

## CSUB is planning two graduation ceremonies

By Danica Asbridge  
Staff Writer

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

CSUB students have strived to accomplish many things throughout their time here at California State University, Bakersfield. Some came straight out of high school looking forward to continuing their education, while others came back to school after living some time in the real world (and the university welcomed them).

It has been a hard four years. The economy has been on a down-slope and the state legislature, in efforts to save money, decided to cut a lot of funding to state schools. This caused fees to increase and some teachers to get laid off in this time of hardship. But, of course, it wasn't all bad times. Teachers continued to teach and students continued to learn, which has all led up to this event.

Graduation time is here for many CSUB students. Four years (plus or minus a few) have accumulated to this – walking the stage and taking the first step towards the rest of their lives. Those who walk away with diplomas are no doubt proud of what they have accomplished.

Commencement for the school of Humanities and Social Sciences (H&SS) will take place in the Icardo Center on December 1, 2008. The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. and is open with first come, first-serve seating.

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President Horace Mitchell shaking hands with a CSUB grad.

**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."**

**–Eleanor Roosevelt**

## OrgSync – Myspace for CSUB

By Michelle Ramos  
Staff Writer

Finally a breath of fresh air for students, faculty, and alumni who are in clubs or just want join them without all the hassles. The arrival of Orgsync to CSUB on October 11th requires no training and users can navigate through the site just as easily as Myspace or Facebook.

"We realize many of our students are communicating through Myspace or Facebook, and so we want to provide something to the students that is unique to CSUB," said Marina Avalos-Kegley Director of Orgsync.

Many clubs are recruiting for their Myspace page rather than their CSUB web-

page available to them around the clock. Currently, the club webmasters are plagued by requests to update their page, but on Orgsync students can update their profile immediately and have access to their officers, committees and members.

Many clubs and organizations can manage their meetings, events and even recruit members to sign up. Orgsync users have access to other members of their club or students in a different club by simply creating an account and joining. This includes advisors of the clubs, faculty and students past and present.

This "Online Campus" can help the student population that has other commitments, [Cont. on Page 6]

## New CSUB bicycle registration program

By Phillip Barnett  
Editor in Chief

With a the number of CSUB cyclists growing the University Police department has developed a new bicycle registration program that which is a free service provided to all students, faculty and staff.

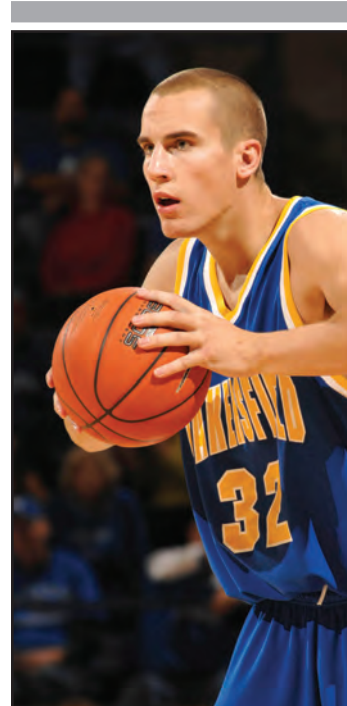
There is a link on the left hand of the university police website where you can find a bicycle registration form," said officer Tony Chavez. "When you bring your bike to the police department we'll affix a little sticker to your bike. The stickers have an identification number and the police phone number."

The service is to help those whose bikes are lost or stolen. Having a registered bike makes it much easier for the police to get a bike back to the correct person.

On the website there are tips on the right way to lock a bicycle. Chavez noted that "90 percent of the bikes on campus have the wrong locks."

In the future the police hope to be able to provide a bicycle lock rental service that students or staff would be able to use for the entire school year.

For more information or to register your bike, be sure to check out [www.csub.edu/BAS/police/bicycle](http://www.csub.edu/BAS/police/bicycle)



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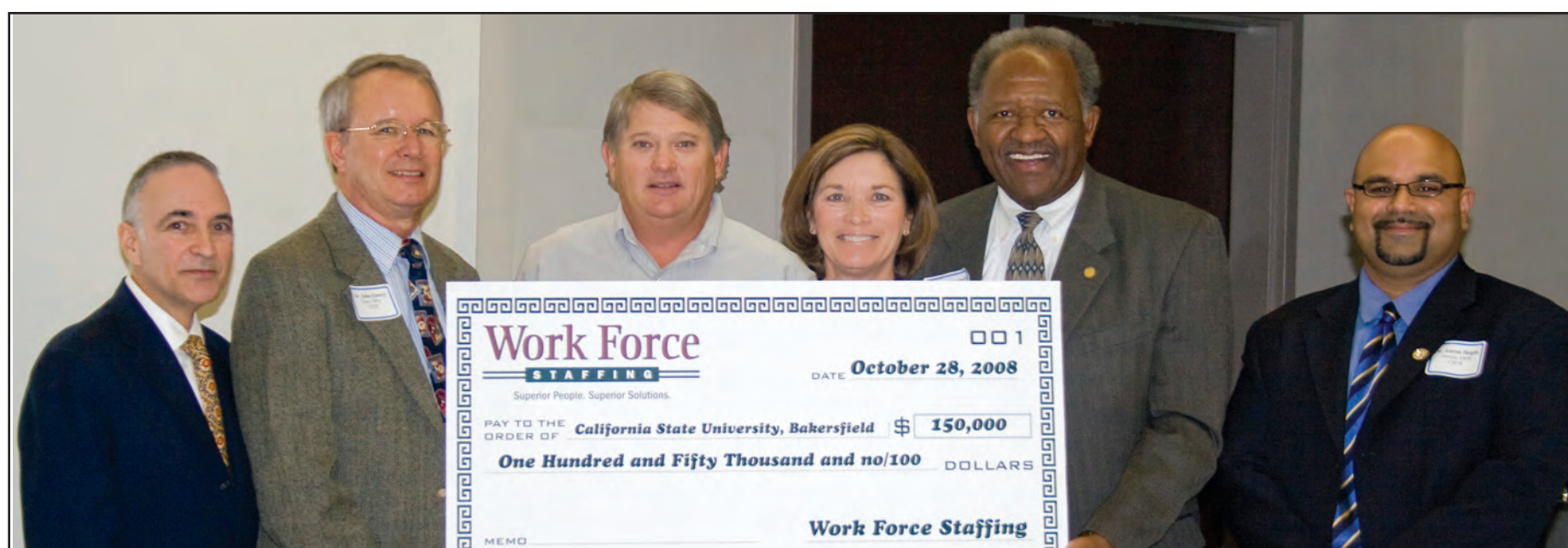


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President Horace Mitchell and professor Aaron Hegde with the staff at Work Force.

## CSUB ready to offer the long awaited Occupational Safety and Health Program

By Hillary Haenes  
Staff Writer

Even though it has taken a while to implement, CSUB will soon offer the long awaited Occupational Safety and Health Program. Since it still has to go through a lot of official channels, it is not yet considered an official program. However, students can expect to begin taking one of the four courses that will be offered during the Spring Quarter of 2009.

It is not a new program, but there are new courses within the Environmental Resource Management Program (ERM) that will allow students a fresh career opportunity.

Because Kern County has grown as a community that features many jobs in the industries of oil and gas, agriculture and construction, CSUB and the community have come together to give students an opportunity to take courses required for safety and

health professional occupations. Some of the funding came from a locally owned company, Work Force Staffing, that donated \$150,000 to the partnership.

"A former graduate of the ERM program, a gentleman by the name of Joe Bariffi, who works for Aera Energy, came to me and brought up this notion that we had a shortage and the ERM had good training, but that it needed a few more courses," said Director of the Environmental

Resource Management Program and Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Dr. Aaron Hegde.

When Bariffi graduated CSUB in 1989, the safety industry had just started to recognize that safety was considered a profession - it was needed - but not as frequently demanded. Whereas in today's society, companies are looking for people who not only have work experience,

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# RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Ashley Sizemore, Entertainment Editor

This Week, The Runner asked, "What are your plans for Thanksgiving?"



**Roxanne Foronda,**  
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"Seeing family"



**Almalinda Duran,**  
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"Going out of town...to Riverside...having a family reunion"



**Bradley Williams,**  
Engineering,  
Sophomore

"Eat some food with my family"



**Robert Tincher,**  
Biochemistry,  
Sophomore

"Going back home to spend time with my family in Ventura"

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## Budget like a college student

By Najiyah Baith  
Staff Writer

It is hard to save money in life, especially when you are a student in college. You wait for your financial aid and sometimes the wait is so long and nerve wrecking that when you do get it, you spend it on things that you really don't need. The funny thing about a student's spending is they justify buying expensive gadgets.

If you are like me and like nice things then you have to have a budget. The myth is that only the rich needs to have an accountant. It has been said to me time and time again that, "once you know how to manage small money, only then will you know how to manage big money." You can be your own accountant. I have done all of the grunt work for you and have found the best steps in this self-managing process that actually work.

The following are steps that actually work for the college student on a budget:

**Have a financial record.** This is as easy as having a sheet of paper in your purse or backpack where you can keep track of your income expenses. Write down how much you'll have coming in during the month and what you have going out. This will keep you prepared and aware of what you have at your disposal. Once you have this knowledge you'll know what you can afford when it comes to the weekend.

**Keep your receipts.** This sounds tedious, but it's important in case you ever miscalculate or mess up along the way. Sometimes when you're new at budgeting, you start to get weak, start spending and don't expect a big bill to come in.

**Spend money only on what you need.** You never know when a parking ticket will appear on your windshield or when you'll need a new set

of tires. Always be prepared for a hidden expense.

**Consider your options.** Go to a local bank near your school and speak with a financial services representative about the different programs they have specifically geared toward college students. Most banks will have some system in place for college students and are great ways to get introduced to the real world. This service at the bank is usually free.

**Pay your bills on time.** The last thing you need are late fees and other expenses associated with not paying your bills on time. Stay current with your credit card bill as the interest alone can clean you out down the road.

**Look for free stuff.** Companies give away tons of freebies from people looking for student business. If you hear about giveaways on campus, go reap the benefits. Clubs and organizations will give away free food. Not only will you be able to save the money you would have spent on food, you can meet new people too.

**Empty out your pockets.** At the end of the day, dump out the change in your pockets and put it in a jar. Keep building that jar up, then go deposit it in a bank when the quarter ends. You will be surprised how much you save.

**Sometimes you need quick cash for an emergency.** Places like FYE, a company that buys used CDs and DVDs, or Plato's Closet, a clothing store that buys gently used clothing, is a good place to sell clothes, accessories and shoes. They give you cash before you leave the store. Also, if you or someone you know has a house, have a yard sale. People laugh, but having a yard sale has been proven to be very lucrative and popular in Bakersfield. Don't let this budget crisis get you down. It just takes a little prioritizing and creativity. Now, go live free and be savvy spenders.

## CSUB to host academic decathlon preparation day for high school students

Courtesy of Public Information

Over 200 area high school students will attend the 19th annual Academic Decathlon preparation day scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at California State University, Bakersfield's Doré Theatre.

Introductions and welcomes will be made by Soraya Coley, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Mustafah Dhada, associate vice president for academic programs; Michael Flachmann, director of the Helen Louise Hawk honors program and English professor; and Cathie Barraza, coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

The United States Academic Decathlon is one of the premier academic competitions for high school students in the United States. USAD contests are held in 39 states, as well as in British Columbia, Canada. It consists of 10 events, which include seven

tests, two performance events and an essay.

"This year's Academic Decathlon preparation day at CSUB will feature five of CSUB's outstanding faculty discussing Latin America with a particular focus on Mexico," said John Dirkse, associate dean of academic programs.

Sessions on key topics are scheduled during the event. CSUB biology professors Ken Gobalet and Paul Smith will discuss evolutionary biology. Dianne Turner, teacher education professor, will give a presentation on Mexican art. Brett Schmoll, history professor, will lead a discussion about the novel "Bless Me, Ultima." Dhada will conclude the day with a discussion of the history of Mexico.

The next Academic Decathlon competition will be held in February at Bakersfield High School.

For more information, please contact Dirkse at CSUB at (661) 654-3420 or jdirkse@csub.edu.

## CSUB graduates have much to look forward to

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The School of H&SS includes many majors that students will be receiving their diplomas in. These include Anthropology, Counseling, Psychology, English, French, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Spanish, Art, Communications, Criminal Justice, Liberal Studies, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies, Theatre and any Special Majors.

Anyone who wants to watch friends, family and/or classmates walk should be sure to show up early to get a seat. The ceremony will take approximately two hours, so be prepared for a long sitting time. Check-in for graduates begins at 9:30 a.m. at Old Gym, which is North of the Icardo Center.

If you stick around a couple hours, the commencement for Natural Sciences and Mathematics starts in the Icardo Center at 2 p.m. on the same day. This will be for any students who have majors in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Mathematics, Natural Science, Nursing and Physics. Check-in is also in the Old Gym.

Some students may be excited for the future, as others may be scared or anxious. Another quote from Eleanor Roosevelt gives some great advice to all of those who are graduating, "You have to accept whatever comes and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best that you have to give."

Congratulations and good luck to all graduating CSUB students.

## Why SOCI matters to students and professors

By Perla Madrid  
Staff Writer

While CSUB students are dragging their feet to class these last few days of the fall quarter, they are asked to give a bit more of their energy by anxious professors who pass out what students have come to know as the dreadful SOCI.

The SOCI may only occupy five minutes of a student's time; however, with strenuous studying and final exams that time is costly for many. Why the SOCI?

SOCI stands for Student Opinionnaire of Courses and Instruction. It is a questionnaire/evaluation form offered at CSUB that students in each regular class are asked to fill out at the end of the quarter.

Although it is ideal for all students to fill these forms, that is not always the case.

According to Duane Jorges, many times, for example in a class of 25 students, the returned package will only contain five SOCI or at times, many SOCI are blank those then are pulled out to be used for the upcoming quarter.

Jorges, from Administrative Computing Services (ACS), has been in charge of processing the SOCI for over 3 years, 4 times a year, with the help of student assistants. ACS receives up to 25,000

SOCI in a week, all of which need to be processed in a relatively short amount of time. "All SOCI formulate into a report that are then given to their corresponding department," says Jorges.

Jorges does not find the time to read any of the SOCI, however among the returned packets it is not unusual for Jorges to spot blank SOCI or even a smiley face here or there.

Once the report is made faculty use the student criticisms and evaluations to make organized modifications in their courses to better attend to students.

Faculty committees and university administrators also use the SOCI as a way of measuring faculty performance in teaching for Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (RTP), for probationary tenure-track faculty, for post-tenure review of tenured faculty, and for performance review of temporary faculty.

That is the SOCI in a nutshell.

A reminder that the next time your professor leaves you to fill in the SOCI, when it comes down to it your answers are not entirely affecting your professor's career, rather they are affecting your course instruction for you and your fellow colleagues.



# Lavinia's top 5 holiday movies

By Lavinia Sfetcu  
Staff Writer

## 1. Elf (2003)

After a baby crawls into Santa's bag of presents, the North Pole receives a rather large new addition to the family. Played by Will Ferrell, Buddy the Elf is noticeably larger than all the other elves and begins to feel like an outcast. Buddy decides to go to New York to find his real father, and his father doesn't take too kindly to the idea of his son being an elf. The movie is filled with hilarious scenarios where Buddy tries to fit in with the fast-paced city living in New York City. In the end, it is up to Buddy to restore the Christmas spirit within the city. Elf is by far my favorite holiday movie because the humor can relate to anyone, young or old.

## 2. Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)

This Oscar-winning movie formed Jim Carrey into the classic cartoon character, the Grinch, which is based on a Dr. Seuss book. The magical town of Whoville is filled with

munchkin-like characters who are in love with Christmas. Grinch is also a resident of Whoville who never quite fit in since he was little. When the town of Whoville gets ready to celebrate Christmas, the Grinch comes up with a master plan to steal Christmas from all the people. After befriending Cindy Lou Who, a little girl from Whoville, the Grinch soon changes his attitude and becomes a loveable, nice character. I love Jim Carrey's portrayal of the Grinch in the movie. Carrey brings a new face to the popular green-mas-termined creature.

## 3. The Santa Clause (1994)

Tim Allen's character, Scott Calvin, receives an unfamiliar job title when he accidentally injured a Santa impersonator who was on his roof. After the "Santa" falls off the roof, there is a note suggesting Scott Calvin to get in the sleigh and Calvin begins to deliver the gifts to the remaining households. Convinced that it was a dream, Calvin starts to recognize changes in his appearance. His hair begins to turn white and his weight is drastically increased. The movie shows all the funny situations that Tim Allen's charac-

ter is in to try to hide his new identity to his family. I love The Santa Clause because it is the perfect family movie and it is one of the best classic Christmas movies.

## 4. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)

The Griswold's are back, but this time it's Christmas time, and Clark Griswold has a huge plan for the family. Unfortunately, the family has continuous bad luck with the plans for a family get-together. Clark goes overboard with his holiday spirit by setting up enough lights that can power a nuclear power plant. This, of course, upsets the family and the neighbors. It all ends with Clark's end-of-year bonus check being quite smaller than he had anticipated. Finally, Clark snaps and goes crazy with all the stress that he has generated during the whole holiday season planning. The movie is a classic view of the Griswold's and their quest for a civil family gathering. Christmas Vacation is such a favorite of mine because I have watched the other National Lampoon's films religiously and once again, the Griswold's

never fail to make me laugh.

## 5. The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)

Jack Skellington, the "the Pumpkin King" of Halloween Town, begins to become bored with the continuous celebrations of his hometown and goes searching for something new. Jack then stumbles into a new town called Christmas Town and doesn't quite understand the concept but feels the need to spread the word to his own town. In this Tim Burton film, Jack tries to convince Halloween Town that they should have a Christmas, but the town doesn't know what to think of the new idea. Santa is abducted by the children of Halloween Town and is taken to the town's boogey man, Oogie Boogie, who isn't very welcoming of the visitor. The movie is filled with catchy songs and incredible animation that can be viewed during either Christmas or Halloween. Although Nightmare Before Christmas is last on the list, this movie takes the cake. What other movie can you combine Halloween and Christmas and turn it into an amazing masterpiece? I love singing along!

## CAMPBELL'S CRITIQUE: MIYOSHI SUSHI

Reviewed by  
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Sushi lovers at CSUB are spoiled. You wouldn't think that Bakersfield – commonly accepted by certain locals as being the armpit of California – would have an extensive selection of sushi places, but it does, and most of them are right by campus!

Ichiban on White Lane and Gosford has the all you can eat sushi, Toro at the Marketplace has the trendy ambiance, but Miyoshi at Stockdale Hwy. and Gosford has class.

Miyoshi Sushi – as you may have guessed – is the restaurant I have chosen to wrap up this quarter's food reviews. It features all of your typical sushi rolls plus a few specialty rolls – nothing too unique like Ichiban's

lobster California roll, which is served en flambé – but there is definitely a wide variety of sushi to choose from.

Quality-wise, Miyoshi is a top competitor in Bakersfield with a talented staff of sushi chefs who consistently turn out quality rolls. The fish always looks fresh, which is always a good sign when you're eating it raw.

The atmosphere inside Miyoshi is a cozy classic sushi bar with a small dining area. The restaurant is richly – yet tastefully – decorated with paper lanterns and Hokusai prints. The waiting staff is also dressed in traditional Japanese garb.

Miyoshi offers a variety of traditional hot and cold served sake. Not being a big fan of or expert on sake, I can't tell you whether the



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selection is any good, but there is a selection. They also have a few wines and Japanese beers.

Miyoshi is pretty comparable to most other sushi places in town price-wise. If you're not looking to have any of the pricy specialty rolls, you can eat for under \$10 a person, which isn't bad for a hardcore sushi lover looking for a cheap fix.

If you're looking for a more traditional sushi eating experience – Miyoshi is definitely the place to go.

## 'Zack and Miri' make a good movie

Bryson Paul  
Staff Writer

Literally, Weinstein Co.'s "Zack and Miri make a Porno" will be the funniest porno you will ever see in your life. What's even more hilarious, there is hardly any nudity in the entire movie, it's pure comedy filled with witty comments. Zack and Miri is a movie about two bestfriends who are broke and seriously behind on their bills.

Looking to figure out a way to score some quick cash, the two decide to start making homemade porn and recruit a few nutty locals to participate in the production. The Kevin Smith directed picture stars new funnyman Seth Rogen as the titled character Zack and Elizabeth Banks as Miri.

One wonders if Smith does-

n't jokingly call this movie

"When Zack and Miri Made a Porno," because Zack's philosophy on how sex complicates everything is hauntingly familiar to a certain Billy Crystal/Meg Ryan movie. The endings to both movies are similar too. Granted, it is good material, but Smith has never been one to need someone else's material.

Another interesting aspect of the film is the intermingling of actors from the other Rogen related films. Plenty of familiar faces throughout the entire pictures will have audiences saying "Oh that's [him/her]."

There is no denying Rogen's comedic ability, and he has just enough vulnerability to pass for a romantic lead; the problem is that he plays Zack the same way he played Ben in "Knocked Up" and Dale

in "Pineapple Express."

Smith must have a weakness for actors with limited range, but smart enough to cast a female lead that can carry the weight, and Banks does just that. The look on Banks' face right before she and Zack shoot their sex scene is unforgettable. "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" has the kind of ending that some studios will spend millions in market research to design, but it's not a sellout; it's the ending that the movie deserves. If only Smith had waited until later in the movie to set that ending up.

His character is easily relatable to the audience with his carefree personality on screen. The film is more entertaining than sexual, scenes are so hilarious that you enjoy watching the making of a porno.

## Various boutiques offer a variety of fashionable designer names that are located close to CSUB campus

By Najiyah Baith and  
Hillary Haenes  
Staff Writers

Coming into the start of fabulous winter quarter, we see so many stylish warm clothes, boots and fun accessories as we walk around CSUB.

Bakersfield isn't necessarily known for its savvy, fashion style, but rather it's rapid growth of real estate and commercial businesses. However, the city does offer several chic boutiques.

In the past six years fashionable boutiques have been making a rise in Bakersfield. Bringing name brands such as True Religion, Juicy Couture, Ed Hardy and Dolce & Gabbana among many other designers. Recently, the Valley Plaza mall has opened Sephora, Coach, Bebe, Lucky Brand Jeans, and G (which is a chain of Guess brand clothes).

The hot ticket items for fall are tops adorned with feathers, leather bomber jackets, knee high boots, and ankle boots known as 'shoeties', scarves, long boyfriend cardigan sweaters, statement jewelry and anything with dark berry hues.

"I like to wear comfy sweatshirts from Hollister and basic jeans," said junior Petra Tobin.

With winter comes great sweaters, coats and boots.

For all of the fashionistas who cannot afford to travel for these brands, boutiques like Lolo's and Bella are located near CSUB. They have already begun getting in their winter apparel.

According to the December issue of Elle Magazine, the new winter trends are crochet and needlepoint sweaters and scarves, the lumberjack styled plaids, patchwork pieces, and faux animal prints are also making a come back as well. The no white after Labor Day proverb is out the window because a lot of fashion magazines are showcasing winter white in a lot of their collections.

Lolo's is one of the favorite boutiques adored by young girls in

town. Located across the street from Chipotle on Stockdale Highway, Lolo's is geared toward teen-aged shoppers, however women between the ages of 16 and 25 will love their style. Their selection is limited compared to some of the other shops, but they stick to casual, yet cute pieces.

Bella, which is located in the Marketplace, has by far the biggest selection of Juicy Couture in Bakersfield. If you are a Juicy Couture lover, then Bella is definitely your one stop shop for Juicy clothes, charms, bracelets, shoes and handbags. The great thing about Bella is that there is not a preferred age demographic.

They feature name brands like Nanette Lepore, BCBG, Betsey Johnson and Michael by Michael Kors. The store offers the best variety of jeans in town including: Joe's Jeans, Paige Premium Denim, Citizens of Humanity, Seven for all Mankind, Chip and Pepper, and recently introduced True Religion jeans. In addition, they also exclusively showcase local designers' accessories and clothes. They have an extensive dress collection for all occasions such as proms and formal dances, weddings, holiday parties or even casual attire for a weekend barbecue. If you are not able to experience the Bella boutique in person, then visit them online at the website: www.shopbella.com.

And for all the fashionistas on a budget, TJ Maxx and Marshall's are some of the untapped style resources in Bakersfield. The trick is you definitely have to be ready to look through racks of clothes, but some of the finds are well worth it.

Both stores sell discounted designer name brands such as Juicy Couture, Coach, True Religion, Theory, Ed Hardy, James Perse and Baby Phat. What a lot of people don't know is that every once in a while they get in designer make-up like Benefits, KLS (which is the new line from Kimora Lee Simmons who also founded Baby Phat), Lancôme, Stila and Too Faced Cosmetics.

Other larger stores that sell trendy clothes for reasonable prices are department stores like Target, Kohl's and Macy's. "My favorite places to shop are Macy's, Kohl's, and Plato's Closet because I already established a credit history with Macy's, Kohl's when they announce big discount savings and Plato's Closet because it is really cheap," said junior Laila Bajunaid.

Also, the much long-awaited,

newly remodeled Forever 21 in the mall is a favorite hotspot among young women. It is designed to make young shoppers feel that they are in a different city. The atmosphere is classier and more open-spaced, whereas before the clothing racks were jam-packed. However, the music is still excessively loud, but the sales girls are helpful and provide shoppers with a pleasant.

Popular clothing stores in the mall that both male and female college students frequently shop at are Express, Hollister and Abercrombie.

"I like shopping at Express because they have a lot of different styles for work, evening and casual wear as well," said junior Erika Perez.

There are more boutiques that were not mentioned such as Talula's, Miss Holiday and Tangerine. If you want to know more about Bakersfield boutiques, then simply Google 'Bakersfield boutiques' and you will find an array of boutiques for your shopping pleasure. Bakersfield is definitely on the rise to having big city shopping, so enjoy the shopping experiences to come.



Above: A juicy couture bracelet.

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Top Right: Uggs are in the season as they keep you warm.

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Left: Ed Hardy men's t-shirt.

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Firoozeh Dumas showing off her book, "Funny in Farsi."

## Firoozeh Dumas explains why it's 'Funny in Farsi'

By Emily Shapiro  
Features Editor

"The smell of gas reminds me of my childhood," said Firoozeh Dumas as she opened her presentation to California State University, Bakersfield students, faculty and community members last Monday night in the Icardo Center. Dumas grew up around oil refineries in Abadan, Iran.

Dumas book, "Funny in Farsi," published in 2003, is a memoir about growing up Iranian in America, and some of the difficulties she encountered.

Dumas came to America in 1972 and settled with her family in Whittier, California. Her stay lasted two years. In these two years Dumas would learn a lot, including how to speak English, "When I came here I did not speak any English," said Dumas.

Dumas spent a small amount of time talking about her teacher Mrs. Sandber, "She was a fabulous teacher," said Dumas.

It is an understatement to say that Dumas experienced culture shock.

"Before I came to America I had never been to a supermarket. In Abadan they have open-air markets, said Dumas.

Her shock also extended to the educational system, "A flying carpet is a library card, it will take you anywhere you want to go," said Dumas as she explained to the audience her first library experience.

Dumas had never been to a library before coming to America, "In Iran our house had no books, except for engineering text books. I thought my father was crazy when he said books could be borrowed," said Dumas.

After the two years were up her family moved back to Abadan. Then they relocated to the United States during the Iranian Revolution.

Dumas spoke at length about the hatred she encountered while this revolution happened, "You know the Beach Boys song, Barbra Ann? Well during the Revolution the song was changed to Bomb Iran," said Dumas.

In the second part of her presentation Dumas focused on how she became involved in writing, "I joined a writers

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By Korisha Hamblet  
Staff Writer

Firoozeh Dumas came to CSUB at 7 p.m. to talk to students on campus about the book that was required of many freshman students on campus. Dumas is a famous author who wrote books like "Funny in Farsi," which was the requirement for CSUB 101 this fall quarter.

Quarterly there is a book assigned to all CSUB 101 classes and some or all of English 100 students as well. Generally, toward the end of the quarter they attempt to bring the

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## Around the world with Yana

By Emily Shapiro  
Features Editor

This will be the last piece in the Around the World series.

Last week we were in Armenia. This week we head to the Ukraine.

Yana Lyushnevskaya is a native of City of Simferopol, Crimean Peninsula, Ukraine. She is a sophomore studying Communications, and is interested in radio broadcasting. She is here for one year, "I came here on the Global undergraduate Exchange program. I am here on scholarship," said Lyushnevskaya.

Back in her hometown of City of Simferopol, Lyushnevskaya had a very interesting job, "I worked at a radio station as reporter and then later as a news

editor and presenter. Mostly I read news agency websites, formatted them, and read them on air, eight times a day," said Lyushnevskaya.

Her likes and dislikes of California State University, Bakersfield sound all too familiar, "I like the classes and the professors. Academically CSUB is a very strong school. I also like getting to know my classmates, the other international students and the clubs. I dislike the school's location. There is not much stuff to do in Bakersfield," said Lyushnevskaya.

Educationally speaking, the differences between CSUB and her home university of Taurida National University in the City of Simferopol are staggering, "There are a lot of differences. At my home university I can't choose

classes and I always study with the same group of people. The exams are oral, and we don't have electives," said Lyushnevskaya.



Photo courtesy of Yana Lyushnevskaya  
Yana Lyushnevskaya in a radio studio.

Lyushnevskaya's hobbies include music, movies, traveling, sports and foreign languages, "I love the process of learning a new language," said Lyushnevskaya, who speaks four languages, Russian, Ukrainian, English and German. According to Lyushnevskaya, she is learning a fifth language, French.

As a visitor Lyushnevskaya has many goals, "I want to meet new people. I want to see an NBA game -the Portland Trailblazers-and I want to travel to Oregon, and the East Coast, mostly New York and Philadelphia," said Lyushnevskaya.

The one thing that really disappoints Lyushnevskaya is how important a car plays in our daily lives, "If you don't have a car you are stuck on campus," said Lyushnevskaya.

## Profile on Rachel Bzostek

By Emily Shapiro  
Features Editor

This past summer professor Rachel Bzostek of the California State University, Bakersfield Political Science Department participated in a fellowship sponsored by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. This fellowship took her to Israel for 12 days to meet various academics and government officials. The fellowship provided an opportunity to learn about and discuss certain issues related to terrorism.

"Terrorism," according to a slide used at the conference, is "the intentional use of, or threat to use, violence against civilians or civilian targets in order to attain political goals."

Participating in this fellowship was very valuable to Bzostek, "I am teaching a terrorism class next quarter and I can integrate their information," said Bzostek.

Bzostek is also the program director for the CSU-ACE Intelligence Community Scholar Program. According to a CSU-ACE ICSP pamphlet, the program is designed to help prepare students for careers in national intelligence and related fields.

The program is designed around several core elements including scholarships for summer travel abroad programs, conferences, seminars and other events related to national security issues and summer outreach programs for high school students.

It is funded by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

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# Firoozeh Dumas explains why it is 'Funny in Farsi'

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author to the school to present, explain or confirm the meaning of the book to the students. This quarter Dr. Emerson Case brought Ms. Dumas to the school to speak on her book.

Monday evening the Icaro Center was filled with about 500 students who either were interested in her book or needed class credit for attending the author's visitation. A freshman, Janae Burres, said, "I tried to get into the book and I couldn't because I was always busy, but coming to hear her speak was still exciting and informational."

Another student, Cristal Roderiguez, said, "I liked the information that Ms. Dumas shared with us, but honestly, I came because I needed credit for my class." Regardless of the many different reasons the students, staff, parents and local visitors had for attending, there was a nice turn out.

"Funny in Farsi" is an autobiographical book, about the experiences Ms. Dumas had when she moved to Whittier, California from Iran. The book tells her journeys and encounters in California. Dumas tells the issues that an Iranian would have during the times of war and how she felt. The book is told from her point of view about what it felt like to live through the experience of being a war target. The book is comical but accurate. She does not complain about the U.S. she simply explains nine-year-old's confusion with war.

Dumas spoke to our freshman concerning her book, but also gave a general idea of what lead up to writing the book. She gave examples of how she lived and of the things that she left out of the book. She explained that before she wrote this book she was a stay-at-home-mom for years and out for leisure she joined a writers group. Dumas said that she started to enjoy writing her life sto-

ries although it was awkward being in a group where the women were so much older and had so many more life experiences.

To describe what she learned from her experience here, she stated that, "I want my children to know to never be afraid of people who are different from them." Dumas said that the majority of the hard times in society came from people fearing the unknown. She said that one week their neighbors were their friends, and as soon as the Iranian War began they became outcasts. She quotes moments from childhood when people would say things like "I use Iranians for target practice."

The overall event was a great success and the students should be grateful to Dr. Case for extending his time and effort to receive such a wonderful author. For informational purposes the book store is now selling Dumas' book, "Funny in Farsi."



Photo courtesy of google images

Author Firoozeh speaking to an audience about her book.

## Dumas tells how she got started

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group when my third child was born. The group became like my extended family living room," said Dumas.

Dumas then explained how some of her stories came about, "The first time I went to summer camp I was 12 years old. I made no friends, and I didn't bathe because the showers had no walls or doors," said Dumas.

She also spoke of the publishing process, "I made 15 copies of my 70-page manuscript and I even gave one to a lady in the bathroom of 'The Four Seasons' hotel. The lady was Gloria Steinem," said Dumas.

Dumas' presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Some questions were practical, and others were more offbeat.

One question dealt with her culture shock on coming to America, "There is so much of everything, so many choices," said Dumas.

Another question dealt with why she doesn't have a television in her house, "I want my kids to actually do something else with their life. I abused TV," said Dumas.

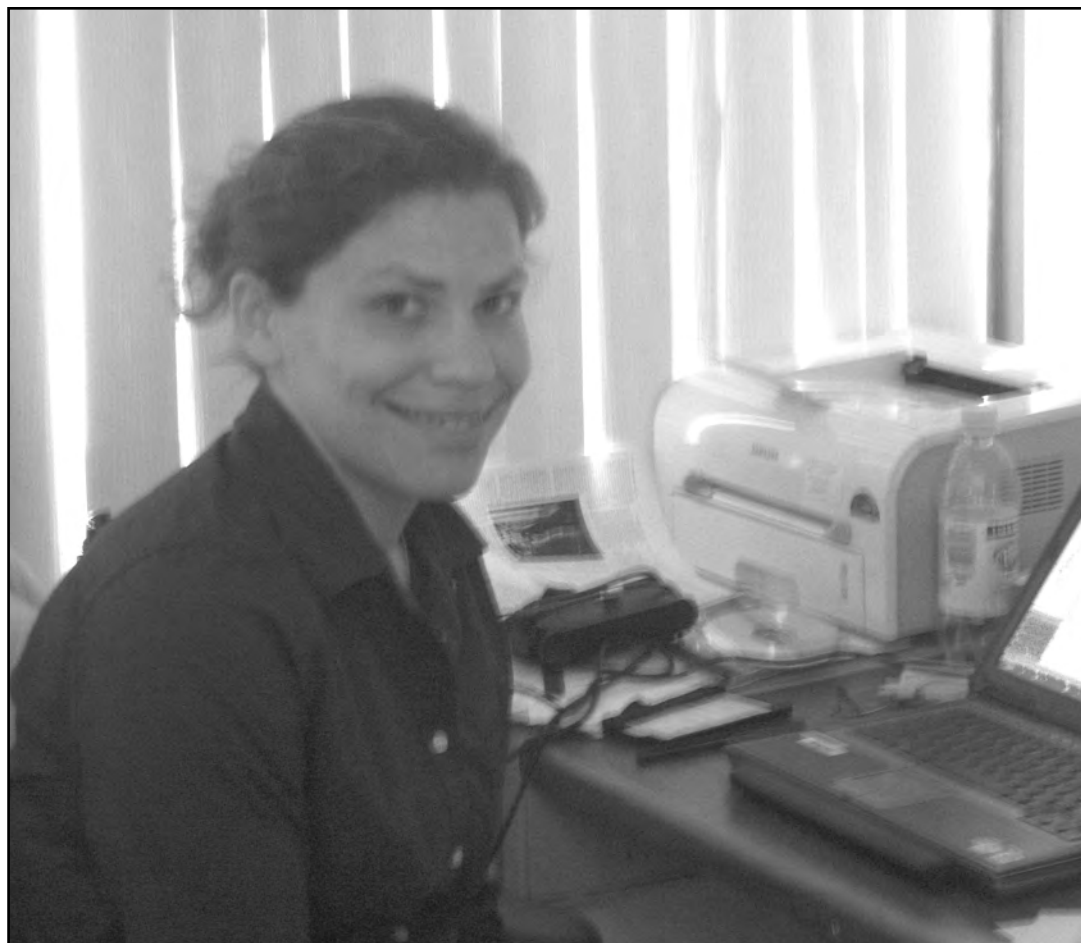
Other questions ranged from her obstacles in writing the book, to what her husband looks like and how fellow Iranians are responding to her books.

"The biggest obstacle is a very strong image of what Americans think Iranians are like according to TV, and also the way the media portrays Iran in a very narrow sense," said Dumas.

Her answer to the Iranian response question was a bit surprising, "Older Iranians don't like it. They think I am making fun of my family," said Dumas.

Dumas left the crowd with one last thought, "Freedom of speech is a great thing, so is gravity," said Dumas.

Her presentation was followed by a book signing.



Emily Shapiro/The Runner

Professor Rachel Bzostek in her office.

## Profile on Rachel Bzostek

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Bzostek is a native of Fort Worth, Texas and came to California State University, Bakersfield, three years ago.

She teaches many courses including American Foreign Policy, American Defense Policy, American Government, Government and Politics: Middle East, Global Security Issues and "South Park" and American Politics.

Bzostek was drawn to CSUB for a variety of reasons, "I am excited about being at a university where a lot of students are first generation. My parents were first generation college students. The types of programs CSUB has to offer and the school is developing and growing, provide lots of opportunities for faculty and students," said Bzostek.

Teaching at CSUB, has positive aspects, "I like hearing students' perspectives, this is the most fun. Also having a good discussion in class is one of the reasons I do this," said Bzostek.

Bzostek points out that some of the things she dislikes about teaching are "General classroom behavior like sending text messages during class, people coming in late and leaving early and studying for another class in my class," said Bzostek.

However, according to Bzostek this behavior is not unique to CSUB, "when I was in school people did it," said Bzostek.

As a student time is very valuable, even more so for a professor.

One of Bzostek's biggest career challenges is time management, "teaching,

grading, research, committee meetings, and advising, I have to figure out how to fit it all in. It's a challenge," said Bzostek.

As for how she got into her field, Bzostek has a simple answer, "I have no idea how I got into Political Science. I've always been interested in the way the government works and foreign policy. I graduated college and didn't know what I wanted to do. It's okay not to have direction. Sometimes you just stumble into things," said Bzostek.

When not teaching Bzostek enjoys photography and hiking, although, "I haven't had a chance to hike," said Bzostek.


Bzostek's advice to students is simple, "Go to advising and don't be afraid to talk to your professors. Talking to professors can lead to amazing opportunities. A lot of professors will do research with their students. Right now I am working with a student on a research paper, basically co-authoring it," said Bzostek.

According to Bzostek, the paper will be presented in February at the International Studies Association meeting.

Bzostek has a B.A. in Political Science and Jewish Studies from Tulane University, an M.A. in Israeli politics and Society from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, and a Ph.D in International Relations and American Politics from Louisiana State University.

For more information on the CSU-ACE/CSUB Intelligence Community Scholar Program, contact Bzostek at (661) 654-2552 or rbzostek@csub.edu.


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A screen shot of Kaibigan's OrgSync profile.

## OrgSync – Myspace for CSUB clubs

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such as jobs and family, join and participate in the club from home. Anyone who is interested can simply sign up and start joining (actually, "request" to join. You have to be a registered member of the club or organization to simply click "join.") State your reason and you are on your way to building a Co-Curricular Transcript.

What is Co-Curricular transcript? It is a verified record of the student's leadership and involvement activities while attending CSUB.

Co-Curricular Transcripts are accessible verified copies available literally at student's fingertips 24/7. Students can also have access to upcoming events, bulletins, classifieds and activities for their club, among many other features.

AV students, have no fears. The website discerns between the main campus and AV campus.

Avalos-Kegley, helped me navigate through the site before I signed up and it was user friendly and easy. Based out of Austin, Texas, the company hosts a number of schools nationally.

Avalos-Kegley said, "Other CSU schools were beginning to be a part of the process and we had looked at what virtual programs that were out there to bring our student organizations to have a way to communicate."

While we do have access to CSUB activity, we do not have access to other campuses. However, the system is

always updating and changing to better accommodate users.

Recently, the site added a video component filtered through YouTube, which allows users to enjoy a visual experience of the club or organization.

One of the most active clubs and organizations using OrgSync is Kaibigan. Their page displays all of their upcoming events, comments to each other, a short video sharing their special bond as a club and it also shows their correspondence with other clubs.

California Nursing Students' Association is another active page. The Runner newspaper is even on the list, however it is not yet active. ASI events and activities are posted for all to see as well.

Students can have updated access to events and activities going on at school. Even when school campus is closed, clubs and their members can keep in constant communication with each other. There is a text option that gives you instant updates. However, it is not required.

The official website for OrgSync is [www.orgsync.org](http://www.orgsync.org). It is not only good for our college experience, it is good for our resumes as well. All students, faculty, and alumni are encouraged to join OrgSync. Contact Avalos-Kegley, Director, at [mavalos@csub.edu](mailto:mavalos@csub.edu) or EJ Callahan, Activities Coordinator, at [ecallahan@csub.edu](mailto:ecallahan@csub.edu) for more information.

# CSUB ready to offer the long awaited Occupational Safety and Health Program

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but an education.

These courses will prepare graduates in the ERM program to start working in the Occupational Safety and Health field. The course that will be offered in the upcoming Spring Quarter is Industrial Hygiene. Then, in the fall of 2009, the courses will begin in a sequence since only one course will be offered each quarter. Typically, the Fall Quarter will offer the Introduction to Occupational Safety and Health and in the Winter Quarter there will be Advanced Safety and Health. During the Spring Quarter, courses will alternate between Industrial Hygiene and Hazardous Materials Management.

"There's a huge demand for safety professionals in the area. In part, there are a whole lot of people retiring, while the other part is that this area was lacking formal training in safety at the university level," explained Hegde.

The ERM program is a B.S. degree so students must have a concentration within the degree and that is why the four classes were added. Before these new courses, students would travel out of state for professional training or take courses in forestry from B.C. and their units would transfer over. CSUB would offer a class in Land Use Policy Planning among other courses that students could put together in the area they wanted to focus. The ultimate goal for students to achieve is to become a Certified Safety Professional (CSP). To get to this position, students must have received their Bachelor's Degree, and five years of work experience that will prepare them to take an exam.

Given the current budget situation at the university, without having certain enrollment numbers, the school cannot offer courses. To try and increase the numbers, recruiters visit campus-

es from other states to find students who are interested in joining the program.

"Universities outside of California in states such as Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Montana offer degrees in the safety and health profession. There seems to be an aversion to moving to California from other states because people are far away from 'home' and family. They perceive that they can maintain a better standard of living because of the higher cost of living in California. It's hard to keep people here for some of those same reasons," said Bariffi, the CSP Lead Health and Safety Advisor at Aera Energy.

Bariffi gave the example of people who live in Texas that have come to work in California and make \$60,000 here as opposed to the same income from Texas. People will find themselves struggling to pay their rent in California, while in Texas, they could purchase a big house and not have any worries. Quite a few of those who have come to California to find work discover that they miss their hometown and move back after 2-3 years.

"At Aera, we offer internship opportunities. This year we had several safety internship openings and already six spots have been given to students from across the nation ... We interviewed about 60 people from schools across the country. Ultimately, we chose those whose skills and talents were a best fit for our company," said Bariffi.

Aera currently has an opening available for a CSUB Safety Concentration Intern. A unique quality about local internships is that they are offered not only during the summer, but during the school year, whereas traditional internships are offered during the summer. However, Aera is not the only company in town that offers internships.

Work Force Staffing is contacted when Hegde is notified of any employers that have internships.

This company meets with the students and trains them in terms of interview skills and résumés. Then, once the students are accepted into the internship, Work Force Staffing hires the students as an employee so that the students can receive insurance through them. Work Force Staffing has been working with CSUB for a long time. They have helped with the athletics Roadrunner Club and the golf team's 19th Hole Foundation. Recently, they also donated \$150,000 to the safety partnership.

"There are a couple of reasons that we donated money to CSUB. First, because they were doing something important to us as a company and also to Kern County. The second is that CSUB has grown as a university and it is something that we wanted to be a part of," said owner and president of Work Force Staffing, Brooks Whitehead.

This program is an excellent opportunity for students in the ERM program to take advantage of since we now have the financial resources needed to jumpstart the program. It is also great for individuals who already work in the safety profession, but are interested in coming back to the university to further their education.

Associate Dean and Professor of Economics, School of Business and Public Administration, Dr. Mark Evans, explains this program, "Allows us to proceed on three fronts: (1) providing career information to high school students and their parents as well as information about CSUB and our Occupational Safety and Health Program, (2) underwriting curriculum development and instructional costs, and (3) finding internship positions for CSUB students."

If any students are interested in this program, please contact Dr. Hegde for additional information.

# Grade My Professor – a tool for CSUB students

By Nicole Schorr  
Staff Writer

Choosing classes can sometimes be a complex decision. There are many things to consider when choosing a certain class. Time, day of the week, prerequisites and the professor leading the course all come into play when narrowing down a class.

As students prepare for the new Winter Quarter, there is a place that can make the transition a little easier. The beginning of a new quarter is a monster in itself, but adding a new professor with new rules and new grading system is a whole other experience. So why not study the professor before heading to class?

Grade My Professor on Myspace is nothing new to the average student. At the beginning of every new quarter, the seats are filled with talk about the low-down on the professor. Are the tests hard? How is the grading system? Are classes mandatory? To answer all those questions, websites like [RateMyProfessor.com](http://RateMyProfessor.com), [ProfessorPerformance.com](http://ProfessorPerformance.com) and [Grade My Professor](http://GradeMyProfessor.com) on Myspace were born.

Unlike [Grade My Professor](http://GradeMyProfessor.com) on Myspace, [RateMyProfessor.com](http://RateMyProfessor.com) has been around for years and is more established. For that reason it has detailed ratings and a large inventory of colleges that Myspace does not. But like the other websites, [Grade My Professor](http://GradeMyProfessor.com) has the option to add a school or a professor to the list.

The grading websites have consumed cyberspace, transforming from blogs into evaluations that do not need an overhead like an administration to be effective. The information posted on these websites is vital and students trust that the warnings or approvals are accurate.

"I don't think they would take their time and go and put something that is useless," said Maria Ceja, International Business major.

To make sure that the postings are accurate, Myspace has posted this warning: "Don't be obnoxious. Anything offensive may be deleted." For anyone who's had their Myspace profile deleted because of offensive pictures, knows that Myspace stays true to their word.

So while students are posting grades

and comments about professors, one might ask about the professors. There are always two sides to the story, and the question arises if the negative ratings are simply the result of a bad grade. Students in Maine had the same question and studied the ratings on [RateMyProfessor.com](http://RateMyProfessor.com) of more than 400 professors at the university. They compared the ratings to formal student evaluations and found they both matched.

While some students may say they have never posted a rating, one thing is for sure, the ratings on [Grade My Professor](http://Grade My Professor) or [RateMyProfessor.com](http://RateMyProfessor.com) takes a little effort from all students. Every student is dependent on each other to post warnings or praises about a professor. It's an honor system, and more significantly it's another voice for students in a loud education system.

How To Find [Grade My Professor](http://Grade My Professor):

From the home page on a profile, click on the link titled, more, located on the blue menu bar below the advertisements at the top of the page. In the drop down menu select, More on Myspace. The link for [Grade My Professor](http://Grade My Professor) will be on the lower left hand side under, Schools.



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**Sport's Trivia**

Last weekend the Philadelphia Eagles and the Cincinnati Bengals finished with a 13-13 tie. Who were the last two NFL teams to finish a game in a tie?

**Last Week's Results****Men's Basketball**

CSUB 58, UofW 84  
CSUB 62, AFA 70

**Women's Basketball**

CSUB 88, FSU 97

**Volleyball**

-vs. UTPA [25-18, 26-24, 25-14 ] (W)

-vs. UTPA [25-17, 25-10, 23-25, 25-23] (W)

**Home games over the break****Men's Basketball**

Nov. 21: CSUN  
Nov. 25: CSUSac  
Dec. 1: USD  
Dec. 20: Boise St.  
Dec. 23: Cal Poly  
Dec. 30: UofP  
Jan. 2: SMC

**Women's Basketball**

Dec. 6: Santa Clara  
Dec. 16: SMU  
Dec. 18: Pepperdine  
Dec. 30: UCI  
Jan. 3: LMU

**Swimming**

Dec. 6: SDSU  
Jan. 3: Cal Poly  
Jan. 6: UofSydney

**Wrestling**

Dec. 20: Cal Baptist  
Dec. 20: Portland State

**Athlete of the Week****Rosemary Stribling**

Rosemary Stribling had a match high 13 kills in volleyball's home closer against the University of Texas Pan American. Stribling helped moved the volleyball team two wins away from CSUB's first winning season at the DI level.

**Game of the week****CSUB v. CSUN**

The men's basketball team comes off of a two game road trip to face Cal State Northridge for its home opener. CSUN is picked to win the the Big West Conference. (See Page 8 for details)

**Trivia Answer:****The Falcons and the Steelers**

On November 10th, 2002 the Falcons and the Steelers finished in a 34-34 tie. The Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox threw for a franchise record 473 yards and Falcon's quarterback Michael Vick brought his team back from 17 fourth quarter points to send the game into overtime. With one second left in overtime, the Steelers Plaxico Burress caught a pass and was tackled at the one yard line.



Phillip Barnett/The Runner

Guard Phynique Allen driving after one of her second half steals.

## Runners can't hold on in home opener

By Phillip Barnett  
Editor in Chief

Senior guard Kristine Kepenikian's game high 26 points was not enough in the Runner's home opener against Central Valley rival Fresno State as the Bulldogs jumped out to a huge early lead and were able to hold on in a decisive 97-88.

Fresno State came out hot from behind the arc early in the game going five for seven from 3-point range in the first 10 minutes of the game and ended up shooting over 64 percent in the first half.

The Bulldogs hot shooting and the Runner's struggles from the floor helped them jump out to an early 14-point lead with just over 11 minutes to play in the first half. The Runners finished the first half shooting 16 for 39 from the field and four for 11 from behind the arc.

The Runners trailed 52-39 at the half and relied on Kepenikian's 20 first half points to keep them in the game.

The Runners came out a different team

in the second half and were able to compile a 20-2 second half run which was headed by increased ball pressure on defense.

"When were putting pressure on the ball and rotating over to the ball we got a lot of good stops and everyone was in a good rebounding position," said head coach Tim Lakose. "When we didn't have good ball pressure and when we weren't rotating to the ball is when they got the open looks. We have to get more consistent on that defensive end."

The run was led by junior college transfer Phynique Allen who was able to get into passing lanes and to create open floor opportunities for her teammates. Allen had six points, three steals and an assist during the stretch that ended with Kelly Tarver getting to the rim and completing an old fashioned three-point play after getting fouled.

However, Fresno State responded after the run and scored a quick five points after Tarver's free throw and never looked back.

It takes a lot out of you when you make a run that big," said Fresno State head

coach Adrian Wiggins on CSUB's early second half run. "Maybe they got a little bit tired after they caught up."

After the Bulldogs took the lead, Coach Wiggins put the ball in the hands of forward Joh-Teena Filipe and let her operate at the top of the key, creating match up problems for the Runners. Filepe scored 10 of her 16 points in the final nine minutes of the game. Filepe also added two assists during that time. "When we can create a mismatch it really opens up the whole floor. I thought both teams were really good at doing that, we just ended up with more points at the end," said Wiggins.

"We battled back and showed up defensively, we were smart on the offensive end and got the shots we wanted. I think the biggest difference in the game was they got too many open looks and they capitalized on them," said Lakose on his team's efforts.

The Runners play again on November 22 in Northridge and return home on December 6 against Santa Clara.

## Women's basketball notebook

**THIS WEEK IN ROADRUNNER HISTORY**

The Roadrunners defeated San Diego and Houston in their first two games of the 2007-08 season, the team's first full season of Division I play.

**CHANGE IT UP**

Senior Kelley Tarver will be sporting a different number this season, changing from No. 3 to No. 13 for her final season.

**"HALF" WAY THERE**

The 2007-08 Roadrunners were 11-3 when leading at halftime. Conversely, CSUB was 1-13 when trailing at the half and 0-1 when tied.

**WE'VE BEEN WAITING**

Senior Morgan Saso and junior Phynique Allen will both be eligible this season after transferring and sitting out all of last year. The two both previous Division I experience, with Saso playing at New Mexico and Allen coming to Bakersfield by way of Eastern Washington.

**NEW YOUTH**

The Roadrunners added two of the top local high school post players. Tehachapi High School product Jana Smith and Camesha Patton from Sultana High School will help add depth to the CSUB front court.

## Runners hold off UTPA for Senior Day victory

Courtesy of Sports Information

The CSUB volleyball team closed the home portion of its 2008 schedule, and inched closer to the first winning season for any sport in the NCAA Division I era of Roadrunner Athletics, with a 25-17, 25-10, 23-25, 25-23 win over UT-Pan American Saturday afternoon in the Icardo Center.

CSUB improved to 15-13 with the win. The Roadrunners need just two wins in their final five matches to insure a winning season. UTPA fell to 6-16 with the loss.

All four CSUB seniors, appearing in the Icardo Center for the final time Saturday, played integral roles. Libero Mystie McNaughton (Stockdale HS) posted a match-high 26 digs. Middle blocker Rosemary Stribling (West HS) added a match-high 13 kills, while outside hitters Sarah Norman (Stockdale HS) and Sarah Warner (Tehachapi HS) chipped in 10 and nine kills respectively.

Although the 'Runners didn't hit particularly well in the first two sets, hitting an aggregate .235, they led for all but one point in cruising to a two sets to none lead.

But a sloppy third set, in which the teams combined for a negative hitting percentage past the midway point, slipped away from CSUB late. UTPA scored three consecutive points to break a 21-21 tie and then held on to force a fourth set.

Things got a bit dicey for the 'Runners as the Broncos took an early lead in the fourth and expanded it to as much as 18-13. But three Norman kills ignited a 7-2 spurt that tied the set at 20-20.

UTPA jumped ahead one final time at 22-20, but Warner notched her ninth kill before combining with Stribling on a block of Danielle Reed to put CSUB ahead 23-22, its first lead since early in the set.

A service error allowed UTPA to tie the set at 23-23. But, in a symbolic changing of the guard of senior day, freshman outside hitter Lindy DeGeare (Stockdale HS) put down consecutive kills to seal the match for CSUB.

The 'Runners will hit the road for their final five matches, beginning Tuesday at NAIA No. 1 ranked Fresno Pacific. They will close out the 2008 campaign with four matches at the NCAA Division I Independent Championships in Orem, Utah, Nov. 21-22.

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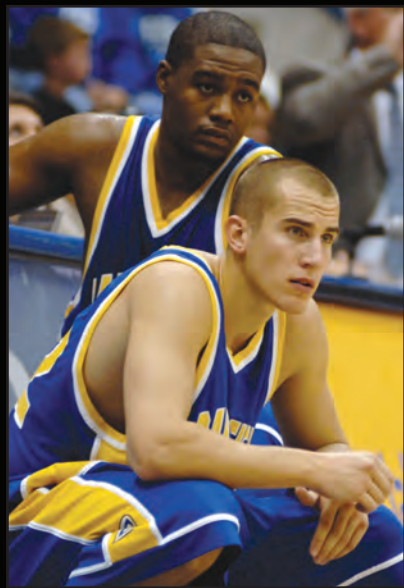
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# CSUB VS. CSUN MEN'S HOOPS PREVIEW

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## PROBABLE RUNNER STARTERS



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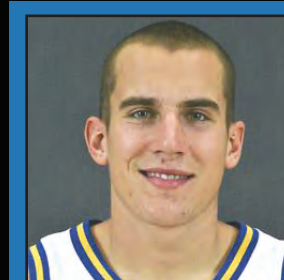
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PAT HAD A BIG GAME AGAINST AIR FORCE AND COULD MOVE INTO THE STARTING LINE UP. HE WOULD REPLACE LAST YEAR'S LEADING SCORER TERENCE JOHNS.

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PAT CARLSON

### CSUN v. CSUB

This Friday the Runners will face the pre-season Big West Conference favorite, Cal State Northridge.

This will be the 39th meeting between the two teams. Four of the six Matadors who scored in double figures in the last meeting will be returning.

The Runners must raise their low shooting percentage to compete with CSUN, which is shooting over 46 percent from the field.

Because there are few consistent players on the Matadors, by default my player to watch is Josh Jenkins. In addition to his game high 16 points against Cal Lutheran, he added five steals and four assists. However, he also had a game high seven turnovers.

The key player for the Runners is Patrick Carlson. He scored a game high 21 points and shot 50 percent from behind the arc against Air Force.

Staying out of the bonus, eliminating scoring droughts and raising the shooting percentage are going to be key to a Runner victory on Friday.



Matadors (1-0 before Tuesday night contest at Stanford) at Roadrunners(0-2)

November 21, 2008 7:00 p.m.  
 Rabobank Arena



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## First half scoring drought hurts Runners

By Celia Kelly  
 Sports Editor

A trip to the snow showed in the Runners shooting. After playing six minutes of ideal basketball the men's team went cold on two multi-minute scoring droughts in the first half. The Runners were defeated by University of Wyoming 84-58, in both teams' season opener.

CSUB jumped out to an early lead, while shooting 46 percent from the field, and held it to just about the 14-minute mark. Unfortunately, due to a lopsided 7-2 foul count, the Cowboys were already in the bonus. After a three-point basket by redshirt freshman Bryan Emanuel the Runners went cold until junior forward Trent Blakley hit another three pointer slightly shy of six minutes later. During this time, the freshman stand-out from Wyoming, Afam Muojeke, went on a 14-0 run by himself, putting the Runners down by 11 points at the eight minute mark.

After Blakley's trey ball, the Runners would not have another field goal for about four and a half minutes, which allowed the Cowboys to extend their lead to 21 at the half.

The second half proved to be much better for CSUB. They scored 33 points to Wyoming's 38 and scored more points in the paint and had more second chance points

than the Cowboys. However, due to the significant deficit built in the first half, they were unable to recover.

Foul trouble played a pertinent role in the game. Wyoming had 11 more chances at the charity stripe than the Runners during the first half alone. Last season's leading scorer, Terrence Johns' playing time was limited due to picking up two quick fouls in the opening minutes.

Coach Keith Brown found a way to share the wealth. All 13 players in uniform saw time on the floor and all but two Runners contributed to the scoreboard.

Santwon Lutunde, in his first game since the shoulder injury that sidelined him for the greater part of last season, lead the team in points and rebounds with 13 and eight respectively. Sophomore point guard Donovan Bragg, who saw the most minutes during the game, chipped in a game high six assist. Blakley was the only other



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Santwon Lutunde led the team in scoring with 13 points.

Runner in double figures scoring 10 points while shooting 4-12 from the floor.

Wyoming's Muojeke finished as the game high scorer in his first ever collegiate game with 31 points and was 15-16 from the free-throw line. In addition to Muojeke's stunning 31-point contribution, there were three other Cowboys in double figures, with Brandon Ewing leading the others with 14 points.

Last season was equally tough for the Runners. In their first meeting with Wyoming they lost by 25 points and shot a season low 27 percent from the field.

## Carlson's 21 points not enough to hold off Falcons

Courtesy of Sports Information

The CSUB men's basketball team saw a solid effort sabotaged by a poor shooting afternoon in a 70-62 loss at Air Force Sunday.

CSUB (0-2 overall) led 35-32 at the half, but shot just 30 percent from the field in the second half. Air Force (2-0) took the lead for good eight minutes into the second half and then held off several Roadrunner comeback efforts.

"I thought we had some good execution offensively," said CSUB Head Coach Keith Brown. "But if you look at our field goal percentage, we didn't finish, especially inside where we had the chance to go up strong and score or draw fouls, but we didn't get it done."

One Roadrunner who did get it done was junior guard Pat Carlson (Reno, Nev./Lassen CC) who finished with a game-high 21 points, including 5-of-10 shooting from beyond the arc.

"I was glad to see Pat step up today," said Brown. "We had some things in offensively for him. He needed to step up and prove he could hit the shot and he did."

CSUB didn't shoot well in the first half either, but the Runners played well enough to forge a three-point lead, 35-32,



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Pat Carlson was the leading scorer with 21 pts.

at intermission thanks to Carlson's buzzer-beating three in transition. Junior forward Trent Blakley (Alta Loma HS) chipped in eight points in each half on 6-of-11 shooting, but he was the only Runner aside from Carlson who didn't struggle.

With their post players combining to hit just 5-of-17 from the floor despite working for some golden scoring opportunities, Air Force was able to overcome the Blakley-Carlson connection to grab the lead for good at 44-41 on a Trevor Noonan

three-pointer eight minutes into the second half.

The Falcons eventually forged a 56-46 lead before CSUB climbed back. The Runners kept it close for the duration and trailed by just three at 60-57 with 2:56 remaining, but couldn't get over the hump as the Falcons held on.

CSUB will return Bakersfield for its home opener Friday when it hosts Big West Conference preseason favorite Cal State Northridge at Rabobank Arena.