University for four years.

Now as CSUB's associate vice president for the Office of Academic Programs, some of Harper's responsibilities include overseeing university academic programs, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, coordinating the General Education and Honors Programs, and communicating with the Chancellor's Office relating to academic affairs.

As for the goals for this academic year, "One of the things we certainly want to do is to ensure that the general education program is implemented in a fashion that supports and enhances student success," Harper said. "We also want to make sure that the honors program is supported...and is one of our top programs in this institute."

When Harper is not in the office, he spends his time doing his favorite thing: parenting.

"Parenting is an all-encompassing endeavor. It consumes most of your available time and of course there are activities in which I enjoy that I do with my kids like traveling, but all of that is under the umbrella of parenting and I see it as the reason why I'm here, to be a parent to my kids," he said.

Harper added that a fun, family activity is spending time with his kids beside the pool on a hot, Bakersfield day.

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REVIEW

Ocean makes waves with new hit album 'Blonde'

By Anthony Jauregui
Opinions Editor

Frank did it. On Aug. 20 through an exclusive deal with Apple Music, Frank Ocean released his second studio album "Blonde". Just one day before, Ocean released a visual album titled "Endless," also an Apple Music exclusive.

After the success of his first album "Channel Orange"—a Grammy—Ocean went MIA and left fans and critics hungry for more. The world spent 4 years wondering when the next Frank Ocean project would hit their iPods and walkman.

Before the release of "Blonde", (spelled "Blond" on the cover art), Ocean was signed to label giant Def Jam.

Ben Sisario of the New York Times says in his article "Frank Ocean's 'Blonde' Amplifies Discord in the Music Business" that "He [Ocean] had apparently fulfilled his contractual agreement with the label with the release of separate 'visual album' the day before 'Blonde' came out—a move that cut Def Jam and its corporate parent, the giant of Universal Music Group, out of the profits for one of the year's most-anticipated albums."

The album has caused ripples in the music industry regarding artistic freedom from label giants and perhaps paving way for future artists to do the same thing. Nevertheless "Blonde's" monetary background, Ocean's four-year dry spell and massive amounts of hype have little to

do with my love of this album.

I discovered Ocean Aug. 1, two days before my break up and three before my birthday. All I had to do was wait 20 days and "Blonde" dropped so as I sat and sulked in break up juice—whiskey and cigarettes—I reveled over "Channel Orange's" beauty, lyrics and soulfully penetrating music.

If you haven't listened to "Channel Orange" and you're in a relationship, I suggest you break up with that person and listen to it again. Every lyric will suddenly mean something and you'll cry thinking of a potato flying around a room. Unbeknownst to me, the hype behind "Blonde" had been simmering for years and with rumors of an album titled "Boys Don't Cry" said to be released, I hopped on the train to Bandwagonville and joined the masses and cried "Frank! Drop already!"

Then he did.

The upside to this odd release of "Blonde" was that there were no singles previously released. When singles are released, I tend to pop a CD in and jump straight to what sounds familiar. Without the singles, I drove straight through the album, stopping only to text friends and tell them it sucked, because at first it did. My first run through with the album was like standing in an open crowd in a bar for one hour. After a few songs everything blended, nothing sounded different except for the occasional time the DJ hopped on the mic and

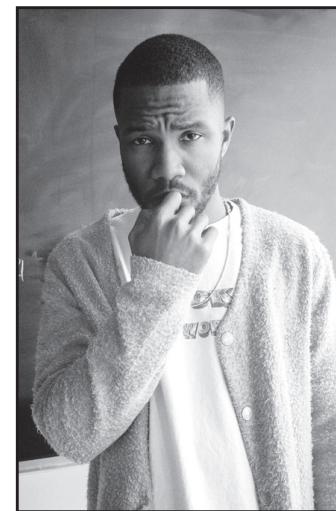


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Frank Ocean drops new album "Blonde"

asked how everyone was doing. All cacophony, no separation or feeling or notable hooks that would bring me back.

But I decided to give it another shot. I listened again, this time closely, and began to notice redeeming qualities. Like going back to the crowded bar, I listened to conversations, the way tables were turned over and the way the bartender looked at me when I tipped him. All the feelings mirrored my experience listening to "Blonde" again. A friend told me to let the album grow on me so I did. I think I may have let it grow a little too much because I'm seriously contemplating coloring my hair green just like Ocean's on the cover of the album.

Here are three of my favorite tracks and why:

Nights—This song marks the

halfway point for the album and plays in at least three different time signatures. It's like listening to multiple songs in only five minutes. I don't know about you by buy one get two free deals get me riled up, especially when they're delivered by the soulful voice of Frank Ocean.

Solo (Reprise)-BARS as brought to you by Andre 3000, one half of the Outkast power duo. The reprise is about 1:20 long and is backed by piano electronic fused down beats that serve as punching bags to reinforce downbeats of each of the powerful quips delivered by the legendary hip hop artist. The song is a reprise to track four titled "Solo," but plays with sounds and lyrical genius of the same caliber as someone with more songwriters than singers.

Pretty Sweet—This sounds like John Lennon's "Happy Xmas (War is Over)" is inside a vortex of electronic beats and as the two engage merrily in coitus, the Powerpuff Girls theme song makes an appearance and the three go at it having wild, erotic sex...and I love it.

"Blonde" is worthy of the aux. If you have an Apple product I suggest you purchase the album, and if you don't, illegally download it. That's why Def Jam is pissed they can't sell CDs anyway.

I give this album 4 out of 5 ipods.



CAMPUS

CSU Trustee meets with students

By Devon Halsell
Assistant Features Editor

CSU Bakersfield hosted its first Brown Bag Discussion of the year which was highlighted by Chair of the Board of Trustees Rebecca Eisen who discussed student success.

Trustee Eisen started the discussion by telling the crowd a little bit about herself before delving into the discussions topic of student success.

"You can't get to know an institution without visiting all of the campuses," Eisen said about the CSU system.

Eisen has made it a goal of hers to visit all 23 of the CSU's. She mentioned only having five more to visit.

The Board of Trustees is not made up of educators, but with people from the surrounding communities who have a world view.

When making decisions the board listens to what students have to say because "students are a power that can change the world."

"The board will be determining what is an appropriate goal for graduation range," Eisen mentioned. "Whatever we can do, to be productive in terms of getting students toward degrees that they are working for."

After covering the topics she had prepared, Eisen opened the floor for questions and/or comments from students and faculty present.

"The mandatory advising



Photo from CSU.edu

Trustee Rebecca Eisen

for current students was very helpful during the quarter to semester transition because the advisors walked us through step-by-step what we would need to graduate," Oscar Alvarez, Vice President of University Affairs, had to say about how helpful the advisors on campus can be.

Emerson Case, an English professor, brought up faculty "I see a big erosion of tenure-track faculty to part time lecturers." Part-time professors and lecturers are not required to do advising or hold office hours, so the students are losing out on making those connections. Which Eisen said is one of the Chancellor's main concerns; they would all like to help the students in as many ways possible.

The next Brown Bag Discussion will be held on Hispanic Heritage Month on Sept. 29 in the Stockdale Room in the Runner Café from 12-1:15 p.m. It is free to attend the event.

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SEPTEMBER

7	Monthly Catholic Mass Noon-1 p.m., Stockdale Room	14	Runner Nights Promo Day Noon-1:30 p.m., SU Patio
	"Women Rock" climbing event 6-10 p.m., SRC Rock Wall		The Bakersfield Fan Forum presents Brian Kim Stefans 4 p.m., Todd Madigan Gallery
8	Time Management Workshop Noon-1 p.m., SRC	15	Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off 11:30-1 p.m., SU Runner Park
	"Decrease your Stress" event 2-5 p.m., North Lawn		Walter Presents Constitution Day Election Panel 5:30 p.m., Dezember Room
9	Financial Aid Workshop 3:30-4:30 p.m., DDH 103H		Men's Soccer vs. UC Davis 7 p.m., Main Soccer Field
	Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Washington 7 p.m., Main Soccer Field		Volleyball vs. Northern Arizona 7 p.m., Icardo Center
	Steinway Piano Concert 7:30-9 p.m., Doré Theatre		Open Mic Night 8-9 p.m., Rowdy's in the SU
10	Dress for Success - Bring the Bling Run/PowerWalk 7-10 a.m., Runner Park, bakersfield.dressforsuccess.org	16	Roadrunner Classic Volleyball vs. UC Riverside 6:30 p.m., Icardo Center
	Bakersfield Strong Leadership Conference 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., BDC and DLDC		Roadrunner Classic Volleyball vs. UC Irvine 6:30 p.m., Icardo Center
	SRC Outdoor Adventures Pack saddle Trail Hike 9 a.m.-3 p.m., register by Sept. 7		SRC Outdoor Adventures Cayucos Boogie Boarding and Surfing 7 a.m.-6 p.m., \$30 students, \$40 other SRC members, deadline to register Sept. 14
12	SRC Sport Club Interest Meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m., SRC		Women's Soccer vs. Idaho 1 p.m., Main Soccer Field
13	Choose your Major Workshop 4-5 p.m., DDH 105H		

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Riley Heffernan and Robert Vazquez / Photos by Rupsy Bajwa

This week The Runner asked, "How do you feel about the change from quarters to semesters?"

Faculty



Joel Haney
Music



Kamala Boeck
Theatre



Andy Troup
English



Isabella
Kasselstrand
Sociology

"I like the fact that we have 15 weeks to live with the material in each of the classes. I think it's much better for students to learn."

"I find myself running out of time consistently. I'll get through a certain amount of material and I'll have planned for more."

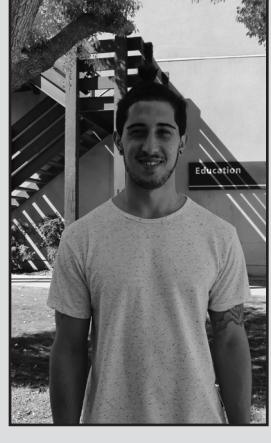
"I think it's more work for faculty. I think it's more for students, too."

"I think it's great. Before I was teaching at a university that already [taught] semesters, so I really like it."

Students



Jeremiah Hernandez,
Freshman
Kinesiology



Bijan Mirkazemi,
Senior
Computer science



Carole Arreola,
Junior
Nursing



Christian Russell,
Senior
Accounting

"I just came from high school where we had a semester system, so everything is really like normal."

"Since I went to BC and Taft I'm kind of used to semester system, but after coming to Cal State I like the quarter system better."

"We're barely getting the feel of it. But I feel like towards the middle of [the semester] we'll see how it goes."

"I don't like that a lot of the teachers, specifically in the sciences, are cramming in quarter-level work per week, instead of semester-level work."

STAFF EDITORIAL

UPD fails to warn students Alerts needed for campus safety

On Aug. 29 The Runner broke news on an inappropriate touching incident that happened at CSU Bakersfield in an attempt to inform students and the CSUB community.

The next morning many local media outlets followed in reporting the incident to their viewers.

One entity notably missing in the disseminating of information throughout the Bakersfield community was CSUB's University Police Department.

At least not before the suspect was caught attempting to touch yet another student around 1:20 p.m. on Aug. 30.

UPD has failed to inform students in a timely manner over issues that can directly impact the safety of students and faculty alike.

Granted that UPD Chief Marty Williamson released a campus bulletin after locating the subject, there was a lack of immediacy in notifying the CSUB students about the perpetrator before he was caught.

The timely warning notification is a warning that is sent out to the CSUB community to notify members about serious crimes that occur on campus, according to the Clery Act.

Without an immediate warning being sent out, CSUB students were put at risk by not being informed by the CSUB campus

The UPD chief or a designee will typically develop the warning notice and distribute it, whether the incident is directly or indirectly reported to the UPD.

The department issues crime alerts for incidents regarding criminal homicide, aggravated assault, robbery, sexual assault, arson or any other crime as determined necessary by the Chief of Police or his or her designee.

The warning will usually include details and description of the incident and information "that will promote safety and potentially aid in the prevention of similar crimes," according to the Clery Act.

There was no such warning received by CSUB students before the suspect was located

and identified by UPD on Aug. 30.

Although Williamson said that he was working with various people trying to get the information out when he got the call that a set of students had spotted the suspect north of Dorothy Donahoe Hall, it was not immediate enough.

The Aug. 29 incident reportedly happened around 3:00 p.m.

The campus bulletin that gave details on the suspect, along with information noting that the subject had been located and banned, was sent out 24 hours after the incident was first reported.

Without an immediate warning being sent out, CSUB students were put at risk by not being informed by the CSUB campus that there was an incident where a subject was inappropriately touching other students before leaving campus without being caught, potentially posing an ongoing threat to the CSUB community.

Had the incident not have been reported by the local media outlets, students would have been unaware of the situation and might not have reported the Aug. 30 incident.

On Aug. 31, a female Bakersfield College student was running along Panorama Drive when a male approached her in a vehicle offering her a ride and yelled at her demanding she get in the vehicle after she ignored him.

The student then ran through the campus and made contact with BC staff.

The Kern Community College District sent out a timely warning to BC students with details about the incident, suspect information and warning students to be aware of their surroundings.

An email and text message was sent out less than two hours following the incident.

CSUB students have the right to feel safe on campus, that includes being informed in a timely manner when there is an imminent threat on campus, instead of being put in a precarious situation where the student is left unaware of information that can be used to better protect themselves.

Waiting 24 hours before releasing information that can serve to protect CSUB's student population seems contradictory to the UPD values to promote safety on campus.

CAMPUS

Q2S change — Get over it

By Brandon Redmon
Reporter

Since the campus opened, CSU Bakersfield has used the quarter system, but starting fall 2016, we made the transition to use the semester system.

With the new semester system, some classes have become shorter, making both staff and students struggle to adjust.

Coming from College of Sequoias that already used the semester system, classes that were two times a week were usually one hour 50 minutes not including lab times and classes that were held every weekday were about 50 minutes.

Though I am new to the CSUB, I am already used to the semester system because I came from four years at CoS. Professors used to give out more homework and classes were faster paced due to the 10 week limit associated with quarters.

With CSUB now using the semester system that I was generally used to, it does feel like there is loads more work that was common in classes in the quarter system.

I believe some professors are having a hard time adapting to the shorter class times that came with the semester system and still give out a large

amount of work.

One of my classes wanted students to read a full novel by the end of a week.

After seeing my own workload, I knew the switch was not only putting pressure on students, but faculty as well. But there is hope for everyone.

One way I think professors can help ease the student's stress is to create more reasonable deadlines for work and learn to give a certain amount of work per week that stretches out for the entire semester.

I understand that there are professors who have worked with the quarter system for many years and are only now having to change how they teach now that the quarter system is gone. It sucks sure, but semesters are something that you can handle.

I'm still adjusting to how a university works, so I can sympathize with other students who are struggling with this new system. I am positive that once everyone becomes used to how the semester system works, it will be much easier to adapt to in the future.

And for those of you who think that semesters suck, you are right! But it is here to stay and you just have to buckle up and learn how to adjust.

COMIC



PALOMA ROSALES/The Runner

VOLLEYBALL

Flemion sets her way to top in final season

By Peter Castillo
Reporter

Despite not being an elite level prospect out of high school, redshirt-senior volleyball player Sophie Flemion has risen to become one of the most versatile players the programs has seen, through her resiliency, skill and passion for the sport.

This passion and skill that Flemion has for volleyball is something that she came almost immediately after she was introduced to the game.

Her first encounter with the sport was at a youth camp in her hometown when she was in the fourth grade. Her father also played a huge role in Flemion's love for the game.

"My dad took me to my first camp in fourth grade and signed me up for club volleyball. I fell in love with it immediately," said Flemion.

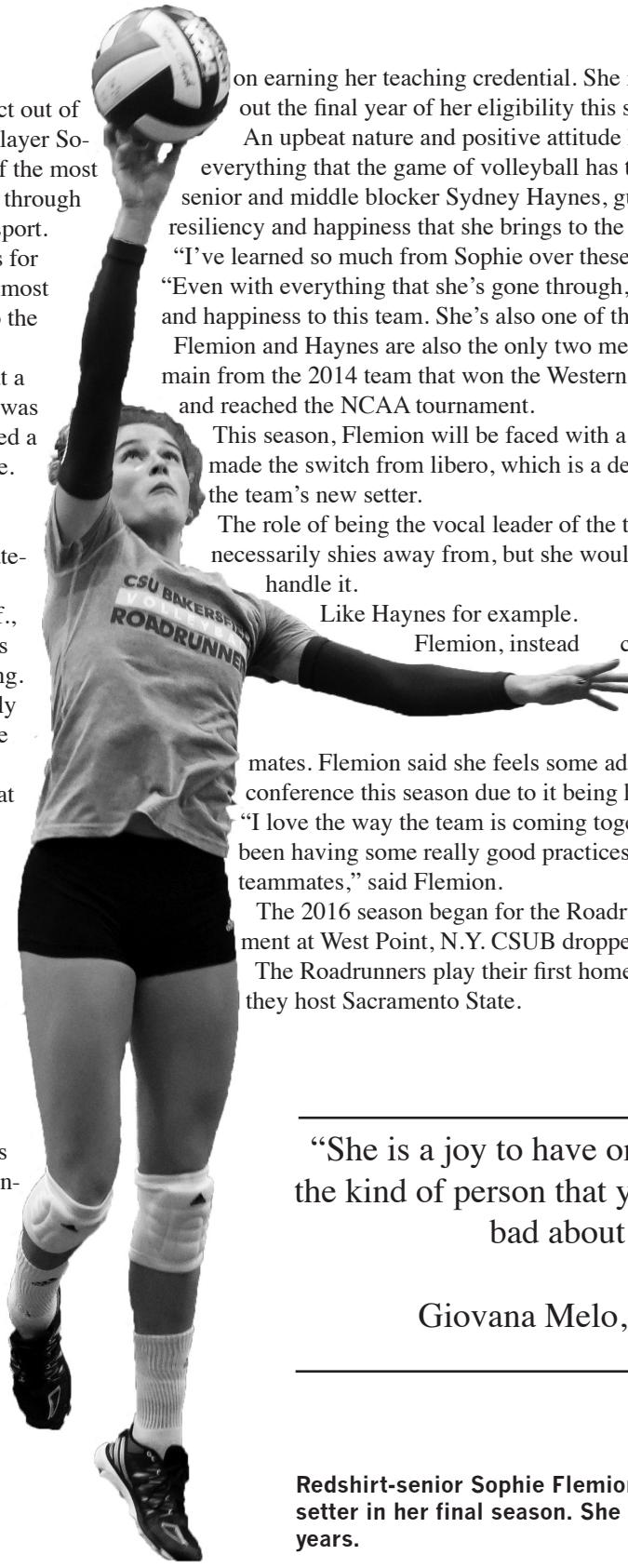
Flemion, a native of San Simeon, Calif., and Coast Union High School alum, was not offered a scholarship upon graduating. A last-minute process and visit ultimately led her to CSUB, where she had to make the team as a walk-on.

At 5 feet 7 inches, Flemion is somewhat undersized for a collegiate volleyball player. She makes up for it with her resiliency, hard work, tenacity and positivity she brings to her team. Also, according to head coach Giovana Melo, she has the highest vertical leap on the entire team.

"She plays with so much passion," said Melo. "She is a joy to have on the team and she is the kind of person that you can't say anything bad about either. We have asked her to fill numerous roles throughout her time here and she has handled them all so well."

Flemion, a physical education and kinesiology major, also sat out her sophomore season as a redshirt. A mutual decision between herself and her coaches was the reason Flemion was redshirted. It was not injury-related.

Flemion has actually already graduated, earning her degree last spring in physical education. She is currently working



on earning her teaching credential. She is playing out the final year of her eligibility this season.

An upbeat nature and positive attitude has allowed Flemion to take everything that the game of volleyball has thrown at her in stride. Fellow senior and middle blocker Sydney Haynes, gushed about her teammates' resiliency and happiness that she brings to the team.

"I've learned so much from Sophie over these past few years," said Haynes. "Even with everything that she's gone through, she brings so much positivity and happiness to this team. She's also one of the most reliable people I know."

Flemion and Haynes are also the only two members of the team that still remain from the 2014 team that won the Western Athletic Conference Tournament and reached the NCAA tournament.

This season, Flemion will be faced with a new challenge as well. She has made the switch from libero, which is a defensive specialist position, to the team's new setter.

The role of being the vocal leader of the team isn't something Flemion necessarily shies away from, but she would rather let another teammate handle it.

Like Haynes for example.

Flemion, instead chooses to lead by example. Her stellar play alone is enough to set the tone for her team-

mates. Flemion said she feels some additional urgency to win their conference this season due to it being her final season.

"I love the way the team is coming together. We've been having some really good practices lately and I'm confident in my teammates," said Flemion.

The 2016 season began for the Roadrunners in a tournament at West Point, N.Y. CSUB dropped two out of three.

The Roadrunners play their first home game on Tuesday, Sept. 6 as they host Sacramento State.

"She is a joy to have on the team and she is the kind of person that you can't say anything bad about either."

Giovana Melo, Head Coach

Redshirt-senior Sophie Flemion takes on a new position as setter in her final season. She played libero the previous years.

Ben Patton/The Runner

VOLLEYBALL

CSUB unable to get win at tourney, leads to sweep

By Juan Garcia
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield volleyball couldn't come together to clinch any of the sets in the Thunderdome Classic that was held at UC Santa Barbara this past weekend. CSUB was swept by all three teams and was unable to advance in the tournament.

The Roadrunners began the tournament on Friday with a match against UC Santa Barbara (5-2). The Gauchos took a strong lead to begin the series with a 25-11 win. The Roadrunners would respond with an early lead to kickoff the second and third matches. This, however, would not be enough as the Gauchos would respond back with a strong charge and ultimately dominate the sets with a 3-0 score against CSUB.

"The effort is there, and we are in games, but if we continue to play this way, it will be very difficult to win on a consistent basis," said CSUB volleyball director Giovana Melo from gorunners.com.

CSUB continued the Thunderdome Classic on Saturday Sept. 3 with two more matches as they faced off against Baylor (4-2) and Pittsburgh (4-1).

The Roadrunners start the day with a match against Baylor, with the Bears taking the win in the first set of the series 25-13. CSUB would respond with a strong lead in most of the second set but Baylor would overcome the Roadrunners and win the set 29-27.

The third set was a close one for the Roadrunners as a block by Baylor ultimately secured the win for the Bears 26-24.

The third and final match against the Pittsburgh Panthers would not be any different for the Roadrunners as the final score ended 3-0 for the Roadrunners.

The Panthers defeated the Runners 25-20 in the first set, and 25-21 in the second. Pittsburgh would wrap it up with a 25-15 win in the third set against the Runners.

"We are making too many errors and are still playing very inconsistent at this point," said Melo.

After the Thunderdome Tournament, CSUB ended the weekend with an overall record of 1-5.

The CSUB volleyball team will host its debut home game of the season this Tuesday against Sacramento State.

2016 Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 15 vs. Northern Arizona, Icardo Center @ 7 p.m.

Sept. 16 vs. UC Riverside, Icardo Center @ 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 17 vs. UC Irvine, Icardo Center @ 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

Result slips past Roadrunners late in home game

By Joe Macias
Senior Writer

CSU Bakersfield men's soccer scored to tie the game against the University of San Francisco, but the Roadrunners (1-2) let the game slip from its hands as the Dons (1-1) scored late in the game giving the Dons the lead 2-1. The Roadrunners were unable to score on Thursday night ending the game in disappointment.

"I think what really hurt us was to lose the second goal right after we got ourselves back in the game," said CSUB head coach Richie Grant. "We were having a tough night. We never really got into a rhythm but we had a lifeline when we got back into the game and it was coming off the back of a good spell. So I think that really hurt us to lose the second goal."

San Francisco came back in the 72nd minute, two minutes after conceding a goal, and scored from a bouncing cross inside the box. The ball was gathered by the Dons freshman forward Robin Lindahl who shot the ball near post to get it past CSUB senior goalkeeper Nicolas Clever and make the score 2-1.

"I feel like we improved a lot from the last game," said CSUB senior forward Hugo Vinales. "I feel like our offense was on. We scored, then right away lack of concentration (and) we got scored on."

Vinales struggled to stay onside in the game after being called offside three separate times.

"(I've got to) concentrate more on the back line," said Vinales. "I felt like twice I was maybe

offside but once I was (onside). So maybe stay concentrated on the back line, but goals will come. The season is still short. We still have a long season ahead so goals will come."

The Roadrunners tied the game at 1-1 in the 70:28 minute, CSUB junior defender Jaime Carey-Morell scored the penalty for the Roadrunners that got them back into the game.

"Just lack of concentration," said Morell. "We get the goal back and within a minute we concede. We've got to be switched on. Everyone's buzzing off the goal but it's time to get (our) heads back into shape and defend and keep the ball out of the goal and that's what cost us."

Both teams combined for a total of 36 shots, 21 being taken from San Francisco and 15 from CSUB.

The Dons first goal of the game came in the 49th minute of the game. Senior forward Kevin Garrett scored from a cross that was deflected by redshirt-senior defender Joshua Smith and finished by Garrett to get San Francisco on the scoreboard.

The Roadrunners almost tied the game up again when freshman forward Louis Lapouge took a diving shot at the ball but was saved by the Dons sophomore goalkeeper Andre Glasnovic.

"You leave pleased because we created a goal scoring chance with 20 seconds to go," said Grant. "That's something you'd work on the training ground. We get the last chance and we gave ourselves a super chance."

CSUB will play its next game against The University of New Mexico on Friday, Sep. 9 at 7 p.m. in Albuquerque, N.M.



Ben Patton/The Runner
CSU Bakersfield redshirt-junior forward Julian Zamora heads the ball to stop the Dons from scoring. The Roadrunners were unable to score to get a result as a last attempt was denied in final seconds of the game on Sept. 1 at the Main Soccer Field.

STUDENT LIFE

Students get involved at campus club fair



Computer science major Cesar Loya signs up for Campus Gamers at the club fair on Friday.
 Karina Diaz/The Runner



Psi Chi Club members Momina Chaudhry and Yoselin recruiting people on Friday, Aug. 26.
 Etelvina Castillo/The Runner

CAMPUS

Students and staff meet cops over coffee and donuts



Students and staff stop by the Student Union on Aug. 29 to have coffee with the UPD cops.
 Javier Valdes/The Runner

Jonathan Wells
By Multimedia Editor

The smell of coffee and fresh donuts filled the Student Union lobby Monday Aug. 29 at the Coffee with a cop event, where the University Police Department collaborated with Campus Programming to offer faculty and students an opportunity to meet officers and grab a free snack before morning classes.

Coffee with a cop was an event aimed at connecting students and faculty with on-campus officers, providing the campus community with an environment where they could speak to officers on a personal level.

For many students Coffee with a cop succeeded in its mission to connect with the campus.

“Sometimes [police officers]

can be intimidating on a bike or in a cop car, but seeing them at your level gives a different view of them,” said kinesiology major Jennifer Williams, 20.

This event also proved beneficial to many faculty members, although they expected a different setting.

“I think [Coffee with a cop] was informal and interesting,” said

Information Technician Tim Moore. “I was expecting a Q&A. I think it would be awesome if not for this setting... if it was in a room it would’ve been better.”

Besides the setting, this event proved to be beneficial connecting police officers with the faculty and students.

“I heard a lot of good conversations between the officers and

the campus community,” said Director of Student Union and Student Organizational Governance, Emile “EJ” Callahan. “Coffee with a cop provided a friendly environment where [police officers, faculty and students] are not talking about parking or tickets but about the support of the campus.”

This was not the only outreach program that will be aimed at connecting students with police officers.

“We are having a zombie scavenger hunt Monday Oct. 31 from 12 to 4 p.m.,” said Lieutenant Drake Nassey. “And we will have a rape prevention class at the end of September... we are here to connect with students and we connect because we interact ourselves.”



From Left to Right: Dr. Evelyn Young Spath, Dr. Jenny Zorn, Mr. Thom Davis, Mr. Victor Martin, Ms. Claudia Catota, J.D., Dr. Thomas D. Wallace, President Horace Mitchell

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