

Connoisseurs enjoy wine at Party in the Park

By Wendy Hernandez
Assistant Editor

See, Swirl, Sniff, Sip, and Savor.

This is also known as the five Ss, essential when wine tasting. At CSUB wine tasting is possible every year. Last Friday, May 9th, the CSUB Alumni Association and Wine Society held the 12th annual Party in the Park.

Party in the Park is a wine tasting event held prior to the Bakersfield Jazz Festival. Its purpose is to raise money for the Alumni Scholarship Fund at CSUB. Last year, the event raised over \$9,000.

Tickets were sold individually for the event; however, there were presale packages available that included both the Party in the Park and the Bakersfield Jazz Festival.

At 5:30 p.m. Friday evening, guests who were wine tasting walked into the Alumni park with a wine glass they could keep as a memory. Six tents were set up in the center. Tables with fancy tablecloths and decorations were set up all around the tents. On the south end of the park, hors d'oeuvres were made available to the attendees. Right next to those tables were the auction tables; all guests were welcome to participate in a silent auction. Some of the items included for auction were artwork, jewelry, sports memorabilia, wine, and CSUB merchandise.

Green Frog Market donated sausages of many flavors such as Potato and Italian. Other indulgences included a chocolate fondue, marshmallows, fruits, vegetables, cheese, crackers and delicious spanakopita -- a Greek spinach pie.

Wineries greeted the guests and explained details about their wines. Many walked from tent to tent, circling all four sides of each tent. Over 40 different wines were available for wine tasting.

"We actually brought a case with 36 bottles for the night," said Jeremy Brown. Brown works for Valentien Restaurant and Wine Bar, which carries Clavo Wine, a wine made in Paso Robles, Calif.

Many participants have attended Party in the Park for many years.

"I have participated for at least 10 years. I love being able to see old friends that you haven't seen for while at this great event," said Dottie Johns. Johns not only enjoys drinking wine, but she also collects and



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People enjoying wine from different vineyards in California.

sells wine.

When at formal tasting events experienced wine tasters not only assess the wine color, but also swirl, smell, taste and savor the wine. Wine should be tasted in order of sparkling wines; light whites, then heavy whites; roses; light reds; heavy reds; and finally sweet wines in order to not distort judgments of tastes. Heavy wines are deeper in color and generally more intense on the nose. Sweeter wines are denser and will leave thick, viscous streaks on the inside of the glass

when swirled.

While drinking wine, it is absorbed through the skin inside. Tasting from twenty to twenty-five samplings may produce an intoxicating effect, depending on the alcoholic content of the wine. In general, tasters spit the wine out after they have evaluated its quality to prevent the effect. Spitting wine out is not rude. At Party in the Park, a couple tasters were seen spitting wine out on the grass; others dumped the wine after a sip or two. However, the majority actually finished their glass.

At one specific tent, there was table with an enormous wine bottle, at least two feet tall.

"We do actually carry wine in this bottle, but we usually carry it empty because it warms up the wine," said a representative from Frank Family Vineyards. Some of their other bottles had teardrop shaped knobs attached to the top. The purpose of the spouts is for decanting the wine. It adds air to the wine, which allows a better aroma, according to the representative.

At another table, Fresno State Winery had similar spouts. However, these spouts not only added air but also measured and stopped at an ounce and a half when turned upside down.

John Cota, a CSUB student who was attending Party in the Park for the second year, enjoyed his red wine with his wife.

"I appreciate the nice selection of wine they have. There are some local wineries and some from further north. It is just a great opportunity to try wines you couldn't taste before while meeting up with friends or colleagues."

Evita coming to CSUB

By Ekaete Udoh
Staff Writer

Music, scandal and passion that is the substance of Ava Perone's story in the musical play Evita. Born in 1919 Ava Perone, played by Jessica Trevino, rose from nothing into a woman that was loved and worshiped by the people of Argentina. Scorning the middle class she rose above moving to Buenos Aires, she made a name for herself and fell in love with Juan Perone, played by Michael Mejia. The rest of her fascinating story can be told at the show.

Mejia, who has been in seven shows, stated that he is very impressed and proud of Trevino because though this is her first show they have been able to create a good connection on stage. Trevino is actually a music student and though having been in Opera Scenes she has never been a part of a play. "She has a beautiful voice, a real understanding of the character and a real passion for this role and has worked very hard. She sings a lot," Mandy Rees stated about Trevino with a giggle.

"I have always loved this play it's really dynamic and has some really pure, from the heart, songs as well," said Rees when asked why she had chosen this play.

With a cast and crew of over 40 people and a play of this grandeur, ample time to prepare was needed, and so they have been rehearsing for eight weeks. "We did a lot of research and watched the documentary," stated Rees. Michael Meji said that he and Jessica Trevino had done a lot of research together and on their own observing how the characters moved and related to each other. "The crew was learning their job this weekend so they were



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Jessica Trevino as Ava Peron in Evita.

flying scenery in and out, follow spots, sound queue, and moving scenery. The scene shop has been working non stop," Rees commented on the immense amount of work that was done by the crew.

When asked of what challenges Rees faced during the preparation for the show she responded "just keeping it all organized with 23 scenes and figuring

out who is in which scene which side of the stage they exit, where the scenery is going to come from, those were the challenges."

"The set looks amazing all the costumes are coming together," stated Michael Mejia. Rees stated that she hoped, "they will learn about this woman and Argentina, you can't look at things so black and white, people are complex. Leave the play and it's going to be interesting to see what people thought of her, hopefully entertained. I have always loved this play its really dynamic and some really pure, from the heart songs as well," said Rees when asked why she had chosen this play.

"For students its only \$5, take your mom there take your dad there take a date and come see the show... \$5 to see a Broadway quality musical and six days to come see the show," stated Mejia .

The play is in the Dore Theatre May 15-17,23-24 at 8 and May 25 at 2pm.

CSUB student places second in statewide competition

By Ekaete Udoh
Staff Writer

Aaron Ramirez, a biology major and chemistry minor, was awarded second place in the CSU Statewide Student Research Competition for his study of the non-native deer that has been artificially introduced to Catalina Island and its affect on the vegetation on the island. The competition was held at CSU East Bay. Earlier this quarter, Ramirez won first place in the CSU Bakersfield Student Research Competition in the category of Biological Science.

Ramirez has been doing research work since the summer of 2006 with Dr. Brandon Pratt and Dr. Kenneth Gobalet. In the summer of 2007, he applied to the REU program, which is a summer research program held at different universities, and was accepted to the program at Pepperdine University. He was funded to live there for the sum-

mer and to develop his own project. This school year he was awarded the MARC U* Star Scholarship.

Ramirez said that he and his team have been going to Catalina every month to collect data samples, then to analyze and present the data.

"I am the lead author on the project while Dr. Pratt, Dr. Davis and Dr. Jacobson are the coauthors," said Ramirez. "Undergraduates don't get this opportunity very often to design their own research and carry it out. With the help of mentors I am able to do that. We have been learning some good things from this research."

"You get to apply things that you're learning in class... it has showed me that research is something that I'm interested in doing. As a result I am planning to apply to PhD programs and seek a career in research at the university level," stated

Ramirez. He also stated that it is a good experience to have the university level because it helps a student determine if doing research is something they like.

"I don't know if they know about it, or if they're just not interested in it," said Ramirez when asked if he thought that students were aware of the opportunities that the Research and Grants office offer. He noted that, because of the small department, he was able to gain this position, which is not so easily accessible at UCs, which are known for being research universities.

"Here at Cal State Bakersfield, if you interested in doing research you can pretty much pick your professor that you want to work with given that they are doing active research. It's a lot easier to find those opportunities here," said Ramirez.



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Research Spotlight: Biology professor and students excel at research

By Eman Shurbaji
Features Editor

Imagine taking on not one, not two, but four different research projects at once, teaching classes and being a mother. Dr. Antje Lauer, a biology professor, has proven all of this to be possible. With a group of undergraduate and graduate student researchers, Lauer is working on a series of projects that allow for research and teamwork among students.

Sarah Swayngim, a student researcher majoring in biology and minoring in statistics, started researching in the fall. She is looking at the possible relationship between Microcrustacean populations as natural predators of the

sisters raised in the lab, and we want to see whether the microcrustaceans protect them from Bd,” said Swayngim.

The research is significant also for California, in that there has been a decline in the populations of the foothill yellow-legged frog *Rana boylei* and the mountain yellow-legged frog (*Rana muscosa*) that live in the foothills and the higher mountains of the Sierra Nevadas surrounding the San Joaquin Valley. Looking at a similar frog species may also allow for an understanding of the nature of the pathogen Bd. Sarah will be joined by Amal Salim who will continue investigating the antifungal potential of bacterial isolates from the amphibian skin completing the work of

Electrophoresis (DGGE) and cloning and sequencing of PCR products to better understand the cutaneous microbiota on amphibians and their ability to protect them against some pathogenic fungi.

The subjects of study, a population of five *Dendrobates leucomela* frogs, survived an outbreak of Bd in the New England



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Lauren Dowell’s research focus is marine biology.

Monterey Bay. The research will allow for a greater understanding of bacterial interactions with their bryozoan hosts. Lauren uses the scanning electron microscope of the Geology Department to investigate the diversity of epibiotic microorganisms beside of other microbiological techniques to identify the associated microbes and their antifungal potential.

LeAnn English is studying fungal communities in surface soil samples in Kern County. English’s research will focus primarily on the detection of the fungus *Coccidioides immitis*, the fungus responsible for Valley Fever in the San Joaquin Valley and in identifying antagonistic microbes that can inhibit this fungus. She will be joined soon by a fellow student, Ryan Boehning. Both students take on subprojects of this project as their master’s theses.

Lauer and the student researchers have been working diligently on the projects since the fall. Although most of the students are doing the research for units, they are able to work out their schedules so that they can go by the lab and continue researching.

“They do their research as a

class and earn units,” said Lauer.

Students have presented their findings at a few conferences as well. They presented at the San Joaquin Valley Natural Communities Conference in Bakersfield in March this year. More recently, they headed to San Diego to attend the WCB-SUR Conference at Point Loma Nazarene University.

President Horace Mitchell has also gotten involved in encouraging research on campus. He recently attended a meeting with other CSU presidents in hopes of attaining external money for research, e.g. in marine biology. The main purpose behind the meeting was to encourage more students to research and to be more mindful of the environment.

Lauer can often be seen jumping from her office to the lab, as she overlooks student research. She is currently working on writing grants in hopes of attaining more money for her research projects. Nonetheless, the work of her students has shown her dedication to the field and the power of teamwork and pure interest in biology—the study of life.



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Sarah Swayngim looks over data on her laptop.

recently emerged pathogenic fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* (Bd) that is responsible for amphibian decline worldwide. Using the microcrustaceans such as *Daphnia rosea*, found at the FACT pond, she will perform an experiment in the lab to see if *D. rosea* would graze on Bd spores, and prevent amphibian species (*R. catesbeiana* as a model organism) to succumb to the disease (Chytridiomycosis).

“All the frogs are brothers and

Karie Slater who previously worked on this part of the project.

Fardows Salim is also dealing with frogs in her research, although she is investigating the cutaneous bacteria that might have an antifungal potential on *Dendrobates leucomela*, a poison dart from from South America. Salim and Lauer will be using many microbiological techniques in the laboratory, including Denaturing Gradient Gel

Aquarium in Boston, Mass., in the summer of 2007, whereas closely related species died.

Lauren Dowell’s research is unique in that it focuses on marine biology—she is currently the only researcher on campus focusing on this field; she is looking at marine species of bryozoa. Along with Lauer, she is examining the various microbial communities associated with different bryozoan species from the coastal waters of Elkhorn Slough and

Bottom Left: Fardows Salim researches the cutaneous bacteria often found on frogs.
Bottom Right: Dr. Lauer provides instruction on how to perform a procedure in the lab to Amal Salim.



RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Amanda Galindo, Broadcast News Editor

This Week, The Runner asked, “What did you do for Mother’s Day?”



“I made a card for my mom.”
-Erica Silva
Senior,
psychology



“I bought my mom chocolate, flowers, and candy, took her to dinner and had a barbecue during the day.”
-Tim Grays
Freshman,
biology



“I went to church, brunch, and my brother and I bought my mom flowers.”
-Mitchell Montero
Sophomore,
Criminal Justice



“I went to a 1920s-1940s club called “Cicada.” Everyone dressed up and danced and had a good time in L.A.”
-Chase Kreidler
Junior,
PEAK

Crime Beat

Compiled By Ashley Sizemore
Assistant Editor

Monday April 21, 2008

10:14 am Vandalism Report
Occurred at Parking Lot D. Parking lot light lens appears to be shot and shattered. Investigation is continuing.

Tuesday April 22, 2008

3:59 pm Traffic Collision (hit and run) Officer initiated activity at Camino Media/Southwest Little League. No parking sign on city has been knocked down. City be will called. Investigation is continuing.
8:59 pm Disturbance (off campus) Occurred at Lorien Dorm. Second hand information through reporting party advising that she received texts messages from son that second half is now at victim's room banging on the door. Disposition: Gone On Arrival. Area was checked and found to be secure.

Saturday April 26, 2008

6:03 pm Assist Other Agency Officer initiated activity at Marby Grange/ Calloway Dr. 901T possible rollover. Subjects fleeing. Bakersfield Police handled.
7:04 pm Vandalism Report Occurred at University Police Department. Reporting party was at an event last night at the Dore and noticed paint transfer and a dent in her vehicle. Investigation is continuing.

Monday April 28, 2008

8:20 am Suspicious Circumstances Occurred at Science 3. Juveniles setting off firecrackers. Subjects left the area.
12:10 pm Found Property Report Occurred at Dorothy Donahue Hall. Three books in a Barnes & Noble bag. The property was seized for safekeeping.

8:44 pm Suspicious Circumstances Occurred at Parking Lot H. Silver Altima with its door open. Reporting party reported no one was around the area. Vehicle was secured.

Tuesday April 29, 2008

2:04 pm Vandalism Report Officer initiated activity at Camino Media Blvd/Roadrunner Dr. Bakersfield Jazz Festival Banner damaged. Investigation is continuing.
9:41 pm Suspicious Circumstances Occurred at Parking Lot I. Roadrunner vans alarm is going off. Vehicle was secure.

Wednesday April 30, 2008

7:26 pm Hazardous Situation Occurred at Walter Stiern Library. Reporting party states there is a tree that has fallen and has been cut down and several people have almost tripped/fallen, is requesting 2 cones to be placed around the trees. Area was secured.

Friday May 2, 2008

9:39 am Disturbance (on campus) Occurred at Parking Lot K. Subject refusing to remove his trailer from the dirt east of Lot k. Vehicle was moved prior to arrival.
10:35 am Suspicious Circumstances Occurred at Education Building. Subject soliciting females to take his picture for a website. Subject is a male, longer hair, heavy set in his 40s wearing white/cream shirt and jeans. 5'9" to 6' approx 250lbs. Subject left the area prior to our arrival.

Saturday May 3, 2008

4:57 pm Petty Theft Report Occurred at AYSO Soccer Fields. Reporting party left purse in a porta-potty at Relay for Life, when she returned the purse was gone. Investigation is continuing.

Sunday May 4, 2008

5:35 am Disturbance Occurred at AYSO Soccer Fields. Juvenile appeared to be possibly intoxicated. Subject was released to parents.
9:51 am Check the Welfare Occurred at Science 2. Reporting party was watching the CSUB Owl Cam online and it appeared two of the owls were possibly dead or injured. Checks Ok. After checking on them.

Monday May 5, 2008

10:33 Suspicious Circumstances Occurred at Science 3. Subjects were spitting and wiping snot on a board in Science 3. Subject was counseled about this type of activity.
11:27 pm Suspicious Circumstances Occurred at Quad Area. Two male subjects and one female subject on bikes marking up the sidewalks w/ chalk, last seen heading towards the Music building. Field Interview. Subjects were counseled about this type of activity.

Wednesday May 7, 2008

1:25 pm Hazardous Situation Officer initiated activity at Dorm area. Male with two young children appear to be fishing in the pond west of the children center. Advised and Complied. Subjects stayed outside the fence.
6:49 pm Suspicious Subject Occurred at Numeror Dorm. Four male adults selling rap CD's. All subjects appear to be wearing hats and large T-shirts and jeans. Advised and Complied. Subjects left the area.
6:49 pm Possible Sex Crimes Report Occurred at Dorm Area. Victim is a dorm resident. Investigation is continuing.

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Students enjoying the festivities at the 36th annual Spring Barbecue.

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36th annual Spring Barbecue a success

By Nathan Campbell
Editor in Chief

Last Thursday, CSUB kicked off a fun-filled weekend with the annual Spring Barbecue. The annual event hosted raises funds for the CSUB athletics program. The volunteer staff was grilling chicken and steak on seven large grills to feed the hundreds of people who turned out for the event. The other items on the menu included breadsticks, beans and salad. A variety of pies and ice cream were also served for dessert. The main attraction of the night, however, seemed to be in the drinks rather than the food. In addition to all-you-can-drink complimentary wine, several alcohol venders were on site to provide a variety of alcoholic beverages including many types of beer and wine. By the end of the evening, the wine table was running pretty dry and the crowd seemed to become increasingly more intoxicated as barbecue-goers took to the dance floor while the more-sober onlookers watched with bemusement at the inebriated antics of certain dancers.



Patrons enjoying food and beverages at the the Spring Barbecue.

Juan Torres/ The Runner

The live entertainment for the evening was provided by Thee Majestics - an oldies band which has seemingly become a staple of all CSUB fundraisers. In addition to the booze and food, many businesses and organizations around town were on hand to give away free promotional items and literature. The Bakersfield Blaze was also

present at the event and hosted a pitching contest to raise additional funds for the Athletics Department. Every hour, the fastest pitch would win a trip for two to Reno. The tried and true combination of food, alcohol and live music lent itself to create quite a successful evening for the 36th annual barbecue as was commented on by several students attending the event. “Everything has been awesome!” said “super” senior Melissa Knoche. Her dining companion, senior Amanda Weddle was quick to chime in, “The energy here is fabulous. I’m glad I came.”

Wrestlers rank among top NCAA DI academic teams

Courtesy of Sports Information
The CSUB wrestling team earned the No. 13 ranking of all NCAA Division I institutions on the National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic Top 30 list, released Thursday. In addition to the team award, junior Thomas Kimbrell and red-shirt freshmen Riley Orozco and Elijah Nacita were named to the individual All-Academic wrestling team by the NWCA. For teams to be eligible for consideration, teams comprise 12 student athletes, including the 10 wrestlers who competed in their respective NCAA tournament conference qualifier. Individually, wrestlers must have at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA, been an NCAA qualifier or won 60 percent of his total schedule – and must have competed in at least 60 percent of said schedule. The other way to qualify for the All-Academic team is have a 3.0 cumulative and been an NCAA All-American. American and Duke tied for the top ranking on the team list, each holding a 3.335 GPA. Liberty (3.286), Stanford (3.269) and Princeton (3.209) rounded out the top five schools. Bakersfield’s No. 13 ranking

tied the school’s highest finish on the list, which it also achieved in 2007, though its GPA of 3.06 is up from last year’s 2.9441. Against their Pac-10 opponents, the Roadrunners trailed only Stanford, while no other conference opponent qualified. In addition, CSUB finished above three of the six Ivy League institutions that sponsor wrestling. Harvard was No. 15 with a 3.018 GPA, Cornell was No. 21 with a 2.943 GPA and Penn was No. 29 with a 2.901 GPA. On the individual list, Kimbrell, Orozco and Nacita were among 88 total wrestlers to earn the All-Academic honor, up 35 percent from last year’s 57-member team. Kimbrell, a political science major with a 3.70 GPA went 19-12 this season, culminating with a fifth place finish at the Pac-10 Championships. Nacita, a business administration major with a 3.23 GPA, finished the season with a 29-12 record, the third most wins on the 2008 squad. Orozco, a criminal justice major with a 3.34 GPA, went 25-15, placed fourth at the Pac-10 Championships and earned a trip to the NCAA National Championships.

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Lopez named athlete of the meet at NAC Championships

Courtesy of Sports Information
After Day One
Steve Trojanowski, Alex Haver and Brian Lopez earned first place finishes in their respective events Friday, helping lift the CSUB men’s track & field team to a first place team standing through the opening day of the 2008 National Athletic Conference Championships at Clarence Robison Track on the campus of Brigham Young University. On the women’s side, Ke’Airra Jones and Katina Frugulietti posted first place marks, putting the Roadrunner women in second overall through six scoring events. “The weather was cold and windy and you never know how a young team is going to respond to a championship event,” said CSUB Head Coach Alan Collatz, “but we were very happy with the performances today.” Jones, a freshman, and senior Peace Nwosu, kicked off the day with a one-two performance in the women’s high jump. Jones matched her personal best with a 5-7 mark while Nwosu jumped 5-5 for the runner-up position. Frugulietti, a sophomore, won the women’s hammer, and set a big new personal best with a hurl of 166-06, nearly five feet beyond her previous best mark. In the women’s long jump, freshman Brianna Woodfox scored a personal best and a second place finish with a jump of 18-4.25. Those performances for the ‘Runner women led to 36 team points Saturday, putting CSUB in second behind host Utah Valley University. On the men’s side, Trojanowski, a junior, posted a first place mark of 185-11 in the hammer, also a personal best by three inches. Senior Bryan Romero placed second with a personal best mark of 159-01 and junior Clayton Morovich was fourth with a mark of 129-10. Senior Brian Lopez won the men’s javelin with a hurl of 186-02, while freshman Alex Haver tied his personal best with a 6-4.75 first place mark in the

men’s high jump. Freshman Ryan Nichols rounded out the Runners’ Friday place winners, finishing second in the men’s long jump (21-7.25). Bakersfield’s men tallied 52 points through five scoring events to hold a first place team standing over Utah Valley (44 points). In addition to the scoring events, a number of CSUB runners qualified for Saturday’s finals with solid times in the qualifying heats. Freshman Cameron Jost earned the top qualifying time (49.14) in the 400-meter dash, while also qualifying for the 200-meter dash finals. Jones and sophomore Sheena Cooper will move on to the 200-meter dash finals while Cooper also advances to the 100-meter dash finals. Action continues at the National Athletic



Brian Lopez was named athlete of the meet.

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San Francisco. Lopez set a personal record in winning the shot put with a toss of 52-8 1/4. He came back to throw 145-3 in the discus, good for a second-place finish behind freshman teammate Derek Johnson’s win-

ning mark of 162-7. “What a well-deserved honor for Brian and what a way for our only senior to finish his career,” said CSUB Head Coach Alan Collatz. “We’re so young that maybe the best thing to come out of this meet was the experience we gained and Brain certainly showed our younger athletes how to compete in championship conditions.” Lopez and Johnson weren’t the only ‘Runner men to have a big day Saturday. Freshman sprinter Cameron Jost (Liberty HS) set two P.R.s, winning the 400-meters in 48.68 before placing fourth in the 200 in a personal-best 22.34 despite running into a headwind. Jost closed a solid weekend by anchoring CSUB’s victorious mile relay team. On the women’s side, sophomore Katina Frugulietti (Liberty HS) picked up CSUB’s lone event win Saturday, taking top honors in the discus at 130-1. Her mark was more than 13 feet better than runner-up Kemry Wells of Utah Valley University. Behind Frugulietti’s event win, the Runner women finished in fourth place behind Utah Valley, USF and Houston Baptist. The Runners also received a couple of impressive results on the track. Sophomore sprinter Sheena Cooper (Liberty HS) finished third in the 100 in a time of 12.47. Meanwhile, freshman Ke’Airra Jones ran a blazing split of 55.8 while anchoring CSUB’s mile relay team to a fourth-place finish. “We had some nice performances on the women’s side, but for most of our team, this was the first time competing outdoors at altitude,” said Collatz. “Like the men, our women’s team is very young as well, so this experience will help set the foundation for next season.” The NAC Championship meet was the final athletic competition for all CSUB sports in 2007-08. The Runners put the wraps on year two of their four-year transition process to full NCAA Division I status.