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## Roadrunners invade Sin City



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## CSUB women aim for first WAC championship

By Johnathan Wheatley  
Assistant Sports Editor

The CSU Bakersfield women's basketball team is ready for the Western Athletic Conference tournament in Las Vegas, Nev at The Orleans arena.

After a rollercoaster non-conference schedule that saw the Roadrunners go 6-8, CSUB saw resurgence in its offense and defense for WAC play. Opening conference with a 2-2 record, CSUB went on to go on a 8-game win streak, defeating every team in the conference at least once. During that win streak the Roadrunners got a taste of first place in the conference.

On the final day of conference play and senior night for the Roadrunners, a chance to clinch the No.1 overall seed for the WAC tournament fell from the fingertips of CSUB.

A one-point loss in double overtime to Grand Canyon University, the No.3 seed in the WAC tournament, dropped CSUB to the no.2 seed in

### Players to watch

<b>Aja Williams</b> 12.9 Pts, 5.4 Rebs, 2.1 Ast	<b>Alexxus Gilbert</b> 9.6 Pts, 1.0 Stl, 84% FT	<b>Jazmyne Bartee</b> 6.3 Pts, 6.8 Rebs, 2.0 Blk

the WAC tournament. The first game for the Roadrunners will be against the seventh-seeded Vaqueros. "It's just another team in our way to our goal, we have to take care of them first and do the same things we've been doing in the scouting reports," said senior guard Aja Williams on facing UTRGV. CSUB came out on top over UTRGV in both matchups this year. The first matchup in Edinburg, Texas was a nail biter and the Roadrunners in overtime took the victory on the road, 67- 64. Senior forward Jazmyne Bartee had

a double-double in the game scoring 13 points and grabbing 19 rebounds. Eight of the rebounds were offensive rebounds. Bartee is named to this years All-WAC Defensive team, her second after being chosen last year for the same honor. On Feb.10 at the Icardo Center, the Roadrunners took in complete control of the game. The Vaqueros scored a dismal four points in both the first and second quarter and were down 37-8 at halftime. The Roadrunners continued to score and defeated UTRGV by 41, 71-30. Williams is averaging 13.0 points,

faced the sixth-seeded Utah Valley University team in the first round and were upset 59-53 in overtime. The first game for CSUB is today at 2:30 p.m. and can be seen on ESPN3.

"We're alot more focused, we can't underestimate any team. We know the level of intensity it is going to take for us to win this [WAC tournament]," said Bartee.

If the Roadrunners win they will play against the winner of the matchup between the no.3 seed GCU and no.6 UVU in the semifinals.

CSUB swept UVU this season, 63-58 and 64-60. The team went split the season series against GCU, 69-40 and 76-77.

"For us we have to take care of ourselves. We don't have a preference, we know what we have to deal with with both of them," said head coach Greg McCall on UVU and GCU. The semifinal game will be on Friday, March 9 at noon at The Orleans Arena.

CSUB men's basketball team marches into the Western Athletic Conference tournament as the No. 7 seed. Read up the men's side of the story on page 7.



Photo by Simer Khurana/ The Runner

## REFERENDUM

## Vote passes at 61 percent, new aquatics center to be built soon

By Sonia Lemus and  
Armando Estrada  
Runner Staff

The passing of the Student Fee Referendum is expected to bring major changes to CSU Bakersfield and the Antelope Valley (AV) Campus in the coming years.

The vote will result in the \$37 million project being funded. Fees for the aquatic facility will be \$20 per semester and the Student Union expansion will be \$40 the first semester increasing \$40 every semester until caps at \$160, totaling in \$180 after four years.

While the Student Recreation Center is expected begin the construc-

tion of the aquatics center immediately, the Student Union expansion won't happen until another three years.

"A policy initiated by the Chancellor's office says you need ten percent of the funding before you begin building the project. The SRC already has more than ten percent saved up that is why they can start building," said Anthony Briseño, vice president of university affairs for Associated Students Inc.

The reason why the ten percent is needed is because the CSU funds the rest of the project as if it were giving the school a loan. The fees students pay would be payments made towards that loan.

"Technically, the CSU system is paying the loan. It will be about a 20 to 30 year loan," said Briseño.

The AV campus students will also be paying the fee, but they will be getting their own benefits.

According to the CSUB website, what the AV Campus students want upgraded classroom furniture, upgraded technology services, transportation to seven athletics games, and a fall and spring outdoor adventures SRC trip, amongst other requests.

AV campus students also voted in the referendum.

The money collected from both the AV campus and the main campus will be pooled together, according

to Briseño.

The passing of the referendum is seen with only 17 percent of the student population voting.

There are some students who did not vote and are upset about the decision.

Lester Johnson, a junior engineering major takes issue with the votes. Johnson placed no vote but said that had it been easily accessible, he would have.

"Had I known that a vote was taking place, I would have voted. I think it's ridiculous that students will be paying for these facilities when graduating students will not see them. It's not like I'm going to come back to CSUB for a retro-

active membership to swim," said Johnson.

Students opposed to the expansion often cite the argument that they will not be present to reap the benefits of the expansion.

Freshman kinesiology major Alejandra Ruiz said, "I'm down for it because it will provide a lot more jobs. People say, 'What's the point of it, we won't be here.' Well the way universities got big is because they had expansions."

Maranda Maliska said she thinks the promotion and the voting process for the referendum was not very good.

"They mainly promoted it on Instagram. The problem with that

is that many students don't have Instagram. They should have set up booths and had voting in person," said Maliska.

Some students were happy with the results of the referendum but chose not to vote.

Audrey Chun, a freshman kinesiology major said, "I was too lazy to vote, but I would like to see the expansion of the school."

While there is no definite timeline for when the projects will be completed, it is estimated that the aquatics center will be seen in about two years, and the Student Union expansion will begin construction in about three years.

## FACILITIES

## New advising building under construction

By Dylan Bryant  
Assistant News Editor

Students will see a new building on campus in the coming weeks, thanks to a grant from the Department of Education.

The building, which is currently under construction, just south of the Business Development Center near the two Engineering Buildings, will be called the Science Student Center.

About a year and a half ago, Dr. Charles Lam, a professor of applied mathematics, applied for the grant from the DOE. The grant was awarded through the DOE's Hispanic-Serving Institutions Division.

According to the DOE's website, this division, "provides grant funding to institutions of higher education to assist with strengthening institutional programs, facilities, and services to expand the educational opportunities for Hispanic-American

icans and other underrepresented populations."

"It is a \$6 million grant, and the grant is to find strategies to help freshman-level science, technology, engineering, and mathematics students," said Dr. Lam. "Part of the grant is to have a separate building [as] a centralized location for advising. Once it's finished, the NSME advisors will move into that building, and that will free up some offices for Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering faculty."

Not only will the NSME advisors now have their own building, but they will also have space in the building to hold enhanced workshops, meant to help science technology engineering and mathematics (STEM) students survive their first year of college.

"There are studies that show that students are more prone to drop out in the first year, because they are not used to college and they don't

know what it is about. We know that the STEM students have special needs as well. So we want to target the STEM students," said Dr. Lam.

Dylan Anderson, a senior in electrical engineering, explained what students struggle with.

"Most of the STEM majors I talk to, a lot of their problems lie in the advising aspect of it and getting the classes they need on time," said Anderson.

"The NSME student center holds the key to what the students need, but it's not known to most students that it even exists. So, having a dedicated center that is well known is going to be beneficial," said Anderson.

The building will cost between \$1.1 and \$1.2 million, said Dr. Lam.

It will have a maximum occupancy of 82 people, and is expected to be completed by mid-April, according to Michael Lukens, director of public affairs and communications.



Andrew Paredes/The Runner

A new advising building is in the process of being built on the southwest side of campus at CSU Bakersfield on Feb. 26, 2018.

## HEALTH

## Women unaware of lactation rooms at CSUB

By Richard Gonzales  
Reporter

Multiple lactation rooms have been designated for new and expecting mothers, yet most of the campus community is unaware of their locations and hours of operation. All lactation rooms on campus are open to staff, students, and faculty of CSU Bakersfield.

For new and expecting mothers, it is common to manually express milk every three hours. The ability for new mothers to perform this task has been difficult, as lactation rooms on campus are not advertised, and web searches yield only one of the three confirmed lactation rooms.

Assistant Director of the Student

Health Center, Erika Delamar, offered insight into the university's advertised lactation room.

"We do have a lactation room available and it's available to students, staff, and faculty. It is only open during our hours of operation, which is 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday."

Utilization of the lactation room in the Student Health Center follows a simple checkout procedure, where the occupant signs in and collects a pass to the designated room.

"The room has a locking door, an occupied sign, privacy curtains, and an attached bathroom," said Delamar.

While the Student Health Center's lactation room is not advertised around campus, it can be found on

the center's web page.

Expressed milk may not be stored in the center, however, it can be preserved at room temperature for several hours after pumping.

CSUB lecturer, Rachael Hays, was unaware of the Student Health Center's designated lactation room.

"I had my son in between the semesters, and it would have been great knowing it was there, because I had to pump. And so I basically had to hide in an office and pump, and it was very uncomfortable," said Hays.

"I would have happily used a lactation room, where I could have pumped and been in a more comfortable situation."

Hays adds that any exposure for the Student Health Center's lactation

room would be valued by mothers in need of the service.

There is another lactation room that will be built on the fourth floor of the library, says Curt Asher, dean of the Walter Stern Library.

"I think it will be an important benefit, a necessity," said Asher.

The exact date of the opening for the newly added lactation room on campus has not yet been confirmed.

Although the designated room has not officially opened, it is underway to become available to staff, students, and faculty.

There is a need for advertisement of the lactation rooms available to women on campus.

Asher said that the lactation room in the library will be better promoted to the campus community.

## SECURITY

## UPD to set up new camera locations

By Alejandra Alberto  
Reporter

University Police Department will be installing security cameras in the perimeters of the Humanities Complex and the Visual Arts Buildings.

UPD wasn't involved in the planning of the Humanities building, therefore the cameras weren't installed ahead of time. The cameras are now being installed as a precautionary measure.

The completion date is to be determined since Chief Marty Williamson is still in search of funding for the cameras.

There will also be an installation of cameras at the new bus stop on Don Hart East Drive.

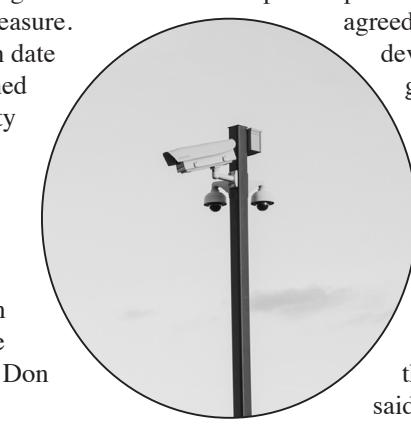
The intent of the installation is to cover the perimeters of the building, mainly focusing on doorways and blind spots, so that police can provide security in the event that anything were to occur.

The total amount for the cameras is estimated to be between \$30 to \$40 thousand, which includes labor, installation, and two years' worth of maintenance.

There will be 11 or 12 cameras installed.

Williamson stated that he regularly goes around campus to assess potential risks to the campus, and develops plans to resolve them.

"It comes from an overall global view of safety and security on the campus. I've added some on different buildings that just seem to be in a more secluded area, not that they're unsafe, but it's just not as well traveled," said Williamson.



Ana Canales/The Runner

Cameras located on the corner of Don Hart East Drive and Kroll way.

Mayra Vargas, criminal justice major, thinks they

should install more cameras out in the parking lots.

"I disagree with the use of cameras, especially if they are not being monitored all the time. I think the money should be put to better use or they should install more in the parking lots," Vargas said.

There are still many areas on campus that don't have cameras installed due to the costs of installation and maintenance.

Williamson determines where the foot traffic is, and where the secluded areas on campus are, to determine where best to install cameras.

Both Williamson and Wallace explore opportunities for projects and funding since there is not money necessarily allotted for security measures.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

## The Runner receives 4 awards at conference

2017 issue, which put a spotlight on CSUB's Clergy Report and Title IX report.

The Runner also won two awards under the California College Media Association.

The Runner Online was entered into the Best Mobile Website competition, where it took first place.

Finally, The Runner newspaper won an honorable mention for the article, "Building a D-1 legacy," written by former Editor-in-Chief, Esteban Ramirez.

This story discussed CSUB mens' basketball team's path towards national recognition.

"These accomplishments weren't possible without contributions from our entire staff, it's truly a total team effort," said Peter Castillo, current editor-in-chief of The Runner.

Since CSUB has now grown past 10,000 students, The Runner competes against larger California schools such as UC Berkeley and San Jose State.



Jennifer Burger/ Adviser to The Runner  
Runner staff display the awards won at the Associated Collegiate Press convention in Long Beach, California on March 3.

Burger says that as The Runner continues to grow, it is looking towards these larger universities as models.

Burger said, "I'm proud of our staff for how hard they work to cover the news that's important to CSUB."

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# FEATURES

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## AWARDS

# Recent CSUB alumni share stories of inspiration

By Runa Lemminn  
Features Editor

Four CSU Bakersfield alumni came back and told students what finding a job is really like after graduation, at an event held on Feb. 23.

The alumni, recipients of the 2018 Rising Runner Award, spoke to an audience of well over 100 people, and gave some well-received advice about life in the real world after graduation.

The Rising Runner Awards Ceremony is held every year to recognize some of CSUB's exceptional alumni who graduated within the last 10 years.

This year's honorees were Derek Abbott, Ryan Drakos, Katie O'Sullivan, and Michael Pawloski.

Each of the four alumni, one from each school at CSUB, had interesting stories to tell about their adventures after graduating.

Students found the stories relatable.

Fatma Ali, a junior psychology major said, "One of the main reasons I came is that I heard the alumni is going to be talking about basically where they are and how

they got there. I just wanted to hear what they have to say."

Following the presentation of the awards, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jenny Zorn moderated a discussion panel and question and answer session with the recipients.

One of the topics covered how to find a job after graduating.

Drakos, the awardee from the School of Social Sciences and Education, and currently an accounting manager at Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds, said he feels recent graduates should dedicate a lot of time every week to their job search.

"You need to approach finding a job as a full-time job. So you're expected to work 40 hours a week, that's standard, your job should be working 40 hours a week to find a job," said Drakos. "Don't expect that high paying job right out the gate."

O'Sullivan, the recipient from the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering, agreed and said it would be a mistake to not apply for as many jobs as possible. While she said she loves her current work teaching science classes to CSUB students, it took several

different jobs before she got back to the one she really loves at CSUB.

"Even though we think 'oh, this job doesn't sound like my dream job,' or 'I don't know if I'm qualified for it,' I think not applying for those types of jobs is a mistake," said O'Sullivan.

The alumni also had some good advice on how to stand out in an interview.

Pawloski, the Rising Runner from the School of Arts and Humanities, admitted to wearing Hoffman Hospice colors to his interview at Hoffman Hospice. He got the job.

Pawloski also said he made a point to ask the interviewers themselves questions such as "why do you work for this company?"

Abbott, the CSUB School of Business and Public Administration's Rising Runner, said he sent out resumes with an open pistachio nutshell taped to them and his name written inside it, titled "Derek in a nutshell."

All four recipients said that even the CSUB classes they might have thought were unnecessary wound up benefiting them.

O'Sullivan said every class she has taken at CSUB has helped



Provost and V.P. for Academic Affairs Jenny Zorn moderates the Rising Runner panel, from left Derek Abbott, Ryan Drakos, Katie O'Sullivan, and Michael Pawloski on Feb. 23 at CSUB's Stockdale Room.

her. While some classes could be applied directly to her work, others made her a better person.

She gave the example of her religious studies class, which she said is completely opposite of geology.

"I'm more sympathetic towards other cultures and other religions because of that class. Even though I don't use it in my job, it made me a better human being," said O'Sullivan.

Drakos agreed with O'Sullivan. He said as an accounting manager, he does look at some of the principles he learned in classes at CSUB.

"Save your notes," he said.

After the event, students said they were happy to hear the advice from the alumni.

"I felt a little relieved. This is an amazing event. I'm sure I'm not the only student who felt that way," said Ali.

Connor Morrow, a sophomore biology major, said the event was very enlightening and he enjoyed coming to it.

"It was great to hear from all these people that have actually gone through a lot of the same challenges everyone goes through," said Morrow.

## HOMECOMING

# CSUB students dance the night away in Morocco

By Norma Hernandez  
Reporter

The beautiful country of Morocco with its majestic scenery, exquisite architectural designs, and vibrant décor inspired this year's homecoming dance theme. Campus Programming hosted, "A Night in Morocco," giving CSU Bakersfield students the inexpensive chance to dance the night away in Morocco at

the Marriott Hotel on Feb. 24.

The dance offered a variety of different appetizers, sweets, and snacks. The DJ put the right music to get everyone on the dance floor, but there was also enough lounge areas for tired guests.

The turnout for the dance was agreeable. Campus Programming sold about 600 tickets. One ticket for a CSUB student cost \$5 and tickets for non-students cost \$10.

Xanah Siripane, an economics major, said, "I was very surprised, I thought it would be expensive."

Juleene De Leon said that the price was reasonable because in high school, students pay \$50 to \$60 for their school dances.

The day of the dance, several students arrived early at around 9 p.m. but most students still struggled to find parking.

Beatriz Munoz, a freshman psy-

chology major, said that she made several trips around the parking lot to avoid parking too far from the venue.

"We went like all around [for about] half an hour," said Munoz.

Several students didn't know that the hotel offered shuttle services to and from the Beale Memorial Library parking lot, across the street.

Lupita Lopez, a business administration major, said that she took

the shuttle because she saw it and took the opportunity to get a ride rather than to walk at night.

Before guests could enter the venue, they had to sign a fee waiver and put on their bracelets to indicate their age because alcohol was being served. As students approached the entrance, there was a line to take pictures at a photobooth covered with purple, yellow, and pink drapes.

Head over to [therunneronline.com](http://therunneronline.com) to check out a photo gallery of Homecoming night.



## What's Happening Around Campus

### March

8 CSUB CNSA's Pre-nursing Picnic: 3 p.m. SU Patio

8-9 Wall Gallery: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness: WSL

8-18 Theatre Production: The Importance of Being Earnest: 8 p.m. Mar. 8-17 2 p.m. on Mar. 18 Dore Theatre

10 First Aid/CPR/AED Class: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. SRC

12-16 MSA Henna Fundraiser: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. DDH: Red Brick Road

13 IDP:Gender in the Outdoors: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. SRC

14-15 Graduation Workshop: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. DDH 101G

14 Career Expo Prep Resume-Spring CECE: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. DDH 101E

16 ALS Day and Faculty Recognition Luncheon: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dezember Reading Rm.

20 Runner Nights Promo S'18: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. SU Patio

Writer in Residence: Matt Woodman, Poet: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Dezember Reading Rm.

21 Identify Fake News: 2 p.m. Dezember Reading Rm.

22 Piano Studio Recital: 12:15 pm First Congregational Church

Fab Lab Hours Tuesday: 12:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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## CRIME

# How to report sexual assault

By Chelsea L. McDowell  
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield continues to offer help and resources to students in the spring 2018 semester, as more men and women come forward as victims of sexual assault and rape.

The Department of Justice Archives updated the definition of rape to mean "the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim."

Sexual assault is any type of sexual contact that occurs without the expressed consent of the person.

If rape or sexual assault happens on any part of the campus, victims can call the emergency number for the University Police Department at (661) 654-2111, and talk to a dispatcher, who will ask questions about the crime before dispatching officers.

If a rape happens off campus, the Bakersfield Police Department should be called, dial 911.

UPD Cpl. Carla Martinez has

sponse Team (SART) Center, where evidence would be collected for legal proceedings. The SART Center also treats for STIs and provides the Plan B pill.

The Health Center is not an evidence collection site.

It is important to act immediately, before showering or changing clothes. Forensic exams—or SART tests—can reveal evidence for up to five days, but it is best to be examined at most 72 hours after the assault occurs. However, if someone decided to go to the Health Center after the first five days, Sanchez would still refer the student to the SART Center.

There is no cost of the exam for students, because it is covered by the police department's jurisdiction in which the crime took place.

"If they don't want to make a report," Delamar said, "we treat the student here ... We can give Plan B, we can prophylactically treat for STDs or we can test you for STDs. We give them that choice."

Vanessa Corona is the student advocate on campus and she is located in the Rohan Hall, Room 102.

"[Corona] is an advocate who can walk you through the process, can go over to the exam with you, basically be a support system for you," Delmar said.

While CSUB offers several options for victims of rape or sexual assault, there are many reasons why these crimes go

unreported. Biology major Melissa Digwo believes that rape goes unreported because of fear of the assailant.

"I believe that most students who don't report rape is due to harassment from the person that did the incident to them," Digwo said.

"Another thing would probably be like no one would believe them."

Political science major and senior Adrianna Wofford believes campus rapes don't get reported as often as they happen due to psychological effects caused by the traumatic experience.

"I think most people retreat into themselves and just pretend like it never happened, and so when they go back to it there's no actual memory because they blocked it out," Wofford said.

Martinez would like to remind those who have experienced any form of sexual assault, that CSUB offers help.

"We have resources at the counseling center, the health center, any professor in their department," Martinez said. "Whoever they're comfortable with, they can bring in a friend or anybody would be willing to help them."



## LEADER Program

### Final Orientation

March 9th @ 10am

Student Union—Green Rm

### BLUEPRINT

Time Management—3/14 11am

25Live Training—4/3 2:30pm

All Workshops located in SU Blue Rm



## STUDENT LIFE

# Japan and Beyond Club welcomes lovers of Asian culture and anime



Students meet at the Japan and Beyond Club on Friday, Feb. 23. The club meets every Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Business Development Center in Room 154.

By Christopher Sanchez

Reporter

Are you an otaku? Do you love all things kawaii and chibi? Have you been told your shipping of characters is excessive and borderline unhealthy? If you answered yes to any of this, you need to find the Japan and Beyond Club.

Japan and Beyond meets every Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the Business Development Center in Room 154. The club focuses on Japanese culture, anime, games, and events.

"Anyone is welcome to come. We appreciate different cultures coming together," said Josue Cruz, senior business major and club president.

"If you feel like your culture is misrepresented, we'd want you to come by and present it to the club."

The club is very active and hosts

an array of events. Their meetings are fun and they include members in their activities.

The club was putting together a Discord karaoke session for Feb. 24. Anyone who has the app can go on the voice channel, find the public link, and listen.

Joe Nitro, a sophomore computer science major had his hands full trying to convince his fellow club members to participate.

"The karaoke is about expressing our talents. We wanted to do this and it's nice that we don't have to sing in a public place. This will be our second attempt," said Nitro.

Japan and Beyond's big event for the semester will be their matsuri on April 20 from 4-9 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center at CSUB. Matsuri is Japanese for a festival or celebration.

This event will be a festival that will highlight Japanese culture. It is a free event for both students and the community. Activities include games, a vendor hall, free food, and Taiko drumming.

In the second half of the meeting, Cruz led the club in a sumo wrestler origami session.

After the club finished their origami sumo wrestlers, members battled each other. Participants placed their wrestlers on a raised surface and tapped repeatedly on the surface to make the wrestlers move. It looked and sounded like a drum circle. The winning wrestler was the last one standing.

"We try to do one activity or presentation," said Tony Mendez, senior poly-science major. "One time we did this game show from Korea where you put a gummy worm on your forehead and have to get it into your mouth without using your hands."

Cody Besinaiz, senior communications major got second place in the sumo origami tournament and was proud of his newly created paper fighter.

"We really didn't have a strategy. We just went in and fought our own way. He's small, but he kicked butt. I'm proud of him," said Besinaiz.

If you knew shipping meant pairing unlikely characters, chibi meant short, otaku meant a person obsessed with certain aspects of culture, and kawaii meant cute, you'll fit right in.

If you love anime, Japanese culture, or you just find yourself on campus on Friday afternoons, stop by and check out Japan and Beyond.

## COMMUNITY

# Pokemon Go trainers assemble to catch 'em all

By Christopher Sanchez

Reporter

Pokémon trainers scoured all Pokéstops, parks, and spawn sites that could drop a rare shiny Dratini on Pokémon Go's second community day, on Feb. 24 from 11a.m. to 2p.m PST. The event was worldwide.

With a backpack full of portable batteries, charging cables, Mountain Dew, and my comfortable Pumas, I began a quest to find as many shiny Dratinis as I could.

In Pokémon Go, a Dratini is a rare and difficult Pokémon to find. Most trainers hatch their Dratinis from eggs and can occasionally find this Pokémon near bodies of water.

Niantic, the company that created Pokémon Go, raised the spawn rate from .30% and introduced a shiny pink variation of Dratini into the game.

Steven Watts, a sophomore kinesiology major, had his own tactic during the community day.

"My strategy for community day was to drive to different lots and catch as many as possible. I was

able to catch over 200 Dratinis and six shiny Dratinis."

I started my hunt at CSUB. The campus has a variety of Pokéstops, gyms, and high spawn rates. 28 minutes into the event, I found my first shiny Dratini, but it was disappointing that more people weren't playing on campus, so I decided to go to Riverwalk park next.

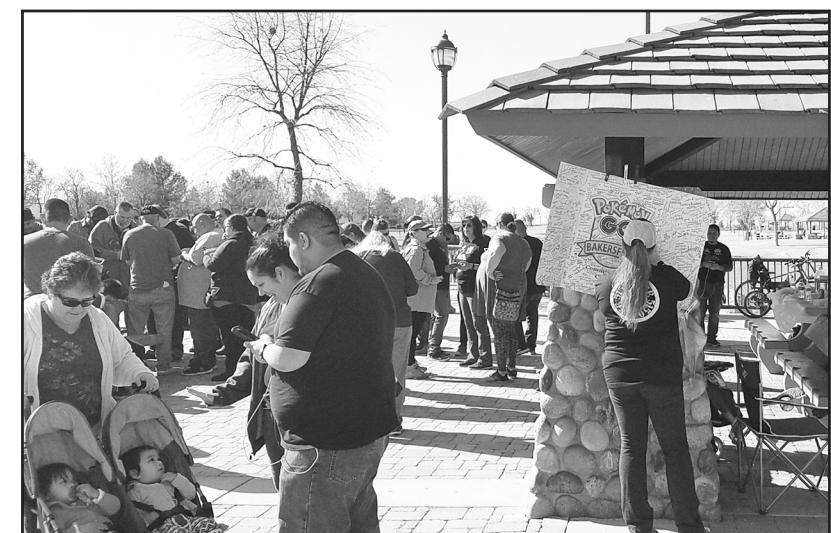
It felt like the whole Pokémon Go community in Bakersfield was at the park. Over 300 trainers showed up. People brought food, water, and snacks. After the event there was a barbecue and a meetup for trainers.

"Community day was great," said Basim Shaktah, senior art major. "I didn't think it was going to be this popular. The last community day event, I didn't feel like I was a part of it. This time, you really felt like you were a part of the Pokémon Go community."

That's a problem that a lot of CSUB students face while playing on campus. CSUB is a fun and safe place to play, and has a lot of Pokéstop's, gyms, raids, and varieties of Pokémon that spawn, however, it lacks a sense of community.

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The Pokémon Go community wanders around Riverwalk Park on Feb. 24 in the quest for Dratinis.

I understand that students can be busy, especially as the semester drags on, but Pokémon Go is meant for players to go out and explore their community.

"During the event, I talked to a lot more people than I do on campus. That made it fun," said Armando Orozco, senior sociology major.

There are students who still play

and raid. If you see people raiding, talk to each other.

Communication is the first step to creating a Pokémon Go community on campus.

"This Pokémon event showed the game isn't dead," said Shaktah.

"It's alive and well, even though there's not a lot of players on campus."



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## RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Sandra Merino/ Photos by Cecilia Torres

This week The Runner asked, "How do you prepare for midterms?"

Josue Cruz  
Business Administration



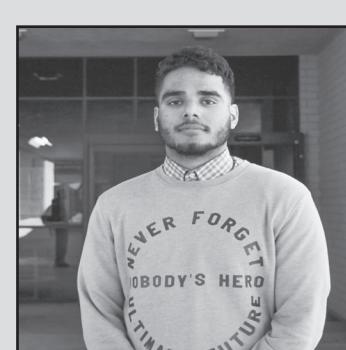
"I get together with the members of the Gamers Club and we see if we have the same subjects so we can help each other out"

Victoria Del Dillar  
Biology



"First, I make sure I eat. Then I go over one subject at a time. I make sure all my notes are organized. Then I read a couple chapters of the book and then I do some examples in the book."

Kiran Priet  
Bio Technology



"I think about studying on Tuesday, then I actually study on Friday, so I procrastinate and then I come out victorious"

Elizabeth Gutierrez  
Economics



"I review my notes and go over my assignments."

### ADVOCACY

## University students need to revive activism

By Danielle Blankenship  
Opinions Editor

Within ten days of the shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, which left 17 people dead, the survivors of this atrocity have risen in solidarity to fight against their local and national governments.

This unity of students fighting for their safety has echoed around the nation, causing millions of fellow students to join the revolution.

Their efforts are to pry the blinders off of the eyes of the government, and make them see that our current gun policies are responsible for the destruction and death that is persistently occurring.

Yet, here on campus, little to no mention of the shooting, or the resulting movement, has been mentioned.

Protests to support these students have been absent at CSU Bakersfield, and there was no call for a moment of silence on the 17th of February, to honor those that were murdered.

Maria Espinoza, a history ma-

jor, said, "This sorta thing scares me. What if someone shoots [the campus] up? I wanna graduate and become a teacher. How can I do that when I'm scared to go to class?"

Since our university is a commuter campus, many students do not worry about the idea of an active shooter as much as other schools with more on-campus residents.

However, that doesn't excuse the lack of conversation surrounding the very real possibility of a local school shooting.

After 13 years, most public school students know to run to the closest building and lock yourself in. But what about the international

how many mass killings in schools have taken place around the world, of the 57 incidents recorded from 2000-2010 in 36 countries,

where in the world don't have the same blasé reaction that students in the U.S. do towards school shootings. They don't have the trained response of how to act during a school shooting.

Ola J.,

an English

major and

international

student

from Saudi

Arabia, said,

"Things like

[school

shootings]

don't happen

back at home.

Students ar-

en't trying

to kill ev-

eryone like

you hear

about here.

It makes me

nervous to come [to campus]."

If so many students on campus are

scared, why hasn't any action taken

place?

Brad Ruff, current English professor here at CSU Bakersfield and former teacher and district employee in the Kern High District, said, "Because the [school shootings] wasn't really close to us it didn't, you know, register that much."

Are we simply waiting for the CSUB campus or a local school to go through the trauma of a school shooting before we care?

Professor Ruff said that, "In the past four to five years, students have become really concerned [about shootings]."

Some of the students have gone on local walk outs. I'm sure that right now, in all the high schools, they're discussing [school shootings] at length."

As a campus, we should be supporting high school and college activists.

Unity across all campuses is important if we want change in our communities.

We are the future. If we continue to let the 'adults' lead the conversation, our voices will be erased.



students?

According to a study by the Academy for Critical Incident Analysis on

28 of those incidents occurred in the United States.

International students from any-

### STUDENT UNION

## Didn't vote? You'll still pay for a new SU

By Sandra Merino  
Reporter

The results are in and it appears that an expanded Student Union will be built for future students.

The blueprints for this expanded Student Union includes study rooms, possible restaurants, and an aquatics center. However, all costs for the expansion will come from the new fees being added to our already rising tuition.

ASI posted the results on their Instagram page declaring that 61 percent voted yes and 38 percent voted no.

However, the actual number of voters is dismal. Only 1,768 out of the over 10,500 students voted. Seventeen percent of the campus made a decision that will affect all of the students.

Some students at CSU Bakersfield have never been to the Student Union, yet, they now will pay more

The current Student Union already has study rooms, not to mention that students also have the Walter Stern

money and they already [charge me] for a bunch of other things I don't use, like the gym and the health department that we have on campus."

The biggest issue with the new Student Union is that it will take years to build, which means current students won't get to use it.

Although ASI claims that students can come back after graduation to use the SU, why would they?

It would be beneficial if CSUB invested in more scholarships and programs for students.

Many students are in need of more tutors and full time professors. Smaller class sizes would help students graduate, not expensive study rooms and a useless ball room.

Instead of focusing on our current student's learning environment, the university is more concerned with trying to lure future students in.

for a bigger Student Union that they'll never actually use.

The expansion of the Student Union will cause the tuition to increase, making it more difficult for students to afford tuition.

Library for studying. Expanding the Student Union will just be luxury that many students can't afford.

Veronica Martinez, Biology major said, "I'm against the new SU because they are using my tuition

### STAFF EDITORIAL

## ASI fails to inform students about elections

### Editor's note

The Staff Editorial is an unsigned opinion story that reflects The Runner editorial board's stance on an issue. Join the discussion by sending us a letter to the editor at [therunneronline@gmail.com](mailto:therunneronline@gmail.com)

CSU Bakersfield has not done enough to inform students about applying to run for a position on Associated Students Inc. in the upcoming elections.

In case you didn't hear, the deadline to apply for Associated Students Inc. elections is Wednesday, March 7 at 11 a.m.

According to ASI Elections Coordinator Jason Watkins, as of Monday, March 5 at noon, only three applications had been turned in.

"I think it's two things," said ASI Executive Director Ilaria Pesco about the small number of applications received. "One reason is because applicants want it to be secret and also because students procrastinate."

The application window opened Feb. 22; however, students received an email regarding the elections the following day around 5 p.m.

On the day the applications opened, ASI posted an image on its Instagram page of a flyer detailing the elections process and important dates to be aware of.

However, the page only has 1,349 followers, many of whom are either current ASI members or alumni.

A stark contrast to the over 10,500 students who are currently enrolled.

All five of the current ASI executive board members will be graduating this spring, therefore, leaving every position on the board open.

But this is not technically the case. In order to be eligible to apply for an executive position, applicants must have attended two board meetings and two ASI Committee meetings or have submitted two professional letters of recommendation, according to Pesco.

Outside of members from clubs or organizations seeking funding, students rarely attend ASI's weekly

Friday afternoon meetings.

From an outsider's perspective, it seems as if ASI simply wants to promote members from its Board of Directors.

"We've been talking about elections in the board since the beginning of February," said Pesco. "They all knew this was going to be happening."

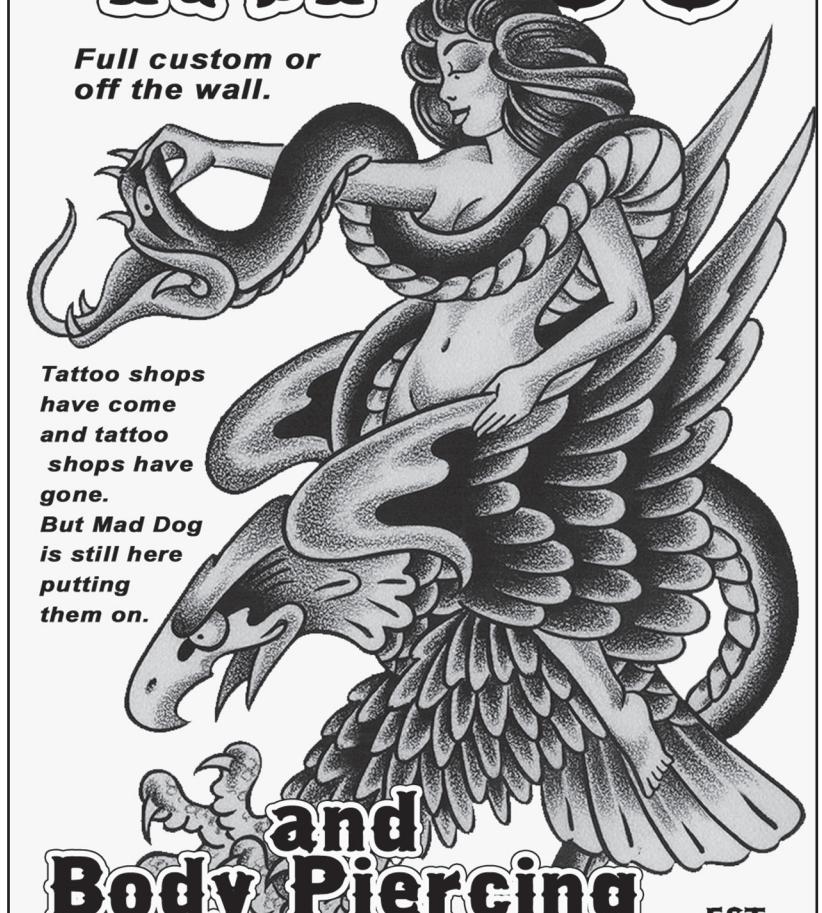
Those involved with ASI were informed weeks beforehand, but the majority of the student body had not been made aware of it until the application process had already begun.

While ASI has made strides to make voting easier and more accessible for students, there is still work to be done to inform students how and when applications will be open.

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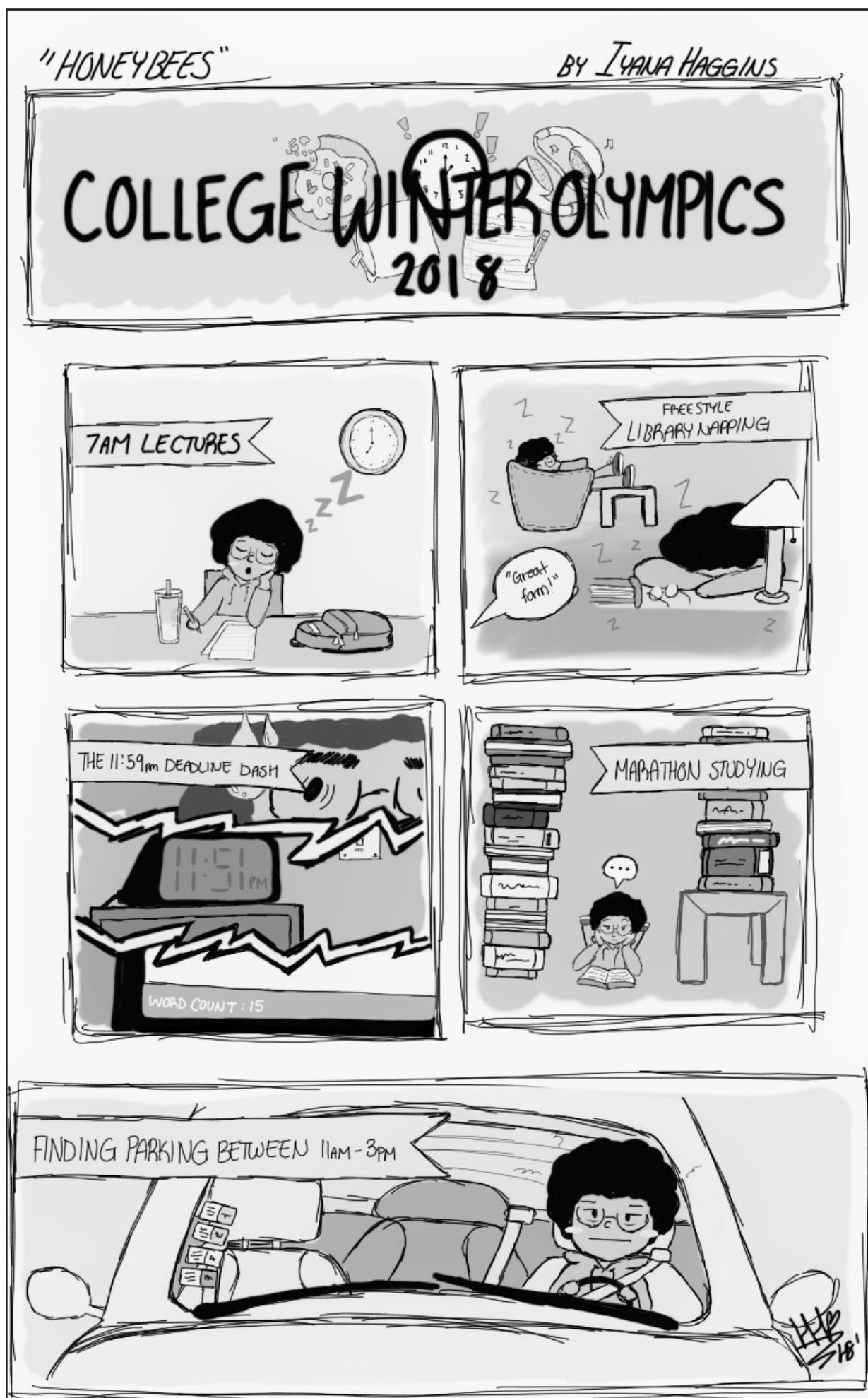
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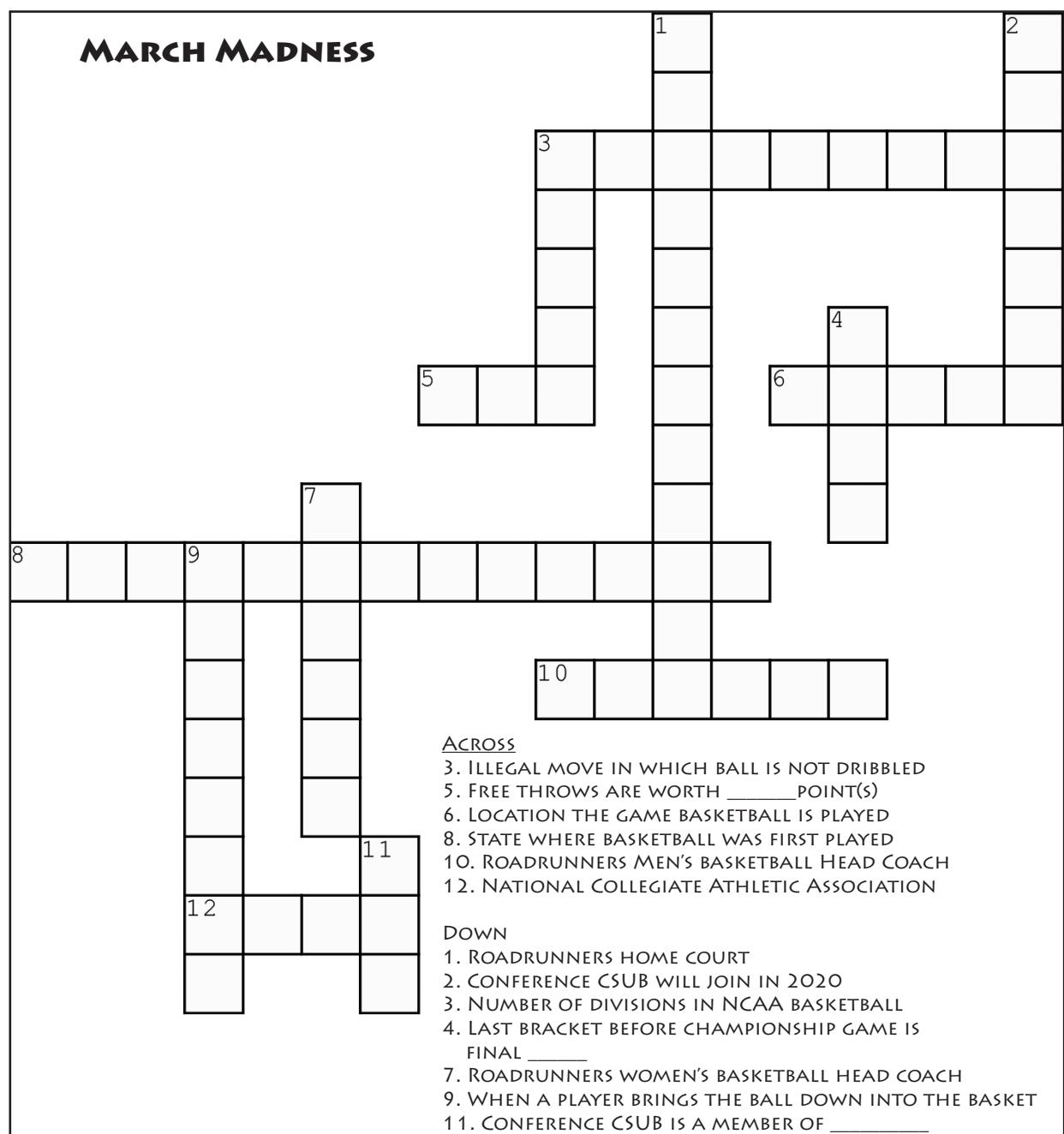
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## WRESTLING

## Williams follows faith in NCAA title quest

By Brad Meyer  
Reporter

Matt Williams, a redshirt-senior wrestler at CSU Bakersfield, is headed to the NCAA Championships for the second time in his career come March 15.

Williams is described by his team as a very passionate wrestler over the course of the last five years.

His passion has allowed him to grow into becoming one of the great ones for CSUB wrestling. He prepares for each match with his heart on the line and if all goes according to plan, Williams has it in his agenda to become a national champion.

"The first time I saw Matt, I was a coaching over at San Francisco State," said assistant coach Jeff Silveria. "I remember Matt because our guy who went against him was a senior going against a true freshman. So, I thought it be a pretty easy match. My guy at the time was a nationally ranked division two wrestler, but Matt, being a true freshman, actually took him into overtime."

He added, "When I came here the next year, you could tell Matt was one of the guys that worked hard, took initiative, and showed great leadership skills."

Williams is headed to the NCAA Championships on March 15. The Championships will take place in Cleveland, Ohio.

Last season, Williams qualified

for the NCAA Championships and took a respectable 16th place. This year however, according to Silvera and Williams himself, "anything less than an all-American will be a disappointment."

Williams is in his final year here at CSUB and he is sixth in career pins (31). He recorded his 31st pin against Cal Baptist back on Feb. 9. Ironically, Cal Baptist was the school he had originally planned on attending.

"I wasn't going to come here, my plan was that I was going to go to Cal-Baptist [but] the Lord was leading me. I'll go check it [CSUB] out and it was drastically different, there is no luxury it's a hard life, they didn't have anything to offer except, if you're willing to put the hard work in you can accomplish your goals and that's what coach told me," said Williams.

He said, "We can't give you the fancy life or the beach or whatever else is in Riverside, but if you're willing to put the work in, you can be a National Champion."

Over the course of Williams' season, he has already faced some of these nationally ranked opponents.

He is confident that if he executes properly, he can very well contend and beat these opponents and take the national championship at the 197-pound weight class.

Williams has been wrestling since he was three. He first touched the mat in his father's gym. "My father



Redshirt-senior Matt Williams holds down Arizona State University's Cade Belshay on Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the Icardo Center.

[Tedd Williams] has done amazing things in his life, military, fought in the UFC and just an all-round stud. Growing up that was my role model and still is," Williams said.

Tedd Williams, 7-1 in UFC, had his last fight in September 2000.

Coleman Hammond, Williams'

teammate and also a potential NCAA qualifier, will miss the national championship at the 197-pound weight class.

Williams has been wrestling since he was three. He first touched the mat in his father's gym. "My father

every intention of keeping their friendship together and could potentially find themselves coaching the sport of wrestling at Kingsburg high school in Kingsburg, California alongside Hammond's brother, Bryce Hammond, the current head coach.

Bryce Hammond is also an all-American alumni wrestler for CSUB.

"In a lot of ways, he leads by

example, the younger people in the room they see him, and they can see he does all the right things and in a lot of ways that's exactly what the coaches want from him. He does all the little things right too, he drills hard, he cares about his diet, he cares about going to bed on time, he cares about academics and that's all you can ask of anybody," Hammond said.

On March 15, Williams will head

to Cleveland and potentially wrestle his last tournament at the NCAA Championships.

"I'm going to miss battling every day, it keeps me sane. I'm going to miss the relationships that I have built over these past five years. I'm going to miss wishing I was dead from these practices," said Williams. He added, "Yeah, they suck but when you're done, it's gratifying."

## WOMEN'S GOLF

## Golfers break records in Riverside, look to future tournaments

By John Hernandez  
Reporter

The last two events for the CSU Bakersfield women's golf have been ones for the record books.

It began first at the Battle of the Rock event in Riverside, California. At last year's event, the team finished 15th out of 15 teams but the results were different from last year for the Roadrunners. They finished

sixth out of 15 teams.

The Roadrunners were led by senior Ariel Lee by shooting 221 (+5) for the tournament. The previous record had been held by senior Tori Mills whom shot 222 (+6). Lee, Mills, sophomore Mishia Vega, sophomore Macey Mills, and senior Julia Stewart shot 892 (+28) as a team. The team broke the record by 36 shots, the previous record had been at 928 (+64).

CSUB broke records throughout the entire event, breaking them round after round. First, the Roadrunners would shoot 296 in a single round as a team. That record was short lived, it would be broken the very next round by the team by shooting a 294.

Senior Lee ended the tournament with an individual fifth place finished. She shot 74 (+2) in the first round, 73 (+1) in the second

round and 74 (+2) in the final round of play. Mills joined Lee in having a memorable 54-hole play herself. She shot 77 (+5), 73 (+1), and 72 (E) in the final round of play.

After coming off a record breaking 54-hole event at the Battle of the Rock event, the Roadrunners entered the Grand Canyon Invitational in Phoenix, Arizona, looking to keep the momentum going. The Runners finished ninth out of 15

teams. They completed the 54-hole event with 927 (+63).

The Roadrunners were led the play of their seniors Tori Peers and Ariel Lee. Peers' score of 70 (-2) for the tournament was good for a tie in third place overall. Her score of 70 (-2) is a school record in a single round.

Lee and sophomore Macey Mills finished tied right behind Peers in second place, 40th overall in the

tournament, shooting 223 (+17).

As a team, they finished by shooting 927 (+63) and that score is now the second best 54-hole score in school history.

Up next for the Roadrunners is several two-day tournaments. First, the Jackrabbit Invitational in Boulder City, Nevada on March 12-13, followed by the Thunderbird Invitational in St. George, Utah on March 15-16.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Men face uphill battle in WAC Tournament

By Vincent Perez  
Sports Editor

Memories of last season's Western Athletic Conference Championship team are far and away. Last season, the Roadrunners finished 12-2 in conference and went on to win the WAC title.

The Roadrunners defeated the New Mexico State University Aggies 70-60, to win the 2017 WAC Championship.

This season, the Roadrunners (12-17, 5-9 WAC) are No. 7 seed in the WAC Tournament. After a 5-9 finish in conference this season, the Roadrunners have struggled to find an identity.

The defense has seen better days, but a sense of the championship teams are still there. CSUB is ranked 174th in the nation in defensive efficiency.

"We are about winning," said Head Coach Rod Barnes. "That's what we want to do. We're a defensive-first team. We've got to guard people."

In conference play, the Roadrunners lost at home to Utah Valley University 70-47, on Feb. 22. They also lost 75-42 at Utah Valley on Jan. 6.

The Roadrunners will have to overcome their struggles in the WAC Tournament. If they do defeat Utah Valley, they'll face either Grand Canyon University or the University of Missouri-Kansas City in the semifinals.

CSUB lost their last conference game at Grand Canyon, Saturday, March 3, by a score of 81-68. Junior guard Rickey Holden collected 21 points and grabbed 4 rebounds, despite the loss.

Redshirt-senior guard Brent



Image from WAC Sports

Wrapp had three assists and four rebounds.

The Roadrunners, a No. 7 seed, will look to upset Utah Valley and move on to Las Vegas. Doing that will be a tall order. They are averaging 65.8 points per game this season.

They are ranked 326th in the country in points per game.

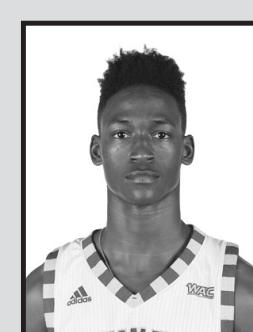
In the first round of the WAC Tournament, CSUB will face Utah Valley University (21-9, 10-4) Thursday, March 8, at 2:30 p.m., at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The game can be streamed live on the ESPN3.

## Players to watch



Damiyne Durham,  
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## SOFTBALL

### Struggles continue for CSUB



By Juliet Parrilla  
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield was swept by Saint Mary's College in a three-game series.

The Roadrunners faced the Gaels for a double header on Saturday, Feb. 24 and were not able to get ahead of the Gaels.

In the first game, the Roadrunners fought to gain the lead against SMC but faced difficulties that led them to do otherwise.

They finished the first game losing to SMC, 4-1.

CSUB played the second game of the double header at 3 p.m. The team gave its all, but ultimately fell to SMC, 6-2.

SMC quickly opened up a lead over the Roadrunners 4-0 in the first two innings. CSUB down six, tried to stage a comeback in the sixth inning but only managed to score 2 runs.

Daryn Hitzel, a freshman left-hand pitcher for the Roadrunners pitched a complete game. Four of the six runs scored against Hitzel were earned runs.

After two devastating losses, the Roadrunners hoped to bounce back and steal a victory against SMC on Sunday, Feb. 25.

CSUB saved its best game against SMC in the series. The Roadrunners took the Gaels to eight

innings.

The Gaels scored on a single but were helped out by an error earlier in the inning.

The Roadrunners held the lead in the fourth inning, 4-2. The Gaels tied the game with two runs in the sixth inning. Senior outfielder, Julia Cavazos added two hits to the Roadrunners 10 overall hits. She was one of two Roadrunners to start all 45 games, last season as a junior. The Roadrunners are currently 1-12 overall.

With five seniors on the softball

team, they have the motivation to make their last year one to remember. Alongside five eager freshmen, the team is sure to leave room for improvement.

The team current has a three-game losing streak, so they are even more motivated to improve their standings to prepare for the WAC.

The three-game set with Sacramento State at the Roadrunner Softball Complex was cancelled because of rain over the March 3-5 weekend.

The Roadrunners will begin the Stanford Easton Classic on Friday, March 9 in Stanford, California.

They will start off with a double header, first going up against the Wagner Seahawks at 1 p.m., and then Stanford Cardinals at 6 p.m.

## BASEBALL

### CSUB wins first series



Aaron Mills/The Runner

Junior outfielder Noah Barba steps up to the plate in their game against CSU Northridge, Feb. 27.

By Vincent Perez  
Sports Editor

Winning their first series of the season over this past weekend, the CSU Bakersfield baseball team are making their case to be taken seriously by their opponents.

The Roadrunners took three out of four games in Portland. On Sunday, March 4, the Roadrunners rallied at the top of the ninth inning, to win 10-8 over the Vikings.

Freshman second baseman Buck Anderson began the rally by singling to right field that scored freshman shortstop Evan Berkey.

CSUB trailed 8-7. Redshirt-senior Alec Daily pinch-hit for senior first baseman Andrew Penner in the ninth. Daily knocked in a RBI off a sacrifice fly.

Noah Barba, junior outfielder, doubled down the right field line. His teammate Anderson went to third.

With the score tied at 8, Penner, singled to third base, scored Barba.

A throwing error led to the another run after the single. The Vikings (4-7) committed four errors in the inning. CSUB led 10-8 after.

Kyle King earned his first victory this season. King threw 61 pitches in 4.2 innings. He allowed 2 hits, 2 walks and struck out two Vikings for the win.

Saturday, March 3, the Roadrunners failed to get on the board. They lost 5-0. CSUB was dominated by Corbin Powers. He struck out 9 Roadrunners in 7 innings.

On Friday, March 2, it took extra innings to decide a winner. The Roadrunners won 7-3 in 10 innings.

CSUB scored 3 runs in the fifth to begin their scoring. Portland responded in the eighth and ninth innings to tie the game at 3.

In the tenth, the Roadrunners immediately responded. Junior catcher Ryan Koch would score on a throwing error by Portland second baseman Matt Kelly.

The score was 4-3 when red-

shirt-senior centerfielder Mark Pena singled to left field. He added two more RBIs, making the game 6-3. The Roadrunners added another run off a balk.

In the first of their four-game series, the Roadrunners began with a 5-1 win in Portland. They scored 3 in the first and second combined.

Catcher Ryan Koch also hit a three-run home run in the top of the fifth. The Roadrunners have played the University of Las Vegas, Nevada Rebels (11-1, 3-1 Mountain West Conference) at Hardt Field on Tuesday, March 7, by the time this publication went to the printer. Check therunneronline.com for updates.

Following that game, the Roadrunners begin a three-game set at the College of Charleston (10-2), March 9-11.

The Roadrunners return home for a four-game series against Dartmouth College that begins Thursday, March 15-18 at Hardt Field.

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