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## MyPlanner: Your new besty

By Athena Skapinakis  
Staff Writer

MyPlanner is about to become your very best friend at CSUB. This fairly new program has been accessible since April of this year. However, not many students are aware of this amazing friend with benefits. I certainly hadn’t heard of it until this past month, and its creation startled me. I was caught off guard by CSUB’s effort to be supportive and helpful to students. The surprise was definitely a pleasant one, not just for me, but for other students as well.

“It helped me plan out everything without a hassle and collect my school schedule for the following years to get me closer to graduation,” said Mari Gonzales, a third-year psychology student, after her first use of the program.

This PeopleSoft functionality, available on your MyCSUB, enables you to [See PLAN, Page 3]

## Greek Week rocks old Nicktoons



Reynaldo Juban/The Runner

Kappa Sigma Fraternity men performing their "Rocket Power" themed skit during Greek Week May 24. Story and additional photos on Page 2.

## ’Runners hit four- game streak

Pitcher Jeff Mckenzie leads way to win with nine strike-outs late in game

By José Crisantos  
Staff Writer

With the help of junior starting pitcher Jeff Mckenzie and senior Andrew Letourneau’s late walk off hit, the first walk off win of the season for the ’Runners, they edged Utah 3 - 2.

McKenzie threw a total of 161 pitches giving up nine hits, two earned runs, and walking two. In the nine innings of work, he managed to strike out nine batters.

Throughout the game McKenzie was able to get himself out of jams to get through the batters. In the top of the fourth inning, after McKenzie had been cutting through the Utah lineup, he came into some trouble with junior Parker Morin. Morin drilled a line drive to senior third baseman DC Legg. Utah’s senior Shaun Cooper bombed a double to center field scoring Morin from first base.

“I left a couple pitches up where Cooper hit it off the wall,” McKenzie said. During the fourth inning McKenzie was struggling to find the strike zone. Senior Jojo Sharrar singled in another run making it a two-run game.

After a visit from Head Coach Bill Kernan, he was able to get back into the groove of things to strike out the next two batters, making it his sixth and seventh strikeout of the game. “I didn’t look the same ... then I started throwing like I normally throw.” he said.

At the bottom of the fourth inning the ’Runners jumped on the board after sophomore Oscar Sanay was driven home by sophomore Cael Brockmeyer.

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## Jordan Taylor: Setting records in Texas



Reynaldo Juban/The Runner

Jordan Taylor running his warm-up May 21.

By Steven Gaede  
Sports Editor

Sophomore Jordan Taylor made history by shattering Great West Conference Championship records in the 100 and 200 meter in Humble, Texas, May 12.

Taylor posted a time of 10.27 seconds in the 100 to set CSUB and GWC Championship records and put up a time of 20.84 seconds in the 200 to set the GWC Championship record, which was good for the second best time in CSUB history, behind Larry King’s record of 20.81 seconds, dating back to 1992. Both times were truly remarkable and impressive, but Taylor explained he was more focused on one record over the other: “I was actually after the 200 record because I was closer to that record, so I was really trying to work toward that. For me, the 100 record was the big challenge.”

“To break that record was definitely one of the achievements that I hold really dear and taking that record is a big honor.”

Taylor also set CSUB and GWC Championship records with his split time of 46.7 seconds in the 4x400 men’s relay.

“I truly believe Jordan’s performance last week at the Conference meet was probably one of the best performances by any athlete that has attended CSUB. Best one day performance by any athlete, not

just in track and field but any sport. It was a pretty amazing performance,” said Head Track and Field Coach Alan Collatz.

Previous to the GWC Championship, Taylor’s best times in the 100 and 200 were 10.5 seconds and 20.87 seconds respectively. Breaking one record at the event would have been monumental in its own right, let alone two.

Maintaining proper health is a huge part of sports and track and field is no different. In regards to maintaining health, Collatz simply said, “It is vital.”

“Nutrition is important. These kids know they have to take care of their bodies. They are well aware of it; they are preached that from day one,” said Collatz.

Despite athletes taking care of themselves, injuries cannot always be prevented.

“We have had quite a few injuries this year and some of them are unforeseen. They just happen. It comes with the territory; it is real common to our sport. When you give 100-percent effort, sometimes things go wrong,” Collatz said.

Taylor is no stranger when it comes to injury, as he found himself plagued with hamstring problems a year ago during his freshman season.

“About mid-season I overextended it stretching. It was not to the extent where I was bruising and

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## Greek Week celebrates all things Greek

By Jess Richardson  
Staff Writer

Some bizarre rituals often surround the cloaked mystery that is Greek life of college campuses but at CSUB, the veil is lifted and everyone is encouraged to join in the fun. The 2012 week of festivities was a whirlwind of silly events, creating an awesome and light-hearted atmosphere for everyone lucky enough to be on campus to see.

Strolling around campus, one could have witnessed an intense round of Nickelodeon trivia, a high-energy dance competition, the making of “human sundaes” – yes, it was just how it sounds – a brutal tug-of-war battle, rounds of capture the flag and an obstacle course.

These events definitely bring out the competitive nature among the groups, but the overwhelming sense of camaraderie beats out any ill will between them, even between sexes.

“Some of the courses, when you think the guys would win, the ladies have dominated,” said Ashlea Wilson, a facility coordinator at the Student Recreation Center. But the fraternity guys show pride for their female counterparts on campus, cheering them on even if they are kicking the frat’s butts. If Greek Week dispels any negative stereotype about frats and sororities, it’s that they don’t get along.

“I thought everybody was positive and the overall message was about school: There was no bashing, which was good because we get that sometimes,” said Brittany Camirand, a senior physics major.

Everything culminates to one event that really makes the week special: the annual talent show. Incorporating the ‘90s youth television show theme seemed an impossible task to outsiders but, with a little creativity, the opinions of the judges and cheering crowd were unanimous supremely entertaining and right on topic.

After judging the show, Wilson said, “My favorites were “Hey Arnold” and “Rugrats.” Everyone used “college” with the theme; it was very fun and appropriate.”

Another judge, Roopa Davé of the office of Student Rights and Responsibilities said, ““Hey Arnold’ rocked. They were very creative. I’ve had a hard time judging! And the props were so good.”

Two words spring to mind when recalling the performances form our talented sororities: boo and tay. The ladies of Nu Phi Chi and Phi Sigma Sigma got the crowd pumped up with some serious hip-hop moves. “The dance routine took about 3 1/2 weeks [and was] a collaboration with two other sisters. We worked so hard on it. It really brought us together,” said freshman communication major Faith Ithem.

Johanna Moreno, a sophomore sociology major, added, “It was good. It was most of our first time performing, some girls were really nervous ... Now we can’t wait for next year!”

Bravo, neither can we. The grass skirts and tiny shorts were just the cherry on top of the fun sundae it was watching the girls get down.

And congratulations to the newest demigods on campus, Kenny Casparis of Kappa Sigma and Yani Valdez of Gamma Phi Beta, for winning the god and goddess of Greek Week award!



Reynaldo Juban/The Runner

**Above:** Gamma Phi Beta Sorority women strutting their dance moves during Greek Week May 24.



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**Left:** Kappa Sigma Fraternity men performing their “Rocket Power” themed skit during Greek Week May 24.

**Below:** Gamma Phi Betas preparing for the talent show. From left to right: Kyrstin Cordero, Jessica Arellano, Chelsea Jordan and Melissa Carder.



Photo courtesy of Jessica Arellano

## What a night!: ‘Hotel Paradiso’ continues June 1, 2, 3

By Nadia Wehbe  
Staff Writer

Laughter filled the Doré during the performance of Hotel Paradiso. The play is centered around a married man trying to have an affair with his best friend’s wife.

Before the show, the dramaturg, Jessica Boles, gave a talk of what was to be expected and a little introduction of what a farce is. The dramaturg’s role is to research the play and give a little insight to the actors and how they should base their characters. A farce involves a lot of sincere actions that are funny because of the tragic circumstances. Most of the characters in a farce have disastrous faults and failures.

The costumes portrayed the setting of the play: Paris in the year 1910. The women wore long flowing dresses and dark boots that reflected the time period. They wore lace scarfs, their hair was curled or pinned up and one of the women always had a handkerchief at the ready. The men also dressed according to the time period.

The scenery involved two places: the house of the Bonifaces and The Hotel Paradiso. The Boniface house had a lot of blues and gold accents, which were contrasted against the hotel’s darker colors.

“I really liked the lighting effect, the candles and the scenery,” said junior sociology major Johanna



Ally Jones/The Runner

**This is The Runner photographer’s representation of what the “Hotel Paradiso” might have looked like after she was refused permission to – quietly and without interruption – photograph the event.**

Moreno. The creative lighting helped the audience to focus on the actors who were going to speak by having the candles illuminate which rooms they needed to set their attention to.

One thing that was unique about the play was that the characters talked directly to the audience throughout their performance. They spoke like how two friends would confide with each other.

Witty remarks and gestures were intertwined throughout the play. Monsieur Boniface who was played by Miguel Torres, made very funny gestures throughout the play.

“I loved the main character, Boniface,” said sen-

ior theater and English major Monica Martinez. “He was fantastic.”

Monsieur Boniface commented on the size of his wife and whenever his maid walked in the room he would flirt with her even in the presence of his wife.

A lot of hiding happened in the play. Monsieur Boniface and Madame Cot hid in different rooms to avoid either her husband or his wife. There was even one point where Madame Cot took her husband’s hat and covered her face with it so he wouldn’t recognize her.

It was a marvelous play that took the audience through twists and turns. Everything in the play, even the seemingly small details, was so important to the plot. All of the details combined and fit together so well that the audience always knew what was going on even when the characters didn’t.

This play didn’t have a lesson. The characters didn’t get a realization that they were doing something wrong. All of the horrible, outrageous circumstances were chalked up to a bad night and ended with the all of the main characters saying “What a night!”

Hotel Paradiso is playing on June 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. and on June 3 at 2 p.m.



Runner’s ‘amazing performance’



Taylor running his warm up before he begins his training on the track May 21.

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had to sit out any meets ... but it did have this annoying pain pretty much my whole freshman season,” Taylor said. “This year I worked out more in the weight room on some hamstring stuff; that helped a lot, so it has not bothered me too much.”

To get to the college level for a particular sport, athletes typically put in years of time for their trade. Taylor is a rare exception.

“I actually started my senior year of high school. This is only my third year, which kind of makes things difficult but exciting. I had to learn a lot in a short time but I think I picked it up fairly well,” said Taylor. “My senior year I decided to go out for track because a lot of people were telling me, ‘Look, you need to go out there. You look fast.’”

Taylor became infatuated with track in the same way kids play sports as they grow up: “I always knew I was pretty fast; I did not know what the extent was. I just kind of went out there to have some fun and I ended up going here and breaking records.”

Taylor’s mindset along with the support he receives from his friends and family – especially his mom – has paid off.

“No matter what happens, she has always supported me and always has a positive word. During high school, she made it to nearly every one of my meets,” said Taylor. His mother still shows her support in college. “With work and what not, she has made it to as many [meets] as she can. I would say my mom is definitely one of my biggest supporters.”

Teammates and coaches also help him along his path to success.

“[Jermaine] Spence works personally with me on a daily basis and the rest of the sprinters. Day in and day out he is here instructing us with our drills and our training,” Taylor said.

“For the most part, they are putting in a solid 15 hours a week with coaches. A lot of them do a lot of stuff on their own. You cannot just depend on the time you spend with coaches. You have to be self-motivated and do a lot of the extra stuff that takes you to the next level on your own,” Collatz added.

College can be quite difficult and stressful at times and adding in a college athlete’s daily schedule amps up the difficulty. These times cannot always be avoided but they are handled better with a cool head.

“Those are the times you just got to sit down and relax, stop thinking about whatever it is that is stressing you out, maybe talk to someone – do something fun,” said Taylor. “It is pretty structured now, more than my freshman year when I lived in the dorms.”

Time management is a big thing for Taylor as he plans to continue running track and keeping his grades up. The business major has big plans after college.

Taylor says he plans on keeping his GPA up so graduate school could remain an option. “I was planning on

entering the realm of business.”

Taylor said he keeps the military as a plan C but he would like to take his track career as far as possible.

“There is a lot of stuff that is kind of unknown, but, after the performance at the Great West Conference Championships, it is definitely within reach; I just got to work for it,” Taylor said. “I keep my options open and if I see something, I snag it.”

With the big day Taylor put up in Humble, Texas, and the great season the track and field team has had this year, hopefully the track and field team can start receiving more attention for its accomplishments.

“The team as a whole has had a great season,” Collatz said. “We had 19 all time top 20 marks for our institution.”

“It definitely brings exposure to a university,” said Collatz. “I’m hoping that the community and everybody realizes that track is not dead here in Bakersfield.”

Following Taylor’s performance at the GWC Championship, Taylor competed in the NCAA Division I West Regional May 24-26 where he made the second round in the 100 and 200, ultimately finishing 19th in the 200 and 24th in the 100.

MyPlanner: the students’ new handy tool

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plan out your courses for terms up to six years. You can pick and choose your courses based on your degree audit, which can be considered an unofficial grad check, as you designate which term you’d like to fulfill these classes until the year 2015. This is available to students of every major and minor, every Master’s program, and every credential program to access and utilize.

For example, I’m a dual-major in psychology and communications. Aside from it being a dual major headache and having to remind myself daily of the cliché, “One day it will pay off,” it has actually become quite easy to plan for the future. MyPlanner gives me freedom to efficiently plan out every course that I need to take in order to satisfy both my majors and my leftover general requirements.

You don’t have to double major to find this program effective and relieving. “Anyone serious about school should use it,” Gonzales said.

Some of you are so ready to graduate and get the hell out of here – but wait! You can’t because apparently you are missing units or some classes, and now you have to stay another quarter. The disappointment can almost give a student excruciating physical pain, but you can prevent this from happening to you. With MyPlanner, you can ensure that every itty bitty requirement has been met and that you can be on your way to a happy, happy graduation without any grad-check nightmares.

One of the most exciting features of MyPlanner is that students have more pull when it comes to what courses are going to be available which terms. We all know that CSUB tends to be hit-and-miss with us when it comes to specific courses. They don’t always offer the classes we need, but by placing a course into your scholastic shopping cart, you are sending a memo to CSUB that you’d like that class a certain term. The more students who plan that

course into their schedule, the more CSUB recognizes that this class is in high demand. This is incentive for CSUB to offer the course and means you don’t have to wait until the summer or a particular term to get lucky. Your chance of being able to take this course the term you want to take it rises with each student’s input.

“They are on [a] limited budget and can only offer certain things. They’re going to look at what the students are wanting so we’re hoping the students realize that it’s not just for ‘my planning,’ but the planning for what the university is going to offer,” said Dr. Dirkse, director of academic operations and support.

As a side note, MyPlanner “doesn’t prevent you from doing silly things,” said Dirkse. He means to say that as a student, be aware that if you’re going to place something in your academic shopping cart to put on your schedule, make sure to check the prerequisites that need to be taken in order to qualify for that course beforehand. By logging into your MyCSUB, you can access MyPlanner either by clicking the “plan” option on the homepage or the cutesy little drop-down menu. Once selected, you’re taken to the MyPlanner page in which you can toggle around until you figure out what it is you want to do. I assume you all use Facebook and are aware of using semi-technologically advanced functionalities. MyPlanner should be a breeze for you.

However, for the not-so-computer-savvy people out there, you can watch a tutorial video or simply read instructions on how to use MyPlanner. You can find the link for the video by going to the www.csub.edu website, going under self service and then guides. The video shows you how to work the program step by step. If you have any other questions about either your degree progress report or the MyPlanner program, you can contact Dr. John Dirkse at (661) 654-6181 or at jdirkse@csub.edu.

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# McKenzie throws nine strikeouts en route to 3-2 CSUB victory



Courtesy of Sports Information  
Andrew Letourneau’s game winning hit in the bottom of the ninth gave CSUB a 3-2 victory over Utah.

[MCKENZIE, from Page 1] In the bottom of the sixth, Brockmeyer singled to right field to start the inning. With a runner on first and one out, Legg was hit by a pitch, setting up the plate for sophomore Tyler Shryock. Shryock singled to center field, scoring the tying run. McKenzie continued battling through the lineup. In the top of the eighth inning, Cooper reached base on a base hit. Sharrar bunted Cooper over to second. Cooper later moved to third after sophomore Trey Nielson grounded out to second. With a Utah runner on third base, McKenzie’s outing grew more and more intense. With the already high pitch count of 130, McKenzie was able to throw a breaking ball that was driven to center fielder Letourneau. McKenzie was able to run through the top of the ninth inning with

very little command issues. Relying on his defense and managing to record his ninth and last strikeout, McKenzie was able to finish off a great outing for the CSUB ’Runners. At bottom of the ninth inning, the ’Runners needed to rely on their bats to win the game. Junior Dylan Christensen made it simple for the ’Runners by hitting a triple to start the inning. Freshman Jordie Hein was unable to score the runner from third base as he flew out. Andrew Letourneau, playing his last day as a CSUB Roadrunner, hit the game winning single to right field. “It felt good. I wasn’t doing great in the beginning of the game, but that’s how the game works. Somehow you always come out in the last inning. I got my pitch and put a good swing on it,” Letourneau said.

## Defensive highlights mark baseball’s finale

By Russell Ming  
Senior Staff Writer

On Sunday afternoon May 27, the ’Runners played their last regular season game and lost 5-2 versus the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos. In the defeat, lead-off batter and centerfielder Andrew Letourneau led the team. He went two for five, had two runs, and it seemed every other inning he was making a sliding catch. In the top of the second inning he came barreling down the outfield to scoop a line drive from gracing the grass. On the whole, CSUB as a team recorded a number of defensive highlights. The out before Letourneau in the second inning was equally as impressive. Shortstop Tyler Shryock perfectly timed a chopper sent his way, and just as the ball was in his glove, it was in his throwing hand and rifled to first. Shryock again in the sixth inning with two outs gave the crowd a moment of awe. The play was reminiscent to Nomar, A-Rod, or Jeter in the early 2000s. Shryock launched himself towards the middle of the field, full body lateral to the dirt where he trapped a screaming grounder to get the force out at second. Unfortunately, at which point, the lead was already out of the ’Runners’ reach. Probably because the CSUB bats couldn’t keep up as UCSB finished with a fourteen to six advantage in hits. Nevertheless, CSUB did have the lead half of the game. They were first to score in the bottom of the first inning when catcher Frank

Martinez squeezed a sacrifice bunt to score an eager, chomping Letourneau at third. Later in the third inning, Martinez at bat again with a runner at third, recorded another run batted in with a sacrifice fly sent to deep left field. Again it was Letourneau dashing home, but this time he was safe by the smallest fraction of a second. Going into the top of the fifth CSUB had the lead 2-1; going into the bottom of the fifth UCSB had the lead 3-2 and after twenty-four more outs the final score was 5-2. “I said at the beginning of the year that this team reminded me of year two of the program,” said CSUB Head Coach Bill Kernen. This year’s team and the team two years ago actually had only a game difference in their season’s final record. “The highlight of this season was the pitching. They pitched with their hearts and guts. They weren’t throwing 95 miles per hour on the radar gun; they had to pitch and they had to fight every time they went out. That is the highlight for me. They exceeded what I thought they should be able to do at this point,” said Kernen. For the ’Runners in 2012 they had to overcome a number of devastating injuries, especially to the pitching staff. Plus they had to replace a number of stellar players who moved on from the year before. Luckily, CSUB found surprises in crafty pitchers who got outs without glamour, instead grit. “This team will be a lot better next year,” said Kernen.



Courtesy of Sports Information  
Frank Martinez drove in two runs against UC Santa Barbara for the Roadrunners May 27.

### Career Corner

The Center for Community Engagement and Career Education

Welcome to the CSUB *Career Corner*, a monthly article to help you with all things related to career development! According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers recent survey, published in the *Job Outlook 2012 Spring Update*, employers plan to hire 10.2 percent more new college graduates from the class of 2011-12 than they did from the class of 2010-11. Are you prepared to begin your job search? Are your documents (resume, cover letter, thank you letter) in order and have you practiced your interviewing skills? If you are unsure how to begin your job search, we have a workshop for you. The last workshop for Spring Quarter will teach you how to prepare your documents and how to conduct your job search. For students graduating, don’t miss this opportunity to take the first step in your career search!

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## Athletes of the Week

Men’s swimming at the Speedo Grand Challenge, May 25-27.



Freshman swimmer Mitchell Huxhold qualified for two olympic trial events at the Speedo Grand Challenge. Huxhold qualified for the 1500 freestyle with a time of 15:48.96 and the 400 freestyle by posting a time of 3:57.54.



Senior Peter Bardessono qualified for the 2012 Olympic trials in the 100 backstroke with a time of :57.58. Bardessono needed a time of :57.59 to make the cut. The Olympic trials will be held June 25-July 2.