

THE BIG STORY

CSUB budget leaves faculty in dark

By Runa Lemminn
News Editor

When the California State University Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition last year for all 23 campuses, the increase was, in part, going to fund additional faculty and advisers to increase class availability.

The extra classes would ease overcrowding, and, in turn, help students graduate on time.

Dr. Aaron Hegde, chair of the Budget and Planning Committee for the Academic Senate and chair of the Economics Department, said faculty input regarding funds has traditionally been overlooked.

Yet faculty input is crucial in a public institution and a shared governance such as CSU Bakersfield.

“The faculty have always felt that as we are a part of the university, we need to be involved in helping make these kind of decisions,” said Hegde.

However, the faculty at CSUB has questions regarding how much money is going to increases in faculty-related areas, as well as exactly where the money is going within each area.

“Many among us are even experts in this area of budgeting, forecasting, finance, we’re in the business school; this is what we do. So it’s not that we can’t handle or don’t understand the information,” said Hegde.

CSUB Senator and Associate

Professor of Management and Marketing, John Tarjan, said faculty feels they should be involved early and with sufficient information to be able to provide meaningful feedback.

“All we get are reassurances, and ...we get no information on stuff like this, or it’s very sporadic,” Tarjan said.

Associate Professor of biochemistry Karlo Lopez is also frustrated with the lack of current information.

“It would just be nice to see all the numbers,” said Lopez.

Hegde describes the problem as two-fold.

The first part of the issue is that the faculty is unable to see current numbers in order to build a budget. The second part is transparency.

“If you don’t have a budget, transparency doesn’t matter, because nobody knows what’s going on,” Hegde said.

At CSUB’s annual Faculty Budget Meeting, Academic Senate Chair and nursing associate professor Deborah Boschini said that other universities don’t have the problem that CSUB does.

“If I Google Fresno State budget, it takes me to a website with a wealth of information that goes back several years; I can see what every unit and department on campus receives right down to the marching band, and it’s fascinating to me how much information they share, so comfortably and so effectively, and I would really



Jarad Mann/The Runner

Dr. John Tarjan, along with other faculty members, asks CSUB President Mitchell about upcoming budgetary measures at a CSUB budget meeting on Aug. 24, in the Icardo Center.

like to move toward a model,” Boshini said.
“It’s public record and should be available,” she added.
Replying to Boschini’s com-

ments, CSUB President Dr. Horace Mitchell said that he supported helping faculty with the problem.
“It is the plan. We will make

sure, and Thom (Davis) is prepared to do this, that we provide the kind of information that you are talking about,” he said.

Thom Davis, vice president of Business and Administrative Services at CSUB, assured the faculty that there was no problem in being able to do that.

ADMINISTRATION

Mitchell to retire after a 13-year career at CSUB

By Alexis Redding
News Reporter

Dr. Horace Mitchell is retiring as CSU Bakersfield’s fourth president after this academic year.

Students, faculty, and administrators of the CSUB community will be introduced to a forthcoming president for the university after Dr. Mitchell’s 13 years of leadership. Since Dr. Mitchell’s first year as president in 2004, staff feel he has encouraged others within the community to become leaders.

Dr. Thomas Wallace, the university’s vice president for Student Affairs, has worked in conjunction with Dr. Mitchell for five years now and witnessed many of Dr. Mitchell’s academic achievements on campus.

One of these includes the university’s progress since

becoming a NCAA Division I school in September 2010.

“He took a very young university and advanced it in so many ways. He has enhanced the infrastructure of the university. As our leader, he has done an excellent job for putting this university in national providence,” said Dr. Wallace.

Including his time at CSUB, Dr. Mitchell has 50 years of experience in higher education inside the CSU system.

In a CSUB press release from Aug. 24, Michael Lukens, CSUB’s director of Public Affairs and Communications, said that Dr. Mitchell came to the university from University of California, Berkeley as a winner of the Berkeley Citation award.

“Part of his legacy is that he’s built a campus where it’s about the students and everybody realizes that. We’re educating the

future leaders and future people who will become involved in our communities and help our economy grow,” said Lukens.

Montrelle Henry, a CSUB alumna, recalled Dr. Mitchell’s leadership skills from her days as a student. She has returned to her alma mater this semester, with Dr. Mitchell as her president for the second time, to receive a Master of Educational Administration.

“My first impression of Dr. Mitchell was that I was empowered to have an African-American male at the head of our local university. Although I don’t agree with all of his policies and decisions, I believe he genuinely serves our city well,” said Henry.

Lukens has confidence that Dr. Mitchell’s foundation will exceed when he leaves CSUB. “He’s all class and always has been this figure you respect.

He has a way about him that he earns people’s respect. I’ve always found him to be supportive and encouraging; I think this campus reflects his leadership,” said Lukens.

Rayshell Fambrough, a CSUB alumna, is an educational technology specialist for the Bakersfield City School District.

She recalls a favorite memory shared with Dr. Mitchell from her graduation day.

“One thing I appreciated about Mitchell, is that he never seemed too uptight.”

He added, “I like to play. At both of my graduations I acted silly on stage and he went right along with me,” said Fambrough.

Although Dr. Mitchell’s last day will be June 30, 2018, his constant loyalty and academic accomplishments are what will brace future academic years for the university and its students.



Jarad Mann/The Runner

CSU Bakersfield President Dr. Mitchell has announced his retirement at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

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CAMPUS

Renovations continue for dining

Mario Hernandez
News Reporter

CSU Bakersfield is receiving new dining services. Student Affairs sent out an email on Aug. 27 notifying students of the new dining quarters. CSUB signed an agreement with Aramark for a period of seven years.

The agreement went into effect July 1, 2017 and is to end on June 30, 2024. Aramark has funded \$1.3 million toward the new dining facilities. This includes: the Runner Cafe turned into a buffet, the new restaurants, and the temporary lunch trucks. The total cost of the construction is \$3.2 million. CSUB will pay the remaining amount.

Restaurants like Rowdy’s, Panda Express, Which Wich, and Starbucks will be accessible by mid-October for the students.

“The new construction of the dining services will produce 50 accessible jobs for students,” said Michael Lukens, director of public affairs and communications at CSUB

“Starbucks will be inside the bookstore and Which Wich will be replacing TOGO’S,” said Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management Patrick Jacobs.

“They’re trying to create an [an atmosphere in] the Student Union where students recog-

nize that that’s a gathering place. This is a decision that they’re hopeful will draw more students to the Student Union,” said Lukens

Construction was not given the green light until July 1, thus the conflicting schedule of finishing the construction before the first day of school. Food trucks were introduced as a temporary solution for a more diverse dining experience.

The campus is also receiving a renovation in the café as it’s in the process of being transformed into a buffet. It will be finished mid October as well.

“As far as I’m aware the buffet is a permanent project,” said Jacobs.

Andrew Huerta, an incoming freshman at the university, had commented upon his wishes towards the improvement of the food variety in the cafe.

“Breakfast is the café’s best meal, and they should introduce healthier food in the buffet,” said Huerta.

CSUB Runner Café will now be operating as a buffet and continues to be under renovations.

It currently offers many meal choices that will see improvement as the year progresses. Breakfast is from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., lunch is from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and dinner is from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Josue Cruz, president of the Japan and Beyond club



Jarad Mann/The Runner

A group of construction workers and carpenters worked through their lunch on Aug. 18 in order to ensure that the former Runner Cafe is open for business after a summer full of renovations.

on campus, said he had very little knowledge of the dining changes occurring on campus. He also wished he would have had more of a say in the dining options.

“I was only aware of Panda Express, and that’s before they put the sign up,” said Cruz. Student input was placed

through a random selection of students consisting of Associated Students Inc. members. The students walked around campus during spring with leaders of Student Affairs. The students provided feedback on the campus and some of that feedback was the proposition of diversifying the dining and the

possibility of more options.

Lukens said that making a decision involved certain qualifications.

“Quality service with quality food, restaurants that had a known reputation and high value, also restaurants who were already on campuses and were associated with being part

of a university campus and were successful on campus grounds.

“They also had to have an association with our food network Aramark,” said Lukens.

The university is to take 10 percent of the profit of sales and Aramark 70 percent.

CSUB Crime Log

Crimes from August to September

Grand theft:

On July 19, 2017 at 12:19, a grand theft greater than \$950 was reported in parking lot “H”. This is pending additional leads.

Petty theft:

On July 26, 2017 at 10:26, a theft was reported from the Numenor dorm. This is pending additional leads.

Trespassing:

On Aug. 1, 2017 at 22:20, a report was made from central plant. This case is classified information only.

Burglary (second degree):

On Aug. 5, 2017 at 9:34, a theft was reported from parking lot J due to a patron’s access card information being used without consent. This case is pending further information.

Hit and run:

On Aug. 13, 2017 at 19:06, damaged property was reported from Kroll/Don Hart East. This case is pending further information.

Grand theft:

On Aug. 23, 2017 at 12:12, a grand theft greater than \$950 was reported in the Housing East dorms. This is pending additional leads.

Petty theft:

On Aug. 30, 2017 at 16:18, a theft was reported from university police. This is pending additional leads.

Petty theft/vandalism:

On Sept. 4, 2017 at 11:05, deface property was reported from Dorothy Donahoe Hall. This case is pending additional leads.

Contact UPD at 661-654-2677 or visit <http://www.csub.edu/bas/police/> if you or any others in the community have any further information on the above pending cases or non-reported crimes that you would like to be investigated.

CAMPUS

Food pantry set to alleviate hunger

By Runa Lemminn
News Editor

Hungry students and faculty who forget lunch and money at home will not have to suffer all day without a meal any more. The CSU Bakersfield Food Pantry is set to open on Sept. 18, 2017, with the ribbon cutting ceremony slated for 12 p.m.

Not to be confused with the community food distribution that takes place at CSUB every month, the food pantry is only for the students, faculty and staff of CSUB.

Kassandra Hernandez, CSUB’s Food Pantry coordinator, said the Food Pantry stems from a study that was conducted over CSU campuses. When Chancellor Timothy White got involved with the Basic Needs Initiative, “... things got moving.”

When students are not food secure, their academics can suffer.

“When you’re in class and your stomach is grumbling, you’re not thinking about class,” said Hernandez.

Associated Students, Inc. Executive Director, Ilaria Pesco, said the food pantry is part of an effort to make going to school at CSUB easier on students, especially the ones who



Photo courtesy of Kassandra Hernandez

CSU Bakersfield Food Pantry Coordinator Cassandra Hernandez showed her excitement for the arrival of the Food Pantry module to the CSUB campus on Aug. 26.

are struggling financially.

“When you are focused on where your next meal is coming from, and where you’re going to live, you’re stressed, and you are not going to be focused on your classes,” said Pesco.

Freshman education major Samantha Martinez said just forgetting lunch at home is hard enough sometimes.

“You’re just thinking about food and how soon you can get out,” said Martinez.

The solution was to provide a source for food that people could utilize right on campus. That way, students wouldn’t have to choose between academic expenses, such as buying books or buying groceries.

“It’s not food or an education, it’s food and an education,”

said Hernandez.

The pantry will be located on campus, just north of the Student Union, and will be comprised of two refrigerated storage containers.

One will be for the store itself, and the other unit will be for storage.

Mark Felisilda, a senior double majoring in computer science and communications, said he knows people that would use the pantry.

“It sounds like a really interesting idea,” said Felisilda.

The set up will be a grocery store format, so people will walk in and pick what they want off the shelves. Everyone will be allotted a certain number of points each week, with different items of food worth

different amounts of points. Individuals will simply check-out using their points and leave with a reusable store bag.

Pesco said that they are currently working with Trader Joe’s, Coke, and other corporations to donate bags. People can always donate to the pantry, and if it’s not open, food can be donated to ASI for the pantry.

Community Action Partnership of Kern will supply the pantry, as well as the Fresno Food Bank, which will bring food to Bakersfield. There will also be specialty drives on campus.

Hours will be MW 10-2, 5-7p, TR 10-1, 3-5, Fridays 10-3, and by appointment as well.

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POLICY

Faculty absent in remedial class decision

By Sonia Lemus
Assistant News Editor

Faculty are upset remedial courses were eliminated without their input.

The California State University Office of the Chancellor issued Executive Order 1110 on Aug. 2.

The order ends remedial courses, entrance exams, and bring changes to the Early Start Program.

“The single biggest objection is that it was developed with a gross absence of faculty,” said Bruce Hartsell, president of the California Faculty Association chapter at CSU Bakersfield.

The statewide CFA issued an email on Aug. 2 stating the position it took on the EO.

“This order represents overreach by CSU management and a blatant disregard of shared governance. CFA was not noticed of the changes as the collective bargaining unit of the faculty, nor was the Academic Senate consulted in a comprehensive manner,” stated Jennifer Eagan, president of the CFA, in the email.

“CFA is demanding the chancellor meet and confer. No discussion should occur about implementation until he has met his legal obligation to meet and confer,” said Hartsell.

Chancellor Timothy P. White

sent a memorandum to all CSU Presidents on Aug. 2 informing them about the executive order.

On Aug. 3, a press release dictating some of the changes that would be made was issued by the CSU system.

When asked if faculty had been anticipating the release of the EO, Hartsell said that the announcement of the executive order caught nearly everyone by surprise.

Paul Newberry, director of general education, delivered the news of the EO to the Academic Senate during its meeting on Aug. 31.

“Executive Order 1110 is more challenging because it is changing potentially how we

do remediation for English and mathematics,” said Newberry.

Newberry also informed the Academic Senate that he and Jenny Zorn, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, have both already held meetings to discuss the EO.

“The effects are going to be wide ranging, so I just ask for the senate and the faculties’ patience as we work with the issues and wait for the faculty to come to a tactical plan, curricular wise, to see how we should address it,” said Vernon Harper, associate vice president for Academic Programs.

Dr. John Tarjan, representative of CSUB in the Academic Senate of the California State

University said, “There are a number of issues [with EO 1110]. One is the process through which it was approved. Second, was the timing, and then the last one is the substance.”

Tutors at the Math Tutoring Center in Science III agreed that taking away remedial courses brings a greater challenge to faculty and themselves as tutors.

“We will have to teach instead of tutor, because if they don’t know the basics they can’t learn the rest,” said Kayla Johnson, head tutor at the math tutoring center.

Kelly Aragon, English major and tutor at the Writing

Resource Center, agrees that teachers have a lot of work ahead of them now that remedial students will be put into collegiate level courses rather than remedial courses.

“How would teachers break up the requirements that should be taught in remedial courses? Are they going to cram them into one class?” asked Aragon.

Aragon added that this may even set them, the students in remedial courses, back more than remedial classes have.

The executive order began by eliminating the entrance exams August 2017.

Remedial courses will be eliminated fall 2018.

CAMPUS

International student enrollment increases at CSUB

By Juan Rodriguez
Reporter

Since the fall term of 2014, CSU Bakersfield has continued to grow its international student enrollment on its main campus.

CSUB sustains an 80 percent average increase over the last three academic years, growing from 39 international students in the fall of 2014, to 252 students in the spring of 2017.

Dr. Mark Novak, dean of Extended Education and Global Outreach Division at CSUB said there are several factors that have facilitated such shifts in CSUB’s student population.

“We’ve gone out and began to search for students interested in coming here. I think in the past, it really wasn’t an intention, or

maybe an interest, in having international students on campus,” said Novak.

Sonia Silva, director of the International Students and Programs said, “Part of the reason our numbers are going up is really our administration and the campus as a whole. The president, provost, Associate Vice President [Jacqueline] Mimms, and Dean Novak have really been instrumental at increasing our international numbers and globalizing this campus.”

Silva added, “We now have an international recruiter. We never had one before. When I first started in January of 2014, I was managing around 85 students. We are close to the 300 range now.”

Although the international

enrollment numbers at CSUB positively reflect a collective engagement in the recruitment and retention of international students, it still trails the national average.

For more than 20 million students within higher education in the 2015-2016 academic year, the National Center for Education Statistics calculates that only 5.2 percent of those students are international.

For example, although CSUB achieved its largest amount of international student enrollment to date in the spring of 2017, it would still fall short of 3 percent when factoring in the 9,230 student population for the 2015 academic year.

CSUB’s campus is unusual compared to the 2017-2018

academic year’s national numbers.

During this timeframe, where growth has been demonstrated, CSUB possesses a more robust campus, particularly with local and foreign student involvement in studying-abroad programs.

Gabriela Ochoa, an International Students and Programs adviser who studied abroad in Spain during her undergraduate studies said, “Upon my return, I became the global ambassador for the office. I would go to classrooms, do presentations and talk to students about studying abroad.”

More students are now returning from their studies abroad and speaking about their experiences and according to

Novak word of mouth is the best marketing.

Business administration major and international student from Saudi Arabia, Saleh Almainan said, “The thing I really like about the United States, here, is that it gives me the idea or the concept that there is nothing impossible. So, you can be whatever you want, as long as you are working for it, giving your effort and devoting your time for it.”

Director of International Student Relations for Associated Students Inc., Luis Hernandez, said, “I got to know all the international students from all the programs, and I got more involved over time, so I joined ASI because I knew the position they had was perfect for

me to represent all the international students.”

CSUB is a relatively cost effective market for prospective international students.

According to CSUB, the cost of attendance for international undergraduate students is estimated at \$29,000.

Other CSU campuses such as San Diego State cost on average \$37,600; CSU Fullerton \$39,000; and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo \$39,117.

The International Students and Programs department is located on the west side of campus at the Entwood building.

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CAMPUS

Get personal with President Mitchell

By Karin Patiño
Reporter

Earlier in August, President Horace Mitchell announced during his annual University Day address that he will be retiring after this 2017-2018 school year.

Mitchell’s official last day will be June 30, 2018, which will also mark 50 years of him working full-time in higher education.

Before CSU Bakersfield, Mitchell’s career also included Washington University in St. Louis; University of California, Irvine; and University of California, Berkeley.

“I’ve enjoyed what I’ve done all 50 years...I’ve enjoyed being president at CSUB the most. It’s given me the best opportunity to work with our students from all backgrounds, to inspire excellence in those students. It’s not that I’ve done this by myself of course. I’ve done it with the help of particularly our faculty, also our department chairs and deans, the provost and other academic administrators, as well as members of the president’s cabinet,” said Mitchell.

The list is never ending when it comes to running a university.

It takes the effort of everyone involved to uphold the university to its highest standards and reach its goals that were set in place. “We did a lot of things

“I’ve enjoyed what I’ve done all 50 years...I’ve enjoyed being president of CSUB the most..”

Dr.Horace Mitchell,
CSUB President



Photo Courtesy Horace Mitchell- President Mitchell shared his story with The Runner before his retirement.

very long way.”

“I’ll miss the daily engagement with people. All of whom who have been committed to our agenda, our vision, and our core values. I’ll miss the daily interaction where we’re working on those things together,” said Mitchell.

Mitchell does not plan to slow down during his last year. He will continue to be involved as ever. He said, “I want us to have our best year ever.”

Paula Silva, 21, child adolescent family studies major at CSUB, said, “I’m excited about the changes. Hopefully someone with a fresh perspective coming in will be a better fit since the school is evolving so fast and we need someone to keep up.”

ENTERTAINMENT

Runner Nights lights up the sky

By Allison Lechman
Reporter

I’m quietly cruising down Stockdale Highway on a Friday night. My car windows are rolled down, the cool wind carelessly flows through my hair while I look out my driver’s side window. As I approach CSU Bakersfield, I can hear a distant rumble of music become louder the closer I get and I can see a premiere light that travels from the campus grounds up into the night sky. The source of all these lights and commotion lead to the event known as none-other than Runner Nights.

According to the CSUB website, “Runner Nights is a division-wide collaborative event series that aims to bring students together, while providing late night activities filled with excitement!”

This event is designed exclusively for the students of CSUB. The event provides tasty food, fun rides, outgoing dancing, jamming music, good games and a full-out photo booth, all for free, all for fun. It is 9:30 p.m. and I’m walking into the fenced off Don Hart East Lawn which has been transformed into a pop-up carnival.

To my right, I can see a huge slide towering high with a flashing sign on the top with the words “FUN SLIDE” illuminated in different colors.



Skylar Carrasco/The Runner
Students line up for a turn flying down the Fun Slide during Runner Nights at CSUB campus Sept. 8.

In the far back right corner of the event stands a Ferris wheel outlined by lime-green neon lights.

CSUB students are scattered. Some are standing in line to ride the Ferris wheel, others are dancing around the DJ and some are chatting to friends.

As my eyes scan the area, the sweet smell of kettle corn distracts me.

This is my first time attending Runner Nights and it is making a good first impression.

For some students on the other hand, this isn’t their first time.

“I’ve been before and it gets better every year. This is the best so far,” said Sean Acord, geology major.

I’m now walking over to the DJ. There is a flashy structure decked out with lights and speakers. The MC points his mic into the crowd prompting

them to sing the words to a hip-hop song. I can see students dancing and enjoying themselves.

I continue to walk around the event. I see food vendors selling common carnival foods.

There are many choices including snow cones, nachos and churros.

I patiently wait in line knowing the reward of free food is at the end.

“I like that there is a lot of students out here. I like that we get free food,” said Victoria Vargas, junior at CSUB.

“I think it’s really fun that all us students can come together,” said Runner Nights check-in worker and student, Carisse Geronimo.

This night I met four new people. Runner Nights is an event filled with diverse people and good vibes.



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September

12 Visting Artist Lecture: Frente 3 de Fevereirno 5 p.m. Visual Arts Building 103

13 Financial Aid Workshop 3:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m WS Library 014

20 Runners Around the World 9 a.m. -1 p.m. DDH Hallway

21 Music & Theatre Events: Johannes Möller-Laura Fraticelli Duo 7:30 p.m. Music Building Rm 127

Brown Bag Discussion 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Front of Stockdale Rm

Kegley Institute Guest Speaker: Dr. Edward Wasserman 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Albertson Rm Dore Theatre

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

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EVENTS

Calling all gamers to Rowdy Con

By Allison Lechman
Reporter

“You can have fun, and do it for a charitable cause,” said Brittany Perez, Rowdy Con president as she explains Rowdy Con.

Some may remember the event put on by the Campus Gamers club called “Extra Life.” Well, Rowdy Con is like Extra Life’s big sister.

This event is an opportunity for the CSU Bakersfield campus community and Bakersfield community to come together to raise money for the Lauren Small Children’s Center at Memorial Hospital.

Specifically, the money will be used to purchase the equipment the children may need, for example, X-ray machines. Rowd Con will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30.

There are three main parts to this event. Starting off the day is the “Game On!” 5K fun run at 7 a.m.

Early-bird registration is from Sept. 11 to Sept. 30 and the cost is \$25. If you decide to do this route of registration you will also get a free T-shirt.

People could also sponsor runners. Participants don’t have to run in this event they may also walk.

Runners may wear costumes, regular workout gear or whatever they would like.

Moving on, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. is the Rowdy Con Convention.

This includes 25 themed game rooms, speakers, panels, vendors and cosplay contest, just to mention a few.

The vendors will be in the student recreation center.

There will be games to play in Dorothy Donahoe Hall and the Student Union will be a motion gaming room, virtual reality, Japanese gaming, racers and fighters.

There will also be a Starwars themed room and a Dungeons and Dragons themed room.

If you’re a fan of board games, Rowdy Con will also have these types of games to welcome all types of gamers.

These are just a small sample of the many different things this convention will have.

The convention is free for all CSUB students, just remember to bring your ID.

It is also free for all the participants of the “Game On!” 5K run.

To end your day at Rowdy Con, you can go to the Rowdy Con-Cert and watch Jason Hayes perform live with his group, Critical Hit.

Hayes is the composer for “World of Warcraft.”

The concert will be held at the CSUB Dore Theater.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Also, there will be a post-concert meet-and-greet.

General admission is \$15. All the proceeds of this event will be donated.

Along with these events, there will be a 3D picture station and Escape room will also be an attendance at Rowdy Con.

There will also be a silent and live auction.

Participants and coordinators want to see the event grow and be more successful than any other Rowdy Con in the past.

“It’s going to be bigger than any extra life,” says Perez.

The meaning and the purpose of Rowdy Con is something that some students praise and support.

“The main purpose of this event is to give back to the community. They are raising money for the local children’s hospital,” said anthropology student Ash Schmidt.

“It gives our students a chance to give back to the community as well.”

Those who are putting on Rowdy Con hope that this event becomes a tradition.

“I’m excited to see that students are proactive and are trying to give back,” said finance major Naseem Saba.

Rowdy Con is being put on by the CSUB Campus Gamers club. If anyone wants to continue to sponsor this club, check out the Maya Theater.

Members of the Campus Gamers club volunteer by selling lanyards and other cool items at the theater every Friday to Sunday.

“We’re hoping to get a lot more people this year,” said Terry Potter, public relations officer for Campus Gamers.

Also the club is doing something called, the 100 100. This is where the first 100 people who raise \$100 or donate \$100 for the event get a gold medal.

“It’s a pretty thick gold metal too,” says Potter as he uses his thumb and pointer finger to show me the estimated width.

If that isn’t enough motivation, you also get a free Rowdy Con T-shirt and a chance to win a new Nintendo switch game console with a copy of Zelda Breath of The Wild and an entry to the Rowdy Con Concert with V.I.P seating for the first three rows.

“We changed our Extra life



Jarad Mann/The Runner
CSUB students (Left to Right) Richie Conchas, Jesus Ruiz, and Jorge Garcia chill out between classes in the Gaming Lounge at the CSUB Student Union on September 11, 2017 while playing FIFA 16

event into Rowdy Con because we wanted it to be not only our club, campus gamers, we wanted this to be a school wide event,” says Potter. “We wanted the support of our faculty, teachers, all the clubs on campus, and all the students. We wanted to make sure everyone got involved with this.”

This is an opportunity to make new memories and connection with people from the CSUB and Bakersfield community.

“It’s the event to go to,” said Perez.

Help make Rowdy Con a success and remember, the money you donate to this event stays in Bakersfield to treat our kids.

If people want more information about Rowdy Con, they can get a pamphlet by the front desk at the Student Union or just ask for one at the front desk.

For more information on how to join or questions on Rowdy Con, the Campus Gamers can be reached at campusgamers@gmail.com.

If you still haven’t fulfilled your need for information about Rowdy Con, you can talk to Edward Webb, who is in charge of Rowdy Con in the office of student involvement located inside the Student Union.

Webb is also the founder of the Campus Gamers.

CULTURE

Hispanic Heritage month has arrived

By Chantel Vargas
Reporter

Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off begins Sept. 15 at the Student Union patio at 11 a.m.

On Aug. 29 at the Affinity Groups Welcome Back Social, Faust Gorchman said the association’s mission statement as follows.

“The CSU Bakersfield Latina and Latino Faculty & Staff Association is committed to the advancement of the university’s Latina/Latino community.”

From Sept. 15 to Nov. 5, CSUB will hold several events celebrating the Latin culture.

For the month of September, people should look forward to cultural foods, panels, shows, screenings and much more.

On Sept. 18 there will be Mexican sweet bread, known as “pan dulce” in Spanish, and doughnuts in the Student Union lobby at 9 a.m.

On Sept. 28 there will be an Immigration Panel Discussion in the Stockdale Room at noon.

From Sept. 22 to Sept. 28

there will be a “Dolores” documentary screening at Maya Cinemas, located at 1000 California Ave.

One of CSU Bakersfield’s new professors, Jorge E. Moraga, shares what it means for him to be Latino.

“It means that we have a long rich history of struggle and lucha [fight]. Despite all the odds of colonization, economic exploitation, force migration, removal, racism, stereotypes, prejudice, we’re still here and having that as part of my identity makes me proud but it’s also a painful reckoning,” said Moraga.

One of the association’s goals is to organize cultural events both on campus and off. By doing this, many doors will be open for people to learn more about the Latino culture.

Moraga is most looking forward to the newness of coming back to a CSUB as a faculty member instead of a student. He is excited to work with first generation college students, the working class and students of color.

FACULTY

Asian Faculty and Staff Network socialize and celebrate different cultures at CSUB

By Karin Patiño
Reporter

The Asian Faculty and Staff Network met Thursday, Aug. 31 in the Dezember Reading Room at CSU Bakersfield for the Affinity Groups Welcome Back Socials to discuss their goals for the year.

Students, staff and faculty met on Thursday afternoon to reconnect with one another and discuss as a group what goals they wish to achieve for the upcoming school year and how they plan to achieve those goals.

“The Affinity Groups idea was for new people on campus to see this [CSUB] is a place that celebrates different cultures. We hope to see more study abroad and get foreign exchange students more involved,” said Jenny Zorn, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, at the beginning of the meeting.

Following Zorn was Dean Mark Novak who encouraged faculty to bring different cul-

tures into their curriculum for no matter what field of study they may be teaching.

Novak also mentioned to the crowd that CSUB has 17 study abroad students this year.

This is the second year for the Asian Faculty and Staff Network after their inauguration last school year.

The AFSN went full-steam ahead for their first year last year.

However, the Asian Faculty and Staff Network has different plans in mind for the upcoming months.

In regards to last year, Kris Krishnan, Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment assistant vice president and co-chair of Asian Faculty and Staff Network said to everyone, “We will not focus on so many activities [like last year]. We are going to have fun.”

Students, faculty and staff participated in a Pin My Country Social in which everyone who attended tacked a pin onto a world map that was placed upon a cork board, indicating

where they are originally from or where their heritage comes from and shared a few words about their home country.

Just some of the countries mentioned covered grounds across the whole map and those countries included China, India, Nigeria, Mexico, Croatia and Canada, showing the diversity of students, staff and faculty on campus.

“I really enjoyed the fact that they involved everyone socially and culturally,” said Josue Cruz, 21, business and administration major and president of the Japan and Beyond Club.

Later on during the social, to learn more about Asian culture, Junying Mao, programmer in the Information Technology department at CSUB, created an Asian Faculty and Staff Network 2017 Jeopardy Game Show, where staff, faculty and students grouped into three teams to showcase their knowledge of Asian culture.

The categories created for the Jeopardy game were: Famous Person, Food, Landmarks and Language.

Teams were awarded candy traditionally found from Asian countries for every question they answered correctly.

The stakes were high.

Not too far from now, CSUB will take part in celebrating the Diwali Festival of Lights occurring in mid-October.

The exact date on when CSUB will hold its celebrations is to be announced soon.

Krishnan said, “Diwali is a Hindu festival of lights, celebrating the conquest of good over evil and to bring light in the world.”

The celebration will be open to the community here at CSUB.

For more information, contact Asian Faculty and Staff Network co-chairs Charlene Hu at xhu1@csub.edu or Kris Krishnan at skrishnan@csub.edu.

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Watch a multimedia report on Runner Nights by reporter Sandy Ornales at therunneronline.com

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Veronica Morley

This week The Runner asked, “Do you agree with the Trump administration ending DACA?”



Moataz Aly

“If you are here illegally and don’t have papers, than you can be deported.”



Tatianna Baeza

“At first I thought I wouldn’t be affected, but I know some who has been affected and it really has been unfair.”



Evelyn Camacho

“For me it’s kinda dirty, how it is is just messed up.”



Jose Ramirez

“I think that what was done was a bad idea because of all the students who won’t be allowed to attend school...”

STAFF EDITORIAL

Ending DACA will not make America great again

After several months of assuring the American public that he loves Dreamers, on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, Donald Trump issued his latest proclamation: he is ending the Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals program.

The editorial board disagrees profoundly with the decision taken by the Trump administration, and asks for reconsideration.

The decision is not well thought out, and it is unnecessary. The individuals protected under the DACA program are prime examples of exemplary U.S citizens.

There is no reason to deny these individuals the opportunity to make America even greater.

In order to even be considered for the program you must have a clean record and must have entered the U.S before turning 16. You must be currently enrolled in school, have graduated, or have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

To think that Dreamers are not an important part of our society is ludicrous. Dreamers had no choice in the decision to come to America, we cannot punish them for something they had no

control over.

Trump attempted to throw ultimate responsibility for his decision on DACA onto Congress. He made it clear that children who were brought to the United States by undocumented immigrants are no longer welcome in the U.S., regardless of their circumstances or contributions to our society.

In an effort to lend validity to the reasons for discontinuing DACA, Attorney General Jeff Sessions made several questionable assertions regarding why DACA was a bad idea to begin with.

In one of his assertions, Sessions accused Obama of overreach, calling Obama’s implementation of DACA an unconstitutional exercise of authority by the executive branch.

The irony is the use of the word overreach, as well as the phrase unconstitutional exercise of authority by the executive branch.

These words could be used to accurately describe Trump’s own method of operating, beginning with the executive order of his ill-fated travel ban shortly after taking office.

Meanwhile, there are some safeguards for Dreamers fortunate enough to be in California.

Editor’s note

The Staff Editorial is an unsigned opinion story that reflects The Runner editorial board’s stance on an issue. We invite our readers to join the discussion by sending us a letter to the editor at runner@csub.edu.

In memos sent on Sept. 5, both CSU Chancellor Timothy White and CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell reaffirmed their commitments to helping all DACA students.

However, the DACA issue is bigger than CSUB. It is bigger than our city, our state, and even the entire U.S.

This is a world-wide issue, because people from all over the world live and contribute to making America what it is today.

Ending DACA can potentially hinder the growth of the American society.

Trump is ignoring the fact that the more people within our society who are educated and allowed to thrive, the better off we are. Not only as a state or country but as a planet.



CSUB student Kathy Mendoza holds a sign during a protest. The Trump administration announced on Sept. 5 the end of the DACA program which protected 800,00 individuals

He fails to realize that the United States is not an independent island in an ocean of other countries. All countries need resources and cooperation from other countries in order to survive and to thrive.

In his conclusion to the DACA announcement, Sessions, said “Societies where the rule of law is subject to political whims, and personal biases, tend to become societies afflicted by corruption, poverty,

and human suffering.” President Trump and his Cabinet would do well to heed the words of their own attorney general and reconsider their stance on DACA.

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‘It’ delivers on gore and casting

By Jarrad Mann
Photo Editor

I saw IT and I loved it.

Like so many others, I was captivated by the initial teaser for the movie IT when it was first released at the beginning of the year. Stephen King’s thousand-plus page epic that told the haunting tale of missing children in the small town of Derry, Maine was finally coming to the silver screen.

The trailer alone broke world records by being viewed 197 million times in just 24 hours.

For the last 27 years, the image of Pennywise was that of legendary actor Tim Curry, best known as Dr. Frank-N-Furter from the Rocky Horror Picture Show. However, now the infamous role is in the hands of Bill Skarsgård, son of actor Stellan Skarsgård and like millions of others, I couldn’t wait to see the visceral images of the evil entity that chose to take the form of the clown Pennywise.

IT didn’t disappoint.

The updated version of the killer clown was both entertaining and terrifying.

Naturally, I had my doubts, perhaps because I have seen one too many movie adaptations that either strayed away from the source material too much or blatantly ignored it.

IT, however, stayed true as much as it could for cramming one-half of the novel into just over two hours worth of



Bill Skarsgard plays It in the feature film, terrorizing children and delighting horror film audiences.

celluloid and it was fantastic. I don’t think I am alone in this critique because IT has gone on to break box-office records by hauling in \$117 million dollars in its opening weekend, virtually guaranteeing that the studio and producers of the film will follow up with chapter two.

It probably did not hurt that the Master of Horror himself, Stephen King, gave his approval.

There are a number of attributes I can focus in on for the film IT. In fact, this was the first time in a long time that I walked out of a movie theater

and couldn’t stop pestering my wife about how good the movie was.

IT’s cast of child actors represented King’s characters to a tee. This movie is brilliantly cast. Finn Wolfhard, who plays Richie and known mostly for his role on Netflix’s Stranger Things, delivers the film’s most memorable lines with exquisite execution. His flawless timing brings a sense of humor to this otherwise horrific and at times uncomfortable movie.

I really enjoyed the IT experience and suggest watching it in IMAX or MPX. One of

the stars of this film is without a doubt the sound. The eerie score hits all the right notes at all the right times and adds to the effect of the thrills when they happen and believe me – there are a few of them. I just hope that the makers of IT don’t fall into that age old Hollywood mistake of, “If it isn’t broke, go ahead and fix it anyway.” Meaning: if the original team that brought to us what is now a bona fide hit returns, then chapter two has the ability to be just as good.

Go see IT, or you’ll float too.

Photo Story

Runner Nights

CSUB kicks off the school year with a night of exhilaration on Sept. 7



CSU Bakersfield was host to the carnival themed, Runner Nights, once again. On Friday, Sept. 8, students met on the Don Hart East Lawn to enjoy carnival games, rides, and dancing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. One of the many attractions included was the Ferris wheel. As shown above, students were happy to line up and experience a carnival classic.

Simer Khurana/The Runner



The “Fun Slide” was another one of many attractions at Runner Nights. Although the line was slightly long, students awaited to ride and race down this slide multiple times.

Simer Khurana/The Runner



Students awaited their turn to run through the “Fun House.” This sparkling attraction was just one of the many events CSUB students could enjoy at Runner Nights.

Skylar Carrasco/The Runner



Students competed alongside each other as they aimed their water guns at a fixed target to win a prize.

Simer Khurana/The Runner



DJ Sammy Schwartz and Karnell Grimes, aka General G.O., members of Party Runners, team up with DJ M1ke from Freestyle Event Services to play music at Runner Nights.

Simer Khurana/The Runner



As the DJ played, so did the students. CSUB students, new and returning, danced the night away as the lively event brought them together to kick off the new school year.

Simer Khurana/The Runner

ATHLETICS

'The Voice of the Runners' steps down

After 14 years, Costelloe decides to move on from CSUB

By Peter Castillo
Sports Editor

The “Voice of the ‘Runners’”, Corey Costelloe, has decided to step down from his position. Costelloe served as the Assistant Athletics’ Director for Communications and was the play-by-play announcer for the men’s basketball and baseball teams here at CSU Bakersfield. Costelloe will be taking a position in the city manager’s office of his native Tehachapi. “I’m basically the assistant to the city manager,” said Costelloe. “I’m gonna be working on any city projects that come up, economic developments, tourism and help the city grow responsibly.” Costelloe announced his decision to step down from his position at CSUB on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Costelloe cites being away from his family and the grind of being on radio as a reason for his departure. Costelloe has also recently moved back to Tehachapi and has been commuting back and forth to Bakersfield for the past few months. “This opportunity opened up and it was time for me to look for something else,” said Costelloe. “Doing the radio stuff for 14 years and being on

campus and all the time spent on the road, makes its hard especially with a family at home.” Costelloe has broadcasted men’s basketball games at CSUB since the 2003-2004 season and baseball games since the program’s inception in 2009 through Roadrunner Sports Properties and Learfield.

“Looking back at all the places I’ve done games in, the small gyms and weird setups, to go from that to essentially my last game being at Madison Square Garden, to go out like that is pretty cool.”

Corey Costelloe, former Assistant Athletics’ Director for Communications

He worked for American General Media, which carried the games and worked closely with the university. “The first road game I worked

was in 2004 at Stanislaus State and I remember how excited I was to be on the road with the team,” said Costelloe. He became a full-time employee at CSUB in 2011. When Costelloe was initially hired in 2011, he served as the Director of the New Media/Broadcasting. He was promoted in 2014 to the position he stepped down from. In addition to doing play-by-play broadcasts, Costelloe also serves as the host and producer of the athletic departments’ web show, “Roadrunner Rundown.” Costelloe would interview CSUB athletes and coaches as well as provide highlights and recaps of that week’s action. Prior to Costelloe’s arrival at CSUB, the digital media department at CSUB was less than ideal. Costelloe remembers the first soccer match that was streamed was shot with one camera and one microphone. “When I first came here, we essentially had nothing, we had one audio mixer and one laptop under a desk,” said Costelloe. “Now we have thousands of dollars of HD streaming equipment, we do live digital broadcasts, with graphics and replays. It’s been cool to see that change.” Athletics’ Director, Kenneth

“Ziggy” Seigfried praised Costelloe for the professionalism he brought to the table and his significance to the department. “Corey made a huge impact when he arrived,” said Seigfried. “He’s built it from the ground up, he was with us from the beginning and he’s stuck with us.” Assistant Sports Information Director, Isaac Comelli echoed the praise that Seigfried had for Costelloe and the standard that he set. “Corey contributed a lot to the quality and setting a new standard for what our department produced,” said Comelli. “Corey always said that he didn’t want to put anything out there with my name on it if it wasn’t good quality.” Comelli also said that Costelloe refused to cut corners in his work and do things just to get by. Seigfried noted that there is currently an ongoing search for Costelloe’s replacement and a decision will be made within the next few weeks. “We are in a position now, where we are recognized nationally,” said Seigfried. “We’ve had over 120 applicants and our goal is to find exactly what we need.” Costelloe said that his position



Photo Courtesy of Corey Costelloe's Twitter Account
Corey Costelloe has been broadcasting men's basketball games since the 2003-2004 season, a span of 14 seasons.

will most likely be divided between two people. One will handle the digital media responsibilities while the other will solely take on play-by-play duties. Costelloe’s departure coincides with the recent run of success that several programs have experienced at CSUB. “It all happened at the right time,” said Comelli. “I think Corey was the right person to be here to make sure that when we had those moments in the

spotlight that they weren’t wasted.” Costelloe explained how remarkable the change was that he experienced as a broadcaster at CSUB. “Looking back at all the places I’ve done games in, the small gyms and weird setups, to go from that to essentially my last game being at Madison Square Garden, to go out like that is pretty cool.” Costelloe’s last day at CSUB was Friday, Sept. 8.

FANTASY SPORTS

Professor plays fantasy football, excels in career

Vincent Perez
Assistant Sports Editor

Fantasy football takes patience and strategy. The latter is what CSU Bakersfield sociology professor Dr. Marisa Sanchez relies on to play fantasy football. Sanchez, 30, in her third year, is an assistant sociology professor. Sanchez, a sociological statistician, proves that fantasy football is more than a reason for beer-swilling dudes to get together. “If you can get a good handle on understanding that, it helps you get a little bit more of an edge when it comes to deciding whether to drop or bench players,” said Sanchez. Sanchez offered advice for fantasy players. “You need to learn how to read projections. These are websites that help you compare two different players based on different kind of stats on how they play that season,” said Sanchez. Sanchez said that some fantasy websites collect data on players and make predictions based on running statistics. Sanchez is a native of El Paso, Texas, attended Texas A&M University.

“She’s an expert in statistical analysis, and we are very pleased she is contributing all these things to compliment what we all teach and research.”

Dr. Gonzalo Santos, CSU Bakersfield associate professor of 25 years

She currently plays in a 6-team fantasy league. Sanchez admitted on Sept. 7 that she needed to do some trades prior to week one of the NFL regular season. Fantasy football is a competition in which players create imaginary teams online based on real NFL players’ statistics weekly during the regular season. Winners are often awarded cash prizes. Many leagues award cash prizes to first, second, and third places. Drafts for fantasy leagues happen before each NFL season, and trades can happen between

all players. Sanchez is aware of all aspects of fantasy and is successful in her professional and personal relationships. Dr. Doreen Anderson-Facile, CSUB department chair of sociology, described Sanchez: “She’s a very kind, generous person. She’s detailed and driven. She’s a great sociologist.” The process of finding a professor such as Sanchez was thorough Anderson-Facile said. “Her teaching style, philosophy and her research agenda - we realized she was a good darn fit for us,” said Anderson-Facile. Camaraderie is important with colleagues, and football brings Sanchez and her fellow professors together. “We all watch football together: Dr. Sanchez, Dr. Rhonda Dugan is a Bears fan, and I’m a Vikings fan,” said Anderson-Facile. However, Sanchez does not have a NFL team. Sanchez said proudly, “Go with the stats.” Her colleagues would agree on that statement. Anderson-Facile said she would take any advice Sanchez offered because she is level headed and practical. Every sociology professor welcomed Sanchez to the department upon arrival, including one of her mentors.



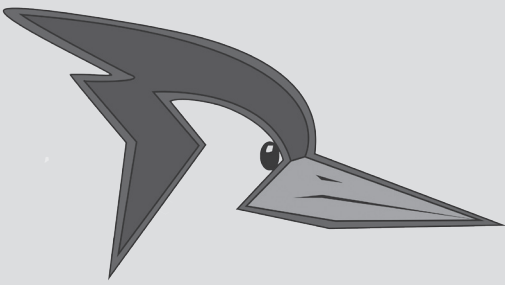
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Dr. Marisa Sanchez shares her thoughts on fantasy football in an office interview on Sept. 7. Sanchez has been a professor at CSUB for three years now.

Dr. Gonzalo Santos, CSUB associate professor emeritus of sociology, complemented Sanchez’s mind, “She’s an expert in statistical analysis, and we are very pleased she is contributing all these things to compliment what we all teach and research.” Sanchez has excelled on campus, and is enjoying her downtime playing fantasy. Sanchez, playing her third year of fantasy, has seen some success.

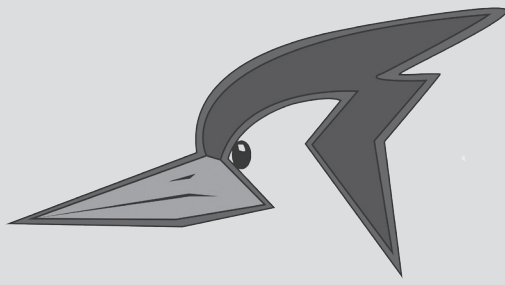
“First year, I came in second place. Second year, I came in third or fourth,” Sanchez said. Technological issues caused the second-year flub Sanchez explained. “That was unfortunate because my app messed up, and I couldn’t get to change my players out.” Sanchez added, “I had a bunch of empty spots who didn’t play - I was pissed.” Playing for money can cause issues between friends who play

fantasy together. Sanchez never had that issue. “You would have to have a good relationship with friends to play fantasy. At the end of the day, if you’re playing for money, you want to make sure that people pay up,” said Sanchez with a laugh. Sanchez reflected on playing fantasy and why she enjoys playing. She said, “It’s fun and there’s a potential to gain some money, at least the way my league plays.”

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Dedication drives Delgado to top

By Taylor Long
Reporter

Junior center midfielder Sabrina Delgado is more than just a student athlete. She excels both athletically and academically. Not only was Delgado named the Western Athletic Conference preseason offensive player of the year, but she was also one of the 82 athletes in women’s soccer to be named a 2016 Academic All-WAC Honoree. With immense focus and hard work, Delgado manages to balance being a student and a Division I athlete. Delgado got her start playing soccer at just four years old when her mom signed her up and has loved it ever since. From recreational teams to club, she achieved her greatest accomplishment of playing collegiate soccer at a Division I level. One of Delgado’s biggest inspirations on the field is a forward from the Women’s Brazilian National Team, Marta Vieira Da Silva. Though given numerous offers, Delgado wanted to “be a part of a program that was up and coming,” which ultimately

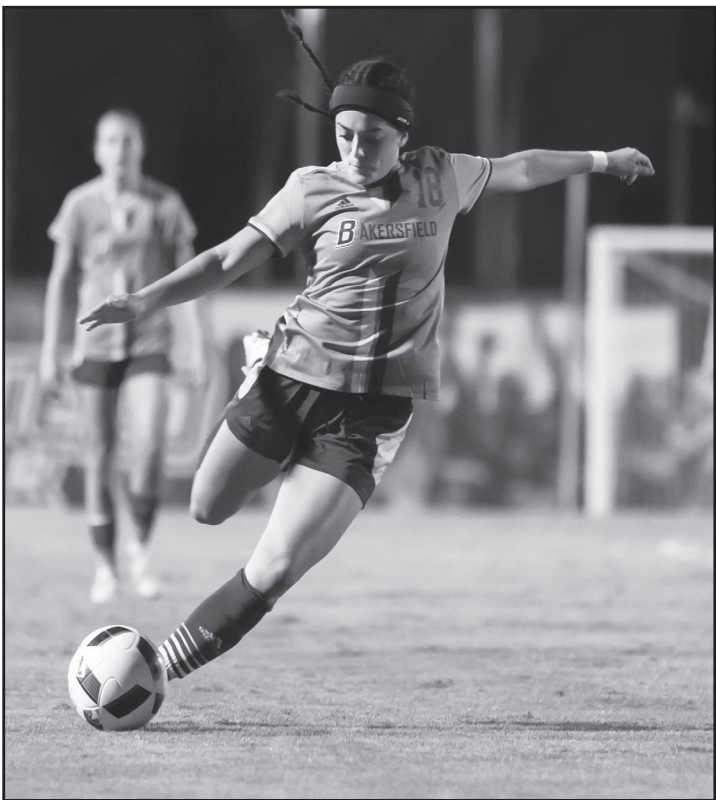
led to her decision to sign with CSU Bakersfield. She has managed to establish herself as one of the most valuable players on the team. “She can dictate a game, she’s an intelligent player and is able to read what the other team is going to give her and she excels no matter what,” said CSUB Head Coach Gary Curneen. Delgado’s commitment to her studies and her team is shown by her accomplishments. Delgado is a well-rounded student athlete. Redshirt-junior forward Aminah Settles described Delgado as being “very self-motivated and hard-working, she does the work on and off the field, and has the ability to inspire other teammates with the energy she brings.” Delgado has been on the team since the change of the program, and Curneen said she is “a catalyst of that change, she has enabled us as a program to accelerate the change in culture because she has driven it so aggressively as a collegiate athlete and a student.” Delgado has already exceeded expectations at the start of this season. In just the beginning of

“She does the work on and off the field, and has the ability to inspire other teammates with the energy she brings.”

Aminah Settles, Redshirt-junior forward

the second and final overtime, Delgado was able to make the assist for the game-winning goal against UTEP. “Her performance was on another level, even by her standards,” said Curneen. Delgado said her key to success in her studies and athletic career is due to her “dedication and focus,” she said she always gives 100 percent. Delgado said her biggest challenge has been “only being identified as a student athlete and not being recognized as an individual who has other goals and ambitions.” Delgado aspires to pursue a

career in Environmental Resource Management. Her character and drive has positively impacted her team and those around her. Settles said she “admires her work-ethic and her ability to always go above and beyond no matter what the circumstances.” Delgado has managed to earn herself a leadership role on her team. “A leader is someone who can personally manage themselves while influencing those around them, it’s a big task but Delgado has done a great job fulfilling it,” said Associate Head Coach Clifton Bush. During the recruiting process, Clifton said, “We look for players who are honest, committed and are able to let their talent grow into something that is productive for the team.” Delgado is someone who possesses every one of those qualities. “She’s our leader, driving force, and our playmaker,” said Curneen. Delgado finished the 2016 season ranked second in the WAC in goals scored. Her eight goals on the season paced the Roadrunners and was the third-most in CSUB single-season



The Runner Archives
Junior midfielder Sabrina Delgado lines up a shot during a game in the 2016 season. Delgado led CSUB in goals scored.

history. Delgado was also named WAC Offensive Player of the Week twice last season. Delgado has set the bar high for an ideal student athlete with her academic and athletic achievements. Her admirable character and drive has been very influential to her team. “Delgado is the heart and soul of our team, she epitomizes the spirit of this program,” said Curneen.

VOLLEYBALL

Roadrunners prep for grind of conference play



Skylar Carrasco/The Runner
Members of the CSUB volleyball team participate in drills at practice. The Roadrunners will begin conference play on Sept. 21 at Chicago State University.

By Johnathan Wheatley
Reporter

Already ahead of last year’s total non-conference wins, CSU Bakersfield women’s volleyball team is looking to keep the momentum rolling. At this time last year, CSUB volleyball had only accumulated one non-conference win and by the end of the non-conference schedule, the team tallied three total wins. This year they have achieved four non-conference wins with many more to play, according to wacsports.com. With a complete sweep of the Hampton Inn Jackrabbits Invitational in South Dakota, against the University of Valparaiso, South Dakota State University and Northern Arizona University, the team’s confidence only keeps rising as the season just only begins. At this time last year, the Roadrunners had not yet played their game against Fresno State on Tuesday, Sept. 12. The CSUB volleyball team only has one home game in their first 14 games, including three tournaments in three different states, South Dakota, Arizona, and California. With traveling being an every-

day commodity, something they can take out of these games is their grit. When speaking with freshman outside hitter Desiree Sukhov, she said, “We were tired game three of the tournament and even game two. Winning those games showed just how much grit and competitiveness this team has.” Sukhov reached a double-double in game two of the South Dakota tournament against South Dakota State with 14 digs and 12 kills. It is exactly what redshirt-senior middle blocker Sydney Haynes expects. “We expect to put forth as much effort as we can in every game and every second we are on the court. This team shows every second that we are out there, that we give it all we have,” said Haynes. When you put everything on the line, you bring out another level of completeness. “This is the most competitive team I have played for, we make each other better, I have high expectations and I believe we can make it far,” said Haynes. Haynes put up 242 kills and 56 blocks in her red-shirt-junior season.

“I want to see where they can go. I believe this group of girls can get to a level we have never been before. This is an exciting young team, and we are excited for the season to come,” said CSUB coach Giovana Melo. The past two years, The Roadrunners have been the dominant team in the WAC, posting a 10-4 record in each season, according to wacsports.com. However, CSUB has fallen in the semifinals of the WAC Tournament each of the last two seasons. The Roadrunners will need to replace the 2016 WAC Player of the Year Carol Grasso. Grasso, who paced the conference in kills a season ago with 405. She also led the team in service aces. Expectations are high for the CSUB volleyball team as they look to continue their dominate play in the non-conference schedule and continued dominance of the WAC. The Roadrunners end their non-conference schedule with three games at the University of California, Irvine Invitational from Sept. 15 to 16. They are scheduled to begin conference play on Thursday Sept. 21 at Chicago State University.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

MEN’S SOCCER



9/15
4:30 P.M.

LAS VEGAS,
NV



9/17
10:30 A.M.

LAS VEGAS,
NV



9/23
7 P.M.

SAN LUIS
OBISPO, CA

WOMEN’S SOCCER



9/15
7 P.M.

MAIN SOCCER
FIELD



9/17
1 P.M.

MAIN SOCCER
FIELD



9/22
7 P.M.

STOCKTON,
CA

VOLLEYBALL



9/15
10 A.M.

UC IRVINE / LONG BEACH STATE INVITATIONAL



9/15
5 P.M.



9/16
3 P.M.



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