

Sigma Theta Tau celebrates 13th Nightingala

By Emily Shapiro
Assistant News Editor.

"It is an honor to welcome you all to this induction ceremony" said Dr. Julio Blanco a physicist and Dean of Natural Science and Mathematics. Nursing students, parents, faculty and guests all gathered for the 13th anniversary Nightingala, held in the Student Union on Friday night.

The Nightingala is named after Florence Nightingale, and is the annual induction ceremony for the Xi Epsilon Chapter, of the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society.

Sigma Theta Tau was founded in 1922 by six nursing students at Indiana University. According to Lana Smith (past president of the local chapter), the membership has now grown to over 400,000 active members and 451 chapters globally. The society is dedicated to knowledge, leadership, service and values. The members are clinicians, educators, researchers, administrators and executors.

The night opened with a welcome from Lana Smith the chapter president and then proceeded with a very bountiful dinner, catered by Sodexo.

After all invited guests had eaten and drank their fill, Dr. Peggy Leapley, Chair of the Nursing Department spoke a few encouraging words to the students. "I hope that you will treasure the time with the members of this group. Being a member of this group is a fantastic experience. There are two things that I really like about this society, its focus on research and leadership," said Leapley.

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Relay for Life visits CSUB campus

By Nicole Sanchez
Assistant Features Editor

Cancer survivors, fighters and supporters painted the campus purple when they came out to the annual Relay for Life this past weekend.

Thousands of Bakersfield residents teamed up with the American Cancer Society to help raise money for the fight against cancer and to bring awareness to the city.

The soccer fields on the east side of the campus were packed with supporters, survivors as well as mourners; all remained on the field for 24-hours. During the day the teams walked the track, and once nightfall came, candles were lit to remember those who lost their lives to cancer. There were also various organizations that donated their time for the event. Throughout the day there was live music and dance performances and during the candle light vigil, personal testimonies.

The famous slogan many CSUB students might have seen driving into the campus explains the very reason for the relay: Until there is a cure there is no finish line. Each team was required to have at least one member on the track at all times. As the city slept, there remained supporters, survivors and donors on the track symbolizing the constant endurance until a cure is found.

Dana Fabbri, survivorship chair for the American Cancer Society, has been involved with the organization for 14 years and continues to

see a constant increase in support from the community. Fabbri reports that there was a growth in not only the number of teams participating in Relay for Life but in the number of survivors as well. Last year there was close to 1100 survivors walking in the relay, Fabbri explains that there were 1500 for this year.

The number of teams has also experienced growth within the past year. The numbers increased from 285 teams to 338 teams for the 2007 relay.

Despite the obvious numbers, there is also an increase in the emotional support from the community to those who are cancer survivors and those who still battle with it.

Jeremy Vinson, director of young adults outreach for Canyon Hills Assembly of God, brought his group of young adults to participate in the relay for the first time this year. With a group of 15, their team alone raised close to \$1,000. More importantly he wanted to instill a real understanding of what community is within his group members.

"Cancer is a huge, epic deal. We want to grieve with those who suffer loss, stand with those who are fighting it and celebrate with those who have survived it," said Vinson.

Community is not the only thing that Vinson wanted to bring to his team; like many others, awareness was another key component in the relay.

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Nicole Sanchez/The Runner
The Bakersfield community showed its support for survivors and victims at Saturday's Relay for Life event.



Open Mic Night brings together survivors and supporters

By Eman Shurbaji
Assistant Features Editor

Sexual Assault Awareness Month concluded on April 30 with an "Open Mic" presentation by the Violence Prevention committee on campus. The event wound up the series of events that took place in April promoting awareness of sexual assault and violence.

The event was open to the public and took place in the lounge in the Student Union. A handful of students and staff showed up.

The purpose of the event was for students to have an open forum to talk, sing

or perhaps act out the turmoil of sexual assault. There were a few survivors of sexual assault sitting among students.

"Everyone, let's take care of each other. Don't be mean," said Janet Millar, a counselor at CSUB.

Millar conducted and led the Open Mic Night. She is not only a counselor at CSUB, but also a sexual harassment officer and the chair of the Campus Violence Awareness committee.

Millar, who said she was raped by a highway patrolman at 19, wanted to make it clear that sexual assault is a silent epidemic on college campuses. She stated that both men and women add their

voices as victims of sexual assault.

Poetry and interesting stories were passed around the students. Some students volunteered to read stories out loud.

One collage of quotations about sexual assault reiterated the phrase, "I'm so lost and so confused."

"It can range from a scary-looking stranger to the comforting face of a friend you've known for years," a participant read out loud.

There were tables set up with colored shirts and markers and paint for students to write with on the shirts. Each color represented a different act of violence or injustice. For example, white represented

murder or death as a result of violence. Red represented rape or sexual assault.

The shirts and their messages are part of the Clothesline National Project.

According to the official website, the program started on Cape Cod, Mass., in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. It is a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt. They then hang the shirt on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence against women.

The t-shirts hung up in the lounge were created by victims in the CSUB community.

CSUB JAZZ FESTIVAL



Photo courtesy of Doug Davis

Read about the upcoming Jazz Festival on Page 5.

Walter Stiern Library receives new reference computers

By Chris Doggett
Staff Writer

Fifty-four new reference computers were purchased for students at CSUB and installed on the first level of the Walter Stiern Library.

The new Dell 745 Optiplex computers were installed two weeks ago thanks to Rodney Hershberger, dean of the Library, who received a loan from Foundation, the organization on campus which also owns the Student Union and the Runner Café.

Frank Jollivette II, director of ITSS (Information Technology Service Support), said that the new computers are for general student use when working on Microsoft Office documents and or doing general research, but they lack some of the more advanced programs that are found in the lower library's labs.

Jollivette also said that the old computers; which frequently lacked a functioning mouse, keyboard,



Juan Torres/The Runner

The Library's new reference computers.

and/or properly formatted screen are to be recycled with the organization set up in all the CSU's, which allows them to be safely recycled.

Some time next week, the first floor also plans on installing a new optical scanner, brail printer and software like Natural Speaking, which allows disabled students to speak and the computer to type their words.

Those new updates are all part of CSUB complying with the American's with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.), and will be available for those students in hopes of giving disabled students an equal playing field in their studies and work.

If interested in learning more about the new computers or simply wanting to buy a new computer, the ITSS department has a website that most students are unaware of www.csub.edu/irts.

This website has links to several computer companies' websites such as Apple, Gateway, Dell, and Xerox from which students may buy a new computer with a student discount.

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CSUB celebrates Cinco de Mayo

By Juan Torres
Photo Editor

The group of soldiers was ill equipped and prepared for what was about to soon to take place. "The odds are truly against us," the leader tells the group of men preparing for the intense battle that is soon to take place. The group of men is but a part of the army that knows this battle is not just for their lives, but for the lives of the families and for their very identity. The smoke soon clears. The smell of fired guns and rifles still fills the air as well as the scent of the fallen. The army then realizes something. "We won." This single battle became a symbol that is forever immortalized in the hearts of the Mexican people in the 19th century. This legacy is commemorated every 5th of May with celebrations taking place all over Mexico and in the United States.

These celebrations even took place here at CSUB this past Saturday with the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration put on by M.E.Ch.A. The event had a smaller turnout of people than usual but that did not take away people's enthusiasm for the event. The event featured booths from some campus clubs selling food and other booths from the community. There were also informational booths from different community groups such as Catholic Healthcare West, the Democratic Women of Kern County and Planned Parenthood. Some of the food that was sold at the event were hot dogs, churros, shaved ice, tacos and tamales.

Members of the community were also treated to different types of entertainment through out the day. One of the groups featured was Mariachi group Toros de Mexico. Ballet Folklorico Mexica Tiahui which is a class offered on campus also performed.



Juan Torres/The Runner
Cinco de Mayo participants.



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It is because of the growing awareness that more and more attention and money is being given to the research to find a cure.

Recent research from the American Cancer Society shows that breast cancer, one of the most common forms, has dropped seven percent between 2002 and 2003.

CSUB students were also among the supporters. Hannah Lamas, sociology major at CSUB, was able to participate in the relay for the first time this year. Lamas took home more than a tan and a free t-

shirt. She took home reality-a reality that cancer is abundant in our society today and it dwells among everyone.

"It has given me a new sense of how many people it does effect. Seeing the survivors shows me that people are and do survive from it," said Lamas

There definitely was a community on the fields this weekend; a community of hope, support and survival. Many participants came from different backgrounds, different ethnicities, different ways of life, but on the fields this weekend they had one thing in common: cancer.

ASi Election Results

By Nathan Campbell
News and Features Editor

The following are the results of the 2007 ASi election.

- President**
Elena Avina
- Executive Vice President**
Valerie Poynor
- Vice President of Finance**
Adriana Sandoval
- Vice President of Programming**
Wendy Martinez
- NS & M Directors**
Monika Tincher and Alberto Garcia

This year also marked an increase to a history of abysmal voter turnout. According to E.J. Callahan, activities coordinator, a mere 703 students participated in last year's election. This year the voter turnout went up to 897, perhaps due to the convenience of the new online voting system.

It is worth noting that the number of currently enrolled students at CSUB is over 7,000, and that the voter turnout was less than 15 percent of the campus population. It is also worth mentioning that all of the contested positions were won by a landslide with as little as 13 percent to as much as 35 percent disparity between candidates.

Runner on the Street

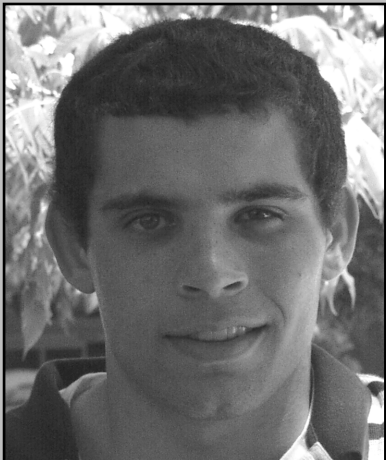
By Marc Perez

This Week, The Runner asked, "What did you thick of ASi's online voting?"



Adilene Quintane
Business Administration, Freshman

"I didn't get a chance to vote, but I think that it is a good way to get people to vote because everyone on campus can access the Internet."



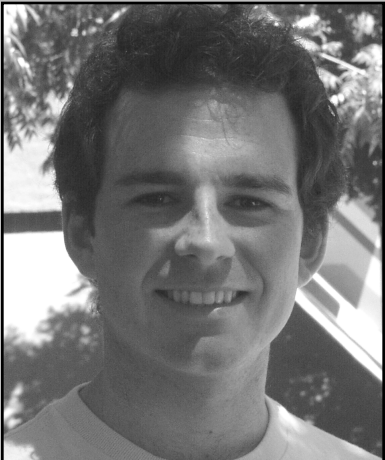
Derik Hamonds
Criminal Justice, Junior

"I think it was a good idea because it makes voting a lot more convenient."



Mauricio Ramos
Business Administration, Sophomore

"I think that is a more effective way of voting because I can vote from the comfort of my own home."



Paul Sosa
Theater,Senior

"I recently watched the movie Man of the Year, during the voting count there was a electronic glitch. Although it is a movie, I think that is a good enough example of why not to vote online."



Teri Brown
Business Administration, Junior

"I think it was a good idea to have online voting for our ASi officers, however, by the time I checked my email the voting deadline had pasted."

'Your account is over quota'

By Eman M. Shurbaji
Assistant Features Editor
Editorial

The CSUB Runnermail system is always a source of amusement—or rather—disappointment for me.

I have deleted emails like mad and have no records of my sent emails for the last three years, yet my email is constantly "over quota".

I often email myself documents; many times they fail to go through. I have e-mailed professors papers—they tell me they never got anything. I don't even bother trying to send or receive large documents or Adobe Acrobat files. They simply will not go through.

I have consulted the administrative staff and complained to no avail. I have deleted away to the point where I have absolutely no evidence of past records or transactions. THAT, MY FRIENDS, IS SAD.

I simply don't understand why the storage capacity (or whatever technical jargon) is not expanded or increased so our Runner account can be of optimal usage. I hear many, many complain about this very problem.

I have opted not to use my runner account for personal use. It is of no use. I know people who still use their email accounts from Bakersfield College despite graduating or transferring to a different institution.

It becomes a major problem when one cannot send or receive emails for educational purposes.

Most people have experienced a problem with their runnermail at least once. The only solution is to simply open another email account and delete away.

If you are a packrat, be prepared for the inevitable—your account will be over quota.

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Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new inductees



Singma Tau Delta new inductees: John Duane, Terry Nugent, Jessica Kassab Nesheiwat, Elsa Florez, Jonathan DeWitt, Melisa Stark, Julie Paulsen, Maria Brown, Sarah Brogren, Amy Niday, and Shannon Mooney.

By Melissa Stewart Staff Writer

This year’s ceremony inducted 11 new members. The banquet also included the Annual Sigma Tau Delta Writing Awards. There was a very special award inaugurated this year, the Li’i Pearl Outstanding Student Award. This award is dedicated to Li’i Pearl, a former student who last her battle with cancer. An anonymous donor was responsible for the award’s beginning.

E-waste recycle day at CSUB

Courtesy of Public Information

California State University, Bakersfield will host the second annual electronic waste recycling event on Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Parking Lot E on campus.

The recycling event is in response to state regulations that make it unlawful to dispose of "universal waste," including all electronic devices, in common trash receptacles.

The campus has had recycling receptacles for newspapers, plastics, glass, cardboard and other recyclables for many years in Parking Lot I.

E-waste has become a big enough issue that CSUB's recycling committee, which oversees the campus' recycling program, decided to add e-waste to the program last year and continues the effort with this years event.

"Our May 12 event will allow companies and area residents to bring their e-waste to a convenient site for recycling," said David Beadle, CSUB's director of safety and risk management. "The event is free. People just have to bring their e-waste to Lot E, provide some information for recording requirements, and it will be properly disposed of."

Items that will be accepted that day are answering machines, camcorders, compact disk players, copiers, DVD players, electric typewriters, electronic games, fax machines, laptops, mainframe computers, cell phones, modems, pagers, PDAs,

personal computers (CPU, monitors keyboards, mice, and peripherals), printers, radios, remote controls, scanners, stereos, tape players, telephones and telephone equipment, televisions, testing equipment, two-way radios, uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), VCRs and word processors.

Also being accepted on May 12 are all batteries (except car batteries), which are also included in the universal waste law.

"By adding e-waste to our recycling program, we're able to not only provide a place where community members can bring their old computers, TVs and other obsolete electronic devices, but also we're able to provide a much needed source of money for various campus projects," Beadle said.

CSUB's recycling committee receives a fee from recycling companies for electronic waste that contains a monitor screen, and that money is used to purchase various items on campus. For example, the "plastic lumber" handrails on campus outdoor stairways, which are made from recycled plastic milk and water jugs, were purchased with funds generated by the recycle program. The large umbrellas in front of the Jazzman coffee shop and in front of the Student Union were also purchased with recycle funds.

For more information about the e-waste recycling event, please call CSUB's Safety and Risk Management office at (661) 654-2066.

Forum to discuss the ‘Mexican Nightingale’

Courtesy of CSUB Public Information

A rare glimpse into the life of one of Mexico's most famous 19th century musicians will be provided by California State University, Bakersfield's History Department at its next History Forum on Friday, May 18, at 4 p.m. in the Music Building, room 112.

The forum will feature Ronald Dolkart, CSUB history professor emeritus, presenting "Angela Peralta, El Ruisenor Mexicano."

Dolkart said Peralta was one of the more famous Mexicans of the 19th century and was known as the "Mexican Nightingale." Peralta's fame was on the operatic stage, the most important international theater of her time.~

Her tragic life is operatic in itself, but another facet of her career was as a composer. Evidence of this has been much harder to document because of the difficulty of finding the "Musical Album Of

Angela Peralta," a rare volume. After much searching Dolkart has found a copy.

"What the material shows is the important link between the European classical tradition and the spread of Mexican popular music, a connection in which La Peralta, we can theorize, played a prominent role," Dolkart said. "If she remains mostly obscure now, her album is a record of cultural importance, which speaks to us in lyric terms."

The History Forum started in March 2000 and presents one speaker per academic quarter. Past topics have included the history of the Basque settlement in Bakersfield presented by Jeri Echeverria, Fresno State University provost and historian; the history of the California wine industry by historian Victor Geraci; oral history and the Chicano experience in World War II

given by Mario Garcia, from the University of California, Santa Barbara; an analysis of the "Orange Revolution" in Ukraine presented by CSUB history professor Mark Baker; an analysis on pre-national, pre-modern Ukrainian culture and icons of the Last Judgment by John-Paul Himka, history professor at the University of Alberta (Canada).

The forum is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and parking will be free in Lots B and C. For more information please call the History Department at (661) 654-3079.

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CSUB Crime Beat

April 23

11:16 a.m. Threat Report
Occurred at Student Union. Disposition: Report Taken. Officer contacted all parties involved.

12:24 p.m. Skateboarders or Illegal Vehicles on Campus
Occurred at Science Building Loading Dock. White male early 20s riding bikes on campus Disposition: Unable to Locate after checking the area.

1:20 p.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Parking Lot D. Boom box radio Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safekeeping.

6:07 p.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Science II. Reporting party left some papers on the water fountain. Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safekeeping.

6:21 p.m. Emergency Phone or 9-1-1 Call
Occurred at Parking Lot E. Open line North center. Disposition: Checks Ok after the officer checked the area.

April 24

10:10 a.m. Suspicious Circumstances
Occurred at Icardo Center on. Drilled padlock occurred in the

last two-three weeks. Disposition: Report Taken. No suspect information was located.

1:18 p.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Dorothy Donahoe Hall. Pair of light tan high heel shoes. Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safekeeping.

2:25 p.m. Hazardous Situation
Occurred at Stockdale Hwy/Don Hart Dr West. Signs blocking view. Disposition: Assignment Completed. Signs remove.

5:19 p.m. Threats Report
Occurred at University Police Department. Info Disposition: Report Taken. Both parties contacted and counseled about using threats.

8:47 p.m. Incident Involving an Animal
Occurred on Camino Media Blvd. There is a duck and about eight chicks walking in the road. Disposition: Unable to Locate after checking the area.

11:16 p.m. Suspicious Subject Reported at Old Gym.
Reporting party notified dispatch that he had asked subjects to leave the Old Gym at approximately 9:45 p.m. while on duty. On his way to his vehicle after his shift, he heard subjects still inside. Disposition: Subjects Advised

and Complied.

April 25

8:00 a.m. Grand Theft Report
Occurred at Walter Stiern Library. Computer missing. Disposition: Report Taken. No suspect information located.

10:21 a.m. Disabled Vehicle
Officer initiated activity at Coffee/Truxtun Avenue. Disposition: Referred To Other Agency.

11:05 a.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Parking Lot I. Keys left in trunk Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

11:23 a.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Science 1. Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

11:49 p.m. Disturbance (on campus)
Occurred at Numenor Dorm. Reporting party is reporting loud music on the second floor of Numenor Disposition: The officer spoke with the occupants, and they complied.

April 26

8:08 p.m. Found Property Report

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(Gala continued from page 1) A brief presentation was then given by special guest Debra Wilson, who discussed why research is important in the field of nursing.

"The reason we do research is to impact our practice. Research does not have to be intimidating," said Wilson.

According to Wilson, researchers must submit an abstract that follows directions. The presentation and design of this research must be eye catching and must identify the key information, space is limited.

She then presented slides with pictures of some of the research

she and her colleagues had performed and also talked about research others had executed. One group had focused on oral care surveys for the orally intubated critically ill patients; another had looked at the effect of Rapid Response Teams in emergencies.

Following this, Lana Wilson presented a brief history of the society, which paved the way for the new inductees to be recognized and sworn in. Each student and a community member (Sandra Boswell) were then called up to the front. Together they recited the society pledge and were officially recognized as members of the society.

Each new member received a pin, a certificate and was allowed to sign the chapters' book.

"I feel honored. It's a great society. Something I'm proud to be a part of," said newly inducted member Amelia Landon.

After soaring applause from the guests, Sharen Grimes was announced as the scholarship winner.

"I feel great, very happy and honored," said Grimes.

The installation of the new officers followed. A raffle and silent auction with all proceeds going to scholarships wrapped up the evenings' activities. Among the items auctioned were a wine and cheese basket, a set of collectible stamps, and a vase.

Michelle Kinder, (faculty member) had this to say about the Nightingala, " It is an awesome event. These are outstanding students and really deserving of the recognition they get here," said Kinder.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club

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in the Student Union Blue

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Officer initiated activity at Administration East. Keys Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

8:21 p.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Dorothy Donahoe Hall. Keys found in hallway Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

April 27

10:20 a.m. Suspicious Circumstances
Occurred at Music Building. States there is some writing on one of the chairs in the practice room that has a list of student names and a statement Disposition: Report Taken. Officer continuing the investigation.

2:08 p.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Old River/White Lane. Found a wallet Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping, and the owner was notified.

April 28

11:09 a.m. Vicious or Uncontrolled Animal
Occurred at Runner Park. Reporting party states there is a snake by the ASi table on the Red Brick Road Disposition: No Further Action Required. The snake moved off.

12:26 p.m. Assist Other Agency
Officer initiated activity at Stockdale. Injury collision involving a white Lexus Disposition: No Further Action Required. Bakersfield Police Department handled.

2:03 p.m. Emergency Phone or 9-1-1 Call
Occurred at Walter Stiern Library. BPD advised they received a 9-1-1 hang up from unknown payphone location at the Library Disposition: Unable to Locate after the officer checked the area.

2:36 p.m. Suspicious Circumstances
Occurred at Southwest Little League. States there is a vehicle with the trunk open in the parking lot near the entrance of SWLL, does not appear to have been burglarized. Reporting party is retired BPD officer and states he doesn't want anyone to think he is messing around with the vehicle. Reporting party will be standing near the entrance. Disposition:

No Further Action Required nor crime was determined.

April 29

12:33 a.m. Disturbance (on campus)
Occurred at Parking Lot H. Reporting party advised subject driving recklessly in parking lot. Disposition: Unable to Locate after the officer checked the area.

7:27 p.m. Threats Report
Occurred at Parking Lot L. Reporting party is stating that a male subject confronted him and tried to get the reporting party to fight him. When the RP refused, the subject stated we will return to campus and vandalize the RP's vehicle. Disposition: Report Taken and the officer will check back with the reporting party.

10:29 p.m. Suspicious Subject
Occurred at Doré Theater. The reporting party is reporting a subject possibly a female holding something covered by a blanket on the west side of the theatre. There was no further on a description of the subject. Disposition: Gone on arrival after the officer checked the area.

April 30

2:21 a.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at GET Bus Stop. Reporting party is reporting a black Nike gym bag was left underneath the bench at the bus loop. Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

8:25 a.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Dorothy Donahoe Hall. Black sweater. Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

9:23 a.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Stockdale Hwy/Don Hart Dr West. Checkbook. Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

9:34 a.m. Lost Property Report
Officer initiated activity at Walter Stiern Library. Keys. Disposition: Report Taken.

3:38 p.m. Disturbance (on campus)
Officer initiated activity at Icardo Center. Disposition: Report Taken. Officer is conducting an investigation.

4:20 p.m. Threats Report
Occurred at Science I. Disposition: Report Taken. Officer is conducting an investigation.

6:55 p.m. Found Property Report
Officer initiated activity at Don Hart Dr East/Stockdale Highway. Illegal signs. Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

7:14 p.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Student Union. Two keys with a purple stretch keychain. Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

7:36 p.m. Hazardous Situation
Officer initiated activity at Parking Lot H.

Disposition: No Further Action Required. The hazard was cleaned up by Facilities Management.

8:54 p.m. Found Property Report
Occurred at Walter Stiern Library. Miscellaneous items Disposition: Report Taken. The property was seized for safe keeping.

10:31 p.m. Burglary in Progress
Occurred at Lot A. Reporting party is reporting he saw a white Honda Civic older beat up fleeing Lot A. They burglarized his vehicle and his stereo is missing. The Civic also has a passenger tail light out. The driver is possibly a white or Hispanic male about 25 years old, approximately 5'8" medium build, wearing a baseball cap. There was also a passenger. The vehicle was last seen fleeing eastbound on Stockdale Hwy toward Gosford Rd. Disposition: Report Taken. Officer searched the area for the suspect(s). The Bakersfield Police was also notified of the suspect information.

Christians United for Israel

"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch." ISAIAH 62:1

Christians United For Israel (CUFI) club presents...

Guest Speaker: Andrew Summey,
Director of Christian Outreach, The David Project

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Major League Improv knocks one out of the park

By Melissa Stewart
Staff Writer

The ref jumps up wearing his black and white striped shirt. He blows his whistle and the audience grows quiet. No, this is not Saturday night football. The field is a stage. There are two teams: the Bakersfield Dozen in red and the Kern Flakes in blue. Teams assembled on stage and the battle of wits and laughter begin. This is Major League Improv.

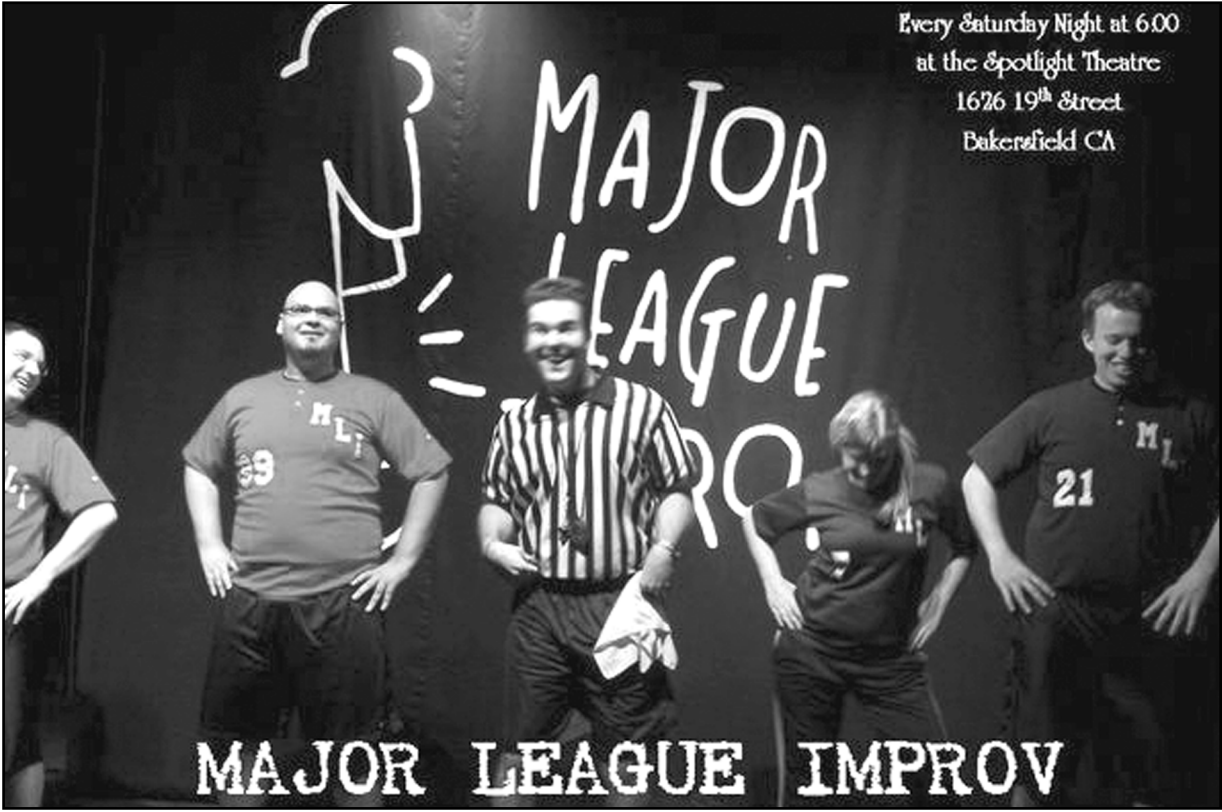
Almost every Saturday night this improv group performs at the Spotlight Theater downtown. Improv is different than stand up comedy. “It’s kind of like ‘Who’s Line is it Anyways?’,” explained audience member Spencer Orr.

It is a match between two teams who compete for points through audience laughter by making up scenes based on audience suggestions. During the match, the ref, Chuck X, helped to keep score and called fouls.

A match consists of several improv games. This Saturday night was a special match. Long time improviser, Garret Willingham will be moving to New York to pursue a career in stand up comedy. So this was his farewell show.

The other players were Matt Borton, Mandu May, Ron Warren, Beigher Taylor, Robert Chan, Ronnie Hargrave, Jason Monroe and James Anchordoquy. The main score keeper was Phil, “Mr. Voice.”

The match began with Willingham’s suggestion of the “waiter game.” In this game a designated person acted the part of a restaurant attendee who tells the waiter he found whatever the audience suggested in his soup. Members of each team play the part of the waiter who came up with witty comebacks to the odd item in the



Courtesy of Major League Improv

The comedians perform to the delight of the audience and the show comes complete with a ref.

soup. From shoe laces to dentures the team never missed a beat.

“Every time it is a different audience. So every time it is a different show,” said Bakersfield Dozen captain Warren.

Kern Flakes team member Monroe explained, “You’ll never see the same show twice.”

As the games progressed the laughter grew harder. Each new game brought new ideas, but Willingham’s team, the Kern Flakes, were scoring more laughs.

First time audience member Ame Phillips said

after seeing the first games, “Its good. I’ll definitely come again.”

After a brief intermission the final two games would decide the winner of the match. The score was 27 Kern Flakes to seven Bakersfield Dozen.

At this time only one foul had been called. Fouls have three different categories. One is “waffling” where the comedian is killing time. Two is the “groaning foul,” where the audience isn’t amused and three is the “paper bag” foul. This final foul is called when something inap-

propriate is said. This was the foul called during one game. One team member jokingly remarked about “how women are.” The audience booed and the ref threw the flag. After a little groveling apology, no points were removed and the game continued.

“We are a family show,” said Monroe. The show’s goal is to be appropriate for every audience.

After the intermission the games resumed. It was the Bakersfield Dozen’s time for a comeback. The game “Shakespeare” was played. In this game the audience suggested the title to what would have been Shakespeare’s last play. Tonight, the team would act out a scene from “Taming of the Crew.” After much eye wiping and stomach grabbing the score was nearly tied.

However in the end, Willingham’s Kern Flakes won 43 to 40. It was Willingham’s final victory after many years on that very stage.

This night’s audience packed the theater. As the show ended a roar of applause saluted his farewell.

He will be missed, but as they say it in the theater, the show must go on. And it will.

“Starting in June we will open the doors at 5:30 and start the show at 6, promptly,” said Warren.

“Promptly because we make fun of the late comers,” explained Monroe.

This group of local actors will continue to bring laughter to the stage every Saturday night.

As this night drew to an end ref Chuck X blew is whistle once more. The two teams high-fived and the lights on stage went off. This was no regular Saturday night game or night at the theater. This is Major League Improv.

21st Annual Jazz Festival to kick off spring in Bakersfield

By Evelyn Martin
Staff Writer

When you can plunk your feet into cool green grass, taste remnants of deep pit barbecue in every corner of your mouth and close your eyes to lose yourself in the sound of jazz performed by top rated musicians, it is then that you know without a flicker of doubt that spring has finally sprung and that you must be at the 21st Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival.

The beloved local “Rite of Spring” is back this year with a stellar lineup of performers and myriad diverting tastes, sights and sounds that will most assuredly make for a fun-filled weekend (May 11th and 12th) in the CSUB Amphitheater.



Photo courtesy of Doug Davis

Jazz legend Lee Ritenour.

Gates open Friday evening at 6 p.m. with music already filling the air, courtesy of Foster Campbell & Friends performing on the Golden West Casino



Photo courtesy of Doug Davis

CSUB’s own cool-cat Jim Scully.

stage. Music on the main stage begins at 7 p.m. with Night Owl featuring Henry Winckel, an award-winning jazz pianist and local saxophone guru Paul Perez. Their performances of original compositions are sure to usher in the evening’s lineup with a strong start.

Afterward, multiple Grammy award-winning singer Diane Schuur will hit the stage. Schuur has toured and performed with such musical greats as Stan Getz, B.B. King, Ray Charles and Quincy Jones. The culmination of the performances will feature the signature sizzling Latin-infused jazz of Poncho Sanchez, whose career boasts of Grammy awards as well.

Saturday’s festivities will comprise an all-day event with gates opening at 1 p.m. The CSUB Jazz Singers, the CSUB Jazz Co-op and the Bakersfield Jazz Workshop will be performing their own sets throughout the course of the day on the Golden West stage, and the main stage will come alive at 2

p.m. via the Kern County Honor Jazz Band.

Following the band’s set, the rhythm of the afternoon will feature a considerably youthful and unique spin brought courtesy of Jeff Ardray, a senior at CSUB and is already an acclaimed composer and seasoned guitarist, having performed in various local ensembles; and Isaiah Morfin, a 17-year-old junior creating buzz of his own with his gift of musical expertise on the saxophone.

CSUB’s own faculty member, guitarist and jazz enthusiast Jim Scully will then take the stage performing original works backed by celebrated local musicians including Ron Christian, Steve Eisen and Steve Mettler. Vocal jazz quintet Vocalogy is also slated to perform and round out the afternoon roster with a harmonious finish.

The evening’s attractions include the Industrial Jazz Group fronted by Andrew Durkin. The ensemble’s hybrid sound incorporates multiple genres giving their music a constantly fresh feel. Matt Wilson’s Arts and Crafts, a quartet with trum-

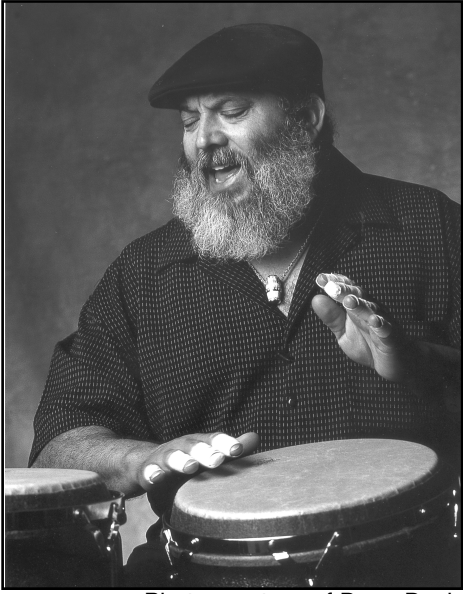


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You wish you could bongo like Pancho Sanchez.

Two famous plays come to Bakersfield

By Marcus Mulick
Entertainment Editor

It’s a big week for Bakersfield theaters. No, I’m not talking about the release of Spiderman 3. I’m talking about the real Bakersfield theaters. This week marks the return of the most famous cult movie-turned-play of all time and the opening of one of the greatest plays to ever grace the stage.

The Rocky Horror Show: May 11, 12, 18, 19, Bakersfield Community Theatre, Call 831-8114 for showtimes.

The movie “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” came out in 1975. It was based on the play by Richard O’Brien. While the movie came out to mixed reviews, it quickly became a cult-classic. Movie theaters started to have midnight showings of “TRHPS,” in which moviegoers would dress up in the elaborate outfits of the characters in the movie and stand up and recite the lines as they happened.

I think everyone should see “The Rocky Horror Show.” It is a play that requires viewers to have open minds. I’m not going to talk too much about the play, except that it involves catchy rock songs, some men in drag and Frank N. Furter.

A Streetcar Named Desire: May 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, June 1, and 2 at 8 p.m. and May 13, 20, and 27 at 2 p.m., Spotlight Theater and Cafe.

Tennessee Williams’ famous play that won a Pulitzer Prize and introduced America to the great Marlon Brando opens this weekend in Bakersfield.

The play features the tale of Blanche and Stanley and takes place in New Orleans in the 1940s. The tale features strong themes of attraction, illusion and despair. Brando famously made his character, Stanley Kowalski, one of the most well-known theatrical performances of all time. The tension between Stanley and Blanche is at times hard to watch. The play brings out many emotions among audience members before reaching a deafening climax.

The Bakersfield rendition stars Sheila McClure, Rikk Cheshire and Amy Hall. The play is directed by Bob Kempf.

It is suggested to call (661) 634 0692 to reserve a ticket for the show.

Look for reviews of these plays to be featured in The Runner in the following issues.

Heading to the Jazz Festival?

Here’s some quick tips and a list of what to bring and what not to bring.

Bring: A blanket, low-back chairs, sunscreen, still cameras, (no video), picnic baskets, coolers, food, soft drinks, a light jacket for evening, ATM/credit cards, friends, family, a good appetite and your dancing shoes!

Don’t Bring: Alcoholic beverages or canopies.

Come early to pick a spot on the amphitheater lawn. As a courtesy to others in attendance, please set up umbrellas and high-back chairs toward the periphery of the lawn. Bring plenty of sunscreen and water because it’s going to be a long day. You will not need to pay for parking, so park in any lot you want.

Umholtz hits 200 feet in hammer for first time in 2007

Courtesy of Sports Information

Cal State Bakersfield senior Nick Umholtz threw 200 feet in the hammer throw for the first time in 2007 to lead a flurry of impressive results from the Roadrunners at the Claremont Classic on Saturday.

Umholtz's throw of 201-6 was the best of the 2007 season and second-best of his career which was good enough for fourth place in the competition behind a pair of throwers from USC and the event winner, former Roadrunner Arnaldo Cueto, who also had a seasonal best throw to win the competition at 216-11.

Head Coach Alan Collatz reported several impressive results.

Maybe most impressive came from former Shafter High stand-

out Alyssa Lewis, who once again lowered her school record in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, than she has ran the event in the past.

Freshman Sheena Cooper also continued to impress, moving up Bakersfield's illustrious 100 meter all-time list to No. 14 with a personal-best 12.31, and she also finished fourth in the 200 meters by moving to No. 17 all-time at Bakersfield with a time of 25.12.

Bakersfield's Ryan Lucker also moved to No. 18 all-time in Bakersfield history in the 800 meters on Saturday running a personal-best 1:55.73 in the 800 meters.

When full results are available, they will be posted at www.gorunners.com.

Bakersfield completes its 2006-07 season next week-end when it competes in the NCAA Division I Independent Championships at Davis, Calif.



Photo courtesy of sports information
Nick Umholtz's 200 ft. hammer throw

Intramural Softball standings

Balls Deep 36-0	5-0-1
CU @ The Pub	5-0-1
The Legends	5-2
Kappa Sigma	4-3
Moose Heads	3-2
Goldenfingers	2-3
Team Kadong	1-4
The Bullets	0-6-1
Delta Zeta Tau	0-5-1



Juan Torres/Runner
He's swinging for the fences during one of this week's intramural softball games

Intramural Softball Schedule

Wednesday, May 9th
8:00pm Goldenfingers
vs. Team Kadong

9:10pm Kappa sigma
vs. Moose Heads

Sunday, May 13th
No Games
Happy Mothers Day

Monday, May 14th
8:00pm The Legends
vs. Balls Deep 36-0

9:10pm Goldenfingers
vs. Delta Zeta Tau

10:20pm The Bullets
vs. Moose Heads

2006-2007 Sports Year in Review

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor
Editorial

The end of this quarter will mark the end of Cal State Bakersfield's play in the CCAA. With the move to Division I we will no longer have CCAA opponents in the meat of our schedule. With this in mind, I've decided to review the 2006-2007 sports season. This week is a review of the fall sports. Next week will be followed by the winter, then spring sports.

The volleyball team kicked off the 06-07 CSUB sports year with a conference win over Cal State Dominguez Hills with a 3-0 win in the Icardo Center. That win, however, did not carry on to the next game, or the one after that for that matter as the Runners quickly dropped to a 1-4, record losing three in a row. After two straight losses on the road the Runners came back home and won their second game defeating Cal State Monterey Bay. After that game the Runners struggled the rest of the season finishing with just two more wins and two six game losing streaks.

Although last season isn't the way they would have liked the season to go, the volleyball team should be looking forward to next season with 11 returnees, some talented women that red-shirted this season and a sched-

ule with several Division I teams for the first time.

The cross-country team had its season opener September 2nd in Fullerton's Invitational. CSUB's Runners finished 16th out of 21 teams and Alyssa Lewis finished 67th out of 225 Runners with a mark of 20 minutes and 10 seconds.

At the Irvine Invitational the Runners finished 12th out of 18

season in league play. They finished 4-9-3 in league play this season. In April, Head Coach Nichole Van Dyke announced that next year's freshmen and transfers will be a very talented recruiting class including Division I and II transfers as well as some very good high school seniors and international players.

The men's soccer team started off like the women's soccer



Juan Torres/Runner
Jessica Cedillos pushing the ball up field in a game earlier this season

team, winning a few exhibition games then losing their first league game.

The Runners started league play on a five game road trip and came home 1-3-1. After that the men's soccer team were able to win six of their next seven games with their only non-win coming in a tie to San Francisco State in

San Francisco. During that stretch their defense allowed an average of one goal per game while scoring an average of three goals per game.

After two losses, one ending a eight game home winning streak, they were able to win their final three games of CCAA play to finish with a 10-1 home record and a 10-5-2 record overall. Lyle Martin finished the season leading the CCAA with 17 goals, just two behind the CSUB record.

All of these teams should have very successful seasons during their first year of Division I play. Next year will be interesting and is poised to be a great season for the fans as well as the programs.

The Runners were able to salvage only one road victory this

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