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Baseball took on Air Force on Feb. 19, 20 and 21. See story on Page 10.



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Wahoo's Fish Taco had its grand opening on Feb. 10.

## Wahoo's Fish Taco

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Wahoo's Fish Taco is amazingly fun and wonderfully unique. The newly opened restaurant located in the student union is decorated with skateboards, snowboards and surfing posters.

There is also a pool table and a small stage located in the restaurant where a wide flat screen television set is placed.

The atmosphere of the restaurant gave off a tranquil vibe. Not only that, but

the food menu listed an array of healthy entrées. Wahoo's also offer various beers and wine.

The restaurant was very relaxing. It's a great place to unwind, especially with midterms around the corner.

Every entrée that Wahoo's Fish Taco serves is freshly made.

The entire menu that Wahoo's Fish Taco serves is completely lean and healthy.

One of the partners, Steve Karfaridis, was kind enough to explain the history and nutrition of Wahoo's Fish Taco.

California State University, Bakersfield is the second university to have a Wahoo's Fish Taco restaurant on campus.

In 1990, Steve Karfaridis, joined as a partner and the one location in Costa Mesa rapidly developed into multi-locations in Laguna Beach and Huntington Beach.

Wahoo's was established on 1988 by three brothers who grew up in Brazil.

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## Superbowl commercials

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Everyone looks forward to the commercials during the Super Bowl. Some people only sit through the Super Bowl to

watch those highly entertaining and extremely expensive commercials. Unfortunately, 2010 was not the greatest year for fans of these mid-game advertisements.

The Super Bowl commercials are designed to entertain. They are written by the best in the industry, and they are targeted at many different audiences.

The commercials won't please everyone, and even the audience within the same targeted demographic, a population of people of similar age and economic status, don't share the same sense of humor.

Personally, I was disgusted by a large number of these commercials. Many of them were structured around old and new stereotypes, and I just don't fit in with any of them.

First of all, I do like to wear pants. In fact, all I wear are pants. I don't wear shorts, and I don't strut around in my underwear declaring my pride in not wearing pants. Therefore, I don't need Dockers to correct my problem with a manly brand of pants.

Honestly, I've never seen any man walk around in just his underwear. If I was unfortunate enough to witness such a spectacle, I doubt I would see a prideful smile on the pant-less man's face.

What is this commercial doing? The same thing most of the other commercials are doing: displaying men as pantless, spineless, and lacking in their manhood. It is a call out to men to "start wearing the pants." Become the man, disregard your wife, drink beer, and watch sports.

I wear pants, sure. But I think I have a different perspective on manhood.

"Hello, friends," says American sports-caster Jim Nantz in another disappointingly sexist Super Bowl commercial. "We have an injury report on Jason Glasby. As you can see, his girlfriend has removed his spine, rendering him incapable of watching the game."

In the background you see a man with a bra strung over his shoulder and shopping bags in his hands, being pulled through the mall by his significant other. He looks over his shoulder to stare at the television screens displayed throughout the store, all playing the football game he is not allowed to watch.

"Change out of that skirt, Jason," Nantz says, as he introduces the product that becomes the main point of the commercial.

The product was irrelevant by the time I got to that point in the commercial. I was already turned off. I would rather wander through the mall with my wife than watch the Super Bowl, though that is just my own preference. But if I recall correctly, I still wear pants, not a skirt.

I drive a car. By the time most people enter a college university, are driving a car. Some men drive with their significant other, and some men are driven by their significant other.

According to Bridgestone, however, some men can't decide which exactly their significant other is: the tires on their car or their wife. Realistically, I

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## Budget crisis hits hard

*President holds forum where major cuts are explained*

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tions and consolidating administration units (such as in the Career Development Center).

Last Thursday President Horace Mitchell held a meeting to go over the present budget crises at California State University, Bakersfield.

This was the sixth in his series of budget forums. The state took \$583 million in budget cuts, which affected CSUB by \$13.2 million. Instead of giving more money to prisons, California's governor decided to step up and take a closer look at education and to increase the total general funds by \$377 million.

CSUB will get a one-time stimulus of \$1,738,400 to add critically-needed course sections in the fall to assist students in obtaining their degrees. This also counts for students getting their credentials or graduate degree.

Even though this helps, it is not enough to cause CSUB to make some drastic changes to the system.

Mitchell said, "This process is a long process in terms of state budget."

Other systems besides education are being cut in California. There is the potential of eliminating the welfare program Cal WORKS, in-home supportive services to elderly and disabled, and healthcare to 900,000 low-income children. On the education side, the issues at CSUB remain: whether furloughs will be continued, whether student fees will increase and whether faculty/staff will be reduced.

"We can't assume that we are going to get resources, so we have to be prudent," Mitchell said.

Mitchell proposed being prudent by continuing current restrictions, not filling management or staff posi-

tions and consolidating administration units (such as in the Career Development Center).

As of right now, Mitchell claimed that furloughs might not be continued, yet there is the possibility that the current quarter system will be changed to a semester system. Mitchell said that it would be smart to start doing things twice a year with a semester system compared to three times a year with the quarter system.

He claimed this semester system would be better financially for the already-reduced staff to better function and accommodate the large number of students enrolled at CSUB. Yet students feel that it will eliminate the opportunity to enroll in more classes throughout the year.

Instead of having the chance of a class being offered three times a year, or at least even once during one of the three quarters - fall, winter, spring - the semester system will only make a class available twice a year - fall and spring - or possibly once, if at all.

Vanessa Estrada, a current freshman, said: "It would affect your graduation date. I don't want to change."

Her opinion voiced the concern of many students here on campus. The goal of students is to graduate on time and changing things around in an experimental way can and will panic a lot of students. Even though this change is only a possibility, with the way the economy and the budget cuts are going, things are looking grim.

In addition to cutting out furlough days, Mitchell has decided to cut four sports teams: men and women's golf, women's tennis and wrestling. This was based upon three factors: 1.

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# RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Roxana Chavez, Staff Writer

This week, The Runner asked, "Do you think it was necessary for Tiger Woods to make a public apology?"



Azusa Woods  
Junior,  
Business

"Yes, because if you cheat on someone you would want to make things right."



Brandon  
Washington  
Junior,  
Political Science

"No, because it's a personal matter, not public."



Erin Williams  
Senior,  
Studio Art

"Yeah I think it's important because he is a public figure and is a role model to our youth."



Rebecca Rodeen  
Junior,  
Political Science

"No, he is not a public official and his personal matters have nothing to do with his athletic abilities."

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# True love is not a race

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True love – sigh – is in the air and you just can't help but envy the people lucky enough to find it. It's practically unavoidable. You see it in the couple holding hands on their way to class, the couple flirting as they work out at the Student Recreation Center, and the couple cuddling by the pool.

Now how do you suppose they all met? Was it some chance encounter where they bumped into one another and their eyes met? Was it when he handed her something and their hands touched? Or perhaps was it at speed dating held in the housing commons?

Now don't get me wrong, I'm sure there are plenty of success stories for speed dating, but I just don't think it's for me.

Just look at the setting. You and a potential significant other are sitting across from one another for two to three minutes while exchanging mundane questions like "So what's your major" or



Photo courtesy of Vanni Banducci

"Are you from Bakersfield?"

Come on people, you're trying to establish a connection and telling me that you are chemistry major is not going to sweep me off my feet.

While establishing a connection, the other person needs to get to know the real you, not the résumé version of you.

Establishing your qualities first hand won't appeal much, it's much better if the other person

can learn your qualities over time.

How does one prepare for a speed date?

You could think of questions in advance but there you risk the encounter becoming too rehearsed. You could decide to just wing it but that brings up a risk of the two of you sitting in silence as the clock ticks on.

Unknowing and going off of hearsay, here are

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# Boron lockout solidarity

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Unionizing labor forces have long been a way for employees to guarantee their rights as workers and level the playing field between corporation and community. That playing field is the middle ground where strikes and lockouts can occur, where companies and laborers can negotiate and hopefully crack a deal that fits both sides' demands.

Unfortunately, nearly 600 International Longshore and Warehouse Union workers in Kern County have been locked out from

their jobs at US Borax in Boron, a division of Rio Tinto Corporation, a foreign mining conglomerate. The workers at the largest open-pit mine in California belong to ILWU Local 30 and are fighting hard to defend their rights as workers against corporate attack.

Much like how the state is destroying our educational opportunities with budget cuts and furloughs, these workers are being subjected to unfair business practices via Rio Tinto's appetite for destruction. As the workers continue their struggle against unfair labor practices by this conglomerate, we must stand in solidarity with these workers and support their fight against corporate

oppression.

In this time of economic instability, corporations like Rio Tinto are using their power to de-unionize jobs and create lower-paying, at-will jobs with little or no benefits, create varying schedules for dangerous work and force overtime. If you speak out, you can be fired. If you cannot work overtime, wave bye-bye to your only source of income.

If Rio Tinto gets its way, shifts will be cut, non-union workers will be hired and nearly 600 more Kern County families could face the realities associated with unemployment, foreclosures and total economic devastation at the hands of

another greedy corporation.

With a great deal of support from other unions worldwide, including the AFL-CIO, UFCW and various foreign mining and maritime worker's unions, the workers of Boron have a long road ahead of them towards fairness in their contracts.

Rio Tinto is using this lockout as a way of starving these workers and their families into signing an agreement, which does not meet their demands. By devastating the community and forcing workers into unfair conditions, Rio Tinto aims to continue their record of abuse against workers, communities and

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# Letters to the Editor

## CSUB Web site seriously lacking

By Anonymous

I am a future CSUB student (I just got my acceptance. Yay!). I just wanted to say two things about CSUB that I have observed. First, the web site for CSUB housing is pathetic. There is absolutely no way a future student or his/her parents could possibly know what to expect from housing on the CSUB campus by looking at the web site.

Unlike every other CSU campus web site that I viewed for dorm information, CSUB has no photos, floor plans, information on details of what is included in housing (Internet? fridge in room? cable in room?) or what is allowed to be brought in. It has no information about the security of housing (does it have security key codes? etc.), how many share a bath and so forth. When I called the campus approximately six months ago and inquired as to if this would be

changed, I was told, "It is what it is." I was disappointed. When I called again just approximately one month ago, I was told, "We are working on it and it will be ready soon." How soon is "soon"?

Shouldn't this have been done many months ago, in time for students/parents to view while making decisions on where to apply? Shouldn't it be done NOW in time for students/parents to submit their accept/decline letters? Not all of us future students are from the local area. Some of us are from much further away and therefore have no knowledge or personal experience of the campus/housing and thus must rely on the Internet.

Second, I was on campus this week to get a feel for exactly what the campus looks like, the surrounding area and so forth. The campus was clean and tidy everywhere except for the housing parking lot. Talk about a dump! I was

disgusted that adults live this way. Where is the pride in their home? This is home for them, after all. There was fast food trash, water bottles, Gatorade bottles, paper bags, cigarette boxes and the list goes on. Who do students live this way? Don't they have pride in their campus? In their home? Why is the campus allowed to look this way? Are there regulations put in place for resident students to keep the areas clean and if not? Whose responsibility is this? How hard is it to throw their own trash away? It makes me wonder what type of dorm I will be residing in, if this is how the parking lots appear.

I'm not trying to be harsh on CSUB or the students. I'm letting you know how some things appear to be, from an "outsider looking in."

I'm excited to be moving to the area and attending CSUB!

## E-mail ads

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I am a fellow student that was glad to see the CSUB Runnermail system come to its demise.

Now I am finally able to get my important school information sent to my primary e-mail address. However, I am appalled by the fact that the administration has allowed this e-mail list to be used for commercial gain. I can't go a week without receiving a deluge of spam e-mails about the campus sandwich shop now serving breakfast, or something equally annoying. We the students gave out our personal information so that we could be contacted by our professors and not for shameless commercial solicitation.



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Staff Writer Geoffrey Taylor with his newborn daughter, Abbey.

## Becoming Daddy, Part Two

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Abbey is perfect. Being hand-in-hand with my fiancee to watch the birth of our daughter was truly a life-changing moment. What else do I need to say about the most beautiful experience of my life?

A call from the birthing center finally came around 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5. They had an open room for her. We took our time getting down to the birthing center, hoping to spare ourselves a never-ending wait until her arrival.

Stopping at Starbucks on the way was a wise decision, especially since the labor to ensue lasted a whopping 31 hours.

She stayed around 2 cm and 80 percent effaced for more hours than I can count on both hands. The nurse administered Pitocin, a labor-inducing drug, and regularly kept checking her progress. Contractions were taking hold over Kat's body, exhausted from an already difficult pregnancy. They started her with some painkillers, but over several hours it wasn't enough to combat the increasing pain level. She opted for the epidural.

Rest was hard to come by. After downing countless cups of Starbucks instant coffee and chain-smoking my way through Kat's epidural-induced slumbers, sleep was out of the question. However, Abbey's arrival was nearing with each minute.

I had brought a CD player with us to usher our daughter into the world with some beautiful music. My fiancee insisted upon listening to "Iron and Wine." The sounds of well-plucked acoustic guitar, and soothing, soaring vocal patterns played well as background noise for the inevitable; the birth of baby Abbey Kay Taylor.

It only took 15 minutes of my fiancee pushing for Abbey to join us. At 12:56 a.m. Feb. 8, my daughter greeted this world for the first time. She was 7 pounds, 5 ounces and 20.5 inches long.

At that very moment, I realized that I am daddy and that I get to spend the rest of my life giving my daughter my love, care, support and eventually the keys to my car and access to my credit card.

Dr. Yu and the nursing staff were amazingly helpful and within minutes of emerging

from the womb, mom, dad and baby were united as three separate but eternally connected beings.

I'll never forget seeing the birth of my daughter; cutting the umbilical cord and watching the nurses clean her off and hand her over to her loving and proud parents. The tears that came down my face fell like the rain outside the hospital windows. They were the most beautiful tears I've ever shed.

I'll never forget the feeling I experienced when seeing her first breath, hearing her first cry and even smelling her first diaper. It is simply indescribable.

We have been incredibly lucky. Abbey is a very well behaved baby. She is happy, healthy and doesn't keep us up too much. It breaks my heart into a thousand pieces when she cries, so I try to avoid any moments where she may be forced to make a peep louder than a whimper.

In the days since her birth, I'm learning her cues rather well. She's very good at making us aware of what she needs. The sounds and faces she makes give me slight hints as to what's next. Time to change the diaper? Wait for the grunt, toot and scrunchy face. She wants to feed? Hands go to the mouth, the tongue pushes out of her tiny mouth and she starts to squirm and whine a little; hand her over to mom for some breastfeeding.

I continue to look forward to the days, weeks and months ahead. The opportunity to watch my daughter sprout up in front of me inspires me to spend every possible moment with her. If the excitement has just begun, I can only imagine what's next.

Surviving the pregnancy was hard, especially when mom really needed me and I had a long shift, a big paper or a prior obligation. Getting through her birth was nerve-racking and I'm almost sure I had a series of miniature heart attacks throughout the process, but we all made it through together.

So far we've made it through her first doctor's visit, first trip to Starbucks (my employer and addiction-supplier) and first meetings with friends, family and co-workers. I just keep thinking of all the firsts yet to come: first trip to the beach, first tooth, first steps, first words, first boyfriend and so on and so forth.

If there is one thing I know it is that as life progresses, so will our family.

## Boron lockout

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the environment.

Because this labor dispute is considered to be a lockout and not a strike, the workers do not qualify for their union's strike fund and are not eligible to receive funds to support them during the dispute. However, other unions such as the UFCW, which donated 500 bags of groceries to the families of the locked-out workers, and AFL-CIO are donating to the cause for Local 30's fight against tyranny by donating groceries, funds and time to aid these workers.

Union leaders told company officials, "We're here to work; we have families and communities that depend on us, so open the gate and let us go to work."

Despite countless union meetings, the

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places that About.com suggests you could meet people: a coffee shop, class, church or volunteering.

I've learned and agreed that the first step to meet someone special is to disbelieve the myths/complaints that we hear everyday in Singlesville. "Dating isn't worth it." "I'll never meet the one" "All the good ones are taken."

Allow me to tell you the truth: Not ALL the good ones are taken and you WILL meet the one.

After you've expelled those statements from

your vernacular, get out there. Put yourself out there to be noticed and swept off your feet. The biggest thing you can give a person is to allow yourself to be vulnerable; otherwise what's the point if you shut yourself off?

Isn't that what the purpose of finding someone special is? To connect and share something that's personal and belongs to just the two of you.

Or if you don't believe me, keep practicing that wonderful speed dating etiquette and see how far it gets you. I'll stick with my way and you can stick with yours.

## Budget crisis hits hard

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Whether the team qualified as Division I standards, 2. Whether a team qualified to have particular membership (i.e., men's basketball and the Big West Conference) and 3. Whether the team maintained gender equity (the campus has to distribute athletic scholarships equally based upon the gender ratio of 65% women to 35% men.)

Mitchell decided to cut these teams at the end of the 2010 school year in order for the athletes on these teams to decide if they want to stay at CSUB, or if they want to transfer to another school to keep playing their sport. Any senior playing on any of the discontinued teams can stay at CSUB for 2010-2011 school year and keep their scholarship in order to graduate on time.

However, wrestling already qualifies as a Division I team. One member of the wrestling team - 133-pounder Tony Pietropaula - will not be returning to CSUB in the fall. He will have to enroll in a community college at home, and not continue his criminal justice career here at CSUB.

Another freshman wrestler - 141-pounder Dalton Kelley - will also not be returning. His scholarship enabled him to come here, even though he lives out of state.

There are two Web sites supporting the wrestling team: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=301214160697> and <http://savecsbwrestling.ning.com/>

These cuts may be what it takes to get the school back on its feet, but they are definitely not going to happen without a fight both from the students and the community.

Even though both Mitchell and CSUB's provost liberally interpret things in order to benefit the students and staff here at CSUB, it only softens the blow slightly. The two goals of Mitchell are to serve as many students as possible without sacrificing quality and to preserve as many jobs as possible for the faculty and staff here at CSUB.

Mitchell's statement said it all: "We are trying to make the best of a bad situation."

### CAREER CORNER

The Center for Community Engagement & Career Education

Welcome to the CSUB **Career Corner**, a monthly article to help you with all things related to career development! When the job market tightens and competition for jobs gets stiffer, it is more important than ever to take advantage of all the resources available to help position you for job search success. The National Association of College and Employers lists 5 secrets to job search success. They are:

1. **Use your campus career center.** Research shows students who use the resources of their career center land jobs faster than their friends who don't.
2. **Take part in an internship.** Internships help students build a track record and typically employers look to hire their own interns when looking for full-time employees.
3. **Research the company before you do the interview.** It's your job to demonstrate your interest in and knowledge of the company. Knowing about the company's products, services, locations, financial standing will help you ask relevant questions.
4. **Practice interviewing.** Students need to be able to effectively articulate their skills and experience and practicing with a career education center staff member is a great way to polish your communication skills to showcase to employers. It will also help with nerves!
5. **Network.** Take advantage of all networking opportunities available to you as a college student such as career fairs and information sessions. Don't limit networking to "formal" networking events...tell everyone you're in the job market.

Be sure to take a look at the Center for Community Engagement and Career Education website for upcoming events planned for Spring Quarter - [www.csub.edu/cece](http://www.csub.edu/cece). Don't miss your opportunity to prepare yourself to achieve a successful job search!

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# Match made in minutes



Men sat on one side of the table while women sat across from them.

Photos courtesy of Vanni Banducci



The event, which was hosted by the Student Union Board, had about 60 participants.

Speed dating was hosted at the Housing Commons and Aramark provided food.



Participants had two to three minutes to ask questions and get to know the person across from him/her.

## Wahoo's Grand Opening

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On Wednesday, Feb. 10, Wahoo's Fish Taco was frequented by many California State University, Bakersfield students, faculty and staff for the Grand Opening. Music was provided by a band later in the day and Rockstar provided various merchandise such as hats for free. Attendees were also given stickers and were seen placing the extreme sports related stickers on the walls of Wahoo's.



Several CSUB staff members came for the Grand Opening ceremony.



Above: Rockstar provided hats of many colors and looks for attendees.

Left: Wahoo's, which is decorated with extreme sports memorabilia, was kept busy all day.



Photo courtesy of moviepictures.org

## 'Valentine's Day' or Bust

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"Valentine's Day" - a romantic comedy, which opened in theaters nationwide on Feb. 12, became the number one movie of the weekend, surpassing the competition "Avatar" and "Dear John."

The movie, which was directed by Garry Marshall, who is most famous for his work in "Pretty Woman," is casted with an array of celebrities such as Jessica Alba, Kathy Bates, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Eric Dane, Patrick Dempsey, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Topher Grace, Anne Hathaway, Carter Jenkins, Ashton Kutcher, Queen Latifah, Taylor Lautner, George Lopez, Shirley MacLaine, Emma Roberts, Julia Roberts and Taylor Swift.

The storyline is based on Ashton Kutcher's character, Reed, who owns Sienna Flower Shop in Los Angeles.

As the movie progresses there are a lot of cliché events that take place that are typical to a Valentine's Day flick.

For example, in the movie Reed and Julia (Garner) play best friends. She begins dating Dr. Harrison Copeland (Dempsey,) which she

describes as the "perfect man." In an attempt to surprise him on Valentine's Day, Julia flies to San Francisco to see him and gets the news that he has been unfaithful and is still married with children. She then travels back to Los Angeles where her and Reed fall in love.

This type of incident is portrayed many times over the course of the movie, which made it very predictable.

Singer/Song-writer Taylor Swift, whose character is Felicia, makes her acting debut in this film, and I must say she should stick to singing. Felicia is the stereotypical high school girl as she professes her love for Willy (Lautner) and Valentine's Day. Willy is the star of his high school track team and Felicia is his biggest fan. While at school, they engage in a steamy make out session and she carries around a life-size teddy bear that he bought her for Valentine's Day.

Grace (Emma Roberts), who played Felicia's best friend in the movie, had a Valentine's plan of her own. She and her boyfriend, Alex (Jenkins) wanted to have sex for the first time, but when he went to meet her at her house and "set up," he was met with an unexpected surprise.

While Alex waited for

Grace to arrive, he decided to take off his clothes and play his guitar and sing a song he had wrote for her. However, instead of Grace walking in, her mother walked in on the surprise and he was forced to run out of the house naked.

The only unpredictable part of the movie came from Holden (Cooper) and Captain Kate Hazeltine (Julia Roberts.) Hazeltine, an Army Captain who was returning home only for a few hours before heading back out for duty met Holden who was on his way home to surprise a special someone. The two met while on the airplane flight home and became close friends. The only surprise of the movie came when it was revealed who the two were actually going home to see, which you will have to see once you check out the movie.

Overall this movie was worth seeing because of the actors and actresses that are in it, but is definitely not a movie you would want to watch time and again. I would give it a C+ rating due to its predictability and cliché storyline.

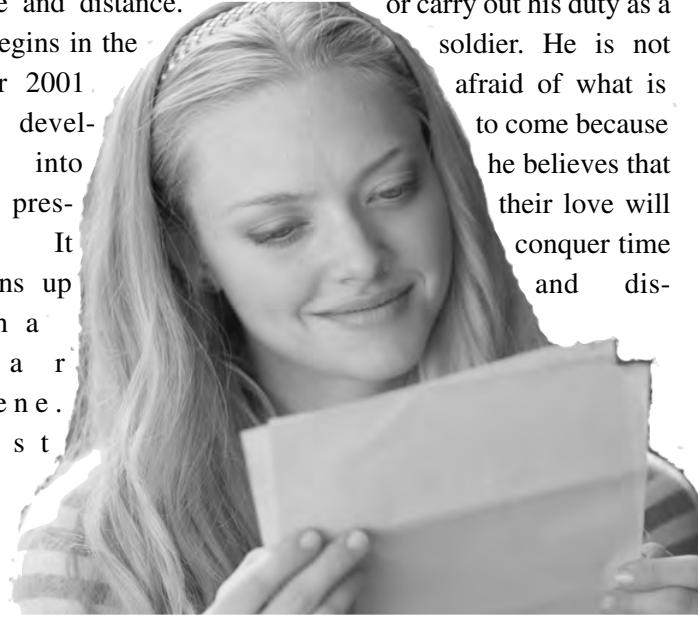
Garry Marshall should be thankful for all the celebrities who agreed to star in this movie because that is the only attraction in watching this film.

## Movie Review: 'Dear John'

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Photo far below courtesy of filmofilia.com

Romantic, dramatic and war involving, "Dear John" is the love story of two people whose love must defeat time and distance.

It begins in the year 2001 and develops into the present. It opens up with a war scene. Just



before he blacks out and thinks he is going to die, the main character, John is thinking about someone very special. The scene then takes you back to the time when John, who is played by Channing Tatum, first takes a dive at Savannah Curtis, played by Amanda Seyfried. Savannah comes from a wealthy family who are caregivers for families in need.

Savannah is sweet and innocent. John on the other hand is tough and with a violent past. He is an Army soldier who is on leave and was only required to stay two weeks to spend time with his father, who he is very emotionally distant to. Savannah realizes things about John's father that John never did; Savannah plays a significant role in improving their relationship.

They both know that John will be leaving soon but one year seems like nothing after those two weeks they spent together.

Just as they are happily united the historic 9/11 event forces John to make the most difficult decision of his life—to stay with Savannah or carry out his duty as a soldier. He is not afraid of what is

to come because he believes that their love will conquer time and distance.

united with his father who suffered a stroke in his absence. After that, he goes in search of Savannah. A lot happened while John is gone making it more difficult for them to be together.

The movie was a little bit less than two hours—perfect time for a movie. The plot was not rushed but does not make you keep looking at your watch.

Both males and females may enjoy this movie. The story revolves around the main character, John. His side of the story is told and it goes in depth with his thoughts and experiences.

John's character develops into a stronger and more compassionate person; love shows him a side of him he didn't know existed.

The beach setting adds a romantic component. It is the perfect place to base a love story. Dear John is full of surprises. It is not predictable and will keep one at the edge of his or her seat. One may even find oneself crying for different reasons than one may have expected.

One will be reminded that a love story may not only exist between a man and a woman but

Just as they did before to bear their separation, they agree to write letters to each other about absolutely everything so that it will be as if they are together. However, during his extended service

the letters from Savannah stop coming. John

eagerly waits for months. The letter finally comes but Savannah makes the most difficult decision yet.

Upon John's return he is

between a parent and child.

Overall, the movie was entertaining.

## Editors' restaurant picks of the week

Ashley Sizemore,  
Editor-in-Chief

Pappy's Coffee Shop

-A true reflection of Bakersfield pride.



Manny Beltran,  
Sports

Houston's in Santa Monica, Calif.

-THE. BEST. BURGER. EVER.



Melissa Villagomez,  
Features

Applebees

-Two words – dessert shots.

Mark Nessia,  
Managing Editor and Photos

Hooter's

-Cause I recently discovered they serve food and drinks there too.



Derek Bato,  
Web and Opinions

Tommies Burgers

-Nothing crushes the munchies like it.



Racella De Guia,  
News

Love Sushi

-It's so addicting.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Wednesday Feb. 24	Thursday Feb. 25	Friday Feb. 26	Saturday Feb. 27	Sunday Feb. 28	Monday March 1	Tuesday March 2
Food Sale 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. DDH East Side	Project Runway - CSUB's Third Season! 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Runner Cafe (Stockdale Room)	Furloughs, Frito Boats & Fridays Program - A Unique Job Search Workshop 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Center for Community Engagement & Career Education (Cafeteria/Office Building, Room 102)	HR Games 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dorothy Donohoe Hall	Softball vs. Utah Valley University 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Roadrunner Softball Complex	Baseball vs. Cal Berkeley 2 p.m. Hardt Field	Happy Monday
Volunteering & Internships Workshop 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Center for Community Engagement & Career Education (Cafeteria/Office Building, Room 102)	Medical School Application Q&A 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Sci III Rm 117	Japan And Beyond Festival 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Old Gym	MathCounts 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. BDC Building B - BDC 153,154,155,156,165	Theatre of New Voices 8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Doré Theatre	Happy Tuesday	

# Biology professor brings life's experience to CSUB

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California State University, Bakersfield's biology professor Dr. Carl Kloock continues to surprise himself, while teaching at CSUB, saying "to be honest, I've surprised myself. I really enjoy it, and I enjoy the student interaction. Growing up, I liked to be left alone," when asked what his teaching experience at CSUB has been like.

Kloock began teaching at Towson University in Maryland, before being hired to teach at CSUB in 2001.

"Growing up, I was anti-social, and still am," said Kloock, who shares his cramped Science Building One office with some very interesting, but quiet roommates: a herd of local scorpions (not the German musical variety), kept in an adjoining storage room, stored in plastic tubes, set in a plastic table.

Kloock said that his scorpions' present homes are not unlike the holes in the ground they would presently be abiding in.

Kloock attributed his antisocial tendencies to his intense enjoyment of the jungles of Panama and Peru, where he lived, in tents, for a combined 10 months, taking time off from his undergraduate studies at U.C. Davis.

"I spent a month in Panama, where we studied the Cotton Top Tamarind," which is a little monkey, said Kloock, adding that he was in Panama one July and that it "it rained everyday."

Kloock also lived in tents for nine months in a rainforest in the Peruvian Amazon Jungle, where he assisted a U.C. Davis graduate student study the White Winged Trumpeter.

Kloock recalled living in a tent bio. field, with other college students, run by Princeton, and said "I was a flunkie, and did whatever I was told," of his exciting experience. Kloock was in Peru during the Southern Hemisphere's summer and winter seasons, and said "it rained almost everyday in both seasons."

Despite the rain, Kloock said of this time in Peru "I really enjoyed it. We had only a solar panel for power, and a charged up car battery to run an emergency radio."

Kloock landed in Peru, where a lot of paperwork was completed, then flew up to Cuzco, taking time to explore the ruins of Machu Picchu, then drove to the forest. Kloock recalled turning 21 at the time, but was too far away from civilization to celebrate his legal drinking status.

When asked if any part of his experience was scary, Kloock said "not for the most part. I got lost one night, when the battery died in my flashlight. I made it back by dead reckoning, but I wandered into a banana grove, and thought I might not make it back."

In one of the region's lakes, Kloock collected turtles, and recalled crocodiles being recorded to grow up to seven feet long.

"Some one disappeared 10 or 12 years after our research. She went down to bathe in the lake," said Kloock, assuming that the person was killed by a crocodile.

"I was a little bit nervous once, while collecting turtles. I saw five or six baby crocodiles and caught one, and thought 'where's Mom?'," said Kloock of the mishap, adding that he quickly released his catch and paddled back to shore in his boat.

A common assumption about life in tropical jungles is that infectious diseases, spread by insects, run rampant.

"I had a lot of bites," said Kloock, but added "one of the things about diseases that affect people is that they need people to thrive. In an area where there were virtually no people,



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Dr. Carl Kloock is a Biology professor on campus.

the diseases died. It was after I got back (to the U.S.) that I got sick."

In addition to research in the tropics, Kloock has also been to Point Reyes Observatory in Northern California, where he recorded bird songs.

"Unfortunately, since I've been in charge of my own research, there has been less opportunity for travel," said Kloock, citing high costs and levels of paper work as being limiting factors to conducting research in exotic locales.

Kloock's current research focuses on local spiders and scorpions, and said his area of interest "right now is on fluorescence and scorpions. Only a small number of animals are fluorescent, including sea anemones and jellyfish."

Kloock demonstrated the fluorescent nature of scorpions, by turning off his office lights, and turning on a dark light above one of his scorpions, causing it to glow in the dark, the way one's clothes might, while waiting in line for an amusement park ride.

After earning his Bachelor of Science and Master's Degrees in Biology from U.C. Davis, Kloock pursued his Ph.D. at Michigan State, on a fellowship scholarship.

"A major professor was interested in the same topic, and was very encouraging, no matter what," said Kloock, recalling Dr. Thomas Getty saying "If you take the rope, you can hang yourself."

While at Michigan State, Kloock's interests shifted from vertebrates to invertebrates. Kloock did his dissertation on the aggressive mimicry of Pirate Spiders, which send vibration signals through their webs, mimicking the mating call of other spiders. Kloock wondered "why other spiders fell for the trap."

As a child, Kloock recalled himself being "one of those true geeks," deciding on a career as a zoologist in junior high school. Kloock grew up around animals and plants, in the rural community of Osceola Wisconsin, and noticed how much he missed the wildlife, when he moved to the big city of Honolulu Hawaii, at the age of eight, where his father was stationed at Hickam Air Force base.

Today, Kloock is concerned about "the lack of ability of the U.S. to prepare scientists. I'm trying to improve science instructions and to provide grants to teach science. There has

been a big drop off in science since the Apollo Moon Missions," said Kloock, who was preparing grant documents just prior to the interview for this article.

Kloock also said, "I'm encouraged that the human population growth is slowing, but it's still growing too fast, and is exceeding our resources. It is the number one environmental concern."

Kloock is also encouraged about the current ethical standard in biology, calling it "a constantly moving standard, that has changed a lot over the last fifty years, and is a big improvement," referring to the times when most biology was conducted with a shot gun, to control the effects of overpopulation on environments.

Kloock has mentioned in one of his classes, that zoos were once simply attractions for the wealthy to visit, where animals were kept in small cages with little regard for their well-being. Today, zoological societies are run with the preservation, care and study of animals in mind, serving as rescue environments for endangered populations.

Charismatic Megafauna is a phenomena which continues to effect biology, says Kloock. It is a phenomena in which people are motivated to save cute and cuddly creatures, like the Polar Bear, over less warm blooded and anthropomorphic ones, like the Snail Darter.

Kloock admitted that many jobs in biology require Master's degrees or Ph.D.s, depending on the course work, particularly in zoology, where he said, "jobs are few and far between."

"Of the sciences, we produce many more biologists than geologists and physicists, so there is less competition in those fields," Kloock said, noting that CSUB's geology and physics departments graduate more students with B.S. degrees who are able to find jobs without graduate degrees than does the biology department.

Kloock did say, however, that people with only B.S. degrees in biology do find jobs in the fields of forestry and agriculture.

When asked what effect the CSU budget crisis is having on the biology department, Kloock said "It's bad."

"It's reducing the number of classes we can offer, and increasing class sizes, making it harder for students to graduate on time. It is harder on students than on faculty," said Kloock, despite the furlough days all CSUB professors are presently forced to take deal with the budget crisis.

"I'd like to see the budget get better, and a focus at the state level on the CSU system. We produce graduates who pay taxes. What they are doing to the CSU system creates less high paying job earners. We are hurting ourselves five to ten years out and are bankrupting the system. That worries me," said Kloock.

Kloock realizes the CSU administration has a job to do, and that it makes the hard decisions it must to balance the budget, and called it "a tough juggling match," but does not envy them in their current status at all.

"It's out of my control. Administration has never interested me," said Kloock, echoing the sentiments of other CSUB professors, preferring teaching to opportunities to work with in the CSU administration.

"I like teaching, focusing on science and being an advocate for students. It's my role," said Kloock, adding "I am here to help students in any capacity."

## Olympics under way

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Here it is already, the 2010 XXI Winter Olympic Games this time being held in beautiful Vancouver, B.C. This is Canada's third overall appearance as host to the Olympic Games.

It seemed that the games were off to a rough start. This year was the weather in Vancouver was unseasonably warm, not getting much snow and rain. This created a problem; after all, it is called the Winter Olympics.

The organizers of the Olympic Games had to bring in snow by the truck loads to make up for the lack of Mother Nature's touch this year. With that being a huge expensive task out of the way, next was making sure that everything was in place for that exciting first day.

"The opening ceremonies."

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the games had their opening event. It was lead by Gov. Michaelle Jean and the ceremony was dedicated by the Vancouver Organizing Committee.

It was an emotional moment at the opening ceremonies, with all of the athletes attending dressed in their finest apparel that represented their country. There were at least 60,000 people in the audience at this year's ceremony, and an estimated 216 of the world's best athletes from the United States will be competing.

After the beautiful opening ceremonies of fire and ice, it seemed that the Olympics were off to a great start.

Then tragedy struck, when Nodar Kumaritashvili, a luge competitor from Georgia was killed in a practice run. The loss of this outstanding teammate was felt by everyone.

Apolo Ohno, the favorite American short track speed skating competitor and six-time medalist in the Winter Olympics will be here competing for yet another medal.

Lindsey Jacobellis, an athlete from the U.S. who competes in the snowboarding event had another bad Olympic year. Remembering the 2006 where she lost the gold medal and had to settle for silver, just because she was showing off for the crowd.

Jacobellis, made a mistake this year when she got just a little too big on a jump that fed directly into a turn. She landed a bit off balance which then required her to correct that landing and when she did Jacobellis went sliding into the gate which was an automatic disqualification. Next time you think you're having a bad day, try having one in front of millions of people and at the biggest event of your life, two games in a row!

Another Olympic Games over again!

This year the Olympics offer just about any kind of sport you can think of that involves snow or ice. There are a total of 15 different events and. All trying their best to earn that shiny gold medal that the winner will cherish forever.

Currently U.S. is leading in the number of medals earned, total of 14, and Germany is sitting second with a total of 10 medals won.

But the games are not over yet.

## Music of Bakersfield unites

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This March, California State University, Bakersfield's choir, comprised of University Singers and Chamber Singers, will appear with the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra to perform Ode to Joy, the chorale movement and finale to Beethoven's final symphony, Symphony No. 9 in D, singing along side BSO's Masterworks Chorale. The BSO will also be performing the four instrumental movements of the symphony at the concert.

CSUB's University Singers is opened by audition to University students, faculty and community members. It is the University's principle concert choir, and emphasizes classical music. CSUB's Chamber Singers, also selected by audition, is comprised of 24 singers from across the county. The singers are either advanced CSUB music students or community members.

CSUB music department chairperson Dr. Robert Provencio said that the collaboration is the first of its kind, but added that the BSO has performed works by CSUB music professor Dr. Doug Davis, and that CSUB music professor Dr. Jerry Kleinsasser has also worked with the BSO in the past.

The collaboration stems from an invitation to CSUB's music department from BSO director John Farrer. Provencio was honored to accept the invitation, in part because of "the monumental quality of Beethoven's Ninth," he said. The song, Ode to Joy, is Beethoven's musical setting of a poem, of the same name, by Friedrich Schiller, first published in the late 18th century, and per-

formed as part of Beethoven's Ninth in 1824 in Vienna Austria.

"The piece is a celebration of the unity of the human spirit," said Provencio. Of the poem's historical context, Provencio said "it was a transition of the old world, when people were subjects, into the new, when people were individuals," calling it a time of revolution, inspired by American's throwing off their old masters.

"The spirit of egalitarianism was permeating the world. Schiller's poem celebrates the nobility of fellowship of human spirits," said Provencio.

In the spirit of universal brotherhood, celebrated in Ode to Joy, Provencio said, "we will include students as young as 16, we have five high schoolers, and as old as 80," speaking of some members of BSO's Masterwork's Chorale.

"Teens through octogenarians are joining together to celebrate the timeless fellowship of the human spirit," said Provencio.

Nearly 50-percent of the singers performing the piece will be CSUB singers.

Provencio said, "Our roster includes 60 singers, comprised of both University Singers, which is our undergraduate concert choir, and chamber singers, which is our advanced touring ensemble, comprised of graduate students and members of the community. Church music directors and voice teachers will be singing side by side with our most advanced students."

Provencio called the partnership between CSUB's singers and the BSO's masterworks chorale "a very nice symbiosis," adding "this

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# Sticky pedals sully Toyota name

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You are driving down the street in your relatively new Toyota, accelerating and hoping to reach the light before it turns red. Unfortunately, you don't make it. The light turns yellow, and you let off the gas to switch your foot to the brake pedal.

The car, however, continues to accelerate. You press the brake, but the car continues to push forward. The intersection is closer, and the light for you is now red. But you can't think of a way to stop the car before you reach that intersection.

Without understanding what the problem is, you aren't sure how to go about fixing it and you panic. Your car speeds through the intersection, colliding with another and sending you spinning out of control.

That is a frightening experience in any circumstance, but in this case it wouldn't be your fault.

A recall is common for any company that sells a product to a customer. There are frequently problems with many types of products that, in some cases, can not be foreseen by the company that makes them.

In the case of Toyota, a well-known company that

sells vehicles to customers who depend on their reliability, a recall is far more damaging than it would be to a company with less of a name for itself.

Andy Pappas, the Director of Fixed Operations for Bill Wright Toyota in Bakersfield, said "If this was Kia, you probably would never hear about it."

The recall started with well-known sticky accelerator pedal problem for some of the main Toyota Division vehicles. These include the 2009-2010 RAV4, Corolla and Matrix models, the 2005-2010 Avalon, the 2007-2010 Tundra, the 2008-2010 Sequoia, certain 2007-2010 Camry models, and certain 2010 Highlander models.

There were two different causes for this recall, each with their own solution.

The first and easiest problem to address was the floor mat issue, in which the floor mat was interfering with the accelerator pedal.

The solution to this problem initially was to remove the floor mat. The final solution by Toyota was to provide an accelerator pedal that was shorter and had a rounded edge that wouldn't catch as easily.

The problem that caused more difficulties for the customers of Toyota, and for the credibility of Toyota itself, was the sticky accelerator

pedal. The sticky accelerator pedal was caused by wear in the friction device of the pedal.

The friction device in the pedal is designed to provide a certain feel to the pedal by adding resistance when pressed and keeping the pedal stable. When the friction device begins to wear, it may become slow to return to the idle position, or it may stick in place completely.

Toyota offers suggestions to its customers on what to do if such an incident occurs.

First, step on the brake pedal firmly with both feet and apply steady pressure. Do not pump the brake pedal because it will deplete the vacuum utilized for power brake assist.

Shift the transmission gear selector to the Neutral position and, using the brakes, stop in the nearest safe area and turn off the engine.

If unable to put the vehicle in Neutral, then turn the engine off. This will not disable steering or braking control, but it will disable the power assist to those systems. Do not remove the key from the ignition or the steering wheel will lock.

Beyond the suggestions of what to do in such a scary situation, Toyota has provided a solution to the sticky acceleration pedal issue.

Toyota has issued a recall for the above mentioned

models to place a steel reinforcement bar between the friction device and its adjoining surface that caused the wear. Toyota claims to have "confirmed the effectiveness of the newly reinforced pedals through rigorous testing on pedal

assemblies that had previously shown a tendency to stick." Toyota covers all repair costs, and the actual repair involves only about 30 minutes work.

Toyota is also suffering from other recalls.

The Variable Valve Timing with Intelligence (VVT-i) Oil Hose Replacement recall, or Limited Service Campaign according to Toyota's preferred terminology, is relevant only to Toyota vehicles equipped with the V6 (2GR-FE) engine.

Toyota will send a notice to customers who have the vehicle that is experiencing the problem that will inform the customer and invite them to their local Toyota dealer to



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**Toyota is facing in a onslaught of recalls.**

have a newly designed VVT-i oil hose installed at no charge.

The newest recall has perhaps the greatest impact on Toyota because of its timing and focus, despite the lack of severity of the issue.

The recall is for 2010 Prius models.

According to Pappas, it is simply an update for the anti-lock braking system. The update is designed to make the braking pedal feel differently on certain rough or slippery terrain conditions.

There is no actual problem with the brake pedal; though because of the number of recent recalls plaguing the company it has become more of an issue to fearful customers than is necessary.

Despite the harm to Toyota's name and credibility that has come from the recent recalls, it should also be noted that the company has done its best to provide its customers with safe and reliable solutions that can get them back on the road in a safe vehicle.

With the replacement parts offered at no charge, anyone with a new Toyota vehicle should take advantage of the offer whether or not any of the associated problems have yet been experienced.

At that next red light, if the accelerator pedal does stick and you neglected to have it fixed, the resulting accident may leave you at fault.

## Choosing the right drink

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Fellow students you all know the dangers of drinking and driving, the penalties of underage drinking and the general negative effects that alcohol has on your system. Please, exercise caution, control and responsibility whenever you consume any amount of alcohol.

After a substantial amount research, my personal winner for best drink is the "Captain and Coke" with a few drops of grenadine.

Coke or Pepsi is typically the most readily available beverage for mixing with your alcohol, it provides a good balance to the rum and the grenadine in small amounts gives it just enough flavor to make it easy to consume many in a row without getting that burning some of us drinkers get when getting smashed. Few types of alcohol go down as smoothly as Captain Morgan Spiced Rum, it even hails a fairly low price. For those of you seeking something stronger, Sailor Jerry is a slightly cheaper and stronger alternative.

For those of you who have a sweet tooth, it could not get much better than a Jose Cuervo strawberry margarita. Whether you have the time to grind the ice, and salt the glass or not, put the mix and the tequila in a glass and you still have a margarita. I could not stomach more than two margaritas in a row for the simple reason that the drink was too sweet. The way tequila blends perfectly well with margarita mix is a feat in flavor engineering, as long as you enjoy sugary drinks.

After a couple years of legal drinking people have usually found their own favorite alcohol and stick to that when it comes to shots. There are so many shot combinations with so many names, people rarely try new things after they have found what suits their taste.

The best shot combination I tried is without a doubt the "Red-Headed Slut." The name sounds like a random strip club generated shot meant to be a fun sounding drink to order, but name aside, this shot simply is the best. With peach schnapps, Jägermeister and a lit-



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**The drink combinations are endless.**

tle cranberry juice, it is deceptively strong as it feels like a shot of some magic fruit juice with the flavor that seems to fit any environment you are in, be it bar, club or at home alike.

Nothing conjures up the feeling to vomit better than vodka for me, but if you enjoy vodka and/or coffee, I would suggest the White Russian. When enjoying a White Russian one can easily enjoy it is smooth flavor and sometimes it can just be a trip to drink something that basically looks like alcoholic milk.

Finishing the round of hard alcohol is my choice for best straight alcohol, Southern Comfort, the easiest alcohol to drink without being mixed. It is always still smart to keep a chaser nearby just in case though. As far as alcohol goes, Southern Comfort is sweet and flavorful without the good burn provided by most others. In the many circles I have seen around the world, Southern Comfort is notoriously famous for causing people to lose their clothes so just keep that in mind.

Beer. Some tend to use a man's beer preference as a method of judging his manhood. Well let me start by saying I hate dark beer. Just a taste preference, if you enjoy dark beer, stick to it. The best light beer around for me would be the most common Bud Light. Practically anywhere you go will have it, it's fairly cheap in stores and has a good balance between taste, ease of drinking and

inducing frequent urination, which all beer fans know is negative that comes with the territory.

After all that drinking you may need help recovering the next morning or risk being late for class. The best alcohol recovery tool is hydration. It is always good to drink a glass of water, or two, once you are done drinking for the night and follow it up in the morning with more water. I suggest you drink enough until your urine comes out as clear as water, a sure way to know you are sufficiently hydrated.

Eating is another important part of recovery.

People will swear by Menudo, chicken soup or lots of bread, which all work. The key is just eating. To avoid stomachaches, it would be good to avoid very spicy foods. Something warm with a nice base flavor will have be soothing to your tortured insides.

As far as hangover remedy pills, sucking on coins or any other interesting methods should be forgotten. Some of them may feel like they work, but sticking to the basics of hydrating, eating and protecting your eyes from bright lights will bring better results.

Of course, for some hangovers it can take a whole day to recover from, and if you have a big test or event to do that day you are out of luck and probably should not have been drinking so much the night before. Save the party for the night after.

## 2nd annual speed dating

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On Thursday, Feb. 11, the Student Union Board held the second annual speed dating event.

The first impression some people may have regarding speed dating is that it's for lonely and desperate people looking for their last chance of finding their significant other.

Scenes like the one in the movie "40-year Old Virgin" starring Steve Carell depict the participants as slightly "off."

Sure the movie is a comedy but is the first thought in someone's mind about speed dating as the place to find "the one"?

No.

I must admit that I was in that group of people with the impression that speed dating wasn't the most appealing way to meet someone.

Still I went with an open mind and curiosity about what was in store for the evening. The good thing was that there were a couple differences for CSUB's version of speed dating. The obvious would be the age range. Most of the participants were in their early to mid twenties as opposed to the 30 and up age range that may lack the social networking arenas associated with speed dating.

Another difference that

was emphasized by the Student Union Board was that this could be a way to simply make a new friendship on campus not necessarily a romantic companion. The goal was to make the faces that may walk by each other more familiar on campus.

And with that being said, the speed dating began.

Two minutes. That was the allotted time that was given to make any kind of impression of the person sitting across from us and in our hand was a pamphlet with suggested topics to talk about and ones to avoid.

For some of the people sitting across from me two minutes wasn't enough time as the conversation would start to pick up momentum only to suddenly stop at the ring of a bell. For others two minutes seemed like an eternity with plenty of awkward pauses and silent moments to spare.

Overall it was an interesting way to put names to some faces I pass by on campus and also some background about the people I met.

I have walked by some people I met at the event and stop to say a quick hello and talk for a minute. So some kind of connection was made. It may not be anything close to a love connection, but if anything the event has helped expand my network of friends on campus.

# Wahoo's Fish Taco held Grand Opening

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Wing, Ed and Mingo, shared their love of surf and food to create a restaurant with an eclectic Mexican/Brazilian/Asian menu and a Hawaiian north-shore vibe.

Wing, Ed and Mingo were born with the love of restaurants in their blood. Growing up in San Paolo, Brazil, they actually spent their early years above their parents' Chinese restaurant.

In 1975, the family moved to Orange County, California, where their dad opened the famous Shanghai Pine Garden Chinese restaurant on Balboa Island. People such as John Wayne would frequently eat there.

The brothers grew up both in the restaurant and on the

beaches. Addicted to surfing, they would travel south to Mexico to surf and there got introduced to the fish taco.

Years of surfing trips to Mexico created a craving for the specialty of charbroiled fish, salsa and tortillas.

In 1988, the brothers decided to import the fish taco to Orange County, California, and give it a unique twist. They combined the fish taco with their Brazilian favorites and Asian inspired items.

The brothers decorated the original restaurant with the donations of near-by surf companies and that's how Wahoo's Fish Taco was born. Wahoo's then quickly developed a loyal and steady following, to where some locals came in daily and servers automatically knew what their customer would order.

Today you will find over 50 locations of Wahoo's all throughout California and Colorado, including Texas and Hawaii.

The Wahoo's brothers have really lived the American Dream. From a small apartment in Brazil to the success of over 50 Wahoo's locations, Wing, Ed and Mingo all share a deep appreciation for their blessings and what they have been able to build together.

Although the restaurant is has already opened Steve said that "On February 10th there will be a grand opening of Wahoo's, where we will be giving away free snowboards, and skateboards, as well as coupons through email."

# Music of Bakersfield unites

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is a great work that the University and Chamber Singers are ready to stand and perform, with the professional orchestra. It is a great measure of engagement with our community, and is quite unique."

Provencio feels that the engagement with the community embodies CSUB's motto, "It's your university."

Several of the students who will be performing the piece, all of whom began rehearsing in the first week of January, said that they are not nervous about it, but that the language barrier has been a difficulty, a fact that Provencio agreed with.

"Students training in classical music have to master a certain amount of foreign language," said Provencio, adding "the piece is all in German. We usually reserve German for second year students."

Provencio is confident in his student's ability, saying "this set of students is so dedicated, hardworking and capable, that I thought they would master the language in short order, and they have," adding "I used to joke with them that their German sounded like Spanish."

Provencio's son, Phillip, an English major and music minor, will be a part of CSUB's choir performing the piece, and said of German, "I'm not fluent, but I like the way it sounds. It's a pretty angry language. It's a fun language to learn, lot's of emotion."

Phillip said that he is not at all nervous about the concert, adding that he has sung twice at Carnegie Hall, and also in Switzerland and in Sydney Australia.

Phillip has been singing since elementary school, and said "I like challenges. They excite me. I'm pretty sure this will go well." Phillip said his favorite genre of music to sing is Rock 'n' Roll.

Phillip's sister, Elizabeth, a sophomore at CSUB, will be singing Ode to Joy along side her brother and fellow CSUB choir members, and has been singing in choirs, for ten years, since the fifth grade.

When asked if learning German was difficult, Elizabeth said, "yes and no, it's really learning how to pronounce the words that can be hard." Elizabeth also said that she is not nervous, adding "there is less pressure because we're singing in a choir of 150."

Elizabeth said that she likes to sing everything, but likes opera the best, adding "I like pop a lot," to which her brother, Phillip, jokingly chimed in, "to annoying levels."

CSUB music student, Anna Baker, said learning German for the performance of Ode to Joy was "a little bit difficult because it goes at a fast pace. I had to type the lyrics so I could see them better. Normally, I don't need words to perform."

Baker said that she is not apprehensive about the performance, saying "it's a really big choir." When asked what her favorite genre of music to sing is, Baker said "as a music major, you have to sing all types, but I mostly like Jazz."

CSUB University Singer, Alicia Bean, who has been singing in choirs for eight years, since the seventh grade, will also be joining her fellow students to sing Ode to Joy.

Bean, who has been with the CSUB choir for three quarters, said "I struggled with German, because I'd been so focused on Italian for the last three quarters. It was hard to transition," but added that she is

"not even a little tiny bit nervous," about the performance.

Bean called herself "a Broadway chick through and through. I like to sing show tunes a lot."

CSUB freshman and music major, Mickey Redd, will also be performing the piece with CSUB's choir. He has been singing with choirs for the past two years, and is not nervous about the upcoming performance of the chorale movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

Redd said "my favorite genres to sing are Rock 'n' Roll, Gospel and R and B."

A unique challenge to the CSUB choir is that they will not be rehearsing Ode to Joy, which also includes notes for instruments, with the city's symphony, the city's Masterworks Chorale and the symphony's director John Farrer, until the night before the performance.

"The night before is the only time all three groups can come together," said Provencio. "I have been directing and misdirecting them," said Provencio of the logistical challenge.

"The normal process is usually for a conductor to decide on an

interpretation, and polish a singular vision to a high gloss for performance," Provencio said, citing vocal inflections, dynamics, phrasing balance and blending as possible differences between his interpretation of Ode to Joy and conductor Farrer's.

"In this case, the students are trained to follow another conductor with just one rehearsal. This demands that the students know the music really well, and be extraordinarily responsive to a conductor's instructions," said Provencio.

Ticket prices for the concert have not yet been set, but students will receive a fifty percent discount off the price. Provencio is trying to promote free tickets for CSUB students. Members of CSUB's choir and the BSO will receive complimentary tickets.

The concert will be performed at the Rabobank Theater, on March 13, at 8:00 pm, and will include both of Beethoven's final symphonies, featuring his Symphony No. 8 in F also. Tickets are being sold by the BSO at [www.bakersfieldsymphony.org](http://www.bakersfieldsymphony.org), or at (661)323-7928.

# Japanese Festival brings culture to CSUB

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Friday, Feb. 26 there will be a Japanese Night Festival, given by the Japan and Beyond club on campus located in the old gym.

Admission will be five dollars, and the festival will begin at 6 p.m. and end at ten p.m., and everyone in the community is welcome.

Freshman, Jordan Green, and member of the Japan and Beyond club, the festival will be having Japanese games, skits detailing what

it is like to live in Japan. Japanese food, traditional Japanese costumes, and individuals who know about Kindo will come and perform.

The festival will convey the different activities that go on in Japan, rather than in the United states.

This festival will be a remarkable experience for students, and also the community. It will also be a learning experience, everyone can learn how Japanese culture works while having fun at the same time.

Green said, "Japan and

beyond is geared toward people who want to learn about Japanese culture. Everybody is open to join Japan and Beyond, as long as you have interest in the history of Japan, the overall nature, or merely want to have fun."

It is always interesting to gain knowledge about another culture's customs, opposed to American culture's customs.

How do these student learn about the culture in the first place?

Green continues with knowledge of the club:

"The way Japan and Beyond is made. Our president has sub committees and the sub committees break apart and the leaders of those sub committees will come up with new ideas and report back to the president, and she will see if those plans are possible and can be implemented into our events."

For this event we have a food committee, game committee, an acting committee, and two other committees that are involved in the overall production of the festival itself, said Green.

Mai Shibasaki, publicity assistant, said "Ken a former student established Japan and Beyond about five or six years ago."

Every since the birth of the club it has been progressing.

According to senior Mickey Mello, he will be doing various things at the festival. Mello is the narrator for one of the skits which will contrast cultures of an American culture and Japanese Culture.

The skit will act out a comparison of a tourist from America going to Japan versus a

Japanese student visiting America, the skit will tell the cultural differences of how each of those type of students may view the others' culture.

"Come out it's going to be a great event, we have lots of things for all age groups, kids will enjoy, parents will enjoy and students will enjoy too, said Green.

[Japanandbeyond.com](http://Japanandbeyond.com), is where you can find more information if you are interested in joining or want to attend the Japanese Night Festival.

# Superbowl commercials

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can't see a man making the same decision that was made in the commercial. But that is irrelevant.

What point is this commercial trying to make? Respect what makes you a man, not the woman you married.

Dodge is trying to send the same message with their new Charger commercial.

Being a man does not include being civil, clean, or respectful to your wife, family and peers. Being a man includes one thing: driving the car you want to drive, and, of course, watching the Super Bowl.

Without women, according to the message of this commercial, men would degrade to dirty, isolated people inseparable from the car they drive. Their legs, their heart and their mind become intertwined

with the car, and nothing else matters.

Do men like to be considered stupid? Do men actually enjoy looking like uneducated savages? Are we men really led around by the nose by a simple bottle of beer? I don't drink, so perhaps I can't answer that. But I don't enjoy the stereotype associated with Bud Light's Book Club commercial.

"So what's the story?" asks the guy who gave up his trip to the game for a Bud Light. He nestles himself in between the three women discussing a romantic book they all shared an interest in.

"We were discussing the relationship of two women who are thrust together by war," says one woman.

"Ooh, thrusting! O.K." The man continues handing out Bud Light to the women in the circle, hearing

only those words and phrases that would capture a man's attention and compete with the beer in his hand: anything that relates with sex.

GoDaddy.com is famous for taking of advantage of that particular cartoon, using sex (or at least the promise of something sexual), to draw men to their website.

What is the website? That fact is addressed in the commercial, at least. GoDaddy.com has "websites, domain names and hosting all for less than one dollar a month."

Is that what draws men there? No, Danica Patrick is what draws men there, as well as the various other women who tear off their clothes to reveal...GoDaddy.com.

The song "My Generation," by The Who, plays as a soundtrack to various images of history, from black and white to color images that

have been seen on televisions across the world and across time.

"Where were you then?" asks a message that pops up halfway through the song.

Another message asks, "Where will you be?"

Wait a minute...what is this? A commercial that isn't playing on stereotypes that degrade both men and women? No, this commercial is advertising none other than history, and the importance of staying connected with the events that are happening around you.

After surfing through the many commercials of the Super Bowl, this was the first one that caught my attention. It used images from history to grab the viewers' attention, not half-naked women, fast cars, or beer.

The message: "Don't miss a

moment."

Nantz doesn't want you to miss a moment of the Super Bowl. Dockers does not want you to miss out on your manhood. Bud Light doesn't want you to miss out on ... well, Bud Light. FLO TV doesn't want you to miss out on the things that really matter.

The only disappointment is that Nantz was advertising the same product in his bash on spineless men. The fact that I didn't notice the advertised product in that commercial shows the degree to which that commercial was an absolute failure, and it shows why.

These commercials weren't advertising any product. The product was simply attached to the message: Don't lose your manhood, the one thing that really matters in this world.

## Blakely's last-second score lifts 'Runners over Northridge

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The CSUB men's basketball team's 59-57 victory had the CSUB fans ecstatic Wednesday night at Rabobank.

CSUB played Cal State Northridge, defending champions of last year's Big West Conference.

Even though Northridge scored the first shot, CSUB took the lead with 15:51 left in the first half and maintained that lead throughout the entire game, only tying with Northridge three times - twice in the first half and again in the second half with 2:07 remaining.

Tied 55-55, senior forward Santwon Latunde redeemed his free throws after being fouled twice after a quick timeout. He made both second set of free throws, making the score 57-55.

But Northridge came back with a 2-pointer, again tying the game. A timeout was held, with CSUB in possession of the ball under their basket. With 3 seconds remaining, the ball was passed to senior forward Trent Blakely at the top of the key. He shot and made a 2-pointer right at the buzzer. CSUB's players ran out to the floor, fans were on their feet and the coaches were smiling.

Blakely said after the game: "We just had to

execute. It seemed like a long 3 seconds. We needed a win like tonight. [After my shot] I immediately gave my mom and dad a hug and kiss. Coach Brown gave me a hug too. First hug from coach Brown."

CSUB played tough offense against Northridge. CSUB outshot Northridge in the first half by 24.9% in field goals and 50.0% in 3-pointers. Blakely led the team in both halves with a total of six 3-pointers and seven field goals. Leading the team in free throws was freshman guard Stephon Carter with a total of 10 free throws.

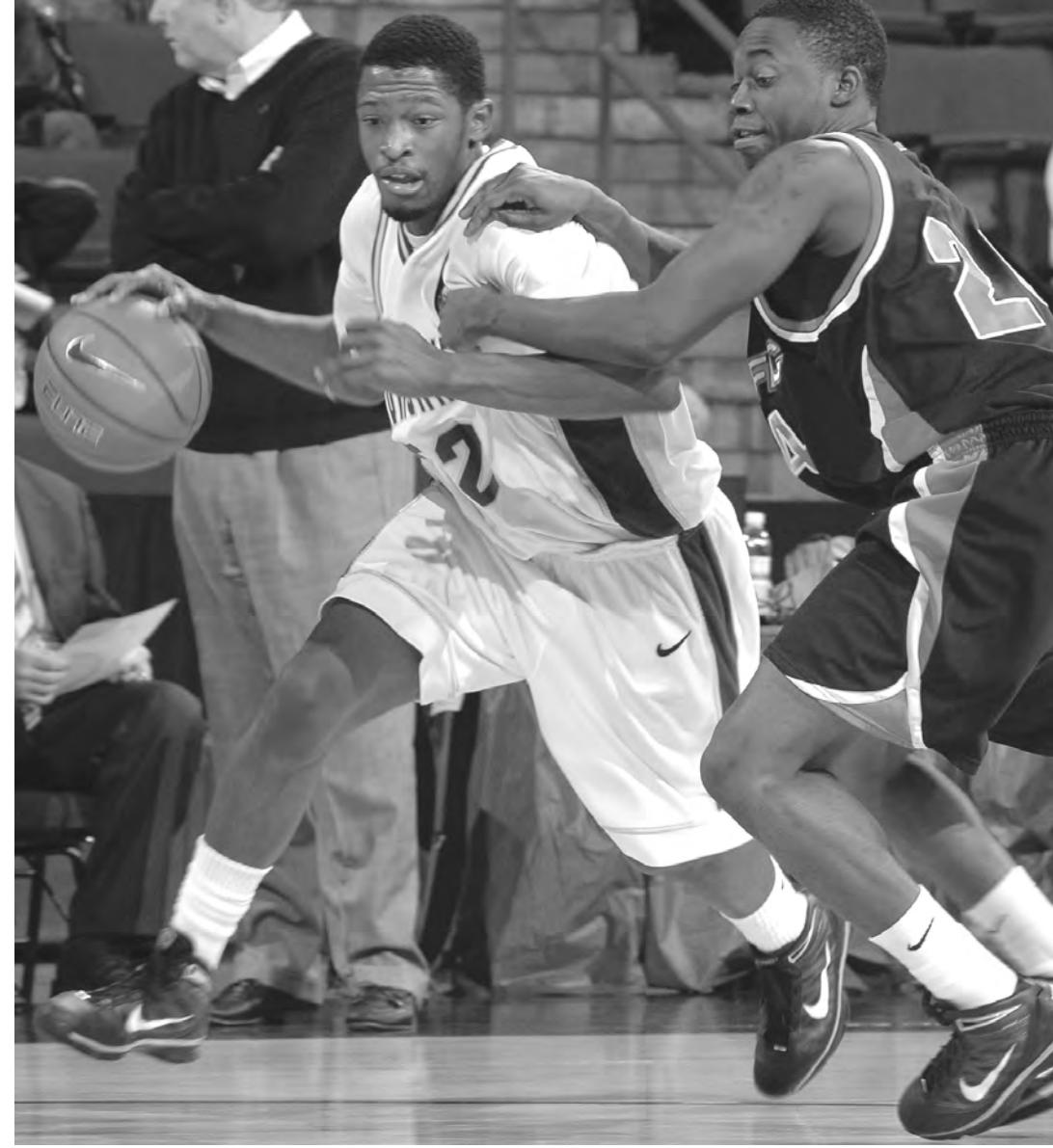
Brown said: "Trent is really productive - a great presence defensively. He's grown a lot while being here."

On the defensive side, CSUB had a total of five blocks and five steals in the second half. Northridge played an intense game, but CSUB was able to compete and come back with a victory. This is probably the most intense home game played, with players exerting aggressiveness and passion into their playing, making Brown proud.

Brown said of the last play: "We had two or three options; we wanted to do something aggressive. Three seconds is critical, and it gave us opportunity. We had some guys come off the bench and do a good job. There was a lot of energy tonight."

Stephon said it all with his quote: "This was a great confidence boost. We got the victory."

## Big West-leading University of the Pacific spoils senior day



Mark Nessia/The Runner

CSUB freshman guard Marcus Hall drives to the basket against University of the Pacific guard Stephon Lamar Feb. 13 at Rabobank Arena.

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The CSUB men's basketball home games closed with a loss against the University of the Pacific at Rabobank, Feb. 13, 71-44.

Even though CSUB started out playing intense, with the score tied 6-6 with 13:57 left in the first half, Pacific blew the game open and took off with a lead that CSUB could not compete with. Pacific outshot CSUB in field goals, 3-pointers and free throws.

Senior forward Trent Blakely said, "That's certainly not the way I wanted to go out."

It was a tough loss for the three seniors:

Blakely, senior forward/center Jose "Chepe" Lara and senior forward Santwon Latunde. Yet they were still able to step up and be team leaders for the 2009-2010 year.

Blakely is a business administration major at CSUB. He led his team with 15.6 points per game and 4.7 rebounds per game.

Chepe is a business major, as well. He led the team with a total of 12 blocks for the season.

Latunde is a criminal justice major. He averaged 11.0 points per game and 8.3 rebounds per game.

The season comes to a close at home, but there are still five more games on the road for the Roadrunners.

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### Female Athlete of the Week



Courtesy of Sports Information

Junior infielder Ryane Petersen went 4 for 9 with three RBIs against San Jose State on Saturday, Feb. 20. The 'Runners split the Saturday doubleheader. Petersen is currently batting .345, leading the team in homeruns (2) and RBIs (9). The 'Runners will host their first home games of the season facing Utah Valley University in a four-game series starting Saturday, Feb. 27 at noon at the Roadrunner Softball Complex.

### Male Athlete of the Week



Courtesy of Sports Information

Senior infielder Brandon Boren went 12-20 in the weekend series against Air Force. Boren led the 'Runners with seven RBI's and started in all four games. He is batting .600 with a slugging percentage of .750 in the first four games of the young season. The 'Runners have three home games this coming weekend at St. Mary's on Feb. 26, Central Michigan on Feb. 27 and cap the weekend against Cal Feb. 28.



Photo Courtesy of NBA.com

Dwyane Wade holds up his first All-Star MVP award.

## Record attendance for NBA game

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The 2010 NBA All-Star weekend was a historical one. It had more people in attendance than any basketball game ever has.

Fans numbering 108,713 packed the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas for the annual mid-season event. This turnout was 30,584 more than had ever watched a basketball game in person.

Festivities started off on Friday, Feb. 12, with the Rookie Challenge. The game is a showdown between the top rookies and the top sophomores in the league. The rookies won 140-128, breaking the sophomore's seven-year win streak. Tyreke Evans, point guard for the Sacramento Kings, took home game MVP honors.

Saturday was packed full of events starting off with the H.O.R.S.E. competition. Kevin Durant of the Oklahoma City Thunder won the competition for the second time. Durant is currently in the running for league MVP, second only to LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Next was the Shooting Stars event, where four teams competed in a timed shooting event. Each team represented a particular state and had an NBA player, a WNBA player and a retired NBA player.

Team Texas, the obvious crowd favorite, won. The team was made up of Dirk Nowitzki of the Dallas Mavericks, Becky Hammon of the San Antonio Silver Stars and former Houston Rockets star and now commentator Kenny Smith.

Then there was the 3-Point Shootout. One of the more well known events, the shootout consists of bins filled with balls that are positioned around the 3-point arc. Each shot made in the time limit counts as one point,

except the last ball in each bin, which is striped and counts as two.

Paul Pierce came out shooting strong, and won the competition. He was the first Boston Celtic to win the competition since Larry Bird.

Saturday's main event was the Slam Dunk Contest. High hopes were had for this event, especially by local fans as the Laker's own Shannon Brown was a contestant.

Almost nightly, he throws down a jaw dropping dunk, and reportedly can touch the top of the backboard.

Fans of Brown surely expected him to have something special in store for the occasion, but these expectations soon turned into disappointment.

Both of Brown's dunks lacked anything to talk about, and closely resembled dunks that Lakers fans are used to seeing in normal games. Apparently the judges felt the same way, as he was eliminated in the first round.

Personal favorites aside, there was not one memorable dunk in the contest. Though there has not been a standout year since 2000 when Vince Carter blew everyone's mind, it is safe to say that this year's contest just might possibly be the worst ever.

The 5-foot, 9-inch Nate Robinson of the New York Knicks ended up winning, and became the first player to win three dunk contests.

The main event, the All-Star Game, was on Sunday. As voted by the fans, the best from the West squared off against the best from the East.

Though a fairly close game throughout, the East outscored the West in every quarter but the fourth and won 141-139.

Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, playing for the East, scored 28 points and was the All-Star MVP.

# CSUB bombs Air Force and sweeps four-game series to start the season

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The roar of the two F-16 fighter jets during the opening ceremony of the CSUB men's baseball game wasn't the only roar felt over the weekend. The 'Runners opened the season with a roar of their own against Air Force on Friday Feb. 19 at home on Hardt Field and swept the Falcons in the four-game weekend series.

The 'Runners took the first game of the series 8-4, but found themselves down two runs early in the third inning when the Falcons scored off of two RBIs by Garrett Custons and K.J. Randhawa.

If there were ever any excuses for a program that is only in its second year of existence to make concerning their progress and performance, this 'Runners' team would have none of it.

The 'Runners wasted no time in responding by scoring four runs in the bottom of the third in the form of a solo home-run by JJ Henry and a three-run blast by Ryan McIntyre. Henry would add another home-run in the bottom of the fourth.

Henry admits he's an unlikely source to hit the long ball instead he "sets the table" for the clean-up hitters, but on this day he was the slugger going 3-4 with three RBI's.

Last season the 'Runners had difficulty coming back from early deficits, but this year the mentality is different.

"We don't like playing from behind, but we know that if we do find ourselves behind,



Mark Nessia/The Runner  
Teammates congratulate senior third baseman JJ Henry (26) after his second home-run during the season-opening game against Air Force on Feb. 19. Henry finished the game 3 for 4 with 3 RBIs and two homeruns.

that can light the fire under us and get us going," said sophomore first baseman Stuart Smith.

But that wasn't necessary because CSUB never trail for the remainder of the game and the series.

On Saturday Feb. 20 the 'Runners had a

double-header and things opened up early in the first game with production from Martin Medina and Jason Kudlock who both had home-runs in the second inning.

The 'Runners won the first game 9-4 with Jonathan Montoya earning his first win of the season with eight strike-outs and four hits in

six innings of work.

In the second game the 'Runners kept the hits coming with a total of 20 hits. Medina went 4-5 including a RBI-double and a two RBI home-run.

Junior transfer Matt Reyes pitched seven complete innings striking out four and scattering eight hits.

On Sunday Feb. 21 the 'Runners closed out the series with a 12-4 victory. The 'Runners had 16 hits as a team and had three players with three hits each: Brandon Boren, Martin Medina and Joey Mills.

Junior Mike McCarthy pitched six innings striking out eight and allowing only four hits.

The all-around effort is something that head coach Bill Kernen will be expecting from the team. He feels that production can come from not only the nine starters but also from all the players in the dugout.

"Any of these guys can come in and help the team," said Kernen

Medina feels the same way. He and his teammates spent endless hours working out and preparing for the season and he believes all the hard work will pay off in the long run.

"We probably work a lot harder than most teams. If you want to be the best you have to work hard. We emphasize practicing like it's a real game and we carried that over so we were very prepared going into this first week."

With their confidence up the 'Runners look to keep their winning ways going against much tougher competition facing St. Mary's on Feb. 26, Central Michigan on Feb. 27 and Cal on Feb. 28.

## Fullerton dominant in win over 'Runners



Mark Nessia/The Runner  
CSUB junior forward Nikki Leon (32) goes after a loose ball against Fullerton's Jenna Breite.

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The CSUB women's basketball team lost to visiting Cal State Fullerton 78-61 Feb. 17 at the Icardo Center, snapping the Roadrunners' season-best five-game win streak.

On a night dedicated to the fight against breast cancer, both teams and those in attendance wore pink, with the 'Runners wearing special pink jerseys that were auctioned off after the game with the proceeds going toward Links for Life, a local organization aimed at breast cancer awareness.

Before the game, both teams' starting lineups and coaches were escorted to the court by breast cancer survivors. Among the survivors were Phileace Hawkins and Helen Yousko. Hawkins is

the grandmother of CSUB senior guard Phylique Allen and Yousko is the mother-in-law of CSUB coach Tim La Kose.

"It was a great night, atmosphere, for a great cause," La Kose said. "The community really came out to support the team and the fight against breast cancer. ... We were hoping for a different outcome, but it wasn't to be."

Fullerton was in control from the beginning, jumping out to a 13-2 lead less than four minutes into the contest. The 'Runners got no closer than seven after that, and the Fullerton lead grew as high as 24.

Fullerton shot 50.8 percent from the field, while the 'Runners shot only 38.9 percent. The 'Runners' 19 turnovers led to 23 Fullerton points.

"We usually play much bet-

ter, especially here at home," La Kose said. "We turned the ball over a bit more than we usually do and, defensively, they got a lot of good looks."

With her grandmother in the stands, Allen went off for a career-high 29 points - 23 coming in the second half.

Allen said she was happy for her grandmother to be in attendance. Hawkins, who lives in San Diego, does not get to see her play often and comes up between treatments. She made sure she was able to come to this year's breast cancer game.

"I was just attacking," Allen said. "When you're down by that much, you just try and focus and attack as quick as possible. Sure it's an honor, but it's irrelevant when it's a loss. I'd rather win and score two points than win and score [29]."

Allen was the lone

"Runner in double-figures. Junior forward Tamiko Davis and freshman guard Amber Williams scored nine points each. Senior guard Katie Williams, the team's leading scorer, finished with one point after fouling out with 9:41 left in the game.

The loss hurts the 'Runners' (16-10) bid for postseason play. The loss to

Fullerton (12-14) "doesn't help," according to La Kose.

The 'Runners had won eight of the last nine matches coming into the game, but had a 10-day gap heading into the game against Fullerton. The 'Runners' last game was on Feb. 6 against UC Irvine.

The 'Runners' have another 10-day layoff following a

Feb. 20 contest against Seattle University. In order to prepare for their next contest against SIU-Edwardsville, La Kose said the team needs to be sharp in their practices - to emphasize quality over quantity.

"Hopefully we'll learn from this one, and come out more prepared after the next 10-day break," he said.



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Women's soccer plays for a cause



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Members of the CSUB women's soccer team surround teammates wearing pink jerseys from last year's breast cancer awareness game.

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Fall barbecue cooks up another success



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The Athletics' Fall Barbecue brought students, faculty, staff and the community together.

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