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THE BIG STORY

## CSUB bound for L.A.



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The CSU Bakersfield softball team reacts to drawing UCLA for the NCAA Division I Regionals in the Icardo Room on Sunday.

## Late homer lifts Roadrunners to title

By Syleena Perez and  
Esteban Ramirez  
*The Runner Staff*

The Western Athletic Conference Softball Tournament championship game between top-seeded New Mexico State and third-seeded CSU Bakersfield came down to the final inning.

The game was scoreless in the top of the seventh inning.

With two outs and nobody on base, CSUB's junior catcher Joanna Larios hit a solo home run for the eventual game-win-

ning run as the Roadrunners beat the Aggies 1-0 on Saturday in Seattle, Wash.

It was Larios' first career home run in her two years at CSUB.

"I felt it off my bat, I was like oh man," said Larios.

CSUB head coach Crissy Buck-Ziegler said she knew Larios hit it well.

"It was in slow-motion for me, and it was almost like this is going to happen," said Buck-Ziegler.

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## Larios powered by guardian angel

By Syleena Perez  
*Reporter*

As junior catcher Joanna Larios gripped her bat, she also felt the hands of her guardian angel join her hands to make a game-changing hit. "The whole time I was talking to her," said Larios. "Come on, mom. Help me out."

In the top of the seventh inning of the biggest game in CSU Ba-



Photo by Athletics

kersfield softball history, Larios hit her first career home run as a Roadrunner. She scored the only run for CSUB as it beat

New Mexico State, 1-0.

CSUB softball head coach Crissy Buck-Ziegler said she knew someone was going to hit a home run in the top of the seventh.

"I knew something was going to happen because how we kept getting out of jam after jam," Buck-Ziegler said.

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MEETING

## ASI board approves \$42K for University Garden kitchen

By Esteban Ramirez  
*Editor-in-Chief*

After weeks of discussions, the ASI board approved \$42,000 in support of the University Garden's kitchen during its weekly meeting on May 13 in ITV Studio C.

The decision was not whether the CSU Bakersfield University Garden would be funded by ASI but rather where the \$42,000 would go.

ASI Executive Vice President Jennifer Sanchez had three

options in the resolution: the farm-to-table demonstration kitchen, student gathering area inside the garden or payment to student assistants and graduate assistants who will be maintaining the garden and reporting to the garden manager.

The board decided on the kitchen.

"I feel like it's kind of the end of one phase of the garden, but really the beginning of the overall project," said Sanchez.

"There's still a lot to come and I'm so excited about it."

The farm-to-table kitchen will allow students to prepare meals directly after picking from the garden.

Sophomore bio-chemistry major Samantha Martinez said likes the idea of funding the kitchen but added the amount is a bit high.

ASI Director of Sustainability Oscar Alvarez was in agreement with funding the kitchen.

"I think it allows students the opportunity to cook and all that," said Alvarez.

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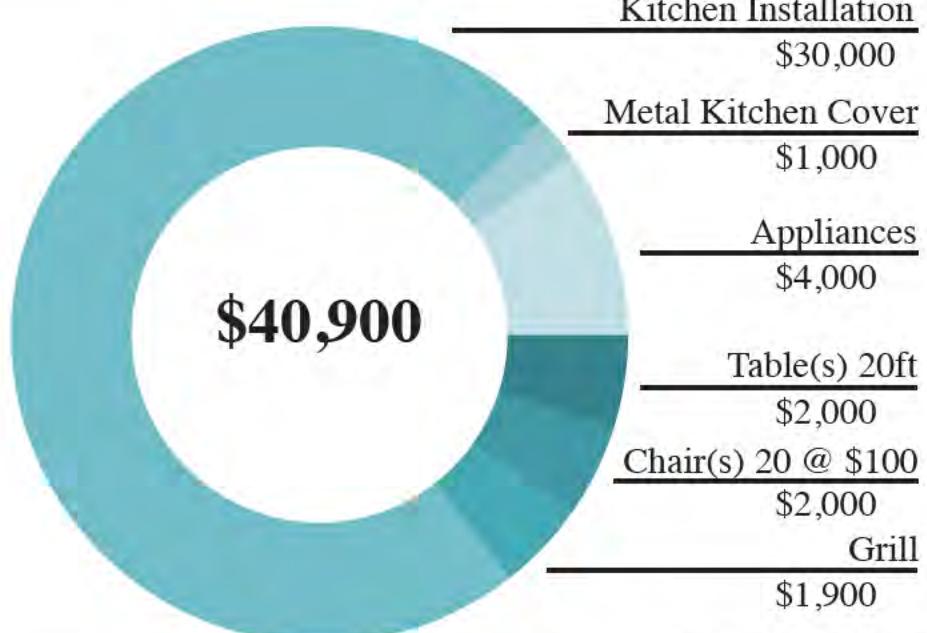
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ASI approved \$42,000 in support of the farm-to-table demonstration kitchen during last Friday's board of directors meeting. Remaining funds will be distributed accordingly.

Javier Valdes/The Runner



## MEETING

# \$177K University Garden coming to CSUB

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"At first glance, I was for student jobs but I think we get into what happens after those \$42,000 are gone. Are we still expected to sustain that money? So, if we are only going to do a one-time thing, I'd rather it be the kitchen," said Alvarez.

According to the presentation by Sanchez and former ASI President and Intern to the Office of the President Derek Stotler, the kitchen is estimated to cost from \$35,900 to \$40,900.

Any changes to items being purchased for the kitchen or the order in which they are being purchased must come from majority vote of the ASI board of directors.

As part of funding the kitchen, the farm-to-table area will be named "The ASI Kitchen" or another name chosen by ASI.

During the presentation for the resolution, ASI president Derek Stotler said the garden is estimated the initial build cost would be around \$177,760 but added it's a rough estimate.

The grading drainage costs for one acre would be \$9,050, the total costs for 117 fruit trees not including the labor is estimated at \$9,282, garden soil amendments for the trees is estimated at \$3,180 and the vegetable seeds at \$671. The cost for the 46 garden beds is estimated at \$12,450, the soil for the garden beds would be at \$8,352, the irrigation costs are estimated at \$19,064 and the hydroponics costs are calculated at \$6,592.

The decomposed granite pathways excluding labor is at \$12,824, costs for pavers is at \$32,116, the costs for fences is at \$18,170, shed costs exclu-

ding labor is at \$3,700 and the total for the first Pergola 20 by 20 archway is at \$6,184 and the other 40 by 20 archway is at \$12,368. The solar lighting costs are estimated at \$4,578, the costs for the garden maintenance tools is at \$1,677, costs for the build tools is estimated at \$4,502 and the furniture costs excluding labor is calculated at \$13,000.

According to ASI Vice President of University Affairs Anish Mohan, the kitchen, student gathering area and salary for the assistants are part of the estimated \$177,760.

Sanchez said the majority will not be raised by student ASI fees.

The majority of funds for the garden will come from donors as well as grants, community partnerships and crowd funding through Indiegogo, which will give incentives and perks to those who donate.

Senior psychology Casey Harris said she likes the idea of having a garden on campus.

"It's a community garden and will give us healthier food options," Harris said. "It will enhance our university."

The on-going funding will come from grants such as the USDA multi-year grants, selling produce to vendors like Aramax and other businesses.

Additionally, they are looking for funding through salsa production, "Runner Salsa," and other foods as well as space rental and campus events.

Stotler said they will need to write specific policies for events. However, he added if events exceed 10 to 15 people, it would have to go through

## 25Live.

Sanchez said if donors fund the kitchen then the \$42,000 would go to the student rest area, and if that is funded as well, it would go to paying the student assistants and graduate assistants.

Sanchez added whatever money is left over from the expenses on the kitchen would go to the next options, if they are not already paid for by donors.

The student gathering area is estimated from \$59,725 to \$68,725. The student assistants' proposal would be \$20,250 for three student assistants and \$28,000 for two graduate assistants for a total of \$48,250.

Freshman accounting major Eriel Tan said he wished the funding went to the graduate assistants and student assistants.

The University Garden was originally meant to be on a field by the Student Recreation Center, but the Physical Education and Kinesiology department was using it, so they moved it toward the Roadrunner Softball Complex and by where Facility for Animal Care Treatment used to be and where the botanical garden is going to be at.

Junior psychology major Melissa Navarro said she wishes the location of the garden was closer to campus but doesn't know where else it could be.

The Campus Master Plan Committee meeting approved the garden for 1.75 acres of land.

"I think if it was smack dab in the middle of the campus, I don't think there would be a negative to that," said Sanchez. "That would be great, but I don't think that is going to be

a problem just because we are going to have parking out there. It's already being created for the botanical garden."

ASI Vice President of University Affairs Anish Mohan said this project had been in works and researched over a year now.

The garden was presented to the CSU Chancellor Timothy White, and according to Stotler, he liked it.

The majority of the garden is going to be vertical, which consists of pots stacked on top of one another. The outlying areas will have the traditional garden beds. They would also be utilizing 10,000 square feet of hydroponics systems which in these systems the water comes from the top and trickles down through the various basins that are holding the plants.

Stotler said one of the advantages of the hydroponics are low-water usage because it goes directly into the plant and not staying in the soil.

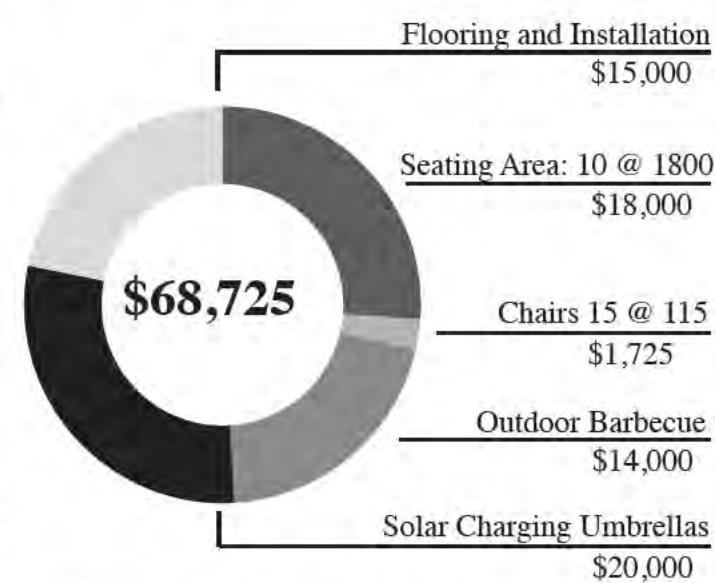
According to Mohan, Stotler has been informing himself on hydroponics system for the past couple months.

Sanchez said they asked students and staff about the three options.

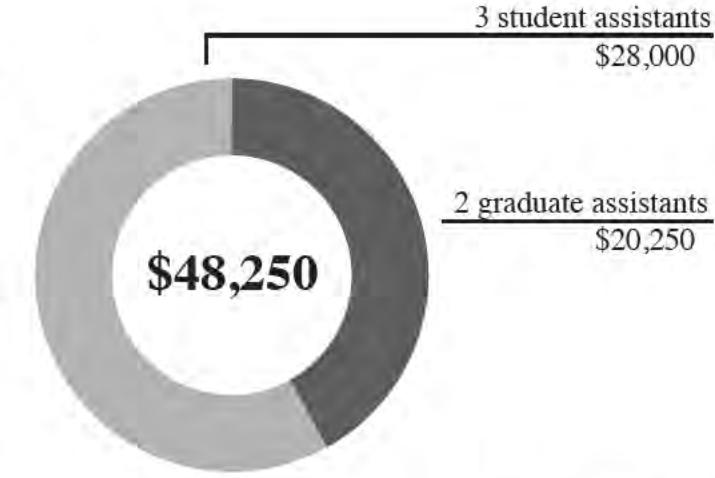
The University Garden will also be used for CSUB classes.

Some of the classes that could be in the garden would be: perspectives in biology, introductory to biology — plants, plant diversity, plant physiology, physiological plant biology, internship in biology and concepts of food science.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This story has been edited for length. To read the full story, go to [therunneronline.com](http://therunneronline.com).



Javier Valdes/The Runner  
One of the other options presented to the ASI board was for a student gathering area.



Javier Valdes/The Runner  
The third option that was presented to the ASI board to fund \$42,000 was for the salary of student and graduate assistants.

## What's Going on Around Campus



Mark your calendars with these upcoming events at CSUB. You can also find events at [therunneronline.com](http://therunneronline.com).

## WED., MAY 18

ASI DIVERSITY WEEK: RACE, RELIGION, & CULTURE DAY

12-1 PM @ SU PATIO

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR JUNE GRADS?

CECE WORKSHOP

12-1:30 PM @ DDH 107K

## BERNIE SANDERS RALLY

6-8 PM @ ICARDO ACTIVITIES CENTER

## THURSDAY, MAY 19

ASI DIVERSITY WEEK: STUDENT APPRECIATION

12-1 PM @ SU PATIO

## WALTER PRESENTS:

STAFFORD BETTY

3:30 - 5 PM @ DEZEMBER

READING ROOM

PRSSA'S BAKERSFIELD

MAYORAL DEBATE

5:30 - 9 PM

@ RESIDENCE HALL

GREAT LAWN

## FRIDAY, MAY 20

A&H FACULTY DISCUSSION WITH PROVOST ZORN

1:30 - 2:30 PM @ STOCKDALE ROOM

## BATTLE OF THE BADGES

5:30-11:30 PM @ ICARDO ACTIVITIES CENTER

## 2ND ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

6-8 PM @ SU MPR 125

## SATURDAY, MAY 21

CSUB JAZZ COFFEEHOUSE

7:30 - 9:30 PM @ MUSIC BLDG 127

GA \$10, SENIORS \$5,

FREE TO STUDENTS W/ ID

LA GRINGA 8-10 PM

@ DORÉ THEATRE

\$10 GA, \$8 SENIORS & FACULTY, \$5 STUDENTS W/ ID

## MONDAY, MAY 23

ROADRUNNER SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

3:30 - 5 PM @ DORÉ THEATRE

5TH ANNUAL LGBTQ+

ALLY RALLY

5-8 PM @ SU MPR 125

## WED., MAY 25

"THE GOOD NEWS" MASS SERVICE

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM @ SU MPR 125

## NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP &amp; SUCCESS INDUCTION CEREMONY

6-8 PM @ SU MPR 125

## THURSDAY, MAY 26

SPRING 2016 SHORT FILM SCREENING

7-10 PM @ SU MPR 125

LA GRINGA 8-10 PM

@ DORÉ THEATRE

\$10 GA, \$8 SENIORS & FACULTY, \$5 STUDENTS W/ ID

## FRIDAY, MAY 27

MEDICAL & HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR KERN EVENT

8 AM - 5 PM @ SU MPR 125

PSI CHI RESEARCH CONFERENCE

10 AM - 1 PM @ RESIDENCE HALL MPR

MASTERCLASS WITH KOWOON YANG 4-6 PM @ MUSIC BLDG 127

## SATURDAY, MAY 28

WALTER PRESENTS: GUERREROS AMERICANOS

3-5 PM @ DEZEMBER

READING ROOM

CHAMBER MUSIC SPRING CONCERT

7:30 - 9 PM @ MUSIC BLDG 127

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## CAMPUS

# Advocate discusses gender issues

By Annie Russell  
Features Editor

Gender queer advocate Jacob Tobia spoke at the eighth Annual Gender Matters Symposium to a full house in the Student Union Multipurpose Room wearing high heels, a pink and purple dress and a beard.

In regards to pronouns, Tobia prefers to be called by "they" over he or she in reference to not being one or the other.

Tobia discussed the gender neutral bathroom problems in North Carolina.

"It's been a really sort of tough time to be away from home and a tough time living in New York and not in Raleigh [North Carolina] where I sort of feel like I'm needing to be, to be fighting," said Tobia. "But I'm an adult, I have like a job and stuff so I can't just go down there and get arrested whenever I want to."

Tobia made their debut in 2014's MTV discussion on being transgender with Laverne Cox as part of MTV's show "The T Word." And then again in 2015 when his life was documented on MTV's "True Life: I'm Genderqueer."

"We're having a national conversation now in a way I think we never had before," Tobia

said.

Tobia clicked through each slide of the PowerPoint giving the audience a sense of their life, upbringing, and what gender should be.

Tobia explained that transgender and gender-queer people are brought up in a world that expects people to be either female or male not allowing room to be anything in between.

In a diagram embedded in Tobia's PowerPoint, Tobia showed a diagram of a woman and man on two separate islands and a fire separating them to display their differences.

For transgender people, Tobia explained that instead of society trying to put out the fire they force people to go under the fire to get to the other side with a completely transformed look of the opposite gender using Caitlyn Jenner as an example.

However, not everyone is able to afford a sex operation and some trans people prefer not to have a sex change.

"Gender is not binary," Tobia said, gender is not a fundamental truth but a spectrum.

"I try to come every year, so um I really do love it and I wish that something like this was going on when I was here," said Teresina Hone, who has been to several gender matter talks.



Ben Patton/The Runner

Jacob Tobia, a spokesperson for non-binary, gender nonconforming and genderqueer people was the keynote speaker for the 8th Annual Gender Matters Interdisciplinary Student Research Symposium on Friday, May 13 in the Multipurpose Room in the Student Union.

## CAMPUS



Students and faculty listen to author Brian Evenson in the Dezember Reading Room inside the Walter Stiern Library during the live reading on May 10.

## Author of supernatural shares insight

By Amie Birks  
Reporter

Nearly all the seats were occupied in the Dezember Reading Room as author Brian Evenson came to share his work on Tuesday, May 10.

Evenson read excerpts from a few of his short fiction books and paused in between to share context and insight into his writings.

"We end up being fascinated by things we don't understand completely. There is so much about life, especially close to death, but also these kind of strange experiences that we just can't get to the heart of," said Evenson.

Evenson talked about the oddity of seeing four horses lying on the ground and being perplexed by the thought of them being dead or not. After

viewing such a sight, Evenson said it just stuck with him and was inspired to write "A Collapse of Horses."

Many of the pieces that Evenson shared dealt with misperceiving the world or trying to make sense of the world, which seemed to strike interest in a lot of students.

"I really liked that he writes about things that other authors really don't write about," said junior Aracely Ramirez, liberal studies major.

Toward the end of the event, Evenson happily answered questions as to what drives him to write about the supernatural and death, his religious upbringing and writing about controversial topics.

"A lot of my characters are trying to sort out something that they don't know how to make sense of," said Evenson. Senior Jake Williams, English major, was fascinated with Evenson's ability to write about things that are unexplainable to humans.

"When humans get to that point, that dead end sign, [it's] a very interesting place to stop and rest at," said Williams. "That rest stop is the end of what we know about something [which] is very interesting."

While addressing a question, Evenson shared about a defining moment of his writing career when his first book "Altmann's Tongue" was seen as being quite controversial and evil. Despite the opposition he faced, Evenson said it was a gift to have been given the opportunity to defend himself.

"It made me realize that what I was doing mattered even if it mattered because it made certain people really upset," said Evenson.

Evenson explained how he began to question himself as to why he was interested in these rather darker moments of people's lives, and why there is humor to be found in these moments.

Evenson was the fifth author to be welcomed as the 2016 Walter W. Stiern Library PG&E Writer in Residence. PG&E has partnered with the Walter Stiern Library for the past four years to bring talented authors on campus to read their work and to provide a writing workshop.

Evenson will offer a writing workshop to the community on June 30 with applications and details to be found at [csub.edu/library/Events](http://csub.edu/library/Events).

## CRIME

## UPD increases security by dorms

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"Once we responded to their questions with facts about what had happened, when they had a better understanding of what had happened and a better sense of their own ability to keep themselves safe. It has since calmed down," Becks said.

Since the incident, UPD has posted an officer near the residence halls for two or three evenings each week to build trust within the residential community.

"I think it's well worth the effort for us to reach out to that particular segment of our campus because they are a kind of little micro-community, and they all live out there, so we want to make them as comfortable as possible," Williamson said.

The officers are being paid \$55 to \$60 per hour from the department's overtime budget, and the funds are not affecting other services, according to Williamson. If this initiative proves successful, the police department may adjust its budget to allow for a permanent housing officer in the future.

Though incidents like this are rare, students should consider their own safety and well-be-

ing.

"I think overall, students feel safe here, but at times it is common on most campuses to kind of lull themselves into a false sense of security," Becks said. "...This is like a regular place, a regular home, and regular homes have to think about crime prevention."

Williamson urges students to call the UPD at (661) 654-2677 any time they feel unsafe.

"I hate when people say, 'I just didn't want to bother you.' I'd rather be bothered right now and put people at ease than I would be to take a chance of somebody getting hurt," Williamson said.

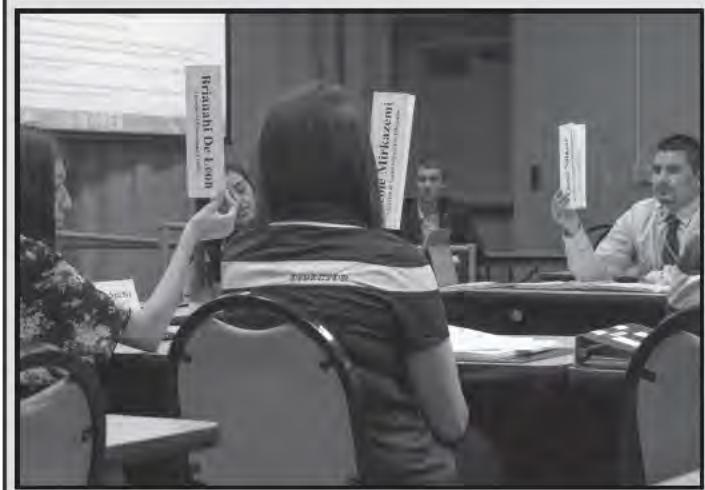
Students should be aware of their surroundings and avoid using earphones while walking, according to Becks.

Residential students are urged to keep their doors locked at all times, and not to open their doors to people they don't know.

If a roommate or guest seems threatening or unsafe, they should be reported to the housing staff.

"I think the most important thing is trust your gut. If you feel uncomfortable, it's better to over-react than under-react," Becks said.

## ONLINE



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## ADMINISTRATION

# Interim dean is ready for the fall

By Chris Mateo  
Distribution Manager

Steve Bacon is set to become the interim Dean of Social Sciences and Education on August 1 as Kathleen Knutzen, the current dean, will be retiring at the end of the spring quarter.

"I am truly honored to serve SSE," said Bacon. "[I'm] excited there's new challenges next year with quarter to semester."

Bacon is not a CSU Bakersfield graduate. However, he is a Bakersfield resident.

Bacon has been with CSU Bakersfield for 24 years, where he started as a part-time lecturer.

Bacon's education started off at UCLA, where he majored in study of religion and pre-med.

He then received his master's degree in clinical psychology at San Diego State and went on to receive a PhD in clinical psychology at the University of Minnesota. He also completed a Post Doctoral Fellowship in pain research at UCSD School of Medicine.

After completing his education, Bacon returned to California and since Bakersfield was his home and an affordable place to live, he chose to move

back.

Bacon has been the associate dean since August of 2013.

After his part-time position he started a full-time position, and that led to a tenure path.

Though his position is temporary, Bacon has considered making the leap to full-time.

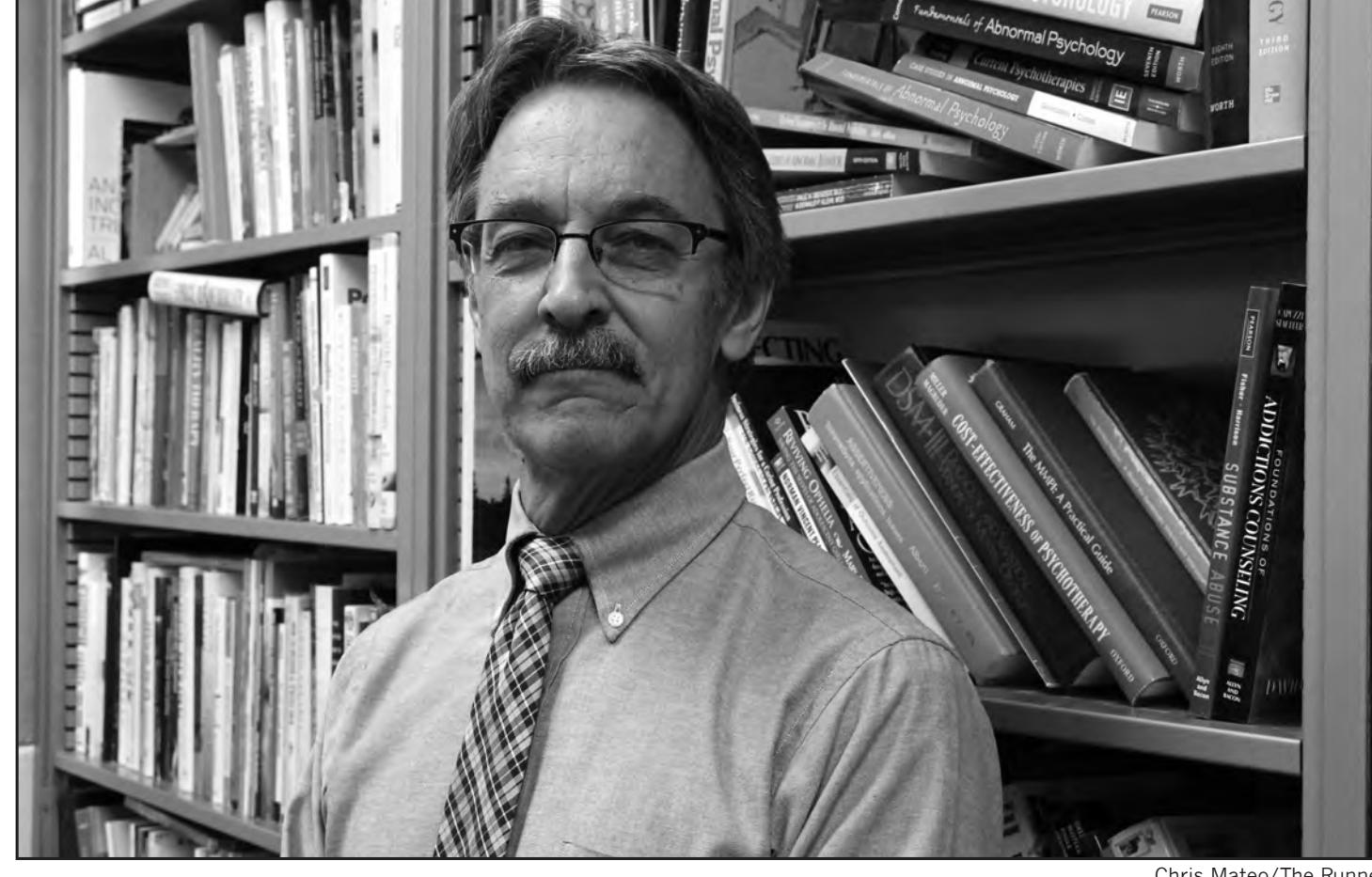
"It's an open question, but it is probable I would throw my name into the ring," said Bacon.

As interim, Bacon has some things that will be on his agenda to execute and continue.

"[I want to continue] the values and policies of Dean Knutzen, that includes continued participation with the community, maintaining good relationships with the community and continue to strengthen the quality of our program. And continue to be a very student-centered school," said Bacon.

There are other initiatives that Bacon hopes to see developed as the interim dean.

"One initiative is a Quality of Life Center. It would reach out and work with community groups and become an important resource for our community," said Bacon.



Chris Mateo/The Runner

**Steven Bacon will take over for the position of dean of social sciences and education for the fall 2016 semester as Kathleen Knutzen is set to retire.**

Bacon also has immediate goals he wishes to accomplish, such as getting through the changes the next school year

will bring and working to keep students in school and graduating on time.

Bacon expressed his gratitude

and excitement for next year's opportunities.

"I am appreciative of the support from the faculty and

staff and I look forward to work with a group of colleagues that are so dedicated to our students," he said.

## HEALTH

# Annual health fair returns to campus



Photos by Trevante Hammonds/The Runner  
Fellow CSU Bakersfield students interacting at the health fair to get tips on how to live a healthy life outside the Student Union patio.

By Alejandra Flores  
Assistant Photo Editor

The second annual CSU Bakersfield Nursing Health Fair took place Thursday, May 12 near the Student Union Patio and Runner Park to promote health and wellness to students, faculty and staff. The health fair, which was sponsored by Community Preventative Health Collaborative club and Associated Students Inc. educated students on various topics like alcohol abuse, infant CPR safety, anxiety, sexual assault, cardiovascular disease, safe sex and marijuana. "This event is important because college students forget about their own health," said Kevin Santos, 28, nursing major.

CSUB third and second year nursing students offered free health screenings: checking blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol levels and BMI. "It's great because it exposes the student body into some health issues that they do not know about," said Yessenia Sanchez, 23, nursing major. The counseling center, Student Health Center, Student Recreation Center, Clinica Sierra Vista, Links for Life, CSUB Global bridges, and Back 2 Back CrossFit were also present at the event.

"I like how they are trying to involve everyone in it," said David Romero 19, computer science major. "It's not for a specific group. They are trying to get everyone to come."



Sophomore philosophy major Raymone Williams makes a masterpiece at the art book outside the Student Union patio.

## CAMPUS

# Coordinator set to retire

By Jonathan Wells  
Reporter

As administrative support coordinator Diana Torres prepares for retirement in August, she takes a moment to reminisce on her 26 years at CSU Bakersfield and discusses plans for retirement.

"I started [at CSUB] in 1990," said Torres. "When I first started, I was in a totally different program. I worked for the ITV network in their Young Scholars Program."

The Young Scholars program was a CSUB program where high school college-bound juniors and seniors were recruited and given an opportunity to earn university credit by taking college courses, according to Torres.

"We wanted to encourage students to get a taste of what it's like to take a college class and hopefully stay here and attend the campus," Torres said.

The ITV network is also where Torres met the now-Administrative Assistant to the President Tina Giblin.

"I started working at the ITV network in '89-'90, and Diana came in after," said Giblin.

"[Torres] is one person I can say is as committed as I am about students."

After working 14 years for the ITV network, Torres was re-assigned to work in the modern languages department, now the business and public administrations department, in 2004.

In that position, Torres made her leap into the academic world.

However, it wasn't necessarily a smooth transition.

"It's a nightmare trying to learn everything from scratch, and now with the semester system, it's a nightmare," said Torres. "It's either sink or swim."

Winning the outstanding staff member award for 2015 gives every indication that Torres is swimming.

This is an appreciation award where one must be nominated by their peers to be considered.

"Yesterday, a student came in with a concern that [Torres] could not answer, so she picked up her phone, called me and we found an answer for the student," said Giblin. "[Torres] goes above and beyond to help

everyone. Whether student or staff, she will help."

"That's why it didn't surprise me when she was nominated for that award. Diana has a very strong work ethic and is very passionate about our mission. We are going to really miss her."

Torres said she will miss the students and her faculty family as well, but she is looking forward to her vacation in July and retirement in August.

"I know it's time for me to move on. I'm really slow to changes, but I figured I'm already at retirement age...and it gives another young person a position to get hired," said Torres. "Also, I really want to travel but only in the United States. The U.S. has so much to offer. We don't really appreciate what the U.S. has."

As an early retirement gift to students, Torres offered some advice.

"Always get advising from faculty. Never go by what your friends say," she said. "They may not have heard it right, and they are going to give you misinformation. Stay organized and read your catalogs."

## COMPETITION

# SHRM ends in 12th place

By Domenica Ortiz  
Reporter

The Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) at CSU Bakersfield competed in a national two-day competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, where they placed 12th out of the 27 teams that competed.

CSUB competes in the West Division and this year the team competed in Division II.

The student case competition is an annual competition for human resource majors.

The event brings together HR professionals, students, and student chapter advisors from various colleges and universities.

The SHRM Case Competition focuses on a number of HR issues such as management practices, training and development, compensation and benefits, employee/labor relations, health, safety and security.

Cases dealing with HR scenarios are created for students to read, analyze, and develop solutions and recommendations.

A team made up of 2-5 students represented CSUB in

both oral and written presentations.

Judges then review and evaluate both written and oral presentations.

All teams compete on the first day and on the second day the finalists are announced; finalists will compete for first place.

"Participating in the competition is a commitment," said Lisa Salinas, president of the SHRM organization.

She said that the organization's main goal is to learn, network and "of course, win."

CSUB students dedicate so much time to the competition as well as juggle between classes and their daily lives.

Salinas revealed that CSUB students gain exposure to HR problems that they may face one day and the team struggles and grows together.

Students also hear from keynote speakers, have the opportunity to sit down with local HR practitioners and are able to engage with fellow attendees.

She hopes for CSUB students to "strengthen their ability to think strategically, make ethical decisions, and develop

leadership and presentation skills."

She also wants CSUB students to advance both personally and professionally.

The students feel the effort has been worthwhile.

"Being exposed to something that will be my future career has been the most valuable experience," said Alma Ramirez, business administration major with a concentration in human resources.

Ramirez said that although the experience was intimidating at first, she felt very proud to represent CSUB.

Freshman Cassandra Garza, human resource management major, stated that she hopes to one day be apart of this worthwhile experience.

"I have heard about the SHRM Case Competition and I hope to one day gain exposure to the fresh knowledge, skills and ideas from HR students from various colleges and universities," said Garza.

SHRM hopes to receive many more opportunities to network with other students and showcase their knowledge to HR practitioners.

# RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Amie Birks/ Photos by Karina Diaz

This week The Runner asked, "What are your thoughts on the increase of student fees?"



Bianca Cortes  
Undecided



Brandon Silva  
Criminal Justice



Denisse Chavez  
English



Sandra Castaneda  
CAFS

"I think that we should look into further options, like look into different programs."

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# ASI elections need more participation

Elections for Associated Students Inc. at CSU Bakersfield are just around the corner, and despite an increase in student enrollment, the percentage of students voting decreased last year.

This year it is essential students go out and vote for candidates that are running for ASI leadership positions.

ASI candidates have already started campaigning and will continue to do so until May 26. The polls will be open from May 25 to May 26.

Last year, only 23 percent

of students voted in the ASI elections, which was even fewer than the year before of 24 percent.

While the 24 percent in 2014 is the highest in CSUB history, that's an embarrassing number.

That's not even half of the student body voting in ASI elections, especially considering the fact that everything is done online.

Yes, a lot of students may not care about elections in general, and this is probably even more evident for student government. However, as students,

we should all care because it affects us in so many ways.

The potential student leaders that are campaigning and those which get elected can have such a huge impact on our campus. They will be the voices of the student body, they will decide what club events get funded, and they will represent all other students.

More students need to vote and get the candidates we wish to see in those positions. There are more than 9,000 students on this campus. Therefore, to have another

election with less than 25 percent of the student body voting would mean that less than 2,300 students are voting for an election which has so many implications on what students will see next year.

Obviously, that is not the opinion of the whole student body at CSUB, but if we are not being more active and vote in ASI elections, then there will be no change in those numbers.

Part of this responsibility has to fall on current ASI members informing students of the elections and engaging the

student body about it. Additionally, ASI, other organizations and clubs on campus should be active about emailing students early on and often in regards to the election.

Sure there might be students who think their votes don't matter, but they do.

Every vote matters. Students need to make an effort to vote at this year's election.

Yes, students are busy with classes and work. However, it's not hard to take time to become informed about the candidates

and their platforms.

Doing so will help students make an informed vote.

Students want to complain or praise what ASI has done this past year and wish they did a better job or continue to do a good job, then students need to make their voices be heard and actually vote this year for the candidates they wish to see in those leadership positions.

The voting percentage of students at CSUB needs to be higher than 25 percent this year.

## CAMPUS

# Legal age to purchase cigarettes should not increase

By Annie Russell  
Features Editor

At the age of 18, Americans are finally seen as adults. They are now free to serve in the military, walk into strip clubs, buy a lottery ticket and unfortunately in some cases serve jury duty. Another privilege of turning 18 is the legal right to purchase cigarettes. However, this privilege will now be given only to those 21 years of age and up, at least in California.

The age increase should not

concern me because I don't smoke, however, it does make me think about the next thing that might be taken away.

The human experience is to live and experience different opportunities that life has to offer. Granted, smoking should not be one of those human experiences that people run after. However, if that's the experience an individual wants to have then they should be inclined to have it.

I don't have a problem with 18-year-olds smoking as long

as they are aware of the consequences and health risks that come with each wrapped stick of tobacco.

What I do mind is if they respect others and smoke in designated areas. Bakersfield has enough polluted air to suffocate the public, society doesn't need second hand smoke adding to the mix.

Eighteen-year-olds smoking cigarettes is not the end of the world. There are worse things being done by average Americans every day. Driving cars

pollute the air and kill people every year, taking showers wastes water, and a new study questions whether eating bacon can lead to cancer.

There are consequences to everything, but that doesn't mean that we are going to stop driving cars or stop taking showers. We just need to be mindful.

Even though I can't stand both the smell of smoke around me and the raising of the legal smoking age from 18 to 21, it may be in the best interest for 18-20 year olds. Honestly, not

smoking until 21 is probably the healthiest option.

Just a disclaimer, I am the same person who whined about an age limit being placed in parks and on trick-or-treating even though I don't really utilize the parks or trick-or-treat.

I just dislike the fact that people are telling individuals they can't do something because some random individual disapproves of it.

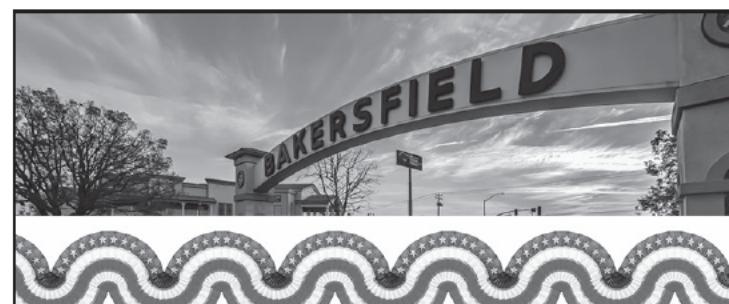
Soon we'll have to be 21 to drive because of complaints of younger drivers being unsafe.

Or 21 to use social media because some online content is too mature for 18-20 year olds.

Either way there are always going to be people who are going to disobey the law.

Changing the smoking age isn't going to stop people from doing what they want to do.

Smoking is a horrible habit but don't censor the public from cigarettes that only builds more curiosity. Let the people decide what they want to do with their health and money.



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## THE BIG STORY

## Roadrunners to play UCLA at Regionals



Photo courtesy of Joe Whiteside/Western Athletic Conference

For the first time CSUB's softball team wins the Western Athletic Conference Tournament title and advances to the NCAA Division I Regionals where the Roadrunners will play the number 12 national seed UCLA on Friday at Easton Stadium.

## [CHAMPS, Page 1]

CSUB (16-32), who beat NMSU 2-1 on Friday to advance to the title game, won its first WAC Tournament championship and earned a bid into the NCAA Division I Softball Regionals.

"It really does say a lot about what we have done here in the small amount of time," said Buck-Ziegler. "Our kids are starting to believe that we are winners."

Both offenses struggled to get any hits through six innings. CSUB only had two hits and NMSU (38-21) had three hits in the first six innings.

However, in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Aggies were

able to get the bases loaded with one out.

"I came out to the circle and [senior pitcher Amber Mills] thought I was taking her out at that moment," said Buck-Ziegler. "I said 'I'm sticking with you, bud. This is your ballgame.' She looked at me and said I got this. Even when they had the bases loaded, I just kept thinking they got this. It's their time to show up, and that's what they did."

Mills and the defense got out of the jam thanks to Mills striking out Aggies' senior Tatum Reedy and a diving catch from senior center fielder Sydney Raeber on a fly ball from sophomore Corrin Green.

That set the stage for Larios' home run.

"I saw [Larios] in the box," said Mills. "Her eyes just looked totally different than any other at bat. I had this great feeling. It's going to happen. It's going to happen."

After getting a run on the board, the Roadrunners' defense then came on and closed it out with two groundouts and Mills struck out NMSU's sophomore Fahren Glackin to clinch CSUB a spot in the Regionals.

Last year, CSUB was in the same position but fell to NMSU in the WAC Tournament championship game.

"It's crazy how it was the same setup as last year, and I

told them I don't know why, but there is a reason and we are walking out of here as the WAC champions," said Buck-Ziegler.

Raeber said she felt they played for some revenge against the Aggies.

"We played pitch to pitch, and we weren't really looking for an outcome, [but] I do believe we played for revenge," said Raeber.

CSUB was led by Mills (9-14) who earned the win and gave up only four hits, striking out four batters and walking only one on her way to a complete game.

Mills earned all three of the tournament wins.

"She turned to me and said,

I get what you been wanting from me all these years," said Buck-Ziegler. "She finally got that belief in herself, and you saw that on Saturday."

CSUB's Sydney Raeber, who recorded saves against University of Missouri-Kansas City on Thursday and NMSU on Friday, earned the WAC

Tournament Most Valuable Player Award. Mills and Larios garnered All-Tournament Team honors. The Roadrunners are set to play in their first NCAA division one tournament against the number 12 national seed UCLA in a double elimination format on Friday, May 21 at 6 p.m. at UCLA's Easton Stadium. UCLA (35-13-1,

Pac-12 16-5-1) is making its 32 appearance in the NCAA Tournament and finished second in its conference.

Buck-Ziegler will return to her alma mater to play against them for the first time this season.

"It's going to be fun and going to be a fun place to play at," she said.

Buck-Ziegler is excited the CSUB softball team will get its first shot at a national championship.

Raeber said CSUB has what it takes to beat UCLA.

"We have what it takes to win this regional," she said. "I know we are going to do big things. We are going to shock the world."

## BASEBALL

## CSUB sweeps Chicago State in weekend series



Karina Diaz/The Runner  
Catcher Junior Felix sets up to swing at a pitch on Friday, May 13 at CSU Bakersfield's Hardt field. The Roadrunners have won six consecutive games.

By Syleena Perez  
Reporter

The CSU Bakersfield baseball team was able to score its first sweep of the season beating Chicago State University at Hardt Field from May 13 to May 15.

The Roadrunners have now won six consecutive games helping their winning percentage in efforts to get a bid into the Western Athletic Conference Tournament, which is set to start May 25.

"It's been a tough year, but

these last two weeks have been our best two weeks. We always want to end on a positive note," said CSUB head coach Bob Macaluso.

CSUB (15-34, 9-14) will continue its road to the WAC Tournament with a non-conference game against Cal Poly on May 17.

Then, the Roadrunners will continue in conference play with their last conference series against North Dakota that will determine their fate.

Macaluso explains how important next week is for them,

and how the team needs to take the same approach that they did in this series with Chicago State into their last series with North Dakota on May 19-21.

Redshirt-junior outfielder Dustin Frailey was able to get his 24th multi-hit game of the 2016 season.

Redshirt-senior pitcher AJ Monarrez will rest during the week before the North Dakota series after coming out of Sunday's game at the top of the second due to undisclosed arm injury.



Trevante Hammonds/The Runner  
The team rushes the field and sprays water on David Metzgar on Friday, May 13 after his game-winning hit at Hardt field.

May 13  
CSUB 6,  
Chicago State 5

## MVP

Junior second baseman David Metzgar went three for five and getting five RBIs against Chicago State.

## Key Moment

With runners at first and third Metzgar hit a RBI walk-off single to bring in Frailey.

May 14  
CSUB 14,  
Chicago State 3

## MVP

Four CSUB players recorded two RBIs in the game against Chicago State. Junior Cody White, Jones, senior Chance Gusbeth and junior Ryan Grotjohn all had two RBIs.

## Key Moment

At the bottom of the sixth inning, the Roadrunners were able to bring a total of 13 batters to the batting box.

May 15  
CSUB 4,  
Chicago State 2

## MVP

Jones went two of four hitting with two RBIs to help the Roadrunners take the sweep against Chicago State.

## Key Moment

With a double from Grotjohn in the bottom of the fifth inning, Frailey hit an RBI triple. Then, Jones hit and RBI single to bring the score to 3-1.

# THANK YOU CSU BAKERSFIELD

Thank you CSU Bakersfield for your warm welcome. I was honored to meet the students, faculty, staff and alumni of this outstanding campus. You are an important part of our vital university system.

I learned a great deal about the innovative learning environment and the transformative experiences that are the foundation of our mission of student success. It is clear that CSU Bakersfield's students, faculty, staff and alumni are making a difference in the community, in the state, and beyond. What you do every day matters.

Our successes will continue to grow in the work we do together. I look forward to continuing to see and hear about your remarkable achievements.

Warm regards,

Timothy P. White  
Chancellor



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May 18, 2016

### SOFTBALL

## Catcher delivers in clutch

#### [LARIOS, Page 1]

Behind Larios' home run, the Roadrunners beat the Aggies 1-0 and won their first Western Athletic Conference Tournament championship on May 14. Larios' mother, Elsa, had battled lupus in her liver and also suffered from an autoimmune disease for 11 years.

It wasn't until five months before Larios' high school graduation, that her illness got worse.

"She was only expected to live one more month," said Larios. While in the hospital her mother told her to promise she would play college softball no matter what happened.

But a life-changing phone call would change Larios and her family's lives. Her mother was granted a liver and would give Larios' more time with her mother.

However, her mother died on Jan. 15, 2013.

In the moment when Larios stepped to the plate, she knew her mother was with her in that batting box.

"I felt it off my bat, I was like oh man," said Larios.

Larios said the feeling of hitting the game-winning run was awesome.

"I can't tell you or can't express how [awesome] and what it feels to me," she said.

Larios' teammates noticed something different in her last at-bat against the Aggies.

She was talking to herself, and she had a different look in her eyes.

"I could see her saying 'come on mom, come on mom,' so I was in the dugout saying 'come on mom, come on Jo's mom,'" said sophomore outfielder Julea



AJ Alvarado/The Runner  
Junior catcher Joanna Larios sets up to swing at a pitch during a game against Grand Canyon on April 29.

"I can't tell you or can't express how [awesome] and what it feels to me."

Joanna Larios,  
Junior Catcher

games. She had five RBIs, two runs scored and one triple. Larios is hitting .193 on the season on 88 at-bats with nine runs batted in. The Roadrunners went undefeated in the WAC Tournament as they earned a bid to the NCAA Division I Regionals in a double elimination format.

CSUB will first play against 12th-seeded UCLA on May 20 at 6 p.m. CSU Fullerton and Fresno State are also in the same Regional.

Larios said she still couldn't believe that the team won, but she knew that they could do it. "I am so pumped, just to know we are going to be close by and all our families are going to be there, and that's what I think that's most important to us," said Larios.

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