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CSUB honors Pratt's legacy

1998 and worked on The Runner

for approximately a year

as copy editor under

Pratt's guidance.

She described

By Vincent Perez Features Editor

The community of Dundas, Ontario, Canada is approximately 2,496 miles from Bakersfield. To former Communications Department Chair, Judith Pratt, 63, California was an easy choice for a new life in 1984. California was a world away from Ontario.

A child of two U.K. immigrants who relocated to Canada post-WWII, Pratt was raised by Canadian surroundings.

Pratt was recruited in the mid-1980s by The Bakersfield Californian to work on the Grassroots California project, an online agriculture information service and moved to Bakersfield in 1984.

Research money eventually ran out in 1986 for the online project. Through The Californian, Your Neighbors was Pratt's employer for a couple years as she gained a worthwhile experience.

After her time with Your Neighbors, she began teaching part-time in 1987 in the English Department at CSU Bakersfield and was a full-time hire the following year.

Pratt advised the student-run newspaper, The Runner, for 15 years (1988-2003). The Runner underwent incredible changes throughout the 1990s.

Pratt was most proud for "Introducing the communication program to new techniques," she said. When she was hired, Pratt dealt with older processes of producing newspapers, with X-acto knives, and brought in the first Mac computers to the university.

Pratt said she also taught HTML, the standard markup language for creating web pages, which led The Runner to become one of the first campuses to have

their student newspaper online in 1995. The foundation of desktop publishing began at CSUB for the student-run newspaper, which still exists today. Pratt desired equal technology access for her student journalists.

so whatever they used, I matched for The Runner," she said. Pratt

her relationship she was shy with Pratt, "We before. "I had friends at The Californian, were close "That's enough to what I loved about have journalism; used it gave me an excuse to talk to people that I would never have the courage to talk to," she

Photo Courtesy of The Bakersfield Californian

Sotello said that her

experience on The

pared her for

her career, as

Runner pre-

Judith Pratt is receiving the Trailblazer Award for her 15 years of dedication as adviser to The Runner from 1988-2003.

Adobe Pagemaker. The Runner now uses Adobe InDesign.

Memories of Pratt's newspaper advising years are not forgotten. "I remember Ed Nieto, he got a press pass to cover R.E.M. in LA," said Pratt. "It was a 'near-religious' experience," Nieto replied in an e-mail. Pratt said she took students to NASA space shuttles land in Mojave.

"They were with the CNN and LA Times people, so they got an opportunity they wouldn't get anywhere else," Pratt said.

Another former student had an enjoyable and beneficial experience with Pratt.

Elise Sotello, 42, graduated in

beers in the pub," said Sotello. The pub that Sotello refers to is now where Panda Express operates in the Student Union.

Sotello said her initial impression of Pratt was laid-back and approachable. "Judith allowed us to make our own mistakes and learn from them," she said.

Sotello, who is the AVID program coordinator at East Bakesfield High School, said, "Her rapport that she had with students was great. She had a great sense of humor."

During her time on The Runner, Sotello said that Pratt welcomed her son to come in on production nights as a toddler, is now 27.

Sotello has been at East High since 2000.

In recent years, Pratt has influenced other students in shaping who they become.

Megan Oliver, 27, had an original experience with Pratt. Oliver first met Pratt as her professor, then, after a short hiatus from CSUB, found Pratt in her department chair role.

"When I first met her, I thought she was intimidating," said Oliver. "But then when I got to know her, I realized how much she cared about every student in her program." Pratt was there for Oliver when she needed her guidance after a breakdown.

"Pratt and the other professors didn't treat me like a broken doll. I wanted to be like everyone else," Oliver said. She graduated in 2017 and is currently a Solutions Specialist for IES Inc. in Bakersfield.

Pratt put in her retirement papers in August 2018 and now is heading there, but not at fullspeed. Pratt has four years left on her decision to continue to work part-time teaching online classes.

"I served six years as chair, through the agony of switching to semesters and revamping General Education (again)," she said.

Pratt realized not long after her move that California was for her.

"One of my favorite days was when I went skiing on Saturday in China Peak and scuba-diving in Catalina on Sunday," she said. During her time off, Pratt relaxes in Cambria, California in her retirement home.

That retirement home was originally intended for Pratt and her wife Beth Rienzi, 70, former associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs and a nationally renowned psychologist. Rienzi died in March 2014 from cancer. She worked at CSUB for 30 years.

Pratt and Rienzi were married only a year after the 2013 court ruling on Prop 8, legalzing samesex marriage.

Pratt's future plans are to travel. She will travel to Washington, D.C., Vancouver, Seattle, Amsterdam and Mendocino, California. CSUB will present Pratt with the Trailblazer Award in a reception prior to tonight's Roadrunner's men's basketball game. Pratt will be honored for her dedication to the Communications Program. At halftime, the annoucement will be made. The game is at 7 p.m.

President Zelezny appoints Harper as interim provost

By Fernanda Martinez Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Vernon Harper has recently been appointed as CSU Bakersfield's interim provost for the next 18 months by university President Dr. Lynette Zelezny. Along with this new position, he will continue his role as Vice President of Academic Affairs that he started in 2016.

At the end of last semester, Dr. Jenny Zorn announced in an email to the campus community that she

would be retiring effective that day, Dec. 11, 2018. Zorn had been the provost since July 2015.

Zorn's retirement announcement came as a shock to the campus community.

"I know it's been a shock and I do want to publicly express my deepest gratitude to Provost Zorn, who was certainly a student-centric provost and was beloved by the faculty," said Zelezny.

Zorn was hired as the university provost, which is the second in command for this university, on

July 31, 2015 by former CSUB president, Dr. Horace Mitchell. She was actively involved in a lot of student-related activities and working on the university's WASC accreditation, Graduation 2025 initiative, and advising overhaul, before announcing her retirement. Her annual salary was \$242,292 and her benefits added up to \$106,225.

Sonia Silva, International Students and Programs director, described Zorn as a "very pro-international" person, as she

was also very hands-on with the university's international students and bringing resources to them.

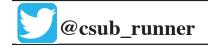
Not only was Zorn working with the university, but she was also an active board member for the United Way of Kern County. Zorn also left her board member position after retiring from CSUB.

Mari Perez-Dowling, director of UWKC, explained that Zorn brought a lot of new opportunities to them. She said that it was nice to have someone representing CSUB on the board because it

opened a lot of doors to them. She also described her as "always enthusiastic" and a "happy camper" and admired her mentorship to the younger staff at United Way.

The Runner made multiple attempts to contact Zorn, but she was not available for a reply. When The Runner made a social media post about her retirement announcement in December, she left a comment stating "Proud to have been a 'Runner.

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Women's March continues to grow

Amy Pachla

Assistant Multimedia Editor

In Jan. 2017, the nation's women took to the streets in solidarity and protest after the inauguration of current president Donald Trump. On Saturday, Jan. 19, Mill Creek Park in downtown Bakersfield saw the second anniversary of that protest, as an unexpectedly large number of attendees gathered to listen, be heard and speak together at the 2019 Kern County Women's March.

Organized again this year by Women's March Kern County, the Bakersfield march is one of many annual marches around the state and across the country. Last year's event brought an estimated 4,000 people into Mill Creek Park, and this year's march appears to have brought even more new and wider variety of local vendors, as well as representatives from community social and charitable organizations.

Speeches, prayer, poetry and song took the mobile stage in the park throughout the event, which began at 10 a.m., but was very well attended even a half hour early. The march itself began around noon. Police held traffic as thousands rounded from the

park entrance on 21st Street to turn south on Q Street, march down to 17th Street, and back to the park along the creekside walkway. Carrying protest signs and chanting slogans of peace, inclusion, and equality, the marchers drew both curious onlookers and community documentarians of all types.

Women's March Kern County relies heavily on volunteer help to set up and operate the event. One local volunteer, Anabelle Casarez, said she was glad Bakersfield has chosen to embrace the Women's March again this year. "I've heard last year in LA was huge, wasn't able to make it. But I heard it here, and I was like 'I have to be there."

2019 was Casarez' first women's march, and from her post at the free water tent, she saw firsthand how the march's intended spirit of cooperation extended behind the scenes. "People came up and were like, 'Hey, do you need help?' I've seen people going to different booths, 'Hey, let me help you pick that up.' I just love that feeling of wanting to help, and I think I want to do this again next year if it happens," said Casarez. In a press release about the event, Women's March Kern



Amy Pachla/The Runner

Local LGBTQ+ activist River Navarro offers their speech to the listening crowd at the 2019 Kern County Women's March in Bakersfield on Saturday, Jan. 19. The theme of this year's march was "Truth to Power."

Kimberly Kerchmer talks about how the high profile the march has earned locally is helping the organization, an affiliate of Women's March California, spread its message of political and social equality. "We are excited to bring Kern County together again for this unifying event that highlights our diversity ... at a time when

many marginalized communities continue to feel threatened," said Kerchmer.

The march exceeded the expectations of both the organizers and many people in the community, and all but ensuring that plans for Women's March 2020 will soon be taking shape.

For more information about the

Kern County Women's March visit www.WomensMarchKern-County.com

> For video coverage of the 2019 Women's March, check out our YouTube or our website at therunneronline.com.

Interim provost will focus on student success

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Always remember my motto: 'It's About the Students."

Zelezny stated that she made consultations with the Academic Senate, Academic Affairs Council, and individuals that directly report to the provost, before appointing Harper as interim provost. His annual salary will be \$195,708 as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

"I asked about the qualities people were interested in and what I heard first and foremost is that there was an interest in the interim provost being equally as Provost Zorn was, a student-focused leader, a collaborator, a listener, and also someone that had a deep experience with academic programming, the accreditation ahead of us, and our graduation initiative," said Zelezny.

She also described Harper as a "very effective communicator" and a "data savvy leader." "He has been very well received,

County Executive Director

I will say, by the faculty thus far and I think the students will also find him to be a very friendly, engaging provost," said Zelezny. "I'm gracious to have the op-

portunity that president Zelezny, after her consultation with the faculty and senior leadership, had the confidence in me to be able to take this internal role for 18 months," said Harper. "I'm very appreciative and thankful for the campus in having me in this role." Harper stated that he intends the office of the provost to reorganize the priorities of student success, academic integrity and excellence.

"One of the things we're going to be looking at very closely over the next six months is doing absolutely everything we can to

create pathways for students to graduate, to address our fourand six-year graduation rates for

"I'm gracious to have the opportunity that president Zelezny had the confidence in me... I'm very appreciative and thankful for the campus in having me in this role." Vernon Harper, interim provost

first-time students, as well as our two- and four-year graduation rates for transfer students," said

Harper. "And (it is) also important to address any equity gaps that are associated with our graduation rates."

Harper mentioned that his agenda also includes looking closely at enrollment management to ensure that students are served as well as possible, graduation checks are accurate, and students are being advised accordingly to graduate.

Last year, Zorn began making changes to the university's advising system. She brought in evaluators and conducted campus surveys to figure out where renovations were needed.

"Advising is on our radar and provost Harper has come forward to give us a plan for students who have been identified as students who will graduate," said Zelezny. "So if a student is having a success story, I know exactly who their support team is and if

they are having a challenge I also know who to go to."

Zelezny said that a few changes to the provost have already been announced. These include working on how to effectively stretch financial aid to benefit students and bringing more opportunities to campus housing.

"I think this is very important because to me it really relates to our graduation initiative," said Zelezny. "We need to be thinking of a different way of doing financial aid that would retain students, particularly our freshmen students."

Zelezny mentioned that campus conversations that benefit graduation initiative efforts will occur

Although the provost appointment is set for 18 months, there is no assigned search committee for a permanent provost yet.

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Get outside: Five outdoorsy daytrips



Allie Page/The Runner

A scenic shot of the Wind Wolves mountain range.

By Allie Page Reporter

While it's no Los Angeles or San Francisco, Bakersfield offers plenty of sights and interesting locations to check out.

Several longtime Bakersfield residents have suggested some outdoorsy day trip sites in and around Bakersfield.

In just a short drive (under an hour), locals can find themselves in beautiful countryside or nature filled with activities for all ages.

Wind Wolves Preserve

Wind Wolves Preserve is a nature preserve on the outskirts of southwest Bakersfield. When visitors are there, they can expect to find flowers of all varieties, panoramic views of the city, and extensive hiking trails. Visitors can also spot Tule elk on the

grounds

"Wind Wolves is a really cool place if you want to go out in the wilderness and explore," said liberal studies major and sophomore Teresa Inguiz."You can camp there too, if you're into that. They have tours all the time. I'd recommend it."

"I love hiking up there," said Dale Wolfe, who has lived in Bakersfield since 1980. "There's a lot of animals and nature up there. I just like the peacefulness of it." Wind Wolves is situated southwest of Interstate 5, at 16019 Maricopa Highway. The park is a 28-mile drive from California State University, Bakersfield. No entrance

Murray Family Farms

fee is required.

Murray Family Farms is a chain of family-owned fruit and vegetable farms with three locations on the outskirts of town. Visitors can tour the farms, learn about farming, and enjoy some produce.

"Murray Family Farms is amazing," said Bakersfield resident Manpreet Brar. "It has all the different types of fruits and vegetables, cherries, strawberries, and many more. You can pick them right off the tree. They also have a maze and pumpkins just in time for Halloween."

Murray Family Farms' flagship location, the Big Red Barn, is east of town and

accessible via Highway 58. It is 22 miles away from CSUB by car. The smaller Little Purple Barn, located next to Interstate 5, is 21 miles away from CSUB. There is a third farm in Arvin.

River's End Rafting

River's End Rafting organizes whitewater-rafting tours along the Kern River. Rafters don their life jackets and helmets and use paddles to ride inflatable rafts at an exhilarating pace.

"The rafting tour was a lot of fun," said Shane Palmer, a Bakersfield resident. "It was relaxing and exciting at the same time. You could see all sorts of nature. I think it's cool that there's something like that in Bakersfield."

River's End Rafting is located on Highway 178, 18 miles Northeast from CSUB. According to its website, it is the closest whitewater rafting outfitter to the Los Angeles area. Visitors can book trips online or by calling their number, (661) 326-7003.

The Panorama Bluffs

On the hillier northeast side of Bakers-field, local adventurers can find the Panorama Bluffs. The expansive view and eastern location is ideal for watching the sunrise, but there is still plenty of room to watch the sunset as well. People can also hike on the

bluffs or sit on benches along the trail.

"I'd definitely recommend the bluffs to someone looking to take peaceful walks or find a quiet place to just sit and think," said Dee Fernandez. "It's a great place to just be free with your thoughts, or take a loved one. I love the view. It's great for stargazing as well."

As its name suggests, the Panorama Bluffs are along Panorama Drive. The largest public park along the area is Panorama Park. It is a 12-mile drive from CSUB. East-siders enjoy a much closer drive, since Bakersfield College sits adjacent to the bluffs.

The California Living Museum (CALM)

CALM is a 14-acre zoo just northeast of Bakersfield. Visitors can find animals ranging from deer to snakes and eagles, and they can also visit the petting zoo with more garden-variety animals like goats and sheep. The zoo staff added the coast room, which allows visitors to view marine life from the California coast.

"I would recommend CALM to anyone looking for a nice family outing," said Fernandez. "It's a great place to take kids, get some steps in, and enjoy some fresh air." CALM is on Alfred Harrell Highway. It is 20 miles from CSUB. Adults pay \$9 for admission, children ages 3 to 12 pay \$5, seniors pay \$7, and children under 3 are free.

When to break up with an unwanted class

By Jasmine Pantoja
Business Manager

Not sure on how to drop a class or when you should before you get a "W" on your transcript? Dina Hallmark, an advisor in the Social Sciences and Education advising center, better yet known as a "student service professional," said that no matter what school you fall into according to your major, it is important that students learn how to use the academic calendar when making this decision.

The academic calendar is found on CSU Bakersfield's website under the academic's

Students are encouraged to be aware of this calendar because it includes the final date that they may withdraw from a class without receiving a "W" on their transcript. The 2018 - 2019 calendar states that the

The 2018 - 2019 calendar states that the last day to withdraw is Feb. 15. Hallmark states that a "W" on one's transcript may weigh heavily when determining the candidacy for graduation or master programs. CSUB's website states for GPA computations it is equivalent to an "F."

According to the CSUB's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship website, "If some problem prevents you from completing an official withdrawal form, you should contact the University Registrar in the Admissions & Records Office at (661) 654-3036." Students may login onto their mycsub.edu account, locate Enroll then Drop and select the course of your choosing.

At times unfortunate circumstances may arise where a student is past the official withdrawal date and is subject to receive a "W." Hallmark said there may be exceptions for students on a case by case basis when a "W" may be removed. A student may inquire within to have their situation reviewed by the dean of the school and records office.

Nonetheless, it is important to take advantage of the self-withdrawal feature before

Hallmark said, "Every advisor is different, everyone's philosophy is different. I know it is important to the university and to the chancellor's office that we get students done in four years. There's the whole 15 to Finish campaign, which I think is great. I think the faster that we can get students to their career goals is better; however, I also think that academic success is important, and if that means that a student has to go a little bit slower to do well, I'm all for it."

Hallmark supports students' diverse educational pathways.

If you are unsure about your schedule visit your assigned advisor as soon as possible to determine what kind of workload is best fit for you.

Whether it takes you four years or eight years, a degree is still a degree and students should feel comfortable taking however many courses at a time or with whichever professors they learn best with.

For more information, most of the advising centers during the first week will be having walk-in hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for students to go in and ask questions.

The last day to add classes is Jan. 30 in case students decide to swap for another class they don't want to take.

What's Happening Around Campus

January / February

30 Club Fair

10:30 am - 1:30 pm Runner Cafe Quad, DDH E Outside

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6 - 8 pm

Dore Theatre, Todd Madigan Gallery

Runners Campus Church Service

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Library, Albertson Room

1 Reseach Ethics Workshop

3 - 4:30 pm

Waltern Stiern Library Studio-A

MathCounts 2019

6 - 8 pm

Dore Theatre

2 Class A Driving Test Study Group

9 am - 5 pm

Classroom Building, Rm 102

4 ASI Recyclemania: Kickoff

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

SU Runner Park

4 Quality of Life Center Speaker Series 6 - 7:15 pm

6 - 7:15 pm SU MPR 125

5 Chinese New Year Celebration

13:30 am - 4 pm SU MPR 125

6 Spring Volunteer Fair 2019

11 am - 1 pm SU MPR 125

9 Valentines Day 5k Run

7 am - 2 pm Old Gym, Rm 114

12 KCAHT Lecture

6 - 9 pm Dore Theatre

Fab Lab Hours:

Mon: Closed

Tues: 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Wed: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Fri: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Student fees pay for ropes course

By Rylee Smith **Opinions Editor**

If you've taken a look past the Student Union and seen a large new structure, it's not the stress of the new semester making you imagine things.

CSU Bakersfield is coming to the end of building a new ropes challenge course for student groups or teams, nonprofits, local businesses, and other local groups to work on team-building exercises in a physically active environment. The development process has been going on for about three and a half years now, with Outdoor Adventures Coordinator Marshall McArthur leading the planning.

McArthur said construction has been going very well, and there have been no unplanned hiccups to prevent the course from being available on time or to change the cost of construction.

Costs factored in include the facility itself, fencing, sidewalk, and other practical considerations.

"When all is said and done, it adds up to about \$600,000. This came from student fees in the



Fernanda Martinez/The Runner

The ropes course receives its final touches as construction continues on Jan. 21, 2019.

SRC reserves," said Mary O'Mahoney, director of the Student Recreation Center.

Unlike other features of the SRC, the Challenge Course is not specifically for CSUB students, though students are encouraged to enjoy it. Instead, it is available to the CSUB community and

Bakersfield community alike. Groups must have a minimum of eight people. A two and half hour program costs \$80 for the entire group, with an additional \$10 per person over eight. Students will have a discount, but McArthur says the exact amount reduced for students has not been released yet.

The course will be finished by Feb. 8, with plans to open soon afterward, but it will not open until the team is sure that all facilitators are ready to provide a quality experience. This preparation will include SRC employees going through the course to give facilitators face-to-face practice

with groups.

Asna Rupano, a former student manager on duty at the SRC, said that SRC employees are looking forward to trying the course together.

"It's [going to] be great because there's been no physical place for team building for student groups. We didn't have anything within arms reach. Now I think [the course] will be a good way to make sure students have a positive experience on campus," Rupano said.

Some of the makeup of the course is being kept confidential, since the exercises are not as effective if teams know what they will be doing beforehand.

"We don't want people to know everything," McArthur said.

However, there will be two levels of height, with the lower level set at 20 feet above the ground, and the higher level at 35 feet. Activities will include various options for exiting the course, such as belaying down from the top and a "quick jump" option, where participants are clipped into a harness and jump off of the platform.



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The Runner takes on New York



Fernandez Martinez, Jasmine Pantoja, Norma Hernandez, and Chelsea L. McDowell waiting for the NBC Studios Tour at the 30 Rockefeller's gift shop.



Jennifer Burger/The Runner

Rebecca Romo, Natalie Taylor, Norma Hernandez, Chelsea L. McDowell, and Fernanda Martinez visiting the New York Times with Ted Kim, director of Newsroom Fellowships and Internships.



By Norma Hernandez Digital Managing Editor

In our New York trip we saw a play, "The Lifespan of a Fact" because they spoke about the importance of telling the truth in journalism. "The Lifespan of a Fact" starring Daniel Radcliffe, Cherry Jones, and Bobby Cannavale, tells the story of

a young intern, Jim Fingal (Radcliffe), who has been assigned by Emily Penrose (Jones), to fact check a big story written by John D'Agata (Cannavale). D'Agata is a particular writer as he defines his articles as essays. He feels he doesn't need to be fact checked because of his history and success; however, Penrose still hires Fingal to make sure everything is as accurate.

The huge story that D'Agata takes on was about a 16-year-old boy who committed suicide by jumping out of a hotel building in Las Vegas and a few suicides followed. As it sounds, it's an intriguing story to cover because it makes people wonder what makes someone to come to that.

Fingal takes this assignment with great responsibility and runs into several conflicts with D'Agata's essay. Fingal checked every detail and confronted D'Agata at his home. D'Agata felt that the actual events are not as relevant as to the meaning of the events, but rather how he told the story. This bickering continued back and forth and needed approval of who's right and who's wrong.

Penrose is shocked to see so many inaccuracies. They begin to pick which information to keep. This really bothers Fingal

because the fact is, you can't negotiate a

The story ends ambiguously as no one knows if they kept D'Agata's version or the revised version.

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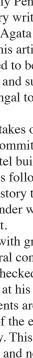
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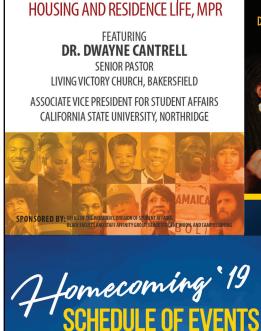
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The play was hilarious and engages the

audience to think about the importance of fact checking.

We thank them for taking on a play that defends journalism during a time where trust in the media is not all there.









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- PEP RALLY & LIP SYNC BATTLE - FAMILY BBQ
- RESHOMECOMING BASKETBALL GAME 2 - HOMECOMING DACE









Jennifer Burger/The Runner Norma Hernandez (left) and Fernanda Martinez (right) at the stage door behind Studio 54 excited to have watched "The Lifespan of a Fact" and got a signature and photo with Daniel Radcliffe.

The Runner

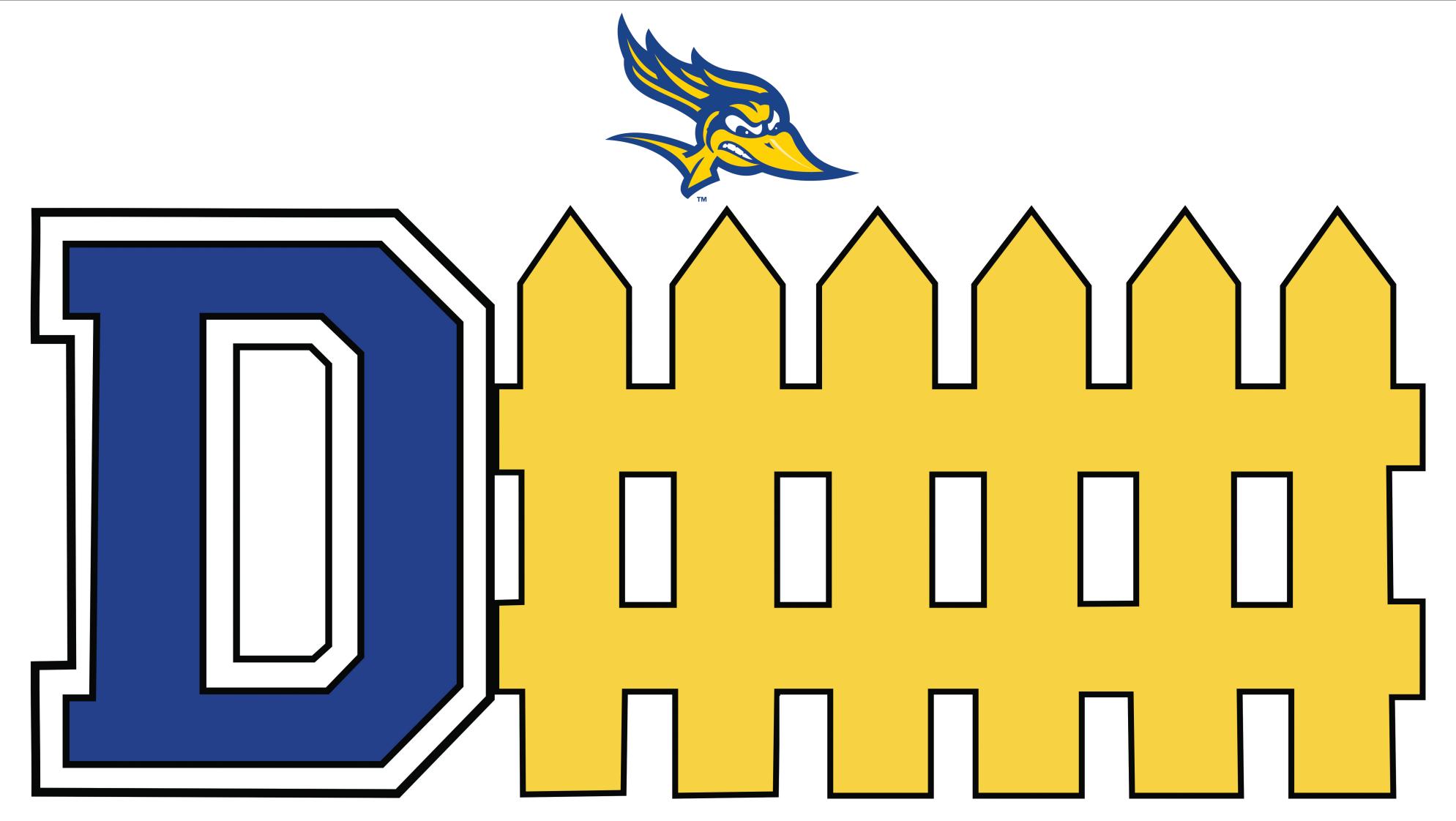


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Our top binge-worthy shows

"Bandersnatch"

By Amy Pachla Assistant Multimedia Editor

It's July of 1984. Young Stefan Butler (Fionn Whitehead) wakes with a start. He's scheduled to meet with a software developer to pitch his new video game, "Bandersnatch," an adaptation of a genius book of the same name... a book so complex it

drove its author insane. This is the opening scene of the movie/game that grabbed Netflix by surprise.

"Bandersnatch" is the latest offering from Charlie Brooker and Annabel Jones, the creative team behind the wildly popular "Black Mirror" series. I had played part of the Minecraft interactive movie when "Bandersnatch" showed up in my Netflix queue. I'm a fan of "Black Mirror," so I was immediately excited to see how Brooker and Jones had wrapped the BM universe

around the platform's interactive capability. "Bandersnatch" does not disappoint. I've been playing it for hours, restarts and all, and even the repetition is worth it just to hear the writing and watch the performances, notably Will Poulter ("The Revenant," "Detroit") as rockstar game coder and timelord of acid, Colin Ritman.

Naturally, it's a must for "Black Mirror" fans, but anyone into funhouse horror is sure to enjoy it from beginning to end... to end, to end. To end?



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"You"

By Rylee Smith Opinions Editor

Over winter break, I watched you. Well, "You," the Lifetime series that just got added to Netflix. The phrase "I watched you," sounds more intriguing, though, and is a pretty good representation of the show. If you haven't seen it yet, the show stars

Penn Badgley, (who plays Dan Humphrey in "Gossip Girl") as Joe Goldberg, a bookstore manager who's obsessed with a college writer named Guinevere Beck. He tries to start a relationship with her by stalking her in increasingly creepy ways, and the show grows in intensity nearly every minute. I won't go into too much detail, because you really have to watch it. The show manages to be sexy and terrifying at the same time, and its one season requires

you to binge watch it all in one day. Badgley has tweeted his disapproval that viewers love his creepy character, but that's really the magic of the show. It makes you wonder whose side you're supposed to be

By giving characters depth, the show keeps audiences guessing about how they should feel, and excited about what will happen next. Plus, Badgley actually looks pretty cute.

"Good Trouble"

By Vanessa Villalvazo Sports Editor

"Good Trouble" is a sexy new drama show about family and life. If you've watched "The Fosters" then you know what it is about; if you haven't, "Good Trouble" is a spin off of "The Fosters," which is about a lesbian couple, Stef and Lena, who raise four adopted kids along with Stef's

one biological son, and how they deal with all the hardships in life. The first kids they adopted were twins, Jesus and Mariana. They later adopted Jude and Callie, who were brother and sister. It was hard for Callie to get adjusted to her new life, as she was already a teenager.

Fast forward to years later, Mariana and Callie have graduated from college and are moving to Los Angeles, and that is the start of the show "Good Trouble." This show is interesting and relatable because two young girls are starting their new life in a new city

with a new job. Mariana and Callie move into a communal place and they have to share a bathroom and kitchen with seven others. Little did Callie know that Mariana knew this all along.

New city means new boys and that can get you into trouble, especially when you sleep with the guy that your sister has a crush on. The best thing about this show, and also "The Fosters," is that Noah Centineo is on it, a.k.a. Peter Kavinsky in "To All the Boys I've Loved Before," who is a total hottie.





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"Big Mouth"

By Vincent Perez Features Editor

Being a fan of "The League" sitcom piqued my interest into watching "Big Mouth" recently. "Big Mouth" is a coming-of-age animated series which spares no subtlety, referring to all the growing pains of puberty and awkwardness that we all went through bluntly told through inner dialogues called hormone monsters.

A couple actors that I recognized from the gut-busting fantasy-football series, "The League" were Jason Mantzoukas (an Armenian boy who has a purely carnal relationship with a talking pillow), and Nick Kroll (the hilarious and truthful male hormone monster and Nick Birch, a boy who struggles with reaching puberty). Fellow comedians Jordan Peele, John Mulaney, Jenny Slate, and Fred Armisen help tell the crude,

but honest stories of the tales of puberty. Throughout the two seasons, each child goes through issues of their changing bodies and tackles other issues such as losing virginity. While the cartoon is not fit for children, it makes light of serious issues that pre-and pubescent kids go through, which I found to be a great way to open conversation about awkward body issues. The series is a plea for opening discussions

surrounding adolescence and living through

those not-so-easy stages.

"The Last O.G."

By Chelsea L. McDowell Marketing Manager

In what has been frequently referred to as the "#MeToo era," stories of men being disrespectful or criminal have become all too common— the current President of the United States has at least at one time enjoyed grabbing women "by the pussy"?

However, Tracy Morgan's show "The Last O.G." allows viewers an escape from that. Set in Brooklyn, Morgan plays Tray Barker, a man who gets out of prison only to learn that his neighborhood has changed and his ex-girlfriend, Tiffany Haddish, gave birth to twins without telling him. Embracing his second chance, he sets out to build a relationship with his children and do right in his community, even if that means going back to selling crack to raise funds for a homeless shelter. Morgan's

character is witty and charming, but most importantly caring, which is so seldom seen in male characters. The ensemble cast is surprisingly authentic and hilarious, comprised of residents of a halfway house, a prison groupie named "Pooh Cat," and a drug dealer turned coffee shop owner. Family and rehabilitation are recurring themes in the show, as Tray learns that there is more to being a man than the streets and being tough.





"My Brilliant Friend"

By Norma Hernandez Digital Managing Editor

This winter break I watched a new series on HBO called "My Brilliant Friend," based on the international best-selling novel of Elena Ferrante. This is the first foreign series HBO has invested in, and the whole series is in Italian with English subtitles. Elena "Lenu" Greco, now an older woman,

tells the story of her friendship with Raffaella "Lila" Cerullo when they were children and teenagers. The first season mostly takes place in an impoverished neighborhood near Naples, Italy in the 1950's. Lenu, played by Margherita Mazzucco, has a rivalry relationship with Lila, played by Gaia Girace. They both care for each other but Lenu tries to be at the same academic level as Lila. Since childhood, Lila was naturally smart and enjoys learning. However, as they grew up, they began to learn the responsibilities that women at the time

had; an education was not one of them. Both girls came from parents who didn't have a lot of money but they fought to get an education. Lenu's parents continued to further her education while Lila's parents saw it was a waste of time and money. "So why should your sister, a girl, study?" said Lila's father, Fernando Cerullo, played by Antonio Buonanno, to his son. They wanted Lila to work to help the family business. Both Lenu and Lila have their own paths but defy the odds of the patriarchy they live in. I can't wait for season two.

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Don't sweat the four-year plan

By Saul Cruz Reporter

A common myth surrounding college life is that it'll only take four years from you and at the end you will be rewarded with a dream job. In reality, graduation rates are proving that the average is five years to complete your degree, and a degree no longer means landing a secure job.

This change has been happening for decades. In recent years we have finally shifted the average graduation rate from four to five. But it isn't impossible to graduate in four years, and many do graduate in that time.

However, what is this the most important thing, and why do we look to the four-year plan as being the best?

To many of the students attending CSU Bakersfield, graduating in four years is becoming more of a stroke of luck rather than the standard, and because of this our thought processes around the four-year plan are changing as well.

Instead of believing that they must graduate in four years, students are becoming aware that there isn't anything negative that happens when you come back for a fifth year. Rather, this year is becoming the jumping off point for many students, as they are sure of their graduation status and

(typically) have a lighter class load while they are using the year to apply for postgrad jobs.

For those still interested in graduating in four years, it still can be done, but will take a lot of cooperation between both students and their advisors. This presents an issue on any campus as advising can be hard to come by, particularly individual advising.

Matthew Phillips, a junior majoring in natural sciences, states, "It's okay not to graduate in four years."

This is understandable, as many of us come against unknown obstacles that can impede us on the way to graduation. When asked if he had any tips on graduating in four years, Phillips said to "go to class every day, know when to say no to your friends, don't wait for the last minute to study, and remember the reason why you came to college."

Luis Mendez, a senior majoring in Art Education, took a more internal approach when asked the same question.

"I think the first thing that has to be implemented is self-motivation. Without self-motivation students wouldn't be able to finish readings, homework, papers, classes, the semester, the year, ultimately their education. So, before attending college and committing to your own education, one must ask themselves if they are willing to finish what they start," he said.



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Students sit and wait for their names to be called during 2018's commencement ceremony.

In the end, graduating in four years is becoming a hassle, not a standard, and there should be no shame felt in using a fifth year to graduate. The stigma surrounding taking your time is lessening, and if you do decide to take on college life for a fifth year, be sure to optimize that time and use it to advance your life after graduation as well.

Isabela Padilla, a senior in the Nursing program, is currently in her fifth year and is on track to graduate on time for the program.

"I've been on my five-year track since I started college and to be honest, the only way to stay on track is to study regularly. Not just the weekends or right before a test. I've seen so many people drop out early because they didn't understand the course content and failed exams when there were literally months to prepare, dozens of tutors available, professor office hours, and millions of online websites. I think the best way to stay on track is to use your resources before you need them," she says.

Scholarships: How to get free money

Chelsea L. McDowell
Marketing Manager

For broke college students the prospect of having to apply for a scholarship may seem intimidating.

Students may not believe that they will qualify for a scholarship or know where to go to apply for one. Fortunately for me, I'm able to see how simple getting a scholarship is through my work as a student assistant for the Annual Giving and Stewardship department in the University Advancement office.

Finding where to go to apply online can be challenging with how the school website is formatted. There's no "apply for scholarships here" button, but those interested can go to csub.academicworks.com, where they'll have to sign in with their Net ID and password.

A list of the different scholarships available is given, but students don't have to scour that list to find the right one to apply.

The general application is one page of providing information such as your name and if you'll be participating in the University Jazz Ensemble next year; providing lists of your high school and college activities—the key word here is *list*, essays are another portion; and finally writing an essay about a barrier you've overcome. The essay must be in paragraph format, but there is no length requirement.

The general application also asks for two letters of recommendation, which can be uploaded or a request can be sent to a reference. The letter of recommendation is a bonus, but ultimately optional. While this may help your chance of a scholarship committee approving your application, not having a letter of recommendation does not mean that you shouldn't still submit your application.

A concern students may have is that their academic standing won't be good enough for a scholarship; however, you don't need a 4.5 GPA to get a scholarship.

I believe my GPA was a 2.6 when I received The John and Angelina Bertano Memorial Scholarship. So no, you don't have to be a perfect student to get a scholarship, but you do have to apply.

Something that is helpful for more reasons than just applying for scholarships is getting involved with your community.

You can volunteer at church, a hospital or any organization that serves the public.

Scholarships are created by people who want to make a difference and give back to their community; you don't have to pay them back in cash, but you can pay it forward through volunteer work.

Kelsey Greaves is the Annual Giving and Stewardship Coordinator and my boss.

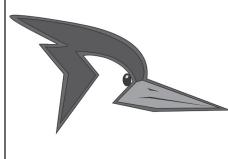
In an email she wrote, "If you are afraid of the application or your ability, we have scholarship workshops (hosted by the office of Financial Aid) that can help you through it. The next one is Jan. 30 from 9am to 10:30am in the Walter Stiern Library #16."

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CSUB vs UMKC on Jan. 17, 2019.

By Vanessa Villalvazo Sports Editor

The CSU Bakersfield men's basketball team is off to a great start with 12 wins and 6 loses. They are undefeated at the Icardo Center as they have not lost a home game.

Their game against Kansas City on Jan. 17 ended with a result of 74-73.

With just 0.2 seconds left on the clock, Jarkel Joiner was fouled on the three-point line. Joiner was

given three free throws and the Roadrunners won as a result of him making all three. This is the second game where the Runners take the win at the last second as they beat Utah Valley the same way, with Taze Moore making a buzzer-beating shot. This win puts CSUB tied for first place in the WAC standings.

On gorunners.com, CSUB head coach Rod Barnes said, "I'm just thankful to God for the victory. It seems like some special things are happening on this court. I

don't want to say it, but maybe we're the most exciting show in town...I think the support we had from our fans made the difference."

CSUB faced Chicago State on Jan. 19 and ended the game with a result of 86-73.

Chicago opened the game leading with a 12-5 run before the Runners senior Damiyne Durham hit some three pointers, and put the Runners up 14-12. The second quarter ended with the Cougars leading with a score of 39-37.

In the third quarter, the Road-runners managed to tie the game with a score of 67-67. It wasn't until the fourth quarter that CSUB woke up leading with a 15-0 run, which gave them the victory.

The Roadrunners are getting ready for their next game home against UC Santa Cruz on Tuesday night Jan. 29.

This game will feature President's Spirit Night and Faith & Family Night. All CSUB students who attend this game will recieve a \$10 arcade card to The BLVD!,

a restaurant with attractions, like a beer garden and laser tag located in Bakersfield.

Tipoff in the Icardo Center will be at 7 p.m, as the Roadrunners look to keep their 8-0 undefeated streak at home.

This game also counts toward the requirements to attend the WAC Tournament in Las Vegas on March 14 through 16.

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Roadrunners win again

By Vanessa Villalvazo Sports Editor

The CSU Bakersfield women's basketball started off the season on the right track with two wins. Their winning streak ended with their away game on Nov. 14 against The University of Texas at El Paso. The game ended with a result of 47-53. The Roadrunners

hold a record of 8 wins and 11 loses.

Their game against Kansas City ended with a result of 67-57 handing UMKC their first conference loss.

From gorunners.com, head coach Greg McCall said, "I'm very proud of our players on how they competed for 40 minutes with

constant pressure on the ball." McCall added, "I was happy that

we came out with the win. We're getting better each day from top to bottom, but tonight our bench did a really good job. Their productivity when starters need a reliever is what's going to be key for us down the line. Good overall win."

The Roadrunners opened their game with a quick turnover, which put UMKC in the lead.

"I'm very proud of our players on how they competed for 40 minutes with constant pressure on the ball. I was happy that we came out with the win."

Greg McCall, head coach.

Baskets were being made back and forth until the last four minutes of the game where theRoadrunners led a 7-2 run to end the first period. The second period ended with UMKC in the lead with a score of 38-39.

UMKC's Emily Ivory opened up the third quarter with a 9-2 run, but the Roadrunners closed the quarter with a 9-4 run. The

Roadrunners took control of the fourth quarter in the beginning,



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CSUB vs. UTRGV on Jan.10, 2019.

then lost the lead, but with only eight minutes and half to play they retook the lead and won the game.

Another victory for the Roadrunners as they faced Chicago state on Jan. 17 and ended the game with a result of 67-56, which was a similar result from their last

game against UMKC.

From gorunners.com, head coach Greg McCall said, "It was a collective team effort all around. From our seniors, all the way down to our freshmen." McCall added, "As we get deeper into league play it's going to important we stay consistent with our

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energy on the defensive end and that we're able to have everybody contribute on the offensive end."

The Roadrunners will be on the road to Arizona as they look for the win against Grand Canyon University on Feb. 2.

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