

Homecoming – a slam dunk

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor

In the two and a half years I've been enrolled at CSUB, I've attended various school functions, but last Friday night was the first time I was able to attend the homecoming game and dance.

I went to the game not knowing what to expect from the men's basketball team. The men's basketball team played the University of Texas - Pan American earlier this season and lost by 18 points, but it was the last game of a season-long five-game road trip that spanned over 8,000 miles. Suffice to say, that game in those conditions would have been tough even for some of the nation's top teams.

I also wasn't sure what to expect from other CSUB students either with this being my first homecoming game. Everyone was very well dressed, and the student section was definitely as packed as it's been all season, and about 45 percent of the guys were wearing Bluetooth headpieces.

During the game, candidates for homecoming king and queen were introduced during timeouts.

I watched the Runners go into halftime with a one-point lead and spend the first eight minutes of the second half swapping the lead with the Broncos. There were 13 lead changes or ties during that span. The Broncos eventually took control that last five minutes of the game and won by seven points.

After the game I went out to eat with a couple of friends before heading to the homecoming dance at the Holiday Inn adjacent to Rabobank Arena.

When I walked in the hotel, the big screen television in the lobby was playing the Mavericks-Grizzlies game. I was very tempted to watch the fourth quarter, but a couple of my friends didn't let me. I checked the score and walked over to the night's event.

As soon as I turned the corner I saw a plethora of students at some Vegas style tables. There were blackjack, craps and poker tables with play chips for students to gamble with. I was able to harness my competitive spirit and avoid the tables to check out the rest of the dance.

I walked into the main room and saw a full dance floor, a couple of



Donovan Bragg dunks in the Homecoming Game against University of Texas - Pan American.

Juan Torres/The Runner

bars, (one in each of the two far corners), DJ Mike on the turntables and tables with chips (the betting chips, not the edible ones) spread out all over them. There was also a photographer taking group photos, a chocolate fountain that sat right next to an extremely large bowl of fruit that was available to be covered by the chocolate in the fountain and news cameras everywhere.

There were also large inflatable orange dice all around the room that I'm sure were there solely for my amusement. My friend Davion Bruce and I grabbed a pair of the dice and some chips off of the tables and proceeded to shoot dice in southwest corner of the room, right next to one of the bars. One of the camera guys from Channel 17 news came over and started filming Bruce right as he caught a hot streak. While he rolled sevens I was rolling with laughter.

As the night went on I danced a little, got hot at the poker table,

laughed at some of the intoxicated dancers and wondered if all of the people here were actually CSUB students. Not that it was any of my business, but some of the guys here looked more middle school aged than anything else.

At about 12:15 a.m. I found myself on the DJ's stage for some reason as he tried to get all of the homecoming candidates to the front of the room to announce the winners of the popularity contest.

After some girl gave away a couple prizes given away in a raffle (I left all of my tickets on some table after my hot poker streak) DJ Mike grabbed the microphone and told us that Garret Johnson and Angie Gonzalez were the homecoming king and queen.

I tried to get an interview with both of them after the announcement but Angie was being smothered by what I assumed was her sorority and Garret was being smothered by some girl. I did ask Celia Kelly what she thought of the homecoming king though.

"I think the reason Steve Aguliar didn't win homecoming king is because everyone saw his Bluetooth headset in his ear during his announcement at the game, I mean that's why I didn't vote for him," said Kelly.

Although I didn't get to talk to our king that night, I did, however get to talk to Garret a couple of days later.

"I knew I was kind of a shoo-in. I've been going to this school for five years, man. I wasn't too surprised, but I was drunk," said Johnson on his chances on being king. I told him that I wasn't able to interview him after his victory because he was a little too occupied with some girl and he told me "You have to expect these things when you're king."

Unfortunately, I was unable to contact the queen, but Garret had kind words to say about her.

"She's a lovely queen, she's a great choice. I think the CSUB student body made a great choice. She's a fantastic person and a very nice girl."

Garret plans on wearing his crown everyday. He's also planning on taking a trip to Vegas this weekend and going to Mexico for his Spring Break.

After the dance, some students continued the party at various bars downtown. Not me though, I went home and watched the highlights to the Mavericks-Grizzlies game..

Linguist comes to CSUB

By Emily Shapiro
Assistant News Editor

"I would actually prefer it if there were more interruptions," Dr. Joseph Galasso said, as he opened his lecture, last Wednesday, in the Dezember Reading Room.

As the program opened Galasso spoke in an over-dramatic way as he over pronounced his words to make sure that the audience wouldn't mistake his points. He also ended his statements with yeah, more of a question than a finality.

His lecture covered three specific points, the stem-affix relationship, to rethink and challenge traditional morphology and to show some recent data.

The main theme throughout his lecture was the subject of how a child separates the stem affix relationship. For example, keep, kept, weep, wept, sleep, slept. Another example was that of "walks" versus "walk". The word walk is a stem, walks with an "s" is an affix.

The second point he hit on was the fact that children have a "U shaped" learning when it comes to words.

"U shaped learning is when a child seems to have a word, then doesn't, then does again. For example if a child says two socks, then two sock, then

returns to two socks," said Dr. Galasso.

Galasso pointed out that language is a window into the brain. He spoke of mistakes in language, as advancements, rather than setbacks.

"In linguistics if there's not a mistake there's nothing much to say, mistakes are gems," said Galasso.

Galasso was the guest speaker of the Lectures in Languages and Linguistics program, sponsored by the Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society, ASi, the Walter Stiern Library and the English Department.

The goal of the Linguistics Series is to bring a California-based linguist or language expert to CSUB every term to speak, and to further develop the study of linguists here on campus, by providing a forum for these persons to share their research and work.

Dr. Galasso is a lecturer in English and Linguistics at Cal State Northridge.

A program, and a copy of his lecture were provided to the audience, so that they could follow his lecture.

After a brief rundown of his paper, a question-answer session followed.

Army brings \$1.6 million flight simulator truck to CSUB



Photos by Nathan Campbell
Editor-in-Chief

Staff. Sgt. Bustamante (shown at left) demonstrates a flight simulator for a Kiowa Warrior helicopter. The simulator was part of a four day display by the Army to promote their aviation program.

The main attraction was a tractor-trailer, which featured a Black Hawk Helicopter simulator, Kiowa Warrior Helicopter simulator, Apache Helicopter simulator, a UAV simulator and a display of various aircraft-carried munitions.

Students were encouraged to try the various simulators and to sign up to receive more information about Army aeronautics.

The Army also brought a portable rock climbing wall, which students were encouraged to climb (shown at left bottom). Soldiers were even encouraging passersby to race each other on the wall. The winners received prizes such as Army t-shirts and hats.

The recruitment effort also advertised the Army's Officer Candidate School, which is a program for college graduates to earn a commission in the Army.

Interested college students can apply as early as one year from their graduation date.

For more information on the Army aviation and officer programs, contact your local recruiter.



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CSUB’s pre-med students benefit

By Wendy Hernandez
Staff Writer

For most pre-medical students, joining a club means being part of the Biology Club or the Chemistry Club. However, they now have a new promising option, AMSA, The American Medical Student Association.

AMSA has been around many years. Their 58th year anniversary is coming up next month. As far as independent associations of physicians-in-training goes, AMSA is the oldest and largest in the U.S. with more then 68,000 members. The main purpose of AMSA is to be able to provide medical students a chance to participate in organized medicine.

“I am kind of excited to finally be able to bring something to the campus I don’t think the campus has had before,” said Crystal Duran, president of the biology club and now president of the new pre-medical club.

Many students majoring in pre-med. have had the idea of starting a medical club but none had taken action. It was not until a group of biology major students, who took a trip to a pre-med. Conference,

that the idea was taken seriously. The students came back with information that helped set this new club on its way.

“Now we have that link that I think will be very beneficial to all the members,” said Duran.

She moved quickly to gather students to join the club. Paperwork was filled out and the registration fee was collected. The AMSA club now waits for approval of the club charter in order to be recognized at the national level instead of just on campus.

“I’m excited. Hopefully it will open a lot more doors,” Chris Doggett said, a member of the AMSA club.

The idea behind the charter approval is to be able to get informed of all possible conferences they may attend. It also gives them the opportunity to know when important figures in the medical field may come to town.

The ability to shadow doctors is another advantage that AMSA club members are looking forward too. Duran particularly wants to start a shadowing program as soon as possible.

“It is a very active club nationally. It will be very

beneficial for students at CSUB to be able to participate,” said Marilyn Rodriguez.

Many see this new club as more of a support system for students who are serious about going to med. school, especially because there is not a well-structured pre-med advising program here at Cal. State Bakersfield according to some of the members.

AMSA is not only active in the United States, but it is very active globally as well. They have a charter at almost every major university in the country. They have led study tours to Cuba and China.

According to AMSA, they have developed the first international consortium of medical schools for exchanging and training physicians in Nigeria, Ghana, Colombia, and Mexico. Trips to less fortunate countries allow premedical students to give back to those communities by building new clinics and providing medical supplies and training.

In hope of this new club, premedical students will not have to fight for information they need, and AMSA will bridge the gaps between them and connections into the medical world around them.

Crime Beat

Compiled by Samantha
Rugnao-Telles
Staff Writer

February 8, 2008

1:34 am Disturbance (on campus)
Occurred at Lorien Dorm. Several subjects were heard outside on the west side of the being loud and possibly about to fight. Subjects left the area.

6:42 am Found Property
Occurred at Dore Theatre. Wallet was found, report was taken, and the property was seized for safekeeping.

9:48 am Traffic Collision
Occurred at Facilities Management. Report was taken.

5:41 pm Found Property
Occurred at Walter Stiern Library. A black apple iPod with RadioShack headphones and Honda car keys with four other keys attached were found. The property was seized for safekeeping.

February 9, 2008

12:36 am Disturbance (on campus)
Officer initiated activity at Lorien Dorm. RA complained about excessive noise on the first and second floors. Checks were okay, and area was secure

February 10, 2008

2:11 pm Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus
Office initiated activity at Amphitheater. Subjects left the area.

February 11, 2008

11:13 am Burglary
Occurred at Dobry Dorm. Investigation is continuing.

8:50 pm Vandalism
Occurred at Police Substation/Rivendell. Someone took a black marker from one of the dry erase boards and marked up doors with offensive racial comments. Investigation is continuing.

11:06 pm Missing Person Report
Occurred at Dobry Dorm. Advised his roommate has not been seen since last Thursday, subjects parents were on campus today and in contact with Housing and had not reported the subject missing. Report was taken and the search continues.

February 12, 2008

11:11 am Suspicious Subject
Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot K. No further action required because the subject left the area.

6:14 pm Found Property
Occurred at Admissions and Records. Report has been taken.

9:00 Disturbance
Occurred at Walter Stiern Library. A group of subjects were being extremely loud, obnoxious, and talking on cell phones. No further action required.

February 13, 2008

11:35 am Suspicious Subject
Occurred at Disabled Student Services. Report was taken.

February 14, 2008
Well it was good to see that there was a lot less activity on Valentines Day, maybe it was because love was in the air.

2:08 pm Disturbance (on Campus)
Occurred at Rohan Dorm. Subjects were asked to not talk to loudly.

6:51 pm Suspicious Subject
Officer initiated activity in Parking Lot D. Assignment Completed, subject was determined to be a student.

February 15, 2008

9:44 am Suspicious Subject
Occurred at Dorothy Donohoe Hall. Assignment completed, subject left the area.

10:48 am Found Property Report
A Lowe’s Platinum VISA card was found the Old Gym. The property was seized for safekeeping.

11:48 am Robbery in Progress
Occurred in Parking Lot L. Assignment completed, robbery was unfounded because the two subjects were arguing over property.

1:27 pm Grand Theft Report
Occurred at Walter STiern Library. Report was taking and the investigation is continuing.

5:39 pm Suspicious Circumstances
Occurred at Dorothy Donohoe Hall. Report was taken. An Unknown subject tried to access an office area. Latter the subject was determined to be a custodian. No offense.

9:10 pm Disturbance (on campus)
Occurred at Dorby Dorm. RP’s neighbors were playing loud music disturbing RP.

February 16, 2008

2:36 am Suspicious Subject
Officer initiated the activity of two male subjects in Parking Lot I. No Further action required, the subjects left the area.

1:02 Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus
Officer initiated activity at Performing Arts. Subjects left campus.

February 17, 2008

1:37 pm Suspicious Circumstance
Occurred at Walter Stiern Library. Three minor juveniles (MJ’s) unsupervised were playing in the men’s restroom. They were advised not to play in this area.

4:20 Suspicious Vehicle
Officer initiated activity in Parking Lot I. The vehicle was stored in the lot and had a flat tire. The Officer put a 72-hour notices to move the car or it will be towed.

February 18, 2008

1:42 pm Vandalism Report
Occurred at Science 3. There was glue sprayed in the stairwells. Assignment completed, and the investigation continues.

2:14 pm Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus
Officer initiated activity at the Amphitheater. The checks were okay, the subjects were gone on arrival.

February 19, 2008

2:02 pm Found Property Report
A men’s white medal wrist watch was found in the weight room. The property was seized for safekeeping.

3:38 pm Found Property Report
A MasterCard was found in Dorothy Donohoe Hall. A report was taken and the property was seized for safekeeping.



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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Emily Shapiro, Assistant News Editor

This Week, The Runner asked, “Which food service would you like to see on campus and why?”



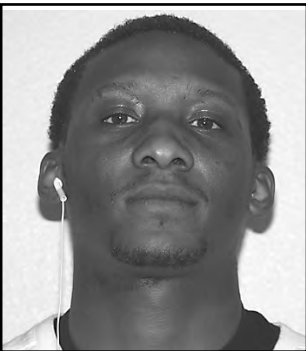
“A Jamba Juice cause I believe everyone will go there. It could sell big if we had one on campus.”

Tim Grays,
Freshman
Pre-med



“Love Sushi, cause its bomb!”

Justin Brownlow,
Freshman
Math



“A Subway, more variety to eat. Burgers, fries and pasta, incorporate variety.”

Robert Turnbull,
Senior
PEAK



Chipolte and Jamba Juice. To get more variety in here, and I like it.”

Jessica Manke,
Sophomore
PEAK

Four students represent campus on Student Union Board



Photo courtesy of Student Union Board
From left to right: Alisha Flores, Mo Ali, Zandre Azogue and Eman Shurbaji.

The Student Union student representatives at California State University, Bakersfield were welcomed into office at the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year and have many plans to better and improve the student union and student life at CSUB.

Led by Student Union director Laura Catherman, the representatives each retain their respective positions with assigned jobs. Currently there are four representatives.

Alisha Flores is the chair. As the chair she heads the student board meetings and orchestrates the board meetings by following Robert’s Rule of Orders, a systematic way of holding an executive meeting. She is active in her studies on campus, with interests in government and policy-making.

Zandre Azogue is the vice chair of the board. A sophomore and biology-premed student, he is active in various clubs and organizations on campus, including Kappa Sigma Fraternity and Kaibigan Club. He has also started the Student Musicians and Artists Club, as he plays piano, guitar and harmonica. Azogue feels he wants to help create a “better experience of the student body on campus” and bring with him a “perspective that lies outside the box”.

Eman Shurbaji is the co-programming chair of the board. A senior, she plans on making her final year at CSUB “an exciting experience for everyone.” Shurbaji realizes that a portion of the

tuition students pay goes toward the student union, and she wants students to feel comfortable knowing where their money is going. She plans on helping Mohamed “Mo” Ali with programming activities and events that would be of interest to students.

Mohamed Ali is a senior majoring in biology and planning on going to pharmacy school. Ali first earned a two-year degree from Bakersfield College, and transferred to CSUB in his third year. He says he currently has 3-4 events and activities planned and hopes for “more events each quarter”. He adds that he learned a lot about nonprofit organizations and event planning by working with fellow representatives on the board.

Among the changes the board has pushed for are the periodical in the Student Union Lounge. Ali went out and took a survey questioning students about their preferences in periodicals. Now there are National Geographic and Time magazine available for students to look at—periodicals that have replaced others that were deemed of no interest by students.

There remains one open position on the board. Students interested in joining may pick up an application in the student union.

Press release courtesy of Student Union Board

Student working to create new club on campus

By Ellen Piris
Staff Writer

The Student Musicians and Artists Club is in the process of being formed on campus by 19-year-old Zandre Azogue. The club, which is looking for members, aims to be made up of students from various majors who want to get together and play music.

Azogue, in paraphrasing his club’s constitution, said the purpose of the club is “to bring student musicians and artists together from different backgrounds to play all different types of music. It’s going to be a melting pot and a meshing of music to expose members to other varieties of music and widen their perspectives.” Another goal of the club, once it becomes official, is to put on concerts performed by its members to raise money for scholarships for other student musicians.

Zandre, a Pre-Med Biology major and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, plays the piano, guitar and harmonica. His favorite styles of music to play are acoustic and a little classical.

Although the club has not formed officially, its 12 to 14 members have been meeting in the lounge of the Student Union on Thursdays around noon to play music.

Anyone interested in joining the Student Musicians and Artists club is welcome to attend and participate in one of these informal jam sessions and speak to Zandre Azogue about officially signing up.



Photo provided by Zander Azogue
Zander Azogue is attempting to form a new club on campus for students to meet and share their appreciation for music.

A collection of musical-themed illustrations including a trumpet, a saxophone, a treble clef with musical notes, and a tilted photograph of a person playing a guitar.

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A Guest Column: AgJOBS bill would give undocumented farm workers a voice

By Laura Gomez,
Monique Castruita,
Aba Aikins-Adjaye
and Petra Nieto

Illegal immigration has been an ongoing social issue in the United States for hundreds of years. Immigrants have faced discrimination, have been forced into assimilation, and have been denied access to social services. They have been demoralized, disenfranchised, prohibited from human rights, and been intimidated through governmental regulations.

Illegal immigrants have been faced with economic hardships due to the lack of employment or exploitation, finding themselves

within the lowest income strata of the US economy (Rosen, 2005). The federal government has allowed for immigration to be a subsidy for the agricultural industry, which in turn encourages its growth. Therefore, immigrant workers continue to earn below poverty level incomes (Martin, 1994). As a result of their illegal status, they are unable to advocate for their own rights, thus leaving them more vulnerable to be further reliant on the employers that are responsible for their current disposition. Though fear tactics employers are left with the ability to control wages and whether to report illegal immigrants to the INS. In addition, the farm

industry is minimally regulated by the government causing hazardous work conditions.

Historically, guest worker programs have exploited immigrants as cheap labor. In the past, policies such as the Bracero program have capitalized on this population and then sent them back to their “homelands” (Martin, 1994).

AgJOBS bill has been recently integrated into the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006. The AgJOBS bill is two parts: (1) an earned legalization program for undocumented farm workers and (2) changes to the H-2A agricultural guest worker program” (Farmworker Justice, 2007, p. 1).

First, AgJOBS would provide undocumented farm workers an opportunity to have a voice and advocate for themselves by earning temporary legal status to eventually attain permanent residency status after having worked three to five years in agriculture. Secondly, it would provide a revision to H-2A in which the guest worker program would be balanced by only allowing the hiring of foreign workers through seasonal employment. The H-2A program would only hire additional immigrant workforce when there is a higher demand for them (Farmworker Justice, 2007).

Although AgJOBS does not address all immigration issues, it

is a start towards providing social justice to this vulnerable population. In order to stabilize our agricultural labor force please visit this website:

http://www.ufwaction.org/campaign/dol208?qp_source=web and sign the petition promoting the enactment of the AgJOBS bill.

Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

There is a great need in Kern and Tulare counties, and in America in general, for more mental health service providers and programs. It is estimated that by 2020 the percentage of clientele will be 100 percent greater than today, while the percentage of mental health practitioners will only grow 30 percent. Children and adolescents are falling through the cracks of service programs due to a lack of adequate providers as well as a lack of sufficient programs. In Kern and Tulare Counties the client practitioner ratios are approximately 50:1 and sometimes are as large as 80:1. One practitioner cannot adequately serve their clients when the case-loads overwhelm the time they have to contribute to them. As a

result, the quality of service is compromised when there are lack of providers and programs. As children and adolescents go undiagnosed and untreated they become disruptive in our society and educational system and eventually, in some unfortunate cases, end up in our criminal justice system. There has been research from various studies indicating that Department of Corrections makes its projections for future population size based off high school dropouts. Many children and adolescents drop out of school not because they are delinquent, but simply because they are disruptive in the educational system due to untreated mental illness and lack of services. As we read and hear the news we can see that young people in our communities have become more involved with

criminal activity and there is a great need for intervention. The time for change is now, our current situation demands it. Please join with us in petitioning for increased mental health services and service providers by visiting <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/support-mental-illness-research-and-services> and filling

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Juan Torres/ The Runner
Guard Tiffany Belt makes a move toward the basket.

Women’s team falls to Northridge

By Wendy Hernandez
Staff Writer

The lady Runners let their victory slip away with two seconds on the clock Thursday night against the Matadors. Unable to complete the final pass, the Roadrunners final score was an upsetting 73-72 loss.

With one more home game left this season, CSUB welcomed CSUN for their second match. This rematch did not appear to be a flashback of their previous game in December in which CSUB won by four points never giving up the lead.

The Matadors started off strong leading the game for the majority of the first half. The Runners tied the game for the first time when Shawnee Carter scored a jumper tying the score 18-18.

Cal. State Northridge had a height advantage over the

Runners. The Runners tallest player is six feet tall, four inches shorter than the Matadors tallest player. The Matadors’ height helped when it came to their offense, making it hard for the Roadrunners to defend.

“Their size hurts inside. And they took advantage of that,” head coach Tim La Kose said.

Northridge did a great job getting the ball inside and completing their passes. They ran a 2-3 defense while CSUB ran a 3-2 defense. The first half ended with the lady Roadrunners ahead 37-33.

CSUB had the biggest lead in the second half with 12 points.

Katie Holloway led the Matadors with 26 points and four blocks, while Christine Kepenekian and Kelly Tarver lead the Roadrunners with 21 and 20 points respectively.

In the final possession Nikhol

West had the ball inside, took it up strong and had a chance for a three point-play. In the final seconds West made a great shot to take the lead. It was then that Northridge rebounded and allowed Holloway’s outstanding height to give way to their victory.

“They had a big shot inside and they made a lot of those. And it makes the difference,” La Kose said.

Even though it was a close game for the Matadors, ability to finish kept them close behind the Roadrunners. Thursday’s game was CSUN’s first win this season.

“I think the difference tonight was their ability to get the ball inside and finish. We tried different things to counter that more consistently; effective enough to get the win,” La Kose said.

Runners drop another to UT Pan American

By Ashley Sizemore
Staff Writer

The runners tried their best in a grueling game against Texas Pan American on Feb. 22.

CSUB started out confident as they took control of the jump at the start of the game.

The whole first half CSUB held control of the scoreboard. In the half they scored 25 points while Pan scored only 24.

The Runners’ offense was quite steady throughout the game.

Freshman Donovan Bragg, freshman guard, made all seven of his free throws.

Senior Demarcus Hall made four of six free throws.

Senior Rick Robinson made only one of two free throws.

Pan American’s offense was efficient in technique, however, they lacked sensibility. They did well throughout the game getting the ball inside, which was an advantage they had over the Runners, considering the team’s average height is 6’4.

Throughout the game there were a couple incidents of bad ball control. At times it seemed no one from either team could hold onto the ball.

All in all, CSUB gave an honest effort. They did great from the free throw line, but it takes defense as much as it does offense.

There was great interaction within passing the between the



Juan Torres/ The Runner
Forward DeMarcus Hall shooting for three.

Runner players, especially with senior Zach Grasmick and Bragg.

Grasmick took control of the ball throughout the game proficiently. Instead of getting rid of the ball as soon as he got it, he assessed the situation and carried out a couple of technique plays.

Technique is all Pan American had throughout the game. Their passes were mechanical however their shots were arrogant. They attempted shots as if they were playing in all-star game.

The second half is when the Runners started to trail.

In the beginning the Runners stayed close with a score of 29-28 at 2:30 minutes into the half.

Just minutes later, Pan American came back with free throws.

Pan American senior, Paul Stoll, made all six of his free throws while junior Emmanuel Jones made five of seven.

Senior Zach Trader made three out of four.

Senior Brian Burrell also made two out of two shots.

The Runner team did exceptionally well on the court.

Freshman Alex Johnson had good footwork which came at an advantage on a few of the offensive plays.

The team as a whole was very laid back on their moves. Instead of controlling the court, they waited and rested on the moves of the

other team before reacting.

This comes as at a disadvantage especially for gaining the ball back on missed shots by Pan American. The Runners bunched together when they needed to spread out and gain control of the surroundings.

Near the end of the game they gained back some momentum and gave one last try to win the game.

Head Coach Keith Brown saw the potential to win and started calling timeouts to attempt to gain the ball back after plays.

However, their last efforts weren’t enough for the win as the final score came to 60-67.

14 signed early for inaugural baseball season

Courtesy of Sports Information

In assembling the foundation for CSUB’s first-ever baseball team, Head Coach Bill Kernen laid down the first set of building blocks by early signing 14 individuals to join the Roadrunner program in 2008-09.

“We competed for and signed 14 top-level high school student-athletes in this first-ever early recruiting class,” said Kernen. “Several of them are on various high school pre-season All-America lists and four of them are rated in the Top 1000 players in the USA by Perfect Game Crosschecker.

“I was very encouraged by the response that I

received from athletes and their families during the initial recruiting process. I admire these players for their courage and vision to be able to entrust their futures to us, to be able to envision what's going to happen and to want to be a part of it. It takes a special person to do that.”

Included in the group of freshmen that signed National Letters of Intent during the early signing period are 13 California residents (two Bakersfield natives) and one player hailing from Nevada. Four of the 14 have been nationally recognized by Perfect Game USA, while three are listed as Teamone West Top 20 prospects.

Coach Kernen’s early roster

Matthew Akiyama, 2B/SS, 5-7, 150, R/R, Lomita, Calif./Bishop Montgomery HS
Coach Kernen says: “A fine young man and student-athlete with the quickest double play turn I’ve ever seen at second base.”

Garrett Branske, C/RHP, 6-2, 185, R/R, Chino, Calif./Chino HS
Coach Kernen says: “A focused, disciplined catcher with a very strong arm and athleticism to match.”

Mick Gaston, RHP/OF, 6-4, 196, R/R, Quartz Hill, Calif./Quartz Hill HS
Coach Kernen says: “A legitimate two-way player with a fine arm and future as a power hitter.”

Ryan McIntyre, OF, 6-1, 180, L/R, Henderson, Nev./Coronado HS
Coach Kernen says: “An excellent athlete, plus an arm from right field and talented left-handed hitter.”

Martin Medina, C/RHP, 5-11, 195, R/R, Ventura, Calif./Saint Bonaventure HS
Coach Kernen says: “He can literally play every position on the field with quality, including catch and pitch.”

Jonathan Montoya, LHP, 5-7, 152, L/L, Chino Hills, Calif./Chino Hills HS
Coach Kernen says: “A left-handed pitcher with command of three pitches and a big, big heart.”

Robbie Mousselli, P/3B, 6-0, 175, R/R, Valencia, Calif./Valencia HS
Coach Kernen says: “A talented two-way athlete who I would best describe as a real ‘ballplayer’.”

Ricky Plascencia, SS/RHP, 6-0, 175, R/R, Fontana, Calif./A.B. Miller HS
Coach Kernen says: “A right-handed pitcher with athleticism, live arm, movement and top-level competitive character.”

Jeremy Rodriguez, C/3B, 5-8, 180, B/R, Thousand Oaks, Calif./Crespi HS
Coach Kernen says: “A switch-hitting catcher who can really hit, catch and lead.”

Eric Sanchez, SS, 5-11, 170, R/R, Corona, Calif./Santiago HS
Coach Kernen says: “???A shortstop with great actions, arm and range. What I like best, however, is his desire.”

Stuart Smith, 1B/OF, 6-2, 210, L/R, Ventura, Calif./Saint Bonaventure HS
Coach Kernen says: “A quality athlete with a beautiful left-handed swing that will generate power.”

Jacob Valenzuela, RHP/INF, 5-7, 170, R/R, Bakersfield, Calif./Garces HS
Coach Kernen says: “A hard-nosed right-handed pitcher/shortstop with a very high upside.”

Korie Walkley, RHP/INF, 6-0, 170, R/R, Bakersfield, Calif./Centennial HS
Coach Kernen says: “A right-handed pitcher with good stuff that is going to get even better. He is also a great competitor.”

Johnson leads Women to win on Senior Night

Courtesy of Sports Information

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. - Senior forward Naomi Johnson (Oxnard College) made her final game in Bakersfield a memorable one, recording a 17-point, 11-rebound double-double to lead CSUB to a 69-58 win over UT-Pan American Saturday night at the Icardo Center.

Johnson led all players with 10 points and seven boards at the half as CSUB (11-14 overall) pulled away late in the period to take a 39-27 lead at intermission. When these teams played last month in Texas, the Roadrunners used a late first-half surge as the springboard to a 24-point victory.

They would have no such luxury this time.

Although UTPA never retook the lead in the second half, the Broncos cut the deficit to 50-47 at the 11-minute mark, and to 59-55 with 4:57 remaining. But then the CSUB defense put the clamps down.

The Roadrunners didn’t allow a field goal after



Photo courtesy of Sports Information
Senior Rhonda Johnson

rebounds.

CSUB hits the road for the final four games of its first NCAA Division I schedule. The ‘Runners play at Utah Valley University Mar. 1 before heading to UTPA for the NCAA Division I Independent Tournament Mar. 6-8.

Rose Esther Jean’s short jumper at the 7:43 mark. They yielded just two free throws over the final 4:56 while out-scoring the Broncos 10-2 down the stretch.

Johnson was far from the only star for Bakersfield Saturday. Junior guard Kelley Tarver (Valencia HS) led all scorers with 20 points, her seventh 20-point game of the season. Junior wing Christine Kepenekian (Burbank HS) chipped in 17 points and a career-high six assists.

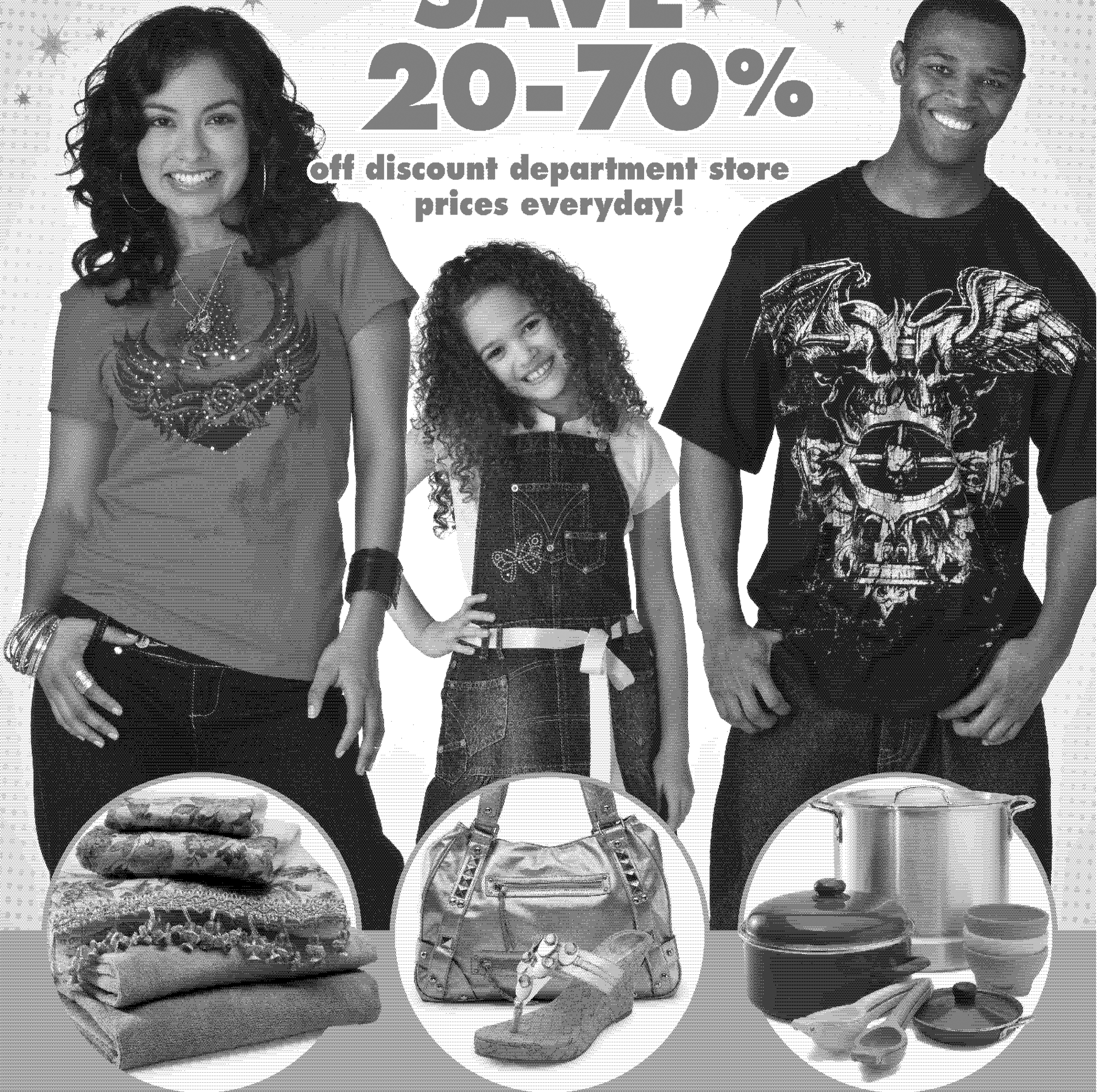
Teshay Winfrey led UTPA with 17 points, including three three-pointers. LeKeisha Gray added 16 points and a team-high six

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