

THE BIG STORY

Faculty unhappy with closed search

By Sonia Lemus
Assistant News Editor

Ever since CSU Bakersfield President Dr. Horace Mitchell announced his retirement on Aug. 24, people have wondered who will take over.

The search for CSUB’s next president will be a closed search so faculty, students, staff, and administrators will have to wait until fall 2018 to find out who the new president is. In an open search, it is known who the candidates are and there are open forums where students and faculty can meet them and ask questions.

In a closed search, the only people who meet and interview the candidates are the six members of the Trustees Committee and the other nine people on the Advisory Committee.

Faculty, staff, and students not in those committees know nothing about who the candidates are.

The candidate will not be revealed until the very last

minute.

If a finalist visits the campus, she or he will do so in a secretive manner. No one knows who they are or that they are even visiting.

Sociology professor Amanda Studebaker said, “It is extremely important that the people know what the president has planned to make the campus better. What kind of goals do they have? What are some problems they are wanting to address?”

The Board of Trustees Policy for the Selection of Presidents states that the Trustees Committee is composed of the following: the chancellor, who in this case will be the current Chancellor Timothy P. White, the Chair of the Board will be CSUB alumnus John Nilon, and four trustees.

The members of the Advisory Committee will be the Chair of the Academic Senate, Deborah Boschini, one student which will be ASI president Mariela Gomez, two faculty, one staff

member, one member of the campus advisory board, one alumnus, one vice president or academic dean, and a president from another CSU who is appointed by the chancellor.

An open forum to speak to the members of the committees will be held on Oct. 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m at the Doré Theater.

The campus community is strongly encouraged to attend this forum, as it is the only scheduled open forum.

Gomez said, “I am planning on holding more forums in the MPR in the morning, afternoon, and evening. I want to know what students want from their president.”

Dates for these additional open forums have not been set, but Gomez expects to begin them after the Oct. 30 forum.

As for what she would like for CSUB’s next president, Gomez said she wants to continue having a president who has a strong relationship with students and ASI.



Jarad Mann/The Runner

The Academic Senate meets in the Health Center conference room with the topic of finding a new university president at the top of the agenda on Oct. 13, 2017.

CSUB is not the first or only CSU to have a closed presidential search. Notably, 21 out of the 23 CSU campuses have already held closed searches since the policy took effect in 2011 under former Chancellor

Charles B. Reed.

One of the key differences in the change of policy is that there are no open campus visits from the finalists in the presidential search.

In an open campus visit,

forums are held and the campus community had the opportunity to meet the finalist.

Both policies had a Trustees Committee and an Advisory Committee.

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BUILDINGS

Old faculty towers to be completely and quietly razed by November 17

By Runa Lemminn
News Editor

The CSU Bakersfield campus is about to lose a building, and gain some green space for students in its place.

The old Faculty Towers building has now gone through its pre-demolition process and is almost ready for demolition.

The pre-demolition process has been going according to plan, even with several steps involved.

One of the first steps was to remove some of the door hardware, signs, and anything that could be re-used from inside the building.

The process also involves getting rid of asbestos from inside the building.

Patrick Jacobs, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management said that a licensed asbestos removal company is removing the “hot” areas. The company started at the ground and worked up all three floors. “The asbestos, I want to make very clear (of this), is not friable, it is contained, which is perfectly legal to have within buildings,” said Jacobs.

“However, when you go to demolish the buildings, you have to dispose of the asbestos containing materials separately



Andrew Paredes/The Runner

Construction workers take a lunch break after working tirelessly to prepare faculty towers for demolition at CSUB.

and differently than you do the rest of the construction items.”

It’s not as easy as it seems. Getting rid of those materials is costly, too. “You can’t dispose of them in a landfill,” said Jacobs.

Cody Anderson, Project Manager of SC Anderson, Inc., said there was a team of about six people working on the asbestos abatement crew.

“Everything is double-bagged, and placed into a secured dumpster with a top on it and

everything, and then trucked all the way to Arizona,” said Anderson.

The pre-demolition process also involves cutting off the all utilities that are currently running to the building.

“We’ve set aside the week of Oct. 23 to 27 to do what we call ‘cut and cap,’” said Anderson. “The cut and cap involves three different contractors, between our plumber, our telecommunications IT guys, and our electrician.”

Once the utilities have been cut off, the demolition process will begin.

George Corral, a junior majoring in criminal justice, said he’s hoping for a quiet and uneventful demolition of the building.

“If they had to do it during the week, maybe a slow and steady demolition would be nice,” said Corral.

Both Jacobs and Anderson said it would be a fairly quiet demolition process.

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DREAMERS

DACA task force made for Dreamer support

By Mario Hernandez
Reporter

Since President Donald Trump ended Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA,) and called on Congress to act, many universities have initiated programs and advocacies to support DACA students.

CSU Bakersfield has held informational events and is in the process of creating a DACA task force. Claudia Catota, assistant to the president for equity, inclusion and compliance is, leading the task force.

“Sort of what began this, was really conversations I was having with folks on campus including feedback that I was getting from students that self-identified as undocumented,” said Catota. “It is not more or less that they didn’t feel supported. It’s more that they wanted some type of visibility.”

“That’s really where the task force comes in right now. I’m really looking at what other campuses are doing in terms of seeing who might be around the table,” said Catota.

Although the task force is identified as the DACA task force, its goal is to assist and aid all undocumented students.

Catota said she is in the plan-

ning stage for the task force. “Dr. Mitchell and I had a conversation of what we could do here on our campus for undocumented students specifically,” said Catota.

The task force has not had a meeting yet and its members are still not confirmed. Many departments will be included in the task force. “Student Affairs will definitely be a player in that conversation, financial aid definitely, admissions and records, definitely somebody from the advisors group,” said Catota.

Betsy Plascencia, a junior sociology major, liked what CSUB has been doing with the DACA situation and is aware of some of the events the campus has hosted.

“I like it. I don’t have it myself but I do have family members who do want to get an education. If it wasn’t for DACA, they wouldn’t be able to come to CSUB,” said Plascencia.

Catota has gotten many questions regarding admissions.

High school counselors and students will call and ask for admissions verification or clear the question of whether undocumented students may apply to the campus.

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BUILDINGS

Faculty towers to become green space

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“No, we’re not going to blow the building up,” said Jacobs. “Our intent is to make it as anti-climatic as possible,” said Anderson. “Boring is safe, and safe is good.”
Anderson said it would take about two weeks to do the demolition, because cleaning up the site and removing the temporary fence and all the rubble from the building materials will take additional time.
“To bring the building down will take about a week, but

“No, we’re not going to blow up the building.”

Patrick Jacobs, Associate VP Facilities Management

we then have to haul off all of the material, and that’s kind of the time-consuming thing, as well as dig out the footings and

the rest of the concrete,” said Anderson.
Not everything will be gone after the demolition.
Major trees will be kept throughout the demo, but all other vegetation will be removed.
Anderson said the goal is to hand the site back over to CSUB by Nov. 17.
At that point, the site will be a dirt-graded field, with the major trees still there.
However, that is not the end of the project.

The area will eventually be turned into a green space for students and faculty to enjoy.
“We have begun working with our campus landscape architect on designing the future landscape of that area,” said Jacobs.
Once the drawings are complete, the landscaping process can begin.
“Our desire would be to get a landscape contractor in here after Anderson is done, sometime during the winter, and then come in and re-landscape that area.”

Jenni Newton, a senior majoring in child adolescent family studies, said she is looking forward to having more green space on campus, since the area around faculty towers is surrounded by a lot of concrete and other buildings.
“There’s quite a few buildings. There needs to be more space for people just to hang out, and study and relax,” said Newton.
Approximately 90 percent of the demolition was funded by state of California, through the

CSU system. CSUB came up with the remainder.
Public Affairs and Communications Coordinator Shelby Parker stated in an email that the demolition cost is approximately \$350,000.
“The demolition is a part of the Humanities Office Building. The total budget for that project is \$8,185,000. Of that amount, \$6,685,000 came from an allocation received from the Chancellor’s Office, and \$1,500,000 came from campus reserves,” the email stated.

DREAMERS

Catota leads task force

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“It asks ‘please insert your Social Security number’ and they call asking ‘What can I do in this case. Can I apply even though I’m not documented or don’t have a S.S.N?’” said Catota.
Students are still allowed to apply to CSUs without DACA and with in-state tuition by applying to AB 540.
DACA produces permits for students to attend school and work, but it is not a scholarship program. Nonetheless, it’s the DACA program that produces the working permit for students to be able to pay for tuition.
“AB 540 and the Cal Grant Dream Act are separate from DACA and will not affect the financial aid you are now receiving through the state of California,” said Catota.
The task force has a powerful responsibility ahead of them.
Spreading important information to all students, and specifically undocumented students, is an objective Catota is working to solve with student

representatives.
According to Catota, a couple members from the task force had different ideas on how to spread information to students efficiently, they need a strategy to complete the task.
Catoa also has been planning an AB 540 DACA ally program to create better assistance for undocumented students.
Plascencia said she didn’t think the campus had publicized events very well.
“Here and there and from emails that I get, but more than that no, it’s minimal,” said Plascencia.
Mario De la Peña, a freshman political science major, did not like the presidential decision of removing DACA. Nonetheless, he said CSUB has been doing enough.
“A lot of people don’t really check their school email now and then. So I feel like they need to post some flyers around more. I think she [Catota] would have to do more word of mouth especially here on campus” said De la Peña.

FACULTY

Academic Senate wants transparency

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The former policy states that there should be open forums designed to generate support from the campus community.
Geology department chair Anthony Rathburn participated in an open presidential search at Indiana State University.
“The process was very positive. There was no concern for the faculty,” said Rathburn.
According to Dr. John Tarjan, representative of CSU Bakersfield in the Academic Senate of the California State University the main reason for the CSU system to have a closed search was to increase the number of applicants for the position.

Both Tarjan and Boschini said that they understand the argument being made by the CSU system; however, neither feel it is compelling enough to have a closed search rather than an open search.
“The problems with having a closed search outweigh the benefits,” said Tarjan.
Tarjan and Boschini do not stand alone in this sentiment.
On Oct. 12, the Academic Senate unanimously passed a resolution urging the CSU Board of Trustees to conduct an open search to replace President Mitchell.
The resolution also requests that all the members of both the search committees meet with the Academic Senate.
This is not the first resolution the Academic Senate has passed regarding closed searches.
On Oct. 6, 2011 the Academic Senate gave its position on the then-newly implemented policy stating that the Academic Senate urged the CSU Board of Trustees to continue having open campus visits for potential candidates.
The resolution stated, “Arriving on campus without having the support and legitimacy provided by such a process would put the chosen candidate at a significant disadvantage in building a successful transition.”
Then again, on Oct. 8, 2015, the Academic Senate passed Resolution 151601, “Open and Transparent CSU Presidential



Dr. John Tarjan raises questions during the Academic Senate meeting on Oct. 12 in the Health Center conference room.

Searches.”
This resolution was made in solidarity with Sonoma State University, San Jose State University, CSU Channel Islands and CSU Chico, all of whom were having closed search presidential searches at the time.
It also provided a quote from CSU Sacramento’s President Robert S. Nelsen that he gave for his fall address.
Nelsen had just been chosen through the closed search process.
“I hate that I didn’t get the opportunity to meet all of you during the search and that I am only meeting you now. And I don’t like it that you are only meeting me now and that the huge majority of you had no say in whom [sic] your next president would be,” said Nelsen.
Every other position at CSUB is chosen through an open search process.
Rathburn has a more positive outlook about faculty support.
“If you have a president you are to rally with him or her,” said Rathburn.
However, Rathburn also said that, “The choice of president would be a stronger one if faculty were more involved.”
“I believe in open searches. I was elected by a faculty who believe in open searches,” said Boschini.
Boschini will be participating in the Advisory Committee.

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John Tarjan, CSUB Senator and Associate Professor of Management and Marketing

next president may not be seen by the campus community as their leader, since they did not openly choose this person.
“They [the candidates] should get more involved with the faculty to let them know this is a school that I care about, not just a job that I am getting,” said Studebaker.
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Boschini will be participating in the Advisory Committee.

“If I have the opportunity to influence in any way, if I am given the opportunity to be at the table, I will be there,” said Boschini.
Despite her disapproval of a closed search process, Boschini still says she doesn’t want to judge the person chosen as CSUB’s president, before he or she takes on the job.
“We have our own unique challenges and needs. I just want a president who will advocate for this campus,” said Boschini.
Some students agree with faculty and said they would prefer an open search process.
“I think it should be open. People should know who they are electing,” said Michelle Jacinto, law enforcement major.
Jacinto says that she can understand faculty finding it difficult to support the new president.
“Yes, I think it would be difficult and unfair to those who have to follow him,” said Jacinto.
Despite his dislike of a closed search process, Dillon Braisher, music education major, said that he would support the candidate if a closed search was the only option.
The committees will have two closed forums only for committee members scheduled on Feb. 5, 2018 and March 1 and 2, 2018.

CSUB Crime Log

Crimes from Oct. 2 and Oct. 17, 2017

Hit and run by runaway vehicle

On Oct. 2 at 9:47 a.m. a hit and run was reported in parking lot I. Damages were also reported on scene. This case is pending additional leads.

Petty theft:

On Oct. 4 at 6:21 p.m. a petty theft was reported in the Runner Café. This incident is pending additional leads.

On Oct. 9 at 6:58 p.m. a petty theft was reported in Housing East. Only information for this case is documented.

On Oct. 12 at 7:04 p.m. a petty theft was reported in Housing East. This case is pending additional leads.

On Oct. 13 at 5:45 p.m. a theft was made in parking lot A. This case is pending further investigation.

On Oct. 15 at 4:54 p.m. a second-degree burglary was reported in parking lot J. This is pending additional leads.

On Oct. 16 at 10:06 p.m. University Police reported a petty theft. This is pending additional leads.

Burglary/Vandalism

On Oct. 2 at 12:31 p.m. a second-degree burglary and damaged property were reported at the Dorothy Donohue hall. Information for this case is allowed upon request.

Hit and run property damage:

On Oct. 9 at 12:52 p.m. a hit and run was reported in the facilities yard. As of Oct. 10, this case is pending additional leads.

Annoying telephone call

On Oct. 12 at 5:23 p.m. an obscene and threatening phone call was made at the Antelope Valley campus. Only information for this case was gathered.

Outside agency warrant-misdemeanor

On Oct. 13 at 1:39 p.m. a report was made in Housing East in which an adult was cited.

Disorderly conduct-alcohol

On Oct. 14 at 1:18 p.m. an adult was reported intoxicated in public in Housing East. Adult arrest cleared this case.

Contact UPD at 661-654-2677 or visit <http://www.csub.edu/bas/police/> if you or any others in the community have any further information on the above pending cases or non-reported crimes that you would like to be investigated.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

\$4,000 allocated to a fraternity and a club

By Sonia Lemus
Assistant News Editor

Two requests for funds were approved by Associated Students Inc. totaling \$4,050 during their Oct. 20 meeting. Delta Zeta Tau asked for a total of \$3,959.64 for their 18th annual event La Gran Posada. However, they were only granted \$3,000. ASI has a policy of funding a maximum of \$3,000 for clubs and organizations; however, they said they do make exceptions. Delta Zeta Tau said their expected expenses went up when

they incurred two unexpected charges. They now needed to get fencing around Alumni Park, where they will be hosting the event, and portable restrooms, since they can no longer use the restrooms inside the Runner Café. Delta Zeta Tau has held events to try and raise funds for the event, such as torta sales and fundraisers at Buffalo Wild Wings. They also received \$400 from Nu Phi Chi. ASI's objection was Delta Zeta Tau's lack of promotion for the event, and they asked for over \$3,000 last year too. Delta Zeta Tau said they did

their best to cut cost of the events, but they were unable to. The event is a cultural event, so the food is more expensive. Mariela Gomez, ASI president, said she spoke to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Thomas Wallace, and that they were discussing how to possibly remove the cost of fencing and the portable bathrooms. Engineering majors also requested \$1,050 for a soldering workshop they want to hold on Oct. 30. They said that soldering is a needed skill for engineering majors; however, there is not

a course available in soldering for them. Their professors advised them to learn the skills by looking it up on the internet. ASI said they were impressed with the student's initiative to have this workshop and that many of the materials that are needed would be reusable. They also applauded their initiative to help students who are still undeclared. Because of this, ASI granted them the \$1,050 they requested. Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Jim Drnek introduced the new Student Success Coach Estela Sanchez. She is new to campus and will



The ASI board discussed several campus related issues.

be working with the counselors in the Health Center. Antelope Valley campus representative Benita Smith said that the campus is in need of more wheelchair accessible doors.

TRANSPORTATION

Possible GET bus terminal coming to campus

By Ola Iduma
Reporter

GET bus officials are working to add another GET bus terminal in addition to the one at the flagpole area in front of CSU Bakersfield. Anthony Brisen, vice president of university affairs and member of the Associated Students Inc., said the GET bus officials are not changing the location, but they are adding an additional location. "They are talking about an extension of the GET bus terminal, but they are not sure where that would be yet," said Brisen. Golden Empire Transit has just implemented their new bus route system and is cutting about 300 individual stops from its routes in Kern County. The southwest Seven Oaks

route and some routes in east and southwest Bakersfield are no longer used. Because of the route changes, some of the buses that come in to the CSUB campus through the bus terminal drive may have a different terminal. Shondra Wilson, a GET bus driver, said some changes were more noticeable than others. "Yes, the schedules and routes have been changed and there are now different routes for each bus. Some changes are slight, and others, a lot," said Wilson. Sonny Medina, director of general studies and ASI member, said there is a meeting coming up to discuss it. "On Oct. 24 at 2 p.m., the Beautification Committee will be meeting again. At this meeting, I will be able to gather more information in regard to

the new terminal. As of right now, no new information has been released," said Medina. Hannah McWellis, a junior and kinesiology major at CSUB, is a frequent GET bus rider. She said she is concerned about a potential terminal change. "I hope they don't change the bus terminal, because I am used to getting off close to the library where the buses stop. I don't even know if a new terminal will be a good walking distance from the main campus," McWellis said. GET bus rider Jose Rodriguez, a sophomore and music major, said he won't mind if the bus terminal is changed. "I believe that the changes they made are for a solid reason. I mean, would they decide on something that would not fa-



GET bus 82 arrives and drops off several people at California State University, Bakersfield on Oct. 4.

vor the majority? I don't think so. In this case, I am always open to change and new ideas," said Rodriguez. Call (661) 869-2GET (2438) to contact the GET bus office for customer service and bus schedule information.

#CSUBSurvival

ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE Scavenger Hunt

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017
SCAVENGER HUNT - 11AM - 2PM

JOIN THE HUNT.
GATHER SUPPLIES FOR
YOUR DISASTER KIT
AND GET ENTERED TO
WIN VARIOUS PRIZES!

BE PROACTIVE,
NOT REACTIVE.

NOVEMBER 2, 2017
11:30AM-1:00PM
STOCKDALE ROOM
FREE LUNCH

JOIN UPD AND LEARN TIPS AND TACTICS ON HOW TO BE SAFE IN
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NOVEMBER

MONDAY 13TH

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK KICK-OFF & RESOURCE FAIR
11AM - 12:30PM - CAFE QUAD
PANEL & DISCUSSION:
"LEARNING TO LIVE AND WORK
IN A GLOBAL COMMUNITY
THROUGH STUDY ABROAD"
12:30PM - STOCKDALE ROOM
"DIVERSITY IN ISLAM" PANEL
ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION & PANEL
5PM - STOCKDALE ROOM

TUESDAY 14TH

PRE-GAME GET TOGETHER
MEET INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.
6PM - ICARDO ROOM
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME
VS. FRESNO PACIFIC
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF RECOGNITION DURING HALF-TIME
7PM - ICARDO CENTER

WEDNESDAY 15TH

FOOD AROUND THE WORLD
FOOD WILL BE COOKED AND SERVED BY DIFFERENT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF.
8PM - STOCKDALE ROOM
SIGN UP AT THE CAMPUS PROGRAMMING OFFICE OR EMAIL CAMPUSPROG@CSUB.EDU

THURSDAY 16TH

BROWN BAG DISCUSSION:
"MY FULBRIGHT JOURNEY
IN THE HOLY LAND, PALESTINE"
- DR. SULEIMAN
12PM - STOCKDALE ROOM
EXPRESSION NIGHTS
OPEN MIC NIGHT: STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PERFORM SONGS, DANCES, AND/OR POETRY
7PM - STOCKDALE ROOM

FRIDAY 17TH

FRIDAY NIGHT FIFA
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What's Happening
Around Campus

October/Novemeber

25 Fall Career Expo-CECE
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
SRC- Gym

PepsiCo Info Session:
6 p.m.
Sci. III 324

Blue & Gold Scrimmage
Promo Day
11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
SRC

26 Blue & Gold
Scrimmage: Basketball
Doors open at 6 p.m.
Icardo Center

CRRC Presentation &
Job Fair:
1 p.m.
SU MPR

30 Registration for
Continuing Students
Begins (Spring 2018)

Academic Advising for
New Students Begins
(Spring 2018)

31 NSME Club Fair:
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Red Brick Road by SCI
III

2 Faculty Speaker Series:
Vlad Gasparyan
Physics & Engineering
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Science III, 213

4 Unsorted
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dore Arena Theatre

6 Speaker: Skylar
Senio, Software
Engineer, Silicon Valley
Opportunities:
6 p.m.
SCI III 324

8 NOV8 (innovate)
Fab Lab Open House:
10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Fab Lab

9 Last Day to Withdraw
from Classes for a Serious
and Compelling Reason

10 HOLIDAY:
Veteran's Day - Campus
Closed

Ongoing until Dec 19:
Pulitzer prize winning
photos of Don Bartletti

Calendar sponsored by NSME, Student Union, School of Arts of Humanities, and the
Walter Stiern Library. To be included, contact eftzpatrick@csub.edu.

CAMPUS

Parking still an issue at CSUB

By **Tanner Harris & Runa Lemminn**
Runner Staff

The parking issue at CSU Bakersfield has been one that has plagued students for several years now. Even with the opening of the new parking lot north of the new Humanities office, students struggle to find sufficient parking because of their class schedules.

Marcos Figueroa, a senior majoring in finance, said that it’s most difficult in the afternoons. “It is terrible— hard to find anything from around noon till about 4,” said Figueroa.

Senior Zachary Fennell, an English major, has resorted to riding his skateboard to school. “Parking has always been a nightmare,” said Fennell. “I once saw a guy with a sign who would give people rides to their cars in exchange for their parking spot.”

Chief of Campus Police Marty Williamson said there is a time factor in the struggle students are having, and students who arrive late have the most problems.

“The highest level of classes are occupied on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., but it’s the people coming in around 11 a.m. that have trouble, said Williamson.

For the fall 2017 semester, campus police opened up a temporary lot north of the soccer fields on Kroll Way. However, that lot was closed once Lot A opened, which is located by the Humanities office.

Sophomore Melissa Digwl, a biology major, said that some of the spaces in the existing lots are not designated appropriately.

“I feel like they should just make more parking spaces, for example, they put (clean) air vehicles, but not everyone has a (clean) air vehicle, so there shouldn’t be spaces for that,” said Digwl. “I feel like parking should be a lot closer to the classes. It should be more efficient for us students and also efficient for the faculty, too.”

Rebecca Smith, 19, a pre-nursing major, said that there might be a different solution by looking into alternatives.

“It would be interesting to have more incentives for stu-



A birds eye view of Parking Lot D, located just north of the Walter W. Stiern library, where students found parking. Simer Khurana/The Runner

dents not to drive, maybe more accessible walkways... I think [the new parking lot] will help a lot, and it would be a good choice,” said Smith.

Williamson gave some advice about what students can do to

find better parking.

“Plan ahead, leave in enough time. If you’re not here early, you’ll have to deal with what’s left. Don’t expect a front row seat,” he said.

Williamson also said there is a

sufficient amount of parking on the CSUB campus.

“We have a sufficient amount of parking,” said Williamson. “[Campus Police] and ASI have opened up close to 400 parking slots within the last two

years... and we already have infrastructure ready to provide more parking.”

The new parking by the Humanities office was opened in the last week of September.

DINING

New restaurants will be opening soon

By **Tanner Harris**
Reporter

Students have been waiting for Panda Express, Which Wich Superior Sandwiches, and Starbucks to open on CSU Bakersfield’s campus since it was announced they would be coming earlier this year; however, the projects have been delayed.

Simmren Mudhar, a freshman business major, said the wait time is an issue.

“We would like to have more options to get food. It just delays access to food...especially for those who do live on campus.”

Mudhar also said she would ask the responsible parties how the projects can move forward at a faster rate.

“I would ask if there is anything the students can do. It would be a lot more helpful to have those places on campus,” said Mudhar.

Pat Jacobs, associate vice president of facilities, said that construction for the new restaurants didn’t start until the end

of summer.

“We were not able to start construction on most of them until August or early September,” said Jacobs. “Most of these [restaurants] are three-month projects, so we are just about getting to the end of them right now.”

Students did not understand what was causing the delays and proposed their own thoughts.

“I feel like it’s lack of organization, like they did not organize their funds properly,” said Jagdeep Gill, a freshman liberal studies major.

“[There’s probably] not enough demand, considering The Marketplace is right across the street,” said freshman Bailey Aborlante, business major.

Students won’t have to wait for much longer.

Michael Lukens, director of Public Affairs and Communication, said there are many factors involved with a construction project.

“Most of the delays have come from the approval of the fire marshal...[and by]

construction approval processes and timelines. Budget is definitely not an issue,” said Lukens. “There are so many moving parts that if one component does not deliver, it has a trickle-down effect on the whole project.”

Quality is an important factor. “We want to make sure...the quality is of the highest caliber. The [new restaurants] are to be open by Nov. 7. There will be a ribbon cutting and giveaways. Please be patient,” said Lukens.

Daniel Bell, a junior criminal justice major, said he was eager for the new restaurants to open.

“[The food court] tides me over, but I really want Panda Express,” said Bell.

According to the Oct. 13 Associated Students Inc. meeting, the Panda Express and Which Wich restaurants are scheduled to be finished this week and open in November; Starbucks is scheduled to be opened around Nov. 15.

Claire Montellano, a sophomore nursing major, had some words for those working on getting the restaurants imple-



Construction workers work diligently to finish the Panda Express currently under construction in the CSUB Student Union. Jarad Mann/The Runner

mented.

“Keep working hard, and all the students here are really looking forward to what you

guys have,” said Montellano.

Both Starbucks and Panda Express will be located in the Student Union and occupy the

space where Rowdy’s used to be. Which Wich will be where the old Togo’s shop was in the Science III building.

INITIATIVE

CSUB starts 15 to Finish

By **Alexis Redding**
Reporter

The 15 to Finish kick-off picnic was held at Alumni Park on Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. The event was to celebrate the campaign to complete 15 units per semester.

CSUB has implemented a program that ensures students will graduate on time and complete their undergraduate degrees in four years.

15 to Finish is a national campaign in which several CSU campuses and community colleges participate in.

Rafael Basera, physics major, likes 15 to Finish for students and recommends that more students commit to it.

“It’s a great opportunity because you don’t get side-tracked. Also, the classes are free technically after 12 units cause you’re a full-time student,” said Basera.

CSUB Public Affairs Coordinator and alumna Shelby Parker enjoys the drive behind

15 to Finish.

“This is a great initiative. Signing the 15 to Finish form on the website is just another way to hold students accountable and gives them small incentives for sticking to their studies, even when they hit bumps in the road,” said Parker.

According to the campaign, if 30 degree applicable units are completed at the end of each year, students will be entered into annual scholarship drawings and on campus incentives. They will also have access to special receptions and other prize drawings.

Academic advisors work with students each term to fulfill the requirements to successfully complete 30 degree applicable units each academic year.

Sophomore computer engineering major Trent Cardenas enjoys being able to participate in the 15 to Finish program.

“It’s very efficient and helps you be able to get on with your career. You’ll be able to get the dreams that you aspire for,”

said Cardenas.

CSUB’s Schools of Art and Humanities and the Public Affairs and Communications departments introduced 15 to Finish to the university. The campaign’s encouraging slogan reminds students how efficient 30 units a year is.

“It takes 30 units per year, or 15 units per semester to graduate on time!” is the campaign’s motto.

“For us, we’re in pathways for a Berkeley grant. They’ve sort of encouraged us to join the 15 to Finish program,” said freshman physics major, Mason Lee.

The campaign has a YouTube video, “Complete College America: 15 to Finish,” which includes emphasis on the tuition fees that are saved through 15 to finish.

Students are encouraged to sign up with their advisors and discuss degree-applicable units during advising.

Contact Arts and Humanities at arts.humanities@csub.edu.

CAMPUS

CSUB Leadership Society updates

By **Ola Iduma**
Reporter

The National Society of Leadership and Success meeting was held on Oct. 20 in the Student Union Blue Room, to discuss the new pillar system and updates on members’ progress. The president also announced upcoming events.

The NSLS Society helps people discover and achieve their goals, offers life-changing lectures from the nation’s leading presenters and a community where like-minded, success-oriented individuals help one another succeed.

An NSLS pillar ensures leadership of a chapter. NSLS branches are called chapters. There are about 801,597 members at 582 colleges nationwide, with CSU Bakersfield being one of them.

To become a member of a chapter, students will receive nominations from their college, and would then use the nomination code to apply online. If



NSLS members meet to discuss the clubs current agenda. Arturo Castellanos/The Runner

students want to become members, but their college does not have a chapter, they can apply for a nomination code on the NSLS website.

The president of NSLS at CSUB, Nicole Mirhazemi, said that a new pillar system has just been implemented. Now, core pillars are worth a specific amount of money, where if chapters don’t reach a certain number of pillars, they would not be given any money.

Mirhazemi said that she attended a Regional Leadership Retreat recently.

The retreats help chapter leaders connect with one another to enhance strength in individual chapters.

“Having attended the retreat, I have a goal to complete a certain amount of pillars,” said Mirhazemi.

During the meeting, she asked the other members what their favorite part of the retreat was, and what concerns or comments they had.

Three upcoming speaker broadcast events were announced. They will take place on Oct. 27, Nov. 1 and Nov. 9.

LGBTQ+

Pride week's Ally Rally

Out and proud

By Karin Patiño
Reporter

On Oct. 11, CSU Bakersfield's LGBTQ+ Affinity Group held its 9th Annual Ally Rally as part of celebrating pride week. The Ally Rally is an event centered on ways to provide support for the LGBTQ+ community and ways to become an ally.

The Ally Rally took place on the same day as National Coming Out Day. Over 100 people attended the rally in the Stockdale Room.

"The point of the Ally Rally is to debunk myths and clarify things about the LGBTQ+ community," said Anne Duran, psychology professor and psychology department chair at CSUB.

Duran introduced the panelists for the evening. They included Ike Duran, past president of the Bakersfield chapter of PFLAG, Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; Dr. Liora Gubkin Malicdem, Unitarian Universalist Minister candidate; Michael Harville, counselor at CSUB Counseling Center and SafeZone coordi-



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Students listen to advice and helpful stories from the Ally Rally panelists on Oct. 11, 2017.

nator; and Samantha Delacruz, Club GEN, Gender Equality

Duran explained The Ally Spectrum. The spectrum defines the various levels of being an ally for the LGBTQ+ community. It ranges from those who are not an ally but are willing to listen to definite allies that are supportive of

new laws that ensure equal rights for the gay community.

No matter where people were on the spectrum of allies, all were welcome to attend the rally and future rallies as well.

Everyone at the event received a bookmark that included "10 Ways To Be A Great Ally and A Friend" printed on it.

Some of the ways to be a supportive ally and friend included being open-minded, defending your LGBTQ+ friends against discrimination, and believing that all people should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation.

Duran and the panelists discussed different scenarios and how to be a helpful ally during those situations. One of the scenarios was what to do if a friend comes out.

"Listen, validate and support

them," said Delacruz.

"There are very helpful people at the counseling center," said Harville sharing a place for a helpful person to listen.

Another scenario that was discussed was what to do when a person is posting homophobic things online.

"My goal is to avoid conflict and provide education," said Harville.

Delacruz added, "Don't ever start [the response] with aggression. Start the conversation in an educational manner."

The rally ended by the panelists reading the notecards the attendees received before the event began. The notecards had printed "I need an ally because..." on one side, and "I am an ally because..." printed on the other side.

One notecard said, "I am an ally because all students matter."

PRIDE WEEK

By Chantel Vargas
Reporter

Expression night was Oct. 12 during the LGBTQ+ Pride Week Celebration, and it was a night filled with support.

A handful of brave people shared their coming out stories to respectful listeners in the audience and described what life was like for the LGBTQ+ community.

The first person to share their coming out story was Kelly Aragon, the president of the LGBTQ+ Network at CSU Bakersfield.

When Aragon came out to her mother as bisexual at the age of 18, they turned to each other and said, "don't tell grandma." Aragon comes from a catholic, conservative family and was incredibly close to her grandmother.

She shared how she and her grandmother would bake a ton of Christmas cookies every year and give them to homeless shelters, hospitals, and more.

"I gave gay slurs when I was little. I'm not going to lie about that. I thought crooked was wrong. As I got older, as I got to college and as I became more understanding of people in other situations like myself, I learned about myself, and I became more accepting," said Aragon.

Stephanie Lancaster was the next person who shared, and she told the coming out story of her son.

"My son, who is now 21, is gay. I've known he was gay since probably when he was a toddler. When the Teletubbies were out, Tinky Winky was his favorite. That was the purple one who carried around a little



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Jasmine ***** shared a poem at Expression night at the at the Stockdale room on Oct. 12.

purse," said Lancaster. Lancaster shared about the time her son at the age of 15 snuck out of the house to meet a boy. "I didn't think that you would accept the fact that I am gay," said Lancaster's son.

Lancaster responded, "This is ridiculous. Why would I not accept this? I have lots of gay friends, and my sister is lesbian. And then he told me I said some derogatory things that stuck with him."

Allison Cheatwood, a junior psychology major at CSUB stayed after the event to share her thoughts about the night with Aragon.

"I want to know firsthand what it means to be gay, lesbian, especially bisexual, transgender, and queer questioning because I'm intrigued by those...I don't know much about those. I'm just very interested and hearing people's stories really puts it in real term and honestly makes me proud of this college because having a sexual orientation class like we have, that's a big deal," said Cheatwood.



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Duran offers story about respect for the LGBTQ+ community

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CSU Long Beach professor educates through dance and music



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CSU Long Beach Professor Martin Espino educates students about Aztec Culture through dance and music on Oct. 23, 2017.



Simer Khurana/The Runner
An authentic Aztec dance is performed for students in front of the Student Union on Oct. 23, 2017.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mind on Fire OCD panel

By Chantel Vargas
Reporter

The Mind on Fire panel about Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder with Chrissie Hodges, Kerry Osborn, and Nathalie Maragoni was on Oct. 9. The three speakers had three central goals for the audience: to raise awareness, to reach out to the audience and encourage them to seek help.

Chrissie Hodges is an author and a certified peer support specialist who joined the audience live from Dallas, Texas via Skype. Hodges explained OCD's three different components, intrusive thoughts, anxiety and compulsion.

Hodges was diagnosed when she was eight years old. Her trigger was her parents' divorce. "I had a massive anxiety attack. My whole body reacted. I felt the walls caving in. I couldn't breathe," said Hodges.

Hodges had a loss when she was 20 years old, which was another trigger. She fell into a deep depression and began to have suicidal thoughts. "I wanted my life, but I wanted my life without this monster," said Hodges. Hodges met with her therapist and began Exposure Response Prevention and in just two months her suicidal thoughts were gone.

Kerry Osborn suffered from magical thinking, an illogical thought pattern characterized by the thinking of completely unrelated thoughts, events or actions. Osborn described it as, "superstition on steroids." Osborn believed she controlled her own reality and could prevent things from happening. For example, stepping on a crack would make her fail an exam.

In 2008, after a tragic car accident, Osborn was diagnosed with OCD. Osborn's

parents claimed that within four months of the accident, she was no longer the same. Osborn would hide Cheez-It's under her pillow because she truly believed that would make her pretty.

Five years ago, people would have seen Osborn with dreadlocks. Osborn did not wash her hair because she was afraid of losing it. Osborn had to touch a water bottle three times in a row because she believed she would lose less hair if she didn't.

Osborn's current therapist introduced her to ERP. "I started to question for the first time that maybe these random rituals had nothing to do with

her mother dying, being covered in blood and taken away in an ambulance. Maragoni's compulsion was her homework she had to continuously reread and erase.

Maragoni was diagnosed and started ERP. When Maragoni went to college, she stopped the treatment and began to have Pure O type thoughts, which are sexual, violent and intrusive thoughts. Maragoni thought she was going to kill herself in her sleep.

"Every computer cord, phone charger, anything that could potentially be used to hurt myself had to be tied up and put in another room. I had to keep all my belts in the trunk of my car,



my reality, and I can't control those things, and that little question was monumental to my recovery," said Osborn. Osborn is now the author of "The Obsessive Outsider."

Nathalie Maragoni's parents first became aware of their daughter's OCD when she was about five years old. Maragoni was afraid of germs and stepping on cracks, but they didn't want to diagnose her yet because she was too young.

At 11 years old, Maragoni developed a fear of being possessed and began to picture

all my medication had to be put away, all the knives," said Maragoni.

The panel ended with questions: how can friends and family help? How do people know they need help? How has their OCD changed over time? Family and friends can help by attending therapy sessions. People never know they have OCD, much less, need help. Finally, people will always struggle with OCD. But it does not define them. "It is possible for it to be better. Recovery is possible for anyone."



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PHOTO GALLERY

A week in pictures at CSUB



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CSUB Basketball players (left to right) Dalis Jones, Kate Tokuhara, Darrin Persons Jr., Shon Briggs, and Fallou N'doye strike a pose with former Bakersfield mayor Harvey Hall in the Icardo Center on Oct. 13, 2017.



Skylar Carrasco/The Runner
Priyanka Saha dances during the Diwali Festival of Lights Celebration in the Dezember Reading Room.



Jarad Mann/The Runner
Students are treated to a free Mexican cuisine lunch to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.



Simer Khurana/The Runner
Katherine Kiouses performs the “Witches Scene” from Dido and Aeneas at Taste of the Arts on Sunday, October 15, 2017.



Scot Swan/The Runner
This geodesic dome near the art department was manufactured by Pacific Domes and is intended as a relaxing gathering place for students.



Jarad Mann/The Runner
The CSUB Pep Band play the school's fight song at the basketball rally on Oct. 13, 2017 in the Icardo Center.



Simer Khurana/The Runner
Leo Sakomoto, music lecturer conducts the Concert Band for Taste of the Arts attendees on Oct. 15, 2017.



Jarad Mann/The Runner
Students and faculty patiently wait for the all-clear as they take part in The Great California Shake Out on Oct. 19, 2017.

WALTER PRESENTS

Immigration reality

By Veronica Morley
Feature Editor

The Watler Stier Library’s prgram, Walter Presents is exploring issues in immigration with a series of events. The series includes a Pulitzer Prize winning photographer, a documentary screening, and a poetry reading. “We try to be timely with the issues that are happening in our society,” said Curt Asher, dean pf the library who has organized these events.

Don Bartletti

Don Bartletti worked as a photojournalist for over 40 years. Thirty-two of those years have been spent with the LA Times where he took a special interest in immigration and the border crossing process. In 2003, he won a Pulitzer Prize for the work he did documenting young Central American immigrant children crossing the border to find their parents in America. His photostory “Enrique’s Journey” will be featured in the library until Dec. 19. Bartletti said he gained an interest in immigration after the Mexico Peso was devalued in the early ‘80s. After this, he began noticing more immigrants showing up on the streets in the northern agricultural areas of San Diego looking for day labor. He then discovered the squat-

ter camps. “It was happening in my neighborhood, like never before,” he said. Bartletti shared that these camps were made of huts “often in view of million dollar mansions.” During his years covering im-migrants around the border and in San Diego, Bartletti received backlash from residents of San Diego county. He witnessed a confrontation between a woman, who was a spokesperson for her condo complex, and a woman from the squatter camps. “It was like two women screaming at each other, in their own languages, not understand-ing a damn thing,” he said. Bartletti has remained objec-tive throughout his presentation and in his work as a photojour-nalist. His passion for his work derives from a foundation of producing an ethical report. He explained he wants to, “get in deep where nobody else has gone. To be the eyes of our readers. I reveal the truth and the news.” “He’s frozen from that whole night. And he’s sucking in air. Have you ever seen a child cry so hard that they can’t get their breath?” said Bartletti, describ-ing an experience where he came across a migrant boy on top of a train in Veracruz. Bartletti rode on top of the trains alongside the migrants, jumping from car to car, col-lecting trash to make fires.



Veronica Morley/The Runner

At the screening of “American Migrant Stories” on Oct. 19, H.A. “Beto” Sala of the Immigration Justice Collaborative thanks Annalisa Robles, of the California Endowment, for funding the documentary.

“This became the metaphor for children traveling to the United States. An indistinct horizon, there’s a curve ahead,” he said. Bartletti crossed the Rio Grande River three times. He traveled to Honduras and wit-nessed the destruction caused by the gang Mara Salvatrucha. He witnessed the funeral of a seven year old girl who was shot through the heart. Her family allowed him to photograph them burying her. He was so shaken by the sights he was unable to hold the camera still long enough to focus the photo.

American Migrant Stories

As part of the Walter Presents Series, the library, Center for Social Justice, Modern Lan-guages, and Ethnic Studies Departments co-sponsored the premiere showing of “Amer-ican Migrant Stories” on Oct. 19. The documentary was pro-duced by CSUB’s Center for Social Justice and the Immigra-tion Justice Collaborative, or IJC. The IJC, Building Healthy Communities - South Kern, and The California Endowment also co-sponsored the event. “It’s very easy to sit on your hands and let things happen. We decided we weren’t going to let that happen,” said H.A. ‘Beto’ Sala, a criminal law attorney who helped create the IJC. After President Trump

was elected and deportation questions arose, he and 11 other attorneys local to Kern County decided to form the IJC as a way to inform immigrants of their rights and responsibilities in the U.S. The film centers on Kern County and the history of mi-gration and institutional racism. It explores ideas from John Stienbeck’s depictions in “The Grapes of Wrath” to modern day issues in Kern county. “It’s my hope that this film will be shown all over the United States because I believe it can motivate other lawyers in their own communities to do the same that the Immigra-tion Justice Collaborative has done,” said Sala. The film also features stories and scenes filmed at CSUB. It follows the IJC as it held events and forums informing DACA students of what to expect. Sala commended CSUB and President Mitchell for his lead-ership and efforts to support immigrant and DACA students. “It took courage and it took respect for our basic founda-tions of our country to do what Dr. Mitchell has done,” said Sala. The creators of this film are hoping in the upcoming month to have a completed version of the film to premiere at the Maya Cinemas for the rest of Kern County residents.



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Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist Don Bartletti speaks to students in the Dezember Room in the Walter Stiern Li-brary on Oct. 10, 2017.

CULTURE

Hispanic Heritage month closes

By Allison Lechman
Reporter

Hispanic Heritage month is a time for “all students to come together, to celebrate culture, have fun and enjoy cultural tra-ditions,” said Yolanda Moreno, Latina/o Affinity Group advisor as she pointed at the 5-foot rainbow colored donkey piñata. Hispanic culture made its presence known at the cultural celebration held in the Stock-dale Room on Oct. 12. Spanish music flowed from the Stockdale room and danced its way through campus. On the left were tables put into an “L” shape. Students were moving down the line as others served them Hispanic food. “Do you want a tortilla?” said one of the servers to a student. There was also Mexican rice and pinto beans There was jamaica and tamarindo juice in large drink dispensers. Churros awaited those getting food at the end of the line, as if they were a sugar-coated trophy. Cool autumn winds greeted guests as they walked in the Stockdale Room patio. The Spanish music intensified. Five charcoal grey cocktail tables sat outside. Students, faculty, and staff mingled and ate around them.

“I feel like our culture is very family-oriented,” said Laura De La Rosa, human biology major. This event had a warm atmo-sphere. People wore smiles on their faces. Along with being family centered, each family has their own way of expressing and celebrating Hispanic culture. “With my family, we celebrate Hispanic heritage by having barbecue, quinceañeras, and really big parties for any occa-sion,” said Edward Espinosa, psychology major. Everyone was eating and chatting with one another.

“I feel like our cul-ture is really family- orientated.”

Laura De La Rosa,
Humam Biology
Major

Spanish music still played, and the notes were carried by the fall air. “Does anyone want to hit the piñata?” said one of the staff. Like a musician hitting the drums, Espinosa hit the rain-bow donkey piñata. The crowd of observers let out a simulta-neous cheer as the piñata even-tually gave in and let all the Mexican candy flow onto the floor. People quickly gathered the candy of their choice. This event is a highlight of CSU Bakersfield’s Hispanic Heritage Month events. Some other events included the DACA round-table discussion and Loteria Lunes.



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CSUB bio-chem major Tony Sanchez takes a mighty swing at the life size piñata at the closing of Hispanic Heritage month outside the Stockdale Room on Friday Oct. 13, 2017.

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By Alee Gonzalez

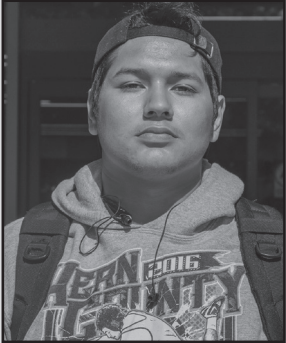
This week The Runner asked, “What do you think about cultural appropriation regarding Halloween costumes?”

Priscilla Vera
Liberal Studies, 23



“There’s an offensive way to do it and not to do it. If you feel strongly about immigration regulations and you dress up to make fun of Hispanics, then that’s offensive. But a part of culture is sharing. There’s appreciation, and then there’s appropriation.”

Nick Arellano
Electrical Engineering, 18



“I know people have an issue with the Pocahontas costume, for example, because I notice it on Twitter. Everyone complains about it, but it’s just a costume. People dressing up as Pocahontas are just aspiring to be her, they’re not trying to make fun of her.”

Martha Lucas
Nursing, 18



“It’s just dressing up for one day and getting to be whoever you want. It’s Halloween, so I don’t think it’s an issue.”

Ruben Calva
Engineering Sciences, 20



“I mean, as long as it’s not black-face. But cultural appropriation is offensive because people that dress up aren’t taking the culture seriously. The costumes are stereotypes, but personally, I don’t get offended.”

STAFF EDITORIAL

With Halloween on the way, express yourself respectfully

The Runner editorial staff believes that Halloween costumes that appropriate other cultures can be offensive; however, freedom of expression should never be hindered, especially on university campuses. Open discussion should always be admired.

According to an article by Fox News on Oct. 23, Goucher College in Maryland, University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, UC Santa Barbara, and many others have issued guides or held events expressing con-

cerns about students wearing costumes that may offend different cultures.

CSU Bakersfield has not taken a specific stance on Halloween costumes and most students, when asked about cultural appropriation regarding costumes, had neutral opinions. However, it seems from past experiences, if there was an issue, students and faculty would remain respectful of one another.

Last year after President Trump was elected, there were students who protested and

made disparaging signs against Trump. Yet these actions never resulted in violence or a mob.

Nicholas Christakis is a dean at Yale University who was admonished by a mob of Yale students in 2015 for the stance he took on cultural appropriation in Halloween costumes.

He spoke with Sam Harris about his thoughts on freedom of expression on the Oct. 8 podcast episode of, “Waking Up.”

“It’s not necessary to set out to cause needless offense. I

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think in a free society we have to tolerate offense, but it’s not like I’m interested in deliberately offending people,” he said.

Christakis understands that respect and political correctness are at the center of a civilized society, but that does not mean the world should be mandated like George Orwell’s “1984” with strict guides on how to act or dress.

Christakis and Harris agreed that although both issues at hand had merit, it was clear that Christakis wanted a discussion while the students did not.

It seems that Halloween on university campuses is becoming a time of censorship.

George F. Will of the Washington Post said in his commentary about the Yale incident, “On campuses so saturated with progressivism that they celebrate diversity in everything but thought, every day is a snow day: There are perishable snowflakes everywhere.”

Halloween costumes have not become an issue on our CSUB campus, and hopefully they never will. Being offensive should never be condoned, but freedom of expression should be upheld.

POLITICS

Trump adds Puerto Rico to his list of controversies

By Shelby Brown
Copy Chief

As thousands of American citizens suffer in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria, President Trump continues his trademark egocentric behavior by insulting those affected.

Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, an unincorporated territory of the United States, on Sept. 20, 2017. Puerto Ricans were left without power, food and clean water. CNN reported on Oct. 14 that the death toll has climbed to 48 with 117 people missing.

Despite numerous reports of Puerto Rico still being in post-apocalyptic conditions, Trump continues to insult their leadership and workforce.

On Sep. 30 Trump tweeted, “such poor leadership ability

by the mayor of San Juan, and others in Puerto Rico, who are not able to get their workers to help.”

Shortly after he tweeted that, Trump admitted that even federal first responders were having trouble communicating due to no phones or electricity on most of the island. He fails to attribute the lack of local distribution teams to reliable communication. He lacks the ability to reason before making comments, and even worse, he doesn’t care to correct these mistakes.

Trump visited Puerto Rico on Oct. 3. The comments he made lacked the maturity and tact expected of a strong leader.

“I hate to tell you Puerto Rico, but you’ve thrown our budget a little out of whack,” Trump said, and he rudely compared the island’s disaster to Hurri-

cane Katrina’s.

Trump commented on FEMA, Federal Emergency Management Agency, being in Puerto Rico. He tweeted on Oct. 12, “...We cannot keep FEMA, the Military & First Responders, who have been amazing (under the most difficult circumstances) in P.R. forever.”

This tweet lacks humanity, and it implies that the citizens in Puerto Rico are not worthy of proper relief. It also implies that FEMA has been aiding Puerto Rico for an unprecedented amount of time, but FEMA’s history says otherwise.

In October, CNN reported FEMA will likely stay in Texas for years recovering after being hit by Hurricane Harvey on Aug. 25. Prolonging support in areas that are affected by natural disasters isn’t just common, it is expected.

Trump’s approach to Puerto Rico is frigid, and America has taken notice. Unfortunately, Puerto Rican citizens aren’t receiving the same treatment from the president as Texas or Florida, other areas recently affected by natural disasters.

In response to the backlash to his poor response to Puerto Rico, Trump tweeted on Oct. 4, “Nobody could have done what I’ve done for #PuertoRico with so little appreciation. So much work!”

As his pattern continues, the United States president is more concerned about how the world perceives him rather than actually being the kind, compassionate and sane president many of us wish he actually was.

Puerto Rican-American Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez strongly and accurately stated



to the House Financial Services Committee, “we shed blood to defend the freedoms that every American in this country enjoys, so to kick fellow citizens while they are down is shameful.”

We are only 10 months into Trump’s term, and the list of controversies surrounding this

president grows longer every day. In order for Trump to start improving as our president and gain support, he needs to learn that empathy and compassion get people a lot further than hateful comments and uneducated assertions.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

A humanitarian issue that needs to be confronted

By Triandous Hobson
Opinions Writer

Over the last week a multitude of Hollywood’s best actresses have come out with allegations of sexual harassment and assault against Harvey Weinstein.

This led to many claiming that Hollywood culture is to blame; however, this is not just isolated to Hollywood.

This is an unresolved issue of power that is prominent in our society.

Tucker Carlton, news reporter for Fox News tweeted, “Hollywood is corrupt. The powerful prey upon the weak, and no-

body is held accountable.” His statement is strong, but it fails to recognize that this problem is not isolated to Hollywood elite. It is a problem that affects people worldwide, at an alarming rate.

According to Anita Hill, a United States attorney, “Forty-five percent of employees, mostly women, in the private workforce say they experience sexual harassment.”

Earlier this year, a study done by Reuters was conducted and it found that, “The US military received a record number of sexual assault reports in 2016,” which the pentagon spun as “a

sign of service member’s trust in the system.”

These numbers reflect that sexual harassment and assault are all too common in our society.

Of course, we could use the Hollywood elite to make the point.

Weinstein isn’t the only man to be accused of doing wrong in the entertainment business.

Bill Cosby, Woody Allen, Bill O’ Riley, Robert Kelly, Casey Affleck, and even President Donald Trump have been accused of sexual harassment, yet nothing has happened to them.

In fact, some of these men

have been incredibly successful, despite being accused of such deplorable acts.

It seems that whenever sexual assault comes up there always seems to be an array of questions.

Why didn’t these women come forward with these allegations earlier? How did they let this happen in the first place? What were they wearing?

Allow me to answer those questions with a question: Why does it even matter?

Are we not capable of being empathetic?

On Twitter, there is a hashtag

called #MeToo in which there are countless accounts of men and women detailing their experiences with being sexually harassed and assaulted.

How much longer are we going to deny that this is a prominent issue?

In Hollywood, it appears to be an open secret, with no one taking the risk to make actual change.

Comedian Megan Amram said it best, “Sometimes it’s like who’s responsible: the victims or the person who’s responsible?”

Society often gets it wrong, but the answer to this is that the

victim is never at fault.

The time is now to start speaking up for victims, condemning the assaulters, and to explicitly end tolerance for this in our society.

If you or anyone you know has been affected by any kind of sexual assault, you can speak to our Campus Advocate, Vanessa Corona. She is located in DRM F 102 and can be reached at 661-654-6210, or by email at vcorona2@csub.edu

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

Reloaded ‘Runners aim to repeat in WAC

By Peter Castillo
Sports Editor

After the two most successful seasons in program history at the Division I level, the CSU Bakersfield men’s basketball enters this season in a state of transition.

A year after advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the first time, CSUB won its first outright regular season Western Athletic Conference title and made a historic run in the National Invitation Tournament, becoming the first eight-seed to advance to the semifinals in Madison Square Garden.

Despite the success in recent seasons, the Roadrunners were selected to finish in the third place on the WAC in the coaches’ poll and fourth in the media poll.

The Roadrunners will have to replace roughly 55 percent of the team’s scoring from last season after Jaylin Airington, Dedrick Basile, Matt Smith and Justin Pride all graduated.

With the loss of all of the scoring, redshirt-senior guard Brent Wrapp is expecting to take on a larger role on the offensive end.

“I’ve got to be more of a scorer and do whatever it takes for the team to win,” said Wrapp. “Whether that’s scoring or passing, I have to do so on any given night to get the win.”

CSUB Head Coach Rod Barnes doesn’t feel that there will be much of a dropoff this season in terms of offensive production.

“We don’t really talk about replacing,” said Barnes to the WAC Digital Network at an introductory press conference. “We’ll be a different team, but our identity is in defense, rebounding and playing hard. But, obviously, we’re going to miss those guys.”

This year’s team will be led by Wrapp and redshirt-junior guard Daminye Durham.

“You can say CSUB or Roadrunners and Brent Wrapp is our face as far as men’s basketball goes,” said Barnes. “He’s one of those kids who someday should have his jersey retired.”

Wrapp led the Western Ath-

letic Conference for the third straight season in assist-to-turn-over ratio. He also led CSUB with 3.6 assists per game.

Wrapp was a member of both of the teams that reached the postseason in each of the last two seasons. He said he would like to see even more success in his final season at CSUB.

“I want to do something this year that we’ve never done here,” said Wrapp. “It would be cool if we could win both the regular season title and tournament in the same year.”

Wrapp has been dealing with a foot issue that may keep him from missing some time early in the season, but he has been practicing.

Durham was the Roadrunners’ sixth man and was second on the team with 12.7 points per game last season.

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Brent Wrapp,
redshirt-senior guard

Durham is expected to start for CSUB at small forward.

He was named to the All-WAC first team in the preseason coaches’ poll.

“He’s bigger and stronger now,” said Barnes. “It’s exciting to see his growth and I think he’s a much more complete player.”

CSUB’s frontcourt includes senior forward Shon Briggs, senior center Moataz Aly and redshirt-senior Fallou N’doye who should once again anchor a stout defensive team this season.

Briggs was named to the 2016 All-WAC Newcomers Team and played well in the NIT.

Aly was selected to both the newcomers team and the All-WAC Defensive Team.

The Roadrunners’ roster includes many new faces this season. However, one notable thing about the newcomers is the majority of them are freshman rather than junior college transfers.

Incoming freshmen include Jarkel Joiner, a guard from Oxford, Miss., who scored 36.5 points per game as a senior in high school, Cartrell Thompson, a 6-foot-8-inch forward from Compton, and Justin McCall, a Bakersfield native and Ridgeview High School graduate who is the son of CSUB women’s basketball coach Greg McCall.

Freshman forward Darrin Person Jr., a forward from Immanuel High School in Fresno, will be redshirting this season as he recovers from a hip injury.

The only transfer Barnes brought on board this year is Rickey Holden, a junior guard who transferred to CSUB after playing two seasons at Jones County Community College in Mississippi. The left-handed point guard will likely share starting backcourt duties with Wrapp.

Holden is looking forward to his opportunity to play at an up and coming program like CSUB.

“I’m looking to make a major impact with whatever coach Barnes wants me to do, on defense, getting people involved and scoring,” said Holden.

Also, redshirt-freshmen Greg Lee, a forward from Houston, Tex., and guard Justin Davis will be active this season. Taze Moore, a sophomore guard who was lost for the season with a leg injury in January, is fully healthy.

This season’s schedule features nonconference road matchups against the University of Arizona on Thursday, Nov. 16, UCLA on Wednesday, Nov. 29, Fresno State on Tuesday, Dec. 5, and the University of Arkansas on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Notable nonconference home games include Northern Arizona University on Saturday, Dec.



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Redshirt-senior guard Brent Wrapp drives the lane for a layup against Georgia Tech last season in the National Invitation Tournament semifinals in Madison Square Garden.

2, the University of Idaho on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Georgia Southern University on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Also, the Roadrunners will be competing in the Great Alaskan Shootout on Thanksgiving Weekend in Anchorage, AK.

“I scheduled these games because coming off the success we had, I wanted to keep our name at the forefront of people’s thoughts,” said Barnes. “A schedule like this does so much for our program and our league.”

After winning the WAC with a 12-2 record last season, New Mexico State University and Grand Canyon University, who is now postseason eligible, will be the Roadrunners stiffest competition in the conference.

Conference play begins for

CSUB on the road on Saturday, Jan. 6, against Utah Valley University.

CSUB will host an exhibition game versus Biola University on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Icardo Center.

The regular season begins on Friday, Nov. 10 when CSUB takes on Whittier College at 7 p.m. at the Icardo Center.

Conference play begins for

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

CSUB to take aim at top spot in WAC

By Peter Castillo
Sports Editor

Last season, the CSU Bakersfield women’s basketball team’s season came to a screeching halt in the semifinals of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament after going into the tournament with a three-game winning streak.

That team, which was upset in overtime by seventh-seeded Utah Valley University, finished the season with a 15-14 record overall and a second-place finish with a 10-4 mark in conference play.

CSUB Head Coach Greg McCall feels that the upset in the conference tournament has fueled the team this offseason and has made them even more driven.

“We really think that this could be the year that we turn the corner and get over the top,” said CSUB Head Coach Greg McCall. “As we continue to learn and grow more and more as team, we’re going to be OK down the road.”

The Roadrunners were selected in the coaches’ poll to finish second in the WAC behind perennial power New Mexico State University. The Aggies have won the conference title each of the last three seasons.

CSUB will have to deal with the loss of Erika Williams, who

graduated last spring. Williams scored over 1,000 points during her time in Bakersfield and finished her career ranked in the CSUB top ten of many statistical categories.

CSUB will also be without Addi Walters, a guard who transferred to Stetson University this season.

Walters was named WAC Freshman of the Year in 2016, but saw her minutes and production dip in her sophomore season last year.

The Roadrunners will be led this season by redshirt-senior center Jazmyne Bartee and senior forward Aja Williams.

“They are a talented group, but the rest of the conference is talented too,” said Jon Doss of KBAK. “The parity at the top of the conference is going to be really impressive.”

Bartee led the WAC with 74 blocked shots last season which set a CSUB record. She tallied 8 points and 6.9 rebounds per game and was named to the WAC’s All Defensive Team as a result. She was also named to the All-WAC Second Team.

Bartee also set a CSUB record by blocking eight shots in a game last season against Utah Valley University.

This season, she was named to the Preseason All-WAC First Team in the coaches’ poll.

Williams averaged 11.3 points



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Senior forward Aja Williams pulls up for a jumper during a game last season. Williams is the leading returning scorer for CSUB last season with 11.3 points per game.

and 4 rebounds per game. She scored a career-high 35 points and tied the CSUB record for three-point field goals with 9 in a game on the road against California last season.

Williams is being counted on this season to shoulder the load on offense this season.

“Both of them are seniors and they have been through the fire during their first year here,” said McCall. “Now they understand what it takes for us to get there and to be successful.”

Bartee and Williams were both named to the All-WAC Newcomer Team last season.

Junior guard Alexxus Gilbert and sophomore guard Kate Tokuhara will make up the starting backcourt this season.

Gilbert was second among returning players in assists last season and will likely share much of the ball-handling duties with Williams.

Tokuhara is a tall, versatile defender who is a knockdown three-point shooter as well. She shot over 38 percent from distance during her freshman season.

New additions have joined this season’s roster by way of both transfers and freshmen.

The three transfers are Kandiss Barber, a senior guard, who will be playing her final year of eligibility here after transferring from Rutgers University, Nandi Jorden, a 6-foot-5-inch junior forward from Hillsborough Community College and Malaysia McHenry, a junior forward from Trinity Valley Community College in Texas.

Three freshmen have been added to the roster this season. They are Vanessa Austin, a 6-foot-3-inch forward/center from Salt Lake City, Utah, Nadia Johnson, a forward from West Campus High School in Sacramento and Jasmin Dixon, a guard who is a Bakersfield native and graduate of Independence High School.

CSUB has plenty of size on its frontline this season, as there are five players at least 6-foot-1-inch tall on the roster.

Joining McCall’s coaching staff this season will be Ty Outland, a CSUB alumna who played for McCall from 2010 to 2014.

Outland is the all-time leading scorer in CSUB women’s basketball history..

The Roadrunners’ nonconference home schedule includes matchups against CSU Fullerton on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the University of Nebraska Omaha on Monday, Dec. 18 and UC Irvine on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Nonconference road matchups are games at UTEP on Saturday, Nov. 11, Stanford University on Sunday, Nov. 19, Southern Methodist University on Sunday, Dec. 3 and Boise State University on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Conference play will begin for the Roadrunners on Saturday, Jan. 6 against Utah Valley University at 1 p.m. at the Icardo Center.

The Roadrunners will host the annual Blue-Gold Game on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Icardo Center.

CSUB will open the regular season at home against Stanislaus State on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

WRESTLING

Wrestling team eyes season

By Peter Castillo
Sports Editor

After sending five wrestlers to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships last season, the CSU Bakersfield wrestling team is looking for even more success this season.

This season’s roster is young, with only three seniors, but is very talented and experienced nonetheless.

“We have the talent to take that next step, we have all the ingredients,” said CSUB Head Coach Manny Rivera. “It’s really just a matter of believing it and going for it.”

Rivera is entering his second season at CSUB.

Redshirt-senior Matt Williams, who is the starter again at 197, was one of the five qualifiers last season. Williams placed third at the Pac-12 Championships and posted the best finish of any CSUB wrestler last year at the NCAA Tournament by going 3-2.

Williams enters this season ranked as No. 11 in the 197 class nationally. This season, he is expecting to have even more success.

“The key is to not maintain, I want to do a lot better,” said Williams. “I still have to keep that hard-working mentality but really just having fun out there is key.”

Fellow redshirt-senior Coleman Hammond, a Bakersfield native, finished second at 149 at the Pac-12 Championships last season to qualify for the NCAA Tournament where he went 1-2. But this season, Hammond will be starting for CSUB at 157.

“Following in the steps of the guys that came before me and just seeing the way they

trained and trying to take examples from those guys of what to do gives you a sense of consistency in your life,” said Hammond.

Sophomore Sean Nickell earned an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament last season by winning the conference title at 125. He went 3-0 at the Pac-12 Championships. This season, Nickell has moved up to 133 and will be the starter.

Redshirt-sophomore Russell Rohlfing, who is wrestling again at 141, also qualified. Rohlfing is ranked No. 19 nationally in his weight class. He will be the starter at 141.

Junior Carlos Herrera will provide quality depth for the Roadrunners at 141. The Bakersfield native finished third in the Pac-12 Championships last season.

Redshirt-sophomore Lorenzo De La Riva qualified for the NCAA Tournament last season at 165. He placed second at the Pac-12 Championships to earn a spot. He will start for the Roadrunners at 165.

At CSUB’s annual Blue-Gold Dual held on Saturday, Oct. 21, De La Riva’s knee was heavily wrapped. Rivera was not at all concerned with De La Riva’s leg.

“He’s good, that’s really there more for protection,” said Rivera. “That’s something that he did a while back, but it’s nothing that we’re concerned about.”

Rivera notes that this year’s team has quality depth but the team could have been sharper at the Blue-Gold Dual.

“We can still be better, we’re not at our peak yet,” said Rivera. “To be honest, we can be a little bit sharper but we still

have a couple weeks.”

Redshirt-senior Sergio Mendez is the starter at 125. Sophomore Kalani Tonge will start for the Roadrunners at 141.

There will be competition for CSUB at three weight divisions 174, 184 and 285.

A pair of redshirt-juniors Bryce DeCarmargo and Bryan Battisto will be competing for the starting spot at 174. Battisto defeated DeCarmargo in overtime at the Blue-Gold Dual.

Redshirt-freshman Dominic Ducharme beat redshirt-sophomore Mark Penyacsek in a close bout and will most likely be the starter at 184.

Redshirt-freshman Jarrod Snyder won in a competitive match that went four overtimes over redshirt-sophomore Dominic Balmer in the heavyweight division and is the probable starter moving forward.

“This is what we have to go off,” said Rivera. “They’ll have a chance to compete against each other again and things might change, obviously.”

This season’s nonconference home schedule features duals against the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Wisconsin on Friday, Nov. 17 at home. This will be CSUB’s first home meet of the season. Nonconference road matchups include Fresno State, the University of Wyoming and Duke University.

CSUB will open conference play on the road against Stanford University on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 3:30 p.m.

The regular season will begin for the Roadrunners on Thursday, Nov. 2 on the road against the University of Buffalo.



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In the 125-weight class, Alex Hernandez-Figueroa, a redshirt-freshmen and Sergio Mendez, a redshirt-senior, wrestle in the Icardo Center during the Blue-Gold Dual on Oct. 21.



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Heavyweight redshirt-freshman Jarrod Snyder throws heavyweight redshirt-sophomore Dominic Balmer in the Icardo Center on Oct. 21 during the Blue-Gold Dual.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Valdez breaks 6k record, Pelzer and Frausto post personal records

By Vincent Perez
Assistant Sports Editor

CSU Bakersfield cross-country leader Angel Valdez has broken her own record time for the second time this season and kept her 6-kilometer CSUB record.

On Oct. 14, the senior finished 16th overall in the Bronco 6k Invitational in 20:54.6, in Santa Clara, California. Valdez holds the 4k, 5k and 6k records at CSUB.

“It was really tough,” said Valdez. “Usually the first mile and half of a race, I feel comfortable. This race, 800 meters in, I felt tired.”

Valdez said that the poor air quality due to the Northern California wildfires might have affected her performance.

“Like any sport, you have some days you have to work harder to get things done,” said Valdez. She eclipsed her previous record time of 21:50 at the 2016 NCAA Division I Regional. The 6k race was a hundred miles south of the Northern California wildfires.

Not far behind Valdez, sophomore Paradise Pelzer, finished 108th overall in 22:31.2. Pelzer is now fourth all-time for the Roadrunners in the 6k.

“It wasn’t as good as I wanted, but it’s a really big step up from where I was last year. I’m excited about my performance increasing,” said Pelzer.

The sophomore athlete said that she hasn’t reached where she needs to be yet and has a lot to do. The air quality in Santa Clara affected many runners, as well as Pelzer.

“Yes, honestly, but I generally have that problem,” Pelzer said that she does have asthma but takes her inhaler and allergy medicine to meets.

Redshirt-freshman Alejandra Frausto, rounded out the top three for Roadrunners, who finished in 22:40.7, nine spots behind Pelzer.

Frausto said about the 6k race, “That’s probably my best race yet.” She added about the air quality, “It was hard but I felt like we trained so hard that it didn’t really affect me.” Frausto is fifth all-time in the 6k in CSUB history after the Bronco Invitational.

Sonia Holguin, a redshirt-freshman, finished in 24:55 and sophomore Genesis Medina finished in 26:41.

Holguin attended McFarland High School and was conditioned for competitive running. However, the race in Santa Clara was her first 6k. She said, “I really didn’t feel the difference from the 5k.”

Holguin said about her performance, “I don’t want to say that I did bad because I don’t like to finish my races with a negative attitude. I’ve been trying to keep positive.”

She said that she didn’t race like she was supposed to, because she didn’t finish under 24 minutes, and was a minute slower of her pace. Director of Track and Field and Cross-Country, Marcia Mansur-Wentworth said that her performance was good enough for her first 6k, according to Holguin.

With the WAC Championships and NCAA I Regional



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CSU Bakersfield cross-country redshirt-freshman, Alejandra Frausto recorded her best 6k time at the Bronco Invitational.

coming up, the CSUB athletes talked about their hopes for their performances.

Pelzer said about the regional, “Last year, I did not do what I wanted to. I know I’m in shape. There’s no reason.” She added that she set her personal record in Santa Clara. “Now, I can do it again? Why not? And in one of the biggest races. That’s amazing.”

Frausto said about the 5k race at the WAC Championships, she wants to run 18:30 and at the regional, she wants to run 22 flat. Excitement about the last two races is not hard to find in the team.

Holguin said, “I’m excited. I feel like it’s such a blessing

to be in the top 7. There are girls who didn’t get to travel or compete.” She added, “It kind of sucks, but we all have to find our spots and perform.” Times individually affect the overall team score, as only top five score for each team.

In the Bronco Invitational, the Roadrunners finished 18th out of 21 teams with a combined score of 469. San Jose State finished in first place with 61 points.

The CSUB women’s cross-country team next travels to Englewood, Colorado on Saturday, Oct. 28 for the WAC Championships, followed by the NCAA Division I Regional, Nov. 10 in Seattle, Washington.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

CSUB shut out on senior day

By Victor Rodriguez
Reporter

The CSU Bakersfield women’s soccer team dropped a 1-0 decision on senior day to Utah Valley University on Sunday, Oct. 22nd at the Main Soccer Field.

The game remained scoreless until the 81st minute when UVU scored the lone goal of the game on a penalty kick from sophomore midfielder Breanna DeWaal.

“Soccer is a game of penalty boxes,” said CSUB Head Coach Gary Curneen.

“Who does the damage in one and who maybe makes a mistake in another and that’s what it came down to today. I think we all believe that we can go and do some damage, but we’re working very hard to switch the momentum from south to north.”

The first 45 minutes were even but made for an exciting game of soccer as both teams looked to get on the board and take the lead.

The Roadrunners had seven shots with four of them being on goal over the Wolverines five shots with three on goal.

At the 15:36 minute mark, redshirt-junior forward Aminah Settles spun around a defender and took a shot from inside the right side of the box, but UVU sophomore goalkeeper Brooklyn Nielsen got a touch on the ball and the ball hit the crossbar.

Just about a minute later sophomore midfielder Sophie Freeman headed the ball towards goal, but a UVU defender was

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Gary Curneen, CSUB women’s soccer Head Coach

there to clear the ball just over the goal line.

The second half was more inclined towards UVU as they looked for the winning goal more than CSUB.

They added seven shots with three of them going at goal over CSUB’s three shots with two on goal.

The Roadrunners had a couple of free kicks during the last minutes of the game but no clear chances to equalize the game.

“We’re just taking everything positive with us; our work ethic, our play, as soon as we put the ball on the ground we switched the fields and broke their defense down,” said senior defender Maja Green.

“We just got to bring that with us to GCU and keep working hard so our win will come.”

The Roadrunners will wrap up the regular season be on the road against Grand Canyon University on Friday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m.

Both teams are currently tied for the sixth in the WAC. The winner would clinch the final spot in the WAC Tournament. The WAC Tournament is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Nov. 1 in Phoenix, Arizona.

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