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'Runners beat Aggies and Bulldogs

Photo by Mark Nessia: CSUB shortstop Tyler Shryock leaps to bring down a pick-off attempt at second base as UC Davis's Nick Lynch dives back to the bag. **Page 6**

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Muslim, Christian and Jewish leaders say their religions are not leaping at each other's throats. **Page 4**



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Statewide faculty strike may occur if approved

By Brian N. Willhite
Staff Writer

A state-wide strike of the California State University's teachers may be imminent if a majority vote is passed in late April, according to a press release by the Board of Directors for the California Faculty Association (CFA).

On Feb. 21, CFA board members unanimously voted to approve a strike vote scheduled to take place between April 16-27 on all 23 CSU campuses. Should the measure be approved, the result will be two-day rolling strikes throughout all CSU campuses, which will include faculty at CSUB, according to Bruce Hartsell, president of the Bakersfield CFA chapter.

The move by the CFA to strike stems from a long battle between faculty and administration over labor agreements. According to Hartsell, the CFA is fighting to keep the administration from reducing the rights of faculty. He adds that these "take backs" by the administration are primarily designed to "maintain existing rights but only at the discretion of the campus presidents."

"A 'right' that is given only as a matter of discretion is not a right," Hartsell said.

This strike vote will be the second vote within the past four months. That vote led to one-day strikes at CSU East Bay and Dominguez Hills, according to the CFA press release. Hartsell said that CSUB faculty supported the strikes and even sent a delegation

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CSUB Dining executive chef to change student perspective

By Kat Haas
Staff Writer

There is a long-perceived notion of cafeteria food. It's difficult for most to get past the idea that cafeteria food is nothing but a bad buffet line. This preconceived attitude toward CSUB Dining is the task that Brian Rumsey is currently facing. Rumsey, the new executive chef for CSUB Dining, is responsible for changing student perceptions of the Dining Commons while providing students with delicious and healthy food.

At first sight, Rumsey may seem quite intimidating. Maybe it's the white chef's coat or the fact that he's simply a large man. Once one has approached Rumsey, though, it is obvious that his lust for cooking emanates in his demeanor. He isn't just passionate about cooking and providing healthy, well-balanced meals; more importantly, he's passionate about creating foods that students will enjoy eating.

Rumsey is new to Bakersfield and with him he has brought his talents of creating well-crafted meals and maintaining strict quality control. Rumsey is a qualified chef with experience at a variety of restaurants from old-world Italian to TGIF. His experi-

ence in smaller restaurants has given him the ability to make foods from scratch: pastas, soups, sauces, and more. His work experience under corporate restaurants has taught him the importance of quality control and sanitation.

"When the other company ran this place, it was a disaster. That's why they aren't here. The food was horrible. I think we are light-years ahead of where this place was a couple years ago. I am currently trying to improve on the whole package presentation. When students come in, I want them to be excited about the food they are about to receive."

Rumsey notes that he faces many challenges including student's perceptions, the lack of white porcelain plates, and the fact that the Commons is basically a buffet line.

Rumsey moves to face student's grievances head-on. Student complaints from last quarter included lack of variety, service hours, lack of vegetarian options, the use of leftovers and unsanitary conditions.

"Our foods are based upon California's Board of Health and the World Health Organization," said Rumsey, discussing the variety of food offered by CSUB dining. "I really try to bring several different

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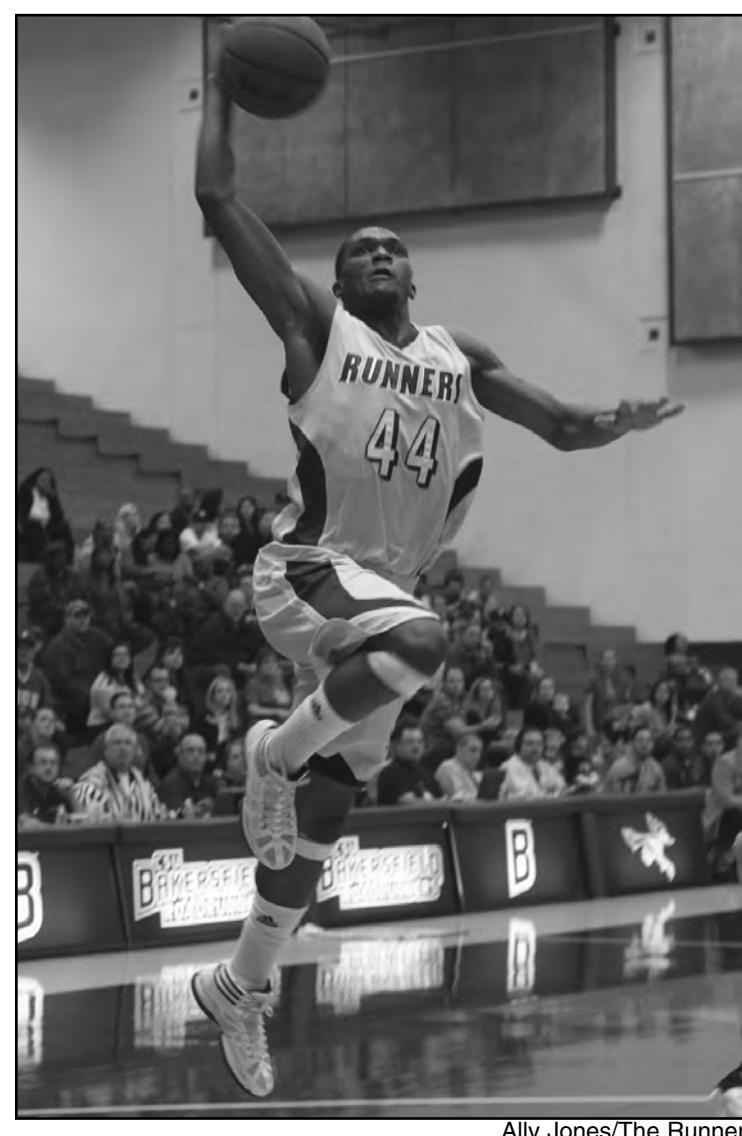


The new CSUB Dining Commons Executive Chef Brian Rumsey discusses hurdles he must leap over to change students' perspectives of the food.

Briseida Rubio/The Runner

Savage, Johnson leave 'Runners with winning season

Garrett Russell
Staff Writer



Ally Jones/The Runner
Stephon Carter leaps to dunk the ball onto the basket during a basketball game against Omaha on Feb. 25.

CSUB defeated the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks 84-63 and ended the 2011-2012 regular season with a star-studded-highlight-reel victory Feb. 25.

Junior Stephon Carter led the team with 23 points, generously dishing his share of no-look-dime passes, plus igniting the team's adrenal gland with a fervid fast break and-one dunk.

Junior Zach Lamb scorched the Mavericks from three and waltzed the baseline, passing defenders, as he sank soft backboard-grazing teardrops over clunky Maverick post-oofs.

Senior Donald Johnson compiled a compilation of SportsCenter top-ten post-play dunks. Five total, while playing 37 minutes, the most he had played all season.

Senior Rashad Savage outplayed the giant, corn-fed Midwestern boys, especially one play where he took off outside the key and landed at

the rim with a foul and a dunk. And as he strode to the free-throw line, the crowd was loud with roaring fanatical applause.

"He's a stone-cold killer. He's quiet off the court, but once he's on the court he's a savage. His name says it all," said Carter.

Besides the victory Saturday night, the 'Runners 2011-2012 team accomplished more this season than any other in CSUB basketball history; it was the first to finish over .500 as a member of the Division I field.

Head Coach Rod Barnes reiterated after every game that this was the team's goal: "We thought this team here was the team that could do it. We are the team. Why wait until next year, Why wait until three years down the road?

"We can do it right now." During the game, there was an air of the players that this game was more than just the last game of the season. It

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For the Record

Correction in Feb. 15 edition's "Children's Art Institute" article:

Art Day takes place in May (not March) during the Bakersfield Jazz Festival on campus.

March is national youth art month, a national celebration of art in the schools.

The Runner staff apologizes for these errors and will work to prevent them in the future.



Cake decorations from CAI event.

Corrections in the Feb. 22 edition's

"Maui Wowi" article: Willy "The Cannon" Shannon was the No. 1 light heavyweight fighter.

Thad Spencer was the No. 1 heavyweight contender at an earlier time.

Ingram had not begun preaching around the time he turned George Foreman down. "I was still a heathen," said Ingram. He officially began preaching in 2008.

Ingram and his wife have been married for 31 years.



Ingram

Seven-day weather forecast
According to weather.com

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Hi: 64
Lo: 42
Precip. 0%

Thursday
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Lo: 40
Precip. 10%

Friday
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Lo: 40
Precip. 10%

Saturday
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Lo: 43
Precip. 0%

Sunday
Hi: 73
Lo: 43
Precip. 0%

Monday
Hi: 71
Lo: 42
Precip. 0%

Tuesday
Hi: 71
Lo: 45
Precip. 0%

RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Elizabeth Ekanem, Staff Writer, and Brian Farinas, Staff Photographer

This week, The Runner asked, "Should transgender kids be allowed in Girl Scouts?"



Klulood Hussin
Senior, Chemistry

"Yes. We need to be fair to everyone."



Charles Baker
Senior, Criminal
Justice

"No. If you change your sex, you cannot come into places like girls' locker rooms pretending to be a girl. That is wrong."



Erica Perez
Senior, Chemistry

"Yes. They should equally be treated the same as anyone else. We're all human beings."



Diana Delgado
Senior, Psychology

"Everybody has the right to go into anything they want. Their sexual preference or gender should not matter."

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Girl Scouts aren't the radical activists you think they are

By Sara Gunn
Opinions Editor

When I was a Girl Scout, we sold cookies. Oh, so many cookies. We also occasionally went out to CALM to play with the cute animals and cringe at the reptiles. We made tacky Christmas ornaments out of Styrofoam and glitter, which, I'm both proud and ashamed to admit, my mom still hangs up every year.

What we didn't do was talk about contraceptives. Or why we shouldn't listen to Jesus because he doesn't want us to be equal to men. Or the gays. I guess we did talk about feminism in some respects, but that's kind of the point of Girl Scouts: To teach young women to be thoughtful, independent, significant contributors to society.

While I'm still not sure how those sparkly holiday monstrosities were supposed to teach me about independence and critical thinking, I'm actually pretty sure they didn't teach me sluttin' around is a cool thing to do. Yet that's what Indiana State Representative Bob Morris seems to think the Girl Scouts are up to.

"Abundant evidence proves that the agenda of Planned Parenthood includes sexualizing young girls through the Girl Scouts, which is quickly becoming a tactical arm of Planned Parenthood," he wrote Feb. 18 in an open letter.

"Planned Parenthood instructional series and pamphlets are part of the core curriculum at GSA training seminars. Denver Auxiliary Bishop James D. Conley of Denver [sic] last year warned parents that 'membership in the Girl Scouts could carry the danger of making their daughters more receptive to the pro-abortion agenda,'" he wrote.

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Wow. I don't even ...

Okay, Morris, let's start with that bit about Planned Parenthood. I'm not sure what, exactly, this "abundant evidence" is, but it would be nice to see some sources or something to back up all your wacky claims. What's a source, you ask? This: "GSUSA does not take a position or develop materials on issues related to human sexuality, and we **DO NOT** have a national relationship with Planned Parenthood." That comes directly from a statement from Victor Inzunza, director of corporate communications for Girl Scouts of the USA, according to Forbes.com, and the emphasis is totally his.

See, Bob? That's how you do it. And look how it makes me more credible and stuff!

Now let's talk about that bit where the Girl Scouts are going to make your daughters "more receptive to the pro-abortion agenda." I'm going to skip over the part where that's not true and say it makes me sad, Bob, to hear that you don't want your girls, who will be adult women someday, to have

As for the Girl Scouts themselves, I'm pretty sure the only agenda they have concerns tiny demons with cute pigtails peddling their delicious, crack-filled wares to me in front of the WalMart. And if that's wrong, I don't want to be right.

have concerns tiny demons with cute pigtails peddling their delicious, crack-filled wares to me in front of the WalMart. And if that's wrong, I don't want to be right.

Morris's letter goes on to read, "Boys who decide to claim a 'transgender' or cross-dressing life-style are permitted to become a member of a Girl Scout troop, performing crafts with the girls and participate [sic] in overnight and camping activities just like any real girl."

While that's technically true – the child in question is 7-year-old Bobby Montoya, a transgender girl, who is ridiculously precious and cute – the wording is also violently offensive, and demonstrates that Morris really knows nothing about the LGBT community.

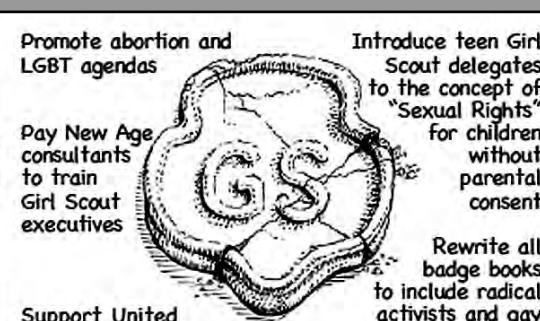
"Just like any real girl?" Really? To avoid going on an off-topic rant on Acceptable Language, LGBT Individuals and You, I will simply refer everyone to the American Psychological Association's website.)

To get back to the point, the GS of Colorado responded by saying, "If a child identifies as a girl and the child's family presents her as a girl, Girl Scouts of Colorado welcomes her as a Girl Scout." Oh, gods, queue the Handel! It's a voice of reason!

Finally, Morris goes on to condemn those adorable cookie-slingers further because they "promote a homosexual agenda." Well, gosh darn them for wanting to treat us like actual human beings. Does that hurt your poor, hetero soul, Bob?

I'm sorry, I'm being a bully, and we all know that's not nice. In fact, when you throw around nonsense like this, little Bobby, there can be real-life consequences. According to the Washington Post, a 10-year-old Girl Scout was out doing her thang when an adult neighbor, instead of scoring her annual Thin Mint fix, told the girl,

You deserve to know what Girl Scout cookies fund



Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) national headquarters benefits from every box of cookies sold through licensing fees the bakers pay to use the Girl Scout logo. GSUSA's cookie income and your donations help pay for:

- Association/membership fees to participate in abortion and homosexual-rights advocacy groups like The National Council For Research On Women, National Collaboration For Youth and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), that openly partners with International Planned Parenthood Federation. **Every Girl Scout is a part of WAGGGS.**
- Partnerships between Girl Scout Councils and Planned Parenthood clinics, educators and executives that expose girls to the pro-abortion mindset.
- Salaries for GSUSA Executive Staff who are leaders in the homosexual-rights movement: Deb Taft, Lynn Cothren, and Timothy Higdon, as well as Media Spokesperson, Joshua Ackley. Ackley stars in homo-punk music videos that show strangulation of a woman and masturbation, yet he was chosen to facilitate the 2010 "Girls Only" workshop hosted (cookie-funded) by GSUSA at the United Nations.
- GSUSA's movement of "inclusion" which recently led it to publicly admit they have been hiding "transgender" boys in Girl Scout troops and welcomes them through the 12th Grade, despite its previous assurances of providing an all-girl experience to its members and their parents.

DO YOU WANT TO FUND THIS? See the proof about the above information and get many more disturbing facts by visiting these groups online:

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Bobby Montoya, a 7-year-old transgender girl who wished to be a member of Girl Scouts and participate in all related activities.

any opportunity to learn about the world and thus make informed decisions regarding their own bodies.

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"We don't support Girl Scouts because they support abortion, which kills babies."

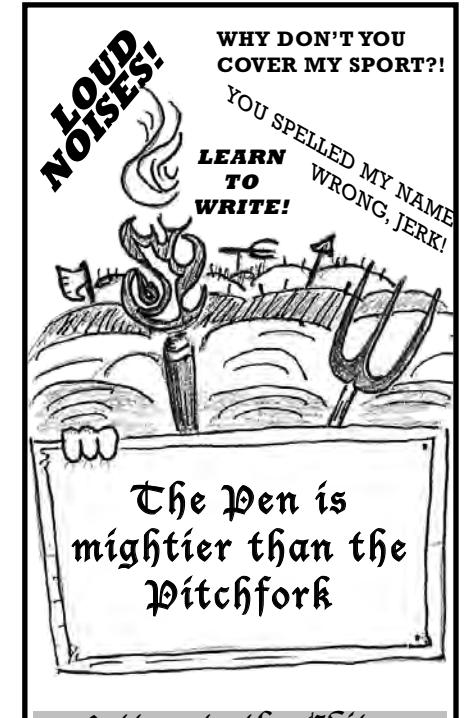
Holy. Crap. No, seriously. Who the hell says that to a 10-year-old?

The girl then went home and said, "Mommy, something creepy happened to me." Now THAT'S critical thinking, Scout!

In light of all this, Morris has decided to remove his daughters from the Girl Scouts and instead enlist them in the American Heritage Girls Little Followers Flowers organization, a Christian alternative to the more mainstream group. While that may disappoint me some, I guess it's fine, Bob, seeing as it's your personal right to raise your children how you like and not, you know, have other people's values imposed on them.

When I was a Girl Scout, I was kind of indifferent about them. I didn't fit in so much, what with the all the gender non-conforming I do, and I should have learned then that selling things is not how I want to spend my life. Now that I'm an adult, though, I think they're pretty rad, and they're setting an awesome example for girls and young women.

If all I have to do to support the Girl Scouts, cute transgender kids and gay rights is eat some Samoas, I'm totally down. Activism should always be this easy.



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ABOVE: A sculpture in a Los Angeles gallery called "Art in the Streets" – the artist is unknown.

RIGHT: Sunlight shining through trees on Pismo Beach.



Campus Voices

Let's support our nation's foster youth

By Era Thompson
Campus Voice

Foster youth have been recognized as one of the most vulnerable populations in our nation. Research shows that foster youth are at an increased risk for physical and emotional disabilities, mental illness, drug and alcohol abuse, unplanned pregnancies, unemployment and underemployment, poverty and homelessness. Unfortunately, transitional housing programs that aid in helping foster youth who have aged out of the system are in danger of budget cuts. These housing programs provide independent living plans that assist foster youth who

are transitioning out of foster care. Programs like these assist prior foster youth in becoming self-sufficient adults. Presently in Kern County there are five different programs that provide transitional housing services to this population. However, due to past budget cuts, many of these programs have long waiting lists or cannot accept additional youth. Furthermore, budget cuts would only continue to hinder the effectiveness of these important programs, costing the state more money in the long run. I would encourage anyone who is interested in advocating for this population to write Governor Brown in an effort to continue funding for these programs.

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Motivation is important for success in college

By Shelby Hill
Staff Reporter

Why are some college students giving up on the pursuit of a higher education? Some students struggle with the fact that money is hard to come by, even if financial aid is an option. Other students do not have any motivation, whether it be from friends or family. I know I struggle with getting the money to actually go to college.

According to Merriam Webster, the definition of motivation is "the act or process of giving someone a reason for doing something; the act or process of motivating someone."

People do not realize that their words hurt even if it has nothing to do with them. If people sit there and talk about other people in their class saying they are not good enough then that person will give up. If the people would just take time and try to encourage them and point out the little flaws they have then maybe that person would be more motivated to go out there and do what needs to be done. I know I hear people discuss me in my classes and it's very discouraging and distracting.

According to www.stateuniversity.com, there are seven major reasons students drop out of college:

1. Low expectation of academic demand, which means that some students have a lot on their overcrowded schedules and quit.
2. Life situations and other responsibilities. I know I struggle with balancing work, school and all the other lovely things that life has in store.
3. Partying, which in college happens a lot. We all get a new sense of freedom and we all

want to try new things and partying is where all the fun stuff happens.

4. Broken relationships. After losing someone you love it becomes hard to focus, and I know after I get out of a relationship I become angry and depressed and I don't do shit.

5. Homesickness. Some people cannot survive without the closeness and support of loved ones.

6. Job force. Most people in college balance a job and school.

7. No individual guidance, which I struggle with. There really is no one to sit there and hold your hand through the process, which sucks ass. In college, everyone sees you as an adult and in being said "adult," you gotta stop depending on the world to pick you up. You gotta get up and do it yourself.

According to Karen, a CSUB student, "It's hard to go through college, working as hard as you possibly can, and feel like you are getting torn down piece by piece from other people."

She also said that other people's words hurt her just as much as her parents' words do.

Even professors discourage students by saying they won't make it to their junior year. Why do professors find it necessary to try and kick students, who pay lots of money, out of their classes? They do it to show they are interested in what they are teaching and don't want to waste their time on students who don't really care about the subject or anything.

Encouragement goes a long way, even if it's a "Hey, good to see you made it today."

College is a hard time in many people's lives and people tend to give up once something goes wrong in a class or in life.

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Three Faiths, One God: Christianity, Judaism and Islam

By Elizabeth Ekanem
Staff Writer

The Muslim Student Association hosted speakers from different religions – Islam, Christianity and Judaism – in the Student Union's Multi-Purpose room Tuesday, Feb. 21. Students and community members gathered to discuss the similarities and the differences that all three religions share. Questions were also asked of some of the speakers who hold high positions in their respective religions.

The Rev. Dr. Tim Vivian represented Christianity and said that his religion is about individuals loving their neighbor as themselves. "We believe that there are angels who work for God and we believe in His book," said Vivian. His belief is that all humans come from Adam and Eve. According to Vivian, we are our brother's keeper, which means we are supposed to look out for each other. "You cannot sleep with a full stomach while your neighbor sleeps with an empty stomach," said Vivian. He reminded the audience that Christianity has many rules and anyone who claims to be a Christian must follow all of them.

In Islam, a person must fast on certain days of the year and pray five times a day. According to Amir Meerza, Muslims have



Andrew Rivera/The Runner

Amir Emad Meerza, Rabbi Cheryl Rosenstein, and the Rev. Dr. Tim Vivian talk to the crowd about the religions they represent.

to prove their faith and apply the teachings of Islam to their daily lives. It is believed that a professional person, whether it is a political figure or a private citizen, has to separate his or her faith from his or her profession.

Judaism does not agree with Islam in terms of making sure a person's career does not cross paths with their religion. Rabbi Cheryl Rosenstein explained why this is important: "Your religion will most likely

play a role in your life and how you behave in society," said Rosenstein.

She also said that Judaism has never had to live by society's expectations. However, regardless of society's expectations, religion does not have to dictate a person's character. "You don't have to be Jewish in order to live life responsibly," said Rosenstein.

Some students felt that tension exists between these three faiths because their

beliefs are completely different from each other. Meerza disagreed with those claims. "Although they believe differently, they also have mutual respect for one another," said Meerza.

According to Rosenstein, some Jews have extremely personal relationships with God while others don't. "We all face problems that could potentially test our faiths but the Jews who hold God close to their hearts will not let him go," said Rosenstein, adding that most Jews who consider themselves atheists are really not. She said, "God is big enough to handle their doubts. Most outgrew the God they used to believe in, many of them have to go back to their roots," said Rosenstein.

In Islam, they believe that the prophet Mohammed is the cornerstone of their faith.

According to Meerza, a traditional Muslim would believe that Mohammed is the prophet to look up to and live like in terms of a man of God.

Vivian said that for the average Christian, doubt does not trouble them. "The opposite of faith is not doubt," said Vivian. He claimed that Christians do not look to convert people from other faiths. "A person who falls in line with Christianity does not stray to other religions to find peace."

CFA: Quality of education is dropping

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to Dominguez Hills to support the faculty there.

"We think public actions such as these are necessary to generate public support for teaching in the CSU," Hartsell said.

According to the CFA's release, the new vote addresses concerns over CSUs moving toward a for-profit model. This action will utilize more extended education courses, which will cost students more to attend and will pay teachers less than they would make teaching a traditional class.

Hartsell said that the CSU system is even looking to move whole programs into extended university programs. Additionally, Hartsell said that this education

model is not beneficial for faculty or students, and only worsens the issues concerning both parties.

"Employment is entirely at the discretion of the administration, and the protections for faculty members teaching in extended university are very limited. In addition, the cost of courses is borne entirely by the students. This creates a fundamental inequity: Some students pay fees that are subsidized, and other students pay the entire cost of their courses," he said.

Another concern of the CFA is the diminishing quality of



Erik Fallis, the media relations specialist for The California State University Office of the Chancellor, responded to some of CFA's comments. First, he wanted to note that early during negotiations, CSU had been operating in good faith when CFA leadership decided to leave the table.

CFA went to the state to get an impasse filed, which kicked off next

phase of negotiation – state mandated mediation. Then, while CSU continued to work in good faith, the CFA leadership initiated the strike vote before completing state-mandated mediation. This behavior, Fallis noted, is premature and does not show a commitment to mediation.

"Take backs" is a misnomer, said Fallis. CSU has not proposed to make any changes to salary, health or pension benefits. All those will remain the same.

Fallis said the for-profit model is a rhetorical statement used by the CFA. "CSU is not a for-profit institution. We never have been." The CSU will continue to allow summer classes to be taught in through the extended university because if they were formatted like the rest of the year – state funding and tuition would have to be

stretched even thinner. Through the extended university, the CSU system wants to give students the choice to attend during the summer to graduate sooner.

"Academic freedom" is another rhetorical tool that is very hard to respond to with specifics, said Fallis. The severe cuts in state funding have caused challenges to academic offerings and services provided. Class quality and availability is a priority for students but they are not the only important element of college life. Financial aid officers, counselors, advisers, for example, are also extremely useful for students. One of his final comments was that the root cause of these challenges CSUs are facing is a matter of the loss of state commitment and funding, administrative decision.

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"No one believes her. Nothing will stop her."

By Marissa Lay
News Editor

A chilling, psychological thriller full of suspense and heart-pounding tension, "Gone" is anything but gone. This movie will definitely stick with you for a while.

"There are a lot of misdirections, and it's a complete mind game. But by the end you're so satisfied," said Amanda Seyfried in an interview with Pop Sugar.

Released into theaters on Feb. 24, "Gone" is the newest edition to Summit Entertainment's films.

Seyfried, playing Jill Conway, rocks the screen portraying a suicidal kidnap victim who has been previously, involuntarily committed to a mental hospital and is simply trying to restore her life to what it was before the many tragic events occurred.

Upon coming home from her night shift at a restaurant, Jill finds her sister Molly (Emily Wickersham) missing from her bed. Jill immediately suspects the same man who previously kidnapped her has come back, seeking revenge on the only one to get away. And the journey begins.

The clock is ticking as Jill sets out to find her sister and the audience is asked to question everything they see and hear. What is true? Why won't they help her? Who can we believe?

"There's no blood, no guts. It's all very psychological and I love that," said Seyfried. "I think it's so fun for an audience to try to figure out the puzzle along with you."

Seyfried's depiction of Jill is truly remarkable. A far cry from her character in Dear John or Mean Girls, Seyfried kicks butt in "Gone." With car chases, guns, and fights, "Gone" is nonstop and full of action. There is no fluff; the story and action start when the movie theater's lights turn down.

While "Gone" is actually quite predictable in many aspects, the storyline is not affected. Those moments where the music gets eerie and your heart starts pounding are placed throughout "Gone." Most know what is going to happen, but those moments where you inevitably jump, causing



your heart to leap out of your chest are still intact.

This film wouldn't be complete without the supporting actors' performances. Daniel Sunjata, as Officer Powers, is convincing as the condescending jerk who doesn't believe anything Jill says. Jennifer Carpenter and Sebastian Stan, both minor friendship roles, wonderfully stand by Jill's side throughout the film and are able to push the story forward, providing Jill with much-needed clues.

While I enjoyed this film, there are quite a few negative critics. According to Glenn Whipp from the LA Times, "Gone" is a "beat-the-clock movie in which director Heitor Dhalia forgot to set the alarm." I am not some fancy-pants, fine art critic like Whipp, I am an average 21-year-old college student and I think this film was both intriguing and captivating. My heart raced as I sat on the edge of my seat for most of the film wondering how the story would play out.

Roger Moore, a writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, said Seyfried is "loping along like the pretty girl scared of mussing her hair and makeup in gym class. There's nothing in the film – which lacks urgency – or her eyes or physical demeanor that suggests panic, fear, desperation."

Then why was I overcome with fear for Jill? Why did I want to jump into the screen and be one of the people to actually help her out?

"And Seyfried never sells 'crazy.' She didn't get the direction or the number of takes necessary for that to come off. Or maybe she was too worried about her perfect hair and makeup," said Moore, who seems more concerned with Seyfried's pretty physical attributes rather than the powerfully realistic shaking in her voice or the tears filling her eyes.

Many of the film's critics seem to have written this movie off before even seeing it. Give it a chance – go out and watch it for yourself.

However, after seeing this film, you may find yourself feeling suspicious of those around you. Warning: Paranoia will take over. Is someone following me?

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Striving to appeal to fast-food generation taste buds

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protein options: chicken, pork, fish, and beef. Maybe not in the same day but throughout the week and there are always vegetarian options at every station."

Rumsey strives to put out food that students will eat and enjoy but faces negative reactions from students.

"I tend to get a little fancy sometimes. I'll put a pork loin out there that has been braised in apple juice that is served with the braised cabbage and exotic carrots," said Rumsey. "I watch the student body come through and they turn their nose up at it. I have to look at the acceptability of an item when determining whether to keep it on the menu."

Rumsey states that items, such as the homemade mac and cheese, that move quickly and have positive comments from students frequent his menu more often despite his want to keep variety on the menu. When creating the menu, acceptability of items makes adding variety to the menu a more difficult task.

"We were trying to think about what kind of recipes we would suggest but the only recipes any of us could think of are the ones that our moms made," said Victoria Beaudette, a senior accounting and economics major. "I don't think those would turn out quite the same."

Rumsey's most difficult task is to appeal to the mass student body's taste buds. According to Rumsey, he finds it difficult to add variety when trying to appeal to the fast-food generation.

"It's not like I continue to put out the same items; there's always a choice," said Rumsey. "Students like the mac and cheese, so I offer it more often. I try not to repeat too much, though."

Rumsey believes hours of operation are fair according to the time patterns of students eating habits. Hours of operation on weekends, which disgruntles some students, are cut short due to the limited amount of students who attend.

"Our patterns have shown that we get the bulk of our stu-

dents between 11am and 12pm and 5pm-6pm," said Rumsey. "I haven't heard anything from students about it being too short or too little time to eat."

Rumsey strives to offer a variety of foods for students who eat at the commons and want a vegetarian diet.

"The grill always has a veggie burger, that's always there every day," said Rumsey, in a discussion about what has been done to offer a suitable diet for vegetarians who eat at CSUB Dining. "I personally have made sure that there is always a vegetarian option on our comfort line, also known as our hot line. There are always two vegetable options and usually there is a starch."

Rumsey wants to expand students tastes to a variety of foods by offering a assortment of international dishes.

"Today, for example, I offered aloo gobi," said Rumsey, who was trying to add selection to the menu by offering the Indian cauliflower and potato dish. "I'm bringing in a lot more international dishes. They have not proven to be a great success this year. We try to offer international dishes like tofu stir-fry, fajitas, enchiladas, a lot of curries, and different Indian foods. Indian food is currently trending, not just in Bakersfield, but certainly across the nation."

Student grievances over the use of leftovers should be diminished with Rumsey's arrival. Despite Rumsey's drive to have zero waste, he doesn't serve food that has been served at any previous time. Rumsey will, however, make use of all products that have not been served to students.

"We are striving to be zero waste. Right now, we are working on a composting policy where all of our organic food scraps are going to go into an organic recycling program. I currently use compostable silverware for our to-go products. My policy is if it sits on the hotline, you won't see it back; it's considered eaten. There are occasions where I have leftover vegetables and it will go into a soup or something like that but that's just smart, not just in a business sense, but smart globally."

According to Rumsey, he is strict when it comes to sanitation of his facilities. His sanitation expectations are twice as stringent as what is required by the state.

"I need to put out the cleanest and best food possible," said Rumsey. "We do live in Bakersfield; ants are a problem. The age of the building doesn't help but I have a bimonthly pest control company come in. I also have the policy 'sight to site.' If I see it, it is taken care of. Since I've been here I haven't seen any sanitation problems. I take a very strong approach when it comes to cleanliness, pests, and sanitation."

Rumsey wants students to bring comments and concerns to his attention. Upon entry of the dining area, a corkboard has been hung that allows students to write on napkins that Rumsey personally takes time to read and respond. The cork board is called "Napkin Talk." Rumsey hopes that "Napkin Talk" will allow students to have a voice when it comes to what they are ingesting.

"I think it's a good idea because it actually shows that he cares," said Kourtnee Carter, a freshman psychology major who lives in the dorms. "It shows his respect for us."

The CSUB Runner is looking forward to adding Rumsey as a potential columnist to its staff next quarter. Rumsey has dabbled in writing as a food critic and has sold recipes. Rumsey looks forward to providing students with cooking



The new Executive Chef Brian Rumsey discusses several changes he has brought to the CSUB Dining Commons

knowledge. Rumsey also hopes to provide dorm students with the knowledge of how to create appetizing food from a microwave.

"I have a staff that works hard. They cook from their heart," said Rumsey. "When they are building a sauce, they build it with real ingredients, not a powder. They are getting a product that I'd be proud to serve to my kids. We have to break that perception that it is just commissary food."

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Baseball beats Valley rival Fresno State

By Steven Gaede
Sports Editor

The CSUB baseball team beat the Fresno State Bulldogs 4-0 Feb. 22 thanks to outstanding pitching, great defensive plays and two two-out rallies.

CSUB got on the board first in the bottom of the fourth by chaining three hits together with two outs. Sophomore second baseman Oscar Sanay got the inning going by singling to left center-field; this was followed up by a double by sophomore catcher Cael Brockmeyer which scored Sanay. Senior third baseman DC Legg kept the inning rolling with a single to left-field. The left-fielder threw home to try and catch Brockmeyer, but the ball arrived late; from there, the catcher threw to second to prevent Legg from advancing on the throw. Legg slid into second, looking like he got under the tag but the umpire called him out – bringing the inning to a close.

The fourth ended in an unfortunate way, but the 'Runners got on the board first after struggling quite a bit in the top of the second. Junior pitcher Chuck Buchanan got off to a rocky start on the mound, letting five Bulldogs reach base in the first two innings. Fresno State was threatening in the second with the bases loaded, but Buchanan got the lead-off hitter to strike out and the number two hitter to fly out to center. Through two, Buchanan had gotten out of two jams; each had two players in scoring position.

"He tried too hard. He was a little nervous and had some butterflies. It is the first game he has pitched in two years," Head Coach Bill Kernen said. "You very rarely see a guy



Andrew Rivera/The Runner

CSUB's Cael Brockmeyer hits the ball just into fair territory, as evidenced by the small cloud of dust next to the foul line, during the 'Runners Feb. 22 game against Fresno State at Hardt Field.

struggle like that and then really get it turned around the way he did."

Fresno left 11 men on base throughout the game, meaning that the Bulldogs had opportunities to get onto the board. These opportunities were partially thanks to Buchanan not getting his curveball over the plate in the first couple of innings.

"Sometimes [curveballs] do not do that early and we tell him to stay with it," Kernen said. "We made him keep trying and he finally got it."

Once Buchanan got settled in and started hitting his spots with his curveball, he cruised through the rest of his outing. Buchanan struck out four batters from the third through the sixth inning; he got two swinging in the third, one in the fourth and another in the fifth.

"With Kansas State, we were just hitting

our spots, keeping the ball low. When he did that, I think, after he came out, he completely changed his mentality and he was more of a pitcher instead of a thrower," said Brockmeyer.

The top of the fifth was highlighted with a diving defensive stop by junior first baseman Dylan Christensen; Fresno State batter Patrick Hutcheson hit the ball hard down the first-base side but a fully-extended Christensen got a glove on the ball, barely getting Hutcheson out at first.

Once the fifth concluded, Buchanan pitched one more inning before he was pulled; he threw 102 pitches in the game in which he struck out eight, walked three and gave up two hits in six innings on the mound.

Buchanan, who had some nerves before the game, said, "It kind of helped to get that

little more cushion, puts a little less pressure on you if something happens," Brockmeyer said.

Fresno was not able to come up with any runs in the top of the ninth thanks to a diving stop by Legg, which resulted in the final out of the game. Messmore struck out two, gave up two hits and walked two in 2.2 innings of work to earn his second save of the year.

With the win, CSUB pulls to an all-time record of 8-8 against Fresno State; in addition to the "W," the 'Runners have shown that the main question going into the season, the pitching, is not an issue.

"We're confident, but we're not surprised," Buchanan said.

CSUB will host a three game series against Portland on Hardt Field Mar. 2-4 at 6 p.m., 6 p.m. and 1 p.m. respectively.

Men's Basketball

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was one that would bring hope to a program that has suffered tremendous failure down the final stretches of seasons.

Last year, the 'Runners were horrible in February, losing every game, but this year they finished with a three-game winning streak.

"It's been a lot of hard work. The guys that are here have really embraced what we've tried to do with our program," said Barnes.

The season may not be over yet, though, due to the 'Runners' strong finish. They may have a chance to be accepted to play in a post-season tournament, one of which is the College Basketball Invitational.

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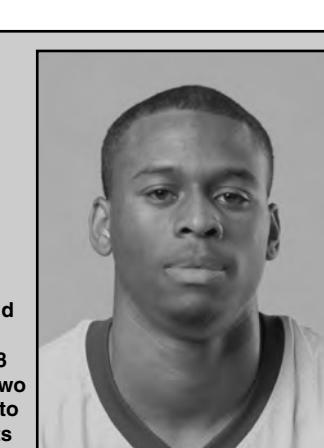
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UC Davis center fielder Brett Morgan slides safely into second base as CSUB shortstop Tyler Shryock, left, and second baseman Kyle Desimone attempt to gain control of the ball.



'Runners' bats salvage series

By Garrett Russell
Staff Writer

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Sunday the 'Runners' offense was primarily generated off of home runs. Catcher Cael Brockmeyer started it off with a first inning two-run jack to left center, after leadoff batter and right fielder Jordie Hein doubled. The home run put CSUB in the lead 2-1, and the score stayed the same until the fourth inning.

'Runner pitcher Taylor Aikenhead had some control issues and his defense behind him coughed up a few errors, which allowed an Aggie run in back to back innings.

"The defense concerned me a great deal, particularly with Aikenhead. He's going to

have balls put into play; he's not a strike-out guy. We need to be the best in the country at routine things. We don't ask [our guys] to make web gems and be on ESPN every night," said Kernen.

In the bottom of the sixth, the 'Runners' bats bailed their gloves out. Brockmeyer hit an infield RBI and, two

batters later, Smith skied a sacrifice fly to deep right center.

Two innings later, CSUB extended their lead to 7-3, leaving a lot of room for the Aggies to make up. The game-clinching inning started when left fielder Kevin Younger singled with one out, then was advanced to second by an infield Brockmeyer ground out.

Next batter, first baseman Dylan Christensen, who subbed in for home run specialist D.C. Legg in the top of the sixth, drove Younger in on a chopper that leaped over the second base. That was followed by a Stuart Smith home run shot to deep right field, sailing way over the foul pole and far out of reach for the Aggie outfielder.

"We cannot live and die off our power. But we need to have that, no question," said Kernen.

Despite early trouble versus the UC Davis offense, Aikenhead got it together and threw his second consecutive complete game, while throwing a total of 119 pitches.

According to Kernen, Aikenhead was a pitch away from reaching his maximum pitch total allowed by the coach.

Nevertheless, Aikenhead was resilient and pulled through for the 'Runners. Collecting four strikeouts, giving up nine hits and two earned runs, he demonstrated the reliability needed to be a division one collegiate pitcher.

"The arm's alright, I'm hanging in there. I go out there and do my thing. I think I should be able to work deep into a lot of games this season," said Aikenhead.

The first two games of the series ended in heartbreak for the 'Runners. On Saturday UC Davis scored five runs in the ninth inning, decimating a secured CSUB lead and winning 6-5. The day before was a similar story; the Aggies scored four runs in the last and sixteenth inning, winning 10-6.

Despite this, Kernen found reassurance in the win on Sunday, saying it was better to be 1-2 than 0-3 versus a team.