

THE BIG STORY

CSUB prepares for possible strike



CSU San Marcos associate professor of history Darel Engen holds a sign of the Chancellor Timothy White at the rally in Long Beach on Nov. 17.

By Patricia Rocha and Katie Aubin  
The Runner Staff

As the California Faculty Association salary negotiations with the Chancellor's office continue, CSU Bakersfield prepares for the proposed five-day-strike the CFA announced last week.

Though the negotiations are still in their fact-finding stage, the CFA is preparing for all CFA faculty to strike April 13-15, 18 and 19 should the negotiations not end in an agreement.

Associate Vice President of faculty affairs David Schecter emphasized a strike consisting of all 23 CSU campuses is a scale unheard of in previous negotiations, so there are still many unknowns.

"We need to understand more about what the CFA's intentions are and what the impact might be on our campuses before knowing exactly how to respond," said Schecter.

The Strike

CFA Chapter Chair of the Faculty Rights Committee Bruce Hartsell said participating faculty members will cancel their classes and peacefully picket at all five entrances to campus.

"In its simplest form a strike is withholding labor, so anyone who is withholding labor is participating in the strike," said Hartsell.

Hartsell said that anyone who crosses the picket line is violat-

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Maria Paleologou, Philosophy professor

ing and opposing the strike.

For faculty, this includes any job-related activities such as checking email, grading papers or advising students.

During the proposed strike, the Chancellor's office has made it clear that campuses will remain open.

"The goal will be business as usual, I think is a fair way to say it...classes will absolutely take place during those five days and faculty will have to choose whether or not to teach those courses or strike," said Schecter.

Hartsell anticipated that response, adding faculty members will be informing their students on what their choice means for each of their classes.

Some have mentioned assigning alternate homework or simply removing a week from their scheduled syllabus.

"We intent to make it clear that classes will not be held, although the administration will say that classes will be open, intending to mislead people,"

said Hartsell. "The campus is open on many days during December that no classes are held, so saying classes are open and classes are being held are two entirely different things."

He emphasized this would not simply be five days off for students.

"Students shouldn't assume anything about their coursework," Hartsell said.

CSUB philosophy professor Maria Paleologou said the strike is fair.

"We should go on a strike," said Paleologou. "It is a way to get the administration to listen to us and it is totally justified."

Effects

Schecter said there is currently no way to estimate the effects caused by the proposed strike on things like faculty paychecks or student fees.

"Faculty are under contract to work. Period," Schecter said.

He said until the fact-finding stage is over, there isn't much the administration can anticipate.

"I can say that a strike would impact students but the outcome of that is undecided at this time," said Schecter. "We will take our guidance from the chancellor's office on how to proceed."

The administration is currently focused on more predictable effects, such as traffic issues and public safety.

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FACILITIES

Elevators in residence halls no longer a problem

By Esteban Ramirez and David Kimble  
The Runner Staff

The capacity of students around CSU Bakersfield has increased and all around campus students have experienced a longer waiting time than usual.

Therefore, some students try to avoid the wait by using an elevator to get to their classes.

In the student housing dorm, Pinyon, the elevators are the best way to get around the halls.

However, some students have had trouble with those elevators.

"I use the elevators daily... about every time I go to my room, I use the elevator," said CSUB biochemistry major Garrett Webster. "Using the elevator is not that bad. I'm just

glad they got rid of the crash it did when it used to stop on the first floor."

According to the permit, the elevator in the residence halls has not had an inspection since 2014 and has yet to achieve a new permit since it expired in November 2015.

That is not the case.

Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management Pat Jacobs said that they had been having problems with those elevators, but the problems have been fixed and have been inspected.

"Those elevators were under warranty and they were having a problem leveling," Jacobs said.

There are two arms that allow the elevator to go up and down, and Jacobs said they both have to be in sync, otherwise the elevator cart gets at an angle.

"Thyssen Krupp (company that manufactures, installs and repairs the school's elevators) had some issues getting all that synchronization to take place and that's what caused all the issues in the building," he said. "They notified us and we notified them from the time we opened the building, and the problem is they would fix it and it would go out of sync. So, it was an ongoing problem until about October of 2015."

He added that the warranty has been extended to July 4, 2016 since Thyssen Krupp was having problems with the elevators.

Jacobs said the inspection, which is done by the state happened on December 2016 and they're currently working on the corrections.

CSUB senior business major

Brett Womack said he doesn't ride the elevators. However, he said would use them if they were remodeled.

"I think I would use the elevators if they were remodeled with like wooden floors and some nice elevator music, but they should be up to date," said Womack.

Last fall, a student was trapped in the elevator in Walter Stern Library.

Jacobs said that elevators typically have a failure that requires someone to fix them once every 60 days. Majority of the time the failure occurs when someone tries to get an elevator but it won't come.

"We typically have that happen about once or twice a year we'll have someone stuck in an elevator for 10-15 minutes while we get them out," Jacobs



CSUB students use the elevator in the new residence halls which had been experiencing difficulties.

said.

Last week, the elevator in Science I was out of service but it was for maintenance testing and checks.

Jacobs said that there are no issues with the elevators right

now.

"They have been inspected, and it's just a paperwork issue going back and forth between the state elevator group and Thyssen going in and doing the maintenance on it," he said.

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CAMPUS

# Water leak destroys new garden

By Alejandra Flores  
Photographer

CSU Bakersfield’s new water-wise demonstration garden outside of the Waltern Stiern Library had to be torn apart last week in order to locate an underground water leak.

“It was heartbreaking to have to tear up the brand new landscape, but it could not be helped,” said Director of Facilities Operations Paula Bray.

The leak in the hot water line had been identified the week before and the university was in the process of contracting with a leak-detection company. However, the location of the leak was found by a landscaping employee on the south side of the library on Friday, Feb. 5.

Two valves on either side of the leak were turned off, leaving the library without heat.

The uprooting of the landscape by Taft Plumbing Crew began on Monday, Feb. 8.

“The pipe that cracked was located 10 feet below grade-

ground level. The area where the leak occurred is on a hillside about 10 feet above grade, so altogether, they had to dig down around 20 feet,” said Bray.

The location of the cracked pipe was found on the second day of digging and was removed and replaced on Tuesday. The hole was filled on Thursday.

“We are working with the landscape contractor who did the original installation to provide us with a proposal to reinstall the landscape to the original specifications,” said Bray. “We removed as many of the recently installed plants as we could and have kept them alive during the repair process to minimize the total cost for the re-installation of the landscape.”

Bray is also working with a campus biologist to monitor the work being done throughout the project to ensure that the kit fox den located in the area stays unharmed.



Alejandra Flores/The Runner

The work crew digs up the new garden to repair a leaking water pipe in front of the Walter Stiern Library on Feb. 8.

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# ASI discusses campus dining and parking issues

By Esteban Ramirez  
Editor-in-Chief

With some CSU Bakersfield students voicing their displeasure to ASI about food on campus, the board discussed during Friday’s University Affairs meeting handing out surveys to students on the food.

The board of directors meeting was canceled because there were no committee reports to bring up.

At the time of the University Affairs meeting, Vice President of University Affairs Anish Mohan said that approximately

100 students had filled out the survey, but they are hoping to get 600 students to do it.

“I don’t think that faculty or (Director of Food Service) David Hveem understands how much students are upset about food,” Mohan said during the meeting. “The reason being is because when these meetings occur, I think he gets a positive feedback, so that’s what these surveys are for.”

From the surveys that were filled out, ASI’s Lower Division Director Jesus Benuelos said students are not happy with choices or prices.

ASI wants to get the surveys done by this spring and get the information to Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas Wallace and President Horace Mitchell before June of this year because that is when the contract with Aramark will end.

“It’s important to get these surveys filled out as fast as possible and get that information as fast as possible,” Mohan said. “If students are unhappy, we’ll at least have something to show (Vice President of Student Affairs Thomas Wallace, President Horace Mitchell and Hveem) before they renew the

contract.”

Mohan said after they gather all the information from the students, ASI would sit down with Wallace, Mitchell and Hveem and tell them the students’ side.

“Hopefully, they will see what students want and, like they normally are, be on our side,” Mohan said.

According to ASI President Mike Kwon, CSUB’s decision to renew the contract with Aramark will ultimately go through Mitchell and his cabinet.

Kwon said if the advisory committee feels there have

been issues that have not been resolved, then, they would go through Wallace.

If Wallace agrees with those issues, then he would bring it up to cabinet and Mitchell and his cabinet will have to consider the costs for taking out Aramark as a whole, just switching the person in charge or keep Hveem and Aramark but under certain stipulations they would follow.

Mohan said it would be between Aramark or Sodexo, which CSUB had before.

Kwon said the board will be concluding their discussion on the possible parking fee increase and staff/faculty designated parking on Feb. 24.

He added they will decide on whether to completely reject the fee or propose a fee increase with certain conditions in it.

“It’s either one of those two options and it’s based off the board’s decision via resolution,” Kwon said.

ASI meets every Friday for its weekly board of directors meeting from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the ITV Studio Center C.

Parking fee increase

BRIEFS

# Hall gives beats for hearts; VP out

The CSU Bakersfield athletics program received eight Automated External Defibrillators on Thursday as a donation from Bakersfield Mayor and Founder of Hall Ambulance Services Harvey Hall.

An AED is a portable electronic device that is used to treat life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias through the application of electrical therapy, which stops the arrhythmias allowing the heart to reestablish an effective heartbeat.

“I care so much about our student athletes and the last thing I want is for someone’s heart to stop and us not have the resources to be able to save a life,” said CSUB Athletics Director Kenneth Siegfried. “It’s the same with our fans too. I want to be able to save someone if at all possible.” Before receiving the



Mayor Harvey Hall

defibrillators from Mayor Hall, the athletics program only had two defibrillators available. This donation gives each of the facilities their own defibrillator and would make the process of delivering a defibrillator to a student athlete or fan much faster.

“We focus on four things: academic excellence, student-athlete welfare, competitive

success and our community,” said Siegfried, “and it fits into one of our top priorities, which is taking care of our student athletes.”

— Joe Macias

Vice President of University Advancement and Executive Director of the CSUB Foundation David Melendez has resigned from his positions as of February 12, according to a Memorandum from CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell.

Until the position can be permanently filled, the memorandum states, current Associate Vice President for Development Victor Martin will serve as interim for these two vacant positions through the calendar year.

Melendez began at CSUB on Aug. 20, 2012 and was responsible for “fundraising efforts, alumni, and community

and governmental relations,” according to the CSUB press release following his appointment.

Prior to his positions at CSUB, Melendez worked for UCLA, CSU Northridge and Chapman University as well as nonprofit organizations.

— Patricia Rocha



David Melendez

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ETHICS BOWL

CSUB ready for Nationals' stage



Photo courtesy of Erin Barker

From left to right: philosophy professor Debra Jackson, senior Travis Rosenlieb, senior Erin Barker, senior Josh Lofy and senior Pedro Naveiras celebrate won the California Regionals Ethics Bowl on Dec. 5 at San Jose, Calif.

**By Esteban Ramirez**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The CSU Bakersfield ethics bowl team achieved something unprecedented in the school's history when it won the California Regionals Ethics Bowl.

The team has now set its sights on the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl for this Saturday in Reston, Va.

Pedro Naveiras, who is one of the four members of the ethics bowl team, said it was really quiet and surreal when they won because they were waiting for the judges to reveal the scores, but they got excited once they realized they won.

"It was very surreal and calm," Naveiras said. "We didn't really have that 'ah' moment until afterwards."

The team consists of senior philosophy major Erin Barker, senior physics and math major Josh Lofy, senior philosophy major Travis Rosenlieb and Naveiras.

The coach to the team is Debra Jackson, who is a philosophy and religious studies associate professor.

There were 20 different teams from CSUs, UCs and other colleges from California and Arizona in the California Regionals Ethics Bowl, including: UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly Pomona and San José State.

CSUB beat UC Santa Cruz who in 2012 tied for first with Chico State, beat UCSB and beat San José State who won in 2013.

It was the first time that CSUB had even gone to this competition.

"I think it is really impressive," said Jackson. "It is a real testament to both the quality of the students here at CSUB and the quality of the education at CSUB."

This was also the first time Jackson had been the coach for the ethics bowl team.

During the fall term, CSUB had 12 weeks to prepare for 13 different cases, such as U.S.-Cuba relations. But this time they had six weeks to prepare for 15 different cases. Barker said she is nervous for the Nationals.

"I'm really anxious about

what is going to happen," Barker said. "I think we are going to have fun doing some team-building before hand and after, but for the actual event, it's nerve-wracking."

Naveiras and Barker both added that they are expecting to do well.

Jackson added that there are 10 different regions from United States and Canada that will send teams to the Nationals.

"Having won really built their confidence in their ability to understand and argue these cases," she said.

"We learned a lot in the Regional competition in what we did well and what we needed to work on," she added.

CSUB will have a send-off for the ethics bowl team on Thursday.

Barker said she is excited for the send-off.

"I'm looking so forward to that," she said. "I think I'm more excited for that because it's more laid back and not as much pressure to perform."

"We are just going to be hanging out with people that we love and that love us."

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Faculty fight for 5 percent

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"Whenever you mix cars and people there are potentials for problems, so we will be working closely with public safety, both the University Police Department and possibly [the] Bakersfield Police Department to make sure everything is done to keep people safe," said Schecter.

English major Althea Martinez weighed the effects the strike may have on students like herself.

"I don't know how it's going to affect students but as with any strike there's going to be some changes, whether it takes anything away in the classrooms or if it's just an inconvenience."

**Support**

Though not all CSUB faculty are members of the CFA, Hartsell believes the majority of his faculty colleagues support the strike.

"I think the faculty members are fed up with the disrespect the administration has shown. In fact I hear more complaints from faculty that 5 percent is not enough than I do from faculty members who feel we shouldn't be striking."

Neither Schecter nor Hartsell has experienced much student dialogue on the subject so far.

"In general, students tend to be supportive when they find out how little faculty members are paid compared to what they think they're paid. Of course there are exceptions on all sides," said Hartsell.

Liberal studies major Jessica Paniagua supports the efforts of the striking faculty members.

"For all their hard work I



Patricia Rocha/The Runner

California Faculty Association members and supporters march to the Chancellor's office in Long Beach on Nov. 17.

think only five days is not a big deal," said Paniagua. "I'm not really worried about grades because it's up to students to be responsible for their homework and things during the strike, so I don't think it will be that big a deal."

"I hope that they (the teachers) get the 5 percent raise, or even some kind of compromise... I mean, teachers should be able to pay their mortgages."

Hartsell also said that because the union received a sanction from the Central Labor Union, members of other unions involved with the CLU will not cross their picket line.

This can include workers for companies like UPS as well as food distributors.

Schecter said it wouldn't be his place to speculate on the effects of choices made by those outside of the school.

"That would be up to those members of those unions to figure out if they want to associate with the CFA strike," said Schecter.

**Hopefully Hypothetical**

Schecter is hoping for a resolution before the April dates come, but if a strike does occur, the campus will be prepared.

"We're always hopeful that a settlement can be reached at the bargaining table," said Schecter. "That's the goal of bargaining...and it would be unfortunate if there were no resolution this year."

This seems to be the one aspect Schecter and Hartsell agree upon.

"These are folks we work with everyday and respect," said Schecter.

Hartsell said he hopes the administration takes their preparations seriously.

"The best way to avoid a strike it to prepare for a strike... I don't know many people who would prefer to strike than prefer to get a 5 percent raise," said Hartsell. "...That's why the shirts say 'We don't want to strike but we will,' and we really don't want to, but if that's what it takes, we're willing to."

### What's Going on Around Campus

<b>WED., FEB. 17</b> LUNCH WITH OUR CAMPUS LEADERS 12-1 PM @ DDH 146H  THE UNSOLVED MYSTERY SOCIAL 7-10 PM @ SU MPR 125  MAXIMIZING CAREER FAIR SUCCESS 12-1 PM @ DDH 146H	<b>THURS., FEB. 18</b> BROWN BAG LUNCHEON DISCUSSION SERIES 12-1 PM @ STOCKDALE ROOM  WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. NEW MEXICO STATE 7 PM @ ICARDO CENTER  ETHICS BOWL SEND-OFF SOCIAL 5-6 PM @ ALBERTSON ROOM	<b>SAT., FEB 20</b> CSUB JAZZ COFFEEHOUSE 7:30-9:30 PM @ DORÉ THEATRE  WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UTRGV 1 PM @ ICARDO CENTER  BASEBALL VS. CSUN 6 PM @ HARDT FIELD
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## BROWN BAG DISCUSSION

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Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lunch with our Leaders is going to be Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, hosted in the Stockdale Room in the Runner Cafe. Come sit down and have a casual lunch with the leaders of our campus!
- Ethics Bowl Send-off Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Come support a special group of students that are on their way to the National Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl in Weston, VA! There will be a meet, greet, and eat with the students. Good luck Runners!
- Don't miss out on the Homecoming Dance Saturday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at the Double Tree Hotel. \$10 student/\$15 guest. Tickets available at the cashier's office.



FAITH



Alejandra Flores/The Runner  
Students line up to receive marks of the cross in ash during a Ash Wednesday service hosted by The Newman Catholic club.

# Students gather for start of Lent

By Javier Valdes  
Assistant News Editor

CSU Bakersfield’s Newman Catholic Club began the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday ceremony and service in the Student Union Multipurpose Room on Feb. 10.

The service was led by Rev. Bartholomew, and concluded with students and staff receiving ashes on their foreheads meant to symbolize penance and contrition.

The event hosted confessions, where those attending could confess their sins to Bartholomew. Although confessions were not required to receive the ashes, it was encouraged.

The ashes used for the ceremony were made from the blessed palms from the previous years Palm Sunday celebration, the ashes were then christened with holy water and scented. Beyond the ashes, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent in a season of penance, reflection and fasting which is meant to prepare

participants for Easter Sunday. Most Catholic participants abstain or give up an indulgence for the duration of the Lent season as a way of redemption.

CSUB sociology major Lesly Gonzalez, 20, said that she wants to focus on being more positive for Lent.

“I want to stop complaining and being negative,” said Gonzalez.

Some students focused on staying away from different types of foods for the duration of Lent.

CSUB nursing major Vianey Rodriguez, 20, said that she plans on giving up “soda and meat,” while Newman Catholic Club president and psychology major Nayeli Sanchez, 22, said that she plans on giving up, “meat, including chicken.”

CSUB biochemistry major Liliana Calderon, 19, decided that spending less and eating less of her favorite junk foods would be her sacrifice for this years Lent.

“I am giving up buying makeup, eating chips and buying cookies,” said Calderon.

Some students decided to not only abstain but to also add to their Lent and sacrifice.

CSUB computer engineering major Ruben Figueroa, 19, didn’t just focus on giving up but also added to his commitment.

“I want to stop procrastinating because it really hurts, and become more involved in the community,” said Figueroa.

The event saw close to 100 students and staff who congregated to welcome the beginning of Lent.

CSUB masters in counseling student Dr. Elizabeth Peisner thought it was great to have an event like this available to students and staff on campus.

“There is never a bad time for faith and the practice of faith and fellowship in your life,” said Peisner. “It is a good time to see who are your fellow Catholics here on campus.”

The Lent season will continue for 40 days, and excludes Sundays as the day is used to commemorate the resurrection. The Lent season will end March 27.

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# Democrats spark debate

By Abigail Youngblood  
Archivist

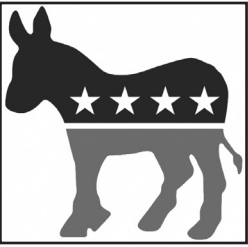
Students gathered around on Thursday night to watch the Democrat debates put on by the Young College Democrats of CSU Bakersfield. Many of them were a part of the Young College Democrats club and others were simply taking a chance to catch part of the debates before their next class. Either way, everyone was welcomed into the room, and whether you were “Feeling the Bern” or “Ready for Hillary,” you were in good company.

Bernie Sanders supporter Sylvia Brown said having a socialist like herself running was exactly what she wanted. “I respect the fact he is such a consistent person and he’s such an honest person...He’s not a flip-flopper like Hillary (Clinton),” said Brown, a 20-year-old, music and political science major. “I like the fact that he has always respected women and minorities and he protects them.”

Brown was drawn to his campaign for many reasons, but when asked to describe what his presidency would be like in one word, the answer touched her deeply.

“His answer was ‘compassion’ and...that is exactly what I want in a leader and advocate.”

Another student in attendance, Amelia McKee, also supports



Sanders. “At this point, I’m still in the Bernie train,” said McKee.

The debate came to end, and while McKee is still a Bernie supporter, she feels like Sanders didn’t do as well.

“I am ready for Hillary,” said Pedro Naveiras, president of the College Democrats at CSUB. “I think she’s got the best chance to beat any Re-

publican presidential candidate and that I think her ideas are much more realistic within the political system that we have, as opposed to Bernie Sanders.”

As a Clinton supporter, he responded to the New Hampshire primary.

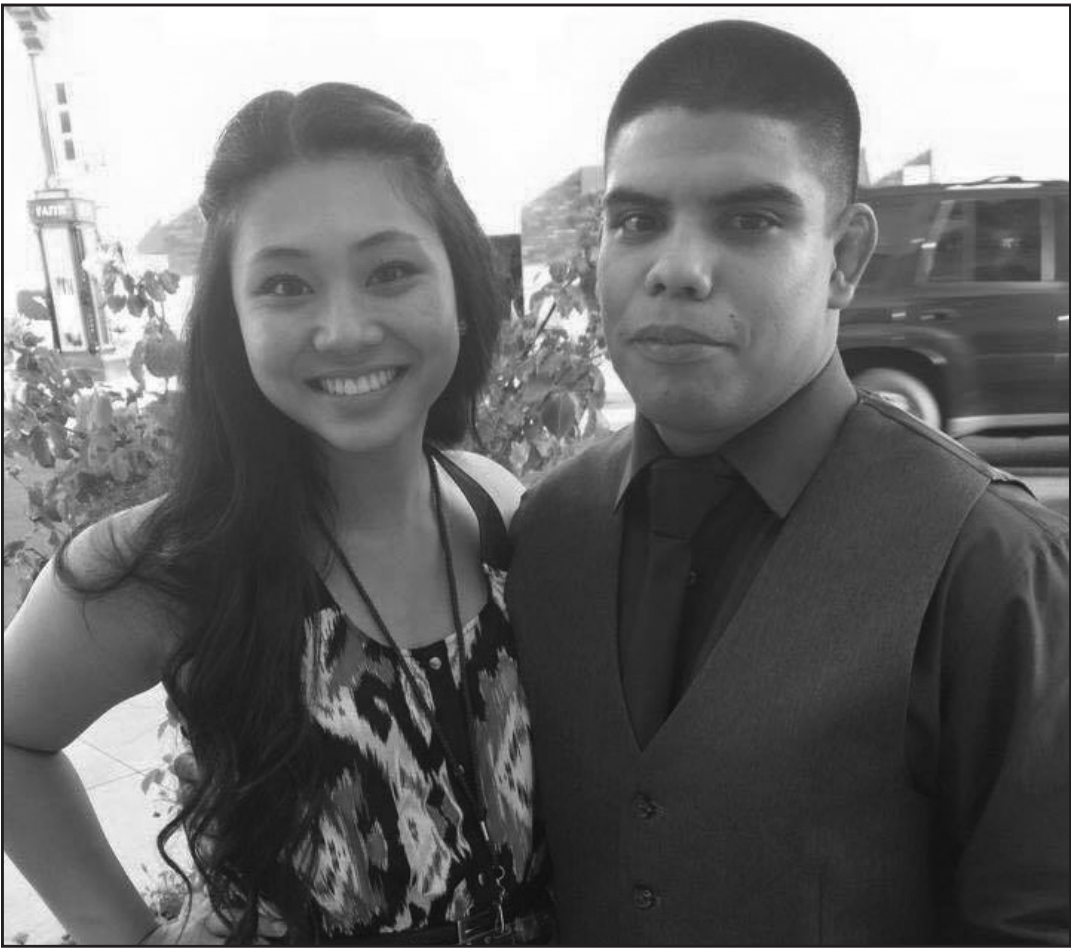
“She didn’t win in New Hampshire, but I know we’re ready for South Carolina and hope to go in and win there in that state,” said Naveiras.

After the two hours of debate, Naveiras responded to how he felt Hillary did.

“I think she did really well tonight. I was happy she was able to, you know, hit at Senator Sanders kind of revolution around the same point of inequality which I think is a very valid point that needs addressing but I think she hit home at her very closing statement that she’s not a single issue candidate,” said Naveiras.


You can find the Young College Democrats of CSUB on Facebook and Instagram under the name, “Bakersfield Young Democrats.”

CONTEST WINNER

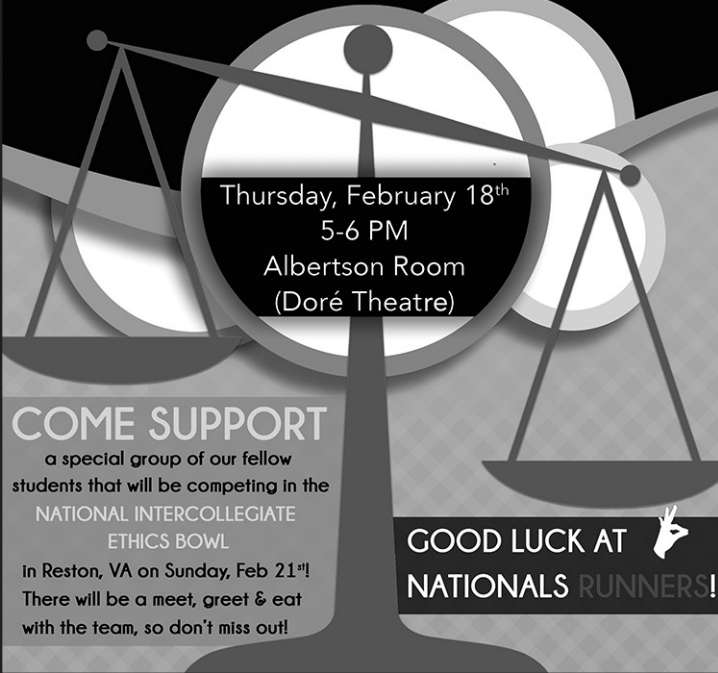


CSUB alumnus Pepe Mendoza and his girlfriend, senior engineering major Jenna Bunag, won a \$25 Johnny Garlic’s gift card in our Valentine’s Day contest.

## MAJORS THAT MATTER ARTS & HUMANITIES



## ETHICS BOWL send-off



Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
5-6 PM  
Albertson Room  
(Doré Theatre)

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a special group of our fellow students that will be competing in the NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ETHICS BOWL  
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**GOOD LUCK AT  
NATIONALS RUNNERS!**

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7 PM**  
GREEK GAMES &  
STUDENT HOUSING  
FLOOR WARS!



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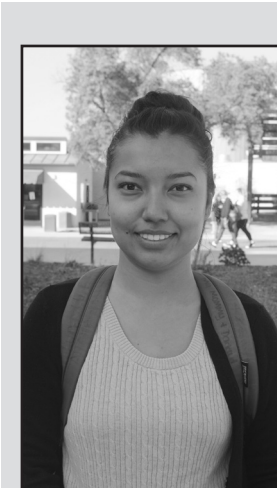
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# RUNNER ON THE STREET


By Andrea Flores / Photos by Roel Romualdo

This week The Runner asked, “How do you feel about wheelers on campus?”




Guadalupe Cernas,  
Liberal Studies

“At times it’s a bit scary because they come by really fast, especially the skateboarders.”




Emily Hernandez,  
Anthropology

“I feel like it’s disrespectful for them to be in the walkway. There is designated areas for them to bike in.”



Janet Angel,  
History

“I think it’s a convenient way for people to get to class, but at the same time it’s pretty dangerous.”



Ymorjay Borja,  
Kinesiology

“Some people be cruising down here pretty fast. Other than that I think skateboarding and all that is alright.”

## CAMPUS

# An open letter to CSU Bakersfield skateboarders

**By Adriana Ruvalcaba**  
*Copy Editor*

Dear CSU Bakersfield’s Skateboarders,

I don’t hate you.

But how difficult is it for you to say, “Excuse me” when you skate so closely that I feel a breeze?

Unfortunately, many of you remain silent as you hurdle past us, whereas I, usually holding

textbooks and a hot coffee, have to step off the sidewalk and onto the grass for both of our safeties.

Please don’t assume I hate all skateboarders and skateboarding.

As someone who lacks balance and talent, I respect the effort it takes to learn and maneuver the way you do. I respect the practice, the functionality, the skill, and

many of my earliest school-girl crushes were on skaters.

My real issue is with sharing space.

Students and faculty have the right to tread on campus, as long as it does not jeopardize the safety of others.

The problems usually occur on the narrow sidewalks. I become an obstacle for you, a thing to maneuver around. I write “thing” because that’s how I

feel: I feel more like a hurdle and less as a person.

We are both entitled to space, but you shouldn’t feel entitled to *extra* space while the rest of us deserve the minimum, or in some cases, none.

When you force us off the sidewalk or make us have to walk on the edges, it reinforces the idea that we shouldn’t take up more space than we already do. And speaking for

the many of us that populate the marginalized segments of society, we don’t need this reminder when we are walking to class.

On the other hand, I’m not trying to issue a ban on skateboarding. A little etiquette and common courtesy will suffice.

I understand if you are running late to class or you’re going so fast that to suddenly stop can

cause an accident.

An “excuse me” would be nice. Or, if it’s too late, a quick “oh, I’m sorry” would be appreciated. Acknowledging each other’s existences will create a better environment for everyone on campus.

We all have to share the walkways here at CSUB. We can do this without being rude and unsafe.

## REVIEW

# Rom-com recycles clichés

**By Lindsay Costa**  
*Reporter*

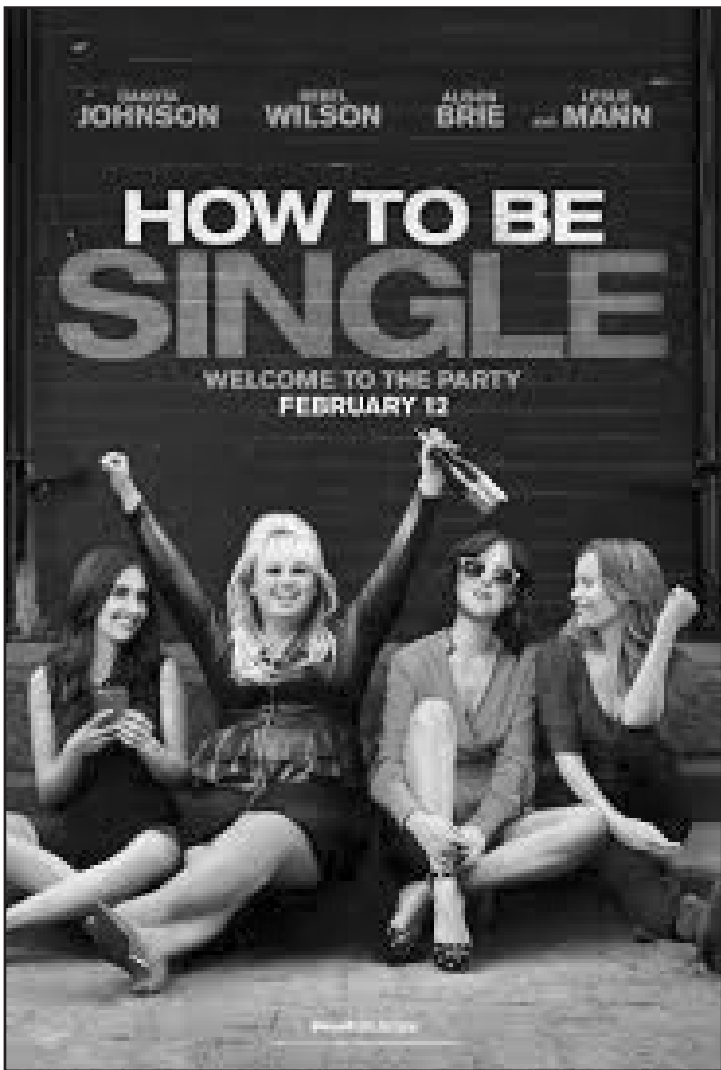
“How to be Single” is the romantic comedy movie competing with Marvel’s “Deadpool” on the same opening day. As expected on the opening day, not many people came to the Edward’s Theater on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. to see it. Instead most people went to see “Deadpool” and because of it the theater for “How to be Single” was nearly empty.

As most would expect, those who did go to see the movie were women and for the most part, the people who were in the theater seemed to enjoy the movie. The comedy, while sometimes a bit awkward, gave great laughs.

Despite having great comedic moments, there were some glaring issues with the film. One of the biggest issues was that of its focus. There were four female characters to follow from the beginning of the movie to the end, one male character from beginning to end, and the addition of a second male character in the middle of the movie. The movie attempted to give six different stories that all wove together and, at times, got a bit confusing. For example, it was hard to tell if one of the girls was even a main character because of how little time was focused on her, despite her story being separate, yet also relating to one of the male characters.

Along with this the film is filled with a lot of gendered stereotypes that were unpleasant for both men and women. For example, the first male character is the stereotypical player. According to him all women only hear what they want to hear, and all men want out of women is sex. While he does learn he is wrong by the end of the film, it is a glaring stereotype that may make male audience members cringe.

The second main male character is one of the four guys that the audience gets to know through the whole movie, and he does not fall into negative male stereotypes. However, out of the four, only two men do not come off as gigantic jerks to move the female stories



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along, which is not something that should be applauded.

As for the women, we have the main woman who is not used to being single and falls for every man who she is with; the woman who is job focused and claims that she is too independent to want a family or a love life, but winds up wanting a baby; the woman who is so obsessed with finding “the one” that she is coming up with insane ways to find the man of her dreams; and the wild woman who does not want to have a boyfriend and is having too much fun to settle down.

Each of these women definitely show how some women are, but the fact that the film seems to group all women into one of the four categories is not great. It is understandable to use clichéd characters at times, but even grouping a bunch together does not make the film seem more realistic. Instead, it takes away from the realism, as we see cookie-cutter characters made to come together and fail to show depth outside of their stereotype.

The film is riddled with clichés, but to its credit gives a very realistic view of romantic, sexual, and platonic relationships. Instead of the movie focusing on a woman winding up with the perfect man at the end, we get to see her go through many different types of relationships and deal with the heartbreak and recovery of each. As an added breath of fresh air, all different ways to live your romantic and sexual life are seen as fine as long as one is not hurting themselves or others, which is very nice.

For everything that can be seen as an issue, there are many good things about the film that keep it from being a total waste and the ending of the movie is well worth all of the bad. Overall the film is funny, both men and women can enjoy it, and everyone, single or not, can find something to like about it. If you can look past some of the flaws, it is a surprisingly good post Valentine’s Day movie for both couples and single people alike.

## REVIEW

# ‘Deadpool’ is not for kids

**By Melissa Maddux**  
*Reporter*

Unnecessary sarcasm, decapitated and oozing bloody heads, the sounds of bodies being slashed, the stabbing of men as if they were “kabobs,” raunchy sex scenes, and too much nudity. Director Tim Miller’s movie, “Deadpool,” whose titular character is played by Ryan Reynolds, is about a man that is diagnosed with three different types of cancers and through unknown treatments he begins to mutate. His body is burned and his face is deformed but he is still able to regrow cells without the chance of dying, and he becomes stronger in multiple ways.

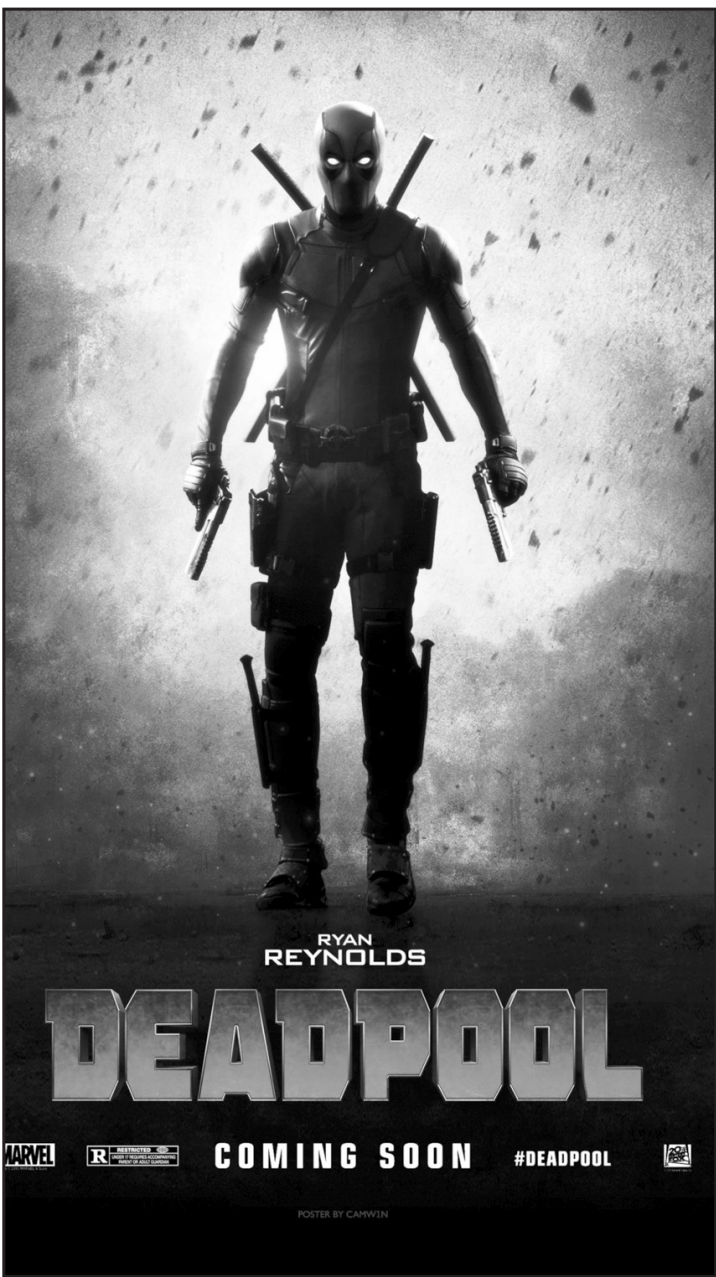
Like any other superhero or comic book character, he fights against the bad guys, but he differs in other ways where he viciously and humorously kills his victims to lighten up the atmosphere for the audience.

I would give the movie either a C or D rating, not because of the action, but because of the large amount of talking of the main characters and the lack of character development after the “mutating procedure.”

The amount of sex scenes and nudity was unnecessary, as there happened to be several young minors watching every disturbing and moaning movement of the main characters. I was not the only person that was uncomfortable and happened to turn my head during the various amounts of raunchy sex scenes and nudity, but the young man next to me happened to cover his eyes and scratch his head.

He came alive again during the action and blatant sarcasm of the main character, and overall he seemed to enjoy the rest of the movie with the overly excited audience.

There is also a huge amount of crotch jokes that the main character, Wade Wilson, makes at various points about himself and other men. The sexuality did not end with the main characters exchanging a kiss, but was included in the ending credits as well. The “Deadpool” character was turned back into a comic at the end, as he



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performed lewd acts with a unicorn, and also with himself, as he became attracted to both the men and women characters.

The humor in my opinion was unnecessary and dry, maybe because I happen to lean towards a cleaner and more authentic version of humor. As he transformed into a stronger man, he added jokes during the action scenes so that it would not be so serious. Scenes that would not seem funny during a typical action movie were now arousing the easily entertained crowd, with multiple moments of laughter, sneering and oohing. He was very talkative with offensive comebacks that made a lot of the characters upset, and this was while he was being tortured. Not only was there a lot of unnecessary sarcasm, but there was a lot of the “F” words being thrown

into the conversation. Wilson often spoke to the camera audience and added a variety of old and new music to the “serious” action scenes.

I would not recommend this movie to viewers that expect the action to be only about action, because there is more humorous sarcasm and raunchy sex scenes. If you were to watch this movie, I would recommend that no one view the movie under the age of 18, because the content is very provocative and in your face. If you like movies with humor, sex scenes, and a lighter atmosphere of action mixed with sarcasm then this would be something that you might want to watch.



MEN'S BASKETBALL



Alejandra Flores/The Runner  
Junior forward Justin Hollins dunks the ball late in the second half against Utah Valley.

# Men's hoops win fourth straight, stay in WAC race

By Joe Macias  
Sports Editor

In its highest scoring game against a Western Athletic Conference team, the CSU Bakersfield men's basketball team cruised past Utah Valley University 91-69 on Saturday at the Icardo Center.

"They (Utah Valley) were a fast team," said CSUB head coach Rod Barnes. "I was never really worried about us as far as our execution. I was just more concerned about continuing to play well."

Four CSUB players scored in double-digits: senior forward Kevin Mays (17), senior center Aly Ahmed (15), redshirt-junior forward Matt Smith (11) and junior guard Justin Pride (10).

CSUB attempted a school record 49 free-throws in the game, its most since Dec. 31, 2009 when they faced Cal Poly.

CSUB converted on 33 of 49 free-throw attempts.

There were 56 fouls between the two teams in the game. In

the second half, it turned into a free-throw battle as Pride attempted a career high 22 free-throws but only being able to make eight of them.

"I didn't think it was that many, but I got to do better," said Pride. "I got to get back in the gym. I think the thing with me is I don't have as many game life situations with free throws like my nerves (were) going so this is definitely a good thing. It's definitely a mental thing with free-throws."

At the 18:06 mark of the second half Ahmed scored his seventh point of the game to make him the 12th Roadrunner to reach 1000 career points. Ahmed is also the sixth Roadrunner to have 1000 career points and 500 career rebounds.

"I didn't know, I was surprised," said Ahmed on scoring over 1000 points in his career. "I'm very happy to score 1000 points for CSUB, be apart of the program, and be in the paper somehow. (CSUB) is a good place. They help me a lot. I'm proud to be apart of the

program."

CSUB (18-7, 8-2 WAC) was able to hold Utah Valley (10-15, 4-6 WAC) to just 19.2 percent from the three-point line on five of 26 shooting from behind the arc.

The Wolverines' senior guard Jaden Jackson had a game high 20 points for Utah Valley but was not enough for the team to make up its 22-point loss.

This was the Roadrunners fourth straight win as they went 3-0 in their three-game home stand with just four games left to play in conference.

"I feel like even over the last two or three games we just didn't have energy, that kind of spirit that you need," said Barnes. "That was my talk all week. I felt like we've been doing the work. We've been playing good defense and good offense. I saw us having a little more energy and enthusiasm."

The Roadrunners look to get their ninth WAC win when they go on the road to play at New Mexico State University on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

WRESTLING

## CSUB loses in thriller to ASU

By Joe Macias  
Sports Editor

It was senior night for the CSU Bakersfield wrestling team but Arizona State spoiled the night as the Sun Devils won their final three matches to beat the Roadrunners 21-18 on Sunday at the Icardo Center.

"It came down to the last match and they pulled it off and [we're] moving on now to conference," said CSUB head coach Mike Mendoza

Both teams were tied at 18 going into the final match of the 141-pound division between CSUB redshirt-junior AJ Fierro (15-9) and Arizona State redshirt-sophomore Oliver Pierce (20-14). Fierro got a takedown in the first period but allowed Pierce to escape to score a point. Pierce got a two-point takedown of his own late in the first period to give him a 3-2 lead going into the second period. Pierce started in the down position in the second period and escaped from Fierro, scoring the only point of the period making the score 4-2 after two periods. Fierro started



Chris Mateo/The Runner

**Redshirt-sophomore Matt Williams battles his way to his 18th win of the season.**

in the down position in the third period but was unable to escape Pierce. Pierce rode his way throughout the third period earning another point for a 1:55 riding time advantage making the final score 5-2.

This gave ASU (12-7, 2-2 PAC-12) the win and CSUB (11-4, 4-1 PAC-12) got its first Pac-12 loss.

In the 174-pound division CSUB senior Bryce Hammond (16-3), who is ranked sixth in the nation, faced ASU red-shirt senior Preston McCalmon (7-12). Hammond ended the match in the second period by technical fall, 16-0.

"I used to come in to the room when I was really little. My dad was practicing and now to just be at that point where it's almost over, is pretty surreal," said Hammond.

At 197 CSUB senior Reuben Franklin went up against ASU redshirt-senior Josh DaSilveira. Franklin got back at DaSilveira for an earlier loss in the season and won by majority decision, 12-3.

"Today I made sure to bring everything I had," said Franklin.

CSUB travels to Arizona State next for the Pac-12 Championships on Feb. 27 in an all day event in Tempe, Arizona.

BASEBALL

## 'Runners look to make first pitch of 2016

By Juan Garcia  
Reporter

After finishing second in the Western Athletic Conference the CSU Bakersfield baseball team prepares to start off its 2016 season.

"I thought we did really well last year," said head coach Bob Macaluso. "We're really focused on this year though."

Macaluso said he and the team are way past last year and are looking to focus on what is ahead of them.

Coach Macaluso is making his debut this year as head coach as the Roadrunners will play against CSU Northridge on Feb. 19 in Northridge.

Macaluso was one of the assistant coaches for last years' season.

"They're a tight group of with some of them knowing each other from high school," said Macaluso.

Many of the athletes live and train together on a daily basis.

Coach Macaluso said that the team's unity will help them persevere and excel in the upcoming season.

The CSUB baseball team graduated 12 seniors, almost half of their full roster.

The Roadrunners also have 12 new players added to the team.

"We did good with what we had," said senior center fielder and pitcher Chance Gusbeth.

Gusbeth is a three-letter athlete and was selected as all-conference by Perfect Game this preseason.

He's captain of the team and will be starting in his fourth season.

"We had a lot of good leaders last year that are going to be missed this year," said Gusbeth, "We played real baseball last year. We didn't rely on one guy to do the job."

The team is tackling the fundamental elements of the game

that they feel they fell short in last year.

"Last year we didn't have much of a bullpen," said Gusbeth.

Bullpen is in reference to the relief pitchers that go in to relieve their starting pitcher.

CSUB junior infielder David Metzgar and junior infielder Joey Sanchez were named preseason All-Conference in a vote of the league's 10 head coaches, who could not vote for their own team or players.

Metzger was also named perfect WAC preseason game player of the year and is one of the team's captains.

Last year the Roadrunners knocked out Ole Miss from the WAC tournament and won a regional game, the first time this has happened in school history.

"I feel like last season we really put this program on the map," said redshirt senior AJ Monarrez. "(The) things we need to improve is not really much, just keep doing what were doing."

Monarrez is a starting pitcher who won the first WAC tournament Championship game against Seattle University last year in May.

Monarrez has been a part of the CSUB baseball program for three years now.

"There is a lot of guys here that have playing with each other for years now," said Monarrez. "I think were going to do well, because it's like a brotherhood here."

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