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CLASSES

Summer quarter to offer more classes for students

By Erica Carcamo
Reporter

The transition into semester system is quickly approaching for CSU Bakersfield.

Students are gearing up for graduation before the conversion while others will be graduating after. For the students wanting to graduate before converting, the university will be offering more classes for the summer session of 2015 and 2016.

Dr. Kathleen Knutzen, vice president for student affairs, further explains the expansion of summer classes.

"[We want] to provide students who want an opportunity to finish their degree while still on the quarter system" said Dr. Knutzen, "Students don't have to do it, but we just want to allow them

that option".

Adding more classes will be beneficial to those who desire early graduation. They can precisely manage their time and courses just as if they were to do through the regular academic quarter.

Dr. Knutzen mentions that it is an extra budget to run a larger summer session such as the one coming up. Extra courses weren't added to prior summer quarters because it would be expensive.

Though the cost for adding more classes to the summer quarter is costly, the "tuition for the summer session will remain the same just like any other quarter" said Dr. Knutzen, "but students do need to be cautious about whether if they have any financial aid left for summer. That is something they need to talk to their financial aid office about".

Classes that fill up quickly during the year along with major courses will be purposely added to the summer session for 2015 and 2016.

"We've already committed to running two large summer sessions as long as students are interested, so even if we had a smaller enrollment this summer we would still run a larger one next summer to give students that opportunity," said Dr. Knutzen, "We've already committed to that because for those students who really want to push to graduate we want to make sure we have the classes for them to do that".

Dr. Knutzen then adds, "Fortunately, the president has committed to that to and has supported funding it".

Dr. Knutzen said there's not an undergraduate student who can't find a full load to take this summer, if they wanted to.

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In a press release the university put out CSUB is one of the six CSU campuses that do not already follow the semester system.

The other CSU campuses are: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly Pomona, Los Angeles, Hayward and San Bernardino.

The conversion of CSUB from quarter to semester will be in effect starting the academic year of fall 2016.

Be prepared for your future
Schedule an appointment with your counselor and sign up for your spring and summer quarter classes now!

SERVICES

CSUB provides new programs for students with disabilities

By Hiba Ali
Senior Reporter

There are many programs on campus that helps students to become better in the classroom and assist them in graduating with the degree that they desire. One of those programs is Services for Students with Disabilities.

"My staff and I were very concerned that many of our students with disabilities were not graduating, and we explored ways that we could help," said Janice Clausen director of the SSD.

The SSD aims to connect students with disability to the CSU Bakersfield campus and make their academic year easier for them. Research found that when students feel connected to the university in various ways, they do better. The successful they are, the longer they stay.

"We have received continued support from Dr. Thomas Wallace, Dr. James Dmek, and our Student Affairs colleagues," said Clausen.

"The activities are designed to educate and support students with disabilities. Specifically, Anchor offers students one-on-one peer counseling; priority access to educational workshop, monthly support groups, and opportunities to develop leadership skills," said Clausen.

Anchor program is few months old. It has been growing in an amazing way under the guidance of Jason Watkins, accommodation specialist,

"We want to provide anchor for our students to sort of connect them to our campus through our department," said Watkins.

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Beside the Anchor program, there is a class called Memory class, which is listed as General Studies 172.

"The idea of it is to give students strategies that it's going to help students with other classes.

It is hard for students to remember everything when they have so much going on, they tend to forget things," said Watkins.

He continues with how it will give improve a student's outlook on their classes.

"It looks at it from a psychological perspective about

having a better mind set, kind of an outlook of our memories, and techniques to implement in your studying."

Watkins also explains that there is more assistance for these students in need.

"There is also a support group where four mentors help new students around the campus, give them general guides about campus policies, how to get around, how things work, and how to interact with instructors," said Watkins.

There are a couple of workshops that helps students with disabilities with their study skills and many more, as Watkins

explained that they are trying to raise awareness for disabilities. It can be a conversation that people can have and educate others about these programs.

The SSD office is located at SADM 140 and is open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM.



Image from csu.edu
Janice Clausen is the director of the SSD.



Image from csu.edu
Jason Watkins is the accommodation specialist for the SSD.

BASEBALL

Clean sweep

Baseball defeats Wagner in weekend series



Senior pitcher Hayden Carter hurls in a pitch during Friday's game against Wagner. Carter finished his third career complete game by only surrendering six hits.

Eric Garza/The Runner

By Nate Sanchez
Senior Columnist

The CSU Bakersfield baseball team performed well on both sides of the field to beat Wagner University 4-2 at Hardt Field on March 8, which led to a sweep for the Roadrunners.

Wagner struggled to keep pace with CSUB, and the Roadrunners (9-6) were able to extend their current winning streak to six straight. The Seahawks (0-5-1) only scored five runs in the three-game series against the 'Runners pitching. Meanwhile, the 'Runners' bats drove in 18 runs.

"We've played well in the last two weeks," CSUB coach Bill Kern said. "Sometimes the hardest thing to do is handle success and keep playing hard. Not getting complacent is going to be one of the things that we care about."

Senior pitcher Nick Rogowski capped off the series with a win against the Seahawks, tossing a complete game, while surrendering six hits and two earned runs.

Rogowski, who was named the Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week, matched his single-game strikeout record with nine and only walked two.

He struggled in the first inning and the ninth, when he gave up his only two runs. The only negative part of Rogowski's performance was his pitch count. He threw

126 pitches in his nine-inning outing. While he got the job done, I'd argue that high pitch counts this early in the season can be risky for a player's health.

"We're a week from conference so I'm letting him go," Kern said. "I've been keeping him under a hundred pitches but I've let him and Hayden [Carter] go. They both wanted to finish and I never had a doubt that they wouldn't."

Sunday's offense put on an impressive performance as well. Senior Solomon Williams hit his first home run of the season, violently escorting an Austin Goeke fastball over the right field fence.

On March 7, the 'Runners showed the best of offense and defense for them. They scored 10 runs on eight hits while only



surrendering a single run. Sophomore pitcher Steven Gee struck out six in seven innings while sophomore infielder Joey Sanchez went 2-3 with two RBI and a walk.

The last home series against Northern Kentucky, I mentioned that the top of the lineup was improving, and the middle of the lineup has followed suit, big time. Senior shortstop Mylz Jones, senior outfielder Chance Gusbeth and Williams have begun to flex on the competition and Before the season, Kern told me that he was most confident in the team's defense. The only question at the time was the hot corner. However, Sanchez has filled the third base hole rather well.

His fielding percentage is .857, so his defense is pretty good. He also leads the team in on-base percentage (.658) and slugging percentage (.583), runs scored and is third on the team when it comes to hits (12). He's played 13 games only started seven. He's also never hit into a double play. During the Wagner series, Sanchez got on base 70 percent of the time.

CSUB will look to continue its wave of momentum as it is scheduled to play at UC Riverside on March 11 at 6 p.m.

The 'Runners will begin WAC play with a weekend series on the road against New Mexico State, starting on March 13.

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RUNNER IN THE SHEETS

This week, The Runner asked, "What's your most awkward sexual encounter?"
By Anthony Jauregui



D.R.

"It was one of my first times ever having sex and I was going and I felt something, and I go, 'What's on my butt?' I look back and there's a freaking dog licking my butt! Well, I didn't wanna stop cause I didn't know the next time this was gonna happen, so I just keep pounding away, and the dog was just licking my butt and it felt really weird because the dog was licking my butt while I was [expletive]."



E.G.

"I went into my brother's room, and it was the first time since he got back from college. And I found these condoms in his room and they were still in the box. He came back home really late and he had his girlfriend with him and my room is right next to it. I was woken up to the sound of a banging from his headboard hitting the wall... The next day I asked him what it was, and his face was super red."



M.A.

"I was having sex and remember hearing this noise. I stopped and asked if she farted and she was like, 'What?' So I kept going and it happened again and I was like, 'Aye yo...you farted!' She said, 'No.' Maybe I'm trippin'. Then the third time it happened...I jumped up, put on my clothes and I left. I told my brother what happened, and he said, 'You better go apologize to that girl, all she was doing was queefing.'"



G.W.

"I was in the bathroom, doing what guys like to do. I was home alone, and someone gave me a Brazzers porn account...I stumble across pictures of Kennedy Leigh. You can't go wrong. I have my phone...and I'm sitting by the toilet and I'm 'going' kind of rapidly. I look over and see the door knob twisting, so I threw the phone. My brother walks in and I go to the toilet and say, 'I'm taking a [expletive]!'"



A.G.

"One time when I was in high school, I was going down on my boyfriend and my mom walked in. She screamed and walked out. I wanted to die."



A.K.

"My friend and her boyfriend were both drunk and going at it and she said, 'You're so big!' and he said, 'So are you!'"

Celebrate spring break smart

By Robin Gracia
Opinion Editor

The winter quarter is coming to a close, and the weather is beginning to feel a bit warmer. Our collective clocks have been pushed an hour ahead, and those huge black frogs are even back in the stream by the Walter Stern Library. Every student knows what this means: spring break!

Ah, spring break- the college student's favorite time to cut loose. How much debauchery can you fit into a week? The correct amount is "plenty". However, there are some basic rules of advice you should follow before going out and partying with your friends. My advice to you over spring break is...

Don't Get Arrested

This is far easier than it sounds. I don't get arrested all the time. Just because you are young doesn't mean you can take all your clothes off and go streaking through the new dorms. Sure, it sounds fun and harmless, but that's one way to find yourself in the backseat of a cop car.

While marijuana might be legal in states like Colorado and Alaska, that progression hasn't made its way to California quite yet. To put it bluntly, yes, that joint of sweet Jamaican dank is going to land you behind bars.

Another tool of avoiding the slammer is to have a designated driver. And don't kid yourself- driving buzzed is the same as



Photo taken by Kevin Stent/Fairfax New Zealand
In New Zealand, the "censored streaker" event allows for safe nudity. In America, streaking can land your bare ass in jail.

driving drunk. Just don't risk it.

Also, heads up: sex in public is a crime, too. If the car is rocking, you might be hearing the cops coming knocking. As students, some of us still live with our parents, and who really wants to have sex while listening for the garage door opener? Total mood killer. However, same rules apply as with streaking- no one wants to see you naked without their permission.

And while we are talking sex, I want to make sure that you...

Have Sex Responsibly

There are a few rules about having sex responsibly which, hopefully, we all know. For instance, if you're going to have sex with someone who you have not been in a long-term relationship with, put on a condom. Don't whine that it doesn't feel the same, just put the damn thing on if you don't want to be celebrating an unplanned Mother or Father's day next year.

That condom is there to protect you in the most literal sense of the word. Hooking up with that hot guy or girl you met sounds amazing until it burns when you pee.

Let's also address not having sex with someone who's not conscious. Under no circumstance is this acceptable. If you come across someone who's passed out, either sleeping or drunk, cover them up and put them somewhere safe. The only thing that's acceptable to do to someone who's unconscious is to draw on them. Anything else is rape and will land you in jail. So save your sex for someone who is capable of consenting and is 18.

So if you're going to hook up over break- wrap it up! Condoms are for sale at the Student Health Center quite literally by the dozen and the pack costs less than \$2. For the price of a candy bar, you're dodging STD's and parenthood. That sounds like a pretty sweet deal.

Know your drugs

By Richard Garibay
Assistant Opinion Editor

I, unlike many people, know what college students will do during their spring break. I understand that all of those months of hard work must me matched in fun packed into a single week.

While I neither condone nor condemn the use of drugs I have to oblige my loyal readership and if you're reading this thinking, "I didn't ask for this" you aren't one of those loyal readers.

What I have done is compiled an informative list meant to enlighten and review. Through various "sources" and "research" I have come up with the five most common drugs, what they cost, and what they do.

Marijuana:

Street price is \$200-\$249 per ounce of high quality weed, according to The Chicago Tribune. I hardly even consider weed a drug. I think marijuana is to drugs what beer is to alcohol.

K2/Spice:

Street price \$20-\$50 for three grams. Spice is commonly known as synthetic marijuana and a popular choice because it is undetectable in drug tests. This might be the more safe route to take if you're going to cut loose during spring break and have a steady job that randomly tests.

Apparently the high is very

similar to marijuana with an increased chance of social anxiety and paranoia.

Mushrooms:

About \$20 for an eighth of a gram. I like to call mushrooms the "women" of drugs. As a psychoactive hallucinogenic it's extremely sensitive.

One minute it'll make you the happiest you've ever been then you'll do something it doesn't like and it'll make your life a living nightmare.

Make sure you have a sober babysitter if you're going to try. Some people have been known to trip balls, and you'll need a sober buddy to keep you from doing anything crazy.

Cocaine:

It runs \$45-\$65 per gram. If you're doing cocaine, I'm proud of you because you've probably built a time machine and are visiting the late '70s every weekend.

If you really want to know what cocaine feels like, starve yourself and then try to go across town in five o'clock traffic.

When you're punching the steering wheel and screaming at the elderly lady in the car in front of you, you've joined the club.

The most important thing about experimenting with drugs is to be safe. Get your drugs from a reliable source, because you don't want cocaine cut with unknown substances. Also, if someone overdoses, call an ambulance immediately.

THE CURIOUS KITCHEN

Indulge in the wonder of wontons

By Alex Ripepi
Senior Columnist

Sometimes it's nice to escape the monotony of lunch meat, cheap ramen, and indistinguishably flavored microwaveable meals and just indulge. A great way to do this is to prepare a meal that entails not just a delicious final product, but a prep that is enjoyably mindless. For these reasons, I'm here to talk to you about the Church of the Wonton.

Firstly, this recipe isn't Kosher, I apologize in advance, but fun fact: it will probably still work with substitutions. For the base wonton that on its own could constitute a meal, you need ground pork, ginger, napa cabbage, a leek, and garlic. For each of the veggies, mince them all, and mix them with a slosh or two of soy sauce, and about a half cup of sesame oil. Be forewarned, this will make a very large amount of wontons, and if you plan to wrap every single bit of the mix, you will need to set aside a large chunk of time or gather some friends to help you for little to no pay.

Wrapping in its own right isn't difficult; it's gauging how much meat mix should go into each wonton. With the typical

wrapper, for example I used Nasoya wonton wraps, with the filling about the size of half a bouncy ball. Place the filling in the middle of the wrapper, then use water on two edges of the wrapper. Fold the dry opposite edges over so you end up with a lumpy triangle, and burp air out of the edges before sealing the wonton as best you can. After this, lightly wet the ends of each "tail" of the wonton, and then fold and press them together.

Frying is the hardest part. Make sure the oil is hot before starting to cook, and then cook the wontons for about a minute on each side until golden brown. If you're worried about the state of the filling, cook longer.

I used a small "frydaddy" type appliance that made the whole process much simpler, but when frying in any circumstance, the more safety precautions taken, the better; nobody likes oil burns.

Now for the interesting part. I've never done anything inspired with the wonton, so I decided this time I would set aside some of the veggie mix on its own, and then make some crab rangoon for a richer taste. Lastly, for a desert take on the dish, I straight up

wrapped and fried some banana.

On their own, the veggies and rangoon were much easier, as I substituted imitation crab for the canned crab the recipe called for.

The veggies were simply the mix of veggies from the pork wontons flying solo, and they were delicious. There's not much to say about them, they work very well.

The banana was amazing, frying something sweet very seldom ends poorly, and the only negative about the bananas was the awkward wrapping process. I recommend mashing them with a tiny bit of brown sugar or spice of your choice.

This allowed for a much more relaxed cooking process, as nothing in the vegetables, banana or rangoon recipe needed to be cooked for safety aside from the wrapper itself. The only part of this process that is even slightly difficult is making absolutely sure that the crab is wrapped well enough so that the cheese doesn't ooze out into the fryer or pan.

I would recommend having a wonton party with a few friends, and create your own fillings. Each wrapper package comes with about 50, so bring an appetite as well.

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FACULTY

Schultz named new ombudsperson for university

By Athena Skapinakis
Senior Reporter

CSU Bakersfield welcomes Associate Professor Randy Schultz as its new ombudsperson as of Feb. 24, 2015. The Scandinavian term ombudsman can be loosely translated to mean “representative of the people.” According to CSU Bakersfield’s website, the ombudsperson “helps solve problems informally, confidentially and impartially.” Any student with cause for concern or complaint, which pertains to the university, may meet with the ombudsperson that will act as an “objective mediator.”

The ombudsperson’s duty is to be a liaison between students and the university when conflicts arise. The site says that the ombudsperson will address student problems and complaints, facilitate communication, investigate the problems and review facts, mediate discussions and negotiate solutions. This covers a wide range of several issues a student may face such as access to facilities, grading policies, fee disputes, conflicts between students and faculty members and disciplinary matters. All records are kept confidential by the ombudsperson in concordance to state laws and CSU policies.

“I think that the position of an ombudsperson is essential in that it provides students with assistance and a sort of defense when talking with professors,” said Mike Kwon, vice president of Associated Students Inc. “You will always have shy or timid students that can’t communicate with professors well, and so, I think the role of the ombudsperson is to make sure that the conversation is coming from both sides.”

Kwon explained that there is a grievance form students may fill out and take to their department chair. From there, the chair would consult with the student or refer them to the ombudsperson.

Many students aren’t aware of the assistance and services provided by the ombudsperson. However, when they do have concerns or grievances, it usually regards final grades.

For the past 10 years, Student Health Center Counselor Janet Millar acted as the ombudsperson. Former Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. George Hibbard, offered the position to her. With over 25 years of experience as a licensed marriage and family therapist, Millar said that she was “curious about how to resolve conflict in an informal way.” Feeling that her skills as a counselor would help her, she had agreed to take on the endeavor.

During her time as the ombudsperson, Millar said that she found that the job involved of quite a bit of listening and problem defining. Another aspect was understanding the needs of the visitors in terms of conflict resolution. She had to be versed well in university policy violations in order to effectively solve issues.

“I think each person who is in the role really

needs to have the heart to resolve conflict, and the ability to remain neutral, confidential and to recognize when the informal process may not be appropriate for a particular case,” said Millar. She

also credited a knowledge and understanding of university policies as well as good working relationships with faculty, staff and administrators.

The ombudsperson position is by no means an easy occupation. Millar said that the job requires “time to listen, explore, discuss and decide on options.” In the same vein, she said she decided to leave the position because she felt that she no longer had the time necessary to devote to it. As the Counseling Coordinator, Millar realized she had other responsibilities with-

in her department.

The torch was then passed to Schultz.

“Randy brings an interest in the position, a level of objectivity and understanding of how academia works,” said Millar. “He is approachable, knowledgeable and willing to work with students through their difficulties.”

When Schultz first saw the position was open, he said he was intrigued then he “promptly forgot about it.” After seeing the job posting a second time, a small internal debate and at the request of

his peers, he decided to apply.

According to Schultz, the ombudsperson must possess communication and problem-solving skills, decision-making and strategic thinking skills, conflict resolution skills, organizational knowledge and networking skills. He also said that sensitivity to diversity, composure, presentation skills and integrity are among the qualifications.

After spending 20 years in education as an elementary school teacher, vice principal and principal, Schultz was near fully equipped for ombudsperson. He also served as one of eleven directors of a state technology project which contributed to his skillset as well as the nine years he spent at CSU Bakersfield, learning about the university and all its components of how it functions.

“I think all of us have a certain skill set that we can call upon to do a good, or great, job,” said Schultz. He also said that he hopes his life experiences have developed him enough to benefit the students of CSU Bakersfield.

He recalled that none of his family members had gone to a comprehensive four-year university as he did, and that he began as a novice.

“If I can give back now, and help students navigate the university successfully, I will be paying back those that helped me in the past,” he said.

He looks forward to meeting with students, faculty and staff and hopes he can seek positive solutions to any disagreements or misunderstanding which may arise.

“Right now, I am on a learning curve and everything is pretty new to me, but with every student that I meet I am adding to my experience and expertise,” said Schultz. “The students are my best teachers.”

FACILITIES

SRC improving but still problematic

By Jeannette Sevilla
Reporter

As students at CSU Bakersfield, tuition pays for multiple programs and services provided such as The Student Recreation Center. The money is being used to build more programs in the SRC, to have more intramurals, and for REC adventures.

“The SRC just got new floors in the basketball gym, bikes are being ordered for people to rent out, their money goes to good use,” said Morgan Carvalho, manager on duty at the SRC.

With multiple students on staff, their job is to keep an eye on the equipment, make sure it’s clean and up and running for them to be used by students. If anything is noticed broken, staff is aware and a damage report is written to get fixed by facility within the week. But SRC gym rat Kristian Iniguez disagrees.

“It takes so long for anything to get fixed there. I’ve seen machines out for a good two weeks,” said Iniguez.

Currently there are no

machines that are unavailable to be used. Anything broken is the facilities ground and they have to take care of everything else on campus as well.

“As soon as we notice a problem we get to it as quick as possible, full time staff cannot do that, it is the facilities job, they will get called in. Its not us, we have to put in a work order and then they make time. Not everything can get done immediately. We want it to be done as fast as possible, obviously, but if there is something going on somewhere else on campus that is more important then that is going to get fixed first,” replied Carvalho.

The SRC tries to offer the best experience. They greet, there are people on the floor that can teach you how to use the equipment, free group x classes, free personal training, towel service, and it is sterile because this is what you pay for.

“Its not sanitary, its not cleaned as often as it should be. The shower floors are gross. I’ll get into a shower and the floor is black. You can tell that it has-

n’t been cleaned in awhile. The floors are falling apart, and the weights are hardly re-racked. The SRC has way too many rules. They ask you to leave if you slam the weights, the dress code is too strict, you cannot carry your bag with you, and yet there is always stuff getting stolen. The gym floors haven’t been fixed, there is bubbles you can trip over,” said Iniguez.

“If students have a problem, they are more than encouraged to put a comment in the comment box, so that we can use that to work on and to benefit the SRC because our main concern are the students and participants. If they think something needs to change, students need to let us know so we can work on it. We don’t know if something is wrong if students don’t tell us.

People need to use the comment and suggestion boxes. They are gone over every Monday of every week by management. We work as a team to give the students what they want and what they want to see,” responded Carvalho.

FEES

Printing prices set for reason

By Marizza Espinoza
Reporter

We all know how crucial printing is on campus. At CSU Bakersfield, our library has 10 printer services available for students. The library basement also has computer labs that are available to students to print when a professor is present.

To print, it is 15 cents per page and the charging rates have stayed 15 cents for some time now. As a campus, we are trying to go green. In retrospect, we’d think of getting rid of printers and wasting paper.

Kal Shenoy, Interim Assistant Vice President for Information Technology Services, stated that they

have to provide printer services for the students - whether the students choose to use the service or not.

Cost recovery for printers on average per month, based on July 2014 to December 2014 data, is \$3,000. Maintenance and supplies on average for the month, based on the same period, is \$3,500.

The printers, along with copiers, are maintained and serviced on campus through a contract agreement by an external company and Business and Administrative Services Division manage the contract.

Shenoy stated “expenses and recovery varies during the year - less during the summer time and holiday time when school is not in session.”

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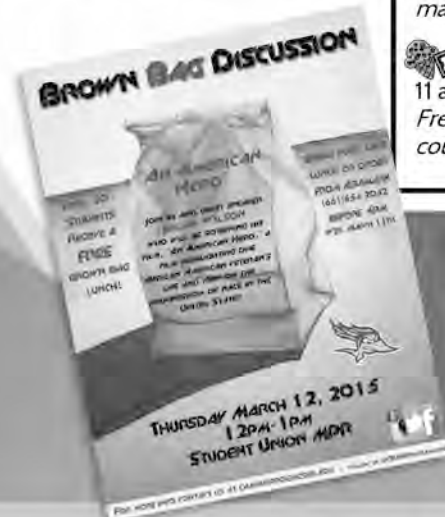
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MUSIC
39th Annual Jazz Jam comes to CSUB



Miguel Ochoa/The Runner

Paul Tynan performs in “A New Start” by Dan Higgins.

By Barry Ramirez
Reporter

On Saturday, Jim Scully and the Jazz ensemble performed at the CSUB Doré Theatre for the 39th annual Jazz Jam. The night began on a sorrowful and regrettable note. Adele Davis, wife of David Davis, the former Department Chair and Music Professor here at CSUB, passed away. Adele was directly involved and largely responsible for the creation of the spring festival Jazz Jam, and Scully solemnly addressed the crowd and informed the crowd how much Adele would be missed. From then on, it was all saxophone slurs, trumpet trills, and trickles up and down the piano Saturday night at CSUB. While attendance was sparse, the audience members who did choose to be present were likely to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Every year, when the jazz ensemble

plays in Jazz Jam, they invite one musician to perform and interact with the students for a wholesome learning experience. This year’s invitee was Paul Tynan. Tynan is an internationally renowned trumpet player, and is currently an Associate Professor of Music at St. Francis Xavier University in Canada where he teaches jazz trumpet. He is also the co-founder of the “BiCoastal Collective,” along with saxophonist Aaron Lington, which performs throughout North America. The ensemble played some classic songs that enthralled the audience. Looking out over the red velvet seats, heads were bobbing and sliding to Stephen Kupka & Emilio Castillo’s “Attitude Dance,” Freddie Hubbard’s “Red Clay,” and “Pent up House” by Sonny Rollins. But what made the performance most enjoyable was the chemistry that the musicians

seemed share when they had hardly any time to practice with one another. Between Tony Rinaldi’s improvisations on the piano, the snap of the snare, John Luevano’s wail on the saxophone, and Tynan’s screaming trumpet, you could become easily transposed. This is particularly exciting for those who have never seen a live jazz performance before or who have never really had the jazz experience before. Who likes music that doesn’t move you? “I really liked the show,” said Barry Hulsey, a 59 year old attendee, “I had never been to a live jazz performance before, but now I can say that I would do it again.” For information about upcoming events and concerts, information on the jazz ensemble here on campus can be found at: <http://www.csub.edu/~jscully/index.html>



Miguel Ochoa/The Runner

Kacie Epperson performs with an alto sax in “Oleo” by Sonny Rollins (arr. Mark Taylor).

CULTURE
Hijab Challenge raises awareness for CSUB students

By Crismat Mateo
Reporter

Muslim women wear hijabs because “women are so beautiful that we [men] should focus on their soul, rather than their appearance,” according to a source who does not want to be named due to undisclosed reasons. Hence, the significance of the hijab to Muslim women is much more than just a fashion statement. On March 4, The Muslim Student Association hosted the third annual Hijab Challenge on

the red brick road at California State University, Bakersfield. The women of CSUB were encouraged to wear hijabs for a day to see the world through a Muslim woman’s eyes. Women wearing blue hijabs flooded and united the CSUB campus that day. Of course, men were also welcome to participate in the hijab challenge, but in a different way. Men were given white roses after pledging their respect to the women in hijabs. CSUB liberal studies student, Shad Biscoe, says, “I think it’s great to express

your individuality. We are all different, but when different comes together—that’s a fantastic thing!” But of course, I wanted to participate in a different way—so I tried on the hijab, as well. I was one of three men who tried on the hijab and kept it on for the whole day. Coming into class with it on captured the attention of many of my classmates and professors. Many of my friends did not recognize me at first sight with the hijab on my head. However, I gained a higher level of respect for Muslim

COMMUNITY
Music and Art Festival to debut May 23

By Heather Hoelscher
Feature Editor

The first annual Bakersfield Rock and Country Music and Art Festival will take place at The Kern County Museum Pioneer Village on May 23 and will showcase more than 50 performers, both national and local artists. Those National performers include, LeAnn Rimes, Kellie Pickler, Ricky Skaggs, Clay Walker, Gloriana, Eddie Money, Lou Gramm, John Kay and Steppenwolf, Chubby Checker and the Wildcats, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, B.J. Thomas, Jim Messina and more. “Our lineup includes both living legends and contemporary greats. In many ways, it’s the ‘music of our lives.’ Those attending the festival will enjoy iconic hit single after iconic hit single performed by the icons who recorded the hits -all in one

day,” George Martin, Festival Organizer, said in the Festival Press Release. There will be seven stages including 34 national acts who have collectively sold over one billion records, according to the Festivals Press Release. One of the seven stages will showcase some of the best local talent from the Bakersfield Music Scene. Martin said in the Press Release, “The City of Bakersfield is sometimes referred to as ‘Nashville West’ because of its rich history in music. We’ll have numerous guests at the festival from out of the area and I know that many of them will be surprised and delighted by local groups many of us who live in Bakersfield already know and appreciated like Truxton Mile, Teddy Spanke and Tex Pistols, and Banshee in the Kitchen. Local performers include Teddy Spanke and The Tex Pistols and many more.

The University of Southern California Marching Band will welcome people attending the event at the gate. Festival Organizers are calling it a “Wonderland setting” at the Pioneer Village. There will be a Ferris wheel, a sports shake, a quiet place with a picnic, food options are available, a beer garden, art exhibit and more. “The Festival should be fun for the whole family,” Brandon Martin, the Communication Director said.

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ADVICE
How to kick the procrastination habit

By Ileana Angulo
Reporter

Throughout the week most students have one day in mind, Friday, that is because after Friday comes Saturday and Sunday. The weekends become the time for college students to sit back, have fun, relax and breathe. Going to class every week, fulfilling homework assignments, and exams becomes exhausting. But, what about that ten-page research paper due next week? A study done by psychologist Dr. Piers Steel of University of Calgary in 2007 shows that between 80 and 95 percent of college students procrastinate. Students show a trend of forgetting about homework due to the many distractions they are surrounded by. Here are some tips to avoid walking down the path of procrastination.

Avoid Social Media

With technology on the rise nobody wants to be left out of the loop. On campus, students are seen with the newest edition of devices like iphones, ipads and laptops. On average, students spend 162 minutes a day on their cell phones and a large portion of that time is spent on social media like Facebook. Many students find difficulty focusing when doing homework and social media only diminishes concentration levels. “When doing an assignment I usually get distracted by Facebook, Instagram and Youtube. It’s addicting, I don’t want to miss out on anything,” said Andrea Fernandez, junior criminal justice major. In order to not procrastinate students should start focusing less on their phones and more on their grades. People are beginning to view technology as less of a useful tool, and more of a distraction.

Time Management

One thing students take for granted is time. Instead of using their free time for studying and assignments they use their time to socialize. Maintaining a social life is not wrong in any way; however, time can be used more wisely. It is crucial to know how to differentiate when it is convenient to hangout with friends and when it’s best to stay home to get things done. Zithry Vasquez senior child development major, said, “You can avoid procrastination by having time management skills knowing when things are due and doing them in a timely manner.” With time management comes less stress and ultimately free time to have fun. Most of us have experienced getting persuaded by friends to ditch the homework for an unforgettable night. Although it is hard to say no to friends in the long run it will be for the best. “The benefit of not procrastinating is not having to pull an all nighter like I did last week,” said Carmen Medrano, senior child development major.

Maintain Organization

The last essential element to overcome procrastination is staying organized. Organization is important to keep up with important dates like when homework assignments are due and when tests will take place. Students are encouraged to use planners and even cell phones. Jopreet Gill, junior nursing major said, “I avoid procrastinating by keeping a planner. I write down due dates for the entire academic quarter, work, meetings and appointments. Every morning I open my planner and check what I have to complete that day. Moreover, since it’s the technology era I use my reminder app on my iphone.”



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PROFILE

Student entrepreneur Noah Salinas starts her own business



Noah Salinas, a photographer, started her business in March of 2014. Salinas poses for a photo in front of the Walter W. Stiern library on Nov. 7 at CSUB.

By Shelby Parker
Senior Columnist

While most 18-year-olds are on the fence about going to college or what they want to do with the rest of their lives, California State University, Bakersfield student, Noah Salinas, is quite the entrepreneur already.

Salinas, a communications major with an emphasis in public relations, decided to start her own photo booth company called Boomshakalaka. According to their website, their missions is “to make your event ‘The Event.’”

How did something like this come about?

“My little sister wanted to have a really big thirteenth birthday party. So, my mom, dad and I - We kinda put together this not-so-professional photo booth, but we saw how much the kids loved it,” said Salinas.

It was such a success that night that she decided to take it a step further. With the help of her boyfriend and her spreading the word about their new idea, she said “it just kind of took off from there.”

She has always had an interest in photography, but hadn’t necessarily devoted her time to it. In this case, it was more about entrepreuring.

“I never thought it would be so successful, but I knew if I wanted it to grow quickly, I couldn’t just hand out fliers,” she said.

She contacted elementary schools and high schools, in case they wanted to use it for proms and also checked with businesses to see if they wanted to use it for their

Christmas parties. Salinas adds that it is a lot of work.

Although her boyfriend, Ben Ward, is her business partner, Salinas still has her hands in everything that goes on. A pretty easy-going guy, he was willing to go along with the idea. Of course, that wasn’t to say, questions didn’t arise, he just wanted to make sure they had a product that was presentable. Once they had everything figured out, and with the help of Noah’s family, he was “all for it.”

“Noah is one of the hardest working people I know,” said Ward. “We’re both good at different things, you know?” He explained that he’s better with the mechanical side of things and building the product they needed. While Salinas helped him with that, her tasks really involved the invoicing, as well as helping with the props when they’re hosting an event.

Keeping things up has been the biggest challenge thus far, just because you never know what can happen. That consists of buying more laptops and more props, to ensure that the business continues to run smoothly.

If something was to happen, it’s important to have backup. Once, there was an incident where someone spilled wine on the curtain in the photo booth, so they had to take care of that.

While Salinas put a lot of her own money into the company, her parents also helped her a little financially to start out. However, now they are at the point in the business that they can pay everyone back. Financially, that is also something that

they don’t want clients to worry about either.

“We just want to be affordable to everybody,” Salinas said. She also wants people to know that they’ll get everything for their money and will enjoy their time with the product.

As for her favorite project, she really likes celebrating the older birthdays of those in their 70’s and 80’s. “Seeing grandmas and grandpas go in there is so funny, because all of that is new to them,” seeing the technology that is used to take photos.

The business has also branched out from Bakersfield, going to other cities, such as Santa Clarita, Long Beach and even Los Angeles. Though, there is a small travel fee.

Their newest trend is the Hashtag Printer, which allows guests at the party to hashtag a picture, upload it to Instagram or Twitter and allows you to print it out in just a few seconds. It is also one of the few photo booths in California to do that.

Salinas has learned a lot about that it’s one thing to learn about communicating at school, but it’s another when you’re actually putting it into practice.

“Everything I have learned about interpersonal and intercultural skills has definitely benefited me when it comes to meeting with clients. Clients can be very interesting, and you need to be capable to always make them happy.”

The business takes up a large part of Salinas’ life and time, but she tries to balance it as much as she can between school. She never knows when someone will call about the photo booth, so when her class ends, she’ll immediately call them back. She adds that Google calendar has saved her life, since she can put all of her meetings and events on there to schedule as she goes.

“I have no idea what the future holds for me in five more years, but I hope to only become more and more successful,” said Salinas.

“The way the photo booth is going right now, I can’t imagine it slowing down. But, in the future I would like to focus more on a job in PR, while still running the photo booth as a weekend job. I think I might be a workaholic.”

For more information, visit boomshakalaka.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

MAR 11

Career Fair – School of Business and Public Administration's Agricultural Business Program and the USDA Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) National Program host forth annual Growing Opportunity Career Fair in the multi-purpose room, from 1:30 – 5:30

MAR 14

The Water Play – Written and Directed by Kamala Kruszka, CSUB Theatre for Young Audiences. At The Dore Arena Theatre at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., & 4 p.m. General \$5, children 12 and under are free.

Men's Basketball at WAC tournament – Las Vegas new Orleans Arena at 8 p.m.

MAR 15

The Water Play - Dore Theatre 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. General \$5, children 12 and under are free.

CSUB Singer concert – At The Dore Arena Theatre at 4 p.m. General Admission \$10, Seniors \$5 Students free with CSUB ID.

Softball vs. Boise – RoadRunner softball complex at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

MAR 20

Sand Volleyball vs Loyola Marymount – Student Recreation center Barnes Beach Volleyball Complex 4 p.m.

MAR 21

Sand Volleyball vs Mira Costa College - Student Recreation center Barnes Beach Volleyball Complex 10 a.m.

Sand Volleyball vs Irvine Valley College – Student Recreation center Barnes Beach Volleyball Complex 4 p.m.

MAR 24

Softball vs Cal Poly – RoadRunner Softball Complex at 12 p.m. & at 4 p.m.

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COLD BEAKS

BY MIGUEL A. OCHOA

The fishing crew had provided several metric tons of seafood for the village yesterday, so people had expected available food for weeks.

Incredibly, the food supply has vanished, and local authorities cannot find any reasonable suspects. No one can actually hide so much fish.

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EVENT

Super heroes unite at Sci-Fi Con

By Eric Garza
Reporter

On Saturday, March 7, the second annual Tulare Sci-Fi Con was held at the International Agri-Center in efforts to raise money for the “Make the World a Better Place Foundation” and to bring pop culture enthusiasts. Fans and guests spent most of the day perusing the floor for goods to buy, checking out the cosplay, and meeting the special guests and other people that share similar interests. Local artists had the chance to show off their collection of works they have done and also share some insights on their practices to those curious.

The convention held many events, vendors, exhibitors, and special guests from the entertainment industry. Vendors and exhibitors clamored in from Fresno, Visalia, Hanford, and even Bakersfield.

Joshua Rhoads, co-owner of Silver Wolf Comics and Collectibles, was there at the convention spreading the word about the locally owned shop.

“We wanted to come back this year, as well,” said Rhoads, as he recalls being at the convention for its first time. “So, we came back [with] a bigger booth and stuff like that and it’s been a great day so far.”

Another local man and philanthropist showcased his collections of Back to the Future trinkets on the show floor. One of those trinkets happened to be a replica DeLorean DMC-12 just like what Michael J. Fox used in the trilogy films. Paul “Doc” Nigh, who closely resembles Doc Brown (the mad scientist man that invented the time traveling car) said that he owns a personal Back to the Future museum at his home in Bakersfield.



Eric Garza/The Runner
Attendees check out a Star Wars fan table with a model of Han Solo frozen in carbonite.

But, part of what he does is to raise awareness for abducted children through a televised show that’s often streamed online called The Fireball Run.

“The Fireball Run is an eight-day, 2,000 mile interactive journey across the nation where forty teams compete against each other for bragging rights, a greater cause, and a plastic road sign,” said Nigh, as he explains about the cause he is working for, “...But the greater cause is that each one of the forty teams represents one of America’s missing children. To date, off of eight seasons, we’ve located forty-four abducted kids making us now the world’s largest active child recovery program.”

For the regular attendees, the convention was a nice place to geek out and find other people that share similar interests. 12-year-old Megan Lacy was happy to be at the convention this year for she hoped to meet people that shared similar interests.

“I’m really into talking to people who are into cosplay, Doctor Who, and anime, and a lot of the same stuff that I’m into,” said Lacy while wearing her cosplay outfit that her dad helped her

make. “Because it’s really hard to just find them at school and there are a lot of people like that at conventions. So, I thought it would be fun to come.”

Lacy was dressed up as the character Pirate France from the anime Hetalia: Axis Powers.

Some of the special guests that were invited said that it was their first time coming to a show in Central California. “It’s always fun for us to meet fans,” said Yuri Lowenthal. Lowenthal is an actor that has lent his voice for numerous cartoons and videogames. “because a lot of the work that we do [is] in a bubble and it’s nice to be able to talk to the people who are actually enjoying the stuff that we worked on.”

Along with his wife, Tara Platt, who does voice over work too, they hosted a panel about their mockumentary film called Con Artists about the two attending similar conventions across the country. You can find their video online on www.vimeo.com/ondemand/conartists.

The Tulare Sci-Fi Con lasted until Sunday and is one of the biggest pop cultural conventions in the central valley.

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SAND VOLLEYBALL

CSUB opens season with two wins at home

By Esteban Ramirez
Sports Editor

It all came down to the final set of the No. 1 pair, but in the end the CSU Bakersfield sand volleyball team came away with two victories against CSU Northridge and Cal Poly at the Student Recreation Center Barnes Beach Volleyball Complex on March 7.

CSUB beat CSUN 4-1 earlier in the day, but had a little more trouble against Cal Poly.

The Roadrunners (2-0) had a 2-1 lead with wins from the No. 5 pair of senior Eryn Riley and redshirt-junior Megan Johnson and No. 3 pair of juniors Sophie Flemion and Sara Little.

However, the Mustangs responded in the No. 2 matchup as junior Nicole Kessler and freshman Caihla Petiprin beat senior Danika Youngblood and sophomore Sydney Haynes (21-12, 22-20).

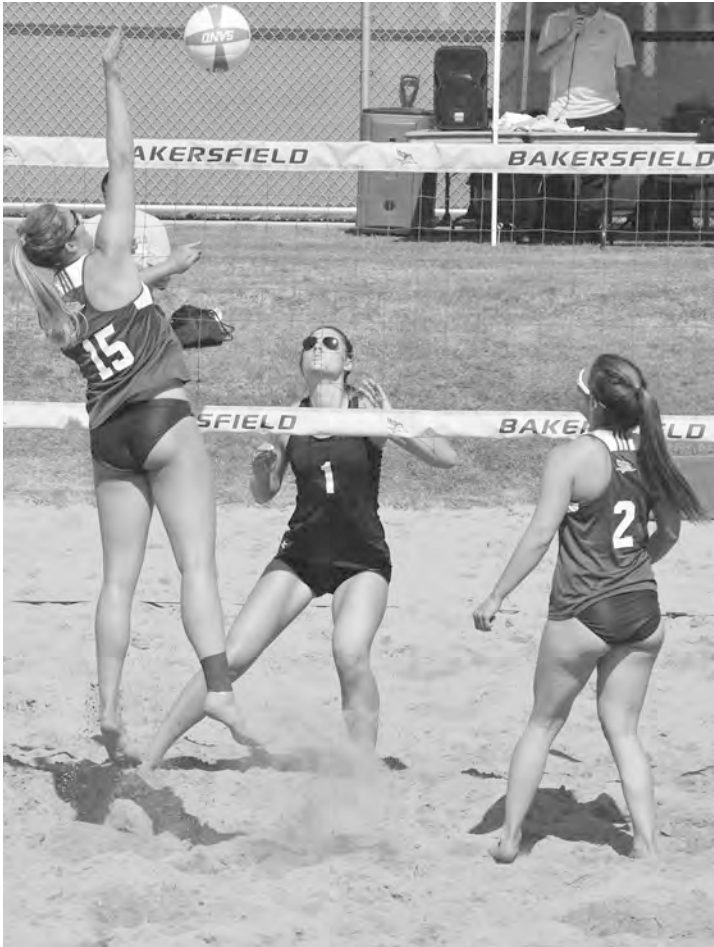
It set the stage for a crucial No. 1 matchup between CSUB's seniors Molly O'Hagan and Mariah Alvidrez and Cal Poly freshmen Taylor Nelson and Raeann Greisen.

CSUB fell behind losing a close first set 22-20, but Alvidrez and O'Hagan responded in the second set by winning it 21-16.

"I kind of just told Molly, 'things aren't going our way. I'm getting a little mad so let's just fight this game,'" Alvidrez said on how they responded after losing the first set.

"We just worked really hard together to better ourselves and better our play."

Going into the third set which



Janeane Williams/The Runner
CSUB senior Molly O'Hagan spikes the ball against CSU Northridge at the Student Recreation Center Barnes Beach Volleyball Complex on March 7.

decided the match, Alvidrez got CSUB on the board with two back-to-back kills.

Thanks to that strong start CSUB ended up beating Cal Poly 15-9 to win the match 3-2.

"I heard the announcement that it was up to our match, so it kind of made me a little nervous at first," Alvidrez said. "But once I just accepted it, I was just playing each ball just like the other two sets just playing it like any other game and trying not to psych myself out."

CSUB sand volleyball coach Olivia Simko felt that the team overcame a lot to get the two wins.

"They really overcame some issues on the court," Simko said. "It's always fun to go out there and compete because you learn new stuff about yourself, your team and your program so we have been waiting for this day for a long time. I'm so proud of these girls and their work ethic, so to be a part of it is such a huge honor."

COMMENTARY

Relief pitchers key to fantasy baseball success

By Josh Bennett
Managing Editor

Spring training is upon us, which means that not only is the MLB season right around the corner, but fantasy baseball is right around the corner. Fantasy baseball can be daunting to the average fantasy sports player, as many people are turned off to daily management of the team. I used to be the same way, and would forget about my team for weeks until it was too late to salvage it.

Last season, however, I discovered a method that not only led me to a fantasy baseball championship, but allowed me to do so by only checking my team once or twice a week, instead of daily.

So here are some tips on being successful in your fantasy baseball league this season.

Drafting

The path to a successful team is a successful draft. I used to believe to only draft the best available player all the time, which was almost always a position player or a starting pitcher. That method rewarded me with many middle of the road finishes and many early playoff exits, which makes that five months of work seem worthless. I spent a couple seasons, and some research and past experience, developing a good drafting method for the team.

In the first couple of rounds, I would draft one of the stud position players and pitchers. Last season it was Giancarlo Stanton and Troy Tulowitzki.

This season it was Mike Trout and Chris Sale.

I would then spend at least five or six of the next ten rounds drafting relief pitchers, mostly closers and set-up pitchers. The reasoning behind this is that instead of rotating your starters in and out, since they only pitch once every five days or so, I would use all my RP and P slots on the top tier relievers. The relievers pitch about four or five times a week, and the good relievers rarely do poorly, meaning all my pitching categories were almost always locked down.

For the rest of the draft, I would fill out the rest of my roster, even with the catcher, second base and shortstop positions as they are usually not very deep, and spend the majority of my bench players on the aforementioned set-up relief pitchers.

Lineup

Because I am using a lot of relief pitchers, I only need to set my roster once or twice a week. Usually on Monday, I will set my roster in advance to accommodate my starting pitchers and off days. In the middle of the week, I will go back on and check the waiver wire and see if there are any steals and double check any injuries on my team and adjust accordingly.

Transactions

The team that you drafted will not be the team you finish with. Someone on your team will underperform, get injured, or end up getting traded throughout the course of the season.

Along with my lineup adjusting on Monday, I would check the waiver wire and keep an eye on players that are shooting up the boards and are on hot streaks. Last year I was lucky enough to snatch a couple of these streaking players and they stayed hot all year and helped me win my league.

This also applies with the relief pitchers. If a team is dominating in the standings, it is safe to say that 75-80 percent of their wins were saved by their closer. Picking up that team's closer and bullpen will help your team, as long as they are helping their team.

Don't be afraid to cut underperforming players, even if they are name players. Last year I held onto Bryce Harper until he recovered from his injury, and he never got back to form, so I was able to trade him away for a rising talent that had a great season last year in Todd Frazier. Feel free to make even trades as well, just don't get undercut on the trade offers because some people will take advantage of you and try to sneak in some crap for your gems.

Using these three tips will help you perform much better in your fantasy baseball league. If you aren't able to win right away, don't worry about it. It took me about three years to work out this system, and it will take you some time to find a system of your own that works. I wish all of you the best of luck in your leagues this season, unless you are playing me, then do the opposite of what I said and enjoy playing for second place.

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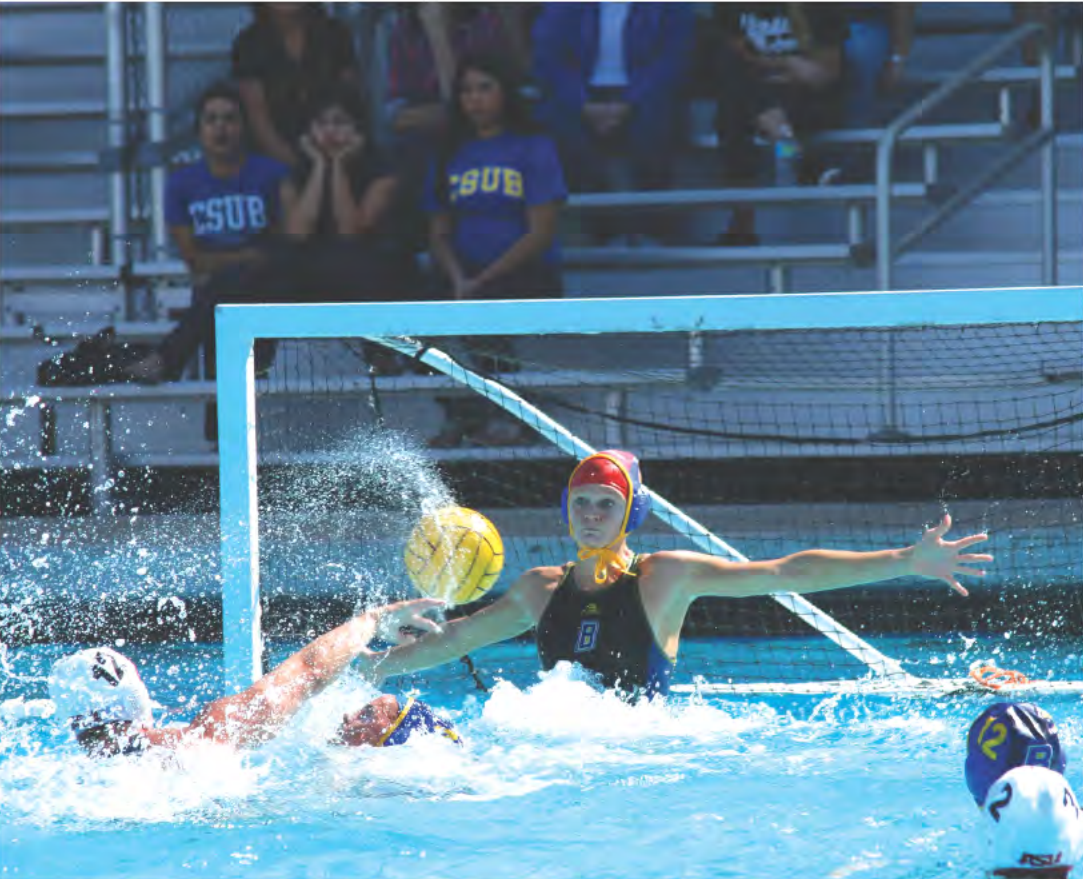


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Left: Redshirt-sophomore driver Nikola Barrett looks to score against Arizona State University at the Hillman Aquatics Complex on March 7.

Bottom left: Junior goalkeeper Brittany Tyra attempts to block a shot from ASU's Abbey Kerth on March 7.

Bottom right: Redshirt-sophomore driver Nikola Barrett attempts to steal the ball from the Sun Devils.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

CSUB drops game to UVU

By Esteban Ramirez
Sports Editor

The CSU Bakersfield men's basketball team fell in its regular season finale to Utah Valley University 74-69 in a Western Athletic Conference game at Orem, Utah on March 7.

The Roadrunners (13-18, 7-7 WAC) lost to the Wolverines, due to UVU's three-point shooting. UVU went 14 of 25 from behind the three-point line and sophomore forward Zach Nelson led the Wolverines with seven three pointers. Nelson finished with 29 points and nine rebounds.



CSUB fell behind early in the game and trailed by as much as 14 points in the first half. The Roadrunners went into halftime down 39-29.

The Roadrunners' defense responded in the second half by holding the Wolverines to 44 percent. They were able to cut into the lead and only trailed 66-61 with 3:20 left in the game. However, UVU was able to keep its composure and put the game away.

Despite losing their last two games, the Roadrunners were still able to hold on to the number four seed in the WAC Tournament, which will start on March 12 at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

CSUB will get a chance to get some redemption in its first-round matchup, as it will play the number fifth-seeded UVU on March 12 at 2 p.m.

"The work is easier in the standpoint of that you have some recent film and some recent experience with them," Barnes said. "We feel like we know their personnel because we just played against them. We feel like we gave pretty good effort and did what we needed to do on the offensive end but we have to defend better from the three. We feel if we do that then we should be OK."

Barnes added that the team will focus on slowing down Nelson, who averaged 25 points in two games against the Roadrunners.

"I think we need to realize that he can shoot and he has shot the ball well against us," he said. "Even though if you look at his stats, he is a pretty good three-point shooter but he shot it better against us than against other teams."

"[Therefore], we will be determined in this particular game to take the three pointer away from him and make him score his points in another way. We have to make adjustments come this Thursday when it comes to Zach Nelson."

In the Feb. 5 matchup against UVU, the Roadrunners beat the Wolverines 72-69 at the Icardo Center.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Roadrunners stay perfect at home

By Esteban Ramirez
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It was a perfect season at home for the CSU Bakersfield women's basketball team.

CSUB was able to finish the regular season 16-0 at home on senior night by cruising past Utah Valley University 78-54 for a Western Athletic Conference win at the Icardo Center on March 7.

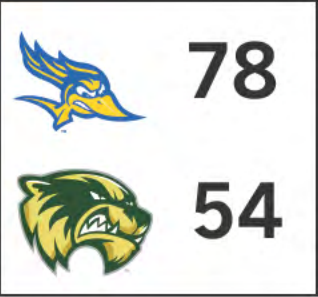
CSUB (22-7, 11-3 WAC) was not only able to stay perfect at home for the whole season. The Roadrunners also extended their current home-game winning streak to 22 straight games, which is currently tied for the fourth longest active streak with the University of Maryland.

This was the first time since the 2002-2003 season and the second time ever that a CSUB women's basketball team has gone undefeated at home.

"An undefeated season at home that's huge and that's remarkable," CSUB coach Greg McCall said.

Redshirt-senior guard Tyonna Outland said that the game was bittersweet because it was her final home game at the Icardo Center.

"I was just thinking about it that this is my final home game and that I'm not going to be playing here anymore," she said. "It has just been a great year and I have no regrets."



CSUB men's basketball team earned the No. 4 seed and the women's team earned the No. 2 seed in the WAC Tournament.

However, Outland would have one more special moment during her final home game.

With CSUB leading UVU 30-17 with 7:20 left in the first half, Outland made the second of two free throw attempts to reach 2,000

points for her career.

After making the free throw, McCall called a timeout to honor Outland with a special game ball for reaching the milestone.

"It's a great feeling to accomplish something else," Outland, who finished with a game-high 21 points, said. "I couldn't do any of this without my team believing in me."

Outland is the 399th Division I

women's basketball player to ever achieve this milestone.

The Roadrunners were able to cruise past the Wolverines thanks to a fast start and 23 turnovers by UVU. Senior guard Brooklynn Hinkens finished with 14 points and fellow senior guard Shaquita Smith added 11 points.

Now with the regular season over, the Roadrunners can now put their attention on the WAC

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Tournament, which will be in Las Vegas. CSUB, who is the number two seed will play against the number seven seed Chicago State University in the first round on March 11 at 4:30 p.m.

"I am not worried about anybody," Smith said. "We can take them all. "This is what we do. We go out, play hard, we focus on the team we got that day and we move on to the next team."