

## CSUB Alum self-proclaimed number one Yankee's fan

By Melissa Stewart  
Staff Writer

Walk into Shelli Jackson's room and the walls are painted with blue and white strips, which are nearly concealed with years old posters, shelves of game balls and signed autographs. She's 24, yet she has a Yankee's baseball nightlight. Some kids had Backstreet Boys sheets. She would have had Derek Jeter sheets. When most girls had a crush on some pop star idol, she had a crush on Don Mattingly. CSUB's own alumna, Shelli Jackson is the number one Yankee's fan.

She is a very busy person. In fact, she could not be present for an in-person interview because she was between camera shoots in New York City.

Two years ago the Yes Network put out a posting looking for contestants for a new show, "'Yes' Ultimate Road Trip."

This reality show lets a group of die-hard Yankee's fans live together and see Yankee's games all season long. Jackson

knew this show was made for her. So, with the help from family, friends, news media, even a mention of her name live on air from Michael Key himself, Jackson put together a video application and sent it to the network.

She ended up in the top ten but was picked over four other contestants.

That didn't stop her determination.

"Every little kid has a dream to do something amazing," Jackson explains in a raspy voice over the phone. She apologized, her voice was horse from yelling at a game. Her enthusiasm is what got her in.

This year she sent in another video.

This time it was her time.

She received a call to say she would be a part of the next season. "Oh, my God, I was euphoric," said Jackson.

Jackson quit her job, packed her things and said goodbye to California. Anyone who knows Jackson would realize just how bittersweet this would be.

"I miss my family. We are so close. I'm enjoying my time in New York, but it is like the ultimate sacrifice. I miss seeing my

Jackson talked about one particular game that was very important for her.

"It was the Oakland game. My whole family was going to be there. My team ended up losing the competition and I was crushed. I cried like a baby, but there is a curve ball competition where you compete between teammates. They threw the competition so I could see my family."

Gaining new friends and being a part of the show is just the beginning for Jackson.

"I am trying to network into broadcasting. I know I'm not going straight to Oprah, but I want to get my foot in the door."

To know Jackson is to immediately become aware that she has the personality and drive to do just that.

Even with a raspy voice talking 2,500 miles away one can still feel her presence as if she were sitting in the same room.

Don't be surprised to hear her voice next to Michael Kay's someday soon. "Love the Yankees thick or thin."

Even as she talked about her future goals her Yankees were not far from her mind. The team was nine and out, Jackson explained, "It is not how you start, it's how you finish."

That same confidence in herself is why people should expect to see great things from her. Hard worker, true friend and most of all die-hard fan, she only had one thing to say in closing, "Red Sox suck." Shelli Jackson is the ultimate Yankees fan!

family. You take for granted that you can't just call your mom and say 'lets go shopping' or have lunch together."

Jackson could never replace the loving family at home, but she has acquired a new kind of family by moving.

She explains that she has gained five new brothers and sisters by being a part of the show.

"This is an amazing experience. Living in New York, following my team, going to batting practice."

Jackson also explains that the show isn't all fun games. It has its competition. Players compete to win the right to go to a game.



Photo courtesy of the Yes network

**Shelli Jackson is known by herself and those close to her as *the* #1 New York Yankees Fan.**



Nicole Sanchez/ The Runner

**The LillyWhite piece by Roger Rigorth is the newest addition to the growing art collection at CSUB.**

## New visiting artist piece graces campus

By Nicole Sanchez  
Assistant Features Editor

Some may have noticed the new structure that is sitting in a tree just west of the Walter Stiern Library, next to the traffic circle. It is was created by the German Sculptor Roger Rigorth.

The structure draws a close resemblance to a plane that has crashed landed into the tree, but its true identity is known as a LillyWhite from The Utopia of Movement collection by Rigorth.

Natalie Philips, an Art Education major is excited to see this type of art on campus.

"This is a glorious piece. The other pieces on campus seem to just sit but this one is actually built into the tree and connects to the students," said Philips.

The LillyWhite only took a few days complete and was made from recycled wood taken from the maintenance yard. The wood-

en structure is built in the fork of the tree and held with rod iron pieces while the head of the LillyWhite is wrapped with a coconut twine.

All the work created by Rigorth is to signify the relationship between the world and humans, to symbolize the movement of human beings. According to official website of Roger Rigorth, "the intention is to create imaginations, real imaginations based on the symbolic of the used objects and materials, out of our inner cultural understanding."

The LillyWhite is said to filter in positive energy, energy that most, if not all college students need in a time of tests, research papers and career planning. With each passing of the LillyWhite, students can raise their heads to know that through the midst of trials a positive outcome awaits them.

For more information on Roger Rigorth go to <http://www.roger-rigorth.de/>

## Student Recreation Center Update

By Chris Doggett  
Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees finally approved the building of the Rec Center at CSUB. Three years from its inception, students have been paying increasing fees per quarter into what seemed to be an illusory building.

Surprisingly, the construction of the Rec Center came under budget. The amount of excess money could buy 30, 42 inch flat panel

monitors.

The time has finally come for the 75,000 square foot, two-story Rec Center to break ground and it is happening soon. On Thursday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. (east of the old outside basketball courts), the groundbreaking will begin.

Plans have been finalized; the new Rec Center will be fully equipped with a full com-

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## Professor leads way to collect books for African school

By Emily Shapiro  
Assistant News Editor

Imagine a story where you, the reader, could write the ending by helping the Communications Department and the Global Affairs Club meet their goal of sending 1000 books overseas, to students at Midlands State University in Gweru, Zimbabwe. Imagine being able to help out your fellow students by donating a few Communications textbooks to a worthwhile cause. Impossible, you say. Of course not.

The Global Affairs Club and Elizabeth Jackson, professor of the Communications Department, are hosting a joint book drive to benefit these students.

The book drive has so far unfolded like a theatre production, and like all productions we must start at the beginning.

Midland State University, Gweru, Zimbabwe. Students in the Media and Societies Department are in dire need of Communication textbooks, to further their educational goals.

Enter Peter Mandava, the former chair of the Department of Media and Societies. He first contacted Jackson, —a Fulbright scholar who taught at MSU—about this problem, in 2005. He explained that MSU had decided to start a Master's program in that department. They had already accepted their first class of students but did not have the books needed.

Mandava sent Jackson a wish list of 165 books that the department would like to have. Jackson agreed and the stage was set.

It is here the readers are introduced to the third main character, Tiara Cox.

Cox is the president of the Global Affairs Club on campus. One day, according to Jackson, she overheard Cox thinking aloud about what to do for her club's major project for the year. The two women sat down together and discussed options. Jackson presented Cox with the book drive idea and they both agreed it would be a very worthwhile cause.

The next step was to receive approval from the ASi council. Jackson

presented the project and they approved it.

The plan was to collect 1,000 books plus the original 165 the school had asked for. While the word was getting out and people were donating, Jackson had yet to collect one single book off the wish list. So being the kind, generous person she is, she used her tax refund to purchase all 165 books.

The drive includes all Communication textbooks as well as others, like photography and film.

Countless supporting characters have helped to make this a successful endeavor. Jackson would like to thank Toni and Ron Jacobs who gave \$2,100 out of pocket to be used exclusively for the transport of the books to Zimbabwe. Kent Price donated a check for \$150 and Cliona Murphy, professor in the History Department, also matched this donation of \$150.

Even students who can't donate money and/or textbooks are

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CSUB senior lives and breathes music

By Evelyn Martin  
Staff Writer

Music. It is a necessary supplement to our busy lives. It is all about identification and a means of escape from the daily grind. Yet for a Music student like Greg Kalar, 22, it is literally a way of life. It is the daily grind.

As a senior Music major and Art minor, dedication, dexterity and expression are all essential and useful qualities considering how full his academic plate has been this quarter. This is thanks to his enrollment in Screen Printing, Opera, Women in the Criminal Justice System, guitar lessons, composition lessons, the CSUB Guitar ensemble, Small Jazz Ensemble and CSUB Big Band.

The latter three commission his guitar skills and the Small Jazz Ensemble places Kalar in many of the Jazz Coffeehouses throughout the year in the Student Union. Performing and composing truly require the bulk of his time and efforts enabling him to build up an impressive track record during his time at CSUB.

Last year he was among the student composers whose original works were featured in the Theatre of New Voices, a biannual event showcasing student-written one-act plays. His untitled pieces (written for a string quartet) provided the necessary ambience for the play "Your Number's Up," which

dealt with death and took place in hell. Kalar is currently trying to revise these pieces with the ultimate goal of incorporating them into a multi-movement work.

At this year's 21st Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival, Kalar was awarded the Mary Osborne Memorial Scholarship for his hard work in the music program. This was not the first time he received such an honor, since last year he too was given the Kern Schools Federal Credit Union Scholarship.

"Getting a scholarship is a huge honor. Combined with being thrust upon a massive crowd, you get a big perspective of where you are in the universe. And, in a certain sense, there is a bit of pressure to make an effort to show the Music Department that you're a worthwhile investment," said the candid Kalar.

He has proven himself to be just that. His hard work and growth is seen by his guitar instructor, Gary Quilling.

"Greg's a fine student. He is writing his own material and incorporating it into the ensemble performances. I'm extremely happy at his progress," said Quilling.

At the Reno Jazz Festival last month



Evelyn Martin/The Runner

Greg Kalar, CSUB student and musician.

Kalar and the other members of the CSUB Jazz Co-Op took fifth place.

Though Kalar (who has been playing guitar for nine years) values the time spent working in each ensemble, the Co-op is particularly close to his heart.

"The other performers in the group are awesome to play with and we have a lot of fun playing the tunes we create," said Kalar.

The creative process is something he thoroughly enjoys.

"I'm usually inspired by obsessive

little melodies. When something pops in my head and gets stuck, I'll notate it out somewhere. From there, I try and take it where it wants to go," said Kalar.

His two favorite original pieces are called "Title" and "Selling the Sad," the former a bluesy work; the latter a ballad in A-minor with a melody he never tires of.

While he makes his own music, Kalar enjoys listening in his spare time to rock and jazz, among other genres.

"Really, whatever

peaks my interest gets thrown into my CD collection," Kalar said.

He expects to graduate next Spring.

Ideally, Kalar would like to be a professional musician after his college days are behind him--that is, after grad school is over. Teaching remains the more practical option.

As long as he is growing and continuing to hone his skills, he is happy.

2007 Graduation Schedule

Humanities and Social Science

Ceremony

Saturday, June 9 at 7:15 a.m. at the Amphitheatre

Rehearsal

Friday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the CSUB Amphitheatre

Education

Ceremony

Friday, June 8 at 10 a.m. in the Icardo Center

Rehearsal

Thursday, June 7 at 4:30 p.m. in the Icardo Center

Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Ceremony

Saturday, June 9 at 1 p.m. in the Icardo Center

Rehearsal

Thursday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m. in Icardo Center

Business & Public Administration

Ceremony

Friday, June 8 at 2 p.m. in the Icardo Center

Rehearsal

Thursday, June 7 at 9 a.m. in the Icardo Center

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playing a role. Sam McGinty has offered to make 500 labels to put on the books, that will say, compliments of the Global Affairs Club and CSUB.

Our own Communications Department donated over 100 books, after some urging from Jackson.

To date the drive has collected 400 books, but they need your help in reaching their goal of 1,000 books. Jackson and Cox are planning to load 10 suitcases full of textbooks and will accompany them to MSU,

where they will be hand delivered to the students. In order to make this trip Cox's church will sponsor her, and Jackson will pay for the trip out of pocket.

Meanwhile in Gweru, Zimbabwe ,students have been sending e-mails and letters to Jackson thanking her, and telling her how grateful and excited they are. Some have even volunteered to meet the two women at the airport, to provide help in transporting these precious treasures to their new home at MSU.

For those of you out there who think it is too late, fear not.

"The drive will not close until after the examinations, the last date will

be June 5th," said Jackson.

According to Jackson, all money collected will be used for either the transport or purchase of these books.

"It is my hope that our university will continue to support this human effort to help enhance the knowledge base of these very worthy students," stated Jackson.

The plot has unfolded, the characters have played their part and it is now up to you the reader, to decide the ending of this tale.

Students who wish to donate may bring their books to Tina Giblin, the Communications Department secretary. Her office is located in BDC

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petition soccer field, complete with stadium lighting, three basketball courts (though not regulation size). Two of the 84-foot long courts will come with real hardwood floors, while the third will have a synthetic rubber floor.

On the second floor around the basketball courts, there will be a running/jogging track for students to use at their discretion.

Also, the climbing wall, which is one of the anticipated features in the Rec Center will now be upgraded by \$100,000 to be 30 feet tall.

The full fitness center will have a centrally located kiosk for information. Two television monitors are expected on each of the four sides for viewing while in the fitness area.

Due to the final proposals being under budget, other features will be upgraded as well, like upgraded countertops, spring-loaded wood floors/rubber floors, and even landscaping will be improved.

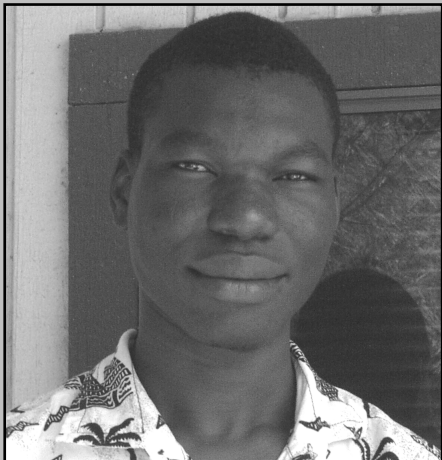
It is estimated to take about 15 months to complete and is expected sometime around September of 2008 to be open for student use.

Frank Yap, the man in charge of building the new recreation center, encourages all students to come out to this momentous ground breaking.

Runner on the Street

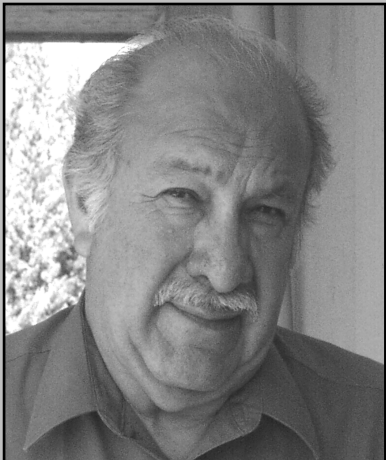
By Eman Shurbaji  
Assistant Features Editor

This Week, The Runner asked, "What do you do to prepare for finals?"



Idrissa Tonde  
Business Administration

"I am still working hard to get good marks and not fail."



Alfredo Vasquez  
Architecture

"I study hard and get information. I look at study guides and ask tutors what I don't understand."



Laura Martinez  
Nursing

"I study very hard."



Masaschi Hirata  
English

"I just study."



Rebecca Oboc  
English

"I am studying hard and doing less partying."



# ‘Emperor’ selected as Runner Reader for fall quarter



Courtesy of Perrot memorial Library  
The author Juile Otsuka will speak on campus in November.

By Melissa Stewart  
Staff Writer

This fall hopes to be an exciting one for the First Year Experience Program. The fall quarter is the inaugural quarter for the new “Runner Reader.”

“The Runner Reader is a common reader program that encourages all first-year students to read and discuss a common book,” explained Emerson Case, assistant professor of the English Department.

A common reader program has the goal of promoting reading, critical thinking and discussion skills, along with fostering a fellowship between first year students, staff and the community in a shared learning experience. There are two types of common readers. The first is to read in summer, which discussions are held during the beginning of the fall quarter. However, CSUB is an “in semester” program.

The CSUB Runner Reader is linked to specific classes where class discussion and involvement will take place all quarter long. The classes are CSUB 101/301 and English 110. Enrollment is currently open.

Also, what makes it different from most common reader programs is that the author chosen must be living and available to speak on campus.

The author chosen is Julie Otsuka. Otsuka was born and raised in California, though she now lives in New York. She is a Yale graduate and received her M.F.A. from Columbia University.

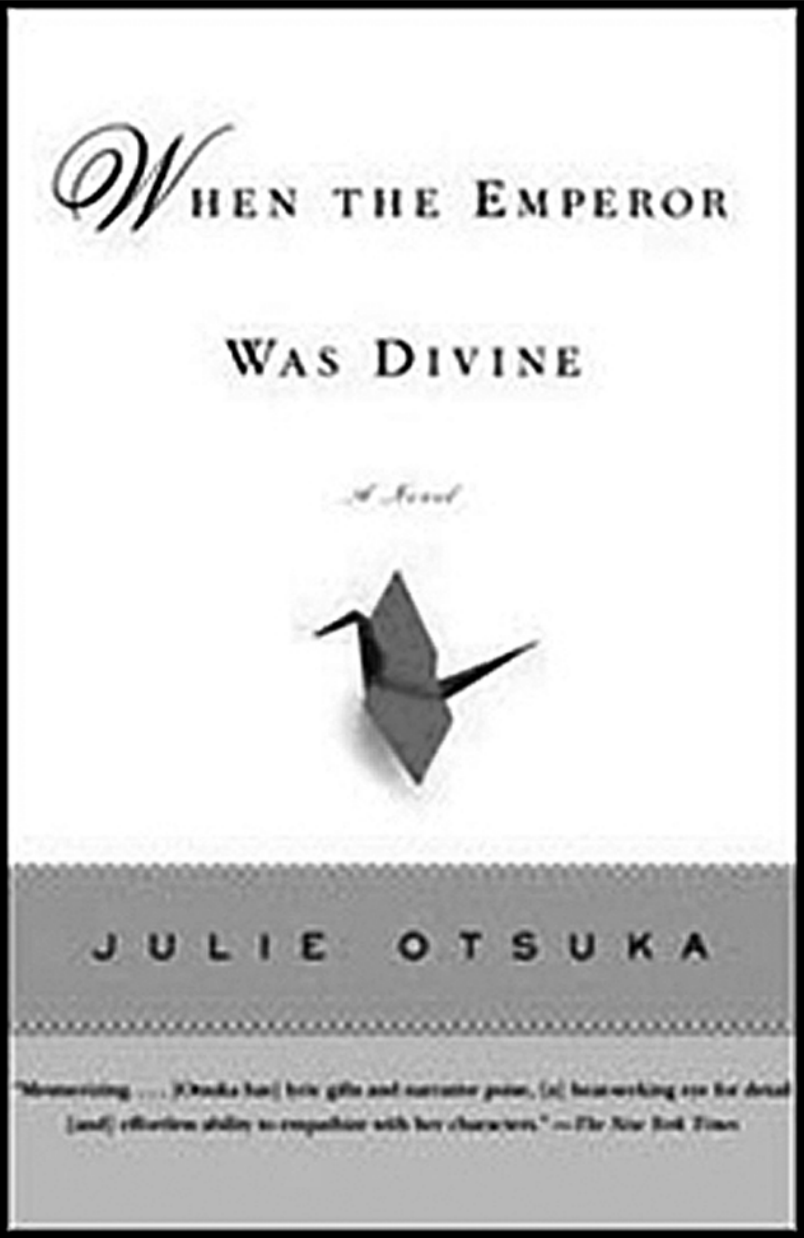
Students will be reading her novel, “When the Emperor Was Divine,” a story about a Japanese-American family in California during their experiences in a Japanese internment camp in World War II.

Case explained this novel was chosen because it has a strong narrative that will bring motivating discussion to the class. It has been the subject in several different common reader programs before.

Otsuka will be speaking on campus and to classes on November fifth and sixth. This will be part of her two-day visit.

“What we want to do is have events throughout the quarter leading up to her visit,” said Case.

Some of these events hope to bring panel discussions, movies, plays, theater productions and even perhaps a trip to the remains of the internment camp, Manzanar.



Courtesy of amazon.com  
Runner Reader’s first book to read.

In addition students who are involved with the class will have a chance to enter into an essay contest. This will be a great and new chapter to the First Year experience. With the excitement of the fall reader, one could only look forward to future authors and activities to come.

## Runner writer receives award

Sandra Vicuna  
Editor-in-Chief

Two weeks ago during the annual Kern Press Club Awards ceremony, Runner staff writer Evelyn Martin received the Best Feature Award for her article on CSUB student Jeff Ardray.

“It came as a surprise to me. I wrote the story last year and forgot it was submitted. I didn’t expect to be recognized,” said Martin.

“I thought it was a very well-written story,” said John Emig, The Runner advisor.

Martin, an English major and music minor, has been on The Runner’s staff on and off since Fall Quarter of 2005. Martin has held past titles Assistant Features Editor and Entertainment Editor.

Martin first joined The Runner because she loved to write and saw it as another way to express herself.

Martin will be graduating this June and is still unsure if she will return to



courtesy of Evelyn Martin  
Evelyn Martin, 2007 Kern Press Club College Feature Award winner.  
CSUB to pursue a Master’s degree.

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# SUMMER MOVIE GUIDE 2007

By Marcus Mulick  
Entertainment Editor

I originally planned on doing an elaborate guide to all the movies coming out this summer, but my editors decided to put two gigantic ads on my page this week, so instead at looking at all the movies, I will preview only the best movies coming out this summer. And no, “Hostel II” just didn’t quite make the cut.

**June 1st**

“Knocked Up” - The latest from director Judd Apatow, the movie is centered around an ugly guy and a pretty girl who try to become a couple after she finds out that he got her pregnant. Although the plot may not jump out at you. Apatow has brought us “Freaks and Geeks,” “Undeclared,” and “40 Year-old Virgin.” The first two were television shows that were tragically taken off the air prematurely, but will ever be cult favorites among television viewers. “Knocked Up” isn’t going to be your typical slapstick comedy. It’s a comedy with substance, feeling and chemistry.

**June 22**

“Sunshine” - The sun is dying at a rapid rate. Eight astronauts are dispatched to jumpstart it. The director of “Trainspotting” and writer of “28 Days Later” bring us this fascinating, eye-opening look at the future. Much of the movie has been kept under wraps, but if you watch the trailer on apple.com/trailers, you will be mesmerized just as much as I was. Let me be the first to tell you that I am no sci-fi fan, but this movie may change that.

“A Mighty Heart” - Angelina Jolie is going to win an Academy Award for this movie. It tells the true story of Daniel Pearl, the U.S. journalist who was kidnapped and subsequently murdered in the Middle East. Jolie plays the role of his wife. Her courage and perseverance are wonderfully captured on camera in this soon-to-be award winning film. This isn’t a light movie. It is for the educated and the open.

**July 6**

“Transformers” - I mentioned last week that I haven’t been anticipating a movie this much since “Legally Blonde 2.” Well I lied. I haven’t been anticipating a movie this much since “Black Knight.” Yup, that’s how excited I am for this

movie. Shia Lebouf, one of my favorite young actors, co-stars in this movie about robotic aliens battling to destroy Earth. As the trailer previews, most have come to destroy us, but some have come to protect us. Featuring famous bots like Optimus Prime, Megatron, Bumblebee and Starscream, among others, this movie is going to be two hours of pure action and thrills. C’mon, who wouldn’t want to watch gigantic robots fighting each other? Oh ya, girls.

**July 13**

“Talk to Me” - Don Cheadle and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

Two of my three favorite black actors. I don’t care how good the script is. Having these two in a film together is instant success. The film centers around an ex-con (Cheadle) who is pushed into being a radio host by the station manager (Ejiofor). Think of this movie as “Private Parts,” minus Howard Stern and plus two thumbs up.

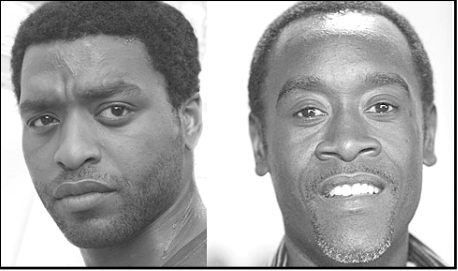
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“The Bourne Ultimatum” - The final installment (unfortunately) of the Bourne trilogy. Together, the combination of the Bourne series and Ben Affleck making “Gigli” and “Paycheck” catapulted Matt Damon to legitimate star status while relegating Affleck to a running joke. Whether you’ve seen the first two films or not, the third one must be seen.



Photo courtesy of imdb.com

**If you can’t drag your girlfriend to see “Transformers” with you, just tell her Josh Duhamel is in it.**



Photos courtesy of rediff.com

**Ejiofor and Cheadle. Better than Denzel.**

# Spring Intramural Softball Championship

**When:** Wednesday, May 30, 9 PM.

**Where:** Little League Fields at CSUB

**Who:** Balls Deep 36-0 vs. C U At the Pub

Balls Deep and CU@Pub finished 1-2 this year during the regular season. In their only regular season game, they tied 18-18. This will be a great game and one that is sure to go down in the history books.

CU@Pub features heavy hitting in Ben Lonely. Derek Sprague and Reuben Mendoza are constant threats to get on base. One liability, however, lies in Jamaican sensation Zeke Andrews. Zeke will

make or break this team. Balls Deep features members of the CSUB soccer team. Ryan Gay has been a pleasant surprise all season. If Steve Trojanowski, TJ Brown and Casey Liddle can hit their home runs at the right time, they should put up a lot of points.

Since a maximum of six homeruns can be used per game, this game will come down to which team can have the most runners on base when they hit home runs.

**The Runner Prediction:** Balls Deep 17, Pub 14  
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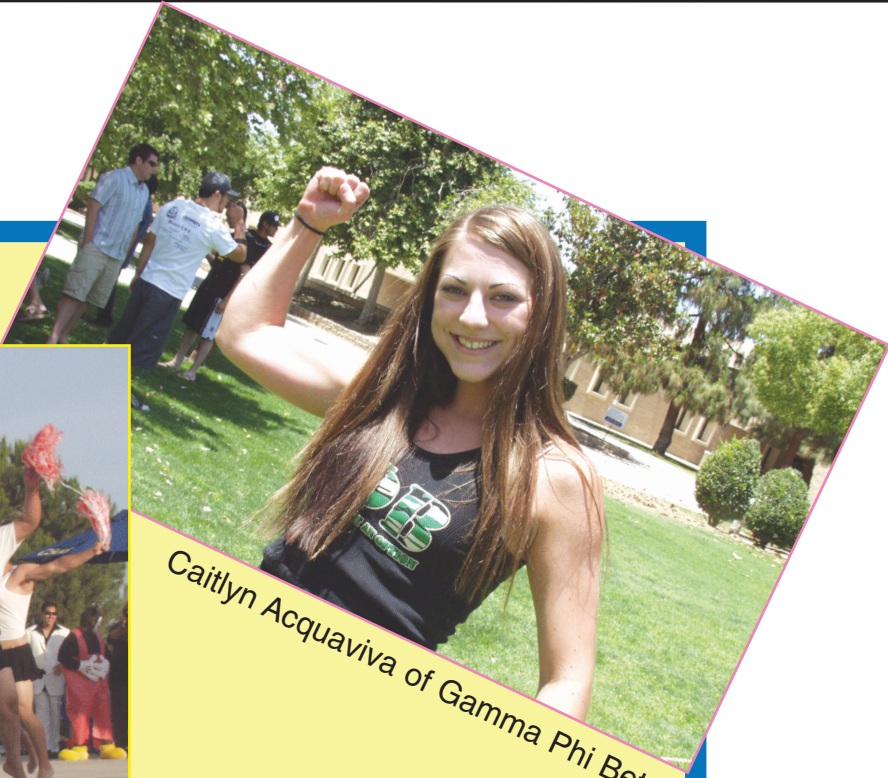




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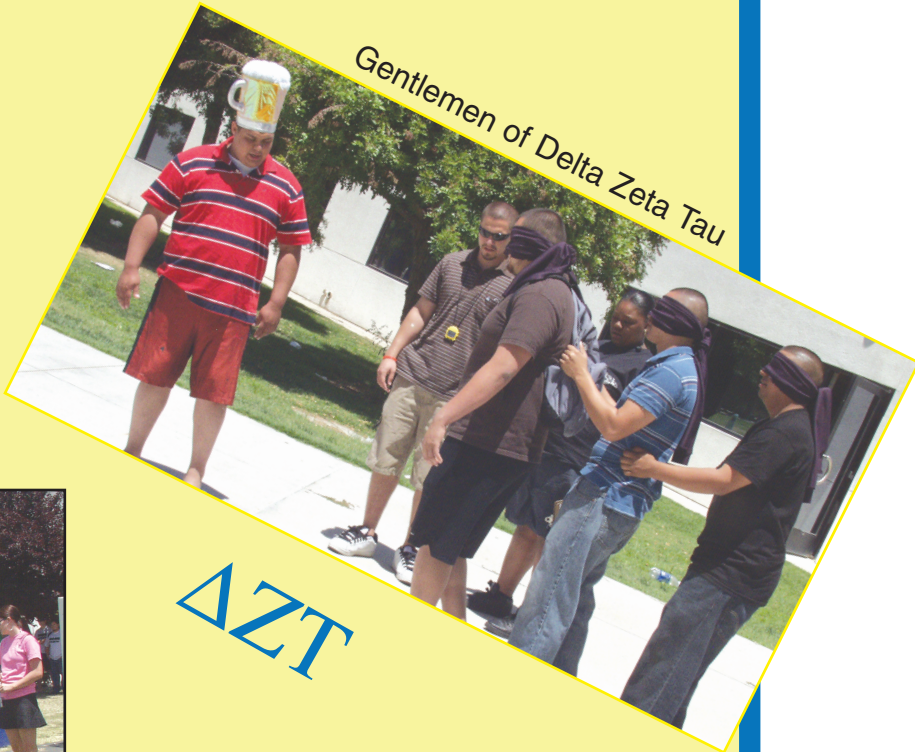
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