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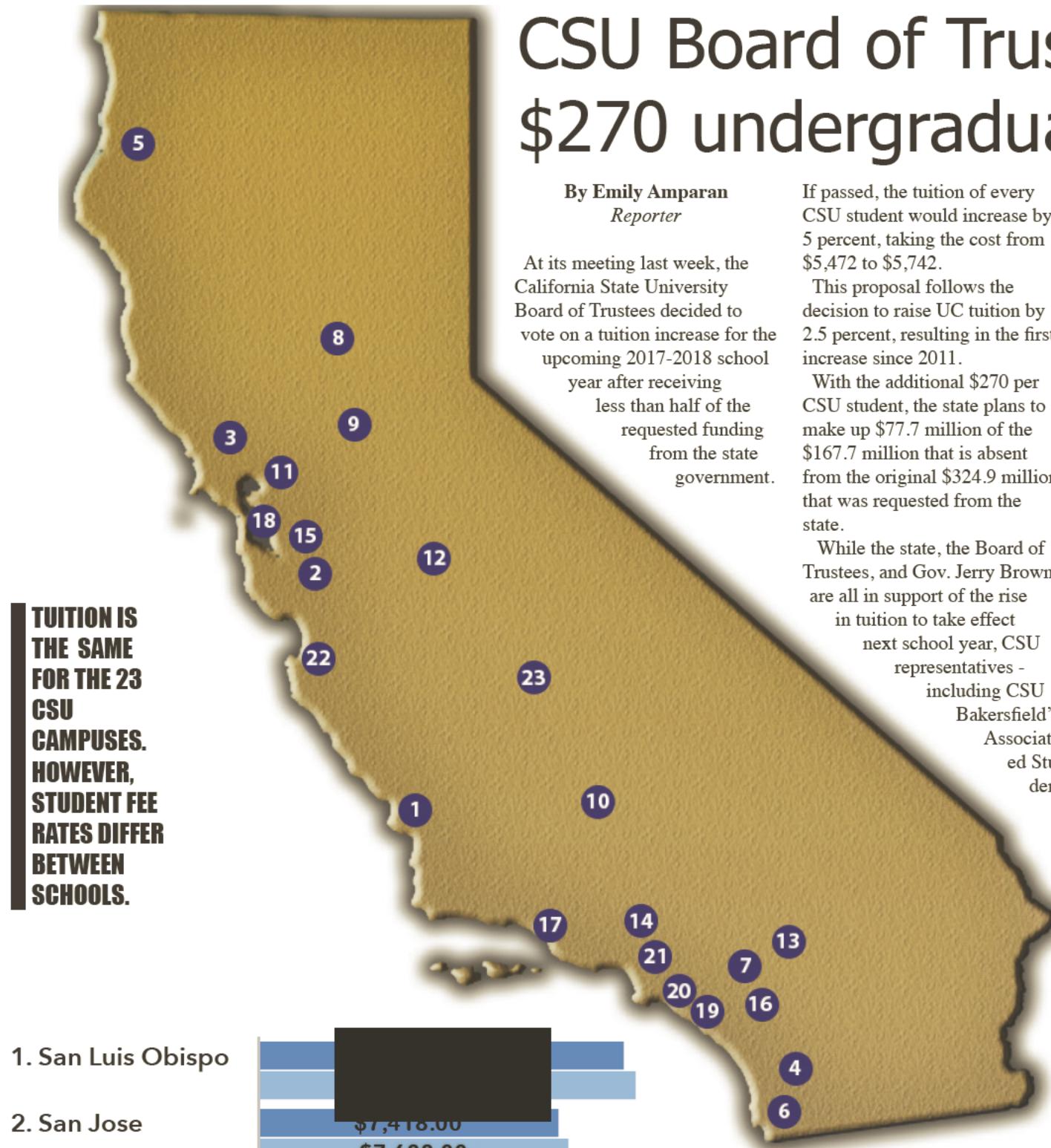
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THE BIG STORY

RISING COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION



By Emily Amparan
Reporter

At its meeting last week, the California State University Board of Trustees decided to vote on a tuition increase for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year after receiving less than half of the requested funding from the state government.

If passed, the tuition of every CSU student would increase by 5 percent, taking the cost from \$5,472 to \$5,742.

This proposal follows the decision to raise UC tuition by 2.5 percent, resulting in the first increase since 2011.

With the additional \$270 per CSU student, the state plans to make up \$77.7 million of the \$167.7 million that is absent from the original \$324.9 million that was requested from the state.

While the state, the Board of Trustees, and Gov. Jerry Brown are all in support of the rise in tuition to take effect next school year, CSU representatives - including CSU Bakersfield's Associated Student

Inc. and the California State Student Association, are all standing against this measure.

"We're in a pretty good position compared to other CSUs," said ASI President Alex Dominguez. "What we're doing

is meeting

with our local legislators to vote in our favor."

Both California State Assemblyman Vince Fong and Sen. Jean Fuller have expressed their desire to help CSU Bakersfield, according to Dominguez. With their support, there is the chance that they could vote in the student's favor against the tuition rise and start advocating for the rest of the Legislature to do the same.

For Dominguez and his team, this is an issue that has been discussed frequently, and is being taken seriously.

On March 11, Dominguez will

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ASI President

be meeting with other CSSA members in Sacramento to discuss a plan to avoid the raise in tuition. Also, many of CSUB's faculty members, including President Horace Mitchell, will be joining Dominguez at the state

capitol to advocate for a fully-funded CSU.

While the final decision for the Tuition Adjustment Proposal is yet to be decided, the final vote will be made in March.

There still remain a large amount of students who are expressing their dissatisfaction throughout the state. Protests have taken place at several universities up and down California, including CSU Long Beach, San Diego State, and UC Berkeley.

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CURRENT VS. PROPOSED

The chart shows the current tuition prices including student fees per CSU campus and shows how the proposed \$270 increase would affect the 23 CSU campuses across California.

■ Current Tuition and Fee Rates
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Travel ban worries CSUB students

By Julie Mana-Ay
News Editor

From Los Angeles, to Chicago, to New York, protesters crowded airports chanting "Let them in" while waving signs arguing against one of President Donald Trump's executive orders on Jan. 27.

Trump's order indefinitely banned refugees from 7 different predominantly Muslim countries like Libya, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Yemen, and Somalia from entering the U.S. for 90 days.

The White House immediately released an executive order that "protect[s] the nation from foreign terrorist entry into the United States," according to the document that was released online.

This means visa holders, dual nationals, multi-visa holders, and green card holders outside of the U.S. are impacted. There is also an indefinite ban on all Syrian refugees.

Crowds gathered at major airports expressing their opposition to Trump's plan to build a wall along Mexico's border and his order on Muslims from certain countries entering America.

Though they had permission to settle in the U.S. by the U.S. State Department, they were being detained in U.S. airports awaiting their fate.

Though the executive order was made to protect America from outside threats, the ban included people with green cards. This order also included citizens of Canada and Britain.

Trump's executive order triggered protests around the country and blocked a large number of college students from entering the U.S.

A federal judge in New York blocked deportations of those detained late Saturday.

Ann Donnelly of U.S. District Court in Brooklyn granted a request from the American Civil Liberties Union to stop the deportations.

Donnelly issued a stay on Trump's order, preventing the deportations of travelers with valid visas and refugee status who had already arrived in the country.

Judge Leonie Brinkema of the U.S. Federal District Court of Virginia also issued a temporary order blocking the deportation of green card holders at Washington Dulles International Airport.

Approved refugees, valid visa holder's, non-US dual citizens and legal residents were detained, barred from planes, or ordered out of the U.S.

CSU, Bakersfield student and Muslim Student Association Publicist Hana Qwfan said because of the protests, she felt relieved.

"I felt ashamed for being an Arab, being Muslim, and the culture and stigma that comes with it. And then I felt guilty for feeling this shame, because even though everyone might not understand this religion and culture, it makes clear sense to me," Qwfan said.

Qwfan thought Trump pushed the boundaries between people far enough to let other people from different backgrounds realize that there is a support group amongst Americans.

"I felt like I belonged. And I felt that so deeply that even the leader of this country couldn't change my mind on that. And I know that if he tries to do that to anyone, we can all stand united and peacefully fight against it," she said.

Qwfan mentioned that the MSA encourages "unity" amongst other Muslims and International students on campus.

"I don't think any of our issues will go away anytime soon, so we need to unite, support each other, and get involved," Qwfan said.

The CSU Board of Trustees released a statement on President Trump's executive order on January 30.

"The California State University is committed to being an inclusive and welcoming institution of higher education that is enhanced by the students, faculty, staff and alumni from our global community," the CSU statement said.

The CSU Board of Trustees said they oppose the executive order and stand with state and national officials in requesting that President Trump reconsider the policy.

"When something threatens our ability to think beyond our borders and learn from the world as a whole, we will oppose it," the CSU statement said. "When something impacts anyone in our CSU community – especially the most vulnerable – it impacts us all."

MSA President Sabah Sahah said because there was support from people of all communities, its response was motivating.

"I'd like to encourage everyone to interact with those presumably very different than you, whether the differences are political, religious, etc.," Sahah said. "The relationships we build with other people will help us unify, and there is strength in unity."

THE BIG STORY

Tuition hike a possibility

■ CSU TUITION RATES

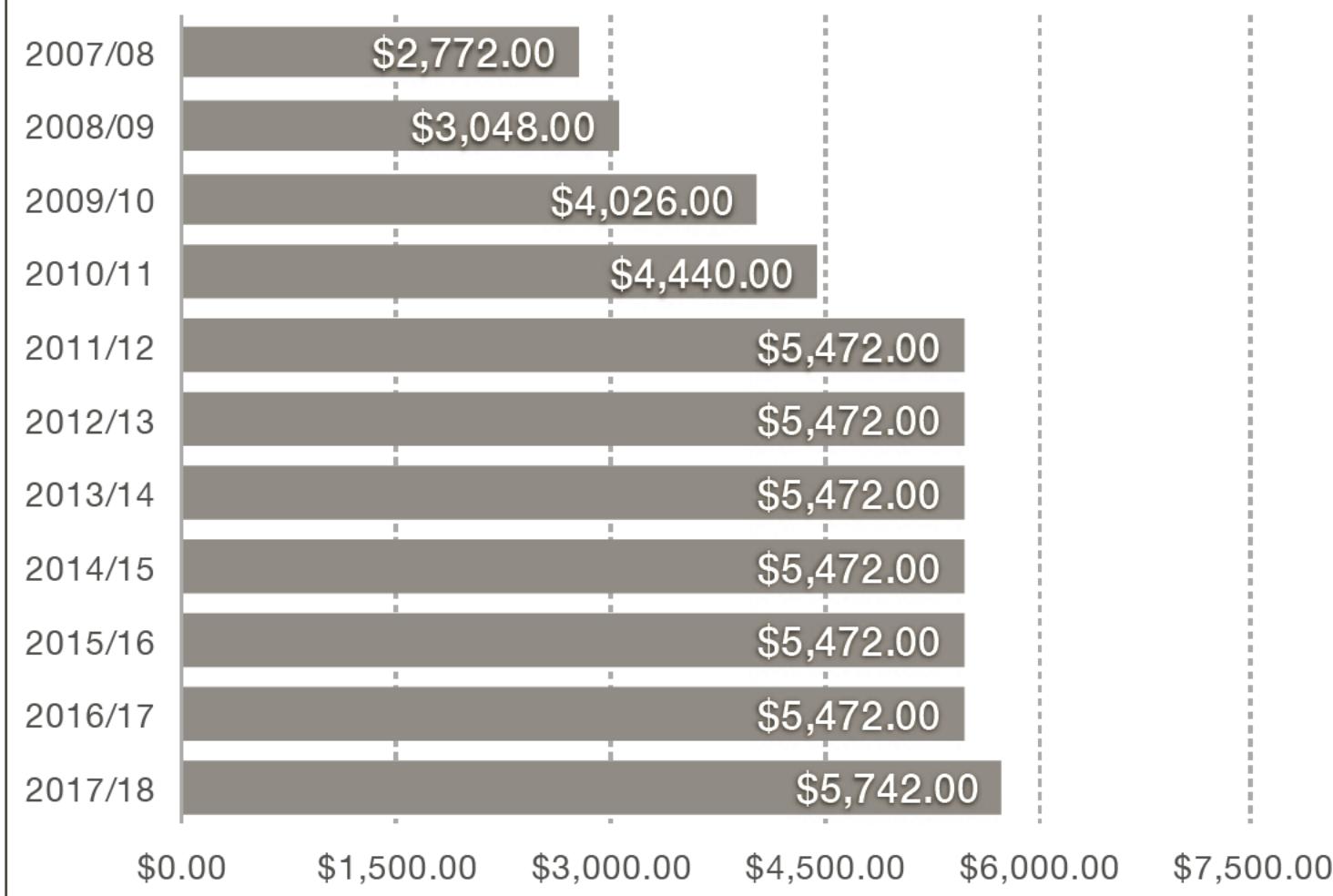


Illustration by Javier Valdes/The Runner

Possible 5 percent tuition increase would bring CSUs rate to \$5,742

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This percentage of students will be unaffected by the potential increase in costs.

Financial Aid Associate Director Chad Morris clarifies that these students, while not guaranteed a dollar-per-dollar

increase, will not have to worry about any extra funds coming out of pocket. This will leave the remaining 50 percent to figure out where and how they are going to acquire the additional money.

"I don't want every cent I

make to go toward school," said business major and third year transfer student Brandon Dunn.

In addition to paying for tuition, students and their families also have to cover their rent, food and other utilities and

expenses. With the extra costs added to the yearly tuition if the proposal is voted through, the financial situations of these students and families will be strained even further.

CAMPUS

Student suicides raise concerns

By Julie Mana-Ay
News Editor

Suicide is one of the leading causes of student deaths among colleges and universities.

This is the second suicide The Runner Newspaper has reported on in the past 2 years.

Jai Bornstein, a 19-year-old transgender CSU Bakersfield student, was found dead at Hart Park on Dec. 31, 2016.

Although it's unknown as to why Bornstein died, her death was ruled as a suicide.

Back in October 2014, another student, Los Ortiz died from suicide.

Bornstein's death is a reminder that suicide is a constant predator of our youth.

According to the 2015 California Health Interview Survey, 12.8 percent of both women and men thought about committing suicide between the ages 18-30 attending some college while the rest of the 87.9 percent of women and men never thought about suicide.

Jackson advises people to communicate with their friends and be their support.

selor at the Counseling Center Janet Millar said most people who think about suicide don't think of it as harm.

"Who wants to hear that? Who wants to hear their sister say they want to kill themselves? But we need to. Because the people that are thinking about dying are thinking that way because they think that nobody cares," said Millar.

Millar mentions suicide happens because people feel like they don't have any way out. People who feel suicidal have common feelings.

Interim Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities Debra Jackson said there are many things people can do to help others in times of need.

"You could let them know that you will listen to them and don't be afraid to ask them if they are going to hurt themselves. And if they said yes, ask them if they have a plan," Jackson said.

Jackson advises people to communicate with their friends and be their support.

"They feel helpless, they feel hopeless, they feel like there's no solution to what they're going through and that it won't get better," she said.

When people feel suicidal, they feel like suicide is the only solution to stop the pain from continuing.

"Continuing to live means continuing to face whatever is distressing you," said Jackson. "It might feel hopeless right now, but there may be ways it can get better."

Jackson mentions the philosophy as to why people turn to suicide.

"Some misconceptions people have about suicidal people is that if someone has been depressed for a long time, and then suddenly seem really happy, that's often a clue that they've finally decided they want to commit suicide," said Jackson. "Because when you feel hopeless and like things are never going to get better and you finally have a plan to hurt yourself, finally you have a solution and it eases up some

of those emotions because it's going to end soon."

Associate Professor of the Social Work department said the faculty at CSUB have made huge strides trying to promote acceptance among other students.

"We are a safe zone campus. The more education you can give people about the fact that there are supportive people," said McCleary.

Both Millar and Jackson recommend students to visit the counseling center if they feel distressed.

The Counseling Center offers a crisis intervention hotline that students can reach if they are suffering from distress and the campus is closed.

The Counseling Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, which is located in the Student Health Center.

The Crisis Counselor phone number is 661-654-3366.

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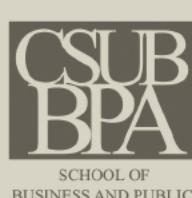
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CAMPUS

CSU Bakersfield ranks high in upward mobility

By Glendy Ardon and
Gustavo Reveles
The Runner Staff

CSU Bakersfield has been named an exemplary institution for upward mobility, where students can rise from the bottom fifth of the income distribution to the top three-fifths, according to a study.

CSUB ranked third behind Pace University at 82 percent and New Jersey Institute of Technology at 85 percent. A study by The Equality of Opportunity Project conducted by Raj Chetty, a professor of economics at Stanford University, along with other notable economics professors and researchers, compiled and analyzed substantiated data on 30 million college students born between 1980 and 1991.

The researchers calculated mobility report cards that compared the students' earnings after college to their economic backgrounds.

"A defining feature of the American Dream is upward income mobility: the ideal that children have a higher standard of living than their parents," according to the project's website. Upward mobility is consistent with CSUB's values, according to Horace Mitchell, the president of the university.

"The results reflect the outcomes we've been hoping to achieve, and are consistent for our vision and what we aspire for our graduates," Mitchell said.

"Our mission is to serve the students who are here and the results indicate that we are achieving those goals."

kinesiology major Hannah Manzanares said, "It's encouraging. You can be anybody, someone from no money, and make a life for yourself."

CSUB also enrolls the highest percentage of low-and middle-income students. CSUB admits 39.6 percent of its students from the bottom 40 percent of the income distribution, compared to other colleges, such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at 13.5 percent, or New York University at 14.3 percent.

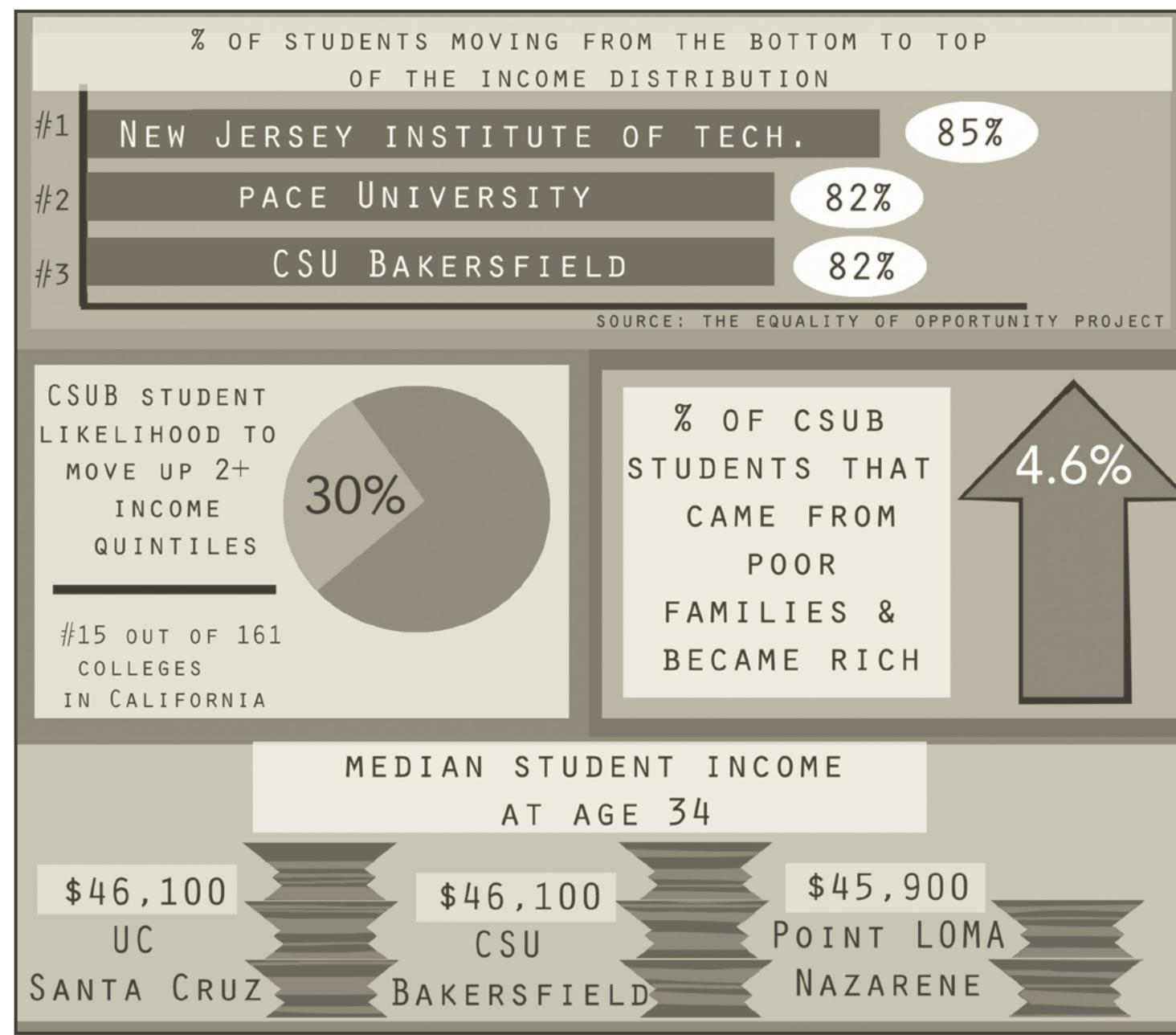
"We have a very active outreach staff that work with high schools and community colleges. And we invite high school students for various kinds of programs," said President Mitchell.

Programs such as Science Day, Math Field Day, and other additional programs provide input to students about college preparedness.

"It's a whole culture of CSUB that's positive, and supportive, and is affirming for our students, and it's an environment and a culture that lets students know that you're welcome here. We expect you to be successful, and we're going to help you to be successful," said President Mitchell.

"These students that are making more money are the ones that give back to the community. Many of them open businesses here in town. They're helping the economy and giving back to the community," said CSUB alumna Veronica Campos.

Campos grew up with parents who worked in agricultural labor, and remembers joining them on weekends for extra



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money. Encouraged by her parents and her ambition to continue her education, Campos took the initiative to attend CSUB.

"It was a priority," said Campos. "Something that I knew that I had to do. I wanted to do it, since I was at high school.

I knew I was going to go to college."

Rushing between classes and her extra job at a grocery store, Campos managed to pay for her own classes, her tuition and books. Now a kindergarten teacher and a parent, Campos

recognizes the value of her college education and the difference it makes in her life today.

Mitchell takes joy in welcoming students into a transformative educational environment.

"My greatest joy, which is shared by our faculty and

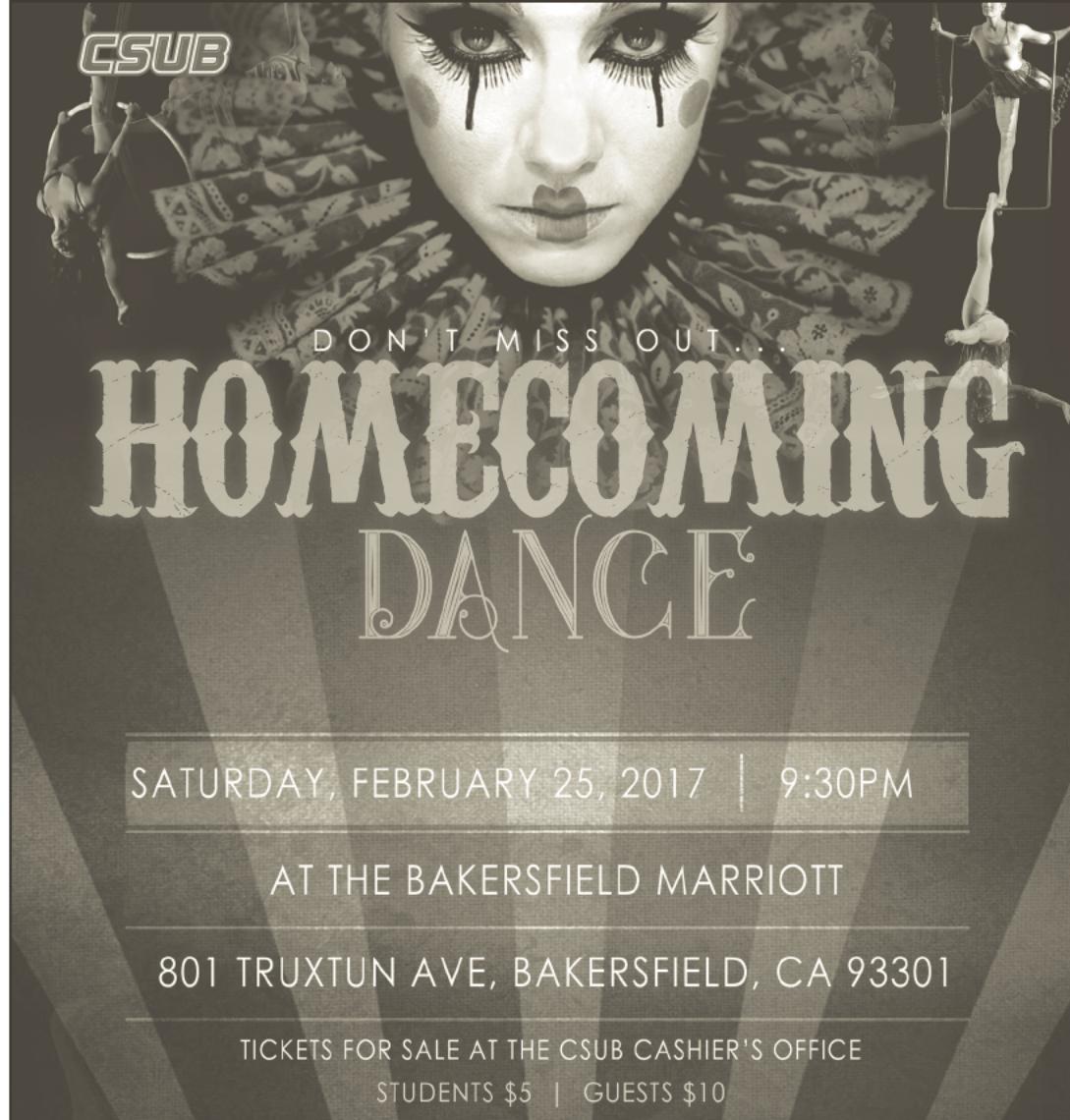
staff, is to, in fact, have the opportunity to congratulate our students as a graduate. That's the most fulfilling of my job, is to see students graduate and be prepared to take on the next challenges that they want to take on," said Mitchell.

What's Happening Around Campus

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8 Recyclemania 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Student Union	Women's Basketball vs. Utah Valley 7 p.m. Icardo Center
Dating Do's and Don'ts 12-1 p.m. SU MPR	Best Week Ever 7:30-10 p.m. SU MPR
9 Conversation Cafe 12-1 p.m. Library Ablin Room	17 Math Counts 2-7:30 p.m. BDC and Dore Theatre
Men's Basketball vs. NM State 7 p.m. Icardo Center	Best Week Ever 7:30-10 p.m. SU MPR
NSME Open House 5:30-8:30 p.m. SU MPR	Census Day
11 Water Polo vs. California 1 p.m. Hillman Aquatic Center	Last Day to withdraw without "W"
Todd Madigan Gallery Presents Bill Jenkins/Sunstation 7 4-6 p.m. Todd Madigan Gallery	18 Women's Basketball vs. Seattle U 1 p.m. Icardo Center
13 Best Week Ever 7:30-10 p.m. SU MPR	19 Baseball vs. Utah 12 p.m. Hardt Field
14 Valentine's Day Best Week Ever 7:30-10 p.m. SU MPR	20 President's Day
15 The Trafficked Life 6-8 p.m. Dezember Reading Room	21 Softball vs. Cal State Fullerton 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Softball Complex
Best Week Ever 7:30-10 p.m. SU MPR	Baseball vs. UC Santa Barbara 6 p.m. Hardt Field
16 Brown Bag Series: Kern County, STD's and Prevention 12-1 p.m. Stockdale Room	CSUB Art Lecture Series: Molly Zuckerman-Hartung 5 p.m. Visual Arts Bldg Rm 103

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COMMUNITY

Bakersfield police faces lawsuit

Former CSUB students file claim against BPD officers

By Julie Mana-Ay and
Esteban Ramirez
The Runner Staff

A claim for personal injuries has been filed against the city of Bakersfield and Bakersfield Police officers by two college students who were detained and attacked by officers on Dec. 6, 2016.

Former CSU Bakersfield students Timothy Grismore and Xavier Hines talked about their experience leading to their arrest in a video posted on the NAACP Bakersfield Facebook page.

Grismore and Hines said they were taking a break from studying for finals to go get Taco Bell when the officers stopped them, attacked them and arrested them near the 1100 block of Valhalla Drive.

According to the report, they were charged with a traffic safety infraction.

The civil lawsuit states one of the officers ordered Hines to get down to the ground by pointing his taser at him. The other officer began to search Grismore.

Grismore then asked why he was being searched and the lawsuit states the officer responded by throwing him to the ground and elbowing him

on the chin.

The civil lawsuit also states another officer struck Grismore with a baton several times while on the ground.

Grismore received five stitches in his mouth as a result of the incident.

Hines said it is very frustrating because it makes them feel like it can happen to anyone anywhere.

"We have never committed a crime or even put in handcuffs or arrested before, so this happening for the first time and the way it did happen, it did affect us in the big way," said Hines.

The claim does not specify a dollar amount for economic damages, non-economic damages, punitive damages, statutory damages and attorney fees.

Both students and representatives attended a city council meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26 where Grismore and Hines spoke about their incident and how concerned they are about the officers still on duty.

"At first we were kind of scared and confused and we were still shocked in some kind of way because it seems surreal," said Grismore, who is a business and public administration major. "Our charges were dropped and stuff like that



BC students Timothy Grismore and Xavier Hines sit with attorney Neil K. Gehlawat and NAACP Bakersfield President Patrick Jackson as they answer questions during a press conference at Chain Cohn Stiles in downtown Bakersfield Wednesday, Jan. 25.

so we're feeling better. We still feel paranoid at certain times."

The district attorney's office has come out to say they will not pursue charges against Grismore or Hines.

According to attorney Neil K. Gehlawat from Chain Cohn Stiles, BPD started an internal investigation on the officers but as far as he knows the officers have not been placed on paid-administrative leave.

"We are hopeful that the new chief [Lyle Martin] will take this very seriously and will seriously investigate the complaints and take action against the officers who did what they did against Xavier and Timothy," Gehlawat said.

Grismore and Hines said because of this incident, they aren't able to do certain things they used to do on a daily basis.

"It was traumatizing," said

Hines, who is a mechanical engineering major. "It's a lot of stuff we used to do on a daily basis that we don't do anymore because of that situation. We're just trying to keep our heads up right now and stay positive."

Bakersfield citizen and reverend Ralph Anthony said he hopes the city council will look at this as a problem for everyone and tries to solve it.

"For it to take place, is not

human," Anthony said. "To correct it, is real human. It will make sense for an intelligent people that one or develop a community that Bakersfield has been and will be."

Grismore and Hines said he wants to see change in how they handle certain situations.

"We don't want this to happen anybody else out here, not just here anywhere else," Hines said. "We feel like this shouldn't happen just because you are walking down the street late at night and because of the color of your skin you get pulled over by the officers. The situation escalates, just something that shouldn't happen."

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CAMPUS

Express yourself on the mic

By Annie Russell
Senior Staff Writer

Nothing but the mic, spotlight and smooth rhymes that get the audience to snap their fingers.

The opportunity for CSU Bakersfield students to show and strut their creativity is underway with the first Expression Nights of the spring semester.

In each previous Expression Nights held every third Thursday of every active school month followed a given theme.

This month's theme is based upon culture.

In celebration of Black History Month students from all walks of life are welcome to participate honoring their own individual cultures and backgrounds with the use of words, art or even music.

"Any type of art is really welcomed," said Campus Programming Coordinator Afaf Aldhulay.

In past events local Bakersfield bands have performed

during the event and students as well have performed their own original work in front of a crowd.

"Last semester we had HATEDRUGS which is a local band," said Aldhulay. "It was a pretty cool set up."

There is still time to sign up with Campus Programming for those who are interested in performing.

"You could show up the day of and sign up as well," said Aldhulay. "We [Campus Program-

ming] usually do signup sheets up here at our front desk."

Students are encouraged to attend and not be timid.

"If you or anyone else is interested in participating please let me know so we can prepare accordingly," said Campus Programming Assistant Lea Molina in an email.

Expression Nights will be taking place on Feb. 16 in the Stockdale quart starting at 7 p.m. where students can feel free to express their cultures.

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COMMUNITY

Women lead march for equal rights

By Roshelle Czar
Reporter

Students from CSU Bakersfield flooded the streets of Los Angeles alongside thousands of women, and some men, to march for equality on Jan. 21.

The Women's March, which was a worldwide protest aimed to protect the rights of all people, included rallies against U.S. President Donald Trump.

This event was one of the largest women's marches in the country. The march had 750,000 participants, according to a Women's March LA Twitter post. CSUB English graduate student Jessica Flores participated in the march.

Flores said the march was important because it was one of the largest demonstrations in history.

"There seems to be a misconception that the march was just a protest against Donald Trump, but we were there to stand up for women's rights, LGBTQ rights, immigrants' rights, trans rights, indigenous rights, reproductive rights, for Black Lives Matter, health care, education, the environ-

ment and religious freedom," Flores said.

Flores said that she represented students and immigrants around her as a member

"I made new friends. I chanted. I made history. And even though I went to the march by myself, I was never alone."

Augustine Lopez,
CSUB Student

of the LGBTQ community.

"I had to march for myself, for my family, for my friends, and for everyone who has been targeted by the Trump administration," Flores said. "The march served as a catharsis, but also as a catalyst for the activism that I have been doing, and will continue to do for as long as it takes."

Several demonstrators protested in the march in opposition of Trump's views on women and inequality, as well

as his efforts to push orders on policies, such as immigration.

Flores encourages students to use their voice, get in touch with local leaders and organizations, and become more informative by taking history and political science courses on campus.

Many students that were unable to attend the march saw it on a live stream from their homes.

Jasmine Gutierrez, a sophomore at CSUB, said that she valued what the march represented, but could not participate in it due to her working schedule. She said that watching it from home made her feel that she was also a catalyst for change.

Augustine Lopez, a CSUB undergraduate student, felt that the march was an essential step taken by people coming together for equality.

Lopez said "the backlash which comes from conservatives regarding Pro-life is unjust, because it eradicates the freedom of choice which each person has."

"I made new friends. I chanted. I marched. I made history. And even though I went to the



Photo provided by Kimberly Kirchmer

Kimberly Kirchmer, President of Democratic Women of Kern, and Taylor Stevenson attend the Women's March in Los Angeles on Jan. 21. Watch a video featuring Kirchmer at therunneronline.com

March by myself, I was never alone," Lopez said.

Organizers of the Women's March continue to call for

mass opposition of President Trump. The next action will be on a date yet to be announced.

"General Strike: A Day

Without Women" would unify communities against executive orders by the Trump administration.

CAMPUS

CSUB kicks off Black History Month

By Sonia Lemus
Reporter

February is Black History Month, a celebration of the greatest figures who represented the black community throughout history.

The celebration coincides with the February birthdays of Martin Luther King Jr. and Frederick Douglass. To kick off Black History Month, CSU Bakersfield held its annual Unity Breakfast. Several other events will take place on campus throughout the month, culminating in the Black History Month parade, and the finale event in the Student Union multi-purpose room on Feb. 28.

Some CSUB students have found it important to know what Black History Month is, and why it is important.

"We are celebrating black lives, and how they can be just as influential as any other race," said CSUB student Silvia Lopez.

"We celebrate culture, achievements in black history



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Attendees welcome keynote speaker Chief Lyle Martin with a round of applause.

and in society, and the betterment of mankind," said CSUB student Brisa Silverstein.

During Black History Month, some of the people celebrated are Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Booker T. Washington, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and many others.

To some CSUB students, every hero in black history mat-

ters. "Collectively, everyone we learn about is significant to who African-Americans are today," said Amber Parker.

Shouoni Franklin, a CSUB student, noted Barack Obama as a hero in black history, and said his presidency would have made black heroes proud. The Black Student Union will have an informational tabling

on Feb. 7 and Feb. 9 at the Runner Café Quad. A "Black Down Memory Lane" event will be hosted today in Dorothy Donahoe Hall room 103K, and again on Feb. 27 in the Residence Hall multipurpose room. All students are welcome, and the event will discuss the great impact of black history on this country.

CULTURE

CSUB celebrates Chinese New Year

By Paul Lopez
Multimedia Reporter

Students, teachers, and alumni gathered in the Dezember Reading Room on Jan. 26 for the Chinese New Year Celebration located in the Walter Stiern Library.

The New Year is normally celebrated on Jan. 28, which

consists the giving out of red envelopes with money to pass on best wishes, firecrackers, dances, and decorations related to roosters.

The Chinese believe that eating fish is a good sign of good fortune that will increase the chances of receiving money and prosperous new year.

Cultural activities take place

during the festival. Some of the decorations for the event involve paintings with roosters because 2017 is the year of the rooster.

The event also featured food, and a calligraphy artist.

Read the full story and watch the video at therunneronline.com.



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CSUB holds a Chinese New Year celebration Jan. 26.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Trump should rethink ban

President Donald Trump issued a temporary ban on non-Christians, traveling with visas from Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, Iran and Libya on Jan. 27.

After the San Bernardino terrorist attack in late 2015, Trump made a declaration to keep the country safe until we figure out what the hell is going on.

Trump says this is not a ban and will only last 120 days.

Although the ban halts travel for Muslims, it should only affect those coming from the aforementioned seven countries.

Trump should take a back seat from finding things out because The Runner editorial board

has figured out what the hell is going on.

Trump may gloss his immigration ban as a means of protecting the United States from a subluxation of terror caused by Muslim extremists, but it is apparent that Trump has done nothing but make the country show immense support for those affected by this Muslim ban.

Hours after the ban, airports were clogged with protesters, lawyers working pro bono and a communal effort to bring awareness and help those in need.

If this Muslim ban has shown anything, it has shown a side of America that was hidden in the popular vote when Donald

Trump won the presidency. The Runner staff acknowledges the hardships and burden caused by this ban, and we ask that you do the same.

We ask that Trump lift this ban and rethink his decision to ban Muslims from these seven countries.

We ask that Trump be accepting of all people not because we were founded on immigration, or because Melania Trump is an immigrant, or even because he wants to build a wall. This ban is more than that.

The aftershocks of this ban will only perpetuate hatred and divide the United States from other countries.

We have already begun to see a divide between citizens

of the United States. The Left and Right go back and forth to defend the ban and its meaning but ultimately the essence of the American spirit is killed in the struggle.

The American spirit is to be the best country in the world for reasons that transcend militia and money.

The United States was founded by a group that fled the British parliament because of its rough tactics and if we are not careful, history will repeat itself.

President Trump should dismantle this ban and rethink his choice to separate the United States from the rest of the free world or the checks and balances will do it for him.

COMMENTARY

Fake news fools the public

By Christopher Mateo

Editor-in-Chief

Information is constantly flowing into phones, computers and social media pages, and this could potentially harm the way we distinguish between what is legitimate story and a story that has been fabricated or manipulated.

Technology has made a new kind of journalist that didn't exist before the world had access to the internet or the ability to upload a picture or video within seconds.

Citizen journalists have now become another source of information to the public, sometimes breaking news faster than some of the major news networks.

However, citizen journalists can be reckless and dangerous.

According to theguardian.com "On 4 December, a North Carolina man opened fire at the Washington pizzeria Comet Ping Pong, which an online conspiracy theory purports to be the headquarters of a child sex ring run by Hillary Clinton."

Someone read a fake news story and decided to take action against the allegations.

Over time, there has been an increase in fake news stories. Fake stories fabricate news to benefit an agenda such as a presidential campaign, or manipulates facts to incite a reaction from the readers or to benefit an agenda.

Fake news cannot be confused with satire stories.

The Onion is an example of a company that writes satire news. These stories are never true and have no supporting evidence.

It is evident that a reader must take responsibility for distinguishing between a real news story and a fake news story.

One way fake news stories can be stopped is to stop sharing that type of stories. If it is suspicious, it might be fictitious.

However, just as the internet cursed the public with fake news stories, there are tools that will help readers distinguish between the two.

The number one rule is to do research before believing a story.

All a reader has to do is to fact check the claims made in the story.



Here are some websites that will help with fact checking. FactCheck.org, Politifact.com and snopes.com.

The responsibility does not fall solely on the reader. Some websites are pledging to stop

the spread of fake news stories.

"Facebook announced that it would begin flagging fake news stories with the help of users and outside fact-checkers," said theguardian.com.

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COLUMN

Getting down with sex education

By Julie Mana-Ay and
Becca Romo
The Runner Staff

We grow up learning about the birds and the bees, and we go through middle school and high school sex education classes

that don't teach you anything and Becca discuss problems in the sheets

Most people don't like the thought of going to the doctor for an annual physical, let alone a sexually transmitted disease test. But there are ways to make it easier and more fun for you and your partner.

The Health Center at CSU Bakersfield provides plenty of services for students, which includes STI testing.

Lauren Ash-Anderson, health educator at the Health Center, says the most popular STIs right now are gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis.

Symptoms for most STIs can take up to seven days to appear, or there is a chance that a symptom will not show up.

Men and women experience different signs of a disease and if left untreated it can lead to infertility.

Vaginal and anal sex aren't the only ways to obtain an STI. You can transfer diseases through oral sex as well.

"When we have surveys, we've asked if they're using condoms for oral sex and a lot of the times we see that they aren't," said Ash-Anderson.

The biggest mistake a person can make when it comes to an STI is not getting tested.

Whether you practice safe sex or not, STIs can be transmitted.

Try to refrain from someone if there are any signs of bumps or symptoms, like thick, yellow or white discharge, blisters, or cold sores.

Having the "talk" before you have sex could kill the moment, but always be sure to ask about your partner's history and if they have any current or former

diseases.

"If you're comfortable enough to have sex with someone, you should be comfortable enough to ask about their history," said Ash-Anderson.

There's more to sex education than just STIs, but also getting the consent from your partner to go forward with the action. Getting consent isn't only the verbally confirmation, but the physical action of your partner feeling comfortable enough to continue. If someone agreed to have sex, but starts to act uninterested then it's not a good idea to continue. Or ask if they are sure about it before continuing.

"I've learned from my sexual experiences that you're in control. Never have someone pressure you into doing something you don't want to do. You don't have to do what they want," said Tweety-bird, 21-year-old English major.

Alcohol also plays a role in consent. Being drunk or passed out means you are not able to have sex and give consent.

Consent can be revoked at any time, even if they agreed to sex and gave consent in the beginning.

Condoms not only protect you from STIs, but from pregnancy as well. Although they aren't 100 percent effective in protecting you from those two things, it still lowers your chances of contracting any diseases.

Birth control is another option to prevent pregnancy. It comes in many different forms, like a sponge, patch, ring, pills, shot, and an implant.

Just like birth control, men with penises use condoms as a method for safe sex.

Though men constantly tell women condoms are discomforting, they're as effective and cost efficient to protect your partners from sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy.

Before anyone decides to dive into the sheets, remember the consequences that come along with bumping uglies.

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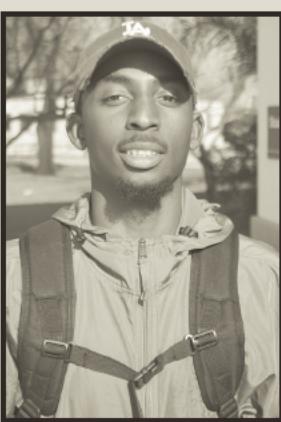
By Jonathan Hess/ Photos by Trevante Hammonds

This week The Runner asked, "How do you feel about president Donald Trump's travel ban?"

Keelan Brenning
Sophomore
Computer
Science



"I feel it's really messed up to disqualify people just because of their race. Especially from countries that are war torn and telling them you can't come over here just because we think you're terrorist. It's wrong in every way since America was built off of immigrants."



Tyrion Brako
Sophomore
Petroleum
Engineering

"Donald Trump's new immigration law really doesn't make sense because so many great people in this country were immigrants. In order for us to succeed I believe we should all have the same chance."

Daniel Bell
Sophomore
Criminal Justice



"I saw on the news that he contacted the King of Saudi Arabia and was talking about setting up safe zones & making protested areas where terrorists and other people can't get in. I think that's better than taking refugees because they have their own country and it wouldn't make any cultural clash."

Joshua Patton
Freshman
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Science



"I think that for many years our country never focused on its own national security and that is more important than other people coming in. We're not the world's police force, we're not taking care of everybody, no country can."

NATION

Donald Trump abuses power with executive orders

By Marizza Espinosa
Reporter

Donald Trump has been president for all of two weeks and has already screwed the minorities of America. The minute he got into the hot seat, all hell broke loose. America made great progress these past 8 years with Obama as our president, but all that hard work and improvement is going down the drain. Thanks, Trump.

Here is what's wrong with this first executive order.

New York Times reporters Peter Baker and Coral Davenport, said "The State Department estimated that Keystone would support 42,000 temporary jobs for two years — about 3,900 of them in construction and the rest through indirect support, like food service — but only 35 permanent jobs."

Temporary jobs? This is

false advertisement. Trump is making promises of jobs that aren't even permanent. What's the point? For the amount of power you are flaunting, only being able to ensure 35 permanent jobs is weak. There are many families that are relying on these job opportunities to help sustain their living. Living comfortably for a few months isn't worth going back to struggling for years to come.

His second executive order. Bradford Richardson of the Washington Post reported in his article "Trump signs executive order defunding International Planned Parenthood" that "President Trump signed an executive order on Monday barring federal funds from organizations that promote abortion around the world, including the International Planned Parenthood Federation, in what activists say is the president's

first major pro-life action while in office."

Although I don't agree with abortion, I feel like it is a necessary option to have. This order goes far deeper than just abortion though. Planned Parenthood provides this service to help avoid unsafe measures being taken. With their organization being at question, multiple lives are at risk: the mother and unborn child.

Men should have no say on the matter. Men don't get a say on something they can't even experience themselves; it makes no sense to me. Men feel so inclined to be in control of women. Why? Because it makes you guys feel powerful?

It is a woman's body. What she decides to do with it should be up to them and not a group of old men. Vaginas before manginas.

Men, remember this: It is a

woman's world. You wouldn't be here if it weren't for Her. And his third executive order.

Evan Perez and Jeremy Diamond of CNN reported in their article "Trump fires acting AG after she declines to defend travel ban" that "Trump's executive order, signed Friday, bars citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States for the next 90 days, suspends the admission of all refugees for 120 days and indefinitely suspends the Syrian refugee program."

Ex attorney general, Sally Yates didn't agree with Trump and his legal order. He just couldn't have that, so he gave her the boot. You're a big spoiled baby and throw a fit whenever you don't get your way. Real mature, Trump.

Can't say that we should all be surprised about Trump going around yelling "You're fired!"

to everyone who crosses him though. This is what happens when we elect someone who spent years judging people and their business skills on national television.

Hey, Trump. The next time you decide to fire someone because they don't agree with you, at least have the decency to dismiss them personally, not by a letter.

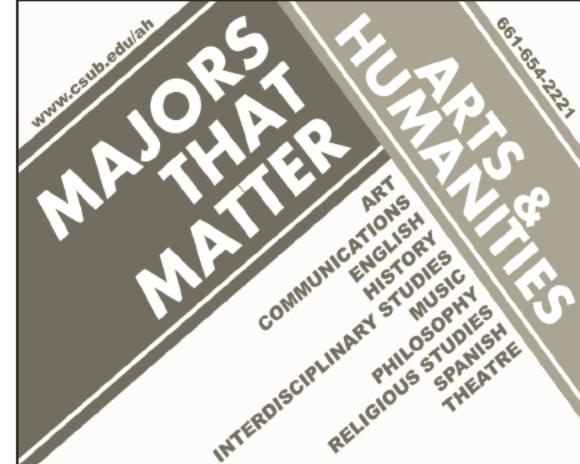
It was only a matter of time before Trump started going around firing everyone and anyone who had any affiliation with Obama. Yates was accused of "betrayal," according to a White House statement.

"My responsibility is to ensure that the position of the Department of Justice is not only legally defensible, but is informed by our best view of what the law is after consideration of all the facts," Yates said in a letter. She stood her

ground and actually stayed true to the job and title she signed up for. She didn't believe his orders were deemed as lawful. "In addition, I am responsible for ensuring that the positions we take in court remain consistent with this institution's solemn obligation to always seek justice and stand for what is right."

America is known for our diversity in religion, race, and culture. "The Melting Pot," Trump tries to justify his order by always stating that it is a temporary ban and only from seven majority muslim countries. That doesn't lighten the blow that this community of people is taking.

Take a stand. Trump has no business being in this type of power. Want to make America great again, Trump? Resign as president.



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Bill Jenkins
Monday, Feb 6

Bill Jenkins is an artist born in California and based in New York City. Recently Jenkins has built installations that involve the siphoning of light in interior spaces.

Colectivo Etcétera...

Tuesday, March 14

Colectivo Etcétera is a multidisciplinary collective composed of visual artists, poets, actors, and performers. The group aims to bring art to the site of immediate social conflict—the streets—and to immerse this social conflict into the arenas of cultural production.

Molly
Zuckerman-Hartung
Tuesday, Feb 21

Ms. Zuckerman-Hartung is a painter and writer living and working in New York. She has shown internationally, and is represented by Corbett vs. Dempsey in Chicago.

Liliana Angula Cortés

Tuesday, April 4

Liliana Angula Cortés is a visual artist. In her work, she explores the body through issues of racial identity and politics, gender, language, power relations, and Afro-Colombian culture, among other themes.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Suspensions issued following brawl

Conference officials suspend three CSUB players

By Juan Rodriguez
Reporter

Five players were suspended by the Western Athletic Conference following a 12-player ejection in a brawl between CSU Bakersfield and Grand Canyon University in the Icardo Center Saturday, Feb. 4.

CSUB sophomore guard Alexus Gilbert received a two-game suspension for fighting and violating the WAC Sportsmanship Policy. She will serve her two-game suspension on Thursday, Feb. 9 against New Mexico State University and Saturday, Feb. 11 against University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

CSUB redshirt-junior forward Tylinn Carter received a one-game suspension for fighting while sophomore forward Jerice Fears has also been suspended for one game for her role in the altercation and leaving the bench. Both will serve their suspensions on Thursday, Feb. 9.

GCU redshirt-senior forward Marina Laramie and junior guard Zelor Massaquoi have both been suspended for one game for fighting. Both will serve their suspensions during the Antelopes' game against UTRGV on Thursday, Feb. 9.

On Feb. 4, CSUB (10-11, 5-2 WAC) was holding onto a 45-42 lead in the fourth quarter.

With 8:12 left, Grand Canyon's Laramie tried to get post position on Carter.

Laramie began shoving with Carter and a scrum ensued,



Mickey Van Horn/The Runner

A brawl took place at the women's basketball game between CSUB and Grand Canyon University on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Icardo Center. 12 players were ejected, including eight from the Roadrunners.

near the Grand Canyon bench. Members from both teams began throwing punches and shoving.

Gilbert and Carter were ejected for fighting.

Laramie and Massaquoi were also ejected for fighting.

CSUB freshmen guards Dalis Jones and Daije Harris, senior center Brittany Sims and junior guard Alize' Lofton were ejected for leaving the bench, while GCU redshirt-senior center Erika Thomas and senior center Julieh Clark were ejected for leaving the bench.

Two GCU assistant coaches and one athletic trainer were also ejected, while one CSUB assistant coach was disqualified for the rest of the game.

"The Western Athletic Conference was immediately made aware of the situation," said CSUB Sports Information Director Matt Turk.

CSUB head coach Greg McCall was not able to discuss the brawl afterward, due to the WAC still needing to investigate the situation.

After 37 minutes of deliberation, the game resumed and

CSUB was left with just six players.

Grand Canyon (12-8, 4-3 WAC) was awarded four free throws for two technical fouls against the CSUB bench. The Antelopes took a 46-45 lead.

However, the Roadrunners responded by going on a 29-13 run to end the game, which 10 of those points came from redshirt-senior forward Erika Williams. CSUB defeated GCU, 74-59.

The 29 points in the fourth quarter were the most by a CSUB team, since the quarter

format began a year ago.

"I'm very proud of how they played," said McCall. "Very gutsy performance and good job of taking care of business here at home."

McCall added the team knew it had to continue playing after the ejections.

"One thing we kept telling our girls was go out and finish the game, compete and win," said McCall.

According to Turk, even if CSUB was left with fewer than five players, the game would have continued with however many players were left for the Roadrunners.

CSUB scored 50 of its 74 points in the second half, and shot 60 percent in the half.

This was the Roadrunners' fourth straight conference win, which puts them third in the conference standings.

"We are very proud of where we are right now," said McCall. "We've done some things very well. We've improved as a team, especially defensively."

We continue to get better and better offensively. I'm very happy where we are right now. Definitely want to continue climbing the ladder, and continue to improve each day."

Junior forward Aja Williams scored a game-high 20 points.

Redshirt-junior center Jazmyne Bartee added 14 points and 10 rebounds for her fourth consecutive double-double. She also shot 7-for-7 from the floor.

Erika Williams finished with 14 points and a game-high seven assists.

Laramie finished with 15 points for the Antelopes.

CSUB is scheduled to play at New Mexico State University at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, followed by matchup on the road against UTRGV on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.

The Roadrunners are scheduled to return to the Icardo Center on Thursday, February, 16 at 7 p.m. against Utah Valley University.

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WRESTLING



Karina Diaz/The Runner

CSUB sophomore Sean Nickell holds down his opponent with a choke in a match against the University of Northern Colorado at the Icardo Center on Friday, Feb. 3.

Roadrunners win final home dual of season

By Juan Rodriguez
Reporter

Senior night for CSU Bakersfield was capped off with a 22-15 win over the University of Northern Colorado on Friday, Feb. 3 in the Icardo Center.

The dual began with redshirt-senior Everett Pratt falling short in his matchup against Northern Colorado Ben Polkowske in the 149-pound weight class.

The Roadrunners earned their first points on the board in the second match.

CSUB redshirt-freshman Jacob Thalin claimed the first win over Jimmy Fate of UNC at 157, displaying explosiveness that led to multiple takedowns throughout the match.

The level of competition intensified in the third matchup between CSUB redshirt-freshman Lorenzo De La Riva and Keilan Torres of UNC.

De La Riva was trailing 6-0 early in the match. With time winding down in the second period, De La Riva scored a takedown and took his first lead against Torres.

De La Riva and Torres were all tied up at 10, but with less than five seconds, Rivas made a match-winning escape to win, 11-10.

"I just trust in my training," said De La Riva. "We work extremely hard each day, so I trust that the other kid isn't putting in as much work as me."

De La Rivas's performance gave the Roadrunners their first lead of the night with a score of 6-4. However, this lead did not hold for long, and would not be found again until the seventh match of the night.

CSUB redshirt-senior Alex Encarnacion-Strand won with a strong performance as he beat Northern Colorado redshirt-senior Jack Kuck 16-0 at heavy

weight.

Encarnacion-Strand scored multiple pins by the end of the first round, leading 14-0. He then went on to win by a technical-fall in the second round, in just five seconds.

"If I stay relaxed and composed then I know my brain is working at a capacity that I can function for the seven minutes straight, while tiring the other guy out," said Encarnacion-Strand.

The Roadrunners have duals in Tempe, Arizona on Feb. 9, and in Corvallis, Oregon on Feb. 12.

When asked about the style of preparation utilized in the waning weeks of the regular season.

"The season is long, the season is hard, they get worn down and at this point of the year we are just trying to keep them fresh and feeling good," said CSUB coach Manny Rivera.

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