



Students enjoying the festivities at the 36th annual Spring Barbecue.

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36th annual Spring Barbecue a success

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Last Thursday, CSUB kicked off a fun-filled weekend with the annual Spring Barbecue. The annual event hosted raises funds for the CSUB athletics program.

The volunteer staff was grilling chicken and steak on seven large grills to feed the hundreds of people who turned out for the event. The other items on the menu included breadsticks, beans and salad. A variety of pies and ice cream were also served for dessert.

The main attraction of the night, however, seemed to be in the drinks rather than the food. In addition to all-you-can-drink complimentary wine, several alcohol vendors were on site to provide a variety of alcoholic beverages including many types of beer and wine.

The live entertainment for the evening was provided by Thee Majestics - an oldies band which has seemingly become a staple of all CSUB fundraisers.

In addition to the booze and food, many businesses and organizations around town were on hand to give away free pro-



Patrons enjoying food and beverages at the the Spring Barbecue.

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motional items and literature. The Bakersfield Blaze was also present at the event and hosted a pitching contest to raise additional funds for the Athletics Department. Every hour, the fastest pitch would win a trip for two to Reno.

The tried and true combination of food, alcohol and live music lent itself to create quite a successful evening for the 36th annual barbecue as was commented on by several students attending the event.

"Everything has been awe-

some!" said "super" senior Melissa Knoche.

Her dining companion, senior Amanda Weddle was quick to chime in, "The energy here is fabulous. I'm glad I came."

Wrestlers rank among top NCAA DI academic teams

Courtesy of Sports Information

The CSUB wrestling team earned the No. 13 ranking of all NCAA Division I institutions on the National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic Top 30 list, released Thursday. In addition to the team award, junior Thomas Kimbrell and red-shirt freshmen Riley Orozco and Elijah Nacita were named to the individual All-Academic wrestling team by the NWCA.

For teams to be eligible for consideration, teams comprise 12 student athletes, including the 10 wrestlers who competed in their respective NCAA tournament qualifier.

Individually, wrestlers must have at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA, been an NCAA qualifier or won 60 percent of his total schedule – and must have competed in at least 60 percent of said schedule. The other way to qualify for the All-Academic team is have a 3.0 cumulative and been an NCAA All-American.

American and Duke tied for the top ranking on the team list, each holding a 3.335 GPA. Liberty (3.286), Stanford (3.269) and Princeton (3.209) rounded out the top five schools.

Bakersfield's No. 13 ranking

tied the school's highest finish on the list, which it also achieved in 2007, though its GPA of 3.06 is up from last year's 2.9441. Against their Pac-10 opponents, the Roadrunners trailed only Stanford, while no other conference opponent qualified. In addition, CSUB finished above three of the six Ivy League institutions that sponsor wrestling. Harvard was No. 15 with a 3.018 GPA, Cornell was No. 21 with a 2.943 GPA and Penn was No. 29 with a 2.901 GPA.

On the individual list, Kimbrell, Orozco and Nacita were among 88 total wrestlers to earn the All-Academic honor, up 35 percent from last year's 57-member team.

Kimbrell, a political science major with a 3.70 GPA went 19-12 this season, culminating with a fifth place finish at the Pac-10 Championships. Nacita, a business administration major with a 3.23 GPA, finished the season with a 29-12 record, the third most wins on the 2008 squad.

Orozco, a criminal justice major with a 3.34 GPA, went 25-15, placed fourth at the Pac-10 Championships and earned a trip to the NCAA National Championships.

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Lopez named athlete of the meet at NAC Championships

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After Day One

Steve Trojanowski, Alex Haver and Brian Lopez earned first place finishes in their respective events Friday, helping lift the CSUB men's track & field team to a first place team standing through the opening day of the 2008 National Athletic Conference Championships at Clarence Robison Track on the campus of Brigham Young University. On the women's side, Ke'Airra Jones and Katina Frugulietti posted first place marks, putting the Roadrunner women in second overall through six scoring events.

"The weather was cold and windy and you never know how a young team is going to respond to a championship event," said CSUB Head Coach Alan Collatz, "but we were very happy with the performances today."

Jones, a freshman, and senior Peace Nwosu, kicked off the day with a one-two performance in the women's high jump. Jones matched her personal best with a 5-7 mark while Nwosu jumped 5-5 for the runner-up position.

Frugulietti, a sophomore, won the women's hammer, and set a big new personal best with a hurl of 166-06, nearly five feet beyond her previous best mark. In the women's long jump, freshman Brianna Woodfox scored a personal best and a second place finish with a jump of 18-4.25.

Those performances for the 'Runner women led to 36 team points Saturday, putting CSUB in second behind host Utah Valley University.

On the men's side, Trojanowski, a junior, posted a first place mark of 185-11 in the hammer, also a personal best by three inches. Senior Bryan Romero placed second with a personal best mark of 159-01 and junior Clayton Morovich was fourth with a mark of 129-10.

Senior Brian Lopez won the men's javelin with a hurl of 186-02, while freshman Alex Haver tied his personal best with a 6-4.75 first place mark in the

men's high jump. Freshman Ryan Nichols rounded out the Runners' Friday place winners, finishing second in the men's long jump (21-7.25).

Bakersfield's men tallied 52 points through five scoring events to hold a first place team standing over Utah Valley (44 points).

In addition to the scoring events, a number of CSUB runners qualified for Saturday's finals with solid times in the qualifying heats. Freshman Cameron Jost earned the top qualifying time (49.14) in the 400-meter dash, while also qualifying for the 200-meter dash finals. Jones and sophomore Sheena Cooper will move on to the 200-meter dash finals while Cooper also advances to the 100-meter dash finals.

Action continues at the National Athletic Conference Championships all day Saturday

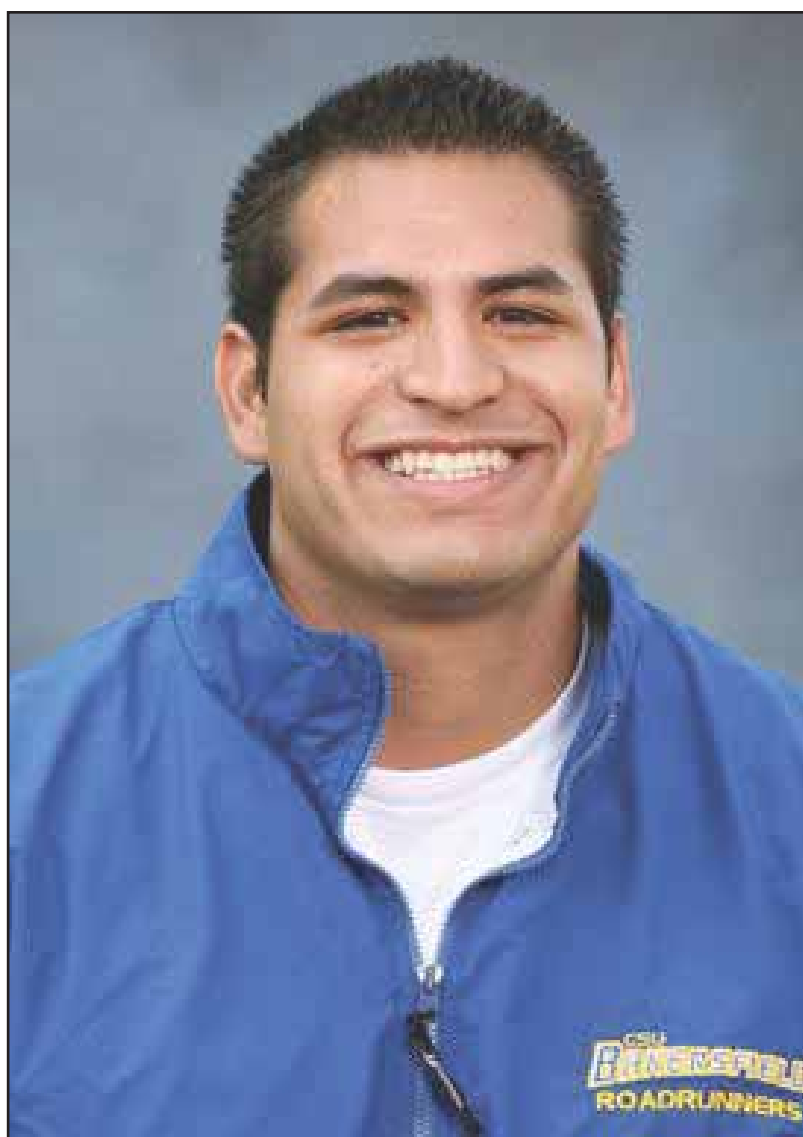


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between the Runners, Utah Valley, Houston Baptist, New Jersey Tech and University of San Francisco.

After Day Two

CSUB senior thrower Brian Lopez captured one more event title and finished second in a second to earn Male Athlete of the Meet honors at 2008 National Athletic Conference Championships at Clarence Robison Track on the BYU campus.

Lopez's effort helped the Roadrunner men earn a third-place finish behind host Utah Valley and the University of San Francisco.

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"What a well-deserved honor for Brian and what

a way for our only senior to finish his career," said CSUB Head Coach Alan Collatz. "We're so young that maybe the best thing to come out of this meet was the experience we gained and Brain certainly showed our younger athletes how to compete in championship conditions."

Lopez and Johnson weren't the only 'Runner men to have a big day Saturday. Freshman sprinter Cameron Jost (Liberty HS) set two P.R.s, winning the 400-meters in 48.68 before placing fourth in the 200 in a personal-best 22.34 despite running into a headwind. Jost closed a solid weekend by anchoring CSUB's victorious mile relay team.

On the women's side, sophomore Katina Frugulietti (Liberty HS) picked up CSUB's lone event win Saturday, taking top honors in the discus at 130-1. Her mark was more than 13 feet better than runner-up Kemry Wells of Utah Valley University.

Behind Frugulietti's event win, the Runner women finished in fourth place behind Utah Valley, USAF and Houston Baptist.

The Runners also received a couple of impressive results on the track. Sophomore sprinter Sheena Cooper (Liberty HS) finished third in the 100 in a time of 12.47. Meanwhile, freshman Ke'Airra Jones ran a blazing split of 55.8 while anchoring CSUB's mile relay team to a fourth-place finish.

"We had some nice performances on the women's side, but for most of our team, this was the first time competing outdoors at altitude," said Collatz. "Like the men, our women's team is very young as well, so this experience will help set the foundation for next season."

The NAC Championship meet was the final athletic competition for all CSUB sports in 2007-08. The Runners put the wraps on year two of their four-year transition process to full NCAA Division I status.