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## When in doubt – ask your friendly officer

By Eman Shurbaji  
Features Editor

While CSUB is a relatively safe campus, no place is exempt from danger or mishap. There is always a chance something will happen.

A little over a week ago, as I was making my usual round after a night class, I headed down the library steps in anticipation of my ride. However, this time things were a little off.

For one thing, I noticed the area around the library had few people walking about or sitting around. The time was a 9:15 p.m., so I was let out early from class. Classes end at 10:15 p.m.

I knew a lot of people would probably get out a little later.

As I awaited my ride near the bus stop, I noticed a man had his eyes fixed on me, seemingly unblinking.

"How strange," I thought to myself. Surely he is waiting for the bus. He was standing by the bus stop.

Then, I noticed him heading my way. He was making strides in my direction. So I moved further away.

At this point I was calling my mother inquiring about my ride. I thought being on the phone would be a good tactic.

It was not.

**A first-person story**



Juan Torres/ The Runner

**A student walks hurriedly to class.**

Suddenly, I see him walking a little faster toward me, and I moved as well. This time, I turned around to make sure what I was seeing was real. Sure enough, he was looking at me eye for eye, his face unyielding, his mouth stern and his body stiff.

At this point I began to internally panic. Once again, I would walk away, only to be followed by quickening foot steps.

But a Divine Hand would save me. A classmate was walking toward me, and I caught up to him, calmly explaining what was going on.

My mother arrived a few minutes later, and I called Campus Police while in the car. I was distraught and afraid, and explained my situation while crying uncontrollably.

While I think campus police should have been in the areas near the library, I think having their phone number saved on my phone was a lifesaver.

The officer told me they would look into the situation, and I felt a little more at ease knowing the stalker would be found.

I think it is very important to remain calm and think logically while in situations that make a person feel scared or uncomfortable. Walking in groups at night or with a friend is also a good safety precaution. Police are on hand for assistance at all times, so getting an escort to your car or class is also an option.

The police on campus are here to help us. I think it is important to know where they are located and their phone number.

You never know when danger lurks.

**To reach Campus Police, dial 654-2111 or 2111 from any campus phone.**

## Honesty pays off for student

By Erin Patteson  
Staff writer

What would you do if you found \$800 in a parking lot? Most people would probably keep it, but when that happened to CSUB student Jelani Polk, he turned it in. It was eventually returned to the rightful owner, fellow student La Sheree Walton.

Polk was walking to his car in Parking Lot G on a particularly windy day when he saw what he thought were some leaves on the ground. But when he noticed that the leaves were green, he took a closer look. The "leaves" were actually eight rolled up one hundred dollar bills.

"I thought it was a joke at first," said Polk.

When he realized how much money was there, his first thought was that he needed to find out who it belonged to. Although he admitted to thinking about what he could buy with that amount of money (including an iPhone), he never seriously thought of keeping it.

At first, he asked people who were standing around in the parking



La Sheree Walton smiles after retrieving her money.

lot if they had lost the money. When no one claimed it, Polk took it to the nearby payroll office. They told him to take it to the campus police station.

For La Sheree Walton, finding out that her money had fallen out of her pocket was very upsetting.

"I was devastated. I just kept thinking, 'How am I going to pay for my rent this month and the rest of my books!'" she said.

Walton hoped that whoever found the money would realize that it was quite a lot and turn it into police. Walton called the police station to report the missing money. She was ecstatic when she found out that it had been turned in. Officer Jesus Navarette questioned Walton to make sure it was really her money, and it was confirmed with an ATM receipt.

"The stories matched up identically," Navarette said about Polk and Walton's accounts of what happened.

When asked what she thought when she got the money back, Walton said, "I thought God must have been on my side."

So was Jelani Polk.

## Korean students get taste of American life

By Erica Juarez  
Staff Writer

Students from Bucheon, South Korea, are learning about the American culture at CSUB.

Language, writing and national holidays are among some of the things that these children are learning and practicing during their stay here in the States.

There are thirty-four students, ages from 13-16 who are involved in the program at CSUB.

The students are currently staying with local families.

A month may not be enough time to learn about the American culture, but CSUB is hoping the children will have learned enough to encourage them to come back and enroll for a college education here. Susan Michaud is the Academic Coordinator of the program.

The children begin every morning with a two-hour orientation of language, speaking and writing skills at the Intensive English Language Center.

They have practiced the language by interviewing CSUB faculty, students and workers.

The students have also been taught how to use American money. The children learned about survival skills, a term Michaud used to

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## Volunteers needed

The California State University, Bakersfield School of Natural Science and Mathematics is seeking volunteers for the 16th annual Kern County Regional Science Bowl. The Science Bowl will be held at CSUB on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This marks the ninth consecutive year the Science Bowl has been hosted by CSUB.

The event features 32 five-member teams from 15 Kern County high schools competing in a fast-paced, question-answer quiz format that covers physics, biology, chemistry, math, earth science, computer science and astronomy.

Matches consist of two eight-minute halves. Each match will have four officials in the room: a moderator, who will read the questions, rules judge, timekeeper and scorekeeper.

The top two teams advance to the finals and compete in a double-elimination round, with the winner advancing to the National Science Bowl sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, which is held in Washington, D.C., May 1-6.

Thomas Meyer, physics and

computer science professor and Science Bowl coordinator, is looking for volunteers to help run the event and for local businesses that are interested in donating prizes for the students. All officials must attend a training session before the competition where they will be trained for the various positions and given the competition rules. All the volunteers will be provided a T-shirt, morning snack, and lunch, courtesy of event sponsors.

"The previous events were a great success because of the many campus and community volunteers and supporters," Meyer said. "In return for their efforts, volunteers will get to watch Kern County's top science students compete."

Meyer added that everyone, regardless of educational background, is welcome to help. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Penny Lampkins, CSUB Computer Science department, at (661) 654-3082, plampkins@csub.edu or log onto <http://www.cs.csubak.edu/ScienceBowl/>.

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## Michael Mejia – student playwright, student actor

By Ashley M. Sizemore  
Staff Writer

CSUB junior Michael Mejia is breaking through the Theatre Department by storm.

In this quarter's play, which is a composition of five one-act plays, three of which were written by Mejia.

"I stopped breathing. I had written three only hoping that one would be picked," said Mejia, "I was literally speechless."

Mejia's plays are titled "Bob", "Enchiladas" and "Labor Day."

The 20-year-old wrote "Labor Day" two years ago when he first started writing.

"I saw the student's one-acts my second quarter here, and then one day I sat down and wrote something. It was crap, but I showed it to a few people but they found it funny. I guess I just always wanted to make people laugh," said Mejia.

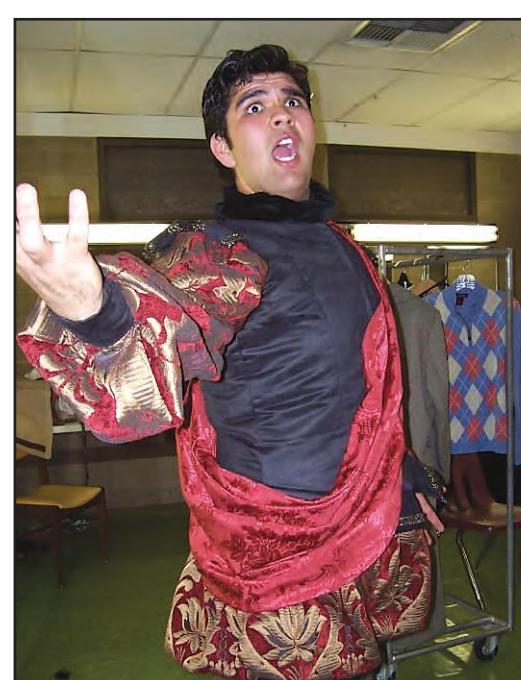
He also wrote "Enchiladas" a year ago and "Bob" last spring.

The junior, who is an English major and a theatre minor, gathered an interest in acting in high school.

"I went to Delano High School, and my first play was 'The Wizard of Oz'. I played the cowardly lion," said Mejia.

Mejia noted that it was scary when he first started acting.

During his second performance in "The Wizard of Oz" he went blank on a song, but



Michael Mejia in "Lend Me a Tenor"

Photo courtesy of Michael Mejia

it made for a great experience overall.

One might recognize Mejia as Tito Merelli in last quarter's production of "Lend Me a Tenor."

"It was so much fun. There were only nine people in that case, so we were close. We still are actually. The play got such good reviews," said Mejia.

The junior recounted that he has had to play some difficult roles in plays at CSUB.

I've played a dead body in "Antigone" in

New York" and then also Tito Merelli in "Lend Me a Tenor."

"My most difficult role was the dead body, you have to communicate in a whole new way, but the most fun role was Tito, but it was just as hard," said Mejia.

The student also went on to say that people don't realize that underneath the lights, condensation builds on your nose, and you are extremely tempted to wipe your nose but when you play a corpse you cannot move.

The 20-year-old laughs as he recalled his favorite memories in theater.

"There are so many, but one of the top is always being backstage messing around and making faces at everyone. Another is the process of building friendships over the course of a play," said Mejia.

Mejia is personally inspired by his parents.

"They've worked really hard to get where they are and they were always real with me," said Mejia.

Another inspiration to the junior is M. Night Shyamalan.

The junior's favorite musical is "Hairspray." He's very excited that it's coming to Bakersfield in February. His favorite play is "The Crucible."

"It has a darkness to it and a good array of characters. John Proctor is such a strong character, I would love to play him someday," said Mejia.

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## Crime Beat

Compiled by Lawrence Lyons  
Staff Writer

## Monday January 21, at 9:26 p.m.

There was a suspicious person hiding in the trashcan outside of the Lorien dormitory, no action was taken. The subject left the area.

## Monday January 21, at 11:24 p.m.

Custodial staff alerted the campus police to a male in a black car who looked as if he was hiding in his car in parking lot D. No disciplinary action was taken. Subject was using his computer.

## Tuesday January 22, at 4:18 a.m.

A suspicious subject was found trying to camp out behind the Cal State sign. The subject left with a verbal warning.

## Tuesday January 22, at 3:35 p.m.

A hazardous piece of metal was removed from the roadway.

## Tuesday January 22, at 10:38 p.m.

A petty theft report was made at Walter Stiern library, a backpack was thought to be stolen, but later found by staff. Nothing seemed to be missing.

## Wednesday January 23, at 6:41 a.m.

A brown wallet was found and seized by officers for safekeeping.

## Wednesday January 23, at 11:13 a.m.

A red wallet was found and seized for seized by police for safekeeping.

## Wednesday January 23, 3:00 p.m.

Hooded suspicious persons were spotted in parking lot K. No action was taken, the subjects were students.

## Thursday January 24, at 11:08 a.m., 11:09 a.m. and 12:49 p.m.

Two keys were found. One was a black Suzuki key. Also two pen cases were found, one with a Sandisk memory stick. All property was seized by police for safekeeping.

## \*\*Bulletin\*\*

## January 24, at 12:07pm

A hit and run accident occurred in Parking Lot H, injuring a pedestrian. The suspect vehicle is described as a teal midsize truck with a silver grille, sun strip tint on the front windshield, a silver decal on the top passenger side of the front windshield and it was occupied by two subjects. If you have any information on this incident, please call the Campus Police at 654-2111.

## Thursday January 24, At 1:05 p.m.

A traffic collision occurred in parking lot L. Some property damage was found.

## Experience in military leads to CSUB student's academic success

By Teresa Leach  
Staff Writer

To serve with pride is the essence of Lukious Sims. Lukious is a man with excellent posture, eyes that spark with energy and determination. This winning combination is not by accident. Lukious has served his country as a Marine and will graduate CSUB this June earning a BA in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology.

Lukious is the oldest in a family of seven children from Lancaster, California. Looking for opportunity he chose to join the few, the proud, the Marines. He enlisted at the age of 17. At 18, only six days after graduation from high school, he was in San Diego to begin his military training in boot camp.

His first post was to protect and guard nuclear weapons in Washington State then on to 29 Palms. Lukious was in the first battalion to enter Iraq.

On April 9, 2003, the United States Marines pulled down the statue of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad, Iraq. Lukious was a part of this historic moment he was front and center in the action. He speaks of his serv-



Lukious Sims served the United States as a Marine, and currently works as a bail bondsman while attending CSUB.

ice with pride.

After four years of military service, Lukious returned to Lancaster to earn an Associates Degree from Antelope Valley Community College. Afterward, he decided to come to CSUB to complete his bachelor's degree, with his money from the Montgomery G.I. Bill option. The G.I. Bill is where an amount of money is deducted from each paycheck for future education while serving. He is quick to say that he has no student loans.

Not only is he attending Cal State, but he also works. Lukious is a licensed agent and bounty hunter working at Bail Bond Leon. His background in the military makes him perfect for the job.

On campus, he is a proud member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and is very active with the group's many activities.

Lukious' future is full of many opportunities. He could complete an additional six weeks at Officers Candidate School and receive his commission as a Marine officer. He could use his education in many civilian jobs; with a positive outlook for the future there are no limitations. Lukious stated "the military prepared me for success".

## CSUB appears on TV shows 'Oprah' and 'Bone Detective'

By Amanda Galindo  
Broadcast News Editor

Please, hold the applause! No pictures, please! CSUB has been quite the celebrity this week, making an appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show and being featured in an article in CSUB's News Magazine, "Inside CSUB."

On January 21, CSUB was featured on a segment of "The Oprah Winfrey" show, which focused on the Godparents Youth Organization, a group dedicated to providing students with first-hand exposure to university campuses.

The Godparents Youth Organization transported a group of high school students to CSUB by school bus from Los Angeles earlier this month. Oprah's camera crew was close by to document the students' journey to Cal State Bakersfield.

Some of the children involved in the program had never previously considered college, because of their lack of transportation to even check-out the

campuses beforehand. Thanks to the Godparents Youth Organization, these children are now able to broaden their horizons and look to attend college anywhere they please.

Aside from being on the Oprah show, CSUB's dig team will be featured on a segment of the "Bone Detectives" which is a show on The Discovery Channel. CSUB's own anthropology professor, Dr. Robert Yohe, was contacted in 2006 by the show's producers to see if he was interested in doing a one-hour segment for the show.

Dr. Yohe has been digging in Egypt every summer since 2003. In 2004, Dr. Yohe and his team stumbled upon a mummy that was uncovered by looters. They called this mummy, Mummy No. 7, and he is the focus for the team's dig. In an interview with "Inside CSUB," CSUB graduate student and dig team member Deanna Heikkinen says, "There is nothing like unraveling history in the dirt." The show will air sometime this spring.

## Korean students cont. from page 1

describe how people get around the states if they are foreign. The children learned how to ask simple questions such as. "Where is the nearest restaurant?" to "Where is the nearest restroom?" They even learned some of the most commonly used slang words such as the word "cool."

There was a field trip to Rosedale Middle School where the children partnered up with the students there for the day. They got to spend time with the students and learn about what they do on a daily basis.

Some of the American holidays discussed are Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Valentines Day and Halloween.

Instead of carving a pumpkin the children carved a pepper. The children were also taught about relationships such as friendship. On Jan. 23, 2008, the children were supposed to pan for gold, but due to bad weather conditions they learned by watching a video clip on youtube.com.

They were still able to see and learn the purpose of it. At the end of the week the children are taken on field trips.

They have been to Hearst Castle, the Getty Art Museum and Disneyland. Before they go on the field trips they learn about the place and what types of entertainment it offers. They also learn a little history of the places as well.

The purpose of this program is for the children to experience and learn about America's way of life.

"It's a good experience for the students," said Michaud. "They are a good group of students."

How do these children enroll in this type of program? According to Michaud the South Korean government makes an announcement and the children's families sign up for it.

The children are preparing for graduation and will be reviewing everything they learned this coming Friday, Feb. 1

## RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Samantha Telles, Staff Writer

This Week, The Runner asked, "What are you doing for Superbowl Sunday and who do you think will win?"



"My Uncle will come over and we'll have a little family party and there will be LOTS of food! I want the Giants to win because I hate the Patriots!"  
-Heather Wright (freshman)



"I'm going to a Super Bowl party with friends and I think the Patriots will win."  
-Amanda Lowe (sophomore)



"I'm going to my friends house for a super bowl party and I think the Patriots will win because they are unstoppable this year."  
-Sean Steed (freshman)



"Just a party at our house, of course. I think the Giants will win."  
-Michael Whittaker (senior)

# Coming events for Black History Month

By Joshua Wuillamey  
Staff Writer

**31 Jan.**

Black History Month Opening: Jump Back to the Future  
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.  
Featuring a presentation by Dee Slade, a historian on facts of blacks in Bakersfield, concerning the past and bringing it into the context of the future. There will also be a luncheon, sponsored by the black faculty and staff of CSUB.

**2 Feb.**

KCBCC Black History Celebration  
6 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel.

**4 Feb.**

AASU Button Sale in DDH.

**5 Feb.**

BMOC: Hot Link Sale  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the east side of DDH.

**7 Feb.**

BWOC: BBQ Sale  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the east side of DDH.

**9 Feb.**

10 a.m. Allensworth Celebration

9 a.m. Lee Adams Track Meet Invitational for CSUB.

**12 Feb.**

AASU: Button Sale in DDH.

**13 Feb.**

BYS: Valentine's Day Jello Sale  
12 p.m. - 5 p.m. in DDH

**15 Feb.**

Black History Pictionary Night

7 p.m. in the Stockdale Room.

All black sororities and fraternities on the CSUB campus celebrate with a night of pictionary focused on black history.

**16 Feb.**

Love Luncheon  
11 a.m. in the Stockdale CC

CSUB vs. CSULB  
7:30 p.m. at Rabobank

BYS: Valentine's Day Masquerade Party  
8 p.m. - 12 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room

**17 Feb.**

Northern & Central California Super Sunday

**18 Feb.**

AASU: Button Sale in DDH.

**20 Feb.**

BMOC: Black male forum focusing on past and present issues that black men face; addressing positive aspects in black communities currently.

**21 Feb.**

Project Runway Fashion Competition  
6 p.m. in the Stockdale Room

**22 Feb.**

BWOC: Black Movie Spotlight & Discussion (Rosewood)  
4 p.m. in BDC 153  
Participants will watch the movie Rosewood, and will discuss the movie afterward.

**23 Feb.**

Black History Parade  
10 a.m.

All CSUB African American student clubs will be participating, as well as international clubs.

**24 Feb.**

Southern California Super Sunday

**25 Feb.**

BYS: Chicken Quesadilla Sale  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on the east side of DDH.

**26 Feb.**

AASU: Button Sale in DDH

**28 Feb.**

AASU: Food For The Soul  
6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room  
An annual event at CSUB featuring guest speakers, entertainment, and variety shows by CSUB students.

**29 Feb.**

BYS: Black History Tribute  
6 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room

AASU: Gumbo & Jambalaya Sale on the east side of DDH

**1 March**

BWOC: Women-to-Women Conference  
An annual conference at CSUB sponsored by the BWOC.

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## Runners fall short to Titans

By Phillip Barnett  
Sports Editor

Last Saturday night, Cal State Fullerton's Toni Thomas led the Titans with 21 points over the women's basketball team in a 77-75 thriller.

After a 94-78 rout over Utah Valley where they seemingly made everything they threw toward the rim, the Runners struggled from the field in their first after a three game winning streak and the first of their four-game home stand.

The Runners went into Saturday's game shooting better than 36 percent from the three-point arch, but missed all four attempts in the first half and it took six more attempts for their first three-pointer to fall through the net. They finished the game having shot just over 21 percent behind the arch.

The Titans also had a terrible shooting half behind the arch in the first, but made 6-11 in the second half.

Despite their shooting woes, the Runners were still able to open up a 13-point lead with 6:25 left to play in the first half and ended the half with a 10-point lead.

Junior guard Kelly Tarver had 11 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists going into the half, spending most of the Runners offensive possessions on the lower block taking advantage of smaller defenders.

The Runners also went to the line 16 times and made 14 of them in the first half.

The second half was a completely different story. The Runners extended their lead to 14 with 17:15 left to play in the first. The lead was down to one



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Christine Kepenekian hit a game tying three point shot.

just four minutes later and the Titans had their first lead of the half with 11:10 left to play in the half.

The game's momentum started to shift when Runner forward Naomi Johnson got in foul trouble. With 19:05 left to play in the second half, Johnson picked up her first foul of the game. Five minutes and 19 seconds later, Johnson picked up her fourth foul. Obviously frustrated because of three calls against her in less than a minute, Johnson picked up a technical foul immediately after her fourth forcing her to the bench for the remainder of the game.

"It was just a bit frustrating, the way the game was being called and that obviously resulted in a couple of technicals," said head coach Tim La Kose who also picked up a technical foul after a Lyndsey Grove three-pointer. La Kose and fans alike felt like Grove traveled before she hit the

play, guard Krista Arase drove to the basket to tie the game back up after a pair of Thomas free throws.

"I knew we needed a basket so I just drove to the basket. They gave me the lane so I took it," said Arase.

At the other end of the floor Thomas would go on to make what would be the game winning lay-up with nine seconds left to play. The Runners had an opportunity to tie the game in the final seconds but a tough turn around jumper by Tarver fell short.

"Nobody ever likes to lose, especially when you're playing against these teams and you're up by a lot in the second half," said Kepenekian. "We should have closed this team out. We just have to learn from it and move on."

On Saturday, February 9 the Runners will play UC Riverside in the Icardo Center at 7 pm.

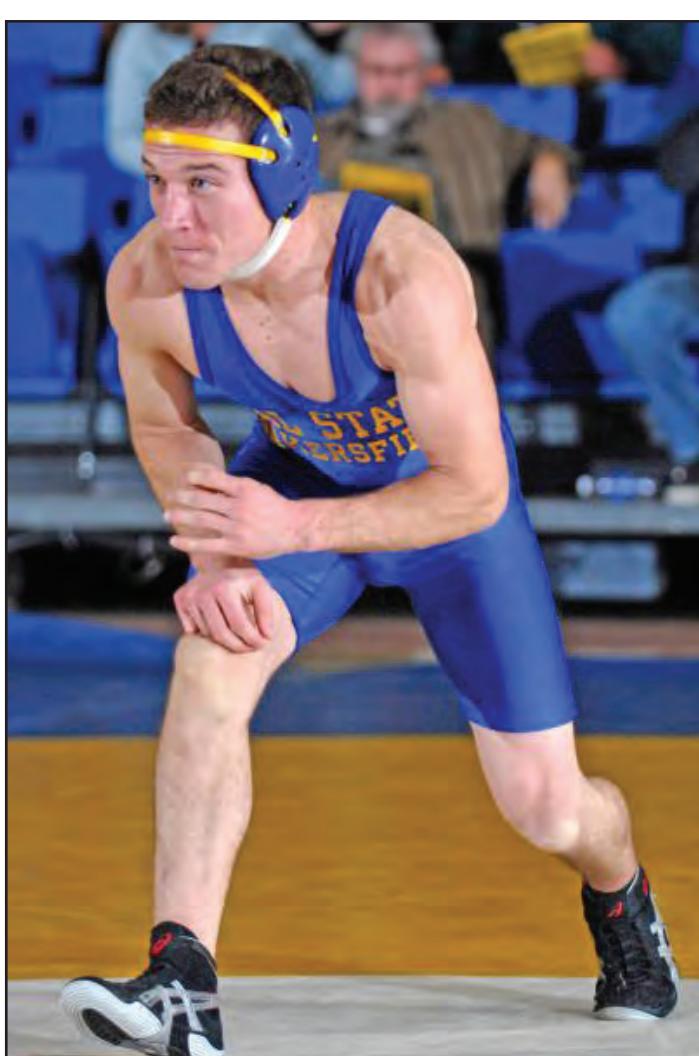
## Doyle earns Dr. Northrup Award

Courtesy of Sports Information

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. - Senior Jeremy Doyle earned the Dr. Northrup Award (Most Outstanding Wrestler) and six total CSUB wrestlers claimed individual championships Saturday at the 32nd Annual California Colleges hosted by San Francisco State.

Doyle dominated the 149 bracket, with a 16-0 technical fall, an 8-0 major decision, a pair of five-point decisions and a pin over Elwin Warsh of Cal Poly in the championship bout.

Also claiming individual titles were junior Brandon Zoetewey (125) who beat fellow Roadrunner Zack Bigboy 6-1 in the title match, redshirt freshman Elijah Nacita (141), senior Daniel Atondo (165), junior Jason Points (174) and redshirt freshman Riley



Courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Wrestler Jeremy Doyle was named Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Orozco (184).

Nacita turned in big scores on his way to the title match, with a pair of technical fall wins and

two major decisions. He would claim the championship bout in a 5-4 decision over Cal State Fullerton's Adin Duenes.

In addition to the first place finishes, junior Thomas Kimbrell finished second in the 133 division, falling in the championships match to Boise State's Andrew Hochstrasser. In the 157 division, freshman Joey Granata placed second, while at 197, Andrew Stramler and Ernesto Ancona finished second and third, respectively.

The 'Runners break from competition for a week, then head south to Cal State Fullerton for a Pac-10 dual on Sunday. CSUB will also compete in a neutral dual match with non-conference opponent Menlo College following the noon start against Fullerton.

shot. The Titans Thomas, who had a quiet first half, went to work in the second scoring 17 of her team high 21 points in the half. The Titans' Grove also had a big game adding 16 points.

Tarver kept the Runners within striking distance while the Titans tried to extend their lead by scoring nine of her game high 24 points in the final 8:08 minutes of the game.

With 1:29 Christine Kepenekian hit a big three-pointer to tie the game and with 36 seconds left to play, guard Krista Arase drove to the basket to tie the game back up after a pair of Thomas free throws.

"I knew we needed a basket so I just drove to the basket. They gave me the lane so I took it," said Arase.

At the other end of the floor Thomas would go on to make what would be the game winning lay-up with nine seconds left to play. The Runners had an opportunity to tie the game in the final seconds but a tough turn around jumper by Tarver fell short.

"Nobody ever likes to lose, especially when you're playing against these teams and you're up by a lot in the second half," said Kepenekian. "We should have closed this team out. We just have to learn from it and move on."

On Saturday, February 9 the Runners will play UC Riverside in the Icardo Center at 7 pm.



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The women dive into the pool for the 200-yard backstroke.

## Runners lose to Aggies

By Emily Shapiro  
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The UC Davis Aggies ran over the Roadrunner swimmers last Sunday at the women's last home meet of the season. The lady Roadrunners finished the day 79-120.

There were several fantastic performances among the swimmers. Diver Emily Bissett placed first in the one-meter event with 214 points.

Team captain Lexie Kelly placed first in the women's 100-yard butterfly, with a time of 1:03. In the 100-yard backstroke Erin Craft finished with a time of 1:01.

Leah Felber, Katrina Thomas, Rachel Schell and Tessa Brown made up the women's 500-yard freestyle relay and finished with a first place time of 3:54. Veronica Campbell rounded out

the winners of the day with a time of 1:08 in the 100 yard Breaststroke.

Even though her team lost the meet, Roadrunners coach Pat Skeehan had nothing but good things to say about her team and some of her swimmers.

"We had some nice performances. Erin Craft had a good day. She came in and did some nice stuff. Veronica Campbell came in and had a breakthrough," said Skeehan.

According to Skeehan, swimming against UC Davis was a good growing step to get her swimmers ready for conference.

The Roadrunner men finished the day with a score of 78-129.

Brian Lenecioni finished with a best time of 1:42 in the 200-yard freestyle. TJ Whitaker and Griffin Bracke both finished the 200-yard breaststroke, with times of 2:15 and 2:17 respectively.

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Freshman Luka Leskur finished the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:52, putting him in first place. Evan Crocker placed first in the 3-meter diving with 235 points.

Filip Zemier, Justin Burdine, Luka Leskur and Rene Hjorth all made up the team that finished the 200-yard freestyle with a first place time of 1:26.

The Lady Roadrunners will now break for a month in order to prepare for the Conference USA Championships, which will be Feb 27- March 1 in Houston, Tex.

Roadrunner men will finish their season on February 7th and 8th, with dual meets against Cal and Stanford. The meets will begin at 1 p.m. in the Hillman Aquatics Center..



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The Men dive in the pool for the 200-yard butterfly.

## One comeback not enough at Portland

Courtesy of Sports Information

PORTLAND, Ore. - The CSUB men's basketball team made one big rally, but couldn't finish a second, as the University of Portland pulled away late for a 73-63 win Friday night at the Chiles Center in Portland.

CSUB (7-14 overall) used a 15-2 run in the first half to turn an eight-point deficit into a 29-24 lead. Trailing 59-45 midway through the second half, the Roadrunners embarked on a 13-3 run that got them to within 62-58 with 3:39 to play before Portland managed to ease away for the

win.

Senior forward Demarcus Hall registered game-highs of 20 points and nine rebounds to lead CSUB while Trent Blakley chipped in 11 points and six boards. The forward tandem combined to shoot 10-of-15 from the field in the first half as the efficient Roadrunner offense made an effort to pound the ball inside.

When the second half began, however, the Roadrunners went away from their effective inside game as the guards settled for quick shots, mostly from the perimeter. While freshman point

guard Alex Johnson, poured in 11 second-half points on 4-of-6 shooting, the rest of the CSUB backcourt went 3-of-18 from the field in the second half.

Portland took full advantage of the ensuing CSUB dry spell, building its lead to 11 points early in the half and forcing the Roadrunners to play catch up for the duration.

Kramer Knutson and Taishi Ito led a balanced Portland offense with 11 points apiece. Robin Smeulders added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Pilots, who improved to 7-13 with the win.