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CSUB president receives \$26,000 raise

By Sandra Vicuna
News Editor

Last Wednesday the CSU Board of Trustees approved a 11.8 percent salary increase for CSU presidents and executives.

This increase was made addition to the 4 percent salary increase that executives received last January that was retroactive to July 2006.

CSUB's President, Horace Mitchell, received a \$26,000 raise. In addition to his \$285,000 salary, retroactive to July 1, Mitchell receives a \$50,000 housing allowance and a \$12,000 car allowance yearly.

According to CSU reports, the salary

increases were approved in part of an effort to make the CSU system appealing to potential employees. To attract well-qualified individuals, the CSU system needs to compete with similar universities.

According to California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC), CSU faculty salary lag, measured by the comparison of 20 institutions that represent the four regions of the U.S., during 1991/92 was 4.1 percent and in 2006/07 the lag was 15.2 percent. The lag for CSU executives in 1994/95 was reported as 11.1 percent and increased in 2006 to 46 percent.

The salary increases come at a difficult time for the CSU system-wide, where budget cuts are constant. Students aren't pleased about the salary increase either.

Betty Gonzales, an English major and returning student, remembers when tuition was \$305 back in the '90s.

"I think the fees are ridiculous. I realize people that work here need to get paid, but it shouldn't be put on the back of the students," said Gonzales.

Echoing Gonzales, Psychology student Stephanie Galan also feels Mitchell's raise comes at a bad time.

"It's not fair. They are raising tuition and he gets a raise," said Galan.

Students may have some relief in the near future. There is currently a reform bill, AB 1413, waiting approval by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The reform bill would set limits on executive pay deals for CSU executives.

tions. The budget deficit has prevented the new hire of three student workers, and will account for a total of 20 percent fewer students being employed at the AV campus.

Hultsman has approached the problem of salaries for student workers with an eye on fiscal concerns.

"We look at three things in a student hire: our needs, their needs, and the skills that are required to perform the job," said Hultsman. He explained that the AV campus actively recruits students who meet work-study program requirements.

This is one tool that can be employed to defer the financial burden of these hires. In this program, the federal government pays a portion of the student's salary, thus reducing the cost of a yearly hire from \$7,680 to \$2,560 - making it possible to budget more student workers.

"We are now in a time of belt tightening and the AV campus has had to cut the library hours from 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. We also have suspended library operations on Saturdays altogether," said Hultsman.

The one ray of hope Hultsman offered was that current budget shortfalls were due to CSUB submitting higher enrollment target estimates within the one percent to the state.

In the future, these estimates will be lower and will rectify the problem.

Student health center hosts first open house

By Eman M. Shurbaji
Features Editor

The Health Center held its first ever open house last Wednesday.

A mass email was sent out to all students, and fliers were posted on campus to encourage students to stop by for the event. CSUB 101 classes had presenta-

needs. Students can easily see a physician upon the event of illness with no appointment.

Although many of the services are free, there are some minor

getting medications filled off campus. The wait time is five minutes for getting a prescription filled, instead of the usual extended wait time at other pharmacies. Over-the-counter medications are available as well. The cost of getting medications on campus is cheaper as well.

The Women's Clinic is available to all CSUB female students. Services, provided primarily by the nurse practitioner, Carolyn Krone, include general health screening, Pap Smears, testing for vaginitis, vaginosis, sexually transmitted infections, HIV testing, family planning and gynecological examinations.

Health Education outreach is also a key activity of the Health Center. These services are to promote the health and well-being of students through one-on-one health counseling, CPR classes, HIV testing, outreach and presentations.

Erika Delamar is the health educator at the facility and has held the position for the last eight years.

"We are kind of letting you know we're here for you, come in and check it out," said Delamar. "We look forward to seeing students and hope you have a great year."



The Student Health Center opened its doors last Wednesday to teach students about its services

Students were encouraged to stop by for free tours, food, first aid kits, blood pressure screenings and more. The event was held to allow students to become more familiar with the Health Center and the variety of services it facilitates.

tions by the Health Center as well. About 45 students had paid a visit to the open house by about 12:30.

The Health Center is convenient, and saves students time and money. There are three physicians on hand to serve student

fees attached to certain services. For example, there is a small fee for lab work.

The pharmacy is on hand to help students get their medications. In addition, the pharmacy can handle prescriptions from a personal physician instead of

In addition to political goals, ASI has already been hard at work to improve student life.

"We are excited to have a record number of incoming freshman. This year, ASI worked with Student Union, Student Activities and Housing in order to reach out to the students and provide a plethora of events/activities. We started targeting Freshman and new students with letters and invitations before they arrived on campus," said Avina.

ASI also sponsored a giveaway of free notebooks that advertised ASI events in hopes of generating better student turnouts.

ASI Executive Vice President Valerie Poynor has been working to secure CSUB students other freebies by contacting over 200 local businesses to request student discounts. An updated list of available student discounts should be released some time in October.

CSUB president opens residence to students

By Nathan Campbell
Editor-in-Chief

Student leaders and administrators descended on President Horace Mitchell's residence last Friday to discuss campus life in the upcoming year. Student club and organization leaders, ASI members and various members of CSUB's administration were given the chance to meet and greet each other and to share ideas in an effort to further improve student life.

The event was hosted by President Mitchell, and was held in the backyard of his home. Mitchell introduced some newer faces to CSUB including new Dean of Student Life Emmanuel Mourtzanos, and went on to credit campus clubs and organizations with making the campus a better place.

The evening quickly deviated from the subject at hand, however, into quips about the President's recent trip to St. Martin's

island, a birthday celebration for Vice President of Student Affairs Shelley Ruelas and the presentation of an award from UC Berkeley to Assemblywoman Nicole Parra.

In an earlier interview, ASI leaders divulged that one focus for this year would be political awareness.

"My goal/agenda for the year is to switch our focus of ASI toward advocacy, rather than just programming. I believe we are one of the CSUs furthest from advocacy and we need to work on that in order to provide a true service to our students. This includes advocating for our students at a local and statewide level," said ASI President Elena Avina in an e-mail interview.

"At a larger scale, we are going to make sure that our statewide resources are effective and benefiting our students."

Other efforts by the ASI include a campaign in October to get students registered to vote.

Budget cuts hit AV campus hard

By James Snyder
CSUB AV Correspondent

Budget cuts at CSUB have had far-reaching effects currently felt hard by students and staff on the CSUB Antelope Valley (AV) campus.

John Hultsman, associate vice president and director of the CSUB AV campus, described current shortfalls in the budget as the worst he has experienced in his four years of leadership at the AV campus.

"The State of California had a no penalty clause until last year, if Cal State enrollment was within one percent of projected enrollment, but due to state fiscal restraints, that amnesty is no longer in effect and CSUB was forced to repay fiscal penalties to the state," said Hultsman.

Due to a constricting budget, Hultsman had to deny renewal of one full-time staff member.

"It really hurt to let someone go who had no bad review marks, and non-renewal of a contract felt the same as firing this person," said Hultsman.

The loss of one full-time staff member at the AV campus may sound trivial to the cuts that are being made on CSUB's main campus - until one realizes that one dismissal accounts for 6.6 percent of the total administrative staff at AV.

Student workers are responsible for many of services provided by this institution, including positions such as Instructional Television Network Operators, counseling, and general opera-

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Sign up in the Office of Student Activities in the Student Union, Room 138.

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CSUB takes action to help protect environment

By Ashley Sizemore
Staff Writer

The term "Going Green" is being used more often than usual. Don't worry, it's not in the literal sense. It just means that CSUB is taking action in protecting the environment.

Going Green is an ongoing project which involves staff and students' participation in protecting the environment for CSUB.

"I think [going green] is a positive idea because we need to make recycling more accessible to students so it's easier," said junior Rachel Fox.

CSUB held a news conference on Sept 13, where President Horace Mitchell spoke on behalf of the university about the plan to go green.

At the conference Mitchell said, "CSU Bakersfield has a responsibility to be good stewards of our environment, and by signing on with the President's

Climate Commitment we're letting the community know of our intent to be among the leaders in this important effort."

The president also went on to say that the project was a "collaborative effort among CSUB faculty, staff, students and administration."

By joining the program, Mitchell consigned the campus to minimizing and hopefully eliminating all of CSUB's global warming emissions. Over 300 colleges and universities in the United States have joined the fight to 'go green'.

"I'm for [going green]. I'm recycling more and more," said senior Mary Blair, "I would even buy a hybrid if I could."

Mike Stepanovich, director of public relations is one of the leaders in the Go Green project. He was excited that CSUB was taking part in the endeavor.

"I applaud the faculty for their

involvement," said Stepanovich, "We all benefit from a healthy environment."

Stepanovich shared the goals of going green were common amongst many colleges.

"The university, over the next few years, will try to diminish and reduce emissions [of CSUB]," said Stepanovich.

Changes have been made recently for going green.

"Green standards have been set for the new Recreation center and Math and Science building," said Stepanovich, "recycling is also a part of going green."

The project fell into President Mitchell's hands about a year ago. It was inspired by the film, "An Inconvenient Truth" starring former U.S. Vice President Al Gore. After the movie debuted, the fight against global warming was sweeping across the

country, according to Stepanovich.

The CSUB director feels that colleges and universities should be the leaders in his campaign.

"CSUB needs to be more responsive to this [project]," said Stepanovich.

Students are excited and open to going green.

"I think it's a good idea because you don't have to go out of your way so why not go through with it," said freshman Sarah Durbin.

Stepanovich credits Douglas Dodd for his tremendous involvement with going green. Dodd is the assistant professor of the history department at CSUB.

"Dodd actually began a petition drive for getting the word out onto the campus," said Stepanovich.

Stepanovich went on to say that Dodd really helped with the breakthrough of going green and he also got CSUB fired up for the project.

Annual California Writers Series kicks off this Friday

By Emily Shapiro
Assistant News Editor

On Friday, Sept 28, at 6:30 p.m., CSUB will host a presentation by Professor Ngugi wa Thiong'o. Professor Thiong'o is an eminent Kenyan novelist and Professor of English and Comparative Literature at UC Irvine. He also serves as Director of the school's International Center for Writing and Translation.

Professor Thiong'o's presentation will be held in the Dezember Reading Room and is free to all.

Thiong'o will be reading from his most recent novel, Wizard of the Crow.

Crow focuses on Thiong'o's experiences living under a dictatorship.

Thiong'o's books have been translated into more than 30 languages and he is a highly sought-after speaker. He gave the 2006 MacMillan Stewart Lecture at Harvard University.

The event is being sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society, Associated Student Government, Inc., English and History Departments, Black Women on Campus, and the African Association of Kern County.

The California Writers Series began in January, 2006 with a reading by poet Kay Ryan. The CWS brings at

least three California writers per year to the campus to give literary readings, lectures, sign books and participate in discussions with students and faculty.

For this year's series, Professor Macarthur (director of the CWS) wanted to take a different approach.

"I wanted to help the campus community have a more direct, personal encounter with living authors," said Marit Macarthur.

Other writers for this year include winter's selected poet and Iraq war veteran Brian Turner and an unannounced author to appear in the spring.



photo courtesy www.uwinnipeg.ca
Ngugi wa Thiong'o will be visiting CSUB's campus this Friday.

Club reaches out to Native American students

By Devonee Meyer
Staff Writer

One club on campus is helping students get to the root of their heritage. The Indigenous Native American Club has made it their purpose to help students connect with their Native American heritage.

"It's the first one of its kind in the CSU system," said David "Laughing Horse" Robinson, the club advisor and a member of the Kawaiisu tribe. He searched the California State University system extensively to find out if other Native American clubs existed, but all he discovered were Native American courses.

Robinson, who is also known as "Horse", explains that the club wants to help Native Americans get into college and to support them from enrollment to graduation.

"There are a lot of benefits available to people who have Native American blood," Robinson said, and he is willing to help students discover their roots as well as their entitlements.

According to Robinson, the idea for the Native American Club began last year when CSUB held an event geared toward increasing Native American enrollment. The event did not generate the desired turnout, and Robinson was asked by President Mitchell to organize the club.

Robinson is currently working on a proposal for a cultural center. He envisions it

The club goals include:

- Having a Native American presence on campus.
- Increasing the Native American student enrollment
- Retaining and supporting students through graduation
- Establishing a Native American component with EOP

with a long house and hopes it will bridge the gap of the Native American college student and their culture. He mentions a possible location for the building could be in the vicinity of F.A.C.T. near the site for the upcoming children's museum.

"More than 1,000 people attended it," says Horse as he describes a Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) hosted by the club on July 14th this year. The event focused on increasing awareness of Native Americans on campus and in the community. It was held in Runner Park and included a variety of vendors, dancers, teepees and other cultural activities. He considers it a huge success.

Another GONA is scheduled for December 8th and is expected to draw an even larger crowd.

For more information about the Indigenous Native American Club, contact the advisor, David Laughing Horse Robinson, through email at hrrobinson@csu.edu.



courtesy of David Robinson
Children also attended the Gathering of Native Americans last July.

RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Emily Shapiro, Sandra Vicuna and Juan Torres

This Week, The Runner asked, "How do you feel about President Mitchell's \$26,000 raise?"



Richard Deantonio
Graduate Student,
MSW

"I think that being in a free-market society if he is able to sell his labor, God bless America."



Israel Cruz
Freshman, Biology

"The man deserves it."



Kimberly Harris
Sophomore,
Business Adm.

"I feel that as much money that is going to him should be put into this school."



Jessy Trujillo
Junior, Psychology

"As long as its not coming from what we are cutting, its good."

Legendary pianist to visit CSUB in October

Story courtesy of
CSUB Music Department

Kei Akagi has made jazz history as part of the Miles Davis, Al Dimeola, and Stanley Turrentine groups during his illustrious career, but in addition to his list of credits and impressive versatility as a sideman, Kei Akagi has recorded 8 CDs with the best of the LA jazz scene that feature his own compositions.

Born in Japan, Akagi lived in Cleveland during a large part of his childhood (from age five-twelve) before returning to Japan.

He started classical piano lessons when he was five but was soon also interested in pop and rock music.

Back in Japan, Akagi studied philosophy and music, playing piano at high school dances and with his college band.

When he was 22 he returned to the U.S., originally to work on his doctorate in philosophy at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Within a month he was playing a gig with Bobby Bryant and Blue Mitchell and within

two years Akagi had switched permanently to music.

He spent most of 1979-85 as a member of a band co-led by Airto Moreira and Flora Purim. Since then Kei Akagi's associations have included Joe Farrell, James Newton, Allan Holdsworth, Jean-Luc Ponty, two years with Al DiMeola, the legendary Miles Davis (1989-91) and Stanley Turrentine.

He has long been a fixture in the Los Angeles area and presently is the Director of UC Irvine's jazz studies program. The

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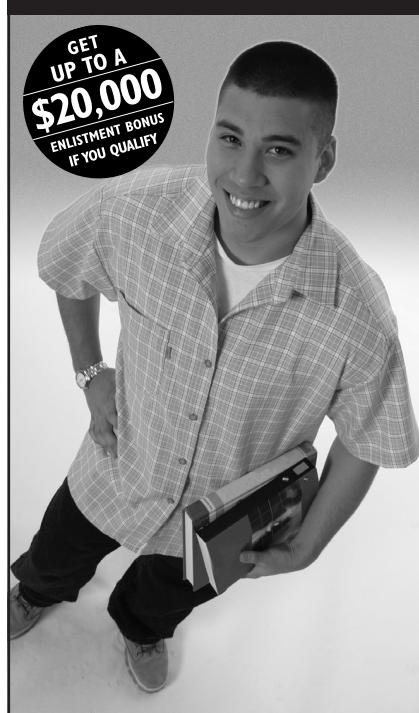
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Project compensation translates to \$20-35/hr (plus mileage) depending on the length of the project and the experience level of the artist. A typical in-school project runs two hours a day, one day a week, for six weeks. After-school and adult projects typically run two hours a day, three days a week, from six weeks to three months. Opportunities for interns and apprentices are also available.

Think you're interested?

A mandatory orientation meeting for anyone interested in participating in the Arts Council's programs will be held in mid-October. There will be two different opportunities to attend: **Wednesday, October 17th, from 3:00—5:30pm, and Thursday, October 18th, 7:00—8:30pm.**

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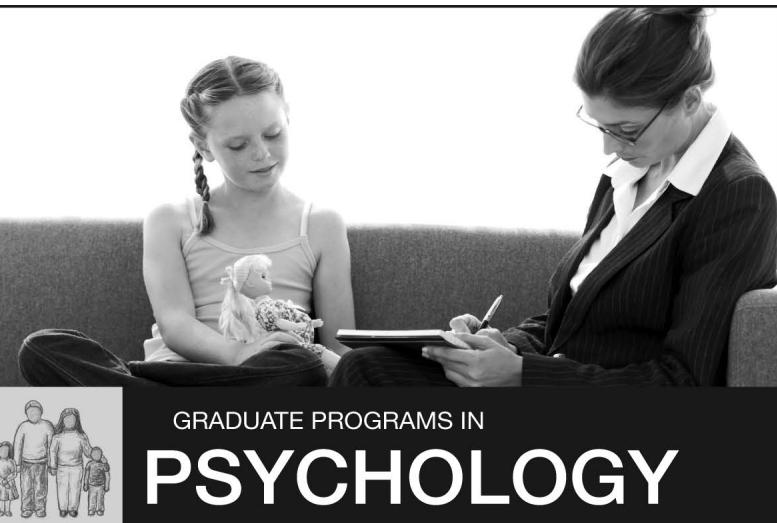
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Runners play Master's College to draw

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team played the Master's College to a 2-2 tie last Tuesday night.

The Runners home opener was a home-coming for ex-Runners, Fabio Joaquin and Guilherme Mitrovich, who are now too old to play for the Runners because of NCAA Division I eligibility specifications.

Mitrovich was unable to play because of a knee injury during last spring, but Joaquin played 105 minutes and scored a goal against his old teammates.

"They have both of my Brazilians. I'm happy for them," said the Runners head coach Simon Tobin.

"They're playing on a good team. They were just too old to play Division I so they had to switch. Jim Rickard is a good friend and was the first coach I called after last season. He runs a great program. Its somewhere Fabio and Guilherme could showcase their talent."

In the 13th minute of the game

Towa Manda was taken down in the box after a break away and was able to score his third goal for the season on a penalty kick. The Runners went into a halftime with a 1-0 lead.

The second half began with



Juan Torres/ The Runner

ball over the top assisted by Peter Carlson.

The Runners looked like they were going to run away with the game with their 2-1 lead with less than nine minutes left to play in the game.

Andy Hegg of the Masters College was able to tie the game off a corner kick in the 81st minute for his second goal of the season, with the assist going to Jacob Marchesani.

Hegg's goal tied the game and sent the match into overtime. After multiple scoring opportunities for both teams in two overtimes, the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

The Runners were disappointed with the result after playing a more aggressive game than what fans saw from the team last year.

"I think we played well tonight. We were good going forward and we got caught twice defensively by lack of concentration," said

Tobin. We totally

dominated the team. We made great challenges and this has been a problem with us going forward. Tonight we looked very, very good. Two lapses in concentration and they steal a tie from us."

The Runners next home game is Oct. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

immediate action when the Runners were called for handball in the box. Joaquin was able to score his first goal on the season on the subsequent penalty kick 36 seconds into the half.

Twelve minutes later, Manda scored his teamleading fourth goal on the season on a quick



Juan Torres/ The Runner

Freshman Faith Perry moves past a UCSB defender.

Runners fall to UCSB

By Erica Juarez
Staff Writer

It was a cold and windy evening for CSUB's women's soccer team last Thursday, Sept. 20. The Roadrunners hosted their first home game against UC Santa Barbara's Gauchos.

The Roadrunners lost veteran player Moriah Neville early in the game to an ankle injury. She was assisted to the bench to seek treatment and did not return. This changed the energy of the game.

Losing one teammate in the first half had a big effect on the Runners.

She was replaced by Junior defender Jackie Torvestad. She took over the role of leading her teammates.

The first goal of the game was scored by Santa Barbara's Michelle Russell.

With the goalie caught off guard,

another goal was scored by UCSB's Katrina Wright, leaving the Roadrunners down 2-0 at the end of the first half.

CSUB's Natalie Haigh, freshman defender, fought hard for her team trying to lead her teammates toward the Gauchos goal.

"She did a good job defensively," said Coach Nicole Van Dyke.

The Roadrunners came out for the second half of the game with restored energy and determination, until Kailyn Kugler scored UCSB's third and final goal of the game in the 60th minute.

A little disappointed, Van Dyke explained what went wrong with the game saying, "They gave up some easy goals. They do a lot better out on the road."

The Roadrunners had some strengths. They settled, played and defended as much as they could.

Assistant Coach Fabian Sandoval said, "I thought they had a good first half."

However, their weaknesses outnumbered their strengths. "We were lacking confidence out there in the field," said Torvestad.

The women's soccer team entered the season with nine freshmen who are still learning the ropes.

Faith Perry, a freshman who plays center middle field, did fairly well in playing against the Gauchos in heading the ball. The coaches believe that she battles well with the big girls and has a lot of potential in succeeding as a good soccer player.

The Gauchos were a tough match for the Runners.

Their next test at home is Oct. 12 against Houston Baptist.

A rivalry announced: CSUB and Fresno State

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor

Fresno State is less than two hours away from Cal State Bakersfield. The Bulldogs' campus is just a few miles up Highway 99 so it's only natural that the schools would become rivals with CSUB's move to Division I.

Last Wednesday, Fresno State's basketball coach rolled into Rabobank Arena to announce the forthcoming rivalry.

Cleveland, Fresno State's head coach, along with Keith Brown, CSUB's head coach, each spoke to media, season ticket holders and sponsors about basketball, the rivalry and what it can mean to each school's program and each school's community.

Cleveland used his time at the podium to speak about his relationship with CSUB assistant coach Brian Dignan.

Dignan was one of the first players recruited by Cleveland when he made the coaching transition from Fresno City College to BYU. Dignan played through an ankle injury their first game together making big plays helping them earn a win in their opening game.

"We didn't win many games that year, but we won that first game," said Cleveland.

"He was as fine a young man as I've ever coached," Cleveland continued. "I respect the living daylights out of that man [Brown], but this young man here [Dignan] means something

special to me."

Brown took his time to talk about his program, their home opener against Fresno State and what it's going to be like making the jump in divisions.



Photo courtesy of the Bakersfield Californian

Cleveland and Brown share a moment after their speeches

about four to five buses of fans on road games in California.

"I know our fans will certainly respond, and I was on the radio last night on a Fresno station and they were getting excited over there," said Brown. "I know that they're going to have some fans here, and I'm hoping that the fans of Bakersfield will meet that

long time."

Both coaches were very excited about their match-up on November 17. There was a lot of talk about home court advantage since Fresno State boosters bring

challenge. Hopefully there will be more blue and gold in the seats than we have the red."

Fresno State has a fan base here in Bakersfield since they have the biggest sports program in the Central Valley.

"We'll have fans here, there's no doubt about that," said Cleveland on Fresno State's following. "I've been in situations where we've had more fans than our opponent, but I don't see that happening here. I think there will be a lot of energy in the town."

These next few years will definitely be interesting. The Runners lead the all time series between the schools 3-1. All four games were played in the 70s. Both Cleveland and Brown hope this is something that can and should take place year in and year out.

"It seems logical that they are in the Big West, hopefully that happens sooner than later. I don't see why there couldn't be a good healthy rivalry especially since we're so close together," said the Bulldog coach

"I don't think there is any question that there is probably a natural rivalry between the cities of Bakersfield and Fresno," said Brown. "We've never really had a venue with football because of the lack of football here and certainly the basketball programs being in different divisions. This is probably the first real opportunity for the valley to be able to support this rivalry, and I think we'll see that on November 17."

CSUB Sweeps Roadrunner Invitational

Courtesy of Sports Information

The CSUB women's cross country team swept the top five places to take first place at the 2007 Roadrunner Cross Country Invitational Saturday afternoon on the Bakersfield campus.

Lina Nuñez ran a five kilometer personal record 19:18 to hold off teammate Katherine Patrick by two seconds for the individual title. Lauren Nolasco (19:39), Christa McCann (19:42) and Bethany Lopez (20:20) completed the sweep for the Roadrunners.

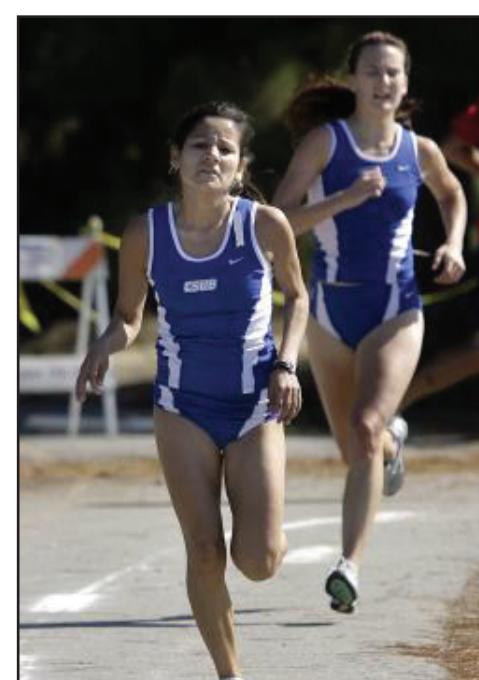


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Sophomore Lina Nunez down the home stretch

times. That was part of the plan according to CSUB Head Coach Maija Rohde.

"We knew this was going to be a fast course and we wanted to see how our team would respond

to that opportunity," said Rohde.

"Obviously Lina and Kate did a great job at the front, but I was pleased with the effort.. They could have given a little less effort and still ran respectable times, but they put in a solid effort and their times reflected that."

In the open portion of the Roadrunner Invitational, CSUB men's track athlete Ryan Lucker took top honors in a time of 16:29. Eddy Lee finished second in 16:37 while Navi Sekhon took third in 17:12.

Also notable in the open division was Rohde's fifth place finish in 17:53 and former CSUB Head Coach Clegg Weinmann, who placed ninth in 20:19.

The CSUB cross country team returns to action next Saturday at the UC Riverside Invitational.