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Culver joins Division I effort

By Isaac Rocha
Editor in Chief

In an effort to bolster community support and aid in fundraising a baseball team for a move to Division I, President Mitchell announced last Thursday the addition of George Culver to the team.

\$2.5 million will be needed to finance a baseball team, part of a \$6 million effort to move CSUB to Division I. So far, \$2.1 million has been raised, according to Mitchell, and he says Culver will be a welcomed asset for fundraising the \$2.5 million for the team.

"We have to get the money first before we get the team together and having George [Culver] on board will increase our chances for fundraising. We are glad he accepted our invitation," Mitchell said.

In order for CSUB to begin a move to DI by next year to the Big West Conference, the conference that Mitchell has said he wants to move to, CSUB must be ready by the June 1 deadline to apply to the BWC. The BWC has not yet announced if they will be welcoming new members. CSUB is currently in an exploratory year where it will examine the options of moving to a DI conference.

"We want to be first in line when the BWC makes the announcement that they are ready to entertain new members," said Mitchell.

Culver, a product of Bakersfield, was a right-hander for the New York Yankees, Cincinnati Reds, Houston Astros, St. Louis Cardinals, Los Angeles Dodgers and the Philadelphia Phillies during his nine-year career in the big leagues. According to *The Bakersfield Californian*, Culver has been raising money for the Bakersfield College Baseball team for the last thirty years, and over the last 18 years he has raised approximately \$600,000 in his annual BC Baseball Hot Stove Dinner.

"He [Culver] is a very important step towards adding baseball. The community has been saying they want baseball. People have been saying that we need to get Culver involved," Mitchell said.

Mitchell and Culver both say that by 2008 CSUB should be ready to hire coaches and scout players for the baseball team. There has been no final agreements between the Bakersfield Blaze and CSUB about sharing a baseball stadium on campus, which Mitchell hinted at in his Aug. 29 press conference. The stadium will be located where the southwest little league fields currently stand just south of the dorms.

"Everybody in town will be a prospect [for playing at CSUB]. A lot of local kids involved in baseball have the background. Kids 10-15 years old will have the opportunity to play on the same field they did as kids," said Culver.



It was announced last week that George Culver (above) would spearhead fundraising efforts to finance a baseball team on campus photo courtesy of CSUB Public Affairs

Though Mitchell notes that a BWC invite is ultimately "out of our control," he remains steadfast in the pursuit of DI and is even optimistic, saying that because the BWC has yet to make an announcement it will "give us more time for fundraising."

"We will move forward regardless if the BWC makes a decision or not," said Mitchell.

Mitchell did say that they have "examined other options" if they do not receive a BWC invite this year.

"Division I is exciting, but baseball itself exciting. A lot of people in the community want to see baseball so they don't care if it's Division I, II or III," said Culver.

Ladies b-ball jumps into sole possession of CCAA first place

The Cal State Bakersfield women's basketball team had this game on its calendar since Dec. 2. On that day, UC San Diego handed the Roadrunners their only loss of the season, 101-91 in overtime.

Bakersfield exacted its revenge Saturday night, as the No. 13 ranked Roadrunners upended No. 24 UCSD 80-72 at RIMAC Arena in La Jolla.

More than avenging the earlier loss, Saturday's win gave Bakersfield (18-1, 11-1 CCAA) sole possession of first place in the CCAA race and a stronger hold on the No. 1 spot in the all-important NCAA West Region rankings. UCSD (15-3, 10-2), the No. 2 ranked team in last week's regional rankings, drops into a tie for second place in the conference standings with Chico State.

Revenge may be sweet, if temporary, but it didn't come easy. The Tritons led for most of the game's first nine minutes. When Bakersfield finally gained the lead, it couldn't ignite one of its trademark runs that has put away so many teams this season.

The teams took turns questioning each other's grip on the game until, a Krista Arase (Alhambra/Keppel HS) three-pointer gave Bakersfield the lead for good at 48-45. Although the Roadrunners never relinquished their advantage, they couldn't put UCSD away until the closing minutes.

Bakersfield got the lead to seven points three times down the stretch. It wasn't until a pair of Arase free throws with 1:47 left made the score 73-64 that the Roadrunners could begin to breathe easier.

Katie McElree (Apple Valley HS) led the Roadrunners with 18 points. Jessie Loring (Saugus/College of the Canyons) added 15 points while Arase chipped in nine and a game-high nine assists.

Freshman Michelle Osier led four Tritons in double figures with a game-high 21 points. Briana Hinga added a 16-point, 18-rebound double-double.

Bakersfield returns home riding a 16-game win streak to host a pair of games next weekend. The homestand opens Friday (Dec. 10) when Cal Poly Pomona visits Rabobank Arena.

Press release courtesy of CSUB Sports and Information

Duran stocks up on her college experience

By Evelyn Martin
Assistant Entertainment Editor

It is another typical Wednesday morning at CSUB and the time is just after 8 a.m. The halls in Science I Building have just died down as the students are all in class.

Crystal Duran enters the stock room and grabs a white lab coat, ties her hair back and laces her sneakers in preparation for setting up a Biology 100 lab scheduled that day.

With everything in place, she can move on to other tasks, like washing tubes, beakers and other dishes and checking out a few graphic calculators to students before clocking out at 10 a.m. and getting ready to go to Calculus 2 at 10:30.

During her walk from work to class, a giant checklist runs through her head as she ponders every obligation she has today.

This is only scratching the surface of what it is like in the multi-faceted, extremely demanding lifestyle Duran has taken up since she left Rosamond, California last year and moved into the dorms as a college freshman.

A full load of classes, including Music 290, Calculus 2, General Physiology, and Math 222 are priority for Duran, a Biology major who plans on graduating in 2009 and eventually becoming a doctor. Duran's most formidable course this quarter is Math 222.

"It's frustrating because they give you a vague example and you have to figure out the problems on your own," Duran said.

Classes today are done by 3:30 and though the bulk of the day has passed, much more work needs to be done before Duran can rest in her dorm room.



Crystal Duran works in the stock room in science building as part of her busy day.

Evelyn Martin
The Runner

Immediately after leaving her class, she goes to the Housing Office and fills the next hour with various dorm-centered errands. This is because aside from living in the dorms Duran is a Resident Assistant or R.A. This job entails many responsibilities including overseeing the needs of residents within Lorien and the rest of the dorms.

More specifically, she has designated office hour requirements to meet each week, during which she must be in her room in case any Lorien residents need her.

Additionally, Duran is to be accessible by phone at any time she is on campus and assists the dorm programmers with tasks pertinent to functions for dorm occupants.

Moreover, she is responsible for the development of one activity geared solely for her building's residents and for two events in

which all students in the dorms can participate each quarter.

Duran keeps a level head amidst the demands of her job as an R.A.

"I applied to be an R.A. because I liked the idea of building a community for people in the dorms to make them feel comfortable. I just like helping people," said Duran.

Once she has taken care of her office duties, Duran meets with the head R.A. to discuss how everything is going in her building.

Even though the meeting ends at 5 p.m., Duran does not have the luxury of eating in the Commons today, since there is still a lab to finish writing up for her Biology class. By the time she is finished with her homework, it is near 9 p.m. and

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Men's hoops grabs share of first place

The Cal State Bakersfield men's basketball team gained more than just a victory with an 80-60 win at UC San Diego Saturday night. Combined with Sonoma State's 77-72 loss at Cal Poly Pomona, Bakersfield grabbed a share of the California Collegiate Association lead as well.

UCSD (9-12, 6-6 CCAA) grabbed a 2-0 lead, but it was all Roadrunners after that. A Richard Andrews (Kingston, Jamaica/Southeastern Illinois) jumper put Bakersfield up by 10 at 17-7 10 minutes into the game and UCSD never got back into contention.

Senior forward Antonio Griffin (Phoenix/Florida State) led Bakersfield with 21 points, but the Roadrunner attack was balanced after that. Nine different Roadrunners scored in the game as only Griffin and Tim Barnes (Henderson, Ky./Iowa State) played more than 24 minutes.

Griffin added 13 rebounds for his fifth double double of the season. That ties teammate Demetrius Orme (Las Vegas/Barstow CC) for the team and conference lead. Thanks in large part to Griffin's effort, the Roadrunners built an impressive 39-24 edge on the boards.

Bakersfield (15-4, 10-2 CCAA) returns home to host a pair of CCAA games next weekend. Cal Poly Pomona kicks off the homestand Friday (Dec. 10) at Rabobank Arena.

Press release courtesy of CSUB Sports and Information

Check out the new healthy vending machine -full story on pg 6



Jesse R. Garcia
The Runner



Runner on the Street

By
Beverly Weber

This week The Runner asked:
Have you ever had an undesirable parking experience?



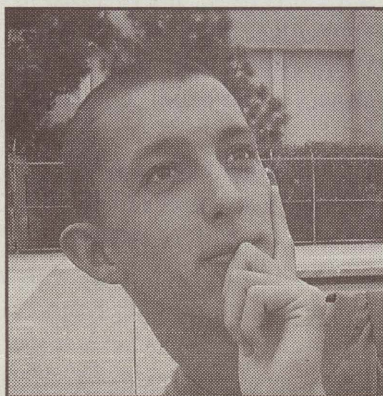
Jason Carter
Senior, History

"I was almost hit after I parked because I walked in front of an open parking spot and two people were competing for it. Impatient people suck."



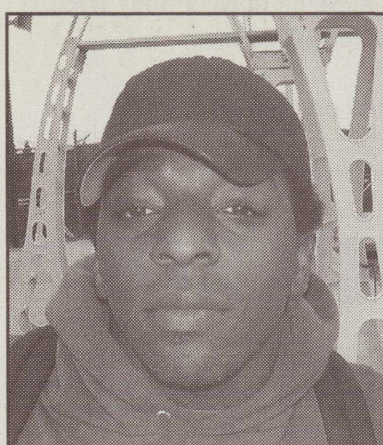
Sarah Haymond
Freshmen, Undeclared

"No, I have never had an undesirable parking experience."



Evan Crocker
Sophomore, Art

"No, I get by using Chevro-Legs, and I park wherever I want."



Carl Crawford
Senior, Kinesiology

"When leaving from class, walking through the parking lot becomes dangerous because of drivers who are late and racing through the parking lot looking for a spot."

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Car burglary on the rise at CSUB

By Sandra Vicuna
Assistant News Editor

In the course of one month, CSUB has seen eight vehicle burglaries. Various methods are used ranging from breaking glass to using a jimmy to unlock the vehicle's door.

While anything of value is fair game to thieves, University Police Officer Gregory Kinder cites stereos as the item stolen the most.

On the evening of Jan. 8, the dorm parking lot was hit with three car robberies within a few minutes of each other. In the aftermath of that night, University Police distributed a flyer to dorm residents giving tips on how to prevent burglaries.

According to Officer Kinder, students who live in the dorms tend to leave their car in the parking lot for several days without checking on it. Sometimes this gives thieves easy access in terms of detection.

"Car burglaries are common, but relatively few happen here," said Kinder. Kinder explains that CSUB is located in a good area of Bakersfield. He believes the burglaries that occurred in the dorm parking lot were an isolated incident.

According to CSUB's annual crime report, car theft has risen in the last few years. The surrounding area has also seen a dramatic increase.

If you are a victim of a crime or would like more information, please contact University Police at 654-2111.

Tips for Preventing Burglary

* Park your car in a well-lit area.

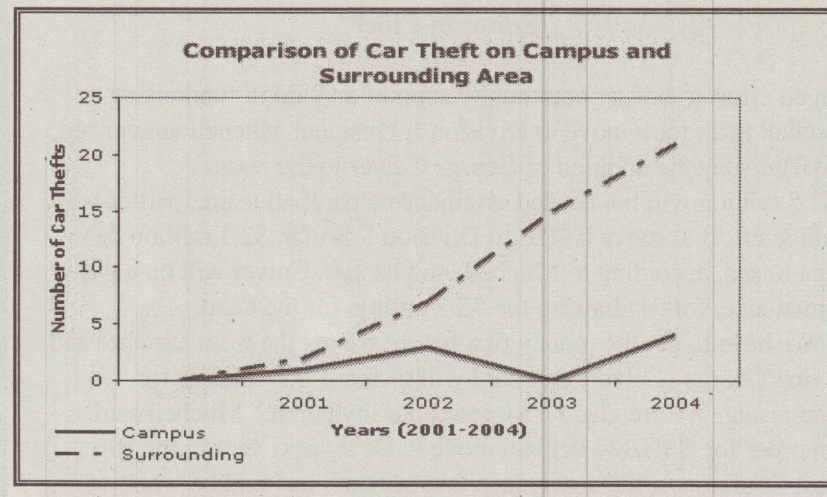
* Avoid parking near large trucks, vans, dumpsters and other objects that could obstruct visibility and provide hiding places.

* Avoid parking near strangers loitering or sitting in vehicles.

* Make sure all doors are locked and windows are rolled all the way up.

* Never leave valuables in plain sight. Lock them in the trunk or take them with you.

(Courtesy of Public Safety)



Career Day helps students gain insight into job opportunities

By Rosie Cruz
Staff Writer

A variety of representatives from diverse businesses were on campus last Friday to offer students an array of different career possibilities. Career Day was, overall, a huge success. The first half of the day was for different careers. But the latter half of the day was dedicated solely to students majoring in liberal arts hoping to one day become teachers. Students from CSUB hoping to become teachers one day were given a jump start this Friday when representatives from many school districts set up tables to scout the future educators of America and possibly even do some real recruiting.

Representatives from school districts came from as close as local Bakersfield schools to as far as the east coast. Tony Pierce, a representative from Wake County Public Schools in Raleigh, North Carolina said, "I'm here for the kids who just want to go somewhere," referring to Raleigh's location in North Carolina. The Wake County Public School District is expansive, already including 134 schools, and plans to open an average of 3-7 new schools a year, for which teachers will be needed. Pierce hopes that at least a few of them will come from Bakersfield.

"We're looking for the person who's interested in some change. All that we require is a teaching license, both beginners and the experienced." Karen Patterson and Lisa Otes, representatives for the Antelope Valley District, pointed out that many schools offer generous signing bonuses and extra support and advising for beginning educators.

"[We offer] a great salary with great benefits, and we're very supportive of beginners," Patterson said. She said that there are very few essentials to being a good teacher: love of children and patience. Otes said the greatest benefit of being a teacher is the "opportunity to make a difference in the life of a student." The

school district is looking for someone who is "energetic and enthusiastic about their subject." The educators' part of Career Day was a hit with students seeking interesting areas of the country where their degrees can best be utilized.

"It offered me knowledge about the different careers in different schools," said Ivan Sanchez, student at CSUB. When it comes to teaching, simply putting in the hours and effort to get the teaching credentials will not guarantee anyone a job. Events like the Career Day, sponsored by CSUB, can help wrangle in potential employers who are willing to hire on and mentor young teachers.

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By the time she is finished with her homework, it is near 9 p.m. and time to attend the Resident's Hall Association (RHA) meeting inside the Commons.

All RAs are by default members of RHA, however, Crystal was a member of the club her freshman year.

As a member of the club, Duran assists in activities geared toward socializing among dorm residents like games, weekly coffee-houses, and movies.

"I joined RHA because I wanted to be more involved in the dorms. It's an easy way to meet people," said Duran.

Beyond the meeting, there is only time to finish homework from Calculus class before going to sleep and waking up to another busy day.

Indeed, Thursday comprises only a small portion of total commitments Duran juggles

each week.

In addition to being a full-time student, RA and active member of RHA, she devotes much of her time to the Biology club, for which she is vice president.

Her job includes making posters, handling money, making phone calls, helping to organize events, running meetings, giving rides to other club members if needed and more.

"I basically am there to build up everything, do the event and tear everything down. I get the most overwhelmed by that club," said Duran.

With such a hectic schedule, Duran seldom has free time to do things she enjoys like visiting her family and hanging out with friends.

"Last quarter I didn't go home at all because I had commitments," said Duran.

Simple pleasures thus become rare indulgences for Duran.

"I miss sleeping terribly," said Duran with a laugh.

Perhaps Duran's most accessible hobbies are listening to hip hop and R&B and reading books.

"When you read a book, you can immerse yourself in it and forget about the rest of your life," Duran said.

Duran admits that her busy schedule and aggressive attitude toward her obligations is a result of a vicious cycle for which is partly responsible.

"One of my pet peeves is when people think I'm superwoman and can handle 5 people's things at once. But it's hard for me to ask for help," Duran said with a flush of red sweeping her face.

Though Duran bears many titles and obligations, she very content with her life and at the end of the day can smile while reflecting on the work that has been accomplished.

"I'd rather be really busy and overwhelmed at times than to not have enough to do. I choose the stress over the alternative," said Duran.

CSUB Weekly Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Events

M.E.C.h.A. Torta Sale
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. DDH East outside

Club Meetings

Psychology club, 10:30 a.m., Blue Room 137

Biology club, 1 p.m., Green Room 132

Winter Carnival meeting, 5 p.m., Blue Room 137

Greek Week meeting, 6 p.m., Blue Room

Student Activities club, 6 p.m., DDH 106E

Thursday, Feb. 9

Events

Interviewing strategies workshop, 10:30 a.m., ITV Studio C

Hip Hop Open Mic Night, 7 p.m., Wiley's Pub Student Union

Club Meetings

AASU, 2:30 p.m., Blue Room 137

M.E.C.h.A., 3:30 p.m., Green Room 132

Friday, Feb. 10

Events

Jack O'Connell visits CSUB, 10 a.m., Dore Theater

Women's Basketball, 5:30 p.m., Rabobank Arena

Men's Basketball, 7 p.m., Rabobank Arena

Mexico Election Talk, 7 p.m., Student Union Multipurpose Room

Club Meetings

American Muslim Meeting, 12 p.m., Blue Room 137

ASI Finance Meeting, 2 p.m., Yellow Room 13

Saturday, Feb. 11

Events

14th Annual KC Science Bowl, 6 a.m.

GWAR, 8 a.m. BDC & Library Computer Lab (lower level)

Peak Club Valentine's Run, 9 a.m., Icardo Center

Jazz Coffee House, 7:30 p.m., Student Union

Monday, Feb 13

Events

Biology Club Hershey Kiss Rose Sale, 9 a.m., DDH Hallway

Geology Mineral Sale, 9 a.m., DDH Hallway

Tuesday, Feb 14

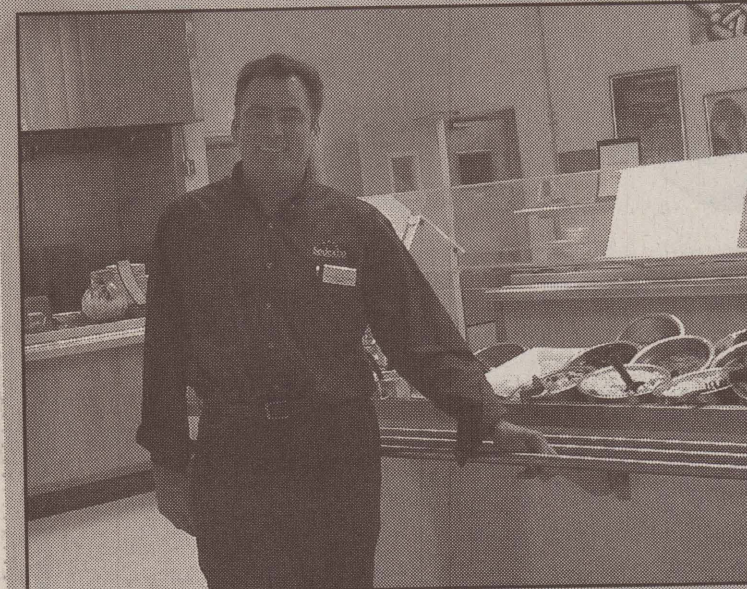
Events

Psych Club Valentine Balloon, Bouquet & Flower Sale, 9 a.m., DDH Hallway

New chef gaining reputation at The Commons

By David Lopez
Staff Writer

The Commons recently acquired a talent who is dedicated to make the Commons more enjoyable for students and staff.



Mercedes Martinez is the new manager at The Commons cafeteria.

Last November, the Commons obtained a new manager for the kitchen who is dedicated to meet the needs of all who frequent the House of Commons.

Mercedes Martinez came to CSUB because he is member of Sodexho and the Sodexho Alliance. Sodexho is dedicated to have professionals who like to work on school campuses around North America.

Martinez has worked on school campuses for about 14 years and was given the opportunity to work as the manager for commons at CSUB. Martinez has earned the title of head chef.

One of Martinez's main duties is to make certain that the food is ready for the students or faculty who have chosen the Commons to fill his or her hunger. Martinez is also responsible for the employee's schedules in the kitchen; however, Martinez made it clear that he is there for the students.

"Sometimes students say 'this food is terrible,' but I am not offended," Martinez said. Martinez explained that many times it is not that the food is terrible, but it is simply not the student's preference.

It is the responsibility of Martinez to set the menu to the satisfaction of the students' preference as well as to make

sure that the menu reflects the diversity of the student body of not only the dorms but the campus. That is why many times the menu features tacos, pasta, spaghetti or hamburger.

So the next time you feel hunger and you are on campus or live in the dorm, check out the food in the Commons. If you have been to the Commons and do not like the food, go speak with Mercedes.

Dining Commons Information

Breakfast: Monday - Friday
7:30- 8:00 Continental 7:00 - 7:30 AM
\$4.25

Saturday & Sunday:
Brunch: 10:00 AM -12:30PM
\$4.95

Lunch: Monday - Friday
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
\$4.95

Dinner: Monday - Friday
5:00 - 6:30

Dinner: 5:00 - 6:15 PM
\$5.55

Dining Commons is located West of University Advancement near the dorms.

Kaibigan club offers friendships, experiences at university

By Evelyn Martin
Assistant Entertainment Editor

A student's time in college can be some of the most enriching years in his or her life. By joining clubs, sororities, or fraternities, committed students can accumulate a wealth of experiences and friendships that can stay with them long after they have graduated. Certainly, friendships are particularly important.

The Kaibigan club seeks not only to cultivate friendships among members but to create a sense of unifying strength founded on principles of celebratory awareness of the Filipino culture—the cues that can be extracted from these principals and can enrich other areas of their lives.

Founded in 1994 and revived in 2003, The Filipino American Student Organization, otherwise known as the Kaibigan club, values friendship so much that the club's name reinforces the concept.

"The word, 'Kaibigan' means 'friendship,'" said Mary Bucton, president of the club.

"Kaibigan strives to extend the understanding of the Filipino-American identity by integrating important aspects of academic, social, community and political issues that are pertinent to the culture," said Bucton.

Members have supported many causes including raising funds for the Filipino Excellence Scholarship, on-campus food sales featuring authentic Filipino foods, participating in the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life and car washes among other events. However, it is not all work and no play for the Kaibigan members, as they work hard at having a great time together in all they do. Non fund-raising activities

are in abundance as well.

"[We] participate in volunteer work, hold birthday celebrations for club members, an annual camping retreat and hold an annual end of the year banquet," Bucton said.

The club's variety of activities have unequivocally enhanced the college experience for all of its current members.

"I love the food gatherings because the food is good. I also love it because I am able to hang out with my friends who are in the club," said Marilyn Tuzon, a club member.

R.J. Tagueg, another club member, favors almost all facets of club activity.

"[I like] meeting new people, learning about my Filipino heritage, the social events throughout the year, and also the field trips like the annual camping trip and the tv shows we go to," Tagueg said.

During the month of February, club functions include selling long stem shell roses in assorted colors. The sale runs now through Valentine's Day. While members are taking orders individually, the club will set up a booth inside DDH for final purchasing of the roses Feb. 13-14. Additionally, they will have a food sale on Feb. 27 outside of DDH.

Kaibigan members also hold monthly meetings that vary in date, time and location each quarter depending on members' schedules. Meetings for the winter quarter are Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in Room 112 inside the Music Building.

"Kaibigan welcomes all students and continues to move forward contributing to the university's culturally diverse atmosphere while enhancing the overall student experience," said Bucton.

The Kaibigan Club meet every Friday in Room 112 inside of the Music Building



Evelyn Martin/ The Runner

By Ranjanpreet Nagra
Staff Writer

Students often gripe about the cost of books at the bookstore. Most of the textbooks are not found in other local bookstores and a few are not available online either.

The CSUB campus bookstore is owned by Barnes and Noble. Darren Ewing, Textbook Supervisor at the Runner Bookstore, said that buying books is more convenient here at the bookstore.

"The bookstore is here to cater the students. We always have all the textbooks students need for their courses. We have 100 percent refund policy. When students sell back their used books to the bookstore, they get half the price of new book," Ewing said.

The bookstore tries to get as many used books: from their book distributor and from students. They also buy books which are bought by students from other stores or books bought online. Used books are 25 percent cheaper than new books.

"Buying books online is not for everybody. Students often do not

get their books on time, or they are not the right edition and have the chapter rearranged," Ewing said.

Many students buy their books the old fashioned way - from the bookstore.

Shara Bito, a graduate student of Educational Counseling, always buys her books from the bookstore. Bito's friends buy books online, but she does not. She does not trust online shopping.

"I am paranoid about buying books online," Bito said.

"I like the campus bookstore. Of course the books are expensive but I don't think they're making a huge profit out of it. It's true that textbooks are expensive, but it's the same everywhere. And unlike my previous university campus bookstore, they always have sweat-shirts on sale. Their candy is expensive though," Shara said.

To save money Share also looks in the library for her textbooks.

"I check out books and novels, etc., from the library," Bito said. Many students also buy books online from stores like eBay's half.com and amazon.com.

Helen Derderian, a junior and English major, buys most of her

books online.

It is less expensive. You don't have to stand in long queues; the books come to your house," Derderian said.

"I can sell books that I bought online to the bookstore, isn't that amazing. I had bought my statistics book from my junior college and sold it to this bookstore. They told me that I could," Derderian said.

Ewing said that campus bookstore provides students with the book information for their courses. Students can call the bookstore two weeks before the classes begin to find out what books they need for the next quarter.

To get her books on time, Derderian emails her professors ahead of time for the book information.

"We would rather have students ask us than contact their professors for the book information," Ewing said.

"During finals is the best time to sell used books to the bookstore. Students should come before the classes begin to get used books because in the first two weeks they are gone," Ewing said.



Luis Lenzi (left) and the Bennie Wallace/Anthony Wilson Quartet jam out at the Dore Theater last Saturday.

Ariana Estrada/The Runner

Jazz takes stage at Doré

By Ariana Estrada
Staff Writer

The sweet, smooth sounds of jazz rang through the ears of the crowd that came to see two award-winning jazz composers last Friday night.

The CSUB Legends of Jazz presented the Bennie Wallace/Anthony Wilson Quartet at the Doré Theatre. The two composers came to CSUB to perform their collaborative Coleman Hawkins Centennial project that pays tribute to the legendary jazz saxophonist Coleman Hawkins. Hawkins is claimed to be the father of the tenor saxophone and a legend to the jazz world.

Bennie Wallace is an accomplished saxophonist who has received such awards as Best Jazz Album of the year, Billboard's top jazz album and has also achieved international recognition by winning Germany's equivalent of a jazz Grammy. The CSUB director of jazz studies, Doug Davis, has known Wallace since they were freshmen in college.

Anthony Wilson is also a very accomplished jazz guitarist who won the Thelonious Monk Composers' Competition in 1995 and 1997. Wilson's first record was nominated for a

Grammy Award for Best Large Jazz Ensemble Performance and has traveled the world recording and touring along with other great jazz talents.

Accompanying Wallace and Wilson were drummer Alvin Queen and bassist Danton Boller. Together the quartet filled the Dore Theatre with rich melodies of jazz and performed songs from Coleman Hawkins and other legends like Louis Armstrong. The quartet put on a great performance and each song gave every musician a chance to show their individual skill.

Music students also had a chance to show off their musical skills as the opening act before the arrival of Wallace and Wilson. Canaan McDuffy showed his skill on the drums, Luis Lenzi on sax and Marcell Porter on trumpet blew away the crowd with their talent, James Dethlefsen played the bass and Jim Scully swayed to the rhythm of his guitar. Also, student Jeff Arday shared a song he wrote himself.

Admission was \$12 for students, but as a special treat from ASI the first thirty students received free admission into the concert.

Coming up this Friday at 7:30 p.m. is a chance to check out the Cal-State jazz ensemble performing at the Student Union.

Runner Bookstore, websites offer deals for students

Tips for a first date

By Bianca Gutierrez
and Wes Coble
Staff Writers

First dates are nerve racking especially for the person planning the event. You can find yourself in a complete disaster if everything does not go according to plan.

Lately, you have to come up with a creative idea in order to impress your date; dinner and a movie are no longer an option. Not only do you want the date to run as smoothly as possible, but you want to make sure you look impeccable and, believe me, if you don't have the right outfit or

too much Old Spice, this can be a disaster in its own right.

On the other hand, somehow you continually find yourself swinging back and forth with ideas of what you want to do on a first date. Depending on where you live, your ideas can be strictly limited.

"It's hard to keep up both sides of the of the conversation. So, you have to evaluate the person, so you can plan a date based on their likes and dislikes. For instance, you can't expect to go to a candle light dinner and have a lot to talk about because there isn't much of a social atmosphere. I suggest going miniature

golfing or hitting up a local bowling alley where it's easier to strike up a conversation," said Jeremy Peters, CSUB student.

Dating tip #1: If you are a shy person and can't stand to be in an intimate environment, suggest going to a place where both of you can engage in a fun activity together. On a side note, if you're the guy and want to score a couple extra points, let the girl win when it comes to a game of air hockey!

If you're lacking in the creative department, there are things you can do in order to get dating ideas.

According to Peters, "First thing watch the TV show Blind Date on UPN. Second thing catch the rerun of Blind Date right after. I can't emphasize enough how creative the people are on the show. The dates on this show always feature new fun ideas."

"Take these ideas and apply it to whatever is in Bakersfield, and if your date is adventure-some, plan to go out of town go to places like 3rd Street in Santa Monica or Little Italy in Long Beach," said Peters.

Dating tip #2: If you absolutely want to get out of the dinner-and-then-a-movie rut, sit in front of the tube and watch a few dating shows. There are producers on these shows continually trying to find creative ways to make to make an ordinary date, extraordinary.

Dating tip #3: If the guy comes up with a totally eccentric date, keep an open mind and just flow with it, you have to give him some credit for at least trying.

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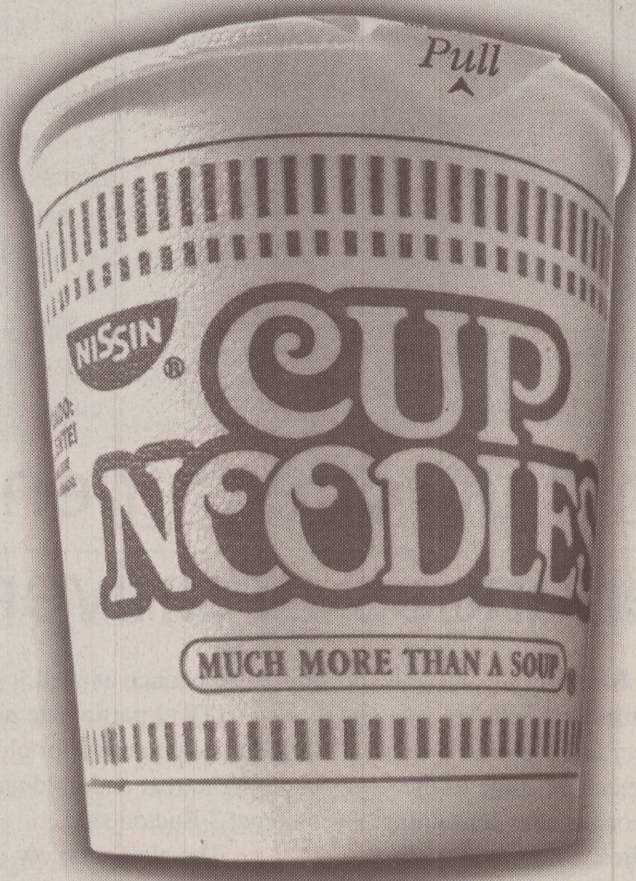
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Intramural basketball season kicks off with action

By Ty Cannon
Staff Writer

It is early in the intramural basketball season but the intensity is already in full tilt.

With 13 teams and a lot of good players it looks to be an exciting season. Last week, just the second week of play, there were about 50 people out just to watch the teams go at it. Many of the spectators were men and women from the CSUB Roadrunner basketball teams out to watch the action.

The spectators were not disappointed.

From slam dunk, to fast breaks and long threes, the action was non-stop. Throw in a little trash talking and there is plenty of entertainment during intramural games.

The teams play on Monday and Wednesday nights with games at 8, 9, and 10 p.m. A complete schedule for the week is posted outside the intramural office inside the student union and in DDH.

Early in the season One Nation seems to be the team to beat. But teams like the BMOC Blacc Stallions and Like Kobe have something to say about that. The Kappa Sigma team and AFC should be a good rivalry to watch. Imperial March and the Riders hope to make a move toward the number one seed. The Naveed's, The Legends and Boy Bawang Ballers are looking to

make some noise of their own.

Teams will compete through the month of February toward the playoffs. At the end of the regular season each team will be seeded by their win-loss record.

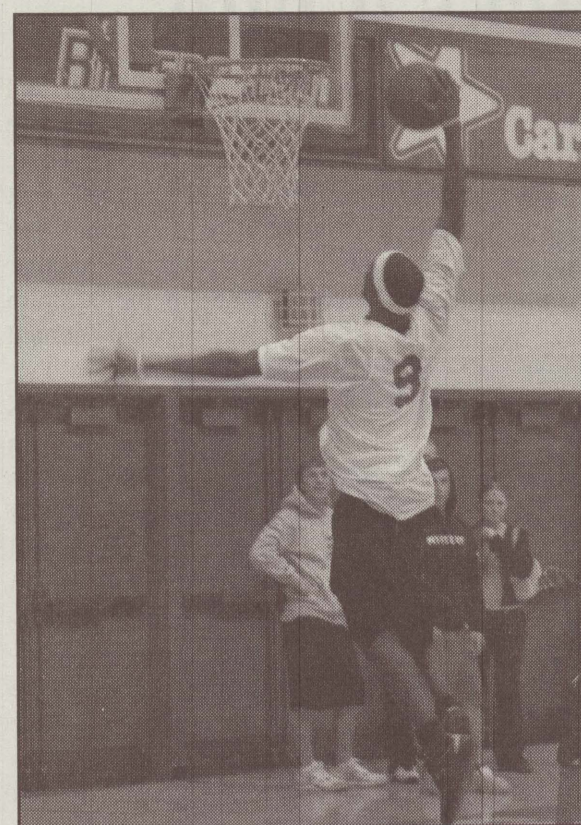
Playoffs begin on Wednesday, March 1. Teams will play a single elimination tournament leading up to the finals on Wednesday, March 8, at 8 p.m. The championship game should be a good game to watch.

Following the championship game there will be a slam-dunk competition, free-throw contest and a three-point contest. These events should add to the entertainment value and give students even more incentive to go and watch.

The basketball games are very competitive but most importantly they are a lot of fun. Intramurals at CSUB are a good way to get out and meet other students. The competition is a lot of fun and it is a good way to stay active and exercise.

If you forgot to sign up your team for basketball then be sure to get a softball team together for spring quarter. Registration forms and other information can be obtained at the intramural office, located in the student union.

For those students who are not interested in playing do not be afraid to come out and watch the action. Either way intramurals is a great student activity and a positive experience.



Damon Davis from The Riders intramural team prepares to dunk while spectators look on at The Icardo Center.

Alexis Stokes/The Runner

Stanford downs men's swimmers, 134-115

Press release courtesy of CSUB
Sports and Information

The Cal State Bakersfield men's swim team closed out its regular season schedule with a dual meet loss to NCAA Division I No. 3-ranked Stanford University Friday afternoon at the Hillman Aquatics Center in Bakersfield.

It was the Roadrunners' second straight against an NCAA Division I

CSUB Men's swimmers battle against Stanford.

Juan Torres/The Runner

power after No. 2-ranked Cal stopped by for a non-scoring dual on Thursday. Bakersfield entered the day ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division II.

Stanford easily won the meet, though the final score of 135-114 reflected a number of events swam as exhibition by the Cardinals.

The lone Roadrunner victory came in the 100 freestyle as junior Piotr Gegotek continued to swim well, touching first in a time of 45.50. He also recorded a season best in the 50 free, placing second with a 21.11.

Freshman Sampo Sissila picked up a provisional qualifying time, finishing second in the 200 free in a time of 1:42.11.

Bakersfield senior Karol Zemier also put together a strong showing with a season-best 51.85 in the 100 backstroke, good enough for third place in the event.

The Cal State Bakersfield men's swimmers begin their quest for a 14th NCAA Division II championship with the Pacific Coast Swim Conference championships Feb. 8-11 in Long Beach.

Water Polo falls to #2 USC, 16-7

Press release courtesy of
CSUB Sports and Information

The Cal State Bakersfield water polo team wrapped up a four-game stretch against four ranked teams Sunday with a 16-7 loss at No. 2-ranked Southern California at the McDonald's Swim Complex in Los Angeles.

The Roadrunners went 1-3 against some of the best teams on the west coast on this road trip, scoring an upset victory over No. 18 UC Riverside on Friday. However, an upset was not in the cards against a tough

Trojan squad.

USC jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead and despite two goals in the second period the Trojans jumped to a 9-3 halftime lead. In the third period, USC began to pull away, scoring six goals thanks to Brittany Hayes who netted three of her game-high four goals in the period.

Sophomore Kaila Kerr led the way with three goals while Kathrine Gillett scored two to pace the Roadrunner attack.

The 'Runners (1-4) travel to UC San Diego for the UCSD Arena Invitational on Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 11-12).

Softball splits in Stanislaus tournament

Press release courtesy of
CSUB Sports and Information

The Cal State Bakersfield softball team wrapped up the final day of the Diamond Sports Invitational splitting a pair of games, downing Notre Dame de Namur 3-2 before falling to No. 1 Humboldt State 8-0 in five innings Sunday afternoon.

The Roadrunners wind up as one of three teams with a 5-1 tournament record, though host Cal State Stanislaus was awarded the title in a tiebreaker.

Bakersfield opened the day with another nail biter, blowing an early lead before recovering late in the game. In the second, sophomore third baseman Cara Klein opened the scoring with a two-run double to score Amber Mills and Allison Amezcua.

Notre Dame de Namur then tied things up in the top of the fifth thanks to a two-RBI single by Jami Padilla.

The Roadrunners responded in the bottom of the inning as Mills picked up the game-winning RBI grounding into a fielder's choice with the bases loaded to score Renee Rubio.

Pitcher Kristyn Daniels then shut down the Notre Dame de Namur attack over the final two innings to earn her second victory of the season.

In the nightcap, Bakersfield fell flat against the top-ranked team in the nation as the Lumberjacks took advantage of the first two Roadrunner errors of the season. In the third, Humboldt was able to prolong the inning thanks to an error, scoring two unearned runs. The 'Jacks then added three in the fourth and three in the fifth while the Roadrunner bats just couldn't get going.

Cal State Bakersfield looks to get back on track with a non-conference doubleheader at Vanguard University tomorrow.

'Runner Basketball this weekend!

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Friday night, the 'Runners face Cal Poly Pomona in two important conference matchups. There are only three home games remaining this season so get out this weekend to support your 'Runners as both the men's and women's teams prepare for the playoffs!

Join the 'Runners and local Scouts in partnership with skating companies Element and Woodward West in the Fleur de Lis coolie lounge. There will be live skateboard demos all night long and free gear from Element for a few lucky 'Runner fans!

Tickets are available now at the Rabobank Arena box office. Log on to go-runners dot com or call 654-BLUE for more information on Roadrunner Basketball!

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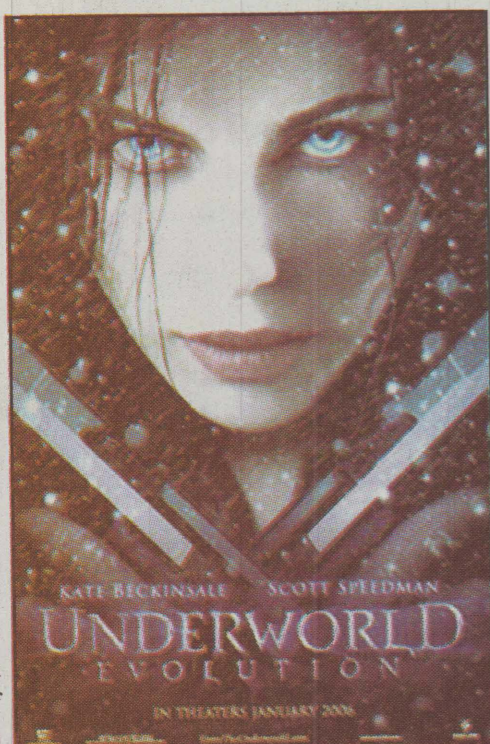


UnderWorld sequel packs a bite

By Kyle O'Connor
Staff Writer

At first glance UnderWorld Evolution appears to be a typical sequel. Kate Beckinsale plays the role of a vampire who is trying to solve the mystery of her species' history. In the previous film Beckinsale tries to find out the truth about the feud between the Lykons and the Vampires. The Lykon leader was trying to make a hybrid of both species, thus ending the feud between the clans. They find a young man played by Scott Speedman who has the right genetics to fuse the two species. Scott Speedman a virtual unknown plays the role of a Hybrid, he is both Werewolf and Vampire. Beckinsale's and Speedman's characters are infatuated with each other and at first are running away from her vampire clan because the clan condemns their love. The whole series is based on the war

between the vampire clan and the Werewolf clan, which are referred to as Lykons. Speedmans' rare gene that allows him to fuse the two bloodlines is shared with another person an elder in the vampire clan named Marcus. Marcus becomes a hybrid as well and is vying to kill Speedman thus ensuring his dominance of the clans. The movie's soundtrack and filming were top notch and set the mood completely. All the filming was done with a dark moody over-tone. The acting on all parts was stellar, it was better than I expected of a sequel movie given the reputation of sequels. I really liked watching this movie being a fan of the first movie and a big fan of Kate Beckinsale's performance and this film did not disappoint. It may seem to some that it was a little dragged on but if you're a fan of these types of movie I would definitely recommend going and seeing this movie. I give it 3 out of 5 stars.



By Wes Coble
Staff Writer

The fast paced lives of students affect the way they eat; for the past few weeks I have told you to stay away from fast food and focus on whole foods with nutritional value. I am letting you know that if you have to grab something from a campus vending machine make sure that it is worth the effort of popping the top or ripping open the wrapper.

Located outside of DDH there has been a healthier option in the way of vending machine junkies. This machine may cost a bit more but if you are trying to watch your calorie intake and still want something before class, then the overall price isn't going to matter.

In this new machine you can choose from a variety of beverages that will not only be a healthier option but will offer more nutritional value compared to the everyday choice of a pop. In these new machines you are able to get your milk intake whether you want regular or chocolate; you can also drink down some tasty vegetables in Bolthouse Farms Veggie beverage or if you want something sweet you could try there Vanilla Bean beverage. Both are much healthier than the proverbial Pepsi or Coke. Remember if you are having trouble choosing between the soda or the juice there is always the water which is going to help you more than either choice.

There are more in these machines than you think. If you are going to grab something to eat, make your coins count. Try the lightly salted pretzels rather than the fatty Fritos, which in turn are just going to add a little more love to your midsection.

If you want something sweet then try the

trail mix instead of the Snickers Bar. If chocolate is what you are shooting for the trail mix will offer a healthy mix of raisins, peanuts, almonds and M&M's; you can still get your sweet fix but in the end you will be a happier person because you won't have to run for an hour to burn off your candy bar.

Remember, make the healthy choice that isn't going to incite you to stray from your diet or workout plan and gain that extra pound.

I am hopeful that there will be more of these machines put on our campus that has in the past been overthrown by the fatty vending machine. It is your choice to either grab those chips and soda or help yourself and get the pretzels and water. If you would like to see more of these machines on campus then you need to utilize them. I know that I am going to, so help yourself as well as others on campus and get the juice.

Try this healthy alternative to the Fast Food Quesadilla. It only takes a few minutes.



Grilled Green Chili Quesadillas
Recipe courtesy Rachael Ray

3 fresh chile peppers, such as poblanos — any variety may be used, according to your tolerance for heat
4 (12-inch) large flour tortillas
3 cups (3/4 pound brick) smoked cheddar (recommended: Cabot brand, shredded)
1 cup store bought salsa verde, available on chip and snack aisle or in Mexican food section
1 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves

Heat a grill pan over high heat. Place whole chiles on grill and char all over, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and split chiles. Scrape away seeds with a spoon and slice.

Heat a large nonstick skillet or griddle over medium high heat. Char the tortilla and blister it on 1 side, 20 seconds, then flip tortilla. Cover half of the tortilla with cheese and chilies, then fold over. Press down gently with spatula. Cook quesadilla 15 seconds more on each side, transfer to a cutting board. Repeat. Pile up 2 completed quesadillas at a time and cut into 3 generous wedges. The yield will be 12 pieces from

4 quesadillas. Serve slices on a large platter with small dishes of salsa verde and sour cream for topping. Garnish the platter and toppings with chopped cilantro.

★ A night around town ★

Compiled by Evelyn Martin

To keep students busy the Runner has put together some great places to go around town. Check each week for new events.

Feb. 8

Bakersfield Unplugged. Xander's Grill and KLLY 95.3 are featuring local artist Jon Ranger. Xander's Grill 19th street & Chester Ave. For info call 661-587-4644

Men, 7:30 p.m.
Rabobank Arena, 1001 Truxtun Ave. For ticket info call 661-852-7777

The Empty Space will participate in the Worldwide VDAY Campaign to end violence against women. Includes Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues. 8 p.m. 706 Oak St. Feb 10-11. Call 661-327-7529.

Feb. 9

Jerry's Pizza is having a concert featuring Contra, Countdown to Life, The Burning Room, A Dying Dream, and Old Fashion Knife Fight. 7 p.m.

Jerry's Pizza 1817 Chester Ave. For info call 661-663-1000

The Fox Theatre presents legendary band Chicago. 8:15 p.m. Bakersfield Fox Theatre 2001 H St. For ticket info call 661-324-1369

Fox Theatre is hosting the Mariachi Vargas De Tecalitlan with special guests Mariachi Mujer 2000, and Mariachi Imperial De Mexico. 7:30 p.m. 2001 H St. Call 661-364-1369

Feb. 10

CSUB Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona. Women, 5:30 p.m.;

CSUB Basketball vs. CSUDH. Women, 5:30 p.m., Men, 7:30 p.m. Rabobank Arena 1001 Truxtun Ave. For ticket info call 661-852-7777

Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra concert. 8 p.m. Rabobank Convention Center. 1001 Truxtun Ave. For ticket info call 661-323-7928.

CSUB Jazz Coffeehouse featuring Bodfish All-Stars and Marcell Porter/ Jim Scully Project. 7:30 p.m. CSUB Student Union 9001 Stockdale Hwy. For tickets call 661-654-3093

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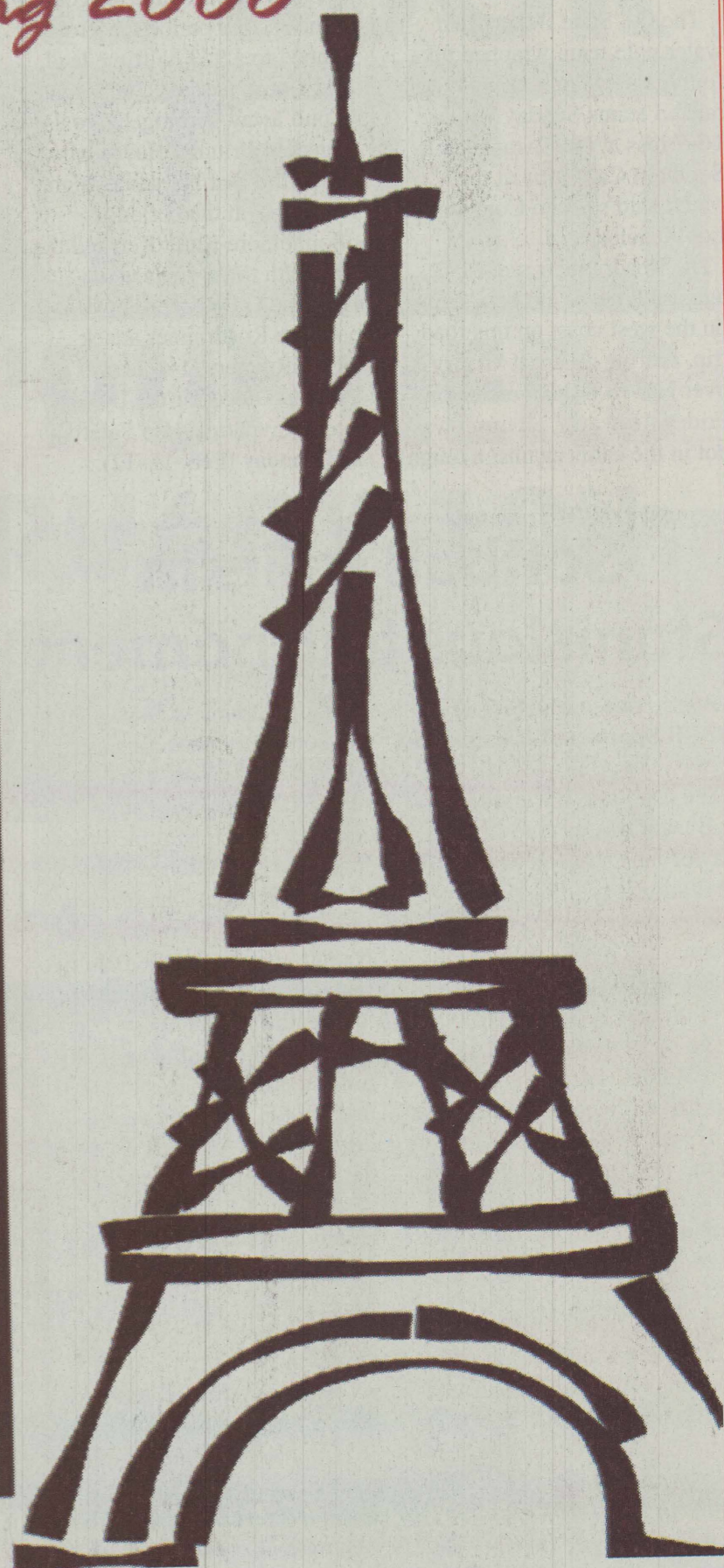
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