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## CSUB urges community to take back the night

By Ashley Zaragoza  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 28, CSUB and the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault hosted Take Back the Night on campus for victims and advocates against sexual assault. Take Back the Night was an extension to National Why Denim Day.

In Italy in 1992, a 45-year old married driving instructor raped his 18-year old female student. After being prosecuted and sentenced to jail, he appealed his sentence, arguing that, "because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex."

The case was overturned, dismissed and the perpetrator released. Since then, National Denim Days have been initiated across the country to increase sexual assault awareness.

Sophomore criminal justice student Shannon Smith said, "I think it's ridiculous how someone can take wearing

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## Four arrested in hazing incident that leaves man hospitalized

By Mark Nessia  
Editor-In-Chief

Three CSUB students and one alumnus were arrested following a series of hazing events that left three men injured one hospitalized, Bakersfield Police Sgt. Mary DeGeare said. An arrest warrant has been obtained for a fifth suspect.

Police were notified by

Mercy Hospital April 28 when a 25-year-old male was admitted for treatment. "The injuries were enough to require admission to the hospital," DeGeare said. "The other victims suffered injuries, but they did not require medical attention."

According to a press release, BPD began an investigation into a report of felonious assault during

fraternity pledge initiations. The investigation revealed that four men were assaulted multiple times during initiation ceremonies that took place between March 28 and April 25.

"Four CSUB students were assaulted multiple times every day during that period," DeGeare said. "During ceremonies, they

were assaulted or beaten with various-sized paddles, canes and, on one occasion, were shot at close range with BB guns."

According to DeGeare, CSUB students Darlington Agu, 24; Ryan Nichols, 22; Rickey Joy Jr., 20; and alumnus Deandre Horn, 22, were arrested. Nichols and Horn were charged with

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Mark Nessia/The Runner

Right fielder Ryan McIntyre (5), first baseman Martin Medina (30) and catcher Jeremy Rodriguez (7) wait for freshman Tyler Shryock (22) to score the game-winning run in a 5-4 come-from-behind win over No. 17 UC

Irvine April 29 at Hardt Field. It is the third time this season the team has defeated a ranked opponent.

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## New enrollment system slated for Fall

By Monisha Bilyk  
Staff Writer

For all students planning to register for classes for the Fall 2011 Quarter, CSUB will be switching to a new system for enrollment. All students who are registering for Fall 2011 starting May 2, 2011 will register with the new two-phase enrollment. The new two-phase enrollment will not be applied to this year's Summer Quarter.

A difference with the new two-phase enrollment is the amount of units students are allowed to register for.

Before, students were allowed to register for up to 19 units and then overload, which really affected students with later registration dates. By the time students with later registration dates attempted to register, many classes would already be filled.

The new two-phase enrollment was decided by the AVP of Academic Programs. Yisel Gutierrez stated that the AVP's concern was, "sometimes we would experience students who would enroll in classes and later drop them, which

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## WHD holds third annual Salute to Our Local Heroes

By E-Maginne Grant  
Staff Writer

The Wounded Heroes Fund held its third annual Salute to Our Local Heroes event at the CSUB Amphitheatre on May 1.

It was the first time that the event was held on CSUB's campus said Wendy Porter who is the executive director of the Wounded Heroes Fund.

"We wanted to make it more of a music festival and more upbeat."

The purpose of the event was to, "show appreciation for military veterans and wounded warriors," said Porter.

The event had many exhibitors all of whom were veteran related, according to Porter.

One of the exhibits featured pictures and short captions of fallen war heroes giving people a small insight into their stories.

SSG Hill S. Reyes decided to do this exhibit when he realized that, "These sol-



Brady Cabe/The Runner

Bakersfield residents, active-duty military and veterans attend A Salute To Local Our Heroes event in the CSUB Amphitheatre May 1, honoring U.S. military.

diers died 40 years ago and the public doesn't know about them."

Reyes said he wanted to find a way that he could educate the public about these fallen soldiers so he started locating the families of some of the fallen heroes.

"I felt that the public needed to know about them. I thought it would be better if

people could see them instead of just reading about them," said Reyes.

Reyes' exhibit has 142 war veterans from Kern County featured but there were only 50 displayed at the event.

The famous Sons of Anarchy motorcycle club was also a featured exhibit at the event. This television show/ motorcycle club was

signing autographs for the fans.

Jim Veneziano, who is in charge of background and casting for the show, said that they support the armed forces and was in Afghanistan recently where they signed autographs for the troops there.

"When they ask us we

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## CSUB holds first Days of Dialogue

By Natasha Roady  
Staff Writer

On Monday, May 2, the first Days of Dialogue on: Diversity, Intercultural Communication, Community, Equity, Inclusion, Tolerance and Respect held its kick off celebration on the CSUB Student Union Patio at noon.

Music played while stu-

dents were offered popcorn and cotton candy and invited to attend the Days of Dialogue events. Students were disappointed that no drinks were offered with the snacks on the hot day, however they stuck around to hear poetry and view artwork of other students.

William Davis, a sophomore and Sociology major attended the event because

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Senior Elliot Cordova kicks off the second Poetry Slam with a comedy routine April 28. Story on Page 8



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Hi: 93  
Lo: 65  
Precip: 0%



Thursday

Hi: 96  
Lo: 66  
Precip: 0%



Friday

Hi: 93  
Lo: 62  
Precip: X%



Saturday

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Lo: 58  
Precip: 0%



Sunday

Hi: 79  
Lo: 54  
Precip: 0%



Monday

Hi: 78  
Lo: 52  
Precip: 20%



Tuesday

Hi: 83  
Lo: 55  
Precip: 0%

# RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Taylor Gombos, Sports Editor

This week, The Runner asked, How did you hear about the death of Usama Bin Laden?"



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PEAK



**Jose Trevino**  
Junior  
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**Kevin Cruz**  
Freshman  
Biology



**Sovannada Y**  
Freshman  
Liberal Studies

"I heard about it on CNN. I just thought he was another guy on the street."

"I heard it on Facebook."

"I heard it on Yahoo News."

"I heard it from a forwarded text message but I didn't believe it."

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## No money = one graduation

By Raiai Lee  
Staff Writer

In the fall of 2010, President Horace Mitchell and Provost Soroya Coley decided to reduce two commencements into one commencement. According to CSUB spokesman Rob Meszaros, Mitchell announced the suspension of the winter commencement due to ongoing budget constraints. This was announced during the budget forum meeting on campus in Feb. 2010, wherein Mitchell outlined a variety of strategies to help cut costs in light of severe reduction to funding provided by the state."

Many students who were planning to walk across the stage in fall or winter now have to wait or come back to graduate in the spring. The 2009-2010 academic year marked the last time California State University, Bakersfield had two commencement ceremonies. Since the beginning of California's budget cuts, CSUB has been hit with furloughs, department budget cuts, and reduced class availability. According to CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, "The magnitude of the budget reduction in one year will have serious impacts on the

state's economy, limit access for students seeking entrance into our universities, and restrict classes and services for our current students."

I feel as a student, that the CSU system is sugar coating the issue, and not realizing how many students are affected by these budget cuts.

For the CSU system, budget cut weighs more heavenly on students then predicted. Meszaros said: "Reduction to state support for higher education in recent years has impacted many, many things including CSUB's commencement. For years, CSUB had two ceremonies. For academic year 2010-2011, we will only have one in June. Students who may have otherwise participated in the winter ceremony will now have to come back to campus and participate in the spring ceremony in June."

Commencement is a celebration in which students can show their achievements to family and friends. According to CSUB alum Darnell Lockwood: "Graduation was important to me and my family. Having only a spring graduation, will keep some students in school two or more quarters, because the FAFSA pays for the entire school

year, but CSUB is doing what they feel is best for the university."

For students that pay out of their pocket, having two commencements a year saved them money. If a student was done with his or her classes in the Fall Quarter they graduated in the fall commencement. Now, if students are done in the fall or winter quarter, they either have to go home and wait for the spring commencement or enroll in more classes. Students who pay out their own money or who are on full-ride scholarships are not in favor of only having one commencement a year. The brighter side of the situation is that his or her diploma will say the actual month and year he or she finished coursework.

For a student who is on full-ride scholarships, it is more important that he or she finishes in four years, to avoid paying out of his or her own money. CSUB scholarship recipient Reshona Ross was supposed to graduate in the spring of 2011, but since her senior seminar class was full, she has to stay an extra quarter before she could graduate. Ross, who is currently on a full-ride scholarship, will now have to pay out of her own money for the

upcoming 2011-2012 academic year. Ross plans to take her senior seminar class in the fall. Since there is only a spring commencement and she already applied for financial aid, she decided to pick up another minor and graduate in the spring 2012. Ross is content with her decision, even though she will graduate in five years instead of four.

Lockwood said, "As long as diplomas are handed out when the student is eligible then there is not an issue."

This is a major issue because no one wants to spend extra money to stay for one class. It's wasting money, and time.

Meszaros noted: "In better budget times, we would still have two ceremonies. Administration regrets having to suspend the winter ceremony, but the fact of the matter is, we are facing a new reality and must adjust our campus priorities to meet the funds available. Tough decisions have had to be made in recent years, and this will be the case as long as reductions in state funds continue."

However, out of all the money the school receives from donations and grants, why wasn't money set aside to have two commencements

ceremonies? In recent months, CSUB has taken on extra expenses on the campus. When driving down Runner Way, students can't help but notice the big beaming lights radiating from the baseball field or the new solar panel parking garage and information box.

If CSUB is trying to "adjust our campus priorities to meet the funds available" wouldn't the administration think that commencement is more important than lights and info boxes?

According to Ross, "I think they should have at least two graduation one in the fall and one in the spring, because it's wasting people money having to stay two extra quarters, to take one class, and I feel that the school buys unnecessary things."

CSUB is not taking into consideration that due to budget cuts, our school is broke. The most important thing that the school should focus on is opening up class availability, offering two commencement ceremonies and try to reduce and save the amount of money the school receives to help better students life. At the end its students like myself that represents the university.

## Justified royal wedding reception

By Annie Stephens  
Staff Writer

Turn the news on and you will most likely see something about the "royal wedding" of Prince William Duke of Cambridge and Kate Middleton Duchess of Cambridge.

It's clear that not only the media has seemed rather obsessed with the wedding, causing some to wonder if it's really worth caring about.

The interest and desire that has revolved around the royal wedding can be easily justified. One of the reasons behind all of the media attention is a direct result from the death of Prince William's mother Princess Diana who was fatally injured in a car accident that occurred on Aug. 31, 1997.

A media frenzy should be expected knowing of the hardships that Prince William has gone through after the death of his mother. Can you imagine having to lose your mother, while living the rest of your life in the public eye? People around the globe were horrified from the gruesome details revolving around Princess Diana and have since been keeping very close tabs on



The newly married Duke and Duchess of Cambridge share a balcony kiss.

her sons. Therefore it only makes sense that the media alongside with the rest of the world, is going to raving about his wedding for a long time.

Another reason to why this media craze is justified is because people enjoy stories of leadership and overcoming great odds. People around the globe, were completely obsessed with President Barack Obama as he won over the hearts of Americans, and became the first African-American to

become president. Not to mention he has overcome large obstacles through out his life like being born to an 18-year-old mother and also being biracial. Sounds a lot like Prince William, who also had to overcome great obstacles when his life was turned upside down due to the death of his mother. When someone overcomes these great obstacles, you can expect the media to have non-stop coverage.

If you watch the news you will find that some viewers

around the country have been casting in their thoughts on the wedding. Many believe that even Americans have become too interested in this wedding and feel it looks unpatriotic. But it's actually not so different than when we (Americans) have the presidential elections. Often you will see other countries like England in particular keeping close tabs on how our elections are going, so why does it seem so silly that Americans are paying close attention to the

prince?

I find the idea of Americans being unpatriotic because they're interested in England to be absurd. Is it so hard to believe that people like myself, who are Americans but have English roots, want to share the experience of watching the wedding at the same time as our aunts, uncles, cousins and grandmothers that live in England? I don't get to visit England, or my family, but I still feel proud to be English and being enthusiastic about the price and duchess is just a way of showing my pride and support. It's my way of saying, "Yes, I am an American, but I have not forgotten about where my family came from and still is. Because of that I'm also English."

How often does a prince, who just may possibly be the most known prince in the world, get married? Since the answer is not very often; the media frenzy that had surrounded the couple is completely justified. And since no one is being forced to pay attention to all the details of the event, if they don't want to hear about it, then they should just stop complaining and turn off the TV.

# Usama bin Laden is dead

*If bin Laden got credit for the 9/11 attacks by simply being the leader of al-Qaeda then President Obama deserves credit for his death just the same for being our Commander in Chief*

By Derek Bato  
Opinions Editor

May 1, 2011, the president of the United States Barack Obama announced the death of known-terrorist leader Usama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

Liberal studies major Rashad Savage said, "I think it's good they got his ass."

"A small team of Americans carried out the operation with extraordinary courage and capability. No Americans were harmed. They took care to avoid civilian casualties. After a firefight, they killed Usama bin Laden and took custody of his body," said Obama during his Sunday night address.

Many news organizations have switched to the use of "Usama" instead of their usual "Osama"; don't let that take away from any of the impact. I am that "Usama" is being used to help prevent any misunderstanding or misinformation being passed due to the name "Osama" sounding and spelling close to Obama.

Bin Laden, most remembered for his claims that his militant Islamist group, Al Qaeda, was responsible for the September 11, 2001 airliner hijackings and crash attacks against the World Trade Center in New York, and the Pentagon in Virginia. Bin Laden was already considered a high priority target for aggression facilitated throughout the 1990s, including a previous bombing targeting the World Trade Center buildings.

The 9/11 attacks claimed the lives of 2,750 people, the largest perceived impact to the iconic American city of New York, New York, whose famous skyline was forever changed. Not only for the missing buildings that collapsed after being pummeled by commercial airplanes, but for the memory that those towers were once there.

"The American people did not choose this fight. It came to our shores, and started with the senseless slaughter of our citizens," said Obama about the September 11 attacks. "After nearly 10 years of service, struggle, and sacrifice, we know well the costs of war."

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No, the president does not deserve total praise for bringing bin Laden down.

However, as it is with all society, leaders and standouts receive the majority of negative and positive consequences earned by their followers and peers. A mostly unspoken warranting of credit but it is their job to do so. Being the face of a cause and a target for effects, their status shrouding the "smaller" and truer heroes.

Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein are easily credited with the thousands of deaths carried out by their ground troops, most of those ground troops being kin, friend, family and neighbor of those being oppressed. Bin Laden has been elevated to an unwarranted pedestal of some form of supreme evil for the actions of near strangers, Obama does actually deserve credit being

comment: "I'm glad."

The search for bin Laden has spanned a decade involving all levels of all of our military organizations and I am certain that this particular event has been a planned "perfect storm" press event. White House officials since Sunday night have not shied from telling us that extra care and precautions were planned for to ensure no loss of civilian life, collateral damage, safety of U.S. troops and intelligence. Obama said that he first received leads relating to bin Laden's whereabouts in August, 2010 and the intelligence had been built up from there, but simply because an event was so carefully planned and prepared should not destroy the meaning behind the raid no matter when or how they did it.

Usama bin Laden is still dead.

Kudos to all those who played a part in this latest endeavor, mostly in the area of intelligence over several years, but the spotlight belongs to the meaning not the actions or the actors.

Would this have happened regardless who was President?

Maybe.

The belief that former President Bush was a secret ally with bin Laden or was simply too incompetent to bring him in is still very rampant. These types of rumors are once again swelling.

Some online activity [on CNN] after current President Obama's speech:

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**Students at Penn State celebrate justice for 9/11 victims.**

directly involved in the order of the operation, if you think that's a lie then he should at least get as much credit for a good deed as the previously mentioned dictators received for evil deeds.

Senators, governors, former military and celebrity responses have come in waves of tweets and statements as expected with very formulaic structures regarding salutes to troops, American pride, and reflection. Not to say that these reactions are not genuine; but it would not be hard to argue that many of these comments and releases are intended more for publicity and will most definitely be used as political ammunition

record with the truth and communicating with the people but there is a limit to their abilities and they do not necessarily deserve to be demonized or to inspire an image of conspirators as a first reaction.

There are many former military personnel on this campus and especially in this city for character witness' of the government and though there certainly are things that are not shared with the public it is absolutely ridiculous to believe that bin Laden was already dead and has been on ice for years awaiting a proper time to be used as a political play card.

Seriously people, that's a secret that wouldn't keep

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for all parties regardless of previous stances or level of actual involvement.

Some may still argue bin Laden's involvement in certain terrorist attacks and there are several organizations and individuals who believe the U.S. government itself was in some way behind the 9/11 case.

A few minutes browsing the user comments to Obama's speech on YouTube and other video sites reveal much of the anti-trust Americans have toward their own government.

Online commentator itzeyadig said, "Osama has been dead for a long time now or he was just made up. I don't believe shit [the] U.S. government is telling us right now. Funny for almost 9 years they were looking for him and? now all of sudden while all this crap in the Middle East is happening they killed him, - BULL-SHIT! God help us all from the evil forces out there!"

Eritus1982 said, "yes he is dead, tomorrow the capitalism will create a new leader of terrorism... The king of terrorism is dead, long live the new king of terrorism (his name will be announced the next months from CNN and State Department)."

This doubt is not only in the president's announcement, but also in the integrity of the hundreds involved in the raid, backed by an entire chain of command all the way down to the boots on the ground.

"I think it's a conspiracy," said criminal justice major Stephon Carter.

The U.S. government may not maintain a flawless

part, believe in freedom and protecting ourselves from violence.

I don't personally like most cops, but I still dial 9-1-1 for emergencies. For those of you who are so hatefully distrustful of the government, go ahead and dial a private business or your friends if your house starts burning down.

Trust the word of the witnesses and the actual officials involved, trustworthy or not, they know more about the truth of what happened than anyone outside ever could and as long as it can't be unproven it should stand.

Worried about a violent response from Bin Laden supporters?

John Brennan, White House top counter-terrorism official, said "If we had the opportunity to take bin Laden alive, if he didn't present any threat, the individuals involved were able and prepared to do that."

Basically, he died fighting, like a warrior, like a true violent "hero", even the potential use of his family as human shields will not diminish his impact on the truly blind followers. Not much can be said without seeming to condone, defend or inspire fear about a possible future terrorist attack, but it is unfortunate he was not taken alive to further disgrace his status. Too many young revolutionaries around the world already idolized him without any direct influence or higher reasoning; the wave of his "martyrdom" has already begun.

No matter the actions com-

mitted by bin Laden that can actually be proven rather than claimed or charged, the Saudi Arabian-born Muslim was a staunch believer in violence against the US and others in the name of Islam. No matter the name of the offender, anyone who condones murder by grounds of their religion should be stopped or corrected before they can infect the world with their hate and ignorance.

Most Americans who have ever had long conversations about religion with friends and family realize just how committed and many times blindly devoted humans can be when it comes to defending their answers to the questions of life. Once someone is willing to turn religion into a weapon – physical, mental, emotional or social – I don't believe they should ever be considered a trustworthy leader, a competent human with a healthy worldview, or even a genuinely good person, whether their name is bin Laden, al-Zawahiri, Forrest, Smith, Graham, Peter, Gall, Sharpton, Garcia or even Bush.

All personal beliefs aside, as American citizens one cannot often speak for everyone, but in believing that Bin Laden is dead I can say his death was overall a good thing for us all.

Unfortunately, I am not alone in a worry that there may still be another video released of bin Laden holding up the current issue of the New York Times in the coming months, which I would respond to with only a solemn nod of disappointment.

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# Cinco de Mayo celebrated on el primero de Mayo

By John Frusetta  
Staff Writer

CSUB club M.E.Ch.A hosted the 29th annual Cinco de Mayo Festival at Runner Park on Sunday, May 1. From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. the community was invited to participate in the revelry, celebrating the Mexican heritage with traditional song, dance and food, as well as activities for children.

M.E.Ch.A., or the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, is a club on campus which promotes unity and cultural awareness for Chicanos. The club has been putting on the Cinco de Mayo Festival for years as a means to get everyone involved and aware of the celebrated day.

Argelia Diaz, the Cinco de Mayo director and member of M.E.Ch.A., said the event was a way to "reunite the community with the students," as well as to promote "the message of Cinco de Mayo." At the beginning of the event, the history of Cinco de Mayo was given to the audience in a short historical review.

Cinco de Mayo is Spanish for the "fifth of May," a reference to the date in which the Mexican Army defeated the much stronger invading French army at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The



Grace Vega/The Runner

**Mariachi group, Michoacan, performs "Cielito Lindo" at Celebrating Cinco De Mayo at Runner Park May 1.**

winning of the battle promoted a sense of nationalism both in Mexico and outside of it, countering the instability and fear that had been plaguing Mexico during a time of wars. The feeling has not worn off, and the celebration is used today as a means to celebrate Mexican heritage. Though

generally not celebrated in Mexico outside of the state of Puebla, it is popular in the United States as a means to educate people about the historical significance as well as to promote Mexican culture.

The tone of the festival was joyful as Mariachi Michoacan played enthui-

astically outside the Student Union. "Viva Mexico!" the leader shouted, getting the audience involved in the celebration.

Chairs, tables and umbrellas, were set up by Celebrate CSUB, according to Diaz; M.E.Ch.A. set up the balloons, banners, and other colorful decorations. The

tables were filled with families enjoying the warm day and music.

Sara Perez and her younger cousin Jacob were both soaking in the sun and music. "I come every year," she said.

Many booths were selling traditional Mexican food. There were carnitas, tacos

## There can be only one: Follett named bookstore operator

*Operations  
to be  
transferred  
July 1*

By Rhianna Taylor  
Managing Editor

In an e-mail to the campus community May 2, Vice President of Business and Administrative Services Michael Neal announced that the Request for Proposal Committee has decided which company will operate the campus bookstore. Follett Education Group was notified Monday that it would be officially taking over July 1.



Angel Serrano/The Runner  
**Follett Vice President Mary Perry gives a presentation on the service they provide April 22 in the Dezember Leadership Center Aera Room.**

Elio Diastola, the director of campus relations for Follett, said that they were very excit-

ed to hear the news.

"Follett is passionate about being a bookstore full of

choices for the students," he said.

Neal's e-mail said, "The committee found both entities to be qualified, but overall rated Follett to have made the best presentation, submitted the best proposal, and accordingly would provide the best services to our campus."

In a phone interview, Neal noted some qualities of Follett which perhaps influenced the committee's decision were that they were "innovative" and committed to being on the cutting edge of technology. Also, while Barnes and Noble has been providing rentable textbooks at CSUB for some time, Follett was the first bookstore entity to offer textbooks for rent, according to Neal.

**"Barnes and Noble has been a good partner for the past 15 years ... it came at a very difficult time."**

— Michael Neal

President Horace Mitchell agreed with the committee's recommendation, making the decision official. The transition between businesses will begin immediately; Follett Education Group will officially take over operations of the bookstore July 1, 2011. Follett is planning on doing

some construction on the store's interior, offering a fresh design, said Neal.

According to the e-mail, Barnes and Noble was the first outsourced bookstore operator on campus. "Barnes and Noble has been a good partner for the past 15 years," said Neal.

Neal, chair for the RFP Committee, could not speak for any of the five other committee members on whether the bookstore disaster in the beginning of this quarter factored into their decision to change owners. He did say, however, that "it came at a very difficult time for Barnes and Noble."

The representative for Barnes and Noble was unavailable for comment.

## ASI government election informational held in Blue Room

By Keith Koski  
Staff Writer

A student government election informational was held inside the Student Union's Blue Room on April 25 at 12:30 p.m. At this informational event, a PowerPoint presentation was shown entitled "Run for Office: Make a Difference. CSU Bakersfield ASI Guide to Running for Student Government." The PowerPoint presentation was presented by Emile Callahan, the director of Student Involvement at California State University Bakersfield.

Callahan said: "Students hoping to become student leaders are able to learn more about what is involved and the responsibilities they will have if elected at this informational. Each term is one year and you can run for two consecutive terms."

The PowerPoint said: "The executive officer positions are: president, executive vice president, vice president of external affairs, vice president of finance, and vice president of programming and publicity. The other positions available are the ASI board of directors and the student union board of directors.

"They need two directors from each of the different schools on campus such as School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. They need people from housing, education, and general studies as well."

Callahan said: "The president does things such as sit on multiple campus committees and attend and support the ASI-sponsored events; the executive vice president does things such as determine the agenda for ASI Board meetings and oversee the ASI LED sign

postings, the vice president of external affairs does such things as conduct students surveys and conduct assessment of committee goals and activities, the vice president of finance does things such as prepare funding requests for consideration before the Finance Committee and monitors and recommends changes to Finance Codes and Guidelines and the vice president of programming does things such as set annual programming goals and activities and oversee the planning and coordination of all ASI events."

According to the PowerPoint, "To be eligible to run, all student representatives must maintain a 2.5 grade-point average, and must not be on probation of any kind. Also it is required that students take nine quarter units of per term while holding office and graduate

students must hold four quarter units. Prior to the election students must be enrolled on the campus for two quarters earning eighteen quarter units."

According to the PowerPoint: "Decisions made by the Board members affect all students. ASI serves as the primary voice regarding student interests and issues. ASI also plays a crucial role in funding CSUB clubs and organizations. Various cultural and social activities are sponsored by ASI, which include the annual homecoming, the luau, speakers, concerts, barbecues, rallies and other events at CSUB."

Callahan said: "The executive officers keep a reference binder of everything that they do over the year and it is passed on to the next person when their term is finished."

There are also leadership retreats and workshop where we bring speakers in. This is something that you would be able to put on a resume and you gain leadership skills from serving that you can take with you.

"There is a time commitment as you would have to serve a minimum of ten office hours per week and go to meetings."

I was not able to talk to any of the potential candidates running because not all the candidates that were run-

ning were present at the informational event and Callahan said, "It would give the ones that were there an unfair advantage."

According to the PowerPoint, the remaining "crucial dates are May 6 at noon when the election filing ends, also on May 6 at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union Blue Room there will be a mandatory election orientation, the ASI elections on May 18-19, and finally the ASI election results on May 20."

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# Celebrate CSUB welcomes incoming students and alumni

By Markki Ramos  
Staff Writer

On April 30 Cal State Bakersfield held its fifth annual Celebrate CSUB event, welcoming incoming freshmen, parents and local middle school students. The event was from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and was held in two different areas on the CSUB campus.

The front of the campus all along the red brick road was where the different departments, schools, and community booths were located. In front of the Student Union and back of DDH the participants were able to check out some of the clubs on campus and watch live entertainment while they ate.

Graduate admissions coordinator Renne Rusnao-Lopez had a booth located in front of the campus. Rusnao-Lopez said Celebrate CSUB was a great opportunity to reach out to the community with information about the programs offered at CSUB and about applying to the university.

"Celebrate CSUB is an annual event that displays all the different programs we offer. Just trying to get involved with the community, getting people involved with what we do and how we best serve them," said



Amelia Gonzalez/The Runner

**CSUB graduates march across the red brick road outside the Dorothy Donahoe Hall during the fifth annual Celebrate CSUB event April 30.**

Lopez. Community Service cooperative circle painting Representative Harpreet Sandhu a sophomore nursing student at CSUB, said, "Celebrate CSUB is an event that CSUB has to showcase all the departments they have on campus for the incoming freshmen and to showcase all the different organizations CSUB has."

Sandhu said it was CSC's third time participation in Celebrate CSUB, and said it was a great way to bring the

community together.

Susan Hopkins, the director of university advancement events, said the core of the event is a freshman orientation for both students and parents. "It's an open-house for parents and incoming freshmen that are going to attend CSUB next year," she said. We invite the community to participate, all the student clubs and the academic programs to showcase all their stuff." Hopkins said it's a great way to welcome the incoming students and let them

get familiar with their campus.

"[The incoming freshmen] get to meet the president, register for their classes and it gives them a good taste of CSUB," she said.

Some event participants were not very pleased with the outcome of this year's Celebrate CSUB. Incoming freshman Raymond Perez said he enjoyed the event but, "I actually couldn't find many clubs. I really would have liked to have seen more."

Incoming freshman Beatriz Rojas said she too enjoyed what the event had to offer, "They told me about CAMP and how to

pay for college. I learned a lot by coming." She was only able to locate a few clubs however. "I saw the salsa club and that looked interesting, but that was the only one," she said.

Fifth year student, liberal studies major and head of design for Black Young Stars Sarah Booker said, "Well, because it's my fifth year here, I've been to a lot of Celebrate CSUB. I would say this one was not one of their best." Booker said to her it seemed like there were a lot fewer people and activities than they've had in the past.

However, despite the complaints, many that attended

were able to get all the information they needed, were able to enjoy themselves, and benefited for Celebrate CSUB. Cierra middle school student Ruben Martinez said he enjoyed the entertainment and the crafts. "I liked the dancing and the soccer," he said.

Alma Castaneda, an incoming freshman from Little Rock High School said she's interested in CSUB because "it's close to home." But now she wants to attend more than ever because "[The event] was good. I really liked it, I've been having fun and I learned some stuff."

Evelyn Young, the executive assistant to the president and event coordinator, said: "Middle school students have always been coming. They are a critical part of building a pipeline of new college students. This event is geared to help create a college-going culture in Kern County."

When asked if this event made him want to work harder to go to college, Martinez said: "Yeah it does, it looks fun. I want to go to this school or USC, but it looks fun here."

Koni Santos, mother of an incoming freshman said she came with her son for his orientation and enjoyed the event.

"I think [the event] is nice. It shows a lot of participation and a lot of spirit in the community. It's fantastic."



Katie Miller/The Runner

**Freshman Liberal Studies major Julieta Rodriguez looks through books at the Children's Book Fair April 26.**

## Children's Center holds book fair

By Jacob Montecino  
Staff Writer

Funds were raised to support the children at CSUB when the Children's Center hosted its annual book fair last Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Red Brick Road in front of Dorothy Donahoe Hall. It was a small setup with books mainly marketed for the preschool and kindergarten age, but get closer and there was a host of selections and items such as pink and fuzzy pencils and a few higher level books that college students could still enjoy.

The book fair happened last year as well, but it is doing better than last year because "last year we could only take cash, but this year we have a credit card machine" said Lancaster.

Since they started taking cards, the mornings have been jammed with shoppers, according to the Lancaster. Because of the good turnout this year and last, the Children's Center is considering making this a semi-annual book fair, and which they hope will get bigger.

Lancaster said, "This started out just as my master's [degree] project, but because it was such a huge

son for the book fair and the site supervisor at the Children's Center, said that the book fair was meant to raise funds to help the Children's Center and make it a better place for the children.

Lancaster encouraged the students to make purchases for this event because "we are already paying for the center and we should want it to be worth what we're paying."

Scholastic Books provided the books for the fair, and there was a wide selection of books from preschool up through junior high and even some books that adults could enjoy. There were even some good classic books such as "The Ugly Duckling" and the Video Game's Book of World Records as well as some kits to build little inventions.

Lancaster said that the students and staff at CSUB should shop here because the Children's Center will only get "Scholastic dollars, which can only be used to buy books, but if we reach a certain amount, we will get cash which can be used for anything."

The goal would be to get cash since that could be used for more practical things other than books, but Lancaster did not mention any specific project that the money would go toward.

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## 'Dialogue' preaches tolerance

**[DIALOGUE, from Page 1]** he was approached by an unnamed organizer who explained it to him. Davis said he was interested in diversity and tolerance and how they relate.

The celebration was "pretty good," said Davis, "I'm thirsty though."

Ricky Esparanza, a freshman majoring in business administration, said he's excited to see what comes in the Days of Dialogue.

"I'm looking forward to hearing different perspectives and how students' cultures bring diversity to campus."

Paris Alshaif, a senior religious studies and art major also attended the event with her cousins. According to Paris, her cousin Gokh Alshaif, sophomore religious studies and political science major and president of the Muslim Student Association presented a piece of art for friend, Noor Qwfan. Qwfan, who is a junior and art and political science major, couldn't make it to the event, but Ghok told her story for her.

Qwfan was born in Yemen but raised here in the United States. She was struggling for a long time to find her identity but she finally realized that she can be an American and still have a sense of being Yemenese.

"She can be both," said Paris. "We don't have that in other countries."

Paris explained that being Muslim, she is especially interested in the idea of creating peace between cultures. She believes that in order for that to happen people must educate themselves.

Nasseem Alshaif, a freshman and psychology major attended the event with Paris and others. She is concerned because her religion, Islam, is associated with terror because of what the media portrays.

"Don't judge Islam by people's actions, but by the teachings," said Nasseem. "Islam comes from the root word salam, which means peace. So it doesn't make sense to associate it with terrorism."

Following the celebration "The Pyramid of Hate" presentation was held in the Stockdale Room of the Runner Café. The four students of the religious studies class spoke on how small acts of prejudice and a lack of education about other cultures can lead to such events as the Holocaust.

Leslie Reyes was one of the four presenters of the Pyramid of Hate. She explained that "the most common problem is people mis-using terms ... like calling people retarded."

"Little things that we say in joking is really hurtful," says Reyes. "Those are things that reinforce negative stereotypes... which we don't need to have if we're present in what we are saying."

Reyes said the main goal of the presentation was "to get everyone to realize that they are themselves agents of change, and as agents of change you can create your own future and make it more hostile or more pleasant and uplifting."

## Police still searching for fifth suspect in hazing incident

**[HAZING, from Page 1]** assault with a deadly weapon, torture and conspiracy, while Agu and Joy Jr. were charged with hazing and conspiracy. Student Philemon Norris, 22, is wanted for hazing and conspiracy.

The group members claimed affiliation to Kappa Alpha Psi, which CSUB

President Horace Mitchell said is "not a recognized student organization."

According to the press release, the group recruits from the CSUB student population through a club established on campus for that purpose, but according to CSUB Director of Public Affairs and Communications Rob Meszaros, the club

being used to recruit is not sanctioned by CSUB.

"They're not supposed to be recruiting," Meszaros said. "Only folks who are sanctioned can do that. We didn't even know they were recruiting, because they are not an approved club."

According to Meszaros, the group applied for recognition as a campus organization

in the fall, but the approval was not granted. Meszaros said one of the standards of recognition is that a group must have at least 10 members, and "they had not met that."

Mitchell said the individuals involved who are CSUB students will be placed on temporary suspension effective immediately pending

the outcome of the investigation.

"I am appalled that such behaviors have occurred," Mitchell said in a statement. "They are personally offensive to me and to our campus community."

As of Tuesday morning Horn and Agu were being held in Kern County Jail on \$250,000 bail.

## 'Take Back the Night' urges sexual assault victims not to fear

**[NIGHT, from Page 1]** tight jeans in the context of consensual sex."

Danny Soto, a sophomore business student, said: "I had no idea about this incident. I think it's great they're getting this story out to students and bringing awareness to our campus."

According to licensed marriage and family counselor, Janet Millar, this event allows victims to take back the night whether their assault happened during the day or night. This is a national movement to come out of the night and into light and empowerment.

Take Back the Night kicked off with a jean painting activity. People expressed their creativity and messages toward sexual assault on some of the sixty pairs of denim collected by the Social Work Club.

After jean painting, members of the community and AAFVSA spoke to an audience of about 80 students and others from the community.

David Woods from Bakersfield Elite Martial Arts said: "If a student is in my class it's too late, the assault has already happened. Students get to psychologically deal and then move on. It's tough but it can be done. You've got to have self-confi-



Kyrstin Cordero/The Runner  
**Susan Scott and Virivianna Jimenez paint jeans at the Denim Days event in honor of sexual assault victims.**

dence and the alliance gives you that."

Woods presented a short lesson in self-defense with a volunteer. He showed the audience key moves to prevent a sexual assault attack. Woods was presented a certificate of appreciation from the AAFVSA.

Professor Patricia Henry followed Woods. According to Henry, one in five women and one in 10 men have

experienced some form of sexual violence. Twenty-eight to thirty two percent of women have experienced the most serious type of sexual violence, rape, during their college academic career.

Henry spoke of the bystander effect: "We have to look at different ways to get groups of people to respond. Everyone in this room has a responsibility. Our role is to take what is said here, outside. We can't give away power, but we can help bring it back. Don't be a bystander, be an advocate."

Sgt. Ron Maniord from the Kern County Sheriff's office presented some statistics. According to Maniord, Kern County has a sixty-percent conviction rate for rape. The remaining 40 percent is not convicted due to lack of evidence. Rape is treated like murder; it must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Ninety percent of all sexual assaults are committed by someone he or she knows or has met before.

"Most of you can text faster than I can type on a computer. There is no reason why you cannot call for help when you see an assault happen," he said.

President of the Social Work Club,

Michael Pawlowski, received a certificate of appreciation from the AAFVSA for his work with denim donations and preparation for Take Back the Night.

Morgan Saso, an education graduate student, also received a certification of appreciation as an AAFVSA volunteer. Saso raised money for the Small Steps program and 5k run while preparing for her upcoming wedding.

"We've heard about adults, but Small Steps is a safe haven for children of family violence and sexual assault," said Saso.

Executive director from the AAFVSA, Louis Gill, closed the speeches and said: "I know that it can happen to men, and when it does it is often by men. Ninety-eight percent of sexual assault crimes are committed by men. This is a man's issue."

The audience proceeded outside for the candle light ceremony led by Millar. Millar read from the famous recovery poem, "There's a Hole in my Sidewalk" by Portia Nelson. A list of chants were handed out, and the group read aloud: "Take back the night. The time is near. We will not be controlled by fear."

## New system to help students get the classes they want

**[SYSTEM, from Page 1]** took away from other students that could have enrolled in that class and couldn't because it was full."

Gutierrez, who works in the Student Success and

Retention Center as the student assistant/peer adviser said that before, "students could register up to 19 units, and then try to overload."

Jacqueline Mims, the associate vice president for Enrollment Management

who works in the Office of Admissions and Records was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Now with our two-phase enrollment it "ensures that all students have equitable access to courses" which was stated in an e-mail that was sent out to all CSUB students from Jacqueline Mims.

All students will now have a fair chance to get the classes and schedules they need before students begin to overload.

With this new phase undergraduate students (except first time freshmen, seniors who applied for grad check, and transfer students, who are exempt from

the two phase enrollment) will only be allowed to enroll in 15 units until Aug. 29, 2011 which at that date, Phase Two begins and everyone can enroll in up to 19 units and overload if they want.

Academic Programs is working "to ensure the fairest equitable enrollment opportunity of courses to the student body" as stated in the e-mail from Mims.

Students who plan to add additional courses can still do so as long as the class is open at the time of Phase Two, and they can always try crashing courses.

The Student Success and Retention Center has been experiencing both negative

and positive feedback from the students. "Some staff members were shocked by the new two phase enrollment, because CSUB has never done anything like this before so it's new to them as it's new to us" said Gutierrez. Gutierrez also stated, "Some professors are shocked that students who are in special programs, like the Hawk Honors, don't receive priority."

Anyone with any questions on two-phase enrollment can contact the Academic Advising and Resource Center at (661) 654-2700 or the Admissions and Records office at (661) 654-3036.

## Community salutes local heroes

**[HEROES, from Page 1]** show up," said Veneziano.

The Olive Drab Drivers also had an exhibit there where they featured some of the military vehicles and equipment that the organization restores and preserves.

Marc McCasling is the administrator of propaganda for the organization and he said that they are the only military club in town.

One of the vehicles they had on display was a 1943 Studebaker M29 Weasel.

McCasling said the vehicle can go underwater and was used as a medical, troop, and gun transport for WWII.

CSUB's own Student Veterans Organization held an exhibit at the event.

Anita Orr, a sociology major at CSUB and the President of the organization, said the organization is, "just a fellowship that supports veterans on campus and collaborates with the community."

The organization's motto is "Yesterday's Warriors, Today's Scholars, Tomorrow's Leaders."

The most touching part of the event was when the

national anthem was sung by Amy Adams. The

whole entire event fell silent and every person stopped what they were doing and put their right hand on their heart to pay respects to the nation. It was a very heartwarming sight.

There was also a presentation of the Wall of Valor in which the names of fallen heroes were read. This reading was done by Don Clark.

Randy Roberts attended the event with his father E.T. Roberts.

Roberts' father is a D-day war veteran and Roberts' said they've been to all three of the Salute to Our Local Heroes events and, "We go to just about everything we can."

Mariah Parraz is a Highland High Senior who also attended the event as a volunteer for the Marines Corp.

Parraz said, "It's really nice to see a lot of people here from war. It's an honor to be a part of."

The event lasted from 11:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. and the admission was \$20 for adults \$5 for children and children under five were admitted free.

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## Student remembers Japan quake

By Jazmin Iniguez  
Staff Writer

Twenty-four-year-old Mikey Mello, business major and "super senior" at CSUB, experienced the 9.0-magnitude undersea mega thrust earthquake that occurred in Japan March 11. Mello was set to be in Japan for one year through the International Program, but only stayed for six months due to this natural disaster.

Mello said, "The earthquake robbed me of my closure of Japan."

On March 11 around 2-3 p.m., Mello was at a store called Don Quijote; it is like a Wal-Mart, has a variety of goods and the stuff stacked up to the ceiling.

"I was at the party section when the earthquake began. I was like, 'Oh an earthquake, how novel,'" said Mello.

Mello was waiting for the earthquake to stop so he could go back to shopping.

Mello said: "It didn't stop; it got more intense. Stuff started falling; I could hear glass breaking and people dashing for the exit. I looked around and said 'I'm going to stay put because the worst thing that could happen is a maid outfit [falling on me].'"

The main shaking lasted about two minutes and after it was over, Mello left the store. Mello said he saw people calling, taking pictures and texting.

"I was by the Shinjuku Rodeo House where I saw the news on the TV and there I learned what was happening. I was watching the tsunami earthquake live," said Mello.



Angel Serrano/The Runner

**Senior business major  
Mickey Mello shares a  
story about living in  
Japan for six months  
and living through the  
experience of the  
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— Mickey Mello

Mello walked home; it took him about an hour to arrive because the trains were down.

Mello said, "My parents were asleep while the earthquake happened. I stayed up till midnight, waited for my mom to get online to chat with her." At that point, Mello's parents weren't overly worried, just very happy to hear their son was okay.

Mello's host family said that this was the first earthquake that made them want to

duck and cover.

After the earthquake, Mello stayed in Japan for a week because the International Program was still in considering whether or not to cancel the program.

"The International Program is supposed to be one of the most memorable experiences, but I don't think they meant it this way," said Mello.

The International Program was canceled for Japan the whole year, which left Mello upset.

"[It] sucks because I was going to go to Kyoto," said Mello.

The result of the disaster is what affected his life.

"I was set to be in Japan for one year, but ended up staying for six months," said Mello.

He also said he didn't get to spend as much time with his friends and didn't get to see them as much as he would have liked. The ride back from Tokyo is when it hit Mello.

He said: "Damn! I'm going home, I got robbed!"

Mello said he will be visiting Tokyo again after he graduates from CSUB.

"I definitely want to go back," said Mello.

Mello will be graduating from CSUB in the Spring Quarter of 2012, with a bachelor's degree in business and double concentrations in business economics and marketing. He also wants to further his education by attending graduate school at Stanford.

dent may choose to talk to the department chair to discuss the complaint. If there is still an issue the student will then have to meet with the appropriate department dean. If none of this results in a resolution the student must wait seven days before filing a student grievance form.

The board will come together no later than 14 days after the notice of the grievance. If

The grievance review board is made of seven members: the presiding officer, who is also the interim associate vice president; two full-time faculty members; two full-time student-service professional staff members; and two full-time students. The presiding officer selects new members each academic year at random.

All information that goes on in the hearing is closed. The hearing lasts one day, however, the duration will vary depending on the complexity of the situation, said Carl Kemnitz, the presiding officer. The grievant and respondent are allowed to bring evidence.

Students believe that this process is fair and should be utilized when necessary.

Brian Danda, a freshman said, "It's fair to me because you get a trial and not just ignored as usual. If I had to use it I would but so far I haven't had to use it."

Javier Herrera said, "Just because you are a teacher doesn't mean that you are right all the time. They are giving students the right to fight back."

Even though the board intends to provide a formal resolution for the grievant and respondent, appeals are allowed to take place. The presiding officer has the final say for these types of petitions.

## Student-made sculpture to be displayed on campus

By Angel Ford  
Staff Writer

For many students at CSUB the objective of attending school is to better prepare themselves to contribute to the growth of society; however, for junior art major Kenneth Taylor, he does not have to wait for his degree to give back to his community. Taylor is creating a beehive sculpture that he intends to share with students on campus.

Taylor said that his piece is being designed with students in mind: "At first I wanted to make a sanctuary for students, like a nest."

His dedication to completing the beehive sculpture extends beyond the requirements implemented by the course Art 409. Taylor has committed several hours a day, four to five days of the week, to his piece as well as outside funds. Taylor said he has spent over \$100 excluding the required materials fee. He also commented that he might have to spend more in order to complete the piece the way he would like.

Taylor's beehive is being designed to be interactive with students. The layout includes a sub-entrance so students can sit inside of the beehive. According to Taylor, "I think that students work hard like bees and it would be neat for them to have a spot where they can hang out. Right now it has to be approved for its location."

David Laughing Horse Robinson, a member of the Art Department's technical



Angel Serrano/The Runner  
**Senior art major Kenneth Taylor works on "The Beehive" outside the wood shop at CSUB.**

staff, stated that the sculptures would be temporarily displayed in the Student Union quad for what he called a "student garden."

Robinson said that the Art Department is working with CSUB's ASI and the sculptures will be displayed for Green Week. ASI Board of Directors post their meeting minutes on their website, www.csusb.edu/asi. According to the minutes of the meeting on Friday, March 11, "Green Week will be the last week of May. Every day will focus on a different aspect of sustainability. There will be three daily facets consisting of a community service project in the morning, activities in the afternoon and then close the day with a speaker or panel of speakers. [ASI] will close the event with a keynote speaker. One event that is set in stone for the week is an art competition."

Taylor has intentions of making his piece permanent and would like to see if he can begin the process of approval for it to remain on campus. Only wood materials are sculpting the yet-to-be-titled piece. Taylor said that he wants the piece to look all natural, like a honeycomb. Taylor confidently went back to work on his piece all while swatting at a few bees that flew by him.

This is not Taylor's first displayed sculpture. In fact, he had a piece that was tem-

## Grievance levels playing field for students

By Blanca Martinez  
Staff Writer

Students have many rights when attending CSUB. One of those rights is called a Student Complaint and Grievance Procedure. It is intended to make things fair for students who have an issue with employees on campus.

The student who makes the complaint is referred to the grievant and the faculty member being accused is referred to the respondent.

Many complaints result from: a violation of established academic policies and regulations, which consists of violations in the respondent's syllabus; clerical errors in a student's records; prejudicial evaluation, which occurs when a different standard is applied to the grievant from other students, this must result in a significant impact in the student's academic records in order for this type of complaint to be taken into consideration; and capricious evaluation, when the faculty member makes a sudden change in his or her standards.

In order for a student to file, he or she must follow a set of procedures. If a student feels that they have been treated wrongly, he or she must follow a set of actions before filing a student complaint and grievance. He or she must talk to the faculty member or instructor at the department level whom he or she has an issue with. If the matter does not get resolved then the stu-

dent may choose to talk to the department chair to discuss the complaint. If there is still an issue the student will then have to meet with the appropriate department dean. If none of this results in a resolution the student must wait seven days before filing a student grievance form.

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All information that goes on in the hearing is closed. The hearing lasts one day, however, the duration will vary depending on the complexity of the situation, said Carl Kemnitz, the presiding officer. The grievant and respondent are allowed to bring evidence.

Students believe that this process is fair and should be utilized when necessary.

Brian Danda, a freshman said, "It's fair to me because you get a trial and not just ignored as usual. If I had to use it I would but so far I haven't had to use it."

Javier Herrera said, "Just because you are a teacher doesn't mean that you are right all the time. They are giving students the right to fight back."

Even though the board intends to provide a formal resolution for the grievant and respondent, appeals are allowed to take place. The presiding officer has the final say for these types of petitions.

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## Poetry Slam Returns to CSUB for National Poetry Month

By Dallas Plater  
Staff Writer

On April 28 at 6 p.m., the Student Union held CSUB's second Poetry Slam event in honor of National Poetry Month. The event took place in The Roost restaurant within the Student Union building and showcased a wide range of student talent in a casual, open-microphone atmosphere.

Angelo Lapuz, a senior business major and program manager for the Student Union, acted as the master of ceremonies for the evening. Lapuz was pleased with the success of the last Poetry Slam, and hopes its return will encourage more participation in student events like it around campus.

"Our main goal is to make this school more active; we're trying to get student life back on campus," said Lapuz. "The first Poetry Slam was a great success with over 100 in attendance, and we want to keep the tradition going."

According to Savannah Natividad, a freshman business major and student-at-large for the Student Union,



Shell Ecura, a junior nursing major, performs her poem "Filipino" April 28 at The Roost.

the event gave students a chance to branch out and speak their feelings in a positive, welcoming environment.

"The Poetry Slam gives students a chance to say what's on their mind, and if they're feeling frustrated or worried about something,

it's a great way for them to vent," said Natividad.

The poetry recited at the event encompassed a wide array of topics, which ranged from the hardships experienced by Filipino women to the surreal inner-workings of the human ego. Jean Torres, a junior com-

munications major, recited: "I am but one in a pack, gasping for that last breath of dignity."

Torres' poem related the issues women in the Filipino community faced to a pack of cigarettes in her poem "Smoke Us."

"When I attended San

Francisco University, I was a peer educator for the Filipino-American Collegiate Endeavor, and I got to know Philippine women who faced a lot of hardships in their past," said Torres. "At the time, I was hanging around a group who smoked a lot, and I

decided to write a poem that symbolized the issues these women faced with a pack of cigarettes."

Reggie Visico, a senior English major, questioned existence and the human mind in a surreal spoken word piece.

"I think it's best for my ego to flesh out. The more I know, the more I know nothing," recited Visico.

A number of other local poets presented their work, and all in attendance were welcome to sign up and perform. Free buffalo wings were also offered to the first 60 students to attend the event.

While the event consisted of mostly poetry performances, there were a few acts that diverged from the traditional poetry format. From an opening act that consisted of stand-up comedy to a performance from local musical duo "Wish You Were Queer," the event gave voice to a variety of student talent.

"Everyone should do poetry whenever possible," said Visico. "It's a great way to be able to express what you feel, and I hope more people get exposed to it."

## Party in the Park to benefit Alumni Association

By Marissa Lay  
Staff Writer

On May 6, the CSUB Alumni Association will be holding its 15th annual Party in the Park in Alumni Park starting at 5:30 p.m.

"It's kind of our (the Alumni Association) signature event, because it has been around the longest," said Shannon Hill, the director of Alumni Relations.

According to Hill, this event is a wine-and beer-tasting function that helps bring in funds to the Alumni Association's scholarship endowment.

Every year the Alumni Association gives out a couple of scholarships to qualifying students wanting to come back to CSUB to get their master's degree.

Hill explained that since this is a fundraiser event, there is a ticket cost. A ticket costs \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. The Alumni Association also provides a packaged deal that includes a Jazz Festival ticket, which occurs right after the Party in the Park.

"You do have to be 21 or older to attend the Party in the Park, but you do not have to be an alum," said Hill.

According to Hill, Party in the Park attendees receive appetizers from the sponsoring Eagle Mountain Casino, wines from 30 different wineries and two types of beer. The wine partners that contribute to the event are

generally from the Central California area.

Judith Pratt, a communications professor and nine-time attendee to the Party in the Park, explained that some of the wines are from hobby wineries that you wouldn't be able to find in a store.

"There are some very unusual tastes, and the wine-makers and the representatives talk about some of the blends that they have, some of the vineyards where they were and some other talk of the wine, such as the terroir [the special characteristics geography, geology and climate pass down to the particular varieties of wine]," said Pratt.

According to Hill, although the event is about wine and beer tasting, other things do happen.

"Really it's more about networking and meeting people. A lot of the university employees, as well as alumni and community members who enjoy wine come out," said Hill.

"I love running into my old students, who are alum, and catching up with them, on their jobs, their families and their successes in life," said Pratt.

According to Pratt, the Party in the Park is a classy event that allows people to genuinely connect with one another.

"I like the feeling of the connection between the alum and Cal State Bakersfield. And you can

really feel that these alum believe this is their home, they'll always be Roadrunners," expressed Pratt.

According to Hill, the Party in the Park has also presented an auction during the event for the past five years. Auction items can include anything from gift certificates to a spa to Dodger tickets. The money received through the auction also goes toward the Alumni Association scholarship funds.

Sponsorship packages are available to companies that wish to donate any gifts, whether it be in the form of wine, money, or auction items.

According to the alumni website, this year's main sponsors are KGET-17, Eagle Mountain Casino, Lengthwise Brewery and Stella Artois.

This event also has 50 volunteer slots every year. The volunteers are required to set up and pour wine. They are provided with a discounted ticket, according to Hill.

"Part of the time you are enjoying the event and part of the time you are pouring wine," said Hill.

Tickets to the event can be purchased online at the alumni website ([www.csub.edu/alumni](http://www.csub.edu/alumni)), by calling (661) 654-3211 or by visiting the CSUB Alumni Office. Any questions about the Party in the Park can be answered by the alumni office.

## 25th annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival returning to CSUB

By Kathryn McCoy  
Staff Writer

CSUB will be hosting the 25th annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival at the CSUB Amphitheatre on May 6 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and May 7 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Bakersfield Jazz Festival provides a two-day celebration that features 13 jazz groups that include Grammy and poll-winning artists as well as the best local jazz groups on two stages, according to Douglas Davis, director of Bakersfield's 25th Annual Jazz Festival.

"The Bakersfield Jazz Festival was started to invite the entire community to come and enjoy a celebration of music while contributing to the future of deserving students," said Davis. "Last year 50 scholarships were awarded to deserving students at CSUB."

There will be a mixture of different genres of music throughout the event. Latin to blues, and reggae to a fireworks show happening May 7 as seen on the lineup

of the scheduled events found on the Bakersfield Jazz Festival website.

"We want people to gain a big dose of happiness when they attend this event," said Davis.

Some of the performances will include Eric Darius, whom has a No.1 Billboard contemporary jazz hit as well as several other top 10s. Along with Darius will be a performance by Pete Escovedo along with his daughter Sheila and brother Peter Michael.

There will also be performances by Rick Baurn, a four-time No.1 hit on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz Chart.

The multiple-Grammy-award-winning New York Voices ensemble will also be performing at the festival along with a number of other well-known artists.

The Festival will have both entertainment as well as a variety of food vendors serving everything from hamburgers to hotdogs to deep-pit barbecue and Cajun delights, according to Davis.

"The best part about this event is the fact that any student with a valid CSUB I.D. is free," said Davis in appre-

ciation for CSUB's efforts that have been made in regards to this event.

For faculty, staff and administrators, admission is also free.

For the public, general admission to attend on May 6 is \$36 and to attend May 7 is \$40, for children under 12, admission is free. Tickets can be purchased at the CSUB Cashier's Office. For reserved tables, tickets, and general information on the event call (661) 322-5200.

"The Bakersfield Jazz Festival would love for you to purchase a ticket for a friend or two at the Cashier's office at CSUB," said Davis.

Karen Millard, a sophomore majoring in English at CSUB, said, "I'm not much of a jazz fan, but I attended last year's event and really enjoyed it."

David Carter, a junior majoring in history at CSUB said, "I've heard of the festival but have never really been interested, but from what my friends have told me that have attended the event I'm thinking of checking it out for myself this year."

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# Irvine takes final two games to claim weekend series

By Steven Gaede  
Staff Writer

The 'Runners fell to UC Irvine at home 11-6 on April 30.

CSUB's junior pitcher, Jonathan Montoya, struggled in the top of the first he gave up four runs. Montoya gave up four hits in the first, three of which were back-to-back-to-back. With the loss Montoya drops to 7-2 on the season.

Irvine had 14 hits on the game, while CSUB had 12 hits.

CSUB had defensive problems throughout the game. The 'Runners committed four errors compared to the one lone error made by Irvine.

Irvine jumped off to the four-run lead before the 'Runners were able to get to the plate, but the 'Runners would get their revenge in the bottom of the first.

Right-fielder Ryan McIntyre, junior center-fielder Andrew Letourneau, junior catcher Jeremy Rodriguez and junior first-baseman Martin Medina



CSUB outfielder Andrew Letourneau makes the slide back to second base while UCI infielder D.J. Crumlich just misses getting hit in the face with the ball May 1 at Hardt Field.

each had two hits in the game.

Letourneau was the first CSUB player to reach base on the night - he hit a single. The next three 'Runners followed suit by getting singles of their own. Sophomore left-fielder, Kevin Younger, contributed to the 'Runner's big inning by hitting a double which

knocked in three. CSUB scored six runs off of six hits in the first.

The offensive explosion that the 'Runners put together in the first did not carry over to the latter innings, however; Irvine was able to put runs on the board in five out of the next eight innings.

CSUB lit up Irvine's start-

ing pitcher Crosby Slaughter, who did not make it out of the first, but the relief pitchers were able to shut CSUB down. Andrew Thurman came in and replaced Slaughter; Thurman went on to pitch six innings while giving up six hits and striking out four.

The Irvine relief pitchers did not have to make a lot of

pitches on account of the aggressive swinging by CSUB; Irvine was able to get seven 'Runners out on one pitch plate appearances.

Brian Hernandez and Drew Hillman led Irvine by going 3-for-5 and 3-for-4 respectively.

The CSUB bats didn't come alive in a 7-0 loss to Irvine on May 1.

Freshman second-baseman Oscar Sanay went 2-for-4 on the game; Sanay was one of the three 'Runners that had hits on May 1.

Irvine had 41 batters approach the plate on May 1, and 15 of them got hits.

Hillman and Christian Ramirez both went 3-for-5.

Junior pitcher Tommy Hoenshell earned himself a quality start on the game; he gave up nine hits and three runs in 6.2 innings of work.

Irvine was able to put up one run in the third, two in the fourth, and four in the ninth.

Irvine was able to score four runs in the ninth off of four hits; Sean Madigan's triple was the highlight of the ninth - he batted in three runs on the hit. The 'Runners committed two errors in the ninth and two earlier in the game.

The 'Runners committed 11 errors in the three-game series against Irvine.

CSUB heads to Manhattan, KS where the 'Runners will play a two game series against Kansas State on May 3 and May 4.

## Kernen awarded contract extension

By Mark Nessia  
Editor-In-Chief

CSUB baseball coach Bill Kernen has a plan for his team to be at a baseline where he thinks it can compete on a national basis consistently.

CSUB Athletic Director Jeff Konya ensured Kernen has a chance to continue with that plan April 29 when he rewarded Kernen with a two-year contract extension. Kernen said he's "just had one year at a time" before the extension.

"We are rewarding coach Kernen for his progress and results with our baseball program," Konya said. "Coach Kernen is responsible for arguably the most important wins for CSUB at the Division I level. Coach Kernen does things the right way."

"With such a young team, our future is bright with him at the helm."

**"What he's done so far is take a group of guys who were nobodies - a bunch of rejects to other schools - and said, 'You guys can be something,"**

— Mike McCarthy

are those kinds of guys," Kernen said of his pitching staff. "But you can't put that on them, either."

A former pitcher at the University of Redlands, Kernen said his pitchers are very intense, tough competitors. He said they have good "stuff," but that isn't what wins games for them.

"They're just warriors when they're pitching, and that's what's really getting it done for them," Kernen said.

Senior right-hander Mike McCarthy, whose 1.95 ERA leads all pitchers with at least 10 starts, said Kernen prides himself on not just coaching the athlete as a physical being but also the mind.

"He's huge on coaching who you are on the mound your mentality, your approach, your determination and the intent behind everything you throw," McCarthy said.

Junior catcher Jeremy Rodriguez, who has anchored the defense since its start in 2009, said Kernen's extension is going to give a lot of players confidence. He said coming into the season the team was not

sure if Kernen was going to stay or not because they knew his contract was up at the end of the season.

"When we saw that, a lot of guys got really happy," Rodriguez said. "We're looking forward to the next two seasons with him."

Rodriguez said Kernen always finds a way to "light a fire under my butt."

"It's his personality," Rodriguez said.

According to McCarthy, Kernen has made a point to never allow any excuses and never allow anybody to think that they can't be anything special.

"What he's done so far is take a group of guys who were nobodies - a bunch of rejects to other schools and said, 'You guys can be something,'" McCarthy said. "He takes pride in that.

He looks for guys that are going to have a chip on their shoulder guys that are going to have something to prove."

McCarthy said the media at the beginning of the season was saying how it hopes they will be a .500 team, but Kernen was "steadfast" that they will not be a .500 ball club - excellence is the only thing they will achieve this year.

"He's held us to that standard, and you see the results on the field," McCarthy said.

According to McCarthy, Kernen's influence will be evident for years to come.

"What he's taught us not just about baseball but about life is something that we'll carry with us the rest of our lives and the university will carry with it the rest of its existence," McCarthy said.

"He's teaching not just the student-athlete but also the future alumni people that are going to come back here and sit in the bleachers and sit in the huge stadium that they're going to build. They will back here and say, 'I was part of the original group and he was the one who did that.'"

## McCall named basketball coach

By Mark Nessia  
Editor-In-Chief

the opportunity that I've been given to continue on with the continuity of the women's basketball program here."

McCall thanked Konya and CSUB President Horace Mitchell for their support and belief in him.

"Those two guys are the reason I'm standing here today," he said.

McCall also extended his thanks to La Kose. He said La Kose has been a big part of him and the reason why he is back at CSUB.

"For four years we've been a great team together," McCall said. "We've been making a great partnership, and it was sad to see him leave. It was sad to see the duo break up."

McCall credited La Kose for setting the foundation for the Roadrunner program.

"I'm very happy for Greg, his family and the CSUB family," La Kose said. "I think it was well-deserved. He put his time in as a student, as a player and as a coach. We put together a formula for success, and it was just a matter of getting the right people in place."

That formula will remain the same as McCall said he wants to "continue on with that same journey same style and same methods."

"I'm one of those believers of 'if it's not broken, we're not going to try to fix it,'" McCall said. "That's something that I've been used to for four years now."

"There's no use to trying to change anything, making anything different, because that's all I know. I know what

Tim knows. He's paved the way for this style of play, and it's a great style."

"[Entering] my senior year, I didn't want anything to change," junior guard Kristine Herman said. "Having coach McCall here will be a really great opportunity for us."

Sophomore guard Amber Williams, who led the team in scoring last season with 14.9 points per game, said the team was excited for La Kose's opportunity to coach at a new school, but was thankful that McCall was able to stay.

McCall said La Kose invited him to take a position at SJSU, but was also a great supporter for him to take the job at CSUB.

"If things hadn't worked, then that's where I would have been in San Jose with (La Kose)," McCall said.

Freshman guard Tyonna Outland said it was a big choice for McCall to stay at CSUB. She said that the girls on the team were happy for McCall to be their coach because he knew them and knew their philosophy.

"We didn't want anybody else to come and change the philosophy and have confusion," Outland said. "Last year we had a lot of success, and he was a part of that. I think that with him coming back, we can just improve and get better."

As for an SJSU-CSUB matchup, La Kose said not this year.

"Give us a little time to get things going up here, then we'll be ready," he said.

## Athletes of the Week



Andrew Letourneau  
Junior  
Baseball

April 29 vs.  
UC Irvine

Hits: 3  
RBIs: 2  
Runs Scored: 2  
Putouts: 3

Next home game:  
May 7 vs.  
Loyola Marymount



Jamie Miller  
Senior  
Softball

April 30  
Double-header vs.  
Loyola Marymount:

Hits: 4  
RBIs: 2  
Runs Scored: 2  
Putouts: 3  
Assists: 3

Next home game: May 7  
Sacramento State

# Roadrunners take down third ranked opponent of season in come-from-behind win

By Mark Nessia  
Editor-In-Chief

CSUB baseball coach Bill Kernen said his team is not intimidated by big competition.

He said his team has always felt it belonged on the national stage, and a big part of getting there is to think you deserve it and to think you're that good.

The Roadrunners proved they belong once again April 29 after rallying in the ninth, down 4-0, to defeat No. 17-ranked UC Irvine in extra innings 5-4 at Hardt Field.

CSUB (25-13) scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to tie the game and won it in the 10th off an Andrew Letourneau RBI single.

Freshman shortstop Tyler Shryock singled up the middle to start the 10th inning and moved up to second following a Ryan McIntyre sacrifice bunt. Letourneau then drove a 2-1 pitch down the left-field line sending Shryock home for the game winning run.

"Before the at-bat, I told myself, 'Get something up in the zone and just try and get it into a gap,'" said Letourneau, who finished 3-for-5 with two RBIs and one run scored. "I wanted that. ... Me and Ryan told each other we're going to win it right here."

The 'Runners started the ninth inning by getting the first two batters on base. Shryock singled up the middle and McIntyre walked. Letourneau singled up the



Mark Nessia/The Runner

Teammates congratulate freshman shortstop Tyler Shryock (22) after scoring the game-winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning in a 5-4 come-from-behind win against No. 17-ranked UC Irvine. The Roadrunners scored five unanswered runs after trailing 4-0 in the bottom of the ninth.

middle for his first RBI of the game and advancing McIntyre to second. Junior catcher Jeremy Rodriguez singled to left-center, plating McIntyre and moving Letourneau to third.

Letourneau scored after junior first baseman Martin Medina reached on a fielder's choice. Medina advanced to second following an Oscar Sanay single to right-center and scored the tying run after junior designated hitter Mick Gaston sent a 1-2 pitch down the

right-field line.

"Baseball is a nine-inning game there's no clock," Kernen said. "Even though [UC Irvine's pitcher is] throwing a two-hitter against us, the only chance you have is if you stay locked in all the way until the very last out. If you do, you've always got a chance."

"Once we got him out of the game, it was a different situation for us. It took us a lot of time to break him down, but it was just a good effort to stay and not get disappointed

They just did a great job of staying with it."

Irvine's starting pitcher, Matt Summers, gave up only two hits through eight innings, but gave up a single and walked a batter to start the ninth. Third baseman Brian Hernandez came in relief for Summers, but gave up back-to-back RBI singles to Letourneau and Rodriguez.

The Anteaters (26-12) got on the board in the first inning when left fielder Drew Hillman drove in right

fielder Sean Madigan. They added two more in the seventh, when Tommy Reyes and D.J. Crumlich each recorded RBI singles, and one in the eighth off a Jordan Leyland sacrifice fly.

CSUB did not record its first hit until the fourth inning when Letourneau singled to center field. Letourneau advanced all the way to third, but was stranded when Sanay lined out to Summers.

CSUB's Nick Shannon came in relief for starting

pitcher Mike McCarthy, who struck out five batters in eight innings pitched, at the start of the ninth inning. Shannon pitched two scoreless innings, including three up, three down during the top of the 10th.

"I just went out there and, after we tied it, I had a lot of adrenaline going," said Shannon, who picked up his first win of the season. "I had to keep it right there, because if I got us back into the dugout our guys were ready to go back out there and get the game done. It's an awesome win."

The win snapped a five-game losing streak for the 'Runners.

"We've definitely been struggling lately, but as a team the last few days, we've banded together," Shannon said. "We've been out here on the field all day just doing what we know best to work hard. We had no doubt that we were going to come through; it was just a matter of when."

"Our guys never stopped believing, even into the ninth inning down 4-0. We all knew that we were going to come through - just one guy at a time. Everybody was pulling for each other. It was a great way to finish that game off."

Irvine became the third ranked opponent CSUB has defeated this year and the first at home in program history. The Roadrunners defeated No. 10 Arizona State March 3 and defending national champion South Carolina (No. 4) March 13.



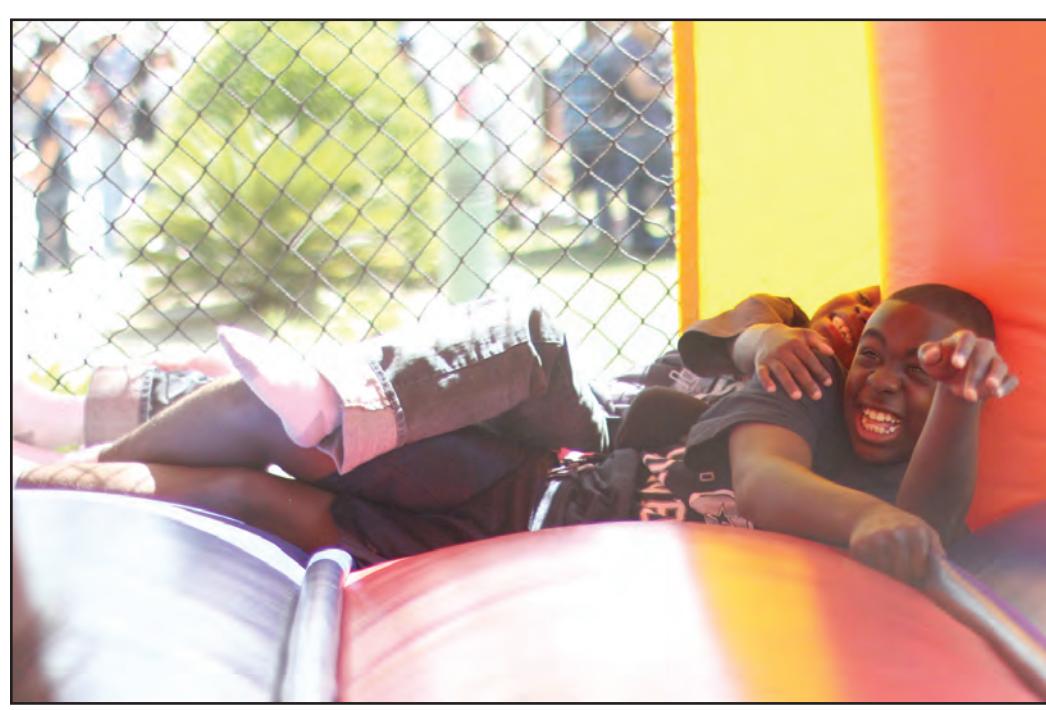
Grace Vega/The Runner

Enjoying themselves, children knocked down the jump house at Celebrating Cinco De Mayo May 1.



Amelia Gonzalez/The Runner

President Horace Mitchell joins the festivities during Celebrate CSUB April 30.



Katie Miller/The Runner

Siblings wrestle in a bounce house at Celebrate CSUB April 30.



Brady Cabe/The Runner

An off-duty Bakersfield firefighter untangles a flag at A Salute To Our Local Heroes on May 1.