

THE BIG STORY

Presidential search seeks CSUB input

By Mario Hernandez
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield held a presidential search open forum on Oct. 30 in the Doré Theatre.

The event had a poor turn-out with only a few attendees in a theater that seats 500.

Samantha Franco, a second year nursing student, could not attend the event, but she heard about the forum and was aware one was being held.

“I had lab, and I heard about it because I work with campus programming and 25live,” said Franco.

Roxana Hernandez, a third-year engineering major, was unaware of the open forum.

Hernandez said she “had no idea they started the search already.”

The forum was expected to last two hours, but ended in 36 minutes because few CSUB faculty and students who attended took the microphone to voice their opinions.

Oct. 30 was the first date of many in the presidential search timeline. The next dates for the presidential search include the following closed meetings: on Feb. 2 resumes will be reviewed, and from March 19-20 interviews will be held.

“I think everybody would agree that the goal here is to find the next great president for this campus,” said Dr. Timothy

White, Chancellor of the CSU system.

“Because of the nature of college presidencies of today in the national market in which we’re competing for the next president, the trustees expect to conduct the search in a confidential manner,” said White.

White explained that interested candidates will always find a way to know the campus.

They will come disguised as a parent, walk around campus, and speak to a few students. He is aware that the new president needs to have a familiarity with the community of Bakersfield and its setting.

Many who spoke at the open forum took the chance to express their dislike of the closed search process for the presidential search.

“I challenge you to explain how we can possibly get someone through your so-called confidential process, who is committed to democracy, when the process itself compromises democracy,” said Bruce Hartsell, president of the CSUB California Faculty Association.

The California Faculty Association (CFA) is the faculty union.

Others followed with similar commentary.

“We teach these democratic principles as a university, and I understand, Chancellor White, your explanation for the reason

for a closed search, but it’s the process that we teach, and I think that’s where a lot of us are finding it a bit disappointing,” said Dr. Aaron Hegde, assistant professor of economics.

White said it’s not closed, nor secret it is confidential, a method to expand the pool of candidates.

“It is the nature of the beast today that those who are most accomplished and fully qualified to be the next president next year, many of them, all of [them] are doing something else today. They’re fully employed. They may be the same president of another campus somewhere in the United States, or quite frankly, internationally. They may be provost, or a dean, or be interested [in] coming out of one of the business sectors in relevant higher education. We don’t want to close any doors prematurely of [who] we get in our pool,” said White.

White pointed out that the process isn’t closed, it’s confidential, and the faculty, staff, and students have elected who will represent them in the process to find a new president.

“It is through your elevated representative that everybody’s voice in that stakeholder group gets expressed,” said White.

White expressed the importance of student involvement and that students should contact



Arturo Castellanos/The Runner

The Presidential Search Committee holds an open forum on Oct. 30 in the Doré Theatre led by CSU Chancellor Dr. Timothy White.

Associated Students Inc. president, Mariela Gomez with suggestions on what they want to see in a new president.

“It is very fair game for a student to call Mariela and say I didn’t hear anybody say this and that really matters to me, and she will report that to us,” said White.

On Nov. 3 Gomez informed ASI that Nov. 10 is the last day she can submit suggestions to the search committee. Mariela Gomez planned three open forums in order to obtain the

student’s voices and concerns.

They are on Nov. 6 and Nov. 8 in the Stockdale room from 9 to 10 a.m. and Nov. 9 from 6 to 7 p.m.

David Estrada, a fourth-year engineering major, talked about some things he would like the next president to be aware of or make changes to.

“I would like the next president to make the campus livelier. The new dining is an improvement with Panda, Which Wich, and Starbucks soon to come, but dead hours

occur from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.,” said Estrada.

The presidential search has officially begun, and the committee is taking any comments or opinions as to what qualities or characteristics the school wants in their next president. Students can email presidentsearch@calstate.edu to inform the committee of their concerns for the qualities they wish the next president had.

ACADEMICS

Engineering program awaits accreditation

By Runa Lemminn
News Editor

CSU Bakersfield’s three engineering departments have been waiting for over a year to become formally accredited.

Becoming accredited will put them on a more even playing field with other CSUs, as well as universities across our country.

Most companies want to hire engineers who have graduated from an accredited program.

Louis Amestoy, Public Affairs Specialist for Aera, said the current oil pricing environment is forcing a more targeted recruitment for his company.

“Aera is focusing on accredited engineers,” said Amestoy.

Those students looking for an engineering career in the Navy or other military branches have to graduate with a degree from an accredited school.

Naval Petty Officer First Class Johnson said the Navy requires engineers to be accredited.

Currently, CSUB engineering students have some options.

One is to graduate and work for an apprenticeship program.

California Resources Corporation has a regular summer 12-week program for CSUB engineering graduates.

Katherine Layus, a CSUB alum and University Relations Lead for CRC, said if the company likes the engineer, a lack of an ABET accreditation is not a deal-breaker.

“We’ve hired on quite a few CSUB students for CRC as interns and contractors,” said Layus.

Another option for engineering students currently graduating with a bachelor’s degree is to continue on to a graduate school that has an accredited program.

Jaems Flowers, a senior electrical engineering major, said he’s probably heading to Sacramento State University to get his masters.

“Sac State is accredited, and

because they’re in the CSU system, they have to take me,” said Flowers.

Once the CSUB engineering programs become accredited, it will be retroactively applied to anyone who graduated during the process.

The accreditation process affects students.

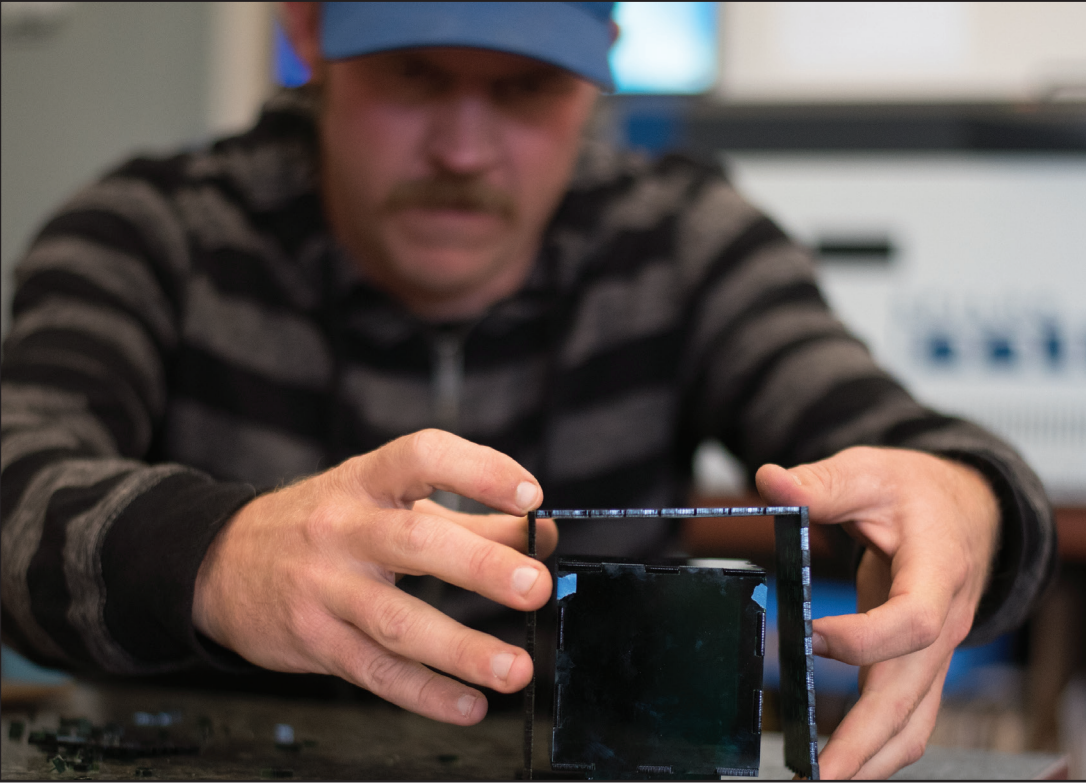
Computer engineering senior Amrit Singh said in general, tests are harder now.

“I think the accreditation is good, but I think it makes our major even harder than it already is because it sets a pretty high standard,” said Singh.

The accrediting agency is the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, or ABET.

ABET is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, but is actively accrediting institutions in over 30 countries, according to ABET.org.

Even before the official accreditation process can begin, many things have to already be



Simer Khurana/The Runner

Brian Cosgrove, 35, cuts pieces using the Epilog Laser Mini in the Fab Lab to build a decorative piece that provides an ambient glow at night on Nov.6.

in place.
Physics and Engineering

Chair Dr. Jorge Talamantes said there was a lot of background

work involved.
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ACADEMICS

Engineering programs prep for ABET visit

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Part of that work was getting the CSUB general education requirements to mesh with the requirements from ABET.

“We had to get concessions from the campus so that the general education package is not quite as large, so that we have enough units to satisfy ABET,” said Talamantes.

Once the required units were straightened out, there was the time issue. This included a wait that took years.

“You can’t apply right away. You have to have students make it through the entire program and graduate. That’s when you can apply,” said Talamantes.

Applying for accreditation is not as easy as simply filling out an application. CSUB’s engineering programs cannot be accredited as a whole.

The three departments are going through the accreditation process individually: Engineering Sciences, Computer Engineering, and Electrical Engineering.

Melissa Danforth, Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science chair, said CSUB will find out individually for each of the three programs.

Danforth said all three of the engineering departments are approximately halfway through the two-year process.

“We are doing our best to make sure all three programs are successful, but there is a possibility that they are not all

three successful.”

The first year is comprised of a self-study, which is a description of the program in its entirety.

“[It’s] basically a 200 to 300 page description of your program,” said Danforth.

“Everything from policies on admissions, transfers and graduation, all the way up through the curriculum and the facilities and the resources you have available.”

Once the final self-study is approved, the process moves into the second stage.

“Now we’re moving into the visit stage, where they’ll actually send a team out to the campus, one evaluator for each of the three programs. Each program is evaluated individually,” said Danforth.

The ABET accreditation teams are visiting CSUB in November for three days.

Danforth said the team is looking through binders full of documentation for each course.

The team is also looking at the level of student work being produced.

“That binder has everything from the lab handouts and homework assignments all the way through student work that was submitted,” said Danforth.

The ABET team will also be talking to a lot of people at CSUB.

“They are very picky. They will be talking to everybody. They are going to be talking to students, faculty, adminis-

trators, advisors, enrollment management,” said Talamantes.

The School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering Dean Kathleen Madden said her department heads have worked very hard.

“Mostly they are the ones who are making sure the curriculum is in place, making sure they are following the policies and procedures that need to be followed, and making sure they have the good experiences for the students,” said Madden.

After the team leaves, there is a six month due process stage, where the ABET team officially records and summarizes the findings from their visit.

The engineering departments are given a chance to rectify anything amiss that was found by the team. After that, if the departments are accredited, ABET will post it on their website.

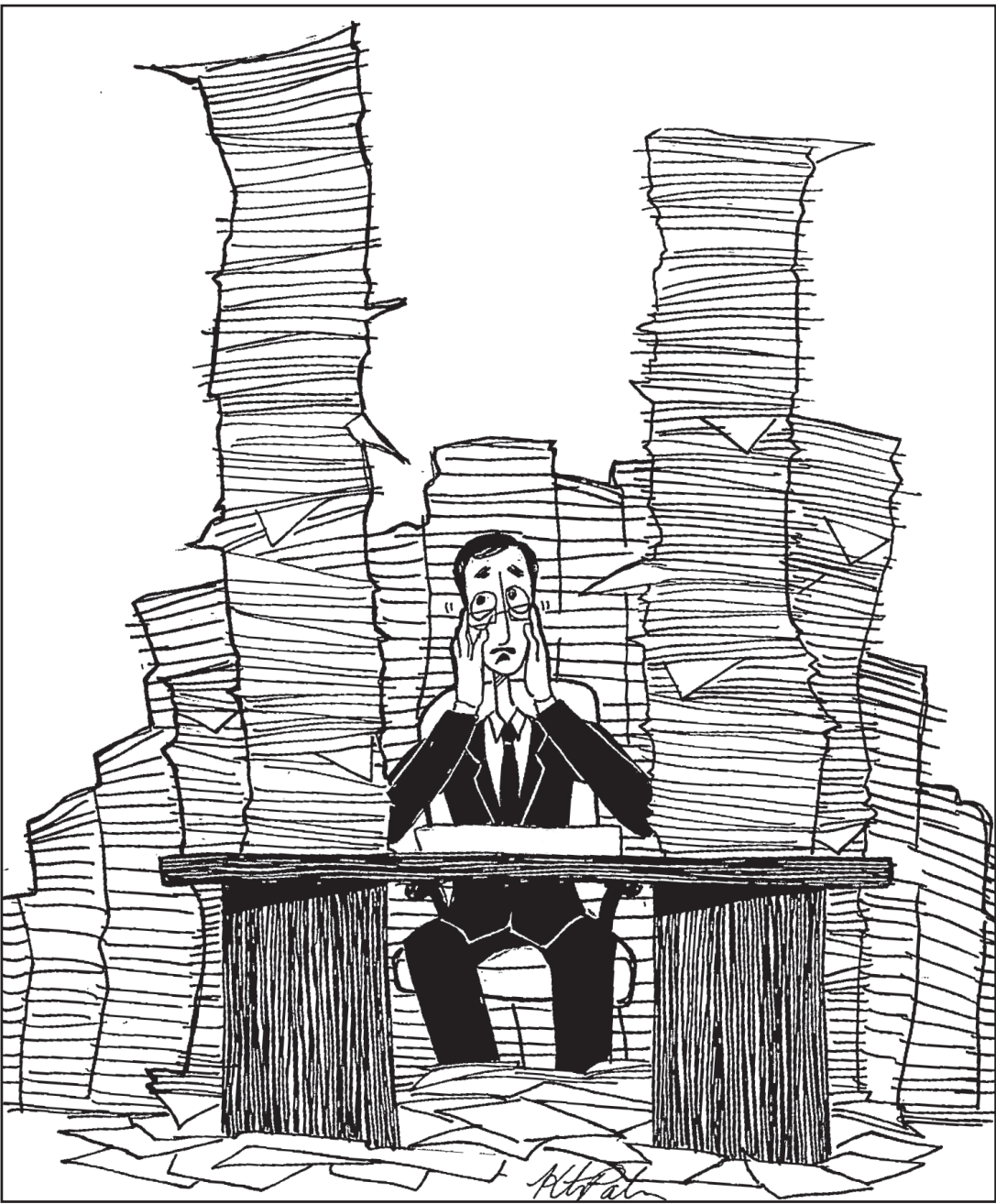
CSUB’s engineering schools will find out in August 2018 if they are officially accredited.

Flowers said he feels optimistic about the process in general.

“I have faith that CSUB will become accredited,” said Flowers, the student.

In the unforeseeable event that a department doesn’t get accredited, engineering graduates will continue to have the same options as before.

“Once you’ve been in the field, experience counts for more than school accreditation,” said Flowers.



Kristin Parulan/The Runner

Three Engineering programs at CSUB are under review for accreditation.

LEADERSHIP

ASI offers opportunities

By Tanner Harris
Reporter

In spring 2017, Associated Students Inc. initiated their leader program.

The program helps students sharpen their leadership skills for future jobs and positions.

Maureen Fillmore, Greek life and student leadership coordinator, explained that it is an achievement-level program that students can attend for a maximum of four semesters.

“We have scheduled 71 meetings this semester, so students can work it into their schedule,” said Fillmore.

Fillmore also spoke about the different levels of the program.

“There are four different levels of achievement in the program: bronze, silver, gold, and platinum, each of which build on each other and have their own set of requirements,” said Fillmore.

The program is based on the Social Change Model of Leadership Development.

This model is designed to help prepare students in understand-

ing themselves and how their actions affect other people.

They also learn how to be positive change agents in society.

Several students said that they were interested in such a program, but they were not aware that it existed.

Susannah Vera, senior theatre major, said it sounded interesting.

“It sounds like something that’s better to start when you’re a freshman or sophomore. [But] I think this should be advertised and explained better, because I haven’t really heard much about it,” said Vera.

Madison Meaders, junior psychology major, said the program sounded interesting, but not to the point of attending.

“Personally, I would not have gone, but I think that’s a good thing for students to have if you’re unemployed or looking to go into a business setting to learn those kind of skills,” said Meaders.

Meaders, also said a broader base of communication would have been beneficial.

The program is very beneficial for students who are willing to stay for all four semesters.

“[The program] also helps students add to their portfolios when they’re trying to get internships or jobs, so they could talk about their experiences in the leader program,” said Fillmore.

Jadyn Conner, ASI director of Clubs & Organizations Outreach, said that the program’s advertising was just fine.

“I think that [advertising for the program] is going pretty well. There were multiple participants last semester, and some of them have come back for the Silver workshop,” said Conner.

The leader program holds two meetings per week.

There are no requirements or prerequisites to join the program, but an RSVP is required for those interested in attending, to avoid cancellation.

Students are not required to stay for all four semesters. A schedule can be found online on ASI’s webpage.

TRANSPORTATION

Carpooling a cheaper option

By Ola Iduma
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield is investigating a carpool/ride share program.

Some transportation companies, like rent-a-car companies, can come onto campuses to set up a transportation program.

Pat Jacobs, assistant vice president for facilities management, said that the carpool service is just an idea at CSUB and does not necessarily mean that it would be set up.

Although it is currently just an idea, the goal is to help the people who live more than 20 miles from campus by creating a ride-share groups for them to use.

About three to five people can then drive a common vehicle to campus.

A carpool service being implemented means that one car could replace six to eight cars on the road.

Carpooling is an agreement that is between the car rental company and the individuals using the vehicle.

Jacobs, is also a member of the CSUB transportation committee, and he has talked to people from other campuses, like CSU Long Beach and CSU Fullerton, that have a carpool program.

“Some of the perks that are offered to the employees that use this program are that they get a parking space at the head of the parking lot,” said Jacobs.

“Both Fullerton and Long Beach, out of their parking fund, they contribute about \$30 per month to everyone who chooses to partake in those situations.”

This service could potentially be set up to help people who live in Delano or Tehachapi.

A carpool car is not required to pay a parking permit.

Carpooling participants get incentives of about \$30 a month.

The parking and transportation committee thinks that carpooling could reduce the number of people parking in the parking lot, thereby creating more space for others who can’t carpool.

CSUB transport officials are

currently working on this, and they are hopeful that they can get the program going very soon on this campus.

Jenny-lynn Rolland a junior engineering major, said she is in favor of a carpooling service.

“Wow, with that [carpooling service], I am sure that I would save a whole lot of money. You know, it’s like renting an apartment with roommates. Driving one car saves gas, more parking, easier vehicle maintenance,” said Rolland.

Carpool participants will take turns sharing their vehicles and driving with the other people involved.

Ian Walker, a sophomore kinesiology major, said that he knows he would join the carpooling service, if it is implemented.

“I have to drive about two hours every day just to come to campus. It is stressful for me to drive long hours every day. With carpooling, I can save my energy for classes. I can chill in the back while someone else drives,” said Walker.

CORRECTIONS

Some information regarding 15 to Finish was incorrect in the Oct. 25, 2017 edition of The Runner. The program, which encourages students to take 15 units per semester to graduate in four years, was introduced to CSUB through a collaborative effort between the President’s Office and Academic Affairs. For more information about the 15 to Finish campaign, visit www.csub.edu/15tofinish.



In the Oct. 25, 2017 edition of The Runner, two wrestlers were misidentified. They were redshirt-junior Sean Nickell (left) and redshirt-sophomore Noah Blakley-Beanes (right).

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ASI takes on presidential search

Associated Student Inc. President Gomez wants to hear from students

By Sonia Lemus
Assistant News Editor

Mariela Gomez, Associated Students Inc. president informed ASI during their Nov. 3 meeting that she is on a time crunch. Gomez is the student representative in the Advisory Committee for the closed presidential search.

Gomez recently learned during her Oct. 30 closed meeting for the presidential search, that the deadline for anyone to submit information of what they want in CSUB Bakersfield's next President is Nov. 10.

Gomez has scheduled open forums for November from 9-10 a.m. in the Stockdale Room, and Nov. 9 from 6-7 p.m. in Student Housing East Multi-Purpose Room.

Gomez said she felt the Oct. 30 open forum was very intimidating for students. She wants students to feel more comfortable voicing their opinions in her forums.

There was discussion of having the forums broadcast to the Antelope Valley Campus or having them hold their own forum.

Another issue ASI discussed is collecting three to five complaints from students regarding academic advising. Gomez will be meeting with Provost Jenny Zorn to show her the complaints students have regarding advising.

ASI also continues with its Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals efforts. From now until Nov. 20, they will continue

with their letter writing campaign called Contact Congress. After Nov. 20, they want to focus on having more phone banks available so that students can contact congress through phones here at CSUB, if they do not want to use their own personal phones.

"This isn't an issue that should only concern ASI, this an issue that should concern the student body in general," said Vice President of University Affairs Anthony Briseno.

ASI also said they want students to voice their opinions regardless of their stance on DACA.

"Let students know we are just getting your opinion on DACA. Whether you are for or against it, just letting our voices be heard," said Briseno.

However, ASI does advocate for all students regardless of documentation.

Briseno also brought 50 postcards for the AV campus to join the Contact Congress campaign.

Some ASI members discussed expanding the DACA efforts outside of CSUB to high schools and their local communities. They were advised to be cautious with bringing the efforts to high schools because of district regulations, but were more than welcome to take any of CSUB's ideas to their communities.

Additionally, Chief of Police for University Police Department Marty Williamson attended the meeting. He heard the ASI's concerns regarding parking. He told them that parking



From left to right, Associated Students Inc. executive board members Mohammed Cook, Precious Nwaoha, Mariela Gomez, and Anthony Briseno talk about campus issues at an Oct. 13 ASI meeting.

lot A, parking lot I, and parking lot E have good amounts of available parking spaces even during CSUB's busiest hours.

Briseno voiced his concern saying that the area around the new Arts and Humanities building was not well lit, and that on occasions the lights in parking lot A were out.

Williamson said if the issue ever happens again, they should inform UPD immediately. As parking lot lighting should never be off when it is dark.

He also said that UPD has now hired the two officers they needed, making UPD fully staffed.

UPD also canceled their active shooter training because only ten students RSVP'd, and UPD would have wanted a slightly larger audience. They will try to host the training again next semester.

Vice President of Finance Justin McKinley informed ASI that \$800 were given to the Muslim Students Association for their

event Diversity in Islam.

Director of Community Outreach Wendy Melendez informed ASI that the Dance Marathon was able to raise \$9,300 for the Children's Hospital. This is the most they have raised in the five years they have had this event.

Another report was given by Vice President of Campus Life, Mohammed Cook. He said that the name chosen for CSUB's new app is CSUB Mobile App. The beta version of the app is

expected to release by the end of November.

Men's basketball will only be having two home games for the month of November, and community seats have already sold out. If students want to attend, they should get their tickets as early as possible.

Nov. 7 will be the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Runner Café and Panda Express in the Student Union.

CSUB

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

NOVEMBER 2017

MONDAY 13TH

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK KICK-OFF & RESOURCE FAIR
11AM - 12:30PM - CAFE QUAD

PANEL & DISCUSSION: "LEARNING TO LIVE AND WORK IN A GLOBAL COMMUNITY THROUGH STUDY ABROAD"
12:30PM - STOCKDALE ROOM

"DIVERSITY IN ISLAM" ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION & PANEL
5PM - STOCKDALE ROOM

TUESDAY 14TH

PRE-GAME GET TOGETHER
MEET INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.
6PM - ICARDO ROOM

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME VS. FRESNO PACIFIC
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF RECOGNITION DURING HALFTIME
7PM - ICARDO CENTER

WEDNESDAY 15TH

FOOD AROUND THE WORLD
FOOD WILL BE COOKED AND SERVED BY DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF.
8PM - STOCKDALE ROOM
SIGN UP AT THE CAMPUS PROGRAMMING OFFICE OR EMAIL: CAMPUSPROGRAMMING@CSUB.EDU

THURSDAY 16TH

BROWN BAG DISCUSSION: "MY FULBRIGHT JOURNEY IN THE HOLY LAND, PALESTINE" - DR. SULEIMAN
12PM - STOCKDALE ROOM

EXPRESSION NIGHTS
OPEN MIC NIGHT: STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PERFORM SONGS, DANCES, AND/OR POETRY
7PM - STOCKDALE ROOM

FRIDAY 17TH

FRIDAY NIGHT FIFA
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6PM - 10PM - STUDENT UNION

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What's Happening Around Campus

November

8 Nov. 8 (innovate):
Fab Lab Open House
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Fab Lab

Graduate & Professional School Fair-CECE:
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
SRC

WP/KIE Free Speech Panel:
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Dezember Reading Rm

9 Geology Fall Speaker Series: Dr. Brandon Schmandt, Geoprism distinguished lecturer:
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sci. III, 107

Last Day to Withdraw from Classes for a Serious and Compelling Reason

10 HOLIDAY - Campus Closed: Veteran's Day Observed

12 2017 Bakersfield Marathon:
6 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Alumni Park

13-17 Best Week Ever:
7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.
SU MPR

14 Visiting Artist Lecture-Cognate Collect:
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Visual Arts Rm 103

Dean's Welcome Reception
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Dezember Reading Rm

16 Brown Bag Discussions:
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
Stockdale Rm

WP/CA Writer Series: Poet Vickie Vertiz
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Dezember Reading Rm

Jazz Collective Fall Concert:
8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Doré Theatre - Main Theatre

17 Intl Education Week - Friday Night FIFA:
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Student Union Lounge

23-24 HOLIDAY - Campus Closed: Thanksgiving

Calendar sponsored by NSME, Student Union, School of Arts of Humanities, and the Walter Stiern Library. To be included, contact eftzpatrick@csub.edu.

SUICIDE AWARENESS

Lighting candles in remembrance

By Chantel Vargas
Reporter

The Candlelight Event on Oct. 24 was put together by the CSU Bakersfield Counseling Center.

This event allowed people to dedicate a candle in honor of someone they had lost to suicide.

The candles were placed on the ground in the shape of a heart.

Suicide is a very taboo subject to talk about.

“It’s not really what we want to talk about, but we have to talk about it,” said Eric Lord.

Lord shared a few suicide statistics with the audience.

“The current state of suicide as we know it today is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. In California, one person dies by suicide every two hours. There are 25 suicide attempts for every suicide completion. Over 44,000 Americans die each year by suicide, which averages out to 121 suicides per day.”

Individuals with mental health, like anxiety or depression, are at a higher risk for suicide.

Warning signs that an individual is struggling with suicidal thoughts can include noticeable behavioral changes. Changes can include reckless behavior,



Jarad Mann/The Runner
Leslie Monty speaks to students about the many offered resources for help for those in need.

substance abuse, withdrawing from activities, isolation, abnormal sleep patterns, visiting or calling to say goodbye or giving away prized possessions.

Lord gave an analogy about a room on fire.

“If the ceiling, floor, walls are on fire and the only thing not on fire is the door, that door is suicide. That’s what somebody who feels like killing themselves is experiencing, and it’s a very real thing to them,” said Lord.

Leslie Monty is a graduate student intern in the Master

Social Work program at Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

Monty works with individuals in crisis who experience various mental health concerns.

Monty shared her thoughts on a song about suicide by American musician, Logic.

Logic’s title of the song is the suicide prevention hotline number, 1-800-273-8255.

Logic performed the song at the 2017 MTV Video Music Awards along with featured singer-songwriters Alessia Cara and Khalid.

“I heard that song. I just wanted to say it is legit. I relate so much to that song. You’ll get goosebumps. I was crying. It was amazing. But it was a good cry. Everybody was wearing a shirt that said “You Are Not Alone,” said Monty.

Monty also shared her thoughts on the hit Netflix original series, “13 Reasons Why,” a show about a high school girl who commits suicide.

Monty had mixed feelings about “13 Reasons Why.”

“The ending, the progression. The fact that the girl was so clearly reaching out for help and wasn’t getting it was just very frustrating. It bothered me. It did not set with me well. They put that girl through it. Somebody needed to intervene



Jarad Mann/The Runner
Lit candles begin to shape out a heart on the patio of the Student Union on Oct. 24 in remembrance of those lost to suicide.

and help her. Not necessarily with the suicide but all her feelings and things that had happened to her, rape and all that other stuff,” said Monty.

Jessica Melendrez is a senior human biology major. Melendrez was brave enough to share her uncle Javier’s story of suicide.

Her uncle was her mother’s father figure. Javier was a boxer when he was younger and

was in a terrible car accident and became paralyzed.

“He seemed fine to us, but we never knew what was really wrong with him. One time, I remember he said he wanted to start training. He started to get upper body strength and we thought it was impossible. Then one day my aunt found him hung. It was just shocking because he was in a wheelchair. It’s just sad now because if

you think about it, you’re like ‘wow.’ I wish I would’ve talked to him more, or I wish he could’ve talked to us more just to know what was going on,” said Melendrez.

Need someone to listen to you? The counseling staff is always willing to listen. Call 661-654-3366.

The national suicide prevention hotline number is 1(800) 273-TALK.

STUDENT LIFE

Weightlifting Club lifts stress off of wary students

By Shelby Brown
Copy Chief

CSU Bakersfield students now have another option for personal fitness advice and training through the Weightlifting Club. The club aims to support students’ fitness and mental well-being through weightlifting.

The Weightlifting Club provides its members with personal fitness training at the Student Recreation Center free of charge.

Member Sally Coronal, first year master’s of social work student, expressed one of the things she enjoyed about the club.

“I really liked it because they offer...personal training, and

it’s at no charge,” said Coronal.

She explained that it was really great to have someone help her with her form and that the advice she gets from other members transfer over to the workouts she does alone.

Vice President Eddie Diaz, a sophomore criminal justice major, helped start the club.

He said that the main goal of the club was to make people that were apprehensive about working out feel more comfortable.

The club plans to do this by providing its members with good advice and support.

Diaz, who has experience as a personal trainer, said his goal is to “motivate people to exercise. I feel that it definitely has an advantage as far as mental focus, and people don’t



Andrew Paredes/The Runner
Daniel Serrano in the middle of his weight lifting set at the Student Recreation Center on Nov. 6, 2017.

realize that until they try it out themselves.”

A major goal for Diaz is to recruit people of varying fitness levels to support each other and

their fitness journeys.

President of the club, Lorenzo Tafolla, a senior sociology major, explained that physical fitness was a major aspect of

the club; however, there are other goals as well. The club’s hope is to motivate students to do better in all aspects of life.

Tafolla said, “This club represents motivation year round. It doesn’t matter if it’s in the gym or outside the gym. It could be physically or mentally.”

He shared his personal story about how exercise helped him overcome anxiety and depression by providing him with an escape from negative feelings, and he hopes the club brings that for others.

Coronal uses exercise for more than just personal fitness as well. She uses it as part of her stress relief and self-care routine.

She explained, “working out is part of my self-care.

It’s taking care of my mental well-being.”

Tafolla and Diaz decided to bring war veteran and weightlifter, KC Mitchell, to CSUB to talk with students about motivation through rough times.

Tafolla explained that after Mitchell lost his leg in the Afghanistan war, “He got depressed. He used painkillers. For him to overcome that phase, he chose weightlifting.”

Tafolla and Diaz believe that Mitchell’s story can help students realize that exercise can lift people out of hard times in life. They expressed that exercise is a healthy opportunity to get away from the stress of life and get fit.

Mitchell will be at CSUB on February 12, 2018 in the Solario room in the SRC.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Authors pay visit to CSUB to discuss their book

By Chantel Vargas
Reporter

The 11th annual One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern event was on Nov. 1. This year’s chosen book is Kathryn Edin and Luke Shaefer’s “\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America.”

The event began with introductions from Dr. Emerson Case and President of CSU Bakersfield, Horace Mitchell.

Previous OBOBOK books include “To Kill a Mockingbird,” “The Grapes of Wrath,” “The Other Wes More,” “The House on Mango Street,” “The Big Thirst,” “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” “Enrique’s Journey” and “The Lakota Way: Stories and Lessons for Living.”

Shaefer and Edin shared the hidden stories of people from across the country who have suffered from sexual assault, poverty and much more. Many of these people deal with hunger, which unfortunately can lead to suicide.



Scot Swan/The Runner
Dr. H. Luke Shaefer (left), and Dr. Kathryn J. Edin (right), were keynote speakers at an event at the Icardo Center on Nov. 1, 2017.

Tabatha was a young girl in their story who received a message from her teacher on Facebook. The teacher offered her food but only if she had sex with him in return. Tabatha shared how her brother committed suicide. Her brother jumped off of a cliff because he could no longer bear the hunger and the poverty.

Several people told the authors that Americans would not be able to read the story, and that they wouldn’t buy the book because it was too intense. Migrant Community Relations Liaison, Ismael Guzman Briseño, argued otherwise.

“We always look for anything that is extra for our students. Whenever there is something in the community regarding education, reading or writing we target those events especially because they’re free and it’s local. It’s an opportunity for students to learn about what’s going on,” said Briseño.

Each year, Briseño makes the opportunity a field trip so migrant students attend the OBOBOK event. Every Wednesday, teachers come together in the migrant office from 4-7 p.m. and learn about the book and the author so that the students are aware. Several of his migrant students ranging from 4th to 8th grade asked questions in front of the entire audience.

The event ended with ques-



Scot Swan/The Runner
CSUB President Mitchell welcomes students, faculty, and staff members to the “One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern” event on Nov. 1, 2017 in the Icardo Center.

tions from the audience.

“How did you both manage to stay strong while writing the book? How did you manage to hear these stories that I know are personal and heartbreak-

ing?” asked Darrel Bellis, an English teacher at Wasco High School.

Shaefer responded, “It was a matter of connections. It’s the opportunity to affect and be

affected. The human connection is important to me and important to them. We need them here to talk about getting through incredible challenges and heartbreak.”

WALTER PRESENTS

Immigration reality continues

By **Veronica Morley**
Features Editor

The Walter Stiern Library has showcased events this semester to inform the community about the realities surrounding immigration.

Don Bartletti, a Pulitzer Prize winning photographer for the Los Angeles Times, presented his work of 32 years covering different aspects of immigration and life for those living below the border.

Dangers below the border

138,000 people have been killed in Mexico’s war with its drug cartels since 2007.

“The cartels are an undeclared political party, in my opinion, in Mexico. The cartels are undefeatable,” he said.

Bartletti fears what the future holds for Mexico. He believes the cartels are buying votes and influencing judges across the county. He fears corruption within Texas’ police force and the schools can make drug smuggling possible.

Bartletti also traveled through Ciudad Juarez, Culiacan, and Tijuana documenting the cartel.

“I embedded myself with the federal police. We always seemed to get to where there was trouble too late. In Culiacan, there was an ambush of five undercover policemen who were hiding in the back of a pickup truck. What shocked me was how close I could get,” he said.

In Tijuana, Bartletti said that “the slaughter was often just around the corner.”

While in Tijuana, Bartletti said violent crime scenes were like playgrounds where chil-

dren could walk through blood playing with bullets. He would see them posting to their social media sites about the scene.

In 2008 he felt the attitude towards the cartels and violence, especially with the youth, was desensitized.

Today, Bartletti believes this sentiment is worse because of shows like “Narcos” or “Breaking Bad.” He feels that Hollywood has reduced the gravity of the cartels power and devastation.

“It’s not a Hollywood recreation. This sucks because it is so real,” he said.

Bartletti also documented what a funeral within the cartels is like. He noticed that compared to the rest of the communities, the cartels had more extravagant funeral proceedings. He photographed their decorative buildings and colorful mausoleums. They also had monuments to Jesus Malverde, an unrecognized patron saint of drug dealers.

Thanks to an artist who decorates the mausoleums for the cartel, Bartletti came face to face with three drug dealers. “Probably capos or lieutenants,” he said.

Bartletti said there were many instances where he considered investigating the cartel further, but he could never fully bring himself to take that step.

“The United States has gone through the Italian mafia in the early 20th century New York City. The mafia in Chicago. Every generation seems to have its devil, and now we’ve got the Mexican cartels,” he said.

The new foreign aid

Bartletti shared stories of how

these immigrants support their families and make a living.

He also shared the story of on immigrant’s journey to citizenship.

Bartletti met Wilfredo when he had been living in a little tent made out of cardboard and sticks. Wilfredo was picked up by a roofer in El Camino Royale who was impressed with his work ethic. Wilfredo built roofs for million-dollar homes and worked towards becoming a citizen.

“People come to this country in many cases to send money back to those people left behind,” said Bartletti. He remained involved in Wilfredo’s journey and attended the ceremony where Wilfredo became a U.S. citizen.

Bartletti thought that day was a great day not only because Wilfredo recieved his citizenship, but so did 1,500 other immigrants.

Wilfredo told Bartletti, “I’m not going back,” after he gained his citizenship. Afterwards, Bartletti and Wilfredo went to the spot where Wilfredo had crossed the border and took a photo.

Current ideas on immigration

The recent state of immigration has recieved much attention at CSUB.

CSUB Social Justice Center Director Dr. Mark Martinez said, “Wherever you are from, wherever you are coming from, whoever you are, as long as you are in the United States, you have rights. And these rights are protected by the Constitution.”

Martinez is a professor and chair of the Political Science



Veronica Morley/The Runner
Professor Mark Martinez addresses the crowd in the Dezember Reading Room on Oct. 19. Martinez spoke about immigrant rights at the screening of “American Migrant Stories.”

Department. He is also faculty advisor for CSUB’s Global Affairs club. The club helps prepare students for professional conferences held in forums across the nation. He was vital in assisting the Immigration Justice Collaborative with the documentary “American Migrant Workers” and is the current political analyst for KGET TV 17 News.

According to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the immigration removals report for the fiscal year 2016 was 240,255. The leading countries of origin for removals were Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

“Too often these people are just treated as numbers or some inhuman burden on our

society,” said Marisa Sanchez, associate professor of sociology, “We should be thinking of ways of how we can stand up or make a difference.”

President Trump enacted an executive order on Jan. 25 with security requirements that the Department of Homeland Security complete construction on the wall along the Mexico border.

In regards to the border, Jose Gaspar from KKEY Telemundo 17 News said, “Obviously it’s a lot different today than it was back in the ’70s, the ’80s. And you know some right groups and extremist groups have proposed putting landmines and such things as that.”

Bartletti feels the way previous administrations dealt with

immigration had been with a feeling of tolerance. There are people who migrate for legitimate reasons and contribute to society. Yet under the current administration, the country has entered into a new era of intolerance and we are creating a new underground of people living in the shadows.

“It sort of fits the way California does things,” said Bartletti about Gov. Jerry Brown signing Senate Bill 54 making California a sanctuary state. This means that state officials will not be obligated to help the federal government with deportation. Beforehand, many California cities already identified and sanctuaries.



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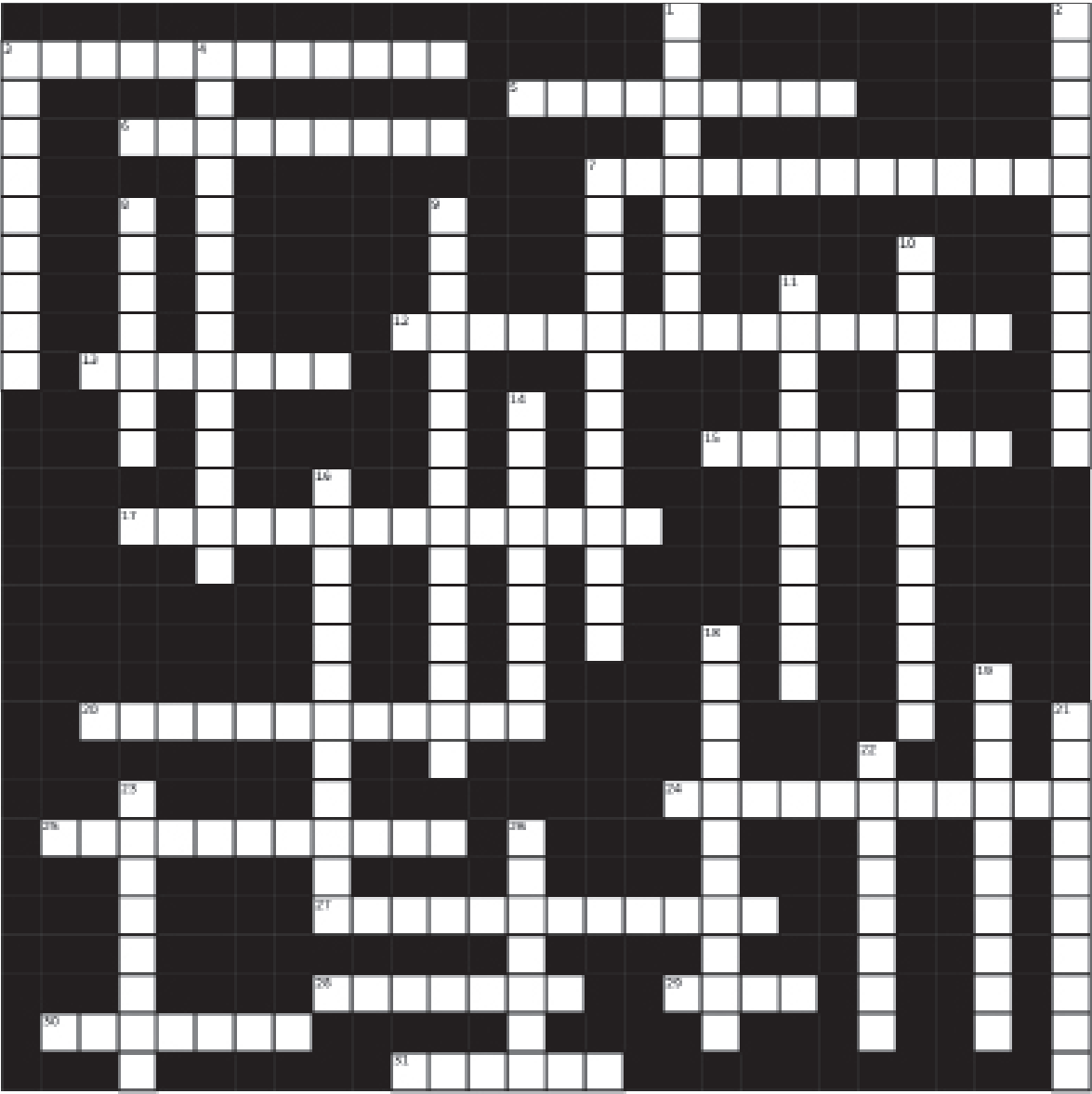
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13 Jewish variant of a gambling toy

15 Landed on Plymouth Rock

17 Contrast to the "Elf on a Shelf"

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24 Santa's aliases

25 "Holiday" immediately following Thanksgiving

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8 Ancient Hebrew Lampstand

9 24 hour marathon on December 25

10 On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me eight _____ in a Pear Tree.

11 On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me two _____ in a Pear Tree.

14 turkey is a large bird in the genus

16 Celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November

18 Day of online deals following Thanksgiving

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Commemorating tradition and loved ones

Innocent Eye and M.E.Ch.A. honor Día de Los Muertos



Skylar Carrasco/The Runner
Islet Virgen, a CAFS major dresses up for Día de los Muertos on CSU Bakersfield campus Nov. 2. Virgen is a part of CSUB M.E.Ch.A (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan).



Scott Swan/The Runner
Artist David Flores stands next to his Calavera art piece inside The White Room Gallery at CSUB.



Skylar Carrasco/The Runner
From left to right: Elizabeth Solorzano, Esmeralda Ramirez, Ana Canales, Liliana Diaz, and Alondra Moreno decorated an altar for the victims of the earthquake that shook Mexico Sept. 20 during the Día de los Muertos event on CSU, Bakersfield Nov. 2.



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Left: Wilfredo Bravo, Right: David Flores. The Innocent Eye club hosted a three day art gallery inside The White Room Gallery at CSUB, showcasing art pieces representing Día de los Muertos.

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By Alee Gonzalez

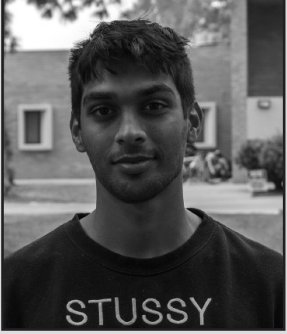
This week The Runner asked, “Do you agree with Kern County’s vote to ban the commercialization of marijuana?”

Jennifer Valle
Human Biology, 20



“I would rather have it legalized so that people don’t get in trouble, because people are going to use it anyways, and some people need it for medical purposes.”

Muhammad Fazal
Electrical Engineering, 20



“I know students that use it, and I know professors that use it, so it’s fine. Trying to ban it is like going through prohibition right now for marijuana, and it’s not needed. One of my friends has seizures, and THC really helps him calm down.”

Crystal Marin
Kinesiology, 22



“My grandma had breast cancer, so she went through lots of chemo and radiation, and I know that marijuana provides a lot of benefits such as pain management with that. So I guess I’m opposed to Kern County trying to ban it.”

Jesus Banuelos
Engineering, 21



“I get why Kern County would want to ban it, because it is very conservative. We’re speaking as students of CSUB, so we’re very liberal in our ideologies, but financially it just doesn’t make sense.”

STAFF EDITORIAL

A closed search disparages the values of CSUB

CSU Bakersfield, as well as all public universities, should make the search for the new president an open search.

Finding CSU Bakersfield’s next president should be a democratic process, not an oligarchical one.

Oligarchical systems are ruled by a select few.

Recently, Chancellor Timothy White announced that the search for CSU Bakersfield’s next president would be a closed search.

He attempted to justify this at the Presidential Search Open Forum held at the Doré Theatre on Oct. 30.

White said the best people for the position would only apply if they were guaranteed secrecy.

White then called it a “confidential search” rather than a “closed search.”

He is not kidding anyone by rephrasing a closed search; furthermore, even in a closed search, information can be leaked.

Having a current employer find out about a job search is a problem most people face in today’s world.

It’s a risk that almost everyone has to take at some point in their career.

Somehow, and even in spite of this problem, people who are even in the highest level careers manage to find better ones.

Why should the individual applying for the position of CSUB’s next president be exempt?

There is no doubt that the CSU system would receive resu   s from many highly qualified candidates, even in an open search.

Editor’s note

The Staff Editorial is an unsigned opinion story that reflects The Runner editorial board’s stance on an issue. We invite our readers to join the discussion by sending us a letter to the editor at runner@csub.edu.

For example, CSUB’s current President, Horace Mitchell, was hired through an open search.

CSUB Provost Jenny Zorn was hired through an open search as well.

Both were well-qualified candidates who have done great things for CSUB.

Because it was an open search, both Mitchell and Zorn were able to tour the campus and meet the campus community.

In turn, they had an idea of what the culture at CSUB was like before being hired.

Faculty and students also had the chance to meet Mitchell and Zorn as candidates in an open forum.

This helped generate support through transparency.

An open search ensures transparency with the pool of candidates.

It also helps with deciding how well the candidate would represent the diversity of the students on the CSUB campus.

An open search also ensures the new president has a grasp of what the general public goes through in life, including having to find a better position.

The CSUB Academic Senate, as well as many other faculty senates in the CSU system, have expressed their disagree-

ment with the closed search policy.

A closed search is a secret kept from all but a fortunate few. It is elitist.

At the open forum, Aaron Hegde, a member of the Academic Senate and an economics professor, stood and read a statement from CSU Senator John Tarjan.

The statement repeated something Tarjan was sure the panel had probably heard from many sources.

“Your task for finding the best fit for CSU Bakersfield and Kern County will be hindered by a closed search,” stated Tarjan.

The disturbing fact is that the chancellor continues on the closed search path, against the wishes of both faculty and students, showing a disregard to the democratic process.

It demonstrates an attitude of and a belief in oligarchy.

The closed search goes against the core values that CSUB students and faculty, as well as Americans in general, hold dear.

“We teach these democratic principles at the university. I understand, Chancellor White, your explanation of the reasons for the closed search. But it’s really the process that we teach, rather than the outcome, so this is where a lot of us are a little disappointed,” said Hedge.

So why the continued insistence by White on a closed search process?

A closed search can only generate a general attitude of resentment and suspicion, as well as cynicism.

The attitude was exemplified by the low attendance at the Open Forum.



Andrew Paredes /The Runner

CSU Chancellor Dr. Timothy White leads a Presidential search open forum on Oct. 30 in the Dor   Theatre.

Where is the proof that any suggestions from those audience members who attended will be truly considered by the committee?

Where is the proof that all qualified applicants are being considered, and not just a handful of them?

These are all issues that arise from a lack of transparency.

The American Association of University Professors stated in their Nov. 3, 2015, release that, “The rationale for such secrecy is that open meetings discourage applications from highly qualified candidates, although no evidence has ever been offered to suggest that this is in fact the case.”

Making the search an open one allows the candidate to get to know the people and hence, the culture of the institution in advance.

The next president must have a deep appreciation of CSUB’s culture, and must be willing to honor all students, regardless of race or status.

Students, who are paying for their education, and faculty, who are receiving a new boss, should have a say in who is in charge of the education offered.

Everyone should have a say, and not through one “representative,” who is supposedly reporting on what the masses want.

ASI President Mariela Gomez was selected to represent the studenets’ voices.

However, she is only in the advisory committee White will have the final say in who becomes the new president.

How do we know the suggestions given to White and the Trustees committee will be taken into consideration?

How do we know Chancellor White doesn’t already have a candidate pre-selected for the position.

The whole point of democracy is to have all the people in a society involved in the decision of who their leaders will be.

Transparency and inclusion are key to a thriving democracy and would allow the faculty and staff to have some peace of mind.

A closed search does not have these values.

A closed search demonstrates the values of an oligarchy, where a very wealthy and fortunate few are making decisions that affect an entire society.

In this instance, it’s CSUB’s society.

COMMUNITY

Trump’s idea of greatness is disputable

By Triandous Hobson
Opinions Writer

There has never been a time when America was truly great. From the time when it was founded until today, there has always been a problem or flaw with our society.

Maybe I’m wrong, so let’s check the facts.

In 1776, America was founded. It was built on truth, justice, and freedom. Many fought for the idea of liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

A group of men got together and decided to build a society based on progress and creating a country free of prejudice.

After all, many came to the New World to escape religious persecution. It sounds like an amazing country, and it would have been.

However, most thought it was acceptable to dehumanize and murder others.

Slavery certainly didn’t make America great.

Andrew McGill, a reporter for The Atlantic, wrote, “A person’s age plays a role in when they think the United States was at its peak.”

The time period that you were born in contributes to your view on society.

If there were injustices, you wouldn’t really know because you just figured that’s how life was at the time.

The New York Times conducted a poll in which over 2,000 people were asked to name the single year America was at its greatest.

Democrats believed that over the last twenty years things have started to shape up, while Republicans believe that the late 1950’s and the mid-1980’s were the times that our country was best during.

President Trump, when asked by the New York Times when he thought America had the right balance, answered that it was during periods of military and industrial expansion, at the time of the 20th century, and

again in the years after World War II.

He said, “If you look back, it really was, there was a time when we were developing at the turn of the century which was a pretty wild time for this country and pretty wild in terms of building that machine. That machine was really based on entrepreneurship.”

He also made sure to say, “The late ‘40s and ‘50s. We were not pushed around, we were respected by everybody, we had just won a war. We were pretty much doing what we had to do.”

Ah yes, the good old 1950s, the golden years. Where everybody loved colored television, just not colored people.

Where every man had a job, and there weren’t confusing things like gender fluidity, women’s rights and equality.

I get it, people are nostalgic. However, the country hasn’t changed much.

There still exists milkshakes, racism, and sexism in our soci-

ety today.

Maybe that’s my issue with the whole catchphrase.

We have a president that’s getting closer to reaching the end of his first year in office, and he’s done nothing great at all. America is seen as a joke, we have no plans to get better, and no innovation or drive.

The focal points of Trump’s presidency have solely been outlined with discriminatory policies.

I don’t think America was ever truly great. We have tried to be better, though, until Trump.

If Trump believes that the 1950s were so great, we are doing a great job backtracking. There wasn’t unity then. There isn’t unity now.

I thought the whole ideology of America was to be accepting of others and new ideas.

Rather than pretending we’re aspiring to reclaim “greatness,” I’d rather have our president be honest and say, “Everything is alright if you are white.”

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Roadrunners defeat Biola in exhibition

CSUB will open regular season Friday, Nov. 10 vs. Whittier

By **Peter Castillo**
Sports Editor

In its final tune-up before regular season action begins, the CSU Bakersfield men’s basketball team defeated Biola University 84-64 in an exhibition game at the Icardo Center on Saturday, Nov. 4.

On Monday, Oct. 30, The Roadrunners went on the road and defeated Long Beach State 63-55 in a charity exhibition game that benefited the victims of the wildfires in Northern California.

CSUB led wire-to-wire on Saturday, but Head Coach Rod Barnes admitted the team could look much sharper.

“I was really pleased with a lot of our guys,” said Barnes. “Some of them didn’t play as well as they’re capable of, but that’s going to happen early on. We’re young and inexperienced, but we’re learning.”

The Roadrunners’ defense, a traditional strength of CSUB, forced Biola into 21 turnovers on the night.

Biola hung around in the first half, however, due to shooting 16-of-17 from the free throw line.

CSUB pulled away in the second half, thanks to a 10-0 run that helped extend its lead to 25

at one point.

Redshirt-junior guard Damiyne Durham led all scorers with 18 points, as he shot 6-for-13 from three-point range.

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Rod Barnes, CSUB Head Coach

Late in the first half, Durham picked up a technical foul after he knocked down a three-point-er and began to shout at a Biola defender. Durham was benched for the remainder of the half, but started the second half on the floor.

Rickey Holden, a junior guard who transferred from Jones Community College in Mis-

issippi, started and chipped in with 16 points and five assists.

“I feel like the crowd was good, and we played good out there tonight,” said Holden. “We just got to pick up some stuff on defense and we’ll be alright.”

Freshman guard Jarkel Joiner scored 13 points and shot 3-of-6 from deep in his first action at the Icardo Center.

Bakersfield native and freshman guard Justin McCall added 10 points, including a pair of high-flying dunks.

Despite having a noticeable height advantage, CSUB only out-rebounded Biola 34-33.

“We didn’t pursue the ball well tonight,” said Barnes. “I think part of it was lackadaisicalness on our part, because we have a size advantage, but we can’t take anybody for granted.”

Redshirt-senior guard Brent Wrapp, who has been nursing a foot injury, started and played only 12 minutes.

However, Wrapp said that he will be ready to play in time for the regular season.

“Tonight, I just wanted to get out there and get used to the game again,” said Wrapp. “I didn’t play against Long Beach, so it was good to get some minutes in, but I’m just going



Simer Khurana/The Runner

Junior guard Rickey Holden dribbles past a Biola defender during an exhibition game on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Icardo Center. Holden finished with 16 points and five assists.

to keep progressing with it.”

The Roadrunners will open up the regular season schedule at the Icardo Center on Friday, Nov. 10 against Whittier

College at 7 p.m.

Prior to the game, there will be a ceremony to celebrate last season’s Western Athletic Conference regular season title.

The players and coaches will be presented with championship rings and a banner will be unveiled.

WRESTLING

CSUB starts season with 2-1 road trip, returns home to face Pitt, Wisconsin

By **Vincent Perez**
Assistant Sports Editor

CSU Bakersfield wrestling has begun its 2017 season on the road with a 2-1 record. On Saturday, Nov. 5, in Edinboro, Pa., the Roadrunners defeated Bucknell University 26-10 and lost 34-9 to No. 25 Edinboro University, in the Fighting Scot Duals. CSUB defeated Buffalo 22-14 on Nov. 2, in Buffalo, N.Y.

Head Coach Manny Rivera said about the first three meets, “I don’t think we’ve competed at our best yet, and that’s a good thing.”

Rivera added that the team will compete at a higher level after working in practice.

“Once we get firing on all cylinders, then we’ll start moving in the right direction.” He said about the loss against No. 25 Edinboro and the season, “It’s tough right now, we wrestled to the least of our abilities against Edinboro. Winning two out of three is [still] pretty good.”

Redshirt-seniors Sergio Mendez (125 pounds) and No. 11-ranked Matt Williams (197) were successful in their road matches.

Mendez won two of his three matches, as he collected wins over Bucknell’s Jacob Campbell and Buffalo’s Kyle Akins. Mendez was defeated by Edinboro No. 6-ranked Sean Russell by technical fall, 20-4 in 6 minutes.

“I wrestled well,” said Mendez. “There are things I need to work on in practice. I had a good weekend, except my last match. I let him control the match. I think I went out there with the wrong mindset. I wasn’t able to get back in it.”

Mendez not only wrestled a tough match but did so with an injury.

“During the second period, I rolled my ankle. It was pretty tough to bounce back,” Mendez said he kept wrestling despite the rolled ankle.

Williams remained unde-



Simer Khurana/The Runner

Redshirt-junior Sean Nickell wrestles against redshirt-sophomore Noah Blakley-Beanes during the Blue-Gold dual. Nickell earned a victory on Sunday, Nov. 5 against Bucknell.

feated as he earned victories over Bucknell’s Tom Sleigh, Edinboro’s Aaron Paddock and Buffalo’s Joe Ariola in an overtime match.

“It’s always good to win but I feel like I haven’t done a lot,” said Williams. “It’s a learning process. If you can pull something from each match, small or big, you just want to do better. It’s good to get those first few out of the way.”

“We had guys picking up bonus points. Not being content in winning. It’s good to see as a senior that these guys are eager to dominate.”

However, Williams said the CSUB men’s wrestling team can improve. “It’s understood throughout the team that we can do a whole lot better,” said Williams.

On Sunday, Nov. 5, CSUB redshirt-sophomore and No. 19-ranked Russell Rohlfing (141) defeated Edinboro’s Nate Hagan 4-0. Williams (197) beat Paddock in 3:56 with a pin.

They were the only two wins CSUB had against Edinboro.

CSUB defeated Bucknell University, 26-10 on Nov. 5. Victories from CSUB’s Mendez (125), redshirt-junior Sean Nickell (133), redshirt-senior Coleman Hammond (157), redshirt-senior Lorenzo De La Riva (165), redshirt-sophomore Dominic Ducharme (184), Williams (197) and Snyder (285) propelled the Roadrunners to earn their 2-1 record early this season.

On Thursday, Nov. 2, the CSU Bakersfield men’s wrestling team opened their 2017 season with a 22-14 dual meet win against the Buffalo Bulls in Buffalo.

Mendez (125) rallied back from an early takedown to upset No. 14-ranked Kyle Akins, 11-4. Mendez took down Akins late in the first period and led 3-2 after the first period. He controlled the rest of the match to give CSUB a 3-0 early lead.

“I knew this guy was tough. When I went out there, I knew that this guy was not going to beat me,” said Mendez. “I ex-

posed him on his back. I came up on top. After this [weekend], I hope to be ranked higher, but it’s still a long season to go, and I’ve got to keep training hard.”

Rohlfing (141) and sophomore Kalani Tonge (149) each collected wins. De La Riva (165) won by technical fall and redshirt-junior Bryan Battisto (174) won by major decision.

Jake Gunning (285) of Buffalo, beat Snyder 18-7 and Nickell (133) lost against Buffalo’s No. 5-ranked Bryan Lantry.

The Roadrunners won six of their ten dual matches against Buffalo.

CSUB travels next to Stanford to take on the Cardinal on Saturday, Nov. 11.

They will return home Friday, Nov. 17, to host the University of Pittsburgh at 4 p.m. and the University of Wisconsin at 7 p.m. in the Icardo Center.

CSUB will then host the Roadrunner Open on Sunday, Nov. 19 starting at 10 a.m. in the Icardo Center.

MEN’S SOCCER

CSUB gets into WAC tourney as sixth seed

By **Taylor Long**
Reporter

The CSU Bakersfield men’s soccer team is set to return to the Western Athletic Conference Tournament in Las Vegas, N.V.

The Roadrunners are seeded sixth in the 2017 WAC men’s soccer tournament bracket. They are set to face Seattle U, who is seeded third, on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 3, the Roadrunners lost their final regular season game against San Jose State, 1-0.

CSUB was forced to await the outcome of the matches on Saturday to see if they would qualify.

By then only three teams, Air Force Academy, Seattle University, and UNLV had qualified for the tournament leaving the remaining five teams at a fight to the finish.

Air Force is the number one seed in the tournament and are currently ranked 20th in the nation.

By virtue of Utah Valley University’s loss to Seattle U, the Roadrunners qualified for the tournament.

“It’s nerve-racking having to rely on other teams to see if we would qualify for the tournament, but we just had to wait and watch all the games to see if we got in,” said redshirt-freshman goalkeeper Detre Bell.

“The result of Friday’s game was disappointing but there was something inside me that felt like we were going to make it. We shouldn’t do it that way and hopefully it’s not like that next year, but when some of the other teams failed to win on Saturday it was a big relief and our players are ready to go and do what is expected now,” said senior defender Jamie Carey-Morrell.

The Redhawks have been a tough team for the Roadrunners to defeat in the past. Seattle U defeated CSUB, 4-0 in Seattle,

Wash. on Sept. 29.

“Previously when we’ve played them we haven’t gotten the best results, but we’ve got tactical awareness and we know what to expect from them,” said Carey-Morrell.

In 2015, the Roadrunners advanced to the WAC semifinals to take on the Redhawks, but were left with a 4-0 loss.

“Four years ago we knocked them out with a conference tournament and lately they’ve been a very difficult opponent for us,” said Head Coach Richie Grant.

“There are some adjustments we’ll make in order to make us more of a competitor but, the beauty of a conference tournament is that you get a clean slate and the most important thing for us is making sure the focus is heavily on us and not the other team,” said Grant. “I definitely think you’ll see an improvement from us in this game.”

Carey-Morrell has been a key player for the Roadrunners in their success as he was second on the team in assists and third on the team in points last year.

“Tournament is different than league,” said Carey-Morell.

“There’s a lot more on the line so we’re going to go out and hit it in the first minute and want it more than them.”

Bell has been another standout player. The transfer from the University of Connecticut has managed a total of 78 saves this season and a 1.54 goals against average.

“As a goalie when you’re preparing to play against a team like Seattle U you have to get your mind physically and mentally ready,” said Bell.

The winner of the match between CSUB and Seattle U will advance to take on the winner of the matchup between San Jose State and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in the semifinals on Friday, Nov. 10.

CROSS-COUNTRY

CSUB preps for west regional

By Vincent Perez
Assistant Sports Editor

At the Western Athletic Conference Championships, on Oct. 28, CSU Bakersfield senior Angel Valdez led the Roadrunner cross-country team with a 6th place finish in the women’s 5-kilometer race.

She re-set her CSUB 5k record in 17:20 and holds the best finish in CSUB history at conference championships. Last season at WAC Championships, Valdez finished 11th.

In Las Cruces, N.M., the Roadrunners finished sixth out of eight teams, their best combined score (171) in championship history. New Mexico State (47) finished first overall.

Valdez described how the 5k WAC Championship race began, “We went fast with the front runners. It was a fast first mile. It’s what I had to do to beat that top pack of girls.” She said that she didn’t think about her time until she reached the finish line.

Valdez’s goal in the upcoming NCCA Division I Regional is to re-set her 6k record this season. “There’s going to be a lot of fast girls. Even faster than conference. I love running against girls who are competitive. It pushes you,” said Valdez.

Valdez said that she would rather race competitive girls than win a race by 40 seconds. “I’d be happier getting 50th in a large race.”

She said about the season so far, “It’s mentally, physically and emotionally exhausting.” However, she added, “I’m

starting to feel better.” Valdez is grooming future leaders on the team, who will lead the team when she leaves after this season.

Paradise Pelzer, a sophomore, finished 39th overall and second for CSUB in the 5k in 18:59, CSUB’s now second-best record time at conference championships. Pelzer improved her time from last season’s conference championship (20:06.9).



Simer Khurana/The Runner
Angel Valdez set a CSUB record at the WAC Championships in Las Cruces, N.M.

“I didn’t set my personal best like my peers did, but I did run one of the second-best times and I definitely gave it a go,” said Pelzer.

Pelzer is looking forward to NCAA Division I Regionals. “I’m super happy I have another race to go because I want to [set my personal record].”

She added, “At the 6k [last season], I barely broke 22. I want to get well into the 21’s.” She is looking toward the future as well.

Pelzer said, “It gives me hope for the following seasons. I’ve never thought I’d be this close to where Angel was just a year ago.” She added that Valdez did very well in her career, so she thinks she can do the same and break CSUB cross-country records.

“It makes me happy to know that I will probably, eventually get to where she is, maybe faster,” said Pelzer.

“I’m not going to do it because Angel’s there, I’m going to do it because I want to be a good runner and a leader for CSUB athletics.” Pelzer will help lead her teammates and prepare for future seasons.

Redshirt-freshman Alejandra Frausto said about her first conference championship race, “It was a good experience. A lot of girls ran really well. We had good outcome. New Mexico was a little different elevation. Nothing too serious where it affected our time.” She added that the course was fantastic for running because the race was on a golf course.

In Las Cruces, Frausto finished 42nd overall, in 19:04, and third for CSUB.

Frausto is 10th all-time in Roadrunner 5k history. Other Roadrunners participated in the 5k.

Freshman Allyssa Diaz, finished 50th in 19:43, sophomore Genesis Medina finished 52nd in 21:04 and junior Heather Segrest was 55th with a time of 22:35.

The NCAA West Regional is Friday, Nov. 10, in Seattle, Wash. at 10:30 a.m.



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