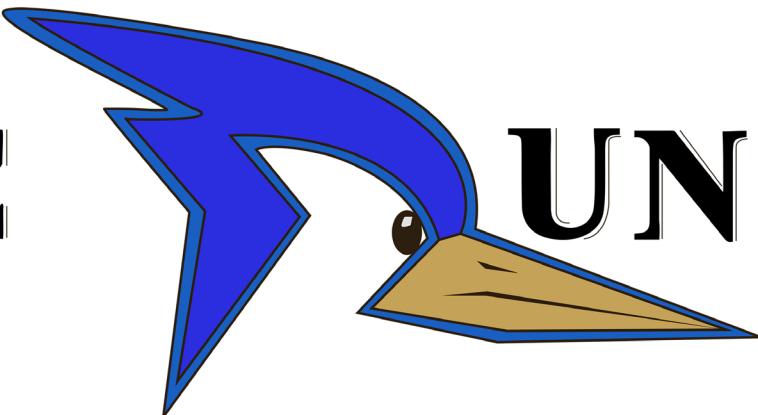




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## Boiler issues leave students in Juniper Hall without hot water



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Main entrance of Juniper Hall located at Student Housing East complex, Thursday Nov. 14, 2019.

By Alex Chapa-Kunz  
News Editor

Students living in Juniper Hall located at CSU Bakersfield's Student Housing East complex experienced a lack of hot water after two boilers required repairs. The first boiler caused 167 students to be without hot water from Oct. 5 to Oct. 16. The second boiler affected 287 students, and was down from Oct. 17 to Oct. 23, according to Jennifer Self, director of Public Affairs and Communications.

Tim Legault, a Juniper resident and a junior majoring in applied mathematics, said the initial boiler break was reported to students via notices posted on the affected bathroom doors, informing them of the lack of hot water. Following this notification was a series of emails which pushed back

the date students were given for complete repairs.

"At a certain point it was a joke. You know, you'd be like 'Oh, I got an email from housing. I wonder how late they're pushing it out this time,'" Legault said.

Legault described the experience as frustrating, but said he enjoys living on campus and being around like-minded students. He is considering looking off campus for the next academic year so that he can have more space and his own kitchen.

Mike Simmons, sophomore history major, also lives in Juniper and feels a similar sense of community living in on-campus housing.

"It wasn't so much not having hot water that annoyed me, it's just that it took so long to fix. So very, very long. And even after they said it was fixed, I went

in to take shower the next day and it was still cold," Simmons said. While he feels something happens every semester in the dorms, this is the first instance for him that it was not an issue caused by a resident.

Students who were affected by the water issues explained that campus housing gave two options for accessing hot water during this time. By contacting a Resident Assistant or going to the front desk, students were able to check out a key to rooms that had hot water. Students were also told they could use the SRC facilities to access hot water.

"Not all students used the showers in the SRC; some used the showers in Pinyon Hall. We're listening to students and the process is ongoing," Self said.

"For the sake of the fact that

I just didn't want to deal with going anywhere else I just dealt with the cold showers," Anthony Quintanilla said. Quintanilla, a junior majoring in criminal justice, previously attended CSU Northridge and lived on campus there, and said he appreciates the atmosphere of CSUB's dorm life.

Legault shares a similar sentiment, "The events are fun. They have weekly events that the RAs throw and on the second floor, where I live, a bunch of people will gather in the lobby and hang out," Legault shared.

Divyang Motavar, ASI Director of International Student Relations, said as an international student, on-campus housing has been a great place for him that allowed him to make connections with his fellow residents. Events put on for students living in campus housing are something Motavar also finds appealing.

"The beginning of the semester they had this speed friending thing, so they had students from housing come into the MPR and they had tables set up, and everyone had a minute to two minutes to talk about themselves," Motavar said.

While students expressed frustration at the boiler issues, none indicated that the experience has affected their decision to remain in student housing in future academic years. Those sure they would be continuing to live on campus next academic year described the sense of community in student housing as being a factor in their choice to stay on campus.

## University acts to close dorm budget gap

By Sam Underwood  
Editor-in-Chief

Since Student Housing East opened at CSU Bakersfield in July of 2015, the residence hall has been operating at a deficit due to a lack of occupancy, operating costs, and mortgage payments. The administration has responded with more marketing, shutting down Student Housing West, and creating a requirement for some freshmen to live in the residence hall.

According to data provided by the university, from July of 2015 to June 2019, the cost of operating Student Housing East totaled \$11.549 million.

Mortgage payments have totaled \$8.391 million. Revenue from occupancy, conference hall usage, space rental, and guest housing has totaled \$16.816 million. Guest housing includes students' family members, faculty, and non-resident students who often rent rooms at the dorms for short periods of time. This leaves a deficit of \$3.124 million dollars. The deficit has been covered by the residence hall surplus fund so far according to Jennifer Self, director of public affairs and communications.

"As you can see, we run at a deficit. The mortgage payments and operating cost exceed the revenue," Self said. "We need to

fill the dorms."

In an effort to fill Student Housing East and cut operating costs, spring 2019 was the last semester to house students in the older Student Housing West residence halls.

"They are older and it would have cost a ton of money to upgrade them to a standard with codes more stringent now than they used to be and the maintenance is exorbitant," Self said.

At the end of the 2018-2019 year, CSUB announced a price reduction in student housing cost. The reduction meant that housing prices would go down \$23 on a single, \$569 on a double, and \$372 on a triple room

per semester. At the same time, the student meal plan was raised \$109 per semester. This decision was based on a market analysis prepared by the CSUB director of financial aid that examines the local market for apartment rentals.

"I think the dorms are a good price for the two or three person rooms, they are a little too expensive for the single apartments, especially for a tiny room," said Matthew Diaz, a freshman from San Fernando.

Diaz's financial aid covers part of his housing.

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## Holiday meals for homeless

By Ashley Balcacees  
News Reporter

Kern County has seen a 50% increase in the number of homeless people since last year, according to a report done by the Kern County Homeless Collaborative. The number of people becoming homeless seems to be increasing as the years go on. There are various services available to the homeless community, but not enough funding or donations to help everyone. Providing help is critical during the holiday season as the weather becomes colder.

There are several community organizations that arrange holiday meals, fundraising drives, and other ways to help the homeless community. The various volunteers for these organizations and the organizations themselves donate their time and effort so that everyone can have the best possible holiday season every year.

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## CSUB campus expands dining options

By Sam Underwood  
Editor-in-Chief

The CSU Bakersfield campus dining options will be expanding with the addition of Fit & Grub, a new food truck that offers healthy alternatives and a keto-friendly menu. Fit & Grub is co-owned by Chris Gonzalez, who also owns The Curbside Kitchen, and Lain Black, operator of the Fit & Grub truck.

A meeting on Nov. 5, 2019, with Wayne Narine, director of campus dining experience, and Chief Marty Williams of the University Police Department set the final location of Fit & Grub to be in front of the Science II building on the path leading to the UPD office. Starting Thursday, Nov. 6, the truck will be open at its new location. Normal hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We're going to play

around with the hours based off of what Curbside's hours [are] and expand from there if we need to. We are expecting to be busier in that location than where Curbside is located," Gonzalez said.

The menu for Fit & Grub will evolve based on seasonal food and consumer demand. The ultimate goal, according to Gonzalez, is to provide healthy options for everyone. The starting menu (pictured) will eventually contain vegetarian and vegan options as well as keto-friendly food. Black stated that the vegetarian and vegan options will be available the second week of service.

"Healthy tends to be more expensive, but if it's not expensive, then I think it's a good idea. I'm starting to lean towards a more healthy lifestyle, and I spend most of my day here on campus, so I plan to try it," first-year liberal studies major Jennifer Huerta said.

According to Gonzalez, cost of food has been a topic of discussion in the planning phase of launching Fit & Grub on campus.

"We are trying to have a good price point based on the history with Curbside. This is healthy food, but we want to keep the prices as low as possible for the students," Gonzalez said.

According to CSUB student Preciosa Valle, there was one week the café served pasta at two different stations. This raises concerns about variety with Valles, who wants more options available to all students, including the resident students.

"I like that it's different, but what about the people who can't get it? Most of my friends live in the dorms and have to use dining dollars. It would be nice if [the café] had more variety," Valle said.

Acquiring the technology to be able to charge students' dining dollars



Sam Underwood/The Runner

Fit & Grub food truck on the first day of business, Wednesday Nov. 6, 2019, at its new location south of Science II.

accounts is a process facilitated by Aramark, a third-party vendor who contracts through campus dining.

"We are working on it with Wayne [Narine] and

Aramark. The process has lots of moving parts, but is coming soon," Gonzalez said.

Students will have even more variety in the upcoming semester, as Narine

was able to confirm that Bento, the new sushi station in The Runner Café, will be opening Jan. 21, 2020.

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## CSUB searches for new advocate



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Picture of Vanessa Corona during the "Let's Talk About Sex" held Spring 2019. Vanessa Corona is the former campus advocate and education coordinator for CSUB.

**Jessica Wright**  
Assistant News Editor

CSU Bakersfield's campus advocate for sexual assault victims, Vanessa Corona, vacated her position approximately one month ago.

"The Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, with whom we partner to provide personnel to fill the position, is working with us to find a replacement as soon as possible," Marcus Brown, who is the director of Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance and the school's Title IX coordinator, wrote in an email.

There are several resources that can be utilized in the meantime, as well as after the position is filled. One of these resources is the partnership between

CSUB and The Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault (AAFVSA). The Alliance website states that they serve people of all ages who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

According to Brown, there is still advocacy on campus for these issues, and people can still get the assistance they need. Anyone in need can contact the 24-hour crisis hotline offered by AAFVSA at 661-327-1091, or reach a confidential advocate at their website, [www.kernalliance.org](http://www.kernalliance.org). Confidential resources can also be found at the CSUB campus counseling center (661-654-3366) and health center (661-654-2394), and all safety concerns or crimes should be reported

with UPD (661-654-2677, or the emergency line at 661-654-2111).

"There are so many people going through assault, so what are people going to do now? Because some people stay away from hotlines and authorities. It will be harder for victims to trust a strange face, and I think this will be a negative impact overall," Monica Juarez, an English major said.

"Individuals can contact me or deputy Title IX officers in Housing, Athletics, [or] Student Affairs to discuss resources, options, or file complaints," Brown wrote in his email.

If any person needs more assistance or resources, they can be found at the following website: [www.csu.edu/compliance/Title-IX/Resources](http://www.csu.edu/compliance/Title-IX/Resources).

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### Housing from page 1

His parents cover the rest so he can focus on school instead of getting a job.

"The meal plan is the problem. We don't need \$2000 a semester for dining," Diaz said. Diaz plans to stay in the dorms for his sophomore year, citing the price and convenience of living on campus.

Student Housing East has had issues with filling to capacity since it opened. Last year, Self reported that the residence hall was at 62% capacity. Currently there are 500 beds with 415 being occupied by students putting the capacity at 83%.

The new First-Year Residency Requirement going into effect at the beginning of fall 2020 will have an impact on the resident halls, as the program will require all first-year students that live outside a 30-mile radius from CSUB to live in the dorms. The freshman class that began in the fall of 2019 was comprised of 1,568 new students, 340 of which came from outside of Kern County.

"There is a big, long list of



Tony Hernandez II/The Runner  
West facing corner of Juniper Hall located at the Student Housing East complex, Thursday Nov. 14, 2019.

exceptions to the rule," CSUB president Lynnette Zelezny explained earlier this year in an exclusive podcast interview with The Runner. Zelezny expects this program to add "a few hundred students" to the residence halls next fall.

"I think it is pretty affordable when compared to UC housing and other CSU housing," said Darien Ware, a sophomore com-

puter science major. Ware does not plan to stay in the resident hall next year, wanting his own kitchen and ability to prepare his own meals. After financial aid, Ware pays around \$1,000 per semester out of pocket to cover his housing costs.

"I would never use all my meal plan if I didn't buy food for my girlfriend," Ware said.

### Residence Rates Per Year

	CSU Bakersfield	Fresno State	Cal State L.A.	U.C. Merced
Single Room	<b>\$6,075</b>	\$6956 - \$7965	\$11,356	\$13,630
Double Room	<b>\$4,500</b>	\$5275 - \$6279	\$8,785	\$12,275
Triple Room	<b>\$3,825</b>	\$4,628	\$7,085	\$11,550

Sam Underwood/The Runner

Source: Information gathered from each university website.

### THANKSGIVING from page 1

Louis Gill the executive director of the Bakersfield Homeless Center, mentions that this community, especially during the holiday season, shine the most. Gill maintains that not all communities are like Kern County communities, and what makes this place unique is how many people are willing to help when they can.

During the holidays the shelters, centers, and churches hold events for the homeless population, like drives to help collect nonperishable and fresh food, hygiene products, and warm clothes and blankets. Many serve meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Mission at Kern County is one of the community agencies making an effort to help the less fortunate all that they can, be it through shelter services, clothing, education, or meals. Their mission statement is "To offer an environment conducive to the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of the people we serve by providing hope and a future through Jesus Christ." The Mission at Kern County is located on 816 East 21st Street, and will host a Community Thanksgiving Meal starting at 11 a.m., Nov. 28.

The Bakersfield Homeless Center also serves a dinner on Thanksgiving that is open to

the homeless community. They are located at 1600 E. Truxtun Avenue and their mission statement is "To provide support and resources to families and individuals in crisis while helping them to achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency."

Gill also mentions that there are other opportunities for helping the homeless community during the holiday season. There are domestic shelters which, while not



open to the public, will celebrate with the families inside and the various churches around town which will be handing out food and other supplies.

The Bakersfield Veterans Affairs Vet Center is another organization that helps in the community, especially homeless and struggling veterans. A representative at the Vet Center said in a phone call that it seems like they will not be doing anything for the homeless veterans or veterans in general this year, as they do not have the funding needed. In the

past, the Vet Center has given out food baskets to those who have needed them during the Thanksgiving holiday.

CSUB is no stranger to homelessness or people suffering. "40 percent of the school population struggle with food insecurity and about 11 percent are at risk of being homeless during the course of the academic year," Jason Watkins, assistant director for Programs and Services at CSUB, reports in an email. There are various services available to staff, faculty, and students, such as the Food Pantry, where they give food every day of the week to anyone with a CSUB ID. University President Lynnette Zelezny also mentioned at the Homeless In Bakersfield event on Nov. 14 that CSUB offers temporary housing to students who have lost their homes.

Chair of the Board of Associated Students, Inc. Candice Livingston says that as of right now, she has not heard of any on campus event for the Thanksgiving holiday, but that CSU Bakersfield students might change that by discussing it at the next Runner Walk and Talk event with President Zelezny on Thursday Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

## Blackhawk lands at Veteran's celebration



Mari Woodmansee/The Runner

CSUB hosted a Blackhawk Helicopter landing on Thursday Nov. 7th 2019 in celebration of Veteran's Day.



Mari Woodmansee/The Runner

Pilot and Co-Pilot of the Blackhawk Helicopter do an engine check before take-off during Veteran's Day celebration at CSUB on Thursday Nov. 7, 2019.

By Carlos Hernandez  
Multimedia Reporter

On Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 CSUB had its second annual Veteran's Day Celebration. The festivities included free pizza, military personnel displaying tactical vehicles, and a spectacular Blackhawk landing at Runner Park.

Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vernon B. Harper Jr. said, "We're celebrating our Veterans and all the service they provide to our country. As a Veteran myself it's very important to me to provide all the support we can to all our service Men and Women"

Veterans Center Coordinator Jaime Pacheco describes the multitudes of ways students can support Veteran's and said, "Some of our Veterans face some hardships and difficulties, so just donating time to the community and giving back to our veterans."

"You can also provide support here on campus at the Veterans Success Center. Our Veterans Club includes non Veterans as well & they participate in events that support veterans here in our community," said Pacheco

Specialist Josh Carmona, an 88M Army Veteran describes the feelings from the day, specifically from the Blackhawk landing, "It was a really great experience that actually gave me chills, actually seeing it landing right in front of us was like whoa!"

Last year the Veteran's Day Celebration featured the Blackhawk landing while this year Military tactical vehicles were added to the event.

According to Pacheco, she doesn't know how to top this year, but with all of the support that she and the Veterans Center have received she's already excited about what the future will bring.



Mari Woodmansee/The Runner

Specialist Carter Nichols demonstrates to a student how to gear up during Veteran's Day at CSUB on Thursday Nov. 7, 2019.

## Friendsgiving sparks new traditions

By Sofia Martinez  
Reporter

On the fourth Thursday of November, Americans come together to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with their families, usually cooking a feast. In recent years, a new holiday has been incorporated during the same week of Thanksgiving Day called Friendsgiving. Though it is not an official holiday, it is a chance to have a meal and spend quality time with close friends.

Friendsgiving gatherings have the same food items as Thanksgiving, such as turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and pie. The dishes are not supposed to overshadow the traditional dishes that are in a Thanksgiving meal. The selection of dishes is up to the Friendsgiving host.

There are many ways to approach

the festivity. One way is to have a potluck style celebration. Another is to spend the whole day together, make dishes, and prepare a more formal dinner. Not everyone has the time to spend the whole day cooking homemade meals so, a group can also decide to go out and enjoy a Friendsgiving meal at a restaurant. Friendsgiving gives others the opportunity to incorporate time for their friends. In a friendship, all parties must put effort into maintaining a healthy relationship.

"I hosted, and there was turkey, mac and cheese, chicken, green beans, mashed and baked potatoes, gravy, and snacks. The purpose is to be around the people that matter to you," CSU Bakersfield engineering major Megan Mello said.

Kinesiology major Jansen Mamauag said, "Even though I saw my

friends on a regular basis, Friendsgiving was a completely different environment. Friendsgiving allowed us to disconnect from the world to enjoy and appreciate each other's friendship."

"Friendsgiving is important because we spend time together and be thankful for friends. We wanted to make sure that we get together since sometimes it is hard to do," Briana Lopez, who is majoring in communications, said.

Friendsgiving is a time where hosts and guests can spend quality time together instead of communicating through technology. Being in the present time shows that actions are worth more than words. Friendsgiving is a day where friends can appreciate and be thankful for one another.



To view Veteran's video visit:  
[therunneronline.com](http://therunneronline.com)

## Runner student Mari Woodmansee captures award winning photo in DC



By Mari Woodmansee  
Photographer

Phillipos Melaku-Bello is an activist with an amazing story.

While walking in front of the White House, I saw a Melaku-Bello sitting with a whole bunch of signs around him. I decided to stop and talk to him to learn his story and to snap some photos of him, as all weekend I was looking for a photo story for a photo shoot competition I wanted to enter for the ACP/CMA Fall National Media Convention happening in Washington D.C.

His story was interesting to say the least.

Melaku-Bello comes from a family of activists. Ever since he can remember he's been going to protests and parades with his parents and older brother. His dad was the one who started the protest outside of the White House during the Vietnam War. His father vowed to stay outside for a year but only ended up staying 7 months because the war ended.

That was the inspiration for the moment today which has carried on for over 38 years. They are anti-war and anti-Trump. Melaku-Bello and fellow activists take shifts so they can be there 24 hours a day no matter the weather.

This photo was one of many that I took.

For this photo, I laid down on the ground to get a different perspective, a different shot, and a different angle.

Just his expression in the photo spoke to me.

Mari Woodmansee/The Runner

Woodmansee's photo that won the class favorite award at the ACP/CMA Fall National Media Convention in Washington D.C. for the photo shoot-out competition.



Runner Photo/The Runner

Pictured above, The Runner staff has dinner with Adrienne Salazar, a CSUB communications alumna, in Washington D.C. during the ACP/CMA Fall National Media Convention. Since graduating from CSUB, Salazar has completed her graduate degree at American University and is now working as a press secretary for Rashida Tlaib, the Congressional representative for Michigan's 13th district.



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# Free porn is unethical

## Illegal activity embeded within the porn industry

By Chelsea L. McDowell &  
Allie M. Page  
Opinion Writers

While it seems like an outdated concept, paying for porn has a multitude of benefits that seem to have been forgotten in this digital age. People should pay for their pornography instead of turning to free video-sharing sites for their personal enjoyment.

Free porn isn't free – it's often stolen or pirated from legitimate sites or subscription services. People upload these copyrighted videos to porn sites more easily than they could to YouTube, and the actors and producers won't see a single cent for their labor.

Paying for porn benefits everyone involved, especially the porn actors who invest their own money to get started and maintain their businesses.

At the end of the day, the only people who win from free porn are the tech companies running the websites. They amass ad revenue while leaving the actors and producers with little or nothing. According to Slate, one multi-million-dollar company called MindGeek owns eight of the top ten porn sites. When content is uploaded illegally, the companies have everything to gain and nothing to lose. They continue to infringe upon the performers' right of publicity to sustain their imperial rule on the adult film industry.

Paying for porn also guarantees quality – you're less likely to be exposed to content you don't like, and you won't be wasting your time finding the perfect video during your time alone. There is a plethora of paid porn sites catering to almost every

interest imaginable, and you are also more likely to re-watch the video and appreciate the nuances

**"Some would argue that the porn industry is already unethical as it is, so free porn isn't necessarily worse."**

you missed during your first time watching. Pay-for-view adult films can be as long as an hour,

giving you plenty of "material."

Some would argue that the porn industry is already unethical as it is, so free porn isn't necessarily worse. However, the adult film industry provides jobs and steady income for those involved, and it enables self-expression. Plus it's one of the few industries where women make more than men, and where LGBT people are a staple. Free porn hampers this. It devalues the actor's craft. It tells them that their hard work and personal image isn't their own.

These sites also further enable the distribution of child pornography. According to the Miami Herald, a man uploaded 58 videos of a 15-year-old girl to the site Pornhub, owned by MindGeek, as well as Snapchat, Periscope, and Modelhub. The videos stayed on the site, and while they were used to track

the perpetrator, there was no age verification or accountability when uploading, unlike traditional porn production companies. The people you see in porn could easily be your child or younger sibling.

These sites are the wild wild west of the internet, where corporations don't care about the ethics as long as they get ad revenue. Free porn sites are an ethical nightmare that is better left in the past with lobotomies and asbestos.

If people can, they should pay for porn. Free porn comes at the cost of lining the pockets of greedy capitalists by exploiting adult performers and running the risk of encountering trafficked child porn.

## Abortion pill access is about choice

By Cecilia Torres  
Opinion Editor

California Governor Gavin Newsom's decision to sign a bill that would ensure students have access to abortion services on college campuses is acknowledgement of a woman's right to choose. The bill, SB 24, requires all University of California and California State University campuses to provide access to medication abortions by Jan. 1, 2023.

Medication abortion, not to be confused with surgical abortion, is when an unintended pregnancy is terminated using medication such as the "abortion pill" during the first weeks of the first trimester, according to the American Pregnancy Association.

I think people often forget that the fight for safe and legal abortion on the pro-choice side is more about women having a choice than anything else. Any legislation that protects that liberty is a step in the right direction.

"It's a personal choice for women. Most people will have a say about her [a woman's] body but it's up to her," junior Chase Gude, 22, biology major said. "I think it's nice to open opportunities for women by providing safer options. I'm not sure how it will go since it's the first time they do something like this, but



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The entrance of Student Health Services at CSUB, Nov. 18, 2019.

it sounds like they're trying to do something good, hopeful and safer."

A common argument from those who rally against abortion rights is that life begins at conception, thus abortion is murder.

Women getting abortions don't all fall into the same category. The fact that anti-abortion groups are willing to contend that in cases of rape there is an exception to be made shows that abortion is not a black-and-white, right-or-wrong issue. Rather, it is a case by case issue.

Passing legislation that groups women together as if they were all in the same situation is only harmful to them, not to mention extremely restrictive, and to some degree controlling. On the other hand, passing legislation that offers a choice acknowledges that every case is different, and the freedom to decide what to do lies entirely with the woman and her doctor.

When it comes to the CSU Bakersfield community, I don't think there will be a big change. It is not like the abortion service being provided

in the health center will have students lining up by the hundreds, primarily because despite being located in California, which is very liberal, Bakersfield remains a highly conservative area. While there are some conservative people who support abortion, the majority are against it.

"About six in ten Republicans and those who lean towards the Republican Party (62%) say abortion should be illegal in all or most cases," according to a fact sheet from the Pew Research Center website titled "Public Opinion on

Abortion."

Of course, with any service provided on the CSUB campus, there is a question of where the money to fund the service is coming from.

"Everyone has a right to do what they want with their own body, but the school shouldn't be obligated [to provide the abortion pill.] How much is going to come from tuition? I don't think that they should have to provide that," Jasmine Green, 21, a senior psychology major said.

The funding for the abor-

tion services mandate has already been decided. "SB 24 requires the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls to administer a Reproductive Health Fund, which will provide private funding to public university health centers to provide these new services," according to the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom's website.

The passing of this bill comes at a time when reproductive rights are under attack. Fear that the abortion rights granted in the historic Roe v. Wade decision may be getting cut down have spread since conservative justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court. Not having the right to a safe abortion is dangerous.

"The other choice is going through with the pregnancy," Gude said. "Lack of options may result in not the best environment for her and her child."

As a woman, I support whatever a woman chooses as best for her. Being pro-choice and being in support of this new service doesn't compromise my personal views on abortion. I grew up in a Hispanic and Catholic household, both of which condemn abortion. While I would never get an abortion, simply because I feel that that is not the right choice for my body, I support other women who consider that option.



## RUNNER ON THE STREET



Interview and Photos By:  
Cecilia Torres

## "What do you think about Disney+?"

Lluli Navarro  
Human Biology



"I know it's there. I wouldn't use it, especially at this time of the semester but it looks good."

Frida Herrera  
Studio Arts



"I think it's a cash grab. It's all money driven. I will not be getting Disney+. I hate Disney movies. It's actually pretty cheap but they are going to bump up the price."

Sneha Guduru  
Graduate Student



"I think regardless of age everyone loves Disney movies. Having one place where you can watch all Disney movies is kind of fun."

Mario Montero  
Digital Media



"I don't like Disney because it's enormous."

## Black Friday vs. Cyber Monday

By Jovana Espinoza  
Opinion Writer

Although I usually argue that technology is ruining certain aspects of life—such as negatively affecting how we communicate and interact with one another—it is time to give credit where credit is due. When it comes to Black Friday or Cyber Monday shopping, the less I interact with people the better.

For years, Black Friday has been the frenzy during the winter shopping season. However, with the rapid technological advances our society has undergone in the past few decades, it is only logical that an event such as Cyber Monday would be added to the tradition of early holiday shopping—minus the multitude of people trampling each other and fighting over merchandise.

"I prefer Cyber Monday 100%. I love the idea of not dealing with the craziness. It's just easier," Eliseo Estrada, a kinesiolo-

gy major, said.

Avoiding stressful and irritating situations like a Black Friday sale is one of the benefits of doing everything online. Steering clear of the madness induced in shoppers when there is a TV set on sale for 40% off is not the only reason to prefer Cyber Monday. There are plenty of other benefits to this form of shopping.

People's safety, for instance, is not in jeopardy when shopping online. According to the website BlackFridayDeathCount.com—a website dedicated to keep a record of incidents where people have died or been injured during Black Friday shopping—there have been 12 deaths and 117 injuries in total from 2006 to 2018.

"Shopping online is just more convenient. I work all day and usually work on Black Fridays anyway," senior and history major Fidel Rodriguez said.

Most people are already too busy with their jobs,



and the apparent chaos of Black Friday sales only discourages people even further from taking off a day from work. Cyber Monday, thus, will be more fitting to people's work

schedules, since anything and everything can be ordered during a lunch break or from the comfort of a couch.

The bigger inventory online is another conve-

nience. A store has limited space and can only carry so much inventory. This can make what you're looking for difficult to find, so it might be necessary to go to more than one store. Online shopping delivers more options, which increases the likelihood of purchasing the item that we had been searching for without the need to look in multiple places.

Some might argue that the preference for Cyber Monday has to do with our generation's own biases. In fact, Rodriguez went on to say that he may be biased, since "it comes down to age" that we like Cyber Monday. We might just be a generation that is more comfortable using technology, so we gear towards online shopping as opposed to older individuals, who may be more comfortable doing their shopping in person.

Even though I agree that the preference for online shopping may be a reflection of how we have

become too reliant on technology, it also makes sense to take advantage of it if it can help avoid unnecessary stress and save us time.

"I like a little bit of both, since I like to compare prices," Nicole Lopez, a junior psychology major said.

People have different opinions on where the better deals are, but from the people I have talked to, it seems that the rule of thumb is this: Black Friday is the better day to purchase bigger and everyday items that only a store would carry, while Cyber Monday is better when it comes to smaller gifts like phones.

Although I believe that the most convenient form of shopping is during Cyber Monday, if you have enough time and patience to go Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping, you can get the best of both forms of shopping.

Ultimately, it comes down to preference, time, and comfort.

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## Volleyball Senior Night ends in victory



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Volleyball player, Rafa Bonifacio, sets during a game at the Icardo Center on Nov. 11.

By: Dustin Tompkins  
Sports Reporter

The CSU Bakersfield volleyball team took the court at the Icardo Center on Monday, Nov. 11 to play University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. This night was special not only because it was on Veteran's Day, but it was also Senior Night for the program.

The four players being recognized on Senior Night celebrated the end of their collegiate journey with

the sport. Middle blocker Ally Barber, outside hitter Rafa Bonifacio, setter Sidney Wicks, and libero Hannah Manzanares were honored before the match. They were able to be with their parents during this moment, which made it even more memorable for the players.

Bonifacio is from Sao Paulo, Brazil, so the team played a video recorded by her mother back home wishing her luck. In the video, her mother was

wearing a lot of medals, presumably Rafa's from before her journey to the United States. It was a heartfelt moment that the whole arena was able to be a part of.

After the ceremony, the squad began the first set. They trailed early and almost rallied for the comeback, but could not succeed.

The Roadrunners went down early again in the second set and managed to bring the deficit to 23-20.

Instead of giving up the easy two points, the team was able to take the lead and win the set 27-25.

The 'Runners had another slow start to the third set, trailing 14-7. Another comeback seemed possible, but they would eventually lose a heartbreaking set, losing 27-25.

The team was backed into a corner. They needed to win the last two sets to achieve a victory. The fourth set began with a strong start. The score was 18-14, but the team went on a 7-4 run, and eventually won the set by a decisive margin of 25-18.

It all came down to the final set. The teams were tied with two sets each and the first team to 15 points wins. The UTRGV Vaqueros seemed to have been losing energy because they appeared to be playing much better early in the match. The 'Runners dominated the last set, and with a final score of 15-5, they were able to secure the victory on Senior Night.

A few notable performances from the game helped them succeed. One

came from Brooke Boisneau, who set a personal record on the night with 22 kills. Sidney Wicks had 112 sets, and Rafa Bonifacio set a school record for most digs in a game with 39.

This was a big win for the team, who were able to enjoy this moment of victory. For the departing seniors, it was a poignant win.

Wicks says that leaving the team is sad because CSUB volleyball has been her home for five years. Her most memorable moment over that time was winning the WAC tournament in 2017. She has her sights on winning the WAC championships this year as well.

Manzanares learned a lot both on and off the court during her time with the program. When asked about what she will miss most leaving the team she said, "It's the grind. The athlete life. I will miss my coaches and teammates as well. You gain a lot of sisters over the years." She also stated that the team won by sticking to the game plan and being

relentless.

Barber is sad to leave the program as well. When asked about how much discipline played a role in their big win, she said, "Absolutely. The most disciplined team always win." The piece of advice she would like to leave behind is that one is always playing for something bigger than themselves. Her most memorable moments were winning with her team. "It's games like tonight we will always remember," said Barber.

This was an epic win for the women's volleyball program. Coach Melo and the team hope to carry this momentum with them for their final games.

There will be no more home matches for volleyball for the remainder of the season; however, the 'Runners will be heading to Grand Canyon University for their last match on Nov. 16. After, they will be going to Orem, Utah for the WAC championships that will start Nov. 21 and finish Nov. 23.

## CSUB student experiences sports history in DC

By Sam Underwood  
Editor-in-Chief

Music is playing in the brew house and there is a parade rolling down the street a few blocks away. The beer inside has more appeal than the chilly D.C. wind. My California skin prefers the warmth of the pub to the historical moment taking place a few blocks away. There are two men standing directly behind me, having a conversation about how college is a waste of time. I find this ironic, since college is the only reason I made this trip to Washington D.C. I'm not the only one escaping the cold, as is evident by the sea of red and white surrounding me.

As I'm crossing the street, Daniel Hudson threw the game winning pitch, striking out Michael Brantley of the Houston Astros and closing out the series. I can hear the celebration roaring inside the bar before I even get close to the door.

After the parade the following Saturday, Chris and Susan Kelly of Arlington, VA had to walk ten blocks from the parade route to find a bar that wasn't filled to capacity. They were sitting at the section of the bar reserved for disabled patrons in wheelchairs for a lack of better options.

"We watched the final game from home," Mr. Kelly said. "The tickets for a series game were going for \$600 to \$700 a piece for standing room only."

"It is great that the Nats brought a championship

back to [Washington] D.C. We haven't had a series championship since the Senators," Mrs. Kelly said.

The last baseball championship won by a Washington D.C. team was in 1924 when the Washington Nationals, who moved to Minnesota and became the Twins, beat the New York Giants, who are now the San Francisco Giants, for the championship.

Out on the street, I hear horns begin to honk. People are whistling and yelling. From the bar I'm headed towards, the Nationals signature chant echoes through the street. "N-A-T-S NATS, NATS, NATS, WOO!"

As I step into the bar, pandemonium is erupting. Patrons are posting live video on various social media sites. Everyone is yelling, hugging, and celebrating. The bartender is standing on the bar screaming. The Washington Nationals had just won the franchise's first World Series title and the first baseball title for Washington D.C. in 95 years. My hopes for a beer begin to dwindle.

After the parade the following Saturday, people are gathered in every bar

and restaurant in downtown Washington D.C. that has room.

"I wouldn't have even gone to the parade if my girlfriend hadn't made me go," Devon McIlwayne said.

Even though McIlwayne was forced to go, he's been a fan since the Nationals moved to Washington D.C. in 2005. McIlwayne was born in DC, but moved to South Carolina when he was young. Five years ago, he returned to DC.

"I watched the game at a friend's house. There is a girl at work that gets tickets all the time to go watch the road games at the stadium on the big screen, but I thought I was supposed to work so I passed," McIlwayne said.

Inside the bar on Wednesday night, I am virtually ignored by the crowd of fans celebrating their team's victory as though they themselves had thrown the final pitch. I hung out for about an hour, soaking in the atmosphere and enjoying their victory celebration vicariously. It was 1 a.m. when I went back to my hotel.

I never did get a beer that night.

## Runner Scoreboard

11/7	Women's Volleyball versus New Mexico State University Loss 1-3
11/8	Women's Basketball versus Washington State University Loss 49-80
11/9	Women's Volleyball versus California Baptist University Loss 0-3
11/9	Men's Basketball versus South Dakota State University Loss 91-93
11/9	Men's Soccer versus California Baptist University Loss 1-3
11/10	Women's Basketball versus Gonzaga University Loss 48-92
11/11	Women's Volleyball versus University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Win 3-2
11/13	Men's Soccer versus San Jose State University Win 1-0
11/13	Men's basketball versus University of Northern Iowa Loss 55-67
11/15	Men's basketball versus Life Pacific Win 91-51
11/16	Women's Volleyball versus Grand Canyon University Loss 1-3
11/16	Men's Wrestling versus Rutgers Loss 12-24
11/17	Women's Basketball versus Fresno Pacific Win 95-64

# SPORTS

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## Hockey wins against Cal Lutheran

By Elisa Fuentes  
*Sports Editor*

The CSU Bakersfield Hockey Club played California Lutheran University on Nov. 10 at a veterans' tribute game. The Roadrunners won 7-1.

"The boys, there's eight guys, and they practice as hard as they can, harder than a lot of teams that I've had that have fifteen or twenty guys. So it had to come and start paying off, so tonight paid off for them all the way around," Coach Robert St. Louis said.

For the first three minutes of the game, the Roadrunners traded possession of the puck with the Kingsmen until they finally scored the opening goal of the game. Enrique Galvan scored the first goal with assists by Niko Katsantoni and Houston Rechel.

The Kingsmen then tied it up on a power-play goal, a tip-in that went right by goaltender Nathan Schwimmer.

In the second period, a fight broke out between the teams. With both teams being penalized, the game became a 4 on 4. Cal Lutheran incurred a major penalty, costing them a man for five minutes, while CSUB only got a three-minute penalty.

It was a tentative back and forth, but the moment the Roadrunners got their man back, they scored im-

mediately. Galvan got his second goal for his team in a 5 on 4, with Brandon St. Louis and Brian Martinez assisting.

Roughly two minutes later, Galvan tallied a hat trick with his third goal for the Roadrunners.

The 'Runners continued strong into the third period, as netminder Schwimmer blocked all shots after Cal Lutheran's goal from the first period.

The team showed they were a force to be reckoned with until the third and final period.

Grayson Burt scored with Bryan Mccord and Joseph Brown assisting. Brown scored again shortly after, the fifth of the night for the Roadrunners, with Galvan assisting. Burt tallied his second of the night with an assist from Brown and Rechel.

The final goal belonged to Mccord, with the help of Brown and St. Louis.

"It's like most teams will have a hard hat that they give a player of a game. I haven't done it this year. I can't pick any particular guy. They're all working that hard, every one of them from the goaltender and up," Coach St. Louis said, expressing how dedicated the team is.

After the game, Galvan spoke about the team's victory.

"Tonight, it was really big



From left: Enrique Galvan #9, Brandon St. Louis #20, Houston Rechel #2 and Joseph Brown #18 all celebrate making a goal against Cal Lutheran on Sunday Nov. 10, 2019, at the Rabobank Arena in downtown Bakersfield.

for us to get the win. These past couple of weeks we have come up short, having the short bench that we do have," Galvan said.

"But we always stick together... and tonight we just got the job done. Getting the hat trick isn't as important as getting the win," Galvan added.

The Roadrunners play CSU Northridge on Nov. 16, and the following day, Nov. 17, they go up against the University of California San Diego.

"Tonight, it was really big



Galvan #9 tries to take skate around opponent to take puck on Nov. 10, 2019.

By Elisa Fuentes  
*Sports Editor*

The Runner's Spotlight is on sophomore volleyball player Milica "Mili" Vukobrat. She is one of the international athletes on her team and in our sports programs. Vukobrat is from Novi Sad, Serbia.

Vukobrat had been playing volleyball for about twelve years before coming to the U.S. and starting at CSU Bakersfield last year. There wasn't a big difference between the two countries when she arrived. The main difference for her was not knowing anyone.

"Like having a feeling that someone wants you to come there, like the most of all the schools, no matter if the school is bigger, no matter if the school is who knows where. Like, if someone wants you to be there, you would want to be there... That's such a big thing if you're going somewhere and you don't know anyone," Vukobrat said about choosing to come to CSUB even though it's a new place for her.

She explained how CSUB made the effort to want her, and how not knowing

anybody changed in her first year as people showed her kindness and helped her out when she needed it. As for beginning in a new school with a different education system, it was contrastive. Vukobrat explained how different it would be to play volleyball and go to college at the same time in her country.

"Me wanting to go to college and play volleyball is very hard and almost impossible in my country, because there's nothing like here... there's just college... and I don't have time for both," Vukobrat said. She emphasized how she's in a very good program where she can play and study, and that is the reason she wanted to come here.

Through her packed schedule, Vukobrat still has moments where she misses her family and parents back home in Serbia. She mentioned how her parents wake up early in the morning just to watch her games, and send her "a million texts" to tell her how good she was and how proud they are of her. With winter break nearing, she's already starting to count the days until she gets to go back home and be with her family.



Milica Vukobrat, sophomore international volleyball student, poses outside the old gymnasium on Wednesday Nov. 13.

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