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A NATIONAL PACEMAKER AWARD NEWSPAPER

LOCKED IN AND UNHITTABLE ON BIG STAGE



Photo Courtesy of Fox Sports

KING OF THE HILL—Southwestern College alumnus Kevin Ginkel completed a stellar post-season by starring in the World Series for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

'BOYHOOD DREAM COME TRUE'

"Looking back, this was a storybook year for me," he said this month on a zoom call from Arizona. "(Pitching in the World Series) is a blessing."

KEVIN GINKEL
Diamondbacks Relief Pitcher

One time Jaguar mows down Mookie Betts, Freddie Freeman, Trea Turner, Bryce Harper during clutch NLCS and World Series outings

BY JUAN H ESTRADA

Kevin Ginkel was warmed up and ready to go when he got the call from the bullpen. He sprinted to the mound as he had done more than 100 times before at El Capitan High School, Southwestern College, University of Arizona and for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Only this time it was the eighth inning of Game One of the World Series.

The D-Backs were in a tight spot as the Texas Rangers had the go-ahead runners on.

Ginkel looked like it was a Spring Training exhibition, confident and loose, trying not to betray the fact that this was a boyhood dream come true.

He nodded yes to the sign as Texas Rangers fans at sold out Globe Life Field roared. From the stretch Ginkel raised his left leg so high his knee almost brushed the Arizona logo across his chest. A 93-mph sinking fastball shattered the bat of Josh Jung, producing a weak grounder to the shortstop who made the routine play. Inning over.

Another boyhood dream come true.

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Photo Courtesy of Arizona Athletics

FIRST JAGUAR TO PLAY IN THE WORLD SERIES

Ginkel was an SC Jaguar and University of Arizona Wildcat before becoming a top dog in the Arizona Diamondbacks bullpen this summer. He was nearly unhittable in the post-season.

SABER DEPARTS AFTER VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

Sanchez announces sudden exit of Vice President of Academic Affairs following critical Academic Senate resolution

BY ALICIA RIVERO

Controversial Vice President of Academic Affairs Isabelle Saber is out, but circumstances surrounding her departure remain a mystery.

College President Dr. Mark Sanchez announced the departure of Saber in the second paragraph of a global email to college staff without details as to why his hand-picked VPAA and longtime friend was suddenly gone.

"Isabelle Saber is no longer the (VPAA) and Silvia Cornejo will be serving in the acting role through June 30, while we conduct a national search for a new (VPAA)," he wrote. "I personally want to thank Isabelle Saber and faculty for creating structural changes that have positioned the district to better serve our students and communities."

Saber, who earlier indicated she would sit for an interview with The Sun, did not return multiple emails and phone calls seeking comment.

Southwestern College's Academic Senate voted overwhelmingly last month to pass a No Confidence Resolution against Saber for what faculty members described as abusive behavior, illegal actions and contract violations, among many other complaints. Academic Senator Andrew Rempt said he felt "relieved" that Saber is no longer with the college.

"I feel we will be free to move forward with our programs and with helping our students," he said. "I am relieved because (Saber) was difficult to work with. She created obstacles and did not seem to be faculty friendly or focused on student success. So now that this person is no longer working here, we can go back to what is important."

Senate leaders took the No Confidence vote results to the governing board Nov. 13. A parade

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PILOT LAW ALLOWS CA TUITION RATE FOR MEXICAN STUDENTS

Local legislators, college leaders say program will strengthen local work force

BY ZEKE WATSON

La frontera just got a little fuzzier.

And attending Southwestern College just got a whole lot less expensive.

Gov. Newson signed into law Assembly Bill 91, legislation that will launch a five-year pilot program to reduce community college costs for low-income Mexican students living within 45 miles of the border.

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ASSEMBLYMAN DAVID ALVAREZ

DEBATERS ERASE BORDERS

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