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The lights stay on

By Ashely Sizemore
Staff Writer

It was supposed to be a dark night for CSUB on Sunday, November 11, as the campus prepared for a campus wide electrical shutdown.

The shutdown, which caused the evacuation of most of the dorm residents, never occurred.

"It was postponed for an hour and then they decided not to let it happen because of so many mishaps," said Tricia Pfeiffer.

Dorm life was at a standstill. For those who stayed, they had to defrost the mini-fridges and only had flashlights because candles were prohibited. Most people in the dorms opted to find alternative living quarters for the night.

"The shutdown didn't work," said freshman Lena Patton, "it was inconvenient. They need to possibly do it over break so it would affect less people."

Vice President of Business and Administrative Services Mike Neal was unavailable for comment, but in a student-wide email he wrote, "due to a technical glitch and life safety issues found at the campus electrical substation, we were not



File Photo/The Runner

Construction on the Math and Science Building necessitated the campus-wide electrical shutdown that was scheduled for last Sunday.

able to complete the tie-ins for the Math & Computer Science Building."

Neal went on to say in his e-mail that there were many tasks that were accomplished, but they will need to schedule another electrical shutdown because they

need "to tie the new electrical feeders to the existing feeders."

"We are frustrated that we'll have to go through the whole experience again," said Patton. "The process was difficult for all of us having some place to go for the weekend because we're there [at the dorms] simply because we don't have a home here."

However there were students who were not affected by the shutdown, or lack thereof.

"I wasn't affected by it because I don't live on campus. I didn't know anything was going on really," said freshman Johnny Merryfield.

Junior Jose Silva is still excited for the arrival of the new building.

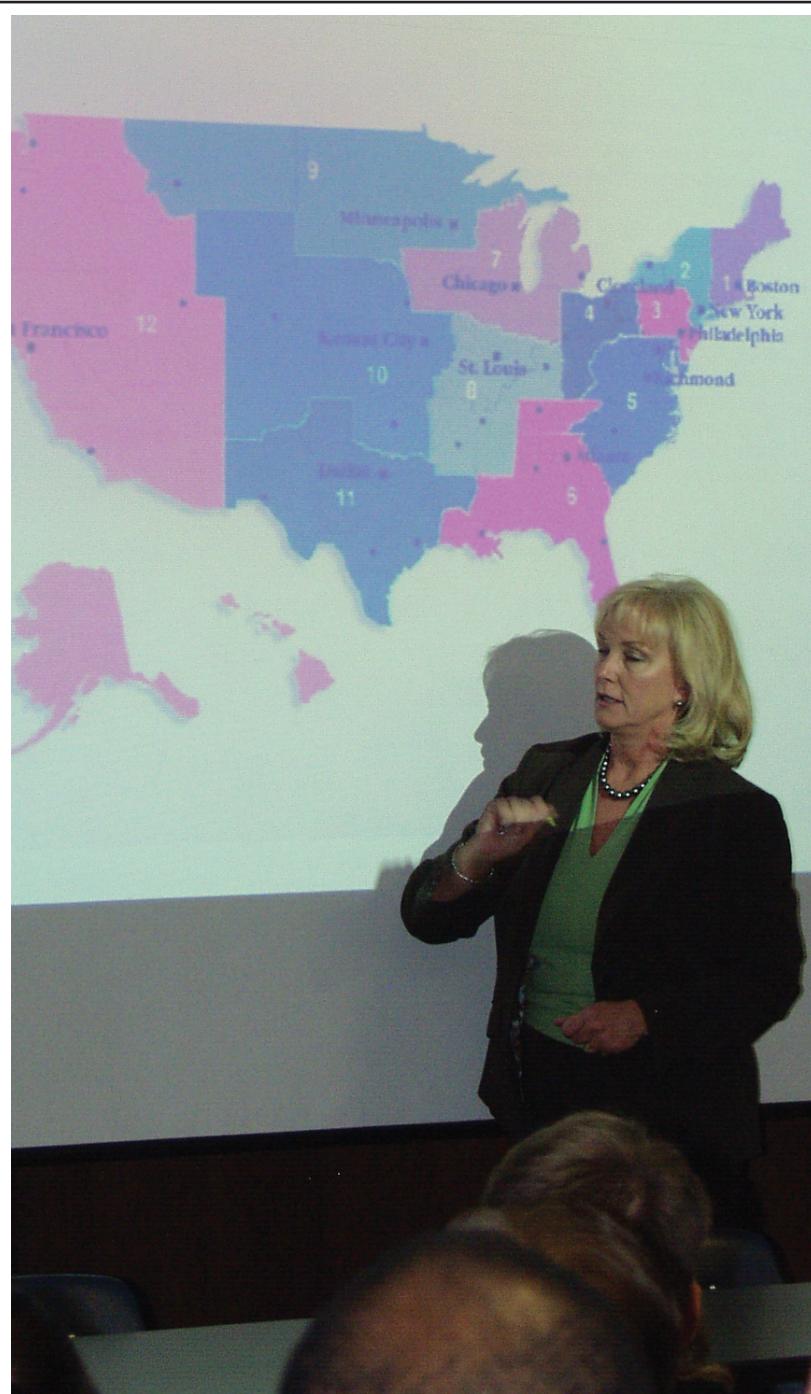
"I think it's cool because we're combining both math and science classes into one area," said Silva, who is a business major.

Sunday night was also inconvenient due to the fact that some organizations hold meetings that night.



Juan Torres/The Runner

Several light posts like this one were not needed Sunday because the blackout was canceled



Emily Shapiro/The Runner

Robin Rockwood explaining the structure of the Federal Reserve System.

Money Talks

By Emily Shapiro
Assistant News Editor

ent boards and also has a Federal Open Market Committee or (FOMC) with seven governors and five presidents.

Rockwood's interaction with the audience livened up her presentation. For instance, when she would ask a question, whoever answered her correctly would be rewarded with a newly minted silver quarter. According to Rockwood the Federal Reserve lends two trillion dollars a day in wire transfers.

The following speaker Paul Dillard, talked about Banking Trends and Conditions.

His presentation was filled with interesting information on subprime mortgages, home lending and the fact that bankruptcy filings are on the rise.

Although his presentation wasn't as upbeat as the preceding presentations he did have some great advice to give.

"Everybody bears the responsibility of knowing what's in your credit report" said Dillard.

Dillard is the Staff Development and Training Manager at FRBSF.

The third speaker Renee Courtois, gave a presentation on the Federal Open Market Committee, what it is and how it works.

According to Courtois, the FOMC contributes to economic research activities by providing briefings, publications and diverse areas of expertise. It represents two departments at the Fed of San Francisco, the Public Information and Economic Research departments.

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Looking for that Dream Job

By Jenica Kent
Staff Writer

Lined in colorful chalk was the path to a student's possible dream job at the Career Fair.

Last Wednesday from 11 to 3 the Runner Park was crowded with students who traveled from table to table to find out more information about some of the 50+ companies, school districts and organizations that the Career Development Center invited on campus.

The Pepsi Company, AFLAC, Bolthouse Farms, The Kern County Sheriff's Department, Chevron, Fruitvale School District and the Disney Corporation all had tables dressed in their organizations' logos along with goodies such as candy, stickers and buttons in order to catch the students' eyes. Smiling faces from the representatives of each organization welcomed the inquisitive students to their tables, where interested students given pamphlets, flyers, and some were offered interviews.

One of the girls who was helping with the event,



Nathan Campbell/Runner

Kern County Probation Department was one of the many companies featured at the career fair.

Tejinder Khangura (T.J.), said, "The purpose of the Career Fair is to make apparent what jobs are available to the students, as well as the community. We also want the students to take advantage of the opportunities that the CDC offers them."

She also mentioned that the

Career Development Center now has a new adviser, Jane Evarian. "Her goal is to get more companies and organizations to take part in our Career Fair. Some companies I've never seen like AERA and Pac-Sun are here. It's nice to see more variety," said Khangura

Most of the representatives said that they have been to many other career fairs and there was a lot more students, but most said it wasn't necessarily a good thing. There was a good amount of students that attended the event, but most of the representatives agreed that CSUB students had quality versus quantity.

"The Career Fair met my expectations," said Alfredo Rivas, CSUB student. "There was a pretty good outcome and it provided the students with a greater variety than past years."

The Fed supervises and regulates banks by examining bank holding companies, state chartered member banks and U.S. branches of foreign banks. It also recommends and enforces consumer protection legislation.

The Federal Reserve has a board of governors comprised of seven members. It has 12 Regional banks with independ-

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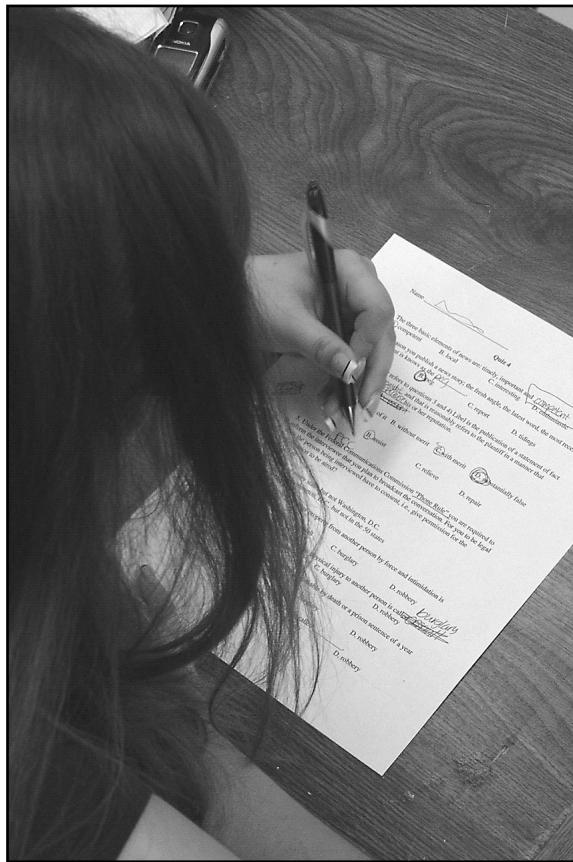
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on campusBy **Nathan Campbell**
Editor-in-Chief

We've all heard the same speech. After all, it is school policy for every class and syllabus to mention the university's police on "academic dishonesty." I used to think it was just another waste of time, a vestigial formality ceremonious with the start of a new class. That is, until I realized how prevalent academic dishonesty actually is on campus.

With my stay at the Runner, there have been two separate instances of attempted plagiarism (none of which happened with this quarter's staff I should add). Which seemed utterly ridiculous, because if you were going to plagiarize, why do it where thousands of people could read your work? At least in a regular class you would only have to fool the professor, but in the newspaper your work has innumerable chances to be discovered as being fraudulently obtained.

I can't help but wonder how many students attempt this in other classes.



Editorial

Newspaper production is only a two-unit course, and all work is read several times by editors making for a high level of risk for the cheater. In a five unit course that is necessary for graduating the risk and reward, one could assume, would be more profitable for the culprit. Therefore, I can't help but imagine that there must be even more cheaters in other classes.

When I graduated high school, I assumed I had left the days of students writing answers on their hands and crumpled "cheat sheets" strategically placed out of sight of the teacher. I was wrong in that assumption, however, which has been made even more evident to me this quarter now that I have a family member currently teaching a course at CSUB. A friend of mine in this class called me a couple weeks ago to warn me that they had overheard some of the other students in the class plotting to cheat

on the test. The format of the test was changed, and the cheaters' plot was thwarted, this time.

Still there have been numerous times in other classes where I have heard students plot all manners of unethical methods for obtaining a higher grade on a test or assignment.

Why individuals would risk their academic career, reputation and future over a single assignment or grade is beyond me. Getting caught for academic dishonesty usually results in an instant failure of the class, which would severely hinder any attempts to get into graduate school or internships after college. Plus, it just wastes the time of the culprit, who then has to repeat the class.

As we near the end of the quarter, and papers are being written and finals taken – keep in mind that cheaters do get caught, and it is never worth the risk. Do the work yourself, get tutoring or study, but don't embarrass yourself by cheating and getting caught.

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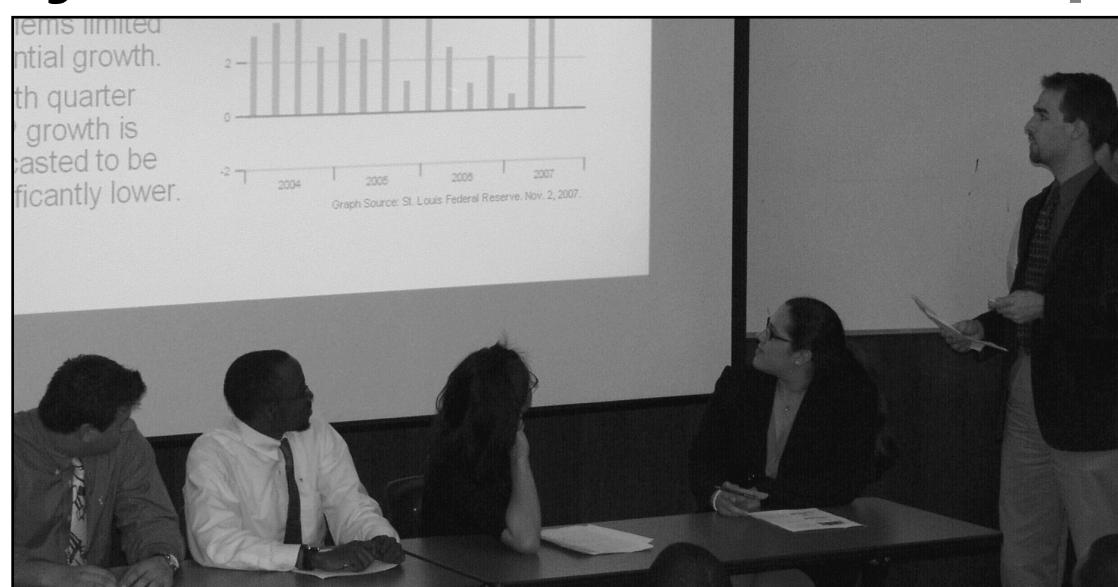
**(Shapiro Continued
from pg. 1)**

According to Courtois, the FOMC is made up of not only bankers, but government officials, regulators, etc... "The Fed doesn't want zero inflation, but low inflation. Zero inflation is close to deflation," said Courtois, in response to a question about the monetary policy and what it is trying to achieve.

Courtois is a Research Analyst at the FRSBF.

After the first three speakers a short break was observed. Attendees took advantage of the time by milling out in the hallway and by taking advantage of the free refreshments.

The second half of the night was a bit different than the first. Although another speaker was scheduled, a mock simulation of an FOMC meeting was



Josiah Haut and his group offer their presentation for the mock FOMC board meeting.

presented afterwards.

Yelena Takhtamanova is the Outreach Economist for the FRBSF. Her presentation focused on an economic briefing. She explained about the Gross Domestic Product or the GDP, the national economy

and spent some time on the housing market.

According to Takhtamanova, the housing market indicates that there will be continued weakness.

After her presentation the FOMC simulation began.

There were five teams of CSUB students. Each team's leader sat at the front and waited patiently for his or her team to go.

The team's represented a different bank, except one who represented the Fed chairman

Ben Bernanke, who replaced Alan Greenspan. Just as in a "real" FOMC meeting, each group gave a short slide presentation, and recommended their findings to the board.

After the presentations a vote was taken, to see if the board would change the federal funds rate. The result was that there would be no change to the fed funds rate, it would stay constant.

A question and answer session followed the simulation. Among the questions one stuck out the most. An audience member asked why we reward Countrywide with discounts for risky behavior.

"This is not done to bail out anyone, but we are trying to prevent macroeconomic risks," said Takhtamanova.

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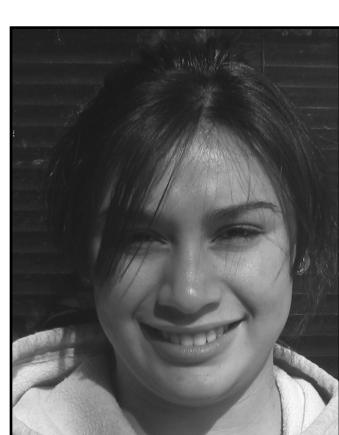
Thank You, Donna!

Good luck on your finals and have a great break!
-The Runner Staff

RUNNER ON THE STREET

By **Eman Shurbaji**

This Week, The Runner asked, "How are you doing, now that it's the end of the quarter?"



"Really Good."
Julissa Guerra,
Freshman,
Pre-Engineering



"I have learned a little, no problems."
Christian
Ortigoza,
Freshman
ESL Premed



"I want to understand my major better, so I study."
Yejeen Park
Freshman,
Computer Science



"I study, and do my homework, I want to learn-no worries."
Feras Alconde,
Freshman
English

CSUB sings their hearts away

By Erica Juarez
Staff Writer

On Friday, the CSUB chorus gave an astounding performance in the Doré Theatre. Every song and every lyric was interpreted beautifully.

Conductor Robert Provencio lead his chorus while they sang beautiful music that pleased the audience.

He was accompanied by pianist Yulia Kozlova, whose piano keys blended in well with the vocals of the chorus.

Robert Clatterbuck, writer of the song "Agnus Dei," was among the guests that night. His presence was special to the chorus, which sang his song that evening.

Among the chorus' groups were CSUB's University Singers and CSUB's Chamber Singers. Some of their music contained oratorio, opera, jazz, and holiday music.

The choruses represent the 2008 Lucerne International Choral Festival and will also have the opportunity to travel to such places as Switzerland and Austria next summer to sing their hearts out.

The first part of the show had began with a special song called "Gloria," by John Leavitt. The sopranos gave an incredible sound along with the sweet soft sound of the altos that blended in beautifully.

The singers then sang "Oh my luv's like a red, red rose," a poem by Robert Burns and music by Rene Clausen. Provencio said before he began leading his chorus, "You are really going to like this piece, it's worth the wait."

The song was conducted with Amelia Dias playing violin and Natasha Ramirez playing the cello.

The song had a beautiful tone and was coordinated well.

"Turn the world around," by Larry Farrow was a song that

had a more upbeat tone and dancing. It was choreographed by Crystal Vega and Joey Romley.

This song made the audience clap with delight because of the beat it created.

CSUB's men's ensemble sang the song "A-Roving" by Roger Wagner. Marco Rodriguez, a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, was a tenor in this song. He led his fellow singers in the beautiful piece.

This chorus never failed to entertain their audience. They gave them opera music, music with a fun tone, and they even gave them a song with a more soothing note called "Lux Aurumque" by Alice Parker.

This song contained really soft notes and soft, soothing and beautiful singing from the sopranos and the altos. This song was a delight.

Before ending the show the chorus sang a song called "The Dance of Adoration," by Lloyd Pfautsch. Julie Galbreath played the flute, Jeff Dundas played the clarinet, and Nathan Yeasley played percussion.

They added a different sound to the song that was quite pleasing to the audience.

Phillip Provencio provided a bass tone; Charles Lam sang bass; and Patrick Burzlaff, was tenor. Each had exceptional voices.

Robert Provencio never failed his audience he kept them wanting to hear more.

Some audience members, such as Chris Cervantes, gave their critique on the show.

"It was an electrifying performance, very well coordinated, the uniforms they wore made them look great and it was very professional."

Joanna Arellano stated, "The conductor was right, I really liked the second song "Oh my luv's like a red, red rose," it had a beautiful sound. I would definitely like to see them sing it again."

Off the beaten track



Nathan Campbell/The Runner

"Juice Jeff" from Oscar Mayer paid CSUB a visit last Wednesday with the famed "Weinermobile." Jeff and his coworker are touring the country to promote the brand. Interested bystanders were handed free whistles and tours of the vehicle.

Crime Beat

Compiled by Sandra Vicuna
News Editor

Thursday, November 1

1:03 p.m. Disturbance on Campus

Occurred at Rohan Dorm. Several complaints were made about a group of subjects being extremely loud. Reporting party states that he confronted the subjects however they are not taking him seriously and would like an officer to come and break it up. Upon arrival, the individuals were gone.

Friday, November 2

8:54 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle

Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot B. Vehicle door was open. Officer secured the door and nothing in vehicle appeared disturbed.

Saturday, November 3

11:11 p.m. Suspicious Subject

Occurred at Hillman Aquatic Center. Reporting party states that they were just playing in the pool. Subjects were authorized.

Sunday, November 4

12:32 a.m. Disturbance on Campus

Officer initiated activity at Rohan Dorms. Investigation is still continuing.

Monday, November 5

2:43 p.m. Grand Theft Report

Occurred at Music Building, computer taken. Investigation still pending.

8:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Report

Occurred at Parking Lot K. Vehicle was last seen at approximately 1 p.m. Investigation is still pending.

Tuesday, November 6

12:37 p.m. Disturbance on Campus

Occurred at Health Center. Two males arguing. Unable to locate after search.

7:23 p.m. Suspicious Circumstances

Occurred at Parking Lot E. Reporting party states three Hispanic males attempting to gain entry into a vehicle.

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Photo provided by Simone Swanepoel

Simone Swanepoel (in black shirt) enjoying the company of fellow teammates.

South African native 'making waves' on CSUB swim team

By Eman Shurbaji
Features Editor

Simone Swanepoel, a South African native, is making waves on the CSUB women's swim team. In addition to doing relay and spring events, she swims the 100 meter breaststroke and 200 meter free style.

Swanepoel transferred to CSUB in January '06 from Ohio University in Athens.

"I swam in Ohio, but it was too cold there, so I decided to come to come to California," she said.

Prior to coming to the United States, Swanepoel resided in Pretoria, South Africa, with her family. She was raised on a farm until she was 5 years old, later relocating with her family to the city. She attended Afrikaans Elementary School and later

Crawford College, one of the most elite high schools in the country.

While at Crawford College Swanepoel distinguished herself as one of the top young female swimmers in South Africa. She placed fourth in the 100 freestyle at the South African championships, as well as finishing fifth in the 200 freestyle. She was also part of a team that set the All-African record in the 800 freestyle relay.

Her performance in the pool while in high school landed her a scholarship to come to study in the States.

Swanepoel contends that it was initially difficult to transition into life in America.

"It's been a good experience, and I learned a lot about myself and about working as a team,"

she said.

Among the differences between the States and South Africa are the language and culture. Afrikaans is the spoken language in South Africa, although English is taught as well. Swanepoel learned English while in high school.

In America, Swanepoel states that she has no family support, and being a stranger in a foreign land has taught her about the real world.

Swanepoel has a younger sister, Kayla, now in high school. She also has a lot of friends she left behind.

However, she has made friends in America as well. She is an active member of Campus Crusade for Christ and attends

church. Her closest friends are those she met at church, although she has met others in classes as well.

Swanepoel is biology major hoping to go to medical school. She would like to specialize in either sports medicine or ophthalmology.

"I don't know if I will stay here in the future or go back to my

country," she said.

Swanepoel also noticed that the culture in America differs from that of South Africa. Although both diverse countries, South Africa's apartheid ended quite recently, while the abolition of slavery ended decades ago. Swanepoel is part of the white minority who call South Africa home.

American television has been entertaining for her as well. She enjoys watching House and Grey's Anatomy in her free time.

Swanepoel contends that studying at CSUB has been a once in a lifetime experience for her. She is an asset to the CSUB swim team, and may be part of the American population in the future.

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Movies for your break

By Juan Torres
Photo Editor

Here are some movies to check out over the winter break to help you erase the boredom of school.

August Rush—Opening November 21

From what I have heard and seen in the previews, I would consider this a great movie to take your date. A mother who had to give up her son goes on a search to find him. Whenever her son plays the guitar she can hear him. Proof



photo courtesy of movies.yahoo.com

See Freddie Highmore jam on his guitar on Nov. 21.

that music is a universal language.

Alvin and the Chipmunks—December 14

It should be interesting to see how this one will turn out, because if you are like me you would remember the cartoon from a long time ago. This looks like a fun movie to see if you are looking for a good laugh.

I am Legend Opening—December 14

Will Smith plays a scientist who fails to stop a killer virus (that's a first) from spreading all over the earth. After about 3



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Alien vS. Predator, Requiem—Opening December 25

With the first round being a draw these two will be going at it again this time near a Colorado town where the locals will be getting caught in the middle of this war. This movie will also feature a creature that has to be seen to be believed.



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Runners pick up first D-I win against University of San Diego

By Phillip Barnett
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Last Friday night the women's basketball team defeated the University of San Diego Toreros 76-66 for their second straight win.

Last year the Runners went to San Diego and lost by three. It was a game that they felt they should have won.

"When we saw that our season opener was against San Diego our whole program was excited. When we lost up there, we had the lead and lost it so it was very exciting to have them at home for our season opener," said junior guard Kelly Tarver.

The first half started out as a defensive struggle. It took over eight minutes for either team to reach double figures. With 9:14 left to play, the Toreros finally reached double figures when a pair of Amanda Rego free-throws made the score 15-10.

Until then the Runners had controlled the pace of the game getting out in the passing lanes and creating fast break opportunities and getting to the free throw line.

Both teams found their shots during the last nine minutes of the half. The Runners scored more than half of their first half points in the last seven minutes of the half.

Shawnee Carter picked up two early fouls and was forced to sit most of the first half leaving the Runners undersized. The Toreros' size had an impact inside. They recorded three blocked shots and changed a lot of others leading to the Runners



Juan Torres/The Runner

Junior guard Krista Arase looking to get the ball inside.

missing eight lay-ups.

Despite their lack of size, the Runners were still able to out score the Toreros in the paint because Amber Sprague got into early foul trouble and played a mere four minutes in the first half.

During last year's meeting with the Toreros, Sprague lead her team with 14 points and hit the two free throws to put the Runners away at the end of a 66-63 USD win.

Early in the second half the Toreros were able to take the lead with a Kiva Herman jump shot. Herman had 10 of her 18 points in the last 15 minutes of the game and helped the Toreros extend their lead to four twice.

"We took a couple of quick shots in the first half and that's not what we wanted to do. We wanted to move the ball, find the open person and get the high percent-

age shot. We did a better job of that in the second half, and fortunately our shots were going down," said head coach Tim La Kose.

Kristine Kepenekian was able to come in and provide a spark off the bench for the second straight game. Her three-pointer with 6:51 gave the Runners a two-point lead that they never gave back.

"They switched to a zone, which killed us last year. This year we moved the ball around a lot better. My teammates found me when I was open and vice versa," said Kepenekian who hit all three of her three-pointers in the second half.

Kirsta Arase kept the Runners in the game while the Toreros had the lead, hitting a big three-point shot each time San Diego extended their lead to four. Arase had four assists and hit four of

five three-pointers in the second half, including one about six feet behind the line.

"I wanted to step up for the team. I was open so I took the shot," said Arase on that big shot.

Tarver also picked up her play when the Runners took the lead. Tarver went on a 6-2 run by herself aggressively driving to the basket and getting fouled and hitting her free throws.

The Runners were able to shoot 89 percent from the free-throw line in the second half, helping them maintain their lead down the stretch.

"It was a lot of pressure, but being at home on our home court is more comfortable," said Tarver. "We do it every day at the end of practice. We just had to step up and knock it down like every other day."

The Runners finished the game on a 10-6 run during the last 48 seconds to give them the 10-point win.

"This may have been our biggest win ever just because of all the build up of Division I and the game being played on our home court," said La Kose on the win. "We beat one of the top teams in the West Coast [Conference], this is where we want to be. And to do it on opening night in front of our home crowd—I was just so proud of how hard we competed."

The Runners will be home again in December 3 against the Masters College in the Icardo Center at 7 p.m.

Men's soccer wins season finale against Alabama A&M

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but Manda calmly found the upper right corner for his career-high sixth goal of the season.

Neither team generated much of an attack in the first half. Bakersfield had three good chances to score in succession midway through the period.

Junior forward Towa Manda sent Bakersfield fans home happy when he scored in the 79th minute. Junior goalkeeper Steve Trojanowski made five saves for his second clean sheet of the season.

"We knew they were a good side after their result against Duke last week," said CSUB Head Coach Simon Tobin of A&M's 4-3 win over the No. 17 ranked Blue Devils. "They are a skilled team and have good pace. But we have a bit of pace ourselves and we were able to take space away from them."

The result was just as CSUB (4-10-4 overall) carried play for much of the match. Still, neither side was able to break the deadlock until Manda took Joe Poliforni's throw along the left touchline and made a short, darting, run into the box before cutting back inside a defender near the left post. Bulldog goalkeeper Paul Musoke made a valiant effort to deny a shooting angle,

A&M (7-8-1) was most dangerous at the end of each half. The Bulldogs did a good job of building through midfield in the final 11 minutes of the first half but were content to shoot from distance and did little to trouble Trojanowski.

With a renewed sense of urgency following Manda's strike, the Bulldogs attacked with purpose in the final 11 minutes of regulation. They had two tremendous chances to equalize. Mosito Ranko had Trojanowski one-on-one in the 80th minute but slipped his 15-yard attempt just outside the far post. In the 89th minute, Mfana-Futhi Bhembe had a clean look from the top of the box but sailed his attempt over the crossbar.



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