

ACADEMICS

Engineering programs now accredited

Following two-year process, programs achieve nod from ABET

By Rylee Smith
Reporter

On Thursday, Aug. 30th, three of CSU Bakersfield's engineering programs achieved accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), a nongovernmental accreditor of college science, engineering and computing programs.

ABET accreditation is pursued internationally to affirm that a program follows industry standards in the preparation of technical professionals. The organization has 3,800 programs in 31 countries.

Students who graduate with bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering, computer engineering, and engineering technology at CSUB will now have the accreditation attached to their degrees, going back to the first class to go through the full program, the class of 2016.

They will have an additional advantage in the workforce, as ABET accreditation is preferred and in some cases even required, by employers seeking to hire in these technical fields.

These employers, including the United States military and Chevron, see ABET accreditation as a sign that graduates are qualified to enter the technical fields.

Even internship programs prefer to recruit students with this qualification.

Joanna Francisco, who is starting her senior year in the engineering program, says that she has her eye on an internship with PG&E. "I have friends who tell me that

they do consider [ABET accreditation]."

Francisco is relieved to hear that she will now have this advantage in pursuing her internship, since she did not plan to come to a university without ABET accreditation in the first place.

Dr. Kathleen Madden, dean of CSUB's school of natural sciences, mathematics and engineering, highlights the importance of accreditation for students like Francisco.

"If you really want your graduates to be competitive, you have to have an ABET-accredited program."

Engineering students also benefit from accreditation when they pursue a license as a Professional Engineer (PE). Students whose degrees are from a non-accredited program are required to have extra years of engineering experience before they are qualified to take the PE exam.

As Dr. Jorge Talamantes, professor and former chair of the physics and engineering department, puts it, companies will be more inclined to hire CSUB engineers now that "everyone knows [our program] meets high standards."

Though administrators have had their eyes on ABET standards since CSUB introduced its programs in electrical engineering and engineering sciences in 2012, Talamantes says certain requirements had to be met before the university could request a review from the organization.

The main hurdle to overcome was the university's high number of general education units



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A wooden dinosaur and horse made by engineering students on display in the Fab Lab.

required of all students. It was simply not possible for engineering students to graduate in four years with these GE requirements on top of the STEM courses that ABET requires.

Through mutual efforts, however, the university and engineering faculty reached an agreement that engineering students could fulfill certain GE requirements with the same courses that met ABET standards.

Once the program was up to standards, a graduating class had to go through that program before ABET could be contacted for a review. The first class to finish the program graduated in Dec. 2016.

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Engineering students chat in the Fab Lab while working on a project on Sept. 5.

HEALTH

Abundant resources available for pregnant, nursing students

By Kayla Olivieri
Features Reporter

Students who are pregnant or nursing have the added stress and pressures of juggling classes and work with pregnancy symptoms, doctors' appointments, nursing and pumping and the unexpected medical emergencies or impending due dates.

However, pregnant and nursing students at CSU Bakersfield are offered support, accommodations

and resources through Title IX. According to CSUB's website, "Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex — including pregnancy, parenting and all related conditions — in education and in programs and activities that receive federal funding."

Claudia Catota is CSUB's Title IX coordinator and chief diversity officer.

"Our office is the office of equity, inclusion and compliance and we cover Title IX compliance

which includes our pregnancy accommodations, investigations around misconduct and working with students, faculty and staff on discrimination and harassment," Catota said.

"If anybody ever feels on our campus that they have either been discriminated against, or don't feel welcome in an environment, come and talk to us and we can work through what some of those issues may be, resources available, and we can assist with any

procedures and policies that we operate under," Catota said.

Each pregnant and nursing student has the right to stay in school and receive the support and accommodations necessary to meet their educational and career goals.

Mackenzie Boone is an English major and junior at CSUB who is 26 weeks along in her pregnancy. "The balancing act can feel overwhelming," Boone said.

Through Title IX, pregnant and

nursing students can ensure that their pregnancy and familial responsibilities do not interfere with their education.

Boone said, "When it comes to grades and health, every expectant mother will choose health. Unfortunately, when some students do get pregnant, expected or not, it can feel like there's no other option but to let your grades suffer or drop classes altogether."

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CAMPUS

Edible Garden open for business

By Karen Nannery
Reporter

After years of careful planning, CSU Bakersfield's Edible Garden comes to fruition.

According to CSUB Sustainability Coordinator Jennifer Sanchez, the idea for the garden came about after a graduate student conducted a survey in 2013, which revealed that more than 40 percent of students, staff and faculty identified themselves as food insecure.

This survey caught the attention of the CSU Chancellor's office who did some investigating themselves in 2015-2016.

What they found was that two in five of CSU students, staff or faculty self-identified as food insecure, and one in 10 identified themselves as homeless.

One recommendation was for campuses to have food pantries like the one we have here on campus, which opened in September 2017.

The Edible Garden will provide fresh organic fruits and vegetables to the Food Pantry.

Sanchez is currently responsible for the management of the Garden, along with Santiago Ontiveros, the CSUB Food Access Coordinator. Credit also goes

to Wes Miller from the CSUB Agriculture Business Club, who Sanchez explains is "hands on the ground on the project". Miller volunteers daily in the garden according to Sanchez.

Credit also goes to Summer Sullivan who spent a year as the Edible Garden coordinator from 2017 to July 2018 and Dr. Evelyn Young Spath, former Chief of Staff to the President whom Sanchez says championed the project. "She is really the reason that we have what we have out there right now."

So, what do they have out there right now? The first planting was on Earth Day 2018, and several varieties of tomatoes, corn, pumpkins, eggplants and squash were planted.

Harvesting occurs in spurts as the produce is ready, but according to Sanchez, over 200 pounds have already been harvested.

Implementing the garden wasn't easy. The biggest obstacle was getting water out to the garden. The cost to expand water service to the Edible Garden would be thousands of dollars and would be a major construction project.

Volunteers purchased a water hose and connected it to the nearest water spigot with the permis-



Karen Nannery/The Runner

Stephanie Magana, sustainability student assistant, visits the Edible Garden for the first time on Aug. 31.

sion of Marlene Hensley of the Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering department.

It is only within the last few weeks that the landscaping crew extended an underground pipe from the spigot to the Edible Garden, a much more effective way to provide water for the garden's drip irrigation system.

Right now, the garden is small, but there is plenty of room to expand. 1.75 acres have been

allotted for the Edible Garden and already there are plans to expand.

Sanchez explains that, "We want to succeed with what we have, we don't want it to grow too fast because we want it to be successful. We want to be successful in our procedure and in our management system of it, and in our pest control. We want to make sure that we iron out all those details."

Volunteers are welcome to participate and should contact Jenni-

fer Sanchez at 661-654-3552. "Students should know that we want students to use it as a welcoming community where they can visit, participate and add their own touch, and that they can become leaders of that project. We fully welcome student engagement and when they do participate in that project, it has a real value." to the individuals that receive the food."

CAMPUS

Amazon delivers job, internship info to packed lecture hall

By Sarah Montano
Reporter

There was standing room only in Room 105 of the Nursing Building on Wed, Sept. 5. Approximately 70 junior and senior students interested in working at the new Amazon fulfillment center in Bakersfield showed up to learn about available positions and the application process.

However, there was no mention of when construction of the new Amazon distribution center will start. Courtney Tillett, Amazon area manager and presenter at the meeting said the positions available are nationwide but that you can apply for Bakersfield positions now.

"I do not have a set start date for that [location] but they are already

available online under University-ops." Tillett said. Positions are listed by region online at Amazon.com/university-ops. Tillett added, "For these positions what we do is put out a range. Right now we are looking for people who have graduated from 2017 to 2019."

Johanna Moreno, a senior sociology major, is looking to get a job in human resources. Her background working as a shipping clerk for Bolthouse Farms, as well as her upcoming degree, attracted her to the Amazon information meeting.

"It's a good thing that they have this [distribution center] coming up and hopefully they will say when it's going to be open."

Jennifer Pivaral, a senior criminal justice major, came to the meeting in order to explore career

options. "I came just to branch out, like, even though criminal justice is my major I think being a manager for Amazon, you can make just as much money as a police officer."

Time is also a factor for Pivaral, in order to become an officer she'd have to go through the police academy and as graduation approaches she said she is wanting to see what other opportunities are available.

Internships are of particular interest to the soon to be graduates and they are competitive. According to Tillett, 70 percent of the available full-time positions at Amazon are taken by interns.

"It can lead to a full-time position in the summer for after you graduate," Tillett said. "I'd apply as soon as you can if it is some-

thing you are interested in before it fills up." She added, "We do try to get it to where you are starting two weeks after graduation."

Tillett did not give any specific number in regards to pay except that there are salary positions and hourly positions.

According to the handout given at the meeting, job opportunities include Environmental Health and Safety, Area Manager, Human Resources, Maintenance, Engineering, Loss Prevention and Customer Service.

According to Glassdoor.com, Amazon area managers earn approximately \$63,000 per year with additional cash and stock bonuses. Area manager interns earn approximately \$36,000 per year with no additional bonuses. Human resources earn approx-

imately \$69,000 per year with additional stock bonuses while an intern for human resources earns approximately \$35,000 per year.

All degrees are welcome but Tillett emphasizes leadership skills like community service, clubs and other extracurricular activities.

"We do not look for any certain degree types, we will look for like, volunteer information; anything that shows leadership," Tillett said.

A relocation package is offered if relocation is over 50 miles away. They also offer health care benefits and stock options.

Tillett said Amazon fulfillment center employees work 10 hours per day, four days per week. Shifts are Sunday through Wednesday and Wednesday through Saturday.

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RESOURCES

NSME gets new advising center

By Alejandra Alberto
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield held the grand opening and ribbon ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 5 for the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering's new Student Advising and Success Center.

This new facility is located on the south side of the campus within the engineering complex behind the Fab Lab.

The total cost of the building was \$6 million, but was paid through a grant from the California Department of Education. Dr. Charles Lam, a math professor, applied for the grant.

Some of the services that will be provided in the new building are group advising, individual advising, as well as advising for transfer students. There is also a study room inside and a study area outside.

Mikaela Becina, a biochemistry major, who also works as a student assistant at the facility said, "I think this is a great place to study for students. I used to be a Pathways student and it's very nice to see students

use the space and I love being able to provide assistance to the students as well."

In August, NSME received an accreditation for a new bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering, computer engineering and engineering sciences by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET.

Anayeli Gomez-Navarro, who is an academic advisor in the school of NSME, stated she is very excited for this facility as well.

"The way this new facility was brought together was the fact that a lot of the professors and chairs of the department had a vision of putting this together to help out students. Some of the things I like about this is the study areas, bean bags, they have gamer chairs," said Navarro.

Dakota Smith, a mathematics major, is also very excited about the new building.

"I think this new facility is great, I'm really excited. One of my favorite things of the new facility is the great natural light it has. It's very spacious and the chairs are very comfy as well," said Smith.

ACADEMICS

Engineering programs undergo extensive review

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In Nov. 2017, ABET sent out a team to review each of the three programs for three days, basing their judgement on a review of every aspect of the program.

According to Talamantes, the review process is thorough. "They look at the curriculum, the quantity and qualifications of the faculty, the laboratories. They look at your library resources and services like advising. They look at everything that has to do with the students and their education."

CSUB students played their own role in the process, beyond following through with the program.

The ABET team took a sample of engineering students out of earshot of their professors and asked them about their education experience. Now that a sought-after goal has been achieved, the department and its students look toward the future.

For senior Christopher Smith, the accreditation ensures that he has the right tools to reach his goals. "I think getting accreditation will help with getting job experience

before I start my own business."

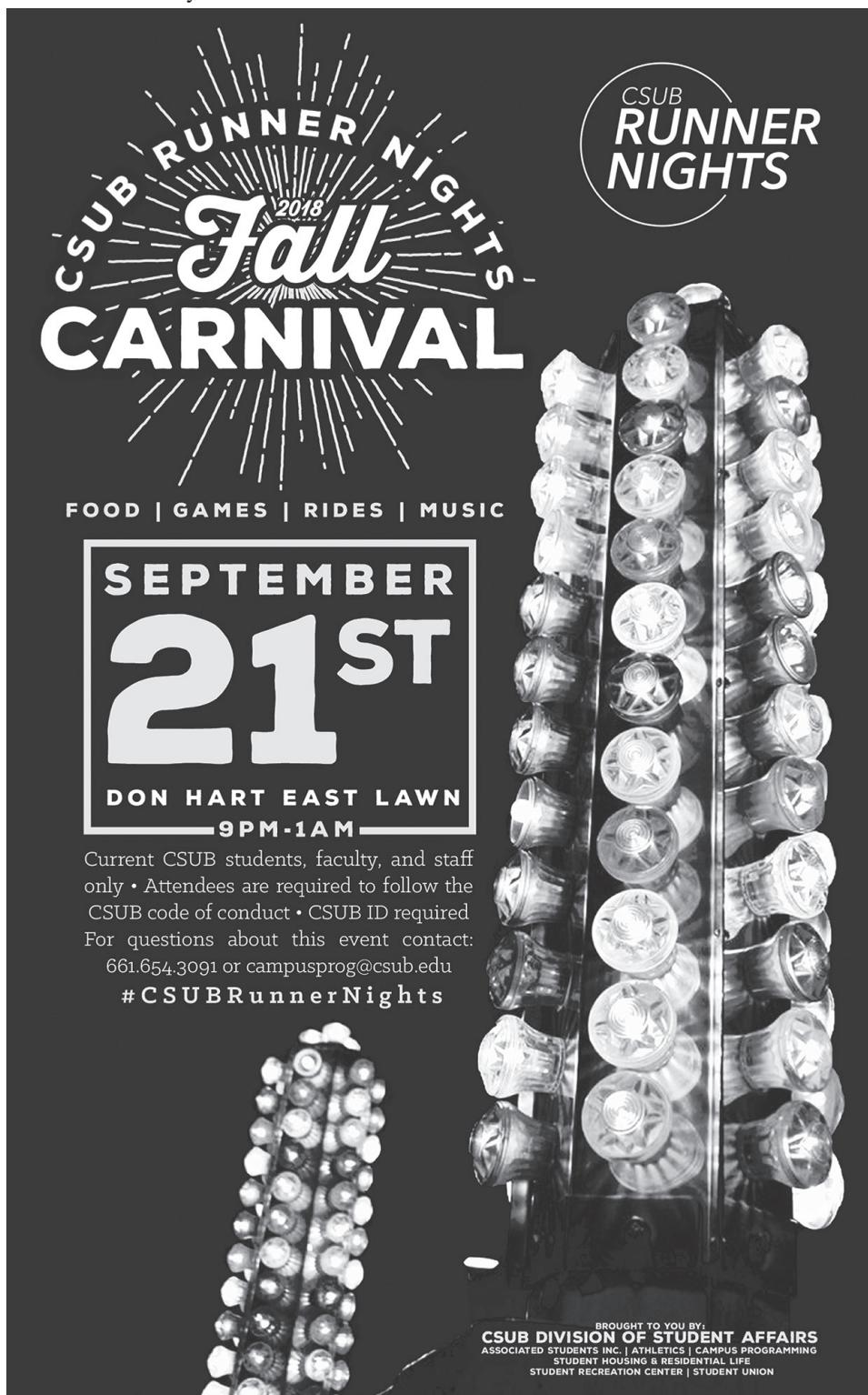
Before Smith sets out on his own, though, he wants to do electrical engineering work for the city of Los Angeles. He expects the accreditation will help get him there.

"I think it's going to help CSUB in terms of its scholastic integrity," said Aiden Nuckles, a sophomore majoring in computer engineering.

That increase in "scholastic integrity," as Nuckles puts it, is expected to lead to increased enrollment in the engineering majors.

This leads the university to its next challenge: growing in tandem with the enrollment. This is especially true as CSUB offers a concentration in petroleum engineering which is particularly useful in Bakersfield.

The administration, however, is prepared. With the expected influx of students, Madden anticipates the accreditation will make CSUB more competitive for grant funding, which she expects will be helpful in accommodating more engineering majors.



What's Happening Around Campus

September

12 Kaibigan Kick-Off

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Student Union Runner Park

14 Emergency Preparedness Fair

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (two-day event)

Don Hart E. Lawn

Mariachi Opera

3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Dore Theater

www.brownpapertickets.com

CSU IRB Forum

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Student Union MPR 125

15 Dance Contest

1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Student Union MPR

17 Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Student Union Patio

19 Trap Karaoke

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Student Union MPR

20 Brown Bag Discussions

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Stockdale Room

Dodge Ball

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

SRC Blue Court

Expression Nights

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Stockdale Room

21 Runner Nights

9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Don Hart East Lawn

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

SRC Intramural Field

25 National Hazing Prevention: Key Note Speaker

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Student Union MPR

29 21st Annual Interfaith Conference

9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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FITNESS

SRC awaits more new equipment

By Fernanda Martinez
News Editor

CSU Bakersfield's Student Recreation Center has recently upgraded some equipment and is expecting more by the end of the month.

The SRC currently has seven new pieces which include five new WoodWay treadmills and two Precor stretching machines.

"We have seven new pieces currently, but we are getting probably over 20 by the end of the month," said Trae Mathews, facilities and member services coordinator at the SRC.

"WoodWay is a brand of treadmill. It is a specific type of belt mechanism compared to your traditional treadmill. We have three of the 4Front and two of the Curve. The Curves are the ones we are really highlighting," Mathews said.

A few of the benefits of the WoodWay, according to Mathews, are they require zero electricity, so the user controls their pace to allow for a more natural movement. The user generates the power which results in 30 percent more calories burned compared to a traditional treadmill.

Jasinda Salinas, psychology major at CSUB, has been using the WoodWays recently and enjoys them. "I really like everything," said Salinas. "I try to come Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's very welcoming."

The Precor 240i StretchTrainer machines are beneficial for pre and post workouts. They offer a variety of different positions to stretch various muscles throughout the body.

By the end of the month, the SRC will have more units added to accommodate everyone's needs.

"Next year is our 10 year anniversary, so a

lot of the equipment that we have has been in the building since we opened so we are starting to work on a replacement plan," said Mathews.

The upstairs Fit Loft will be seeing five additional pieces of selectorized units as well as Cybex Prestige Selectorized Total Access units.

"What's really exciting and great about these units is that they are wheelchair accessible," said Mathews.

The user can remove the seat from the unit to allow wheelchair accessibility and complete the full workout. "We are very excited to be able to accommodate that student population," said Mathews.

Student Manager for Facilities at the SRC, Jonathan Aki, mentioned that they try to offer a full body workout with the selectorized units so that the user can go down the line and hit every muscle group.

"A lot of people jump into the selectorized units first because they are user friendly and it gets them used to the environment so you can eventually progress to the dumbbell area and free range motion," said Aki.

Mathews mentioned the SRC is 100 percent student funded as the facility receives all its money through the student recreation fee that students pay every semester.

"We like to think of ourselves as very fiscally responsible of the student's money, so we like to buy new innovated equipment each year and try to purchase stuff that is kind of cutting edge," said Mathews.

The SRC does a survey every year to ask students what they want in the facility so it gives them a better idea of what is needed.

"Whatever the students are requesting and wanting, that's what we try to buy," said Mathews.

The SRC has seen the largest student turnout so far this semester. The first day of



Fernanda Martinez/The Runner

CSUB student Jasinda Salinas exercises on the new WoodWay 4Front treadmills on Sept. 6, 2018.

school, Mathews says they saw over 1,700 people come in and use the facility.

"The facility is definitely being used more and that is why we are excited for the new equipment, because not only we are getting new equipment but we are rearranging a lot of our current equipment to make room and get rid of old pieces."

Another big piece to be added is the Life Fitness Synergy360 unit. "This is a very diverse unit, it brings a lot of new aspects of fitness to the Fit Floor," said Aki. "Right now we have a lot of free weights, selectorized cables, and this offers a lot more functional group training type of workouts."

The MJ8 cable machine is also a new addition. It has eight different stations attached to it. Mathews said the SRC staff has noted the current one is very popular and people usually wait around for an opportunity to use it.

The last new piece arriving is the Marpo Rope Trainer that will allow its user to do a full body strength, power or endurance workout. The rope can be moved in different angles to do different types of workouts. The unit has a dual station, one with a seat and one without to accommodate wheelchairs.

The SRC also holds free fitness orientations through its fitness and wellness program to familiarize students with the proper use of the equipment. The upcoming orientations are on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., and Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mathews also stated that the SRC will be hosting the grand opening of the Synergy360 unit on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. to showcase the different attachments as well as exercises to get people familiar with this big piece.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASI holds first board meetings of new school year

By AK Pachla
Assistant News Editor

During CSU Bakersfield's Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) first board of directors meeting of the new school year on Friday, Aug. 31, CSUB President Lynnette Zelezny addressed herself to the new board.

She promoted her "Runner Walk 'N Talk" initiative and asked the board members to act as scouts to help her find out where students congregate on campus. It is her goal of encouraging student engagement by becoming a personal presence on campus.

The directors also passed resolutions engaging funds from their #OURNEWSU initiative for improving the Student Union and approving Zelezny as a signatory on the ASI bank account.

Also, present with a report was Chief of University Police Marty Williamson. He spoke about changes to his department, including incoming staff and new tech, most notably the introduction of body-worn cameras to the uniform of all UPD officers. Williamson also asked the board to remind students who ride their bicycles to school that UPD is giving away free U-Locks when students register their bikes with

the department.

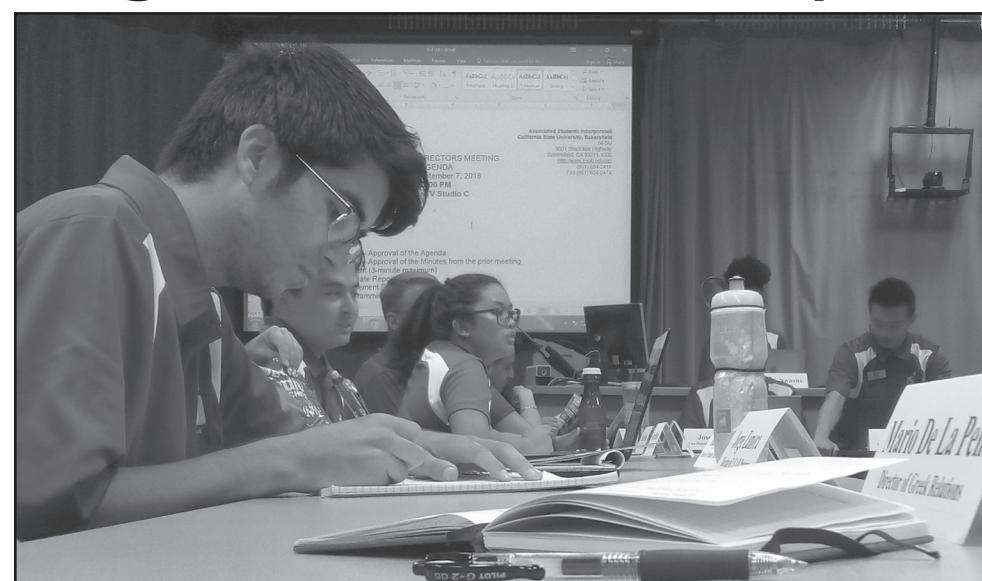
The new year also sees three new justices sworn into the judicial council. Standing before the assembled directors, ASI President Ashley Schmidt administered the oath of office to Samantha Romero, Ulyses Rodriguez, and Chad Johnson.

In the ASI meeting which took place on Friday, Sept. 7, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Jim Drnek gave a report to the board about the issue of homelessness among CSUB students. Drnek gave a conservative estimate saying about 10 percent of students on this campus are homeless.

Drnek also presented the board with Student Affairs' plan to join the Kern County Homeless Collaborative, and asked for their assistance in devising a campus survey addressing the topic of student housing needs. He expressed his hope that these measures will help the university and the community better serve this segment of the student population.

Zelezny was also in attendance again with a report for the board, as well as Williamson.

The board spoke at length with Chief Williamson, both about the success of this semester's "Coffee with a Cop," and the



Jorge Zamora, Director of the L.E.A.D. program, takes notes during the board of directors meeting on Sep. 7th, 2018.

continuing issues surrounding parking on campus.

He also advised the board of the upcoming emergency preparedness convention happening Sept. 15. The event will happen near Runner Park, and feature Kern County's "Quake Room," a mobile seismic simulator. The simulator experience will be available for private preview to CSUB

students on Sept. 14.

The meeting concluded with Director of Diversity Wendy Melendez reminding the board of the upcoming #BrownIssues pop-up art activism event "The Innocent Eye" on Sept. 29. The event will offer resources for DACA recipients and other student dreamers.

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HEALTH

Title IX ensures all students can receive similar benefits

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For students like Boone, knowing that there is help and understanding on the side of CSUB is helpful.

CSUB's website says, "Title IX requires professors and administrators treat pregnancy, childbirth and related conditions in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary disability."

As long as it is deemed necessary by a medical doctor, professors must provide and allow pregnant students a leave of absence due to pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions.

Jessie Tarango is a liberal studies major and sophomore at CSUB who is 33 weeks along in her pregnancy.

Tarango said, "Preparing for the babies delivery such as knowing when the child will be born and deciding to skip the semester or start a semester but then miss time in the middle is a difficult decision to make."

Professors must provide students under Title IX a leave of absence for as long as it is deemed necessary by a medical doctor. At the end of the leave, the student must be reinstated to the status they held prior to their leave.

After returning from an excused absence, professors must allow a reasonable amount of time to make up missed assignments

and tests.

If a professor provides specific "points" or other advantages to students based on class attendance, students must be given the opportunity to earn back the credit from classes missed due to pregnancy.

Students have more options than dropping out, skipping a semester, or failing classes due to pregnancy.

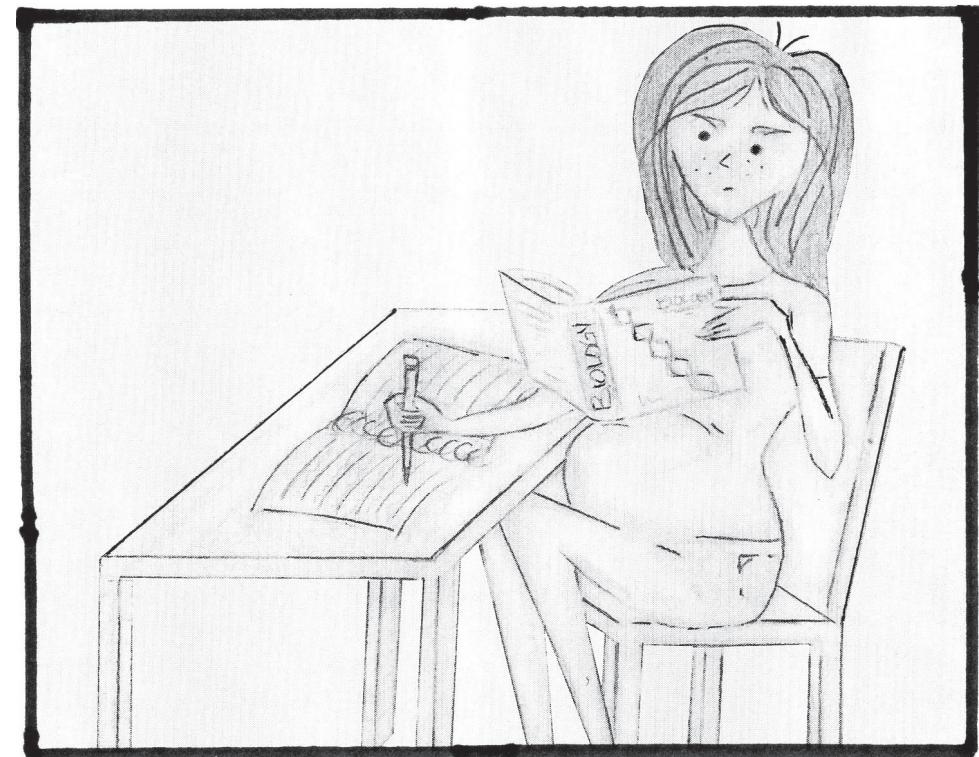
Under Title IX, pregnant students are entitled to the same benefits offered to students with other medical conditions, illness or injury.

Title IX also requires CSUB to prevent and address harassment based on pregnancy, whether that be from other students, faculty, or staff.

Tarango said, "There are times where I'll feel uncomfortable as a pregnant student. I feel like since I'm pregnant many think that we're not capable of accomplishing the same academic goals as others."

Catota wanted to make sure that pregnant and nursing students on campus feel welcomed and included.

Catota said, "Part of the guidance from the federal government under Title IX is how we treat our pregnant and nursing mothers in an inclusive manner. Come and talk to us! We know how difficult it is and we work with our students to see what their needs may be, and work with our



faculty members and other folks on campus depending on what the needs of a student may be."

For students who are nursing mothers, there are now three nursing rooms at CSUB's Student Housing West in Rohan, the Walter Stiern Library on the fourth floor

and at the Student Health Center.

Pregnant and/or nursing mother students on campus, can contact Claudia Catota or Chris Ballard at the Office of the President, or go online to [## STUDENT LIFE](http://www.csub.edu/compliance>TitleIX/PregnantandParentingStudentRights for more information.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

College Republicans club looks toward future

By Kimberly Hernandez
Reporter

Despite the backlash the College Republicans club faced for attempting to bring guest speaker Milo Yiannopoulos to CSU Bakersfield last year, the club would like to bring him to campus in the future.

Yiannopoulos is known for his criticism of feminism, racist and derogatory remarks and for arguing against LGBT rights; he has often incited riots from students who are disgruntled by his statements.

Yiannopoulos was scheduled to make an appearance at CSUB on Oct. 25, 2017 in the Icardo Center.

The guest speaker requested \$20,000 to come speak at the campus.

Due to university regulations, the College Republicans club was unable to pay the fee and the event was canceled.

The College Republicans were criticized for their attempt to bring a controversial speaker on campus, which has affected the club to this day.

When asked if she had ever heard of the College Republicans club, Jennifer Rosco, a junior at CSUB, said, "I actually didn't know they had a club called that, this is the first time I heard about it."

Daisy Flores, a junior, said, "I would not feel comfortable with a racist, extreme conservative trying to talk to students about his political opinions. As a CSUB student I would not want to be a part of that."

Shelby Moore, a graduate student at CSUB, is president of the College Repub-

licans club. She has been a club member for three years, but this is her first year as president of the club.

Moore said that, although the club would still like to have Yiannopoulos speak on campus sometime in the future, their intentions are not to start controversy but to encourage lively debate and expression of opinion.

According to Moore, the incident with Yiannopoulos has worsened the stigma that she believes is associated with being a republican.

"I think people think we are all hardcore Trump supporters and that we agree with everything that he says. We all have our own opinions and sometimes even disagree with some of Trump's ideas, but we still consider ourselves republican," Moore said.

Moore stated that the club hopes to plan similar events in the upcoming semester.

"We want to clear the misconception about our club. You don't have to be a republican to come to one of our meetings or be interested. Our own advisor isn't a republican!"

In previous years the club has met on Wednesdays, but it has yet to set a meeting day and time for the fall semester.

When a meeting time is decided the club president will post the information on the College Republicans club Facebook.

Moore said that the College Republicans' current goal is to rebrand itself.

This year, members plan to raise awareness on what it dedicates itself to.

Check out our YouTube page to see our multi-media team's coverage of news, events, features, sports and more around campus!

LEADER PROGRAM ORIENTATION

Attend an orientation to learn more and gain credit for the program!

Friday
September
12th @10Am

Friday
September
14th @11am

Tuesday
September
18th @11:30am

Thursday
September
20th @2:30pm

All workshops will be held in the student union green room

Contact mfimmore@csub.edu for more information

GREEK LIFE

How to survive sorority recruitment

By Norma Hernandez
Opinions Editor

Sorority recruitment weekend can be a stressful and long weekend for many students. The recruitment process is different for every school and searching for articles online won't truly prepare you for a CSUB recruitment. Take some advice from students who went through it here.

What to expect

The first day you'll rotate to meet all three sororities: Gamma Phi Beta, Nu Phi Chi, and Phi Sigma Sigma.

According to Maureen Fillmore, Student Union and Greek Life Coordinator, you can expect to be given a lot of information throughout the weekend.

"The first day is usually just [to] get to know you," said Ashley Schmidt, senior majoring in anthropology.

Not only are you meeting current sorority members, but you're also meeting many potential members who are going through the same process as you.

A piece of advice you'll hear all weekend long is to keep an open mind. Every sorority has its own personality and its important to see them all.

"Learn what the sorority is and what it isn't," said Fillmore.

You want to join a sorority where you feel most comfortable and that can be because of the girls in the sorority or what the sorority stands for.

The second night you're still getting a lot of information, but this information has more to do with GPA requirements and costs. Being in a sorority isn't what you see in movies. There are certain academic eligibility requirements that are needed to be in a sorority. This can be a deal breaker when picking your top two by the end of the night.

If you make it to the third night, preference night, some will meet with two or just one sorority.

This night, you go more in depth

on what being in a sorority is all about.

"You really get to see a lot about each chapter. You get to find out what their core values are. You see their own commitment to their sorority," said Yeirida Izazaga.

This is the last day to make a decision on which sorority you prefer most.

Day 4 is Bid day, where all the girls who made it to the third night gather in the Student Union to see if they received a bid.

"A bid is your invitation to join a sorority," said Schmidt.

What to wear

Fillmore said there isn't a dress code but reminds all the girls attending this event that there is a lot of walking and standing.

"Be mindful of your footwear," said Fillmore.

This is a three-hour event and you're going to be standing for a long time, so wear something comfortable. A sorority isn't going to pick you because of your outfit.

"Your outfit, it doesn't matter really what you wear because it's who you are as a person, that's what it comes down to," said Schmidt.

At the event, they do inform you that the third night, preference night, is a little nicer wear, but that can mean something different for everybody.

If 'something nice' to you is a pair of pants and a top then wear that. If you like to wear a dress then wear a casual dress, but wear something that is your style.

"I wore jeans and a sweater shirt my first time," said Schmidt. "And then the second night, I even wore jeans and just a nice top."

There is no right answer, but comfortability is key.

What to talk about

Several sites advise when going to recruitment to have something interesting to talk about because it will make you stand out; however, this is not a competition.

Izazaga, just like many other



Skylar Carrasco/The Runner

Arlene Medina, publicity chair for Nu Phi Chi sorority, speaking to passing students about recruitment and promoting Greek life and sisterhood on Aug. 27.

girls who went through recruitment, was completely nervous because she felt like she wasn't the type of girl who would go Greek.

"I was like all these girls are going to come up to me and they're going to ask me who I am, and I don't know who I am. I don't know what to tell them," said Izazaga. "I don't want to be boring. I don't want them to not like me." It's okay to be nervous and all the girls that are going through recruitment are going to be nervous too.

A sorority is going to pick you for who you are and you can do that by talking about things that interest you. If you're an awkward girl, Fillmore said it's okay to be awkward. The girls in the sorority want to meet you.

And don't worry if your mind goes blank when talking to the girls because they're just as excited and nervous to meet you too. "If you don't have anything to talk about, I promise you, they

will," said Schmidt.

What if you don't get picked

Sororities are limited on how many new members they can take, and you can be rejected, but Fillmore said try not to take it personally because it could be for many different reasons that has nothing to do with your characteristics, looks, or personality.

"Sometimes it's for grades," said Schmidt. "There are girls that don't get a bid the first time and then they come out again and they get a bid from the sorority that they want. It happens, so do not feel discouraged."

Joining a sorority isn't for everyone, but if you're interested in it or thinking about it then go to recruitment and see for yourself. "Just try it out, there's no obligation," said Fillmore.

A lot of girls currently in sororities say that it was an incredible experience for them.

"I met great people during the [fall recruitment]. People I didn't even know I was going to be

friends with. Girls that I have never talked to before or even thought about talking to," said Izazaga.

Schmidt said one of the main reasons she became involved in student government was because she joined a sorority that gave her opportunities to be heavily involved on campus.

"The choice that I made, I will never look back at, it's what started all of my involvement here on campus. It's how I got involved in everything else that I'm involved in," said Schmidt. "Joining [a] sorority is actually how I got involved in student government."

Hopefully, all the ladies going out to recruitment this weekend enjoy themselves and remember to have fun and when you're meeting each sorority, ask yourself, Can I see myself in this organization?

"Sorority recruitment is a way to find your home away from home," said Schmidt.

CAMPUS

UPD hosts 'Coffee with a Cop' in Student Union

By Veronica Morley
Multimedia Editor

Chief Martin Williamson of University Police at CSU, Bakersfield wants the campus to know that their officers are there for more than just protection.

At Coffee With A Cop on Sept. 6, officers from UPD came out to meet students, answer questions and enjoy a cup of joe.

"As we've tried to do the past couple of years, during the beginning of classes, we try to just make ourselves available. No

agenda, just provide coffee and donuts to students, staff and faculty. And if they have any questions for the police department or any issues or anything, they are more than welcomed to address them with us," said Chief Williamson.

Chief Williamson has been the department head for eight years now.

In total there are 15 sworn officers along with support staff such as parking officers and dispatch.

"Most of them come from other agencies, we have a few who have

been here from the beginning," said Chief Williamson.

Campus programming and UPD were happy to see students come out to meet the officers and hope that the relationship can continue to grow.

"If they just want to come and get a cup of coffee, a donut and shake hands and say good morning, that's fine too," said Chief Williamson.

And if you didn't get the chance to meet the officers this week, no worries. UPD will be holding multiple events throughout the

semester and students are more than welcome.

"We'll be sponsoring a zombie scavenger hunt. This'll be our third one and it's grown each year. So students will go around to different tables located on campus and at each table they'll be able to get an item of sorts that when they're done, they'll build their own emergency response bag," said Chief Williamson.

If you have a more competitive streak, you may want to try to go head to head with our officers on the volleyball court. That's right,

UPD has a volleyball team.

"[UPD] for lack of a better description, have put together a volleyball team and challenge student groups and ASI," said Williamson.

If you want to get to know more about our UPD officers, stay tuned for a video showcasing some members of our police force.

Or you can go ahead and just meet them for yourself, they're always on campus and always happy to say hello.

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COMMUNITY

S.A.L.T. takes a stand against suicide



Monica Juarez/The Runner

People of Bakersfield walk in remembrance of loved ones and bring awareness to suicide at the Stomp Out Suicide community walk on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Chelsea L. McDowell
Features Editor

Family members of those who have committed suicide and supporters of suicide prevention took to Beach Park Saturday morning to participate in Save A Life Today's fourth annual Stomp Out Suicide community walk.

SALT, as the group is alternatively called, is a nonprofit organization that works to bring suicide awareness to the people of Bakersfield. The organization's mission is to prevent suicide and eliminate the stigma around it.

The community walk began with a speech from Bakersfield mayor, Karen Goh, who proclaimed Sept. 8 "Stomp Out Suicide Day."

Booths were set up along the grass which offered information, SALT merchandise, and "memory beads" to those who attended. The beads varied in color and were for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Each color represented a different relation. The loss of a child was denoted by white beads, while the loss of a parent was represented through gold beads.

Dressed in T-shirts made to commemorate the memory of family members who have committed suicide and as many beads as was appropriate to each person, people walked three laps around the 24th and Oak street park in the 81 degree heat.

Carol Mallory is a SALT board member and worked the merchandise table. Her son was a California Highway Patrol officer in Santa Maria. On Oct. 15th, 2015 at the age of 41, Mallory's son took his own life. She was referred to SALT by a therapist.

"He was the perfect child," Mallory said. "I had five children but he was the one that—he did everything right. And it was a very difficult time for his siblings, myself, his dad."

While Mallory's family completed the walk, she worked the T-shirt booth to raise money for SALT.

"Our funding goes toward suicide prevention. It also helps families that, at our discretion, are short of funds for a funeral," Mallory said.

After the last lap around the park, the drawing for the opportunity baskets began. Handmade goodie baskets were filled with everything from David Carr-signed footballs, alcoholic beverages, zombie survival kits, iPads, movie night supplies and so on.

Thirty-three-year-old Chad Garcia-Mioni, who formerly served in the Army, co-hosted the opportunity baskets give away. Having served in the military, Garcia-Mioni was no stranger to suicide. However, it was his mother's suicide nine months ago that broke him.

"Looking back there were warning signs we didn't understand, but now we do," said Garcia-Mioni.

Garcia-Mioni wanted to let those dealing with the loss of a loved one to suicide know that they should not be afraid to reach out and that there are family survivor groups willing to help.

Ellen Eggert, who experienced the suicide of two brothers and two cousins, founded SALT four years ago. After working for a national organization for suicide prevention, Eggert wanted to focus her efforts on her local community.

"People think that there's a certain type of person that takes their own life, but we've realized that anybody can be at risk for suicide," Eggert said. "The latest study from the Centers for Disease Control show that 51 percent of those who have died by suicide in the last 20 years didn't have a mental illness."

The Stomp Out Suicide community walk concluded after the opportunity baskets were received.

To those thinking about ending their own lives, Garcia-Mioni offered advice.

"You're loved. Even if you feel like you're alone, someone out there cares about you," Garcia-Mioni said.

MUSIC

Faculty showcases musical talents

Kayla Culberson
Reporter

Through its versatility, music can be used to express things that are intangible: emotion, a period in time, or an event from a composer's past.

At the Annual Faculty Contemporary Music Concert, CSU Bakersfield kicked off its Music and Theater Department's 2018-2019 academic year.

This Annual Faculty Contemporary Music Concert is the first concert of the new school year and just a look into the upcoming Music and Theater department projects.

Students in attendance not only got a glimpse of the talent of CSUB's faculty and staff but got to enjoy a concert as well.

The opening piece in the faculty concert, entitled *Time After Time* by composer Fred Lerdahl, immediately drew the audience in through its haunting melody. Lerdahl's piece is punctuated with unique sounds that stand out in the composition, such as tubular bells made to sound like eerie church bells throughout the piece.

CSUB's opening performance included guest artists as well as CSUB faculty, such as Julia Lawson-Haney and the concert's organizer, Doctor Soo-Yeon Park.

Junior history major Jennifer Mullich said

the feeling of listening to Lerdahl's composition was like "listening to the end credits of a horror film."

Quintessence, the second piece in the Contemporary Music Concert, was composed by faculty member Kyle Shaw. He preferred the premiere of his composition with, "there are Wii controllers in my sleeves," and explained his composition will be performed through a computer with Wii remotes controlling the sounds.

The final piece of the concert was entitled *Quartet for the End of Time* by composer Olivier Messiaen.

Inspired by the Book of Revelation, Messiaen wrote his composition while in a prison camp in Germany and premiered in front of five thousand prisoners in 1941 with only four instruments—a piano, a violin, a clarinet, and a cello with one string missing.

Junior English major Lyndsey Wheeler said "the ending with the piano and violin fading out" in section VIII, titled "In Praise of the Immortality Jesus" was her favorite part of the finale.

Through the three performed pieces, the concert summarized the power of music, the power of CSUB's incredible staff, and how awesome the upcoming 2018-2019 CSUB concerts are going to be.

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Norma Hernandez/ Photos by Christian Kaff

This week The Runner asked, "Do you have any thoughts on Nike's new campaign?"

Elies Tafoloa
Psychology



"We're seeing a big company actually promoting something that was supposed to be restraint from being out in the public."

Melanie Garcia
Criminal Justice



"I think they're trying to change the world... He didn't do riots, it was a peaceful protest"

Angel Mendoza
Business



"I think it's pretty cool that they advertise certain things."

Jasmin Alvarado
Criminal Justice



"It's what he's going for, is just Freedom of Speech. I'm okay with it."

COMMENTARY

Kneeling for what you believe in

By Hana Ayoub
Reporter

Nike showcased its 30th anniversary campaign for their "Just do it" advertisement, which holds this theme and demonstrates it with the use of their new campaign, "Believe in something, even if it means sacrificing everything."

It includes a variety of professional athletes, but only one seems to pose a problem. Colin Kaepernick voices the brand's recent advertisement, and the ad has ensued both backlash and support for the brand.

Kaepernick emphasized his stance on racial inequality by choosing to kneel during the national anthem at a football game in 2016. He has since not been signed by any NFL teams, and has lost a large fan base. Nike customers are both proud and livid at the recent advertisement.

When asked his opinion of the advertisement, Angel Davila, freshman Biology major, said that he thought Kaepernick's actions were disrespectful to his country. He will think twice before buying another pair of Nike shoes, but he would still wear the ones he has. Davila believes that everyone should stand for the national

anthem, and that he doesn't stand behind Kaepernick.

Reactions to the Nike ad include the #NikeBoycott, in which people are refusing to buy Nike products, and some have even started to burn their Nike merchandise. One student holds a very conflicted perspective on the issue. Marissa Machado, kinesiology major, has family in the marines, but still believes everyone has the right to say what they feel.

In response to Kaepernick's kneeling, she said "if it weren't for the people who fight for the flag, we wouldn't have the option to do such things."

However, she does not agree with the boycott, because Nike is also standing up for what they believe in, even if they are losing money.

Others have strengthened their support of the brand.

Uliani Ceja, a sophomore economics major, disagrees with the NFL's decisions to not sign Kaepernick onto any teams.

"We have a freedom of speech, and the NFL is taking away an unalienable right from him by not signing him," said Ceja.

Ceja agrees with Nike's slogan, because she believes you have to give up certain



Photo from Nike Inc.

Colin Kaepernick, former NFL quarterback, poses as the new face for Nike campaign.

Believe in something.
Even if it means sacrificing everything.

Just do it.

things in order to achieve what you want in life.

She will continue to buy Nike, because "if companies are out there advocating, I stand with them."

Nike is not only making a statement by stating their campaign slogan, but they are also demonstrating this belief by using Kaepernick as their spokesperson. They are

risking the support of customers, which is a big deal for any company, by standing by an athlete who chose to speak his mind.

This creates controversy, because not many companies would be willing to risk their money over their morals.

I, too, stand by Nike, because they are sacrificing for what they believe in, as we should all do.

WILDLIFE

Bring back Facility for Animal Care and Treatment

By Michael Lynch
Assistant Opinions Editor

The Facility for Animal Care and Treatment, FACT, was once a program on campus that assisted with rehabilitating injured birds. Due to budget shortfalls, it closed in Fall 2014.

Because of the educational and environmental benefits, we should bring back FACT as an operational program at CSU Bakersfield.

FACT was located behind parking lot I near what is now the Edible Garden and cactus garden. It remained operational for almost 40 years, sustained by fundraising and good samaritans bringing in orphaned and injured birds.

Raymond Carag-Chiu, a senior chemistry major, said it would be beneficial to care for injured birds.

"The ability to care for birds [so] everyone on campus can interact with

would be great."

FACT provided care for approximately 200 birds annually. About half of the birds were successfully rehabilitated and released into the wild.

According to Dr. David Germano, professor of biology and the former director of FACT, the funding structure changed.

"Up until five years ago...it was the responsibility of the provost. Then that changed, and [the funding] came out of the department's teaching funds," Germano said. "The biggest advantage was we were able to give some of our students who were interested in that some real world experience. It was a teaching experience that was good for our students."

Germano said FACT will not return.

"The facility is gone. Almost all of the cages are gone. There is no way to reconstitute it at this point," Germano said.

The facilities used to be a well-maintained, welcoming bird habitat. Today, what

remains are dilapidated facilities, overgrown by vegetation. Rotten wood, chipped paint, and abandoned structures are what remain of the once-bustling bird habitat.

Animal rehabilitation centers benefit the environment by saving animals that would otherwise die. After FACT closed, the California Living Museum, CALM, as well as other animal rescue centers, picked up the slack.

School children throughout Kern County would visit FACT every year on field trips. In doing so, the environmental benefits were twofold: saving birds and providing environmental education.

Harman Cheema, a computer science major, supported bringing an animal treatment facility on campus.

Cheema said, "Funding should be from outside sources, not students."

In the status quo, if you find an injured or abandoned bird, you have two options. You can take the bird to CALM, or Critter

Creek Wildlife Station, located in Squaw Valley.

As we grow as a community and a university, we need to prioritize protecting our native habitats. Bird conservation is crucial to helping Kern County's ecosystems and its native environment.

The cost of restarting a bird conservation program are worth the educational and environmental benefits.

Kern County needs more wildlife treatment facilities. By providing that once more at CSUB, we can make an impact while enhancing community education and engagement. Kern county animals deserve better.

As CSUB continues to grow, we ought to provide ecological education and service to our community.

In the years to come, we should allocate time and resources to bird rehabilitation and animal treatment.

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OUR VIEW

Clean air parking spots don't serve students

When Student Housing East was constructed alongside Parking Lot L in 2015, some may have noticed the 8 parking slots designated for 'Clean Air Vehicles', but what they might not have known was that those were the first of many to come.

"They call it the 'Cal Green Code', which is like building codes, that for any new parking lots that you build, a certain percentage of those have to be designated as clean air vehicle slots," said Chief Martin Williamson of the CSU Bakersfield University Police Department.

"Some of it leads up to charging stations and stuff, but in our case, Lot L, the one constructed when student housing east was built, was the first parking lot affected by that."

Now, nearly three years after that lot opened, there are 45 clean air vehicle spaces on the north side of the campus. There are 21 spaces in Lot A and 16 in Lot K3, in addition to the eight in lot L. And as our campus continues to grow, we can expect to see more clean air vehicle slots.

"We don't have to retrofit, but anything we build from this point forward has to have clean air vehicle slots."

This has serious implications for our campus. The most recent version of the Cal Green Code (2016) calls for at least 8 percent of all parking spaces being built to be designated as clean air vehicle slots.

According to Williamson, in order to park in those spaces, you must first apply for a clean air vehicle permit, in addition to purchasing your CSUB parking permit.

"For us to be able to enforce the law, you just go over to cashiering and there is a half-page registration form. You look up on the state website, and they have a list of what they determine as clean air vehicles, and if your vehicle is on that list, we give you a tag."

According to accounting technician Karla Moreno, only three people have applied for and received clean air vehicle permits so far this semester. The total number of active permits that are currently registered with the cashier's office is "less than 20."

"[The spaces] are not overly used. I don't know if it's because a majority of our population doesn't drive clean air vehicles, but, I just drove around today to check out parking again, and most of the clean air vehicle slots are being used by non-clean air vehicles," said Williamson.

Freshman Ralph Mendoza, a computer and information science major, was parking his Chevy Volt into a clean air space in Lot A on Monday morning when the Runner caught up with him.

Despite having a vehicle that was possibly eligible for a permit, Mendoza had no idea he had to apply to park there.

"I think it's a good idea, however, I think

it's misinterpreted. Not many people know whether their car qualifies or how to park there," said Mendoza. "I might actually try and apply."

Freshman Andrew Vasquez, a criminal justice major, doesn't drive a qualifying vehicle, but still thinks the slots are a good idea.

"I don't mind it, it's not a big deal to me. I don't get here early enough anyway and they're always taken up," said Vasquez. "It's always random, they're not always clean cars."

The reality of being a college student means that being able to purchase a clean air vehicle will always come second to buying books or paying tuition. Most students will not be able to get one by the time they graduate if they don't have one already. That means the slots will continue to either be misused, or not used at all.

The stated intent of the Cal Green Code is to "enhance the appeal of driving clean air vehicles, in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions." Not only does this regulation fail to achieve its stated intent, but it complicates an already difficult parking system.

Even if it did work as intended, the majority of people who would benefit from the program are faculty, staff, and wealthy students. Most college students just can't afford these vehicles.

The state is attempting to do something positive by creating an incentive to drive a clean air vehicle. But incentives are designed to influence one's economic choices and most students on this campus just don't have the choice to go buy a Prius tomorrow.

Eventually, clean air vehicles will become a standard in the state and that's a good thing. But until that day comes, a university is not a place where people should be incentivized in this way. The policies of our campus should reflect the realities lived by our students.

And if you're thinking about parking your unapproved vehicle in that clean air slot tomorrow, you might want to think again.

"We're warning them right now, and at some point, I'm just guessing [this] week, we're going to have to start writing citations, because we have to enforce it" said Williamson. "It's the law."

Editor's note

'OUR VIEW' is an unsigned opinion story that reflects The Runner editorial board's stance on an issue.

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DINING

Runner Express brings more food options to campus

By Cecilia Torres
Reporter

The Runner Express convenience store is putting convenience back in campus dining.

The recently named convenience store is something new yet familiar. As some students may have already noticed, it sells many of the options that are already available at Walter's Coffee and Snack Bar inside the library. They will also find that there are some new choices too.

Walking in, the convenience store wall opposite from the cash register is lined with refrigerators full of frozen food. There is pizza, burritos, and hot pockets, to name a few. On that same wall, you can also find the cold drinks. You will find the classics like Coca Cola, Sprite and Gatorade among the many other choices.

The back wall is lined with food. It is stocked with plenty of apples, oranges, salads, sandwiches, breakfast sandwiches, parfaits, fruit cups, string cheese, puddings and a variety of ice cream and trail mix options.

Chips, pop tarts and pastries that can be found in other places on campus can also be found in the convenience store. It has a little of everything, including some of the muffins and scones that were once offered when the building was still Peet's Coffee.

"I've used it twice already to get a quick breakfast and lunch" said Alyssa Rodriguez, a freshman CAFS major. "I would use it maybe once a week."

Like with most campus dining options, there is always the question of affordability.

"It is a little on the pricey side," said Rodriguez. "I bought a parfait for four dollars and it wasn't even that big."

Of course, it depends on what you are buying, but it is possible to get a reasonably priced lunch at the convenience store. I was able to buy a Red Baron single deep-dish pizza, a Dole fruit cup and a Snack Pack pudding cup for a little less than \$4.

Even if you won't be buying food you can always use the microwave and toaster inside to heat up a meal brought from home.

"It [the convenience store] is a good thing because some people won't have time to have lunch. They can bring it and heat it up" said Giselle Velasco, an undeclared freshman.

With the amount of food in stock the convenience store feeds a lot of people, but the food available depends on what time you go. In these first weeks of the semester by 11:30 a.m. the shelves were already looking a little empty. At 1:30 p.m. there are limited options on what you can get, and after 3:45 p.m. most of the frozen foods and sandwiches are gone. Plan accordingly.

Because it is a small building, if you visit during its busiest hours expect to be a little cramped. There are students that are browsing around, standing in line, paying, and heating up their food all at the same time.

If you happen to visit during a calm time you will find that it is a much nicer experience. I was able to take my time looking around, really taking in all my options. The staff was friendly too. The cashier very casually talked to me and told me I was able to use the microwave.

Going into the third week of the semester,



Alex Stevenson, a fourth year psychology major warms up her lunch in the available microwave in the student food store.

there are students who still don't know about the convenience store.

"I didn't even know that it was there," said Erick Fuentes, business major.

The Runner Express is listed as a dining option in campus dining under the student life tab on the CSU Bakersfield website.

I think Runner Express is just what we need on campus. Since last semester when Panda Express and Which Wich were added to the campus dining options, I felt I was either eating unhealthily or spending too much money. The convenience store

helps solve those two issues because it has healthy options as well as good prices. In these first three weeks of the semester it has become my go-to place for food.

Runner Express is the small building along the Red Brick Road where Peet's Coffee used to be. It is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This store has a variety of options for students to choose from rather than other places to dine on campus.

VOLLEYBALL

CSUB prepares for Roadrunner Classic

By Johnathan Wheatley
Sports Editor

The CSU Bakersfield volleyball team (3-6) returns home for its first competition at home this season. It will be the first home game on the newly renovated Kern Schools court.

"Our first nine games have been a lot of lessons we learned. How to follow our system and apply it to games," said redshirt junior setter Sidney Wicks.

The Roadrunners began the 2018 season with three round robin style tournaments, going 1-2 in each of the tournaments.

CSUB claimed victory over San Diego State University in the Aztec Invitational, UC Irvine in the UC Irvine tournament and Presbyterian at the Amy Svoboda Memorial Classic.

"Beating SDSU and beating Irvine, which who we've never beat before, I think there are very good moments that were playing really well," said head coach Giovana Melo.

All three wins for the Roadrunners went into the fifth set. In five of its nine games, CSUB has been unable to record a single set, while the other four games have all gone to a fifth set.

In three of the six losses, the Roadrunners played two power

five conference teams, Texas Tech University and the University of Georgia along with one group of five conference team, Air Force Academy.

The Roadrunners begin the Roadrunner Classic and a seven game home stand.

"It will definitely be helpful to have our home crowd and have their energy during the games," said senior right side/ middle blocker Mattison Deggamo.

On Thursday, Sep 13 at 6 p.m., CSUB will play against UC Santa Barbara (6-3) to begin the Roadrunner Classic. Each game during the classic will have a theme, with the theme for Thursday game being Breakfast of Champions. CSUB will return on Friday, Sep 14 at 7 p.m. to take on the University of Montana (2-7) with the theme of the game being Family Fun day.

The final matchup of the Roadrunner Classic for CSUB will be against the University of South Dakota (6-3). The Roadrunners will be lacing up for cancer in the final matchup on Saturday, Sep 15 at 5 p.m.

After the classic, the Roadrunners will start preparation for their first Western Athletic Conference game against University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (6-4) on Thursday, Sep 20 at 7 p.m.



Johnathan Wheatley/The Runner

Sophomore Emily Hansen goes up for a kill as redshirt-freshman Tasha Skabelund tries to block the kill during the team's annual Blue-Gold Scrimmage.

"The Runner tournament will hopefully give us the confidence we need to begin the WAC. Being at home I think will make them a little more comfortable," said Melo.

This will be a rematch of last seasons WAC tournament final in

which CSUB defeated UTRGV, 3-1.

CSUB will face the 2017 regular season WAC champions, New Mexico State University (8-2), who the Roadrunners defeated in the semifinals of the WAC tournament, 3-1.

The Roadrunners will take a break from conference play as they host CSU Fullerton (6-4) on Tuesday, Sep 25 at 6 p.m.

The Roadrunners will finish the home stand Saturday, Sep. 29 at 1 p.m. against Utah Valley University (8-3) at the Icardo Center.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

CSUB look to bounce back after slow start

By Briana Gutierrez
Reporter

In the first year under head coach Sebastian Vecchio, the CSU Bakersfield women's soccer season has begun slow, but the team is encouraged to turn the season around.

The Roadrunners have begun the 2018 season with a 1-5 record after falling to Northern Arizona University, 1-2.

With the slow start, coach Vecchio is taking it game by game and not rushing to think about Western Athletic Conference play.

"We go one game at a time. For us it's the next game, we're not thinking about WAC right now," said Vecchio.

The Roadrunners started the season with an intense game against Eastern Washington University. Regulation ended with the score tied at 0-0.

The Eagles scored in the 95th minute of the game and held on to win 1-0 over the Roadrunners.

The second game of the season against Gonzaga University was cancelled due to air quality which was caused by wildfires around the area.

Both teams decided not make up the game since it was a non-con-

ference game.

In the game against UC Riverside, the Roadrunners once again fell in a tightly contested game. CSUB fell 0-1 after a goal in the 31st minute of the game by the Highlanders.

Six different Roadrunners recorded a shot during the game. Against Loyola Chicago University, redshirt junior Aryana Harvey scored the first goal for CSUB this season with seconds left in the game.

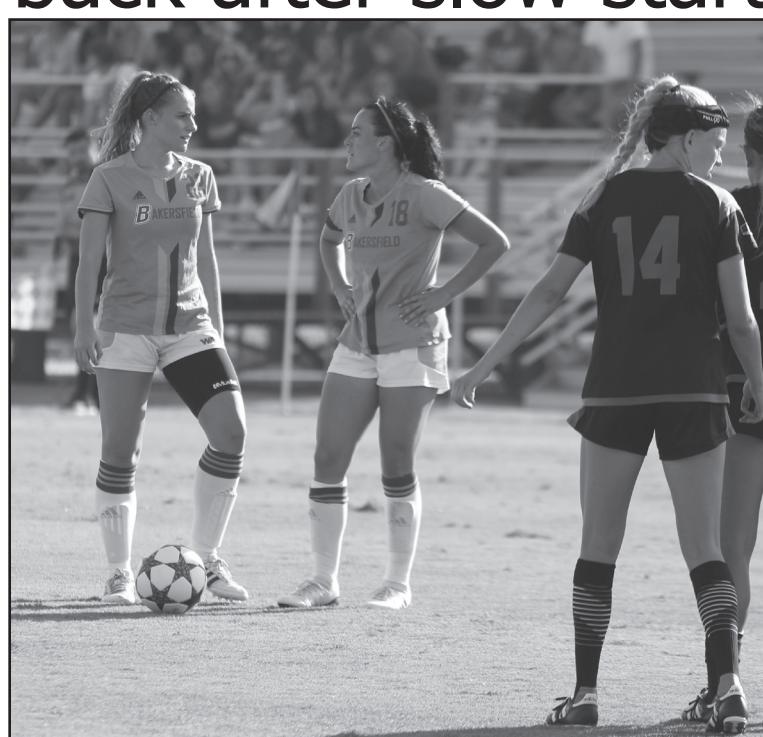
The Roadrunners fell 3-1 at the end of regulation.

CSUB didn't let its first three games keep them behind as they looked to get a win in its fourth game against Southern Utah University.

The Roadrunners dominated throughout the game against the Thunderbirds.

CSUB outshot Southern Utah, 15-8 and controlled the tempo and time of possession all game. In the 84 minute of the game, redshirt senior forward Aminah Settles scored her first goal of the season.

Settles holds CSUB's Division 1 record for most career goals (21). The goal was assisted by sophomore forward Ezter Toth, who has assisted in both goals this season.



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Senior Sabrina Delgado and junior Anesa Sasivarevic discuss a plan for a free kick against Southern Utah.

With the season continuing, the team is adamant in turning the season around.

"What needs to improve is everything clicking and everyone being on the same page" said junior defender Sophie Freeman. "We're taking these next few games and letting them build our confidence."

CSUB will begin a three game

homestand starting with Saint Mary's College Sep. 14 at 7 p.m. CSU Northridge will come into town on Sep. 16 at 6 p.m., and Pacific University will end the homestand on Sep. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Main soccer field.

CSUB will start Western Athletic Conference play with two games on the road and return Friday, Oct. 5 against Seattle University.

ESPORTS

Team Liquid wins NALCS

By Johnathan Wheatley
Sports Editor

The 2018 summer split for North America League Championship Series has come to a close with Team Liquid claiming victory.

With this win, Team Liquid has swept the 2018 season championships. Team Liquid swept Cloud9 in the finals of the summer split, 3-0. In the spring, Team Liquid defeated 100 Thieves, 3-0. Team Liquid's Doublelift was named the MVP of the summer split.

With worlds just around the corner, NALCS will hold its qualifier beginning on Friday, Sep 14 and will end on Sep 16. Team Liquid and 100 Thieves have locked themselves into a spot for Worlds, but the four teams behind them in the championship points standings will fight for the 3-seed out of NA region.

The top 24 teams from around the world will compete in this years Worlds for the Summoner's Cup in South Korea.

Competition will begin Oct. 1 with play-in stage. Group stage begins Oct. 10 with Quarterfinals on Oct. 20, Semifinals Oct. 27 and the Finals on Nov. 3.

COMMENTARY

Dress code violation creates double standard at U.S. Open

By Hana Ayoub
Reporter

In today's day and age, women not only have to worry about their performance on the courts, but about their appearances too. Strict dress codes and violations add an extra level of stress that men do not have to worry about. This is demonstrated in the recent events of the U.S. Open.

The 2018 U.S. Open recorded abnormal high temperatures with high humidity, which caused players to change shirts or articles of clothing due to severe sweating.

On Aug. 28th, in a match of the U.S. Open, professional tennis player Alize Cornet realized her shirt was on backwards. The U.S. Open Tennis Tournament has very specific guidelines for their dress codes, but as of the 2018 tournament the U.S. Open and French Open have taken it to another level.

After a quick wardrobe change off of the court, she was penalized for exposing her sports bra. Immediate uproar followed when in a different match of the same tournament, professional male tennis player Novak Djokovic, sat courtside for 10 minutes completely shirtless without being penalized.

Their official U.S. Open play-

er rulebook states that during, "during tournament matches all players will be expected to dress and present themselves in a professional manner."

The problem here is that only Cornet was given a violation for dress code while Djokovic received no violation but got a new shirt.

When Kayla Tadewosian, a CSU Bakersfield freshman on the softball team, was asked her thoughts on the penalty, she said that she disagreed with the call.

"If you're going to give one person a penalty, give the other one or just don't give it out."

As women, we are not asking to be completely exempt from penalties if they are valid, however we are asking that they are extended equally and fairly to both men and women.

During the French Open, just before the U.S. Open, Serena Williams, one of the top ranking female tennis players in the U.S., was told by the French Tennis Federation at the French Open that her bodysuit, which she was wearing to prevent blood clots post pregnancy, was disrespectful to the game, and her outfit was banned.

Maddie Cosgrove, a junior majoring in kinesiology and swimmer CSUB, said that it was

unfair to Williams, and to women in general, because only women have to deal with post pregnancy effects.

"Health should be a priority for any player," said Cosgrove.

Ashley Olvera, a CSUB Freshman on the cheer team, said "a uniform is a uniform. If it was for medical needs, she should have been able to wear it and not been penalized."

At what point is enough, enough?

Williams was told that her attire was disrespectful to the game by French Tennis Federation President Bernard Giudicelli.

The French Tennis Federation is showing women all over the world by indirectly telling them that fashion and a game is more important than taking care of one of its players health.

Dress code violations happen not only on the professional courts, but on places where sports are played and on all levels of play.

Cosgrove has been competing in swim for 12 years and recalls that in high school she had a male coach; however, a female coach from another team had to go and explain the dress code for the girls.

"If another parent thought your suit was too revealing and



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complained to a referee, you were automatically disqualified from the meet," said Cosgrove.

Tennis is a high fashion sport, but when penalties are being given on one side of the court and not the other, people will notice and call the organizations out. Exceptions should be made for medical

reasons, plus Williams was more covered in her bodysuit than she would have been in a normal outfit.

Double standards both on and off the courts need to be put to an end. We need to call penalties not just on one side but on both sides of the court. Game. Set. Match.

CROSS COUNTRY

CSUB heads south for second meet of season

By Peter Castillo
Editor-in-Chief

This weekend the CSU Bakersfield cross country team will travel south to compete in the UC Riverside Invitational for its second meet of the season.

The host, UC Riverside, will be a future opponent in the Big West Conference when the Roadrunners make the switch prior to the 2020 season.

In the Roadrunners' first meet, the Fresno Cross Country Invitational, which included the likes of Fresno State, UCLA, UNLV, Sacramento State and Fresno Pacific, CSUB finished sixth out of the six teams who competed. However, a pair of Roadrunners did finish in the top 25 of the 5k race.

Redshirt-sophomore Alejandra Frausto finished 23rd overall and paced the Roadrunners, while junior Paradise Pelzer finished 25th out of 47 competitors and was the second to finish for CSUB.

"Overall, it was a respectable first outing and good efforts this morning," said Marcia Mansur-Wentworth, director of cross

country to gorunners.com after the meet. "We have a lot to work on, so the next two weeks will be a great opportunity to train hard and prepare for the UC Riverside Invitational."

Junior Bianca Frausto, the twin sister of Alejandra, finished third for the Roadrunners and 30th overall in her first meet with CSUB after transferring from CSU Northridge.

Freshmen Yuviana Torres and Alea Gaona finished fourth and fifth, respectively, for the Roadrunners in their first collegiate meet.

"The top three in our scoring five did a good job," said Mansur-Wentworth to gorunners.com. "We went out well with the pack, but faded a little bit in the second mile."

The women's 6,000m Invitational begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the UC Riverside Agricultural Operations Course.

The Roadrunners will have two more meets after this weekend before they head to Seattle, Wash. for the Western Athletic Conference Championships.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

VOLLEYBALL



vs. UCSB @ 6 p.m.
9/13

vs. Montana @ 7 p.m.
9/14

vs. South Dakota @ 5 p.m.
9/15

WOMEN'S SOCCER



vs. St. Mary's @ 7 p.m.
9/14

vs. CSUN @ 6 p.m.
9/16

vs. Pacific @ 7 p.m.
9/21

MEN'S SOCCER



vs. Cal Poly @ 7 p.m.
9/15

vs. San Jose State @ 7 p.m.
9/22

at Grand Canyon @ 7 p.m.
9/28

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