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College backs rape prevention program

By Robert Phipps
Editor-in-Chief

According to statistics, as many as one in four female college students have been victims of rape or attempTed rape by the age of 21.

Alarming figures such as these have prompted the BC administration to back the efforts of Sgt. Jess Soto in his attempt to develop a rape prevention program on campus, in compliance with Assembly Concurrent Resolution 46, a legislation passed in 1987.

The resolution, which deals mainly with acquaintance or date rape asks colleges to:

—Incorporate clear and consistent sexual assault policies in the current disciplinary process;

—Provide all incoming students with facts about acquaintance rape;

— Maintain at least one staff member who has competency in the most therapeutic approach to acquaintance rape, on those campuses that have counseling centers; and

—Develop a comprehensive data collection which will provide information on how to treat acquaintance rape.

Soto, who has attended several seminars on rape prevention over the past few years, says BC already maintains many of the policies and ideas the legislation asks for, but more could, and should, be done in the interest of rape prevention.

"A good example is that a lot of universities use the escort program to help people to their cars, which is something we have done for quite some time," Soto says.

However, both Soto and Student Activities Director Kathy Rosellini said they believe more should be done in order to educate both students and faculty about this potential problem.

"If these statistics are correct, it may be happening on this campus, but we just don't know about it," says Rosellini. "I don't think any of us are so naive as to assume that it hasn't happened."

Soto adds, "within the last five years, I could probably cite one or two sexual incidents on this campus," Soto says.

He adds however, the probability the number of date rapes which have gone unreported is high.

"We want to do what we can to educate people. How we're going to do that hasn't been decided yet," Rosellini says.

"Whether it's in new student orientation, pamplets or videos, we're not sure yet."

Soto and Rosellini hope to implement the educational process with the help of several offices and individuals on campus, including personnel from the counseling and health centers.

"These people could get together and decide the best way to provide information to the students," Soto says. "Some ideas include better lighting, and having the bushes trimmed."

Ideas already in the works for the educational process include initiating a disiplinary code in next year's Reneguide, updating the pamphlet materials already available in the health center, and assembling a task force to help treat any rape victims as quickly as possible.

"There's several avenues that the college could look at in implementing this," Soto adds.

"Of course not all of this is going to happen overnight, because these things cost money which has to come out of someone's budget.

"We don't like the publicity involved with something like this," Soto says, "but by not making students aware we may be held liable. If we foresee a problem and neglect to make people aware of it, then there's a definite problem.

The issue of acquaintance rape, which is only now being taken seriously by legislators, is a problem Rosellini likens to sexual harrassment, which wasn't taken seriously at first either.

"Several years ago, we had the problem of sexual harassment. People weren't aware it was going on, but as they became educated, the problem lessened."

Eye Spy

Quan Huynh / Rip staff

This youngster gets an eyeful through his telescope recently at Hart Park

Ex-student justice Russell Crouch dies

By Ryan T. Blystone
Rip Staff

Russell Crouch, former chief justice of the Associated Student Body's student court system, died Jan. 20 at Mercy Hospital of an accidental gunshot wound.

According to Student Activities Director Kathy Rosellini, Crouch, 20, had served on the student court system from the fall of 1986 through last spring. Just last fall, he was the International Students Association candidate for homecoming king.

A 1986 graduate at West High School, Crouch had been a student at BC since the fall of the same year and was named as one of the ASB associate justices.

In the spring of 1988, after completing his term as chief justice, he was honored by the ASB with the Outstanding Student Court Award at its awards banquet.

After BC, he had planned to attend the University of Southern California this coming fall.

He was a very active person as he was heavily involved in broadcasting, including the college radio station KBCC and television.

At USC, he had hoped to become a major motion-picture director and study cinematography classes.

He was last employed at Pizza Hut, and he received an internship from the local NBC-TV affiliate, KGET, channel 17, where he monitored the cameras and worked in all facets of the station.

Russell Crouch
...former BC justice

Besides making a lot of professional contacts in the broadcasting field, Crouch obviously had many personal friends who will miss him greatly.

Mary Larson, who attended West High School and BC with Crouch, said, "Russ was a lover of life and a goal-setter. He would not let anything get in the way of achieving his goals. I will miss Russell's sly grin."

John Thomas, a former disc jockey with the KBCC radio station on campus, said, "Russ was a major influence in my life. He taught me how to enjoy life to the fullest and was a friend I could depend upon. He will not be forgotten."

Paul Pavletich, ASB president from the 1987 fall semester to the 1988 spring term, said, "He was responsible and dedicated as an ASB officer."

Jennifer Baker, former ASB director of public relations, said, "Every memory I have of Russ makes me laugh. He was very unique. Very special. I'll miss him."

State boosts budgets of colleges by 7%

By Robert Phipps
Editor-in-Chief

The state's 107 community colleges can probably expect a financial boost this year as Gov. Deukmejian has proposed to the Legislature a budget package calling for $2.45 billion to go to the colleges in 1989, which is up 7.2 percent from 1988's $2.31 billion.

"The governor's proposal essentially maintains the same level of financial commitment to AB 1725, the community college reform bill, as was appropriated when the bill went into effect on Jan. 1," [illegible] release from the Cali[illegible]ty College news [illegible]

"Th[illegible] initial [illegible] provement [illegible] diversity programs [illegible] total of $70 million was not available for AB 1725, the next level of reform measures in the law will be postponed," the release stated.

As a result of the boost, funding to the various districts has increased in general apportionments, capital outlay construction, student services, management information system, transfer and articulation programs, faculty and staff diversity, faculty and staff development, and revenue bond payments.

BC President Richard Wright says he believes the boost overall to be a step in the right direction.

"It's really pretty favorable," Wright says, "except for the $70 mil[illegible] Deukmejian said he'd [illegible]

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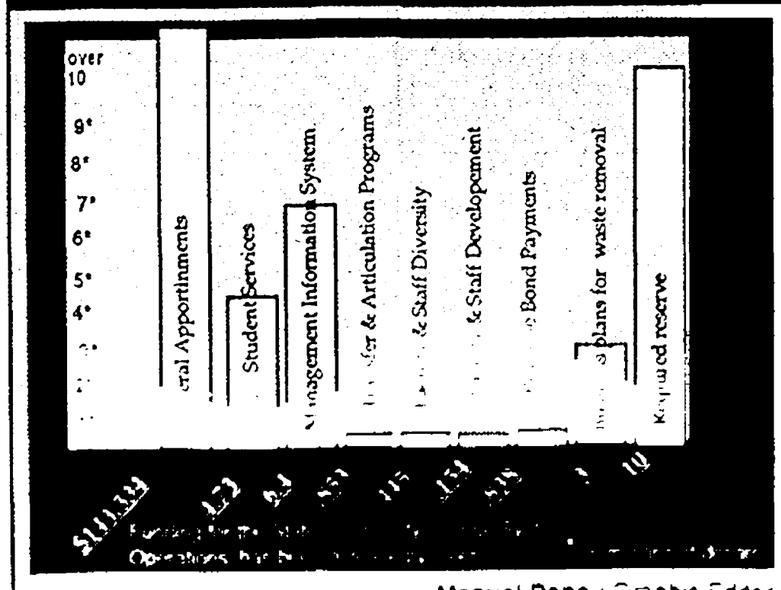
College Budget Agenda '89-'90



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67 decide ASB elections

By Heather Ross
Rip Staff

New ASB President Tony Fletcher says his job is "to represent the students and benefit the school. I'm looking foreward to a successful semester."

He also admits it will be difficult without more support from the student body.

"Lack of support was evident," he says about the elections held Jan. 30-31, "with a total of only 67 students voting in this semester's elections." Out of six positions open for student body representatives, only four were filled.

The new ASB member [illegible] Endsley, com[illegible] tiv[illegible] [illegible] Denise Anderson associate justice.

But even without a full board, Fletcher has high ambitions for BC. With 10 percent of the budget cut, he says, programs like Arts Ascending and the band need financial support.

Fletcher says the answer lies with SB 135, the bill which would boost tuition costs $5 if enacted.

"It would alleviate a lot of stress. But some people don't want out-of-pocket expenses, yet they complain."

To help financial matters, the A[illegible] is planning fund-raisers. Th[illegible] an all-class reunion pi[illegible] in April to get summ[illegible] through Arts Ascend[illegible] says.

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"I know this sounds corny but I really do want to make BC a better school," Fletcher says. "It's a great place to start a college education."

Rip News

NEWS BRIEFS

Depression help group to meet

Depression Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 9 and 23, at the Bakersfield Charter Counseling Center, 2309-C Cheshire. People suffering from depression and their family members are welcome. Call 399-3419 during evenings for more information. There will be no charge.

Spanish course to be conducted

The BC Community Education Program is offering a course for people wishing to practice conversational skills — "Beginning Conversational Spanish."

"Beginning Conversational Spanish is geared for the beginner wanting to learn Spanish for work, travel or pleasure. The class will meet at 6:30 p.m. for six Wednesdays starting March 8. The fee for the class, which is not for credit, is $35. For more information or to register, call the Community Education and Services Office at 395-4537.

Career program being offered

A computer-based career planning program — Discover — is being offered to those in need of help in finding a suitable occupation and information on colleges, universities and training schools. The information can be printed out for personal use. Those interested can make an appointment with re-entry peer adviser Denise Misquez for assistance in getting started with Discover by stopping by the Re-Entry Center, Room H-11, or calling 395-4582.

BC Republicans to gather

The BC Republicans will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Executive Board Room.

Poetry contest under way

Poets can now enter a new poetry contest with $11,000 in prizes to be given, including a $1,000 grand prize and $500 first prize. The contest, sponsored by the American Poetry Association, is open to the public and entry is free.

More than 150 poets will receive awards and national publication. They may enter the contest by sending up to six poems, each no more than 20 lines, with name and address on each page, to American Poetry Association, Dept. CT-22, 250 A Potrero St., P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1803.

The contest remains open until June 30. Poets who enter early will be invited to another contest with another $1,000 grand prize. Each poem also is considered for publication in the American Poetry Anthology, a leading collection of contemporary verse.

African art collection being displayed

Jane Matthews, collector of African art, is displaying her collection at BC's art gallery through Feb. 24. Matthews also will lecture on the various aspects of collecting African art including religious and cultural symbols and their meaning. A catalog about the exhibit will be available.

For more information or gallery hours, please contact the Fine Arts Department at 395-4404.

Film club to show 'Mr. Deeds'

The Classic Film Club will show "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," a Frank Capra comedy featuring Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur about a small-town poet who inherits a fortune and befuddles the big-city baddies by trying to give it away, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Little Theatre in Harvey Auditorium, 1240 G St. "Mr. Deeds" is the first of eight films to be shown in the spring schedule. Half-year memberships (eight films) can be purchased for $15. Single admission price is $3, $1 for students 17 and under. Yearly and twice-yearly memberships also are available. For more information, call 323-1910 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

FLICS slates 'House of Games'

Film Lovers' International Cinema Society (FLICS) will show "House of Games," a psychological thriller directed by Pulitzer Prize-winner David Mamet in which Lindsay Crouse stars as a successful psychiatrist who allows herself to by drawn into the violent underworld of one of her patients, at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Little Theatre at Harvey Auditorium, 1240 G St. Admission price is $3.50. Half-year memberships for the last five films of the season; FLICS' seventh, are available for $12.50. For more information call 325-4815 during evenings and weekends.

Blood drive to be conducted

A blood drive co-sponsored by the Associated Student Body and Houchin Blood Bank will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Fireside Room in the Campus Center.

BC Library hosts book sale

A book sale featuring new, discarded and donated books will be offered in the BC Library to raise money for new supplies and reference books. The sale will run until the books are sold out during the library's operating hours of 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays.

Job opportunities available

The following job opportunities are available to students in need of a part- or full-time job:

Loader/Unloader #01573. PPT. M-F 4-8am or 5-8pm, 5hr. Load and unload UPS trucks. Lifting required. Female applicants encouraged to apply. Fast paced! - interviews on campus, 2/[illegible] in the Job Placement Center.

Park Ranger #[illegible] Government agency seeking students with 12-18 units in forestry or [illegible] to work in campgrounds and lakeshores. $1,000/mo. Recruiter will be [illegible] SIGN UP FOR APPOINTMENT AT JOB PLACEMENT CENTER.

Lab Assistant #[illegible] perform routine lab work [illegible] duties. M-F, 15-20 hrs/wk. $[illegible]

If you are interested in working while attending college contact the JOB PLACEMENT CENTER in the Student Services Building, Rms 28/29. Office hours M-F 8:00am - 5:30pm, T & Th [illegible] 7:30pm. Walk-in/same hours Wednesdays 8:[illegible]-1:[illegible]

Co-Op program sizes up jobs

By Darle Wright
Rip Staff

Bulletins pasted up around the BC campus claiming "you could earn up to 16 units by working and going to college" have too often been ignored by students.

However, word about the Co-op Work Experience Program has gotten out and has raised the enrollment of the program from last semester's 100 to at least 400 students.

Bob Stone, the program's instructor-coordinator, is "optimistic" about an enrollment of 500 this spring.

The program gives students an opportunity to both go to school and work, while earning extra credits which may be transferrable.

Students who have a job which doesn't concern their major can sign up for WORKE 250, and the units earned depend on how many hours a week they work.

Though these units aren't transferrable to another college, they can add up toward an asociate's degree. Those who work in a field of their major can sign up for WORKE 249 and earn up to four transferrable credits a semester.

"It lets you see if you want to do what you're doing," Stone says.

The program works with the Job Placement Center to help enrolled students find jobs they're suitable for from about 70 sources in Bakersfield.

"I'm very open," says Stone. "I want you to be creative."

The way the program works, a student signs up at Room 34 in the Student Services building, and speaks to Stone about possible opportunities.

Units are determined by how many hours a week a student is on the job (volunteer work included).

Although the program has been in existence for 15 years, there wasn't much publicity until recently, according to Stone.

Recent dvertising has included bulletins, a story in The Bakersfield Californian, and a special on KGET-TV, channel 17 with Stone andBC President Dr. Richard Wright.

The reaction from the students, Stone says, is due to "really terrific communication and media coverage of the program."

Bob Stone
...operates program

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Russ Vierra, engineering major, with blueprint equipment

SPACE program gives parents some space

By Darle Wright
Rip Staff

The SPACE Program (Single Parent Adults Choosing Education for Self-Improvement) will hold its open house Feb. 15 in Room 5 at the Weill Institute. Those who have contacted the Re-Wntry Center previously and have made child care arrangements with Community Connection for Child Care may register at that time.

Classes will be held Feb. 27 - May 4, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday. The course will include such topics as self-esteem, assertiveness training, nutrition and hygiene, appearance, budgeting, career exploration, and life planning.

The SPACE Program is run by Ethel Katz, Re-entry program director, Phyllis Hullet, Re-entry director, a counseling intern from California State University, and a part-time teacher. The program will register its students into BC and pay for books, tuition and child care.

"The message that we want them to get is that they can do anything they put their minds to do," says Katz, who is also a family and marriage counselor.

Last semester's class graduated 24 students from the program, 19 of which are now attending classes on the BC campus.

Many of the graduates were women who were high school dropouts and had little or no motivation in their past to continue their education. Says Katz, "This was their first real positive experience."

"I graduated in 1973," says Anne O'Conner, one of the SPACE Program's recent graduates. "I was a wife and a mother. . . going back to school after 14 years. . . I felt bad about myself. I was totally isolated."

O'Conner remembers her first experience on the BC campus: "I was totally scared the first time I walked on campus. . . I felt very out of place. I used to be a very quiet person." Because of this, she decided to quit college.

Like many of the women in the program, O'Conner heard about SPACE through her GAIN worker. Though she was leery about the program in the beginning, she says, "Everything was on a positive basis. Everybody was there to make you feel good about yourself."

O'Connor, who is a mother of two and has been on her own for four years, feels that she's "been given a second opportunity. I feel very lucky to be on campus."

In the blue(print)

New equipment benefits BC engineering majors

By Michael Gattenby
Rip Staff

Students enrolled in BC's industrial drawing program are using a new piece of equipment to more professionally produce their work.

Donated by Shell California Production, the blue line printer takes in drawings on transparent paper, and through a process similar to photocopying, transfers the image into a print of the finished product, making a professional drawing.

Fred Coon of the physical science department said the new printer has an estimated value of $5,000 and is far superior to what the school could afford.

"Shell was replacing their old equipment and decided to give us this one" he said. "It is a professional machine, and everyone in the drafting program will bennefit from it."

The Diatz Executive 6, as it is called, is not more than three years old and is in mint condition, according to Coon.

"We have a display which includes some blue line prints in the trades and industries building for anyone that would be interested in seeing them," Coon said.

"This machine will strengthen our ability to continue a valid and professional drafting program at BC."The new printer replaced BC's previous machine which was then given to the theater arts program.

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Chester Avenue: It's still the hot spot for kids

By Robert Phipps
Editor-in-Chief

Editor's note: This is the first in a three part intermittent series dealing with the socio economic problems of Bakersfield's downtown area.

Parking spaces on the Chester Avenue strip begin to fill rapidly after 10 on Friday and Saturday nights as young people from all over Bakersfield gather to laugh and just generally rap about girls, guys, and the myriad of other topics teens care to discuss.

The strip's popularity, which the kids sustain and the police seem to loathe, has not waned in recent years, probably to the disgust of many parents.

Nevertheless, there is a method to the so-called madness of Chester Avenue. At least, that's the belief of most of those who inhabit the street weekend nights, cold weather notwithstanding.

"Everybody else is here, that's why we come," says one former North High graduate who didn't want to be identified.

"There's a circle at the end of it making it easy to turn around. There's no place for us to hang out.

"This is the only place we can go. What do they expect us to do if we don't have a place to go?"

Quietly, but with much vehemence in their tone, many of those who cruise Chester expound their prejudice of the police, who they say hinder rather than help.

"The cops harass the hell out of us," says another angry student. "They go out to the parking lot of Jimmy's (Arcade), drive around awhile so they can run everybody out of there, and then they park here.

"Look around. Do you see any drinking or fights going on? No. We just come here to congregate."

"This is just a place to come and meet people from other schools," adds another cruiser. "You have to do it down here, because you can't do it when you're in school. Although it might help if they had a dance hall in this town, or maybe just a good concert once in a while."

Of course, there are always two sides to every story, and this one is no different.

Police officers who patrol the weekend Chester Aveune beat tell an entirely different tale, one which many cruisers would undoubtedly dispute.

"A lot of people think we're out there for harassment, and that's simply not so," says Officer Fernando Quintanilla, a veteran of the Chester Avenue beat.

"As far as our outlook on kids cruising Chester is concerned, that's OK, so long as it's kept in moderation. Unfortunately, about 10 percent of those kids ruin it for the rest of them."

Quintanilla does acknowledge that problems on Chester which were mostly alcohol-related have eased off somewhat as a result of a police crackdown last year.

"It has come down significantly. We haven't had the problems of peace disturbances involving alcohol and fights."

Quintanilla says most problems the police experience on the strip now are traffic-related.

"The traffic down there is terribly congested on Friday and Saturday nights. The problem is everybody tries to beat the yellow light. We've had a lot of hit-and-runs."

In addition, Quintanilla says the youths' charges of harrassment may stem from the fact that more citations have been issued in the last year because of merchant complaints.

"There were a lot of merchants down there who did consent to us issuing citations for trespassing," Quintanilla says. "That came about as a result of the litter problem downtown.

"Kids were leaving their beer bottles, cigarette butts, fast food bags and all sorts of things lying around and it looked terrible."

Despite the police crackdown, cruising Chester remains the thing to do on weekend nights for many around the age of 21.

One Bakersfield High School student summed up the the strip's activities in a nutshell: "I come down here to look at guys.

"Now why don't you let me get back to it?"

REEL TO REEL

Robert Phipps

'Physical Evidence' of quality film lacking

Start by adding practically every premise from every courtroom drama of the past four years, combine the listless talents of both Burt Reynolds and Theresa Russell, then stir until lukewarm and what you get is about two hours of some pretty lousy "Physical Evidence."

If fortunate, this monstrosity of wasted celluloid from the creator of "Jagged Edge" and the director of "The Andromeda Strain" will die a merciful death at the box office, and then get rushed onto video before being spread by word of mouth.

What writer Bill Phillips chooses to call a storyline is something we've all seen before.

Reynolds is Joe Paris, an ex-cop whose violent tendencies don't help the fact he's been accused of murdering one of his oldest scumbag enemies.

Rushing to his aid is Jenny Hudson (Russell), the same type of public defender seen in both "Suspect" and "The Accused." Perhaps coincidentally, she is faced with the same dilemma Glenn Close had in "Jagged Edge." Does she believe her client despite the overwhelming evidence against him?

The question is moot, since after 30 minutes no one seems to care anyway.

Russell, the former model who has seemingly graduated from the William Shatner School of Overdramatization, is actually laughable as the stone-cold Hudson whose career is almost as important as the color of her nails.

Incredibly, the only times Russell doesn't overact are when she uses the Joe Friday technique of monotone.

Then there's Reynolds, who throughout the film seems to be grasping for any tinge of wit left over from the "Smokey and the Bandit" series. Well, at least he's the antithesis of Russell. Paris is so laid-back, we half expect him to fall asleep during the thick of the plot, if he can find one.

Reynolds and Russell are really a sight, more like a comedy team than two people whose lives are at stake.

Needless to say, the script doesn't help matters any. At its best, the dialogue is about a sophomoric as the stuff used on the homecoming episode of "The Brady Bunch." The script has about as much imagination as one of those "Rosanne" commercials.

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Schiffman does more than geology

By Connie Unmacht
Features Editor

Some students know Robert Schiffman as a cultural anthropology teacher or a geology teacher; a guy with a great sense of humor and a flair for informing his students on the wonders of our earth and its history.

But Schiffman is much more than a teacher, he is also a dedicated traveler and a noted writer.

Geology, however, is his main focus. "I thought about teaching geology nine years ago, and so far I have been teaching it for the past four," explains Schiffman.

Although Schiffman has been teaching the same subjects for quite some time, he says he does not tire of it. "When I taught archaeology for 14 years, yes, I did get a little tired, but with geology I am still learning. I teach according to what I know, so each semester the curriculum will change."

When he is not teaching, Schiffman fills much of his time with travel. "Ever since I was 19 and toured the Western states with my cousin, I have not stopped traveling," he says.

Schiffman has visited more than 40 countries, and has photographs of himself in exotic places hanging in his office to prove it.

"I've been to many European countries, islands in the South Pacific, Egypt, Morocco, South America, and Africa to name a few. Some of the best times I've had were on a camping safari in Tanzania, and hanging out with mountain gorillas in Rwanda," he adds.

When he finds himself with extra time on his hands, Schiffman likes to write. "I've had many articles published in various journals that center around what I teach," he says, "and I am also working on a spy novel. That is what I really want to do in the future; write novels about adventure and intrigue. I'd like to open up creatively rather than scientifically."

Although Schiffman finds himself with many open doors in his path, it looks as if for now he is happy teaching geology.

"You could say I have a love affair with geology, because that is how much I enjoy what I do."

Melodrama brings a touch of culture

By Robert Phipps
Editor-in-Chief

In a fast-paced decade like the 1980s, many Americans would probably say there's no longer a place in the entertainment field for something as dated as a melodrama.

Not so.

REVIEW

Though it's probably an entirely different type of entertainment situation for those under 30, the melodrama's uniqueness should be considered an attribute in a town which seemingly thrives on Simon's and the movies.

In front of an [illegible] crowd Jan. 28, The V[illegible] Repertory Players acted out their [illegible] "The Road to [illegible]" written by Tim Ry[illegible] playing through [illegible]

As with any melodrama [illegible] be as much fun

Of course, there is a plot somewhere in there, complete with a black-hatted villain, the white-suited heroes, and of course, the damsel in distress, all on a quest to Oildale in search of fortune from the oilfields.

The acting style of the players is corny, overblown and tongue-in-cheek, but it does have a flair to it.

A good example is Jacques Thiroux's version of a stagecoach driver, played as sort of a Gabby Hays wanna-be, and reminiscent of a real-life Yosemite Sam. He's terrific.

It's hard not to get involved as veteran melodrama buffs boo the villain, cheer the heroes, and "Ahh" the [illegible] on cue, an act the players [illegible] of their audience at the beginning of the show.

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A MARCH FOR LIFE

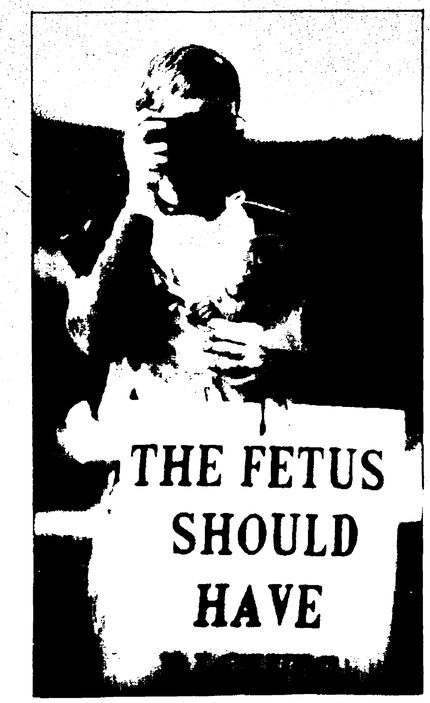
Super Bowl Sunday is usually reserved for football, the fans, and a glorious day of pigskin drama. However, star quarterback Joe Montana and his San Francisco 49ers did not hold dibs on all of it this time.

Along with local anti-abortion leaders, about 200 supporters on Jan. 22 created a mile-long stretch along Stockdale Highway, which became a platform for a strong surge of anti-abortion activities coinciding with larger national demonstrations including mass public sitdowns.

The march drew both positive and negative responses from passers-by with cheers of approval and an occasional obscenity.

This demonstration of freedom of speech still proves that both the spirit of liberty and of life have not died.

Text and photos by **Michael Borjon**



Above, participating in the march, little Christie Williams holds on tightly to her sign. At left, children take time for rest on the front lawn of a family planning clinic. Below, arriving at the clinic, the anti-abortion supporters hold a prayer meeting for the children. At far left, a demonstrator takes a picture of the day's events.

Michelle Grajek jogs on Memorial Stadium's resurfaced track

Stadium features new track

By Ryan T. Blystone
Sports Editor

On Feb. 24, the opening date of the Western State Conference track season, the men's and women's Renegade track teams will be seeing red.

According to men's track coach Bob Covey, the once 440-yard track that surrounds Memorial Stadium has been resurfaced and lengthened to a new and improved 400-meter facility, complete with the school's primary color.

The project, which began in mid-September and was finished late last month, was undertaken by California Track and Engineering, a coinpany whose other notable work includes resurfacing the track at California State University, Bakersfield and San Francisco State University.

Cost of the project is estimated at $195,000, according to Covey, who says that resurfacing was less costly than a complete overhaul.

"It would have cost us about $500,000 if we would have started over," Covey said.

Included in the construction was a new steeplechase area, improved runways for the long jump, and a mixture of rubber granules for the resurfacing which Covey says should make the track softer to train on.

The process of putting the rubber granules onto the track is not a new technique for the facility.

Back in 1971, when the track devised by the 3M Corp. was resurfaced, the company installed a Tartan track and according to Covey, "They (3M) put the granules on top of the track. It made the track too slippery."

Eight years later, Sports Technology Inc. resurfaced the track once again, this time using a fiber substance, and Covey said, "It was a super track."

Ironically, the process that California Track and Engineering is using this time has the rubber granules mixed in with the resurfacing formula.

Covey said he believes the new construction will give the track a 10-to-15-year life expectancy.

Despite the renovation, Covey said he believes there are still more improvements needed to be made to the track.

"We need a better high-jump apron and an all-weather javelin approach because in the next three years, we hope to attract a major national meet (the last national meet held at Memorial Stadium was in 1976."

Wallace soars in B-ball

By Ryan T. Blystone
Sports Editor

When Melanie Wallace, then 15 years old, came to BC during the summer of 1986, little did she know what lay ahead in the spring of 1989.

Now a member of the lady Rengades' basketball team, Wallace is averaging almost 15 points a game and is providing something that coach Jennifer Dahl has been looking for: a team leader.

"Melanie has provided us with a lot of floor leadership and she really establishes the tempo of the game," Dahl said.

The 5-foot-8 guard, a 1988 graduate of Delano High School, however, remains modest about her performance and stresses that teamwork is more important than one individual stealing the show.

"College ball is much more physical" than high school basketball, Wallace said. "It's more of a together sport. In high school, you have to have a high scorer, but now it's all of us together. It (college basketball) is better because in high school, we worked as a team but the individual players were trying to get to a college."

Nevertheless, Dahl said she believes Wallace can do well for the Renegades.

"Melanie has matured quite nicely. At the first of the season, she lacked a little bit of experience since she didn't play her last year of high school ball," Dahl said.

As the season has progressed, Wallace's offensive input has helped propel the Renegades into contention for the Western State Conference title.

In the last few games, Wallace scored a game-high 22 points in a WSC win 82-74 against Ventura, then she added 19 points to propel BC to another conference win, 71-54, over Santa Barbara. Finally, in a thrilling 77-76 BC win in the last waning seconds of the game, Wallace scored 16.

"She breaks out a lot and gets us down on the fast break and gets us scoring with (Guards) Lisa Bryant and Chris Pagsuberon," Dahl said, adding she is also happy with Wallace's defensive abilities which add to her leadership capabilities.

"She's one of our better defensive players and really shows us a lot of leadership there, too. I'm really glad she's a freshman, because that means I'll have her back next year," Dahl explained.

Manuel Pena / Rip staff
Melanie Wallace makes a move against Moorpark player

"She (Melanie Wallace) is one of our better defensive players."
—Jennifer Dahl
women's basketball coach

Basketball must run in her family's blood as Wallace's sister, forward-center Monique Fortson, an all-WSC volleyball first-team member last year, is playing for BC. She, like Wallace, played basketball at Delano High School and is also a freshman.

Currently, the Lady 'Gades are 5-3 in conference play and 12-10 overall as the team goes into a contest against newcomer Los Angeles Valley College, a team that switched into the WSC's North Division, at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The team concludes its home schedule Feb. 15 against the College of the Canyons.

Moncier gears for new baseball season

By Ryan T. Blystone
Sports Editor

BC baseball coach John Moncier, after finishing the 1988 season with a 23-13 record, announced he was ready to begin a new season on Jan. 19 at Garces High School's Leddy Hall.

Moncier, named 1988 Western State Conference Coach of the Year, was at Garces for the first-ever Hot Stove League dinner to kick off a $100,000 fund-raising drive to install lights and a clubhouse at BC's Haley Street diamond.

More than 450 adults and children who paid $20 and $10, respectively, were on hand.

In addition to helping the fund, the crowd was given the opportunity to meet both past and present baseball figures. Among them were former Philadelphia Phillies field manager Paul Owens, former Los Angeles Dodger outfielder Von Joshua, and current National League umpire Bob Engel.

"This is a great way to start out our baseball season," said Moncier afterward. "The turnout shows that there is a lot of interest in baseball in this community."

A key figure at the dinner was Bakersfield native George Culver, former major-league pitcher and current minor-league coach with the Phillies' Triple-A affiliate in Maine, who was in charge of organizing the event and securing the services of the various guest speakers.

"Our goal is to raise $100,000 for the installation of lights and a new clubhouse... He (Culver) really did a good job in getting the speakers and organizing this event," Jim Antt, pre[illegible] of the BC Diamond Club, sa[illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible] to improve the Renegades' baseball stadium is not.

Beginning at the start of the 1988 season, BC fielded a team that had new uniforms (white shirts and pants with red stripes), a better playing field and a new press box.

Moncier explained, "We want to make the facilities as nice as they can be... encouraging the local players (it may be the difference) with the facilities we have.

"Our football stadium is one of the best in the state, our basketball gym is second to none, and we want our baseball facilities the same way," Moncier said.

While he knows that these new additions won't come overnight, Moncier was definitely encouraged by the amount of support at the dinner.

"It's going to take a little while to do this, but from what I've seen tonight, there's a lot of people in this community who are willing to help."

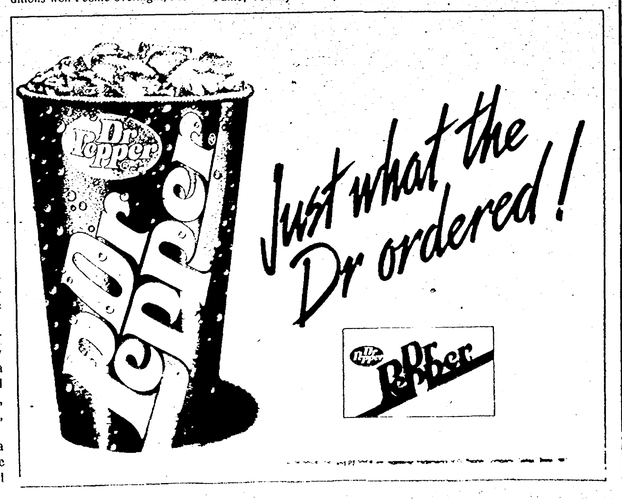
After a steak dinner, more than 100 donated prizes consisting of dinners for two and assorted baseball collectibles were raffled off. But the highlight of the evening came toward the end when four autographed baseballs were auctioned.

Among them, former Los Angeles pitching great Don Sutton's signature went for $95. The autograph of newest inductee into baseball's Hall of Fame, Johnny Bench, a one-time teammate of Culver's, was sold for $210. Meanwhile, a ball signed by former stars Pete Rose, Mike Schmidt and Steve Carlton went for $450.

The evening was capped off when an autographed ball signed by Willie Mays and Joe DiMaggio went for $1,500.

Although those prices may be too steep for some, the BC Diamond Club does have memberships available for as little as $25.

It includes a season pass for two to all of BC's home games, a team hat, a bumper sticker and a monthly newsletter. The club also has a $20 membership good for two season passes for all home games.



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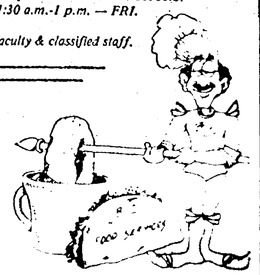


Rip Opinion

Priority registration a necessary evil

Ever since the implementation of the new priority registration system began late last semester, a number of complaints have been lodged against the plan.

Unfortunately, what most who have complained don't understand is the registrar has set into action the lesser of two evils.

However, the negative reaction which the program has received is understandable, even if unjustified. The biggest problem students cite is the number of filled classes they are unable to schedule by the time they reach the window — classes they are required to take in order to graduate or transfer from BC.

This, of course, is a concern anyone who has had to endure long lines, only to have to rearrange their schedule, can sympathize with.

However, upon reflection, it would seem likely this would be a common problem with any type of pre-open registration process.

As the system stands, the process favors no one in particular. Surname letters are drawn in a lottery fashion to determine who will register first. Nothing could really be fairer.

Consider the alternatives: The old mail-in system was a dismal failure for the college, both financially and in terms of response. Not only did most students ignore the mail-in packages they received, but two-thirds of those who did respond either failed to give the proper information, or else ignored certain key questions altogether.

Another major gripe against the process was that it allowed freshmen in their second semester to register alongside sophomores.

This, however, has always been the case. Freshmen in their second semester are returning students, despite the fact they haven't reached their second year in college.

In retrospect, the priority registration system is probably the best alternative to an already sour situation. And because it is so much less expensive than the old mail-in process, BC students would probably do well learning to live with it.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Registration woes

Dear Editor:

I'm not black, Jewish, poor, disabled or ugly. I have never in my life been a victim of discrimination. Until today. "Unprofessional" and "unfair" are words that should be applied to individuals, not an entire administration.

They apply here. The Bakersfield College administration, to be more specific. This "Priorty Registration" is a farce. I have never seen a more blatant display of unjust discrimination.

I'm a "Returning Student." I guess that means I have first dibs at the classes I need, right? Sorry, wrong. The fortunate individuals whose names begin with A and B are the ones with priority. Not me. In fact, my last name begins with G. I'm the LAST on the list. One doesn't have to stretch the imagination far to guess whether or not I got the biology class I needed. Uh, no.

Would somebody please explain to me who decided I don't deserve the classes I need? Just who decided I don't deserve to get up at 3 a.m. in order to fairly vie with everyone else for my classes on the first day of registration? Standing in a long line with hundreds of others may be aggravating, but it's fair. Fairer than this.

At least all people get the same chance. How dare Bakersfield College make this decision for me. And after this disgusting disaster, is anyone going to 'fess up? Who wants to bet "nobody knows" whose brilliant idea this all was?

—Noelle J. Guest

Youth need guidance

Dear Editor:

Why is it that often times I hear people say, "Leave them alone, they are only children?" I don't understand this concept, especially when a child has been cruel to another child, or when a child has been disrespectful to his parents and elders, or when a child has been caught stealing or lying. I strongly believe the time to instill good moral values in our children begins at birth. A baby knows when he is loved. The ideal way to teach a child about love, respect, and responsibility is by parents being good role models. Parents need to take time to teach their children good, strong principles.

Many children lack discipline because parents find life easier to sit back and let their children be disruptive and disobedient. Children need love, discipline and good role models in their upbringing to fit well in society.

Unmanageable children often grow up to be delinquent teenagers and worse yet, criminal adults. So instead of just saying, "Leave them alone, they are only children," parents should take time to step in and teach their children the good moral values that will last them a lifetime.

—B.L. Ornelas

Smoker understands

Dear Editor,

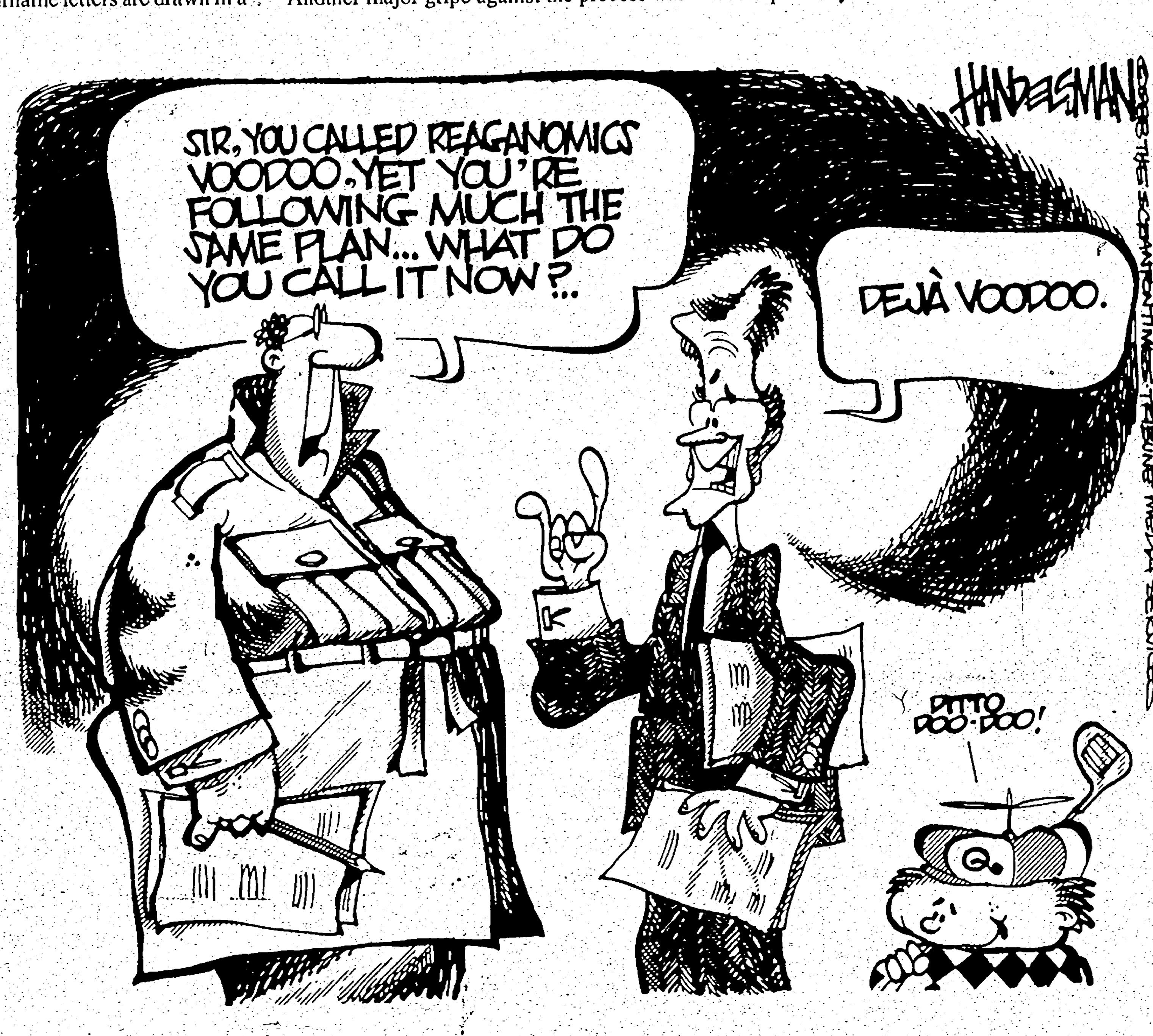
Sitting on a bus last week, I overheard a woman complaining bitterly about the fact that smoking has been banned inside the cafeteria. She went on to say that the enclosed area provided for the smokers on campus was too small.

I sat there and said nothing, but I should have told her what I'm going to write now. First, I must admit that the rules governing where people can and can't smoke on campus are an inconvenience for smokers, including myself because I am a smoker, too, but I think that the rules are proper and should have been changed long ago. Knowing that secondhand smoke is as dangerous to non-smokers as it is to smokers should outweigh any so-called equal rights to smoke where one pleases.

Smokers should consider that their habit (addiction is really more what smoking is all about) is dangerous to themselves and should not feel they have the right to endanger others with their secondhand smoke.

Finally, I hope the College Board of Trustees continues its efforts to reduce the area on campus where smoking is allowed.

—Kerry Roberson



ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Through our college years, we will have had a variety of teachers, from the bad to the mediocre, and maybe a few outstanding ones. The mediocre teachers we will quickly forget. The bad ones will fade from our memory with time. Hopefully, we will all have atleast one outstanding teacher that for some reason or another will always be remembered. I would appreciate it if you would print this letter of thanks I wrote for a teacher who influenced me greatly my first semester here at BC.

Dear Mr. Heater,

I miss you. I heard last summer your battle was over. I hope the war you wage against your illness won you peace. In my book, you deserve a medal. I believe your service to your students was above and beyond the call of duty. You warrant a heartfelt "Thank You".

Thank you, Mr. Heater, for being punctual and prepared. You directed the class in an efficient and organized manner. I appreciated the fact that you didn't waste my class time, and I always knew what was expected of me. Class began promptly, and you made sure the class was taken care of when you couldn't be there. I found out later you were taking chemotherapy during your last semester. It seems incredible you only missed two or three class days out of the entire 18 weeks.

Thank you, Mr. Heater, for giving me the encouragement I needed. I had been out of school for 15 years, and I was very apprehensive. You made me feel that any question I asked in class was a question worth answering.

You treated me and my fellow students as human beings.

Thank you, Mr. Heater, for being an inspiration. I hope someday to be a teacher. I have learned what it takes to be an outstanding teacher from you. Your enthusiasm for mathematics and teaching were contagious. I like to believe, as I'm sitting in my math class, that you are standing behind me urging me onward.

—Regina Hukill

'GADE FEEDBACK

Will there be "a kinder and gentler nation" under Bush?

Jennifer Frieson, [illegible]: [illegible] times it might be a kinder and gentler nation but [illegible] believe that some [illegible] Reagan might have rubbed off on Bush. [illegible] think there will be changes but nothing that won't hurt. Yes, things will be somewhat kinder for us.

Sherry Pulder, undecided: [illegible]

Sami Patel, pre-med: [illegible] there should be more facilities built for homeless people and Bush doesn't show any promise to homeless people."

Faye Robertson, behavior science: "Yes [illegible] if he's left to administrate and all the negative problems that already are here be left alone, peace can come about."

Kim Thelen, business: "I don't know about kinder and gender, but I think he'll keep the current policies up to par."

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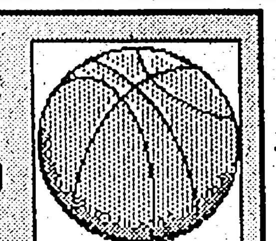

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Senate disputes key appointments

BC President Wright defends selections

By Robert Phipps
Editor-in-Chief

In a letter to BC President Richard Wright, the college Academic Senate expressed its disapproval of Wright's choices in two key division chair appointments.

The letter pointed out that some of Wright's choices did not reflect those of the faculty, and the reasons for his dissention were not apparent.

Although the letter apparently was written to express concern and not necessarily criticize Wright, he added the Senate's reaction will have no bearing on a decision which has already been made.

Specific contentions mentioned were the department head positions of social science and ACCESS, a student service-oriented program which includes the counseling center and the learning center, among others.

Academic Senate President John Ludeke said the disagreement stems from the fact Wright didn't appoint two faculty members who won the division chair elections by a landslide margin.

"With all due respect, we would hope he (Wright) would choose the top person (elected by the Senate). He's not in any way breaking college policy, but in general the faculty choice has not been appointed by the president," he said.

He added that although the Senate has the right to recommend a change in policy where the election of division chairs are concerned, it will probably take no such action.

"We don't disagree with basic policy," Ludeke says, "just the way it was implemented in this decision."

Wright defended his actions, saying, "The way the process is defined in the board policy, They (Senate members) are supposed to put up candidates and send me two names. As president, it's my prerogative to appoint. Now they had a vote, and published the results, which I don't think is very smart. But the point is this isn't a democracy. There is no president in his right mind that's going to advocate that kind of decision."

Wright explained the selections rests on much more than popularity.

"When you have a slot like this, there's a lot of other factors to consider than just popular votes. I think more than anything, this is just the Senate's way of showing they didn't like my decision in every case," he said. "They know the rules just like I do, and they know nothing's changing. The course is set. I've made my decision."

Wright said he believes firmly the Senate should have a voice in the selection of their own department heads, but added the interviews he conducts along with Frank Gornick, dean of students, and Charles Carlson, associate dean of instruction, are completely fair.

"I think from the candidates' point of view, it was advantageous to have the deans sit in on the interviews, as well as the president."

NEWS BRIEFS

African art collection being displayed

Jane Matthews, collector of African art, is displaying her collection at BC's art gallery through Feb. 24. Matthews also will lecture on the various aspects of collecting African art including religious and cultural symbols and their meaning. A catalog about the exhibit will be available.

For gallery hours, please call the Fine Arts Department at 395-4404.

Mini-Corps Program to be presented

Blanca Cavazos, California State University's Bakersfield coordinator of the California Mini-Corps Program, will speak about the program at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. The program offers summer employment to high school seniors and college students

BC math course helps relieve anxieties

If you break out in a sweat just thinking about taking a math course, BC's General Studies 74M "A Positive Approach to Mathematics" can help. The nine-week course will be conducted from 12:30 to 1:22 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 27-May 1 at the Weill Institute Forum B. The course is designed to help individuals overcome math anxieties/phobias with journal writing, class discussions, relaxation techniques and problem-solving techniques. Tuition is for a half-unit class. Registration is on-going. For more information, please call the Weill Institute at 395-4174.

Blood drive slated for Wednesday

A blood drive co-sponsored by the Associated Student Body and Houchin Blood Bank will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Fireside Room in the Campus Center.

Child care course scheduled

A free family day care management course is being offered free by Community Connection for Child Care and Employers' Training Resource. For more details, call 322-5860.

Author to present demonstration

Helen Shanley, author of "Dancing on the Sun," will present a free demonstration of Jungian and integrative imagery at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at NACORS, 6261 White Lane, Suite 109. All are welcome. For more information call 832-6677 or 366-8693.

Organizations schedule meetings

— Club Med will meet at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, in the Executive Board Room.

— The first Re-Entry Club meeting will be held at noon Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the Executive Board Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda will be to select meeting times, officers and committees.

Job opportunities available

The following off-campus jobs are available to BC students in need of a part- or full-time jobs:

Clerical #01855 — Local trailer rentral business needs person to answer phones, make rental reservations, work cash register and assist customers. Must be dependable. Near campus. $5/hr. Hours: 1-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays except 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday.

Veterinarian kennel assistant #01853 — Local veterinarian needs kennel attendant to clean cages, care for animals and occasionally assist doctors. Hours: 1:30-6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday; 6 a.m.-noon Saturday-Sunday.

Cashier #00068 — Local drug store needs responsible person to work near campus. Must have neat appearance and enjoy working with the public. $4.25/hr. Hours: 4-7 three nights and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday.

Summer positions #01483 — State and federal intern positions available. Applications must be mailed by March. Applications available in Placement Center. Salary and locations vary.

Messenger #00632 — Local attorney needs responsible person to deliver legal papers, file, make photocopies. $4.25/hr. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.

[illegible] interested can contact the Job Pl[illegible] Center in the Student [illegible] Building, Rooms 28-29. Office [illegible] 8 a.m.-[illegible] [illegible] except 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. T[illegible] Weill [illegible] 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Oh, what a performance

By Manuel Pena/Rip staff
Jan Walker performs "100 Penny Box" at opening of Black Artist Month Feb. 2 at the Bakersfield Senior Center.

College's Upward Bound program takes off

By Robert Phipps
Editor-in-Chief

The Kern Community College District Board of Trustees recently authorized the BC administration to submit a 168-page application to the U.S. Department of Education for a $900,000 grant, to be divided over a three-year period in accordance with BC's "Upward Bound" program, according to college President Richard Wright.

According to the grant application, "the purpose of the proposed Upward Bound program is to provide a comprehensive summer and academic-year program that prepares low-income, potential first-generation college students with the skill and motivation neccessary to allow them to persist through secondary school, gain admission to postsecondary education, and have a reasonable chance of graduating from such institutions."

"One of our institutional goals is to have a student population which reflects our community population," Wright said. "In some areas, we're doing pretty good. The black student population here is about on par with the community, and the Asian students are far above proportion. Unfortunately, the Hispanics are grossly underrepresented.

"We decided to go after a chunk of money so that we can help students with their expenses," he added.

In addition, Wright said the grant is completely unlike any other grants available in the financial aid office, and none of the funds would be allotted to transferring students, only to those attending BC.

Though he has high hopes of attaining the money, because of the number of colleges applying for the funds, Wright has expressed his reservations that BC will get the grant.

"There is just a tremendous amount of work to be done, and then you're playing the percentage game," he said.

Jordan takes over as new BC librarian

By Darle Wright
Rip Staff

BC recently named a new head librarian, Janice Jordan, who replaced Cecilia Chiung and is planning on making headway in the library system.

Already, with the help of the BC library staff, Jordan has reorganized the Fine Books Room.

The display is a closed collection of college archives and gifts from such people as the late Grace Bird, the former dean of BC and the school's first librarian and former actress Edie Adams.

The staff uncovered such discover[illegible] first edition of John C[illegible] [illegible]'s diary, an [illegible] [illegible] redesigning [illegible] area reading room.

Janice Jordan
...new BC librarian

The reconfiguration will consist of reorganizing desks, making new reference signs, and having an assistant in the library on Fridays.

"As our collection is growing, we need to get to those materials," says Jordan about the reorganization.

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$300,000 to go toward new computer system

By Kathleen Peters
and Robert Phipps
Rip Staff

"It is the objective of BC to make every student computer literate."
—Chuck Wall,
personnel director

In accordance with the affirmative action policy the BC administration follows, funding in excess of $300,000 has been allotted next year for the purchase of computer equipment and training for BC personnel in all areas, according to Jim Young, Kern Community College District chancellor.

"Money for the equipment will be taken from the California State Instructional Equipment Budget, which is specifically designed for equipment project such as this," Young says.

The funding comes about as a result of a yearlong [illegible] of BC [illegible] a new com[illegible] [illegible] the equipment currently used is in need of updating.

In addition to the new equipment, funding has also been provided for a program which will help orient faculty to a state of computer literacy

The process will allow employees to attend computer classes during regular workday and receive pay[illegible] for learning.

According to Ch[illegible] personnel director, n[illegible] being set in rec[illegible] employees

[illegible] computers is becoming a basic requirement of employment. It is the objective of BC to make every student computer literate before they leave our institution."

Black pioneers remembered

By Connie Unmacht
Features Editor

The names Ralph Bunche and Daniel Williams may not be as widely recognized as the names Martin Luuther King Jr. or Louis Armstrong, but they all have a common bond.

That bond is being celebrated across the nation, as well as on our campus this February, and its name is Black History Month.

According to Archie Sherman, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center on campus, Black History Month is, "an excellent idea. It is a time when all people have the opportunity to take notice of how much black people have contributed to America. Also, it is a time for blacks to set aside their life pursuits, and focus on their heritage."

It is true that nearly anyone who is old enough to read has done so about Martin Luther King Jr. But there are many other black Americans who have made indispensible contributions to our nation, and have helped the prosperity of their race as well, who are not familiar to the average American.

In their effort to celebrate Black History Month, this month's issue of Ebony magazine ran the results of a recent poll on the 50 most important figures in black American history. Here are the top 10 out of the list of 50 pioneers who have paved the road for blacks everywhere:

- Frederick Douglass (1817-1895), was an abolitionist, editor, author, and lecturer. He was the major black leader of the 19th century and is often called "The Father of the Civil Rights Movement".
- A civil rights leader, editor, and scholar, W.E.B. Du Bois (1868-1963), was co-founder of the NAACP and the chief organizer of the First Pan-African Congress of 1919.
- Mary Mc Leod Bethune (1875-1995), a college president, civil rights leader, and adviser to presidents, was the first black woman to receive a major U.S. government appointment.
- A surgeon and an educator, Daniel Williams (1856-1931), performed the first successful heart operation ever done on a human heart. The operation took place in Chicago's Provident Hospital in 1893.
- Richard Allen (1760-1831), a minister and protest leader, was sometimes called "The Father of the Negro." He was the first black bishop and was president of the first national negro convention.
- Ralph Bunche (1904-1971), was a political scientist and the first black to win the prestigous Nobel Peace Prize. He won the prize in 1950 for negotiating an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict.
- Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906), was the first black writer to achieve national fame. Critics said he was the "Poet of his People."
- A composer and bandleader, W.C. Handy (1873-1958), published the first blues music and collected and preserved the musical heritage of Southern blues singers.
- Zora Neale Hurston (1901?-1960), an anthropologist and writer, pioneered in the study of black folk culture and was one of the most widely published women writers of her time.
- Jack Johnson (1878-1946), was the first black heavyweight champion ever. He won the title in 1908 and went on to become a major symbol of black defiance in the first decades of the century.

Month of activities slated

Planned campus activities dedicated to Black History Month:

- Collectors' Choice: African Sculpture. Located in the Art Gallery from January 30 through February 24.
- Afro-American fashion show. Located in the Fireside Room on Friday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.. Admission is $3 at the door and $2 for students. For more information, call the Martin Luther King Jr. Center at 395-4570 or 395-4553.
- Entertainment Medley featuring singing, poetry, reading, dancing, performing skits and oratorical presentations by students and community members. Located in the Fine Arts building Room 30 on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m..

For more information, contact the Martin Luther King Jr. Center.

Art Council announces artists' directory

By Connie Unmacht
Features Editor

Arts Council of Kern is accepting applications from artists who want to be included in a comprehensive Kern County Artist's Directory.

The directory will be the first countywide resource of artists and will list artist's names, addresses, phone numbers, specific areas of expertise and fees. Artists do not pay a fee for inclusion in the directory, but all applicants will be screened.

The directory will include familiar types of artists as well as obscure ones: One may be a painter or a writer, or a mime or sculptor. Jan Stacey, communications organizer for Arts Council of Kern, says, "We are looking for a variety of artists so if anyone has any questions about a certain type of art, we can direct them toward the right group of artists."

"We plan to have the directory serve a dual purpose," says Stacey, "the first being to provide the public with information about local artists. The second is to give the artists in our directory more exposure.

"One way we'll be able to do that is through the Arts in Education program. Our listed artists will have the opportunity to apply to the program, and if they are accepted, may be able to teach their specialized art in public schools."

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Although Stacey did not say if experience was a requirement to be included in the directory, she did say the "experience of an applicant will be reviewed". Applicants will be reviewed by the council's board of directors

."We do not yet know if there will be a fee for the directory," says Stacey, "because we do not know our presents costs. We will probably know for sure after it has been published."

Anyone interested in being in the directory is urged to pick up an application at the Arts Council of Kern, located at 1430 Truxtun Ave., Suite 710. Applications will be accepted through March 1.

Upon publication, scheduled for April 1989, the directory will be distributed to all county school districts, and the selection of artists will begin for the 1989-90 school year.

For more information, contact the Arts Council of Kern at 324-9000.

JORDAN: Librarian named

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to a library suggestion box and a materials request form. The latter will let students request books or magazines, and be notified when the material arrives.

Jordan also plans on meeting with department staff to determine what should be added to the library to meet students' and advisers' needs. Jordan has had previous experience working in university, high school and federal libraries.

Her work has taken her from her hometown of Peoria, Ill., to Minneapolis, Santa Barbara and New Jersey.

She was also the producer of the television program "The Bookshow," a reading show for children. Currently, Jordan is a participant in the Literacy Volunteers of America program.

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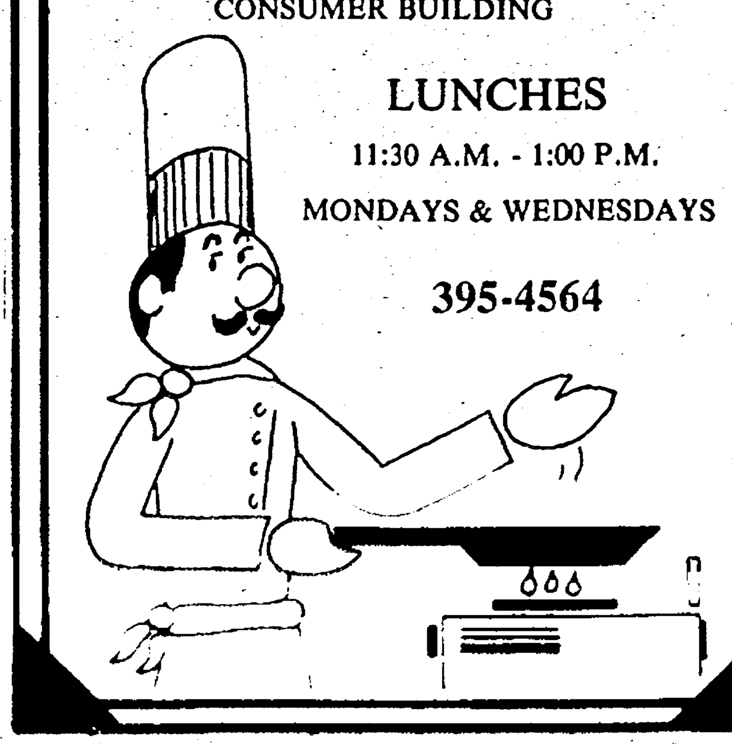

REEL TO REEL
With Robert Phipps

'Who's Harry Crumb?' a crumb of a movie

Who's Harry Crumb?

Perhaps a better question to ask would be "who really cares?"

Like its executive producer and star John Candy, "Who's Harry Crumb?" seems to have a lot of heart, but unfortunately no soul whatsoever.

The story of course, revolves around Harry Crumb, the last in a long line of supposedly great detectives who founded "Crumb & Crumb," a highly successful, Los Angeles-based, private detective agency.

Harry is called in from Tulsa, Okla., to help solve the mysterious kidnapping of Jennifer Downing, a young model-heiress whose daddy is worth millions.

Teaming up with Jennifer's younger sister Nikki (Shawnee Smith), Crumb begins following the trail of Nikki's nymph-like stepmother (Annie Potts, "Ghostbusters") who is having an affair with an unscrupulous pro tennis player (Tim Thomerson, "The Wrong Guys") while the president of Crumb & Crumb (Jeffery Jones) and the sterotypical police investigator stand aside laughing at Crumb's ridiculous antics.

Needless to say "Who's Harry Crumb?" relies almost totally upon the physical comedy supplied by Candy to get most of its laughs, which isn't many. Perhaps a snicker here and a chortle there is all one can expect from two hours of watching Harry Crumb.

Crumb, reminiscent of a slighlty heavier version of Inspector Closeau from the "Pink Panther" series just doesn't have the comic timing Peter Sellers had, nor does he have the dialogue to work with either.

The funniest line in the movie comes when Crumb receives a ransom note which has obviously been pieced together. Giving the police investigator a superior glance he says, "You find the weird typewriter this thing was put out on and you'll have your kidnappers."

There's a great deal of wasted talent here, too. Jones, who was terrific as the dim-witted principal in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" certainly has nothing to boast of here, as he attempts to muddle his way through the schlock given him.

Nor will Potts have the pleasure of looking fondly back at this one either. Her character is so woefully sterotypical that Lassie could've performed it with equal adeptness.

All of this is not to mention Candy, who has proved many times he is funny. His characters in both "Splash," and "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles," had the fortunate quality of being both funny and sympathetic.

But Harry Crumb doesn't fit this mold. If we feel sorry for him at all, it's because he's stuck with this picture to showcase his "abilities." Goofy he certainly is, but not in a funny sort of way.

Riddled with cliches, and far too preposterous and silly to even be mildly entertaining, Harry Crumb serves to do little more than annoy.

Who's Harry Crumb?

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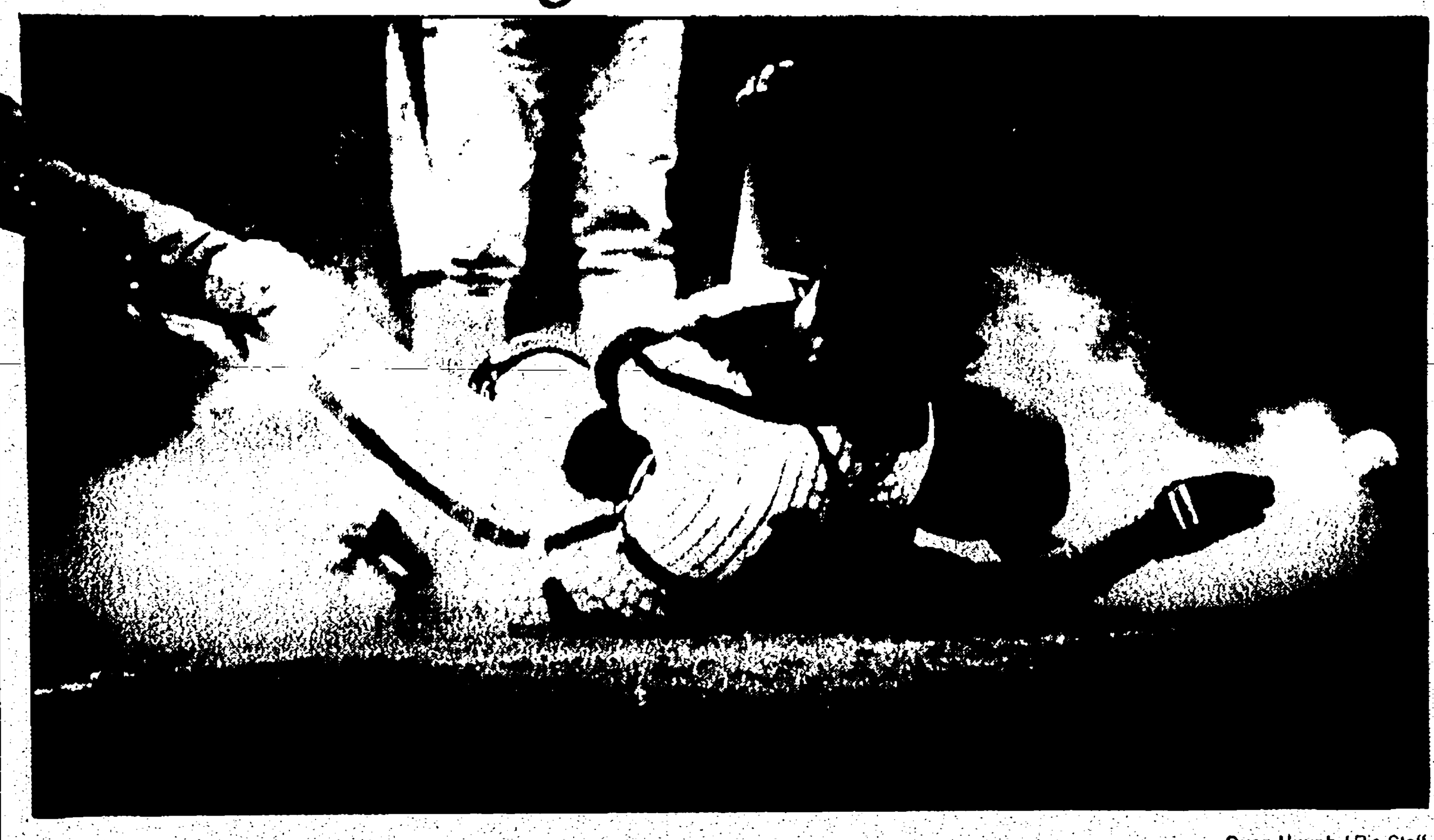

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An unidentifed Fresno City College player slides home safely as BC's Allen Thompson defends. The Renegades lost the game, 13-2, which dropped their record to 1-1.

Elias Hall of Fame inductees sport BC ties

By Ryan T. Blystone
Sports Editor

Come Feb. 22, the local spotlight will shine down on four familiar sports figures, all of which share a common interest.

The Bob Elias Hall of Fame, now in its 23rd year of recognizing the contributions of local athletes to the community, will induct Rocky Rasley, a former professional football player with the Detroit Lions and former discus thrower for BC's track program; Monty Reedy, former Taft College football standout and later coach of the Cougars; Dr. Robert Sheldon, who along with Dr. Romain Clerou and many others volunteered his services at the high school and junior college levels; and Bob Covey, now in his 26th year as coach of the Renegade men's track and cross country teams.

While each man is being honored for different reasons, all four are similiar in that each has to do with events that have shaped BC's history in sports.

While Covey, Sheldon and Rasley have been key factors in BC's success, Reedy's position is in the role of a spoiler.

At one time, Reedy was Taft's quarterback when the Cougars defeated archrival BC in the first of many classic football contests between the schools.

Of the other three inductees, Rasley will be yet another fine example of Kern County's football talent.

Rasley, a graduate of South High School and a fullback with the Rebels, played on the Renegade football team as an offensive lineman, a position where he earned JC All-American honors.

The other two inductees, Covey and Sheldon, said they believe their award was made possible through other individuals.

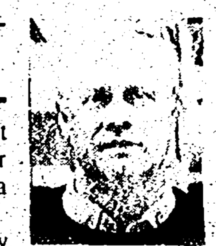
Sheldon, 70, has worked with BC and Bakersfield High School since both institutions at one time occupied the same campus.

"I look at it (the induction) as a lot of pleasure, but I also look at it as Dr. Clerou and I are receiving the honor on behalf of other doctors who have done the same thing," Sheldon said.

Clerou, whose work for BC enabled him to have the field house next to Memorial Stadium in his name, was inducted into the local shrine in 1980.

Covey said, "I'll [illegible] on behalf [illegible] lot of [illegible] years and [illegible] have supported Renegade track and field."

These two men share something



Covey

Sheldon

in common, at least in one category.

"We're in our own category ... the longevity category," Covey says with a laugh. Together, Covey and Sheldon make up 65 seasons of football, track and cross country.

Sheldon, on his 40 years of service, says, "I just outlasted everybody. It represents the doctor's service in the community."

When questioned about his opinion of the other nominces, Sheldon's assessment of Covey was true to form.

"I think it's great," says Sheldon. "He has made the track team an outstanding one. He's made the sport of track in Bakersfield noteworthy."

Throughout his years as a coach, the championships in both cross country and track are many for Covey - two state championships (1971-72), 13 conference titles in track and six in cross country - and taking credit for BC's performance is secondary.

"To me, I didn't score any points in 25 years of coaching, so this is a composite award of all the assistant coaches and athletic directors (Gil Bishop, Herb Loken and currently Walt Johnson and the women's director, Sandy Bowers)," Covey said.

In addition to his many assistants and directors, Covey listed three important mentors on his resume.

"H.W. "Hi" Covey, my father, with his coaching style, technical knowledge and teaching skills has been my greatest inspiration and model. Sam Bell, present track coach at Indiana University, was my first major university model when I was his assistant at Oregon State University (1963). And (Gil) Bishop, (the men's athletic director when Covey first came to BC) whose meet administration skills have been my model in that area..."

Sheldon's memories include traveling with Clerou to the many out-of-town games, seeing former Renegade football standout Frank Gifford play "at his best," against Santa Ana City College, and Carl Gordon, a running back, who was blind in one eye.

Covey remembers his rookie season at BC when his track team was labeled an underdog. "The first year I coached, we weren't supposed to win the (Metropolitan) conference championship, but we did ... That was the first and only time I've ever been carried on the shoulders of a team around the track," he said.

Covey acknowledges his job requires different "hats."

The "hats" include an educator (a health and history teacher), a meet administrator (five-time coordinator of the National Sports Festival), a recruiter, and a motivator.

To Covey, the latter "hat" is most important. "We hope these athletes have learned something about work ethics, honesty, not using drugs, and dedicating themselves in the direction ...To the classroom to give themselves motivation and know they have worked hard," Covey explained.

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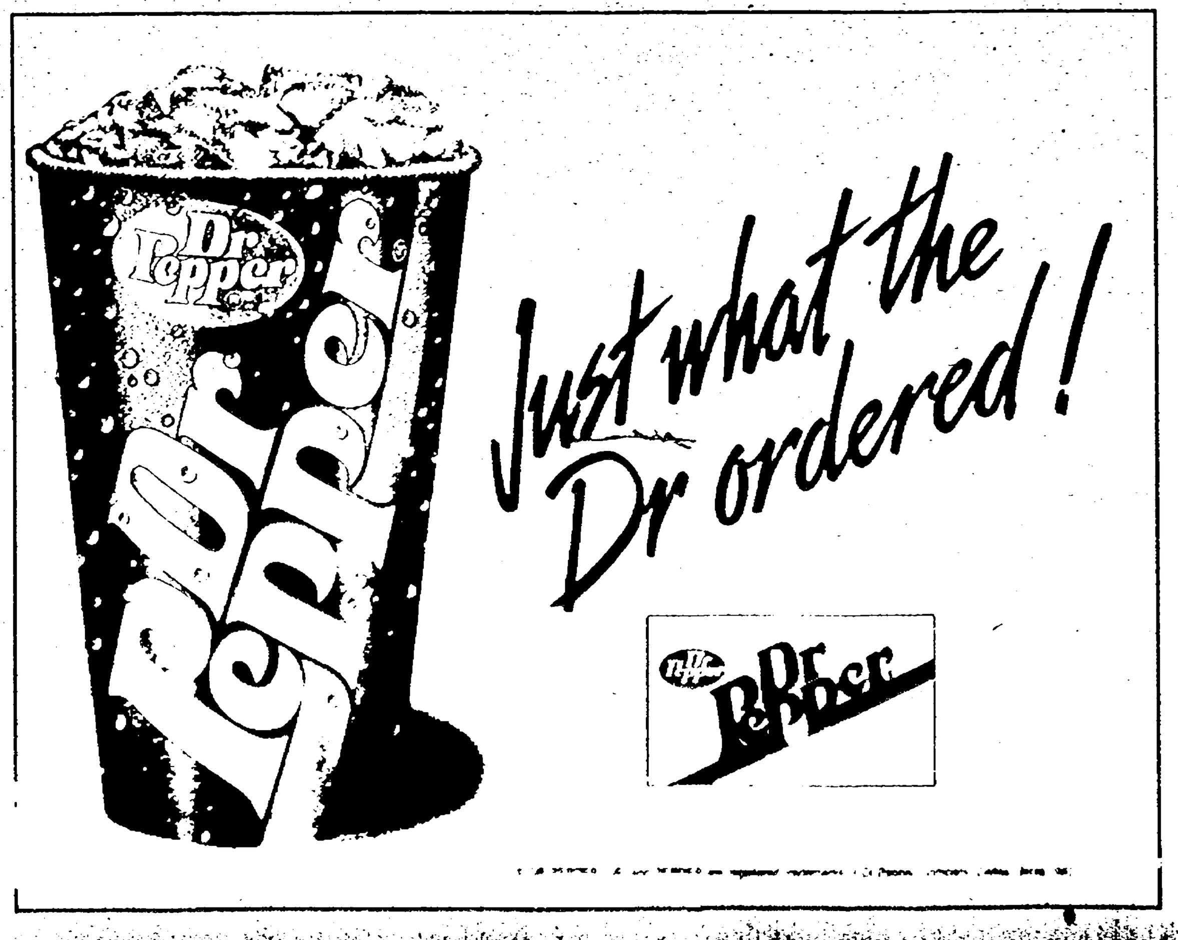

Basketball blues hit men's squad

By Ryan T. Blystone
Sports Editor

With the men's 1988-89 basketball campaign rapidly winding down, it has been a season of missed opportunitites.

The Renegades' head coach, Dean Jones, whose team currently sports 1-9 conference and 3-20 overall records, expected to have two major setbacks this season - size and experience - but since the arrival of 6-foot-6 Arthur Paul, the latter setback has been solved.

"The key word this year has been inexperience ... We are a brand-new team," Jones says, pointing out that with the exception of guards Tim Eldredge and Ron Reed, the rest are newcomers.

Coming into the season, Jones knew his team would be facing a tough Western State Conference.

For instance, Ventura City College, ranked as one of the top 10 teams in the state, defeated the Renegades, 81-53. Another example is Santa Monica, currently holding down the No. 1 position in state rankings. They defeated BC 83-62.

Coincidentally, BC will travel to Santa Monica next Monday in the season's final game.

"We had great ambition. I expected us to be better, but I knew it would be tough," Jones explained.

The 'Gades' major impact so far has been the presence of Paul, a unanimous all-Western State Conference and all-state defensive lineman in football last season, who has given the team some much-needed rebounding and scoring punch.

In one of his first games, Paul scored 40 points.

"One of the biggest disappointments was that I thought we'd be a better rebounding team and we could play better inside," Jones said.

Meanwhile, Jones has experienced a pleasant surprise in the performance of guard Stacey Goree, one of the team's top scorers this season.

"Stacey has been the biggest surprise. He contacted me early in the year ... He is a very good ballplayer," Jones said.

Another plus that Jones pointed out is the attitude of the team, which he believes has improved since its Jan. 25 home game with Moorpark, a game where BC forced an overtime before falling, 77-76.

"We have improved since we played Moorpark. It has been a turning point for us because we believe we can win."

That statement was proven when BC defeated Cuesta City College, 68-58, last Monday night for their first WSC win in a game that was postponed earlier when the weather conditions forced the cancellation.

"It (the game against Cuesta) was a good conference win for us," Jones said.

The Renegades will close out their home schedule at 7 p.m. Wednesday when they face College of the Canyons.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Q: Are you starting over and feel like you are the only one?
Q: Are you one of the "older" students at BC and don't feel like you fit in?
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Rip Opinion

Black History Month provides reflection on cultural heritage

In these times when our focus is on the struggles of modern living, it provides a relief to reflect upon our valuable cultural resources. During this month the wealth of black history in our society is being celebrated.

One of the BC students involved in the Black Student Union, Cynthia Scott, informed about the activities revolving around Black History Month. She said the community is welcome to attend events such as the Fashion Show and Tea on Feb. 17, featuring African fashions, and the Cultural Jubilee on Feb. 23.

Members of the BSU seek to educate themselves and the community about the history of their people. Through heightened awareness they hope to destroy negative cultural stereotypes.

Their ultimate goal is to achieve unity within their culture and motivate black students to be successful in a predominately white society.

They provide an inspiration to other movements, such as the feminist, gay rights, and racial and religious interest groups.

The contributions of cultural factions in our society are why it is so important to support celebrations like Black History Month, since it is part of our heritage as Americans.

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White's appoinment just a step forward

Bill White
...named NL president

RYAN T. BLYSTONE

Justice may have finally come to blacks in the sport of baseball, but there is still work to be done.

Bill White, former New York Yankees broadcaster and standout player with the St. Louis Cardinals, was recently the first black appointed as the new National League president, succeeding the newly appointed commissioner of baseball, Bart Giamatti.

White's hiring brings to mind another breakthrough in baseball.

The time was 1947 and the event was the unveiling of a young man with the Los Angeles Dodgers named Jackie Robinson, the first black player in baseball.

White's appointment into one of the three "power positions" - Major League Baseball commissioner and the American League president are the others - is the second major hiring of a black executive this winter.Bob Watson, a former first baseman with the Yankees and the Houston Astros, was named to a front-office job with the latter team two months ago.

Despite these new advances, the lack of minority coaches and executives is still a sore spot in baseball, as the Baltimore Orioles' Frank Robinson assumes the lone managerial position.

And the National Hockey League has but four players on the 21-team rosters: the Edmonton Oilers' all-star goaltender Grant Fuhr, 11-year veteran Tony McKegney, now with the St. Louis Blues, and two members of the Winnipeg Jets, forward Ray Neufeld and goalie Eldon Reddick.

In the latest edition of Ebony magazine, an article dealing with the lack of black athletes in the NHL spotlights these players.

"On the road, people will see me with other players, and they'll guess we're a football team or possibly a baseball team," McKegney said in the article. "They don't think hockey first because they don't associate blacks with the sport."

Nevertheless, these four athletes have opened the door to new opportunities for blacks - the chance to play hockey.McKegney also stated in the article that he believes within a few years there will be more blacks in the NHL. Let's hope so.

—Ryan T. Blystone is a sports editor for *The Renegade Rip*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Interior design on rise

Dear Editor:

I was prompted to write this letter in response to the recent closing of classes in the interior design program at BC. While my classes were, thankfully, unaffected, many other students had their schedules completely altered. The classes were not dropped until Jan. 17, leaving the alternative options very limited.

It is my understanding that these classes were not dropped from a lack of student participation, but rather from a lack of departmental support. I understand that there also was some faculty problems but that this was not the primary factor. Those of us enrolled in the associate and certificate programs are very concerned that our educational goals are in jeopardy.

I realize that some people still view the interior design field as a hobby pursued by homemakers. This image is very far from the truth. Today the field of interior design is a fast-paced, professional environment which overlaps several other fields. Most interior designers have passed national qualification tests and are accredited by any one of several professional organizations. There is an increasing need for a four-year degree and BC has an excellent transfer program (or should I say *did* have).

Interior designers must work with both architects and clients. They are professional business people who are possessed of artistic, psychological and practical skills. Increasingly the designers must also have drafting and computer-assisted drafting (CAD) background. They must be able to read and understand blueprints. They must be versed in the commercial specifications necessary for their environment. They must understand the needs and wants of the client and merge them with the architect's concrete visions. This is not an easy task.

In the business field they must know prices and be able to estimate costs and produce not only an aesthetically pleasing environment, but do so in a cost-efficient manner.

Often they own their own studios and must manage their business. When working on a commercial project they must be current on all aspects of building codes relating to traffic patterns, handicapped accessability, fire standards and a myriad of other legal specifications.

As you can see the field of interior design is certainly much more than the simple homemaker hanging curtains. Not only is it a professional field but it is a growing field with an estimated 20 to 30 percent growth through the mid-1990's (according to the U.S. Department of Labor). The competition is expected to be keen, with the best jobs going to talented college graduates. This demonstrates that a need exists for this type of program.

BC has been given the full support of the community in its 75-year history and the community is growing. It is the responsibility of this institution both to its students and its community, to provide the best possible educational experience in *every* program in which students are enrolled. It is also the responsibility of the school to provide a variety of programs and to support those programs to their fullest.

This is not just an issue for interior sesign students, but for all the students and the community. We must be able to expect that the programs and classes in which we are enrolled are not terminated abruptly or phased out without a good reason. The community expects BC graduates to have the necessary training to work in their chosen field; if a student receives inadequate preparation it reflects poorly on *all* graduates.

I urge each student and any interested community members to call for an accounting of why these classes were cut and the creation of clear guidelines for class or program termination. *The class you save may be your own!*

—Donna Peabody

Save 'Star Wars'

Dear Editor:

Right at this moment, 1,398 Soviet nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles are pointed at our homes. The Soviet Union has been developing its own "Star Wars"program; ours is about to be scrapped by the leftists.

Instead of continuing our peace-through-strength policies, these liberals are trying to brainwash the American people into thinking there is no need now to develop a SDI program, wanting us to believe the communists are becoming a bunch of "nice guys" — no longer a global threat. *Not true!*

Why, it was President Reagan's determination to build an SDI system that brought the Soviets to the negotiating table in the first place. Conservatives agree that Mikhail Gorbachev's policies may turn out to be more dangerous to the U.S. in the years ahead than that of his predecessors.

Right now the Department of Defense reports we have the technology sitting on a shelf to put a physical barrier in space — a barrier which would stop well over 95 percent of all incoming nuclear missiles. Now if we allow Congress to cut off SDI funding, we'll have *nothing* protecting us! I can't believe that an elected official would want to vote *no protection vs. 95 percent protection* against a nuclear holocaust! But that's what will happen if we don't act fast. Support for SDI is waning because of the propaganda the liberals are feeding well-meaning, naive Americans about the program.

The new Defense Department book, "Soviet Military Power," shows that the Soviets are now ahead of us in "Star Wars" development. Plus, they have elaborate underground shelters already prepared for the protection of their people — something we don't have.

Kildebeck remembered

Dear Editor:

I just want to express my sorrow for Jack Kildebeck's death. All those of us who took his class will miss him very much. He sure was a caring man! I will never forget his smile, his optimism nor his jokes. He was one of the best instructors I've ever had. Yes, I'm going to miss him, but his spirit will never die. We all miss you Jack!!

Anita Flores

'GADE FEEDBACK

Should the personal lives of polictician be publicized?

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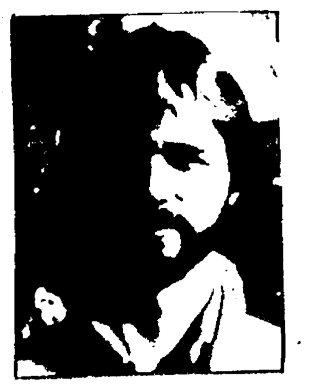
David Savage, trades, industries: "No. It is their life. They should be able to live it the way they want, just like me and everyone else. We don't want our personal life broadcasted over national TV or newspapers."

Marie Anthony, registered nurse: "I don't believe their intimate lifestyle should be public, but I do believe that their social image should be public."

Dorothy Conerly, nursing: "To a certain degree it should be because your private life can reflect the type of leadership."

Jeff Riggs, communications: "No. I feel that a person's personal life is private. It's up to them if they want the whole nation to know what they talk about in bed."

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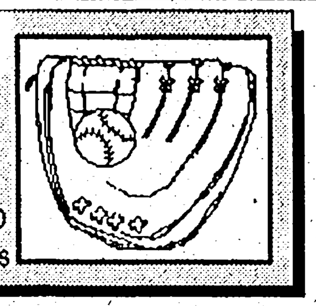
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Fond memories

Community leader Weill leaves a legacy

By Robert Phipps
Editor-in-Chief

Most who were fortunate enough to have known Lawrence Weill, who passed away on Feb. 10 at the age of 99, remember him as a champion of his community, a man whose influential accomplishments were some of the greatest Bakersfield has ever seen.

But beyond the person who founded the downtown Weill Institute, served on numerous committees for the benefit of local downtown businesses, and donated countless hours of his time to BC and its students alike, was a man and husband whom wife Helen Weill remembers fondly.

"In college, he majored in D.O. - dropout," Mrs. Weill said. "He left Berkeley to help his father with their store. But I met him while on a cruise to New York.

"They don't use the term 'yen' anymore, but back then it was a way to meet people. Anyway, he came up to me and said 'I have a yen for love and affection,' and that's how we met.

"What attracted me most was his voice; he had the most beautiful speaking voice I had ever heard. He also had the most wonderful disposition.

"He wanted to get married that year, but I had only been teaching one year at the time, so I couldn't get married right away because I wanted to prove I could teach, so we weren't married until 1932," she said.

Mrs. Weill explained that as far as she remembers, her husband never had an angry day in his life.

"We never had a quarrel, and he never brought shop home. It was very peaceful and undemanding. I think it's unusual because we'd always discuss things, because we were interested in each other's interests, but we never fought because we'd always talk things out. He was delightful company," she said.

With one wall of the den at the Weill house completely filled with plaques of recognition, and even more to behold in his office, Weill seemingly exemplified the perfect citizen.

He joined the Rotary Club in 1923 and was a lifetime member, receiving the Paul Harris Fellow Award in 1985. In addition, Mrs. Weill said he enjoyed helping the Boy Scouts get started, as well as founding the Bakersfield Kennel Club.

"He was very friendly, and he never had an enemy. He never spoke ill of anyone, and as far as I know, no one ever had anything bad to say about him.

"He was quite optimistic about everything — he never let anything get to him. It was always 'everything is going to be all right.' He supported everything good in the community, and he loved the education portion of it. He had a special fondness for BC. I mean, he liked Cal State, but that really wasn't Bakersfield now, was it?

"He loved young people, was very interested in activities for them, and helped quite a few make it through college."

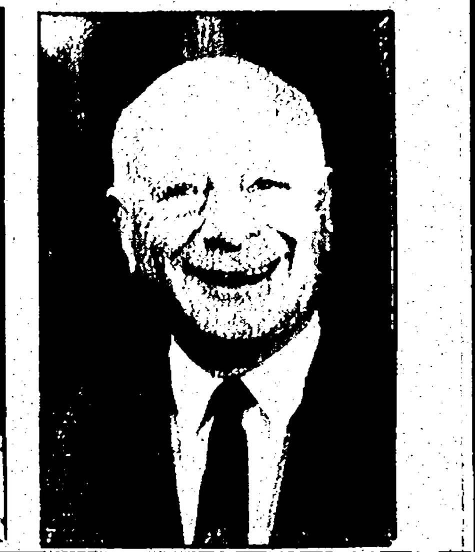
In his lifetime, Weill accomplished what many only dream of. But despite it all, his humility was constantly present, according to Mrs. Weill.

"He was unusually modest for all of his accomplishments. He would've been embarrassed by all this publicity," she said.

Mrs. Weill plans to have a memorial erected to her late husband in the back yard of the house they have lived in since 1935, a place where Weill enjoyed spending much of his free time.

"When we sold our store downtown in 1952, people asked him, 'What are you going to do now? Where are you going to go?' And he'd say, 'Why should I go anywhere? All my friends are here.'"

Helen Weill
..married for more than 50 years


Lawrence Weill
..founded downtown institute

NEWS BRIEFS

Campus visitation for spring 1989 set

The BC Transfer Center has scheduled trips to these universities as part of its campus visitation program: UCLA, March 3; Cal State Long Beach, March 10; USC, March 17; UC Irvine, April 7; Cal State Fullerton, April 14; Cal Poly Pomona, April 21; San Diego State and UC San Diego, April 28; and UC Santa Barbara, May 5.

Space for these trips are limited and students must sign up at least two weeks in advance. Students must make a $5 deposit in the BC Business Office and bring the receipt to the Transfer Center in the Student Services Building, Room 37. The $5 will be refunded at time of departure.

Film club to show 'Northwest Passage'

The Classic Film club will present "Northwest Passage," a stirring tale of Roger's Rangers adventures in the French and Indian wars, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Little Theatre in the Harvey Auditorium, 1240 G St. Admission is $3 for adults, $1 for students ages 17 and under.

Teleconference to focus on latchkeys

Latchkey children will be the focus of a teleconference on "When We Care for Children" from 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, March 3, at BC Forum East. For more information, call 395-4561 or 322-7418.

Drama production to be presented

"I Never Sang for My Father," a critically acclaimed drama by Robert Anderson, will be presented by Bakersfield Community Theatre at 8 p.m. March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18, with a 2 p.m. matinee March 12, at its theater, 2400 S. Chester Ave. For more information, call 831-8114.

Organizations schedule meetings

— CLUB MED(College Level Undergraduates Becoming More Enlightened about Disabilities) will meet at 12 noon Friday, March 3, in the Executive Board Room.

—Re-Entry Club will meet at noon Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the Executive Board Room.

— Psychology Club will meet at 2:30 Wednesday, March 1, in the Executive Board Room.

— SOS (Students Offering Support) meets at noon Thursdays in he Language Arts Building , Room 219.

— Re-entry Support Group meets at noon Tuedays in the Gain Assesment Office at the Weill Institute.

Job opportunities available

The following off-campus jobs are available to BC students in need of a part- or full-time jobs:

Market researcher #01866 — Prefer engineering or agriculture business majors. Local commercial appraiser seeking person good with details to plot assessor's maps, research deeds, and assist in preparing topography maps, charts and reports. Two positions: 20 hrs/wk, flexible; $5+/hr, part time permanent.

Office assistant #01865— Prefer freshman student who plans to continue education at Cal State Bakersfield. Copy tax returns for CPA office and prepare tax package. 20+hrs/wk, flexible through April 15. May become part-time permanent.

Bank teller #01858—Southwest bank needs responsible person to tae deposits and cash checks. Must have neat appearance and enjoy working with the public. $5.53/hr. 12-20 hrs/wk. Part-time permanent position.

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These [illegible] contact the Job Placement Center in the Student Services [illegible] Room 28-29. Office hours are [illegible] p.m. Monday-Friday [illegible]-7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Weill Institute hours are [illegible] Wednesday.

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Keeping the spirit: Janet Jones and brother stare at a Santa-ish-looking Bill Briley recently on Union Avenue

CBIG aids business sector

By Robert Phipps
Editor-in-Chief

The idea that many colleges are just ivory towers, out of touch with the business community, is one which the California Community College Economic Development Network is trying to change.

Since 1984 the Center for Business, Industry and Government at the Weill Institute has been working with locally based companies in developing curriculums for employee training, according to CBIG Director Debbie Orr.

Presently, CBIG is awaiting a decision from *The Bakersfield Californian* to see whether or not they will be able to honor a contract for training in customer service.

"Nancy Manes from the Californian approached us and said she wanted us to provide her with a customer service consultant, not only for their sales people but for internal personnel as well because they affect the product," Orr said.

However, because *The Californian* recently turned down a state grant which would have provided for such training due to questions regarding its eligibility, the contract may not be honored.

"Right now, we're waiting to see what becomes of it, but at this point, I think we can say goodbye to all of that."

[illegible] approached CBIG for [illegible] is called upon [illegible]

[illegible] companies take [illegible] and promote them to management [illegible] times these terrific workers [illegible] doing that great of a job as manager, so it became necessary to train them in management skills," Orr says.

Management however, isn't the only type of training which CBIG offers. In the past, they have worked in with all types of training procedures, ranging from petroleum technology for Shell Oil Co. to telephone etiquette for Long's Drugs Stores.

Orr stressed that although there are many consulting firms which offer the same services, the CBIG program enjoys an advantage over its competitors because of its local recognition.

"Many companies send their employees out of town to training seminars. But, we can do the same kind of training for less because we're in Bakersfield," Orr said.

In addition, she pointed out that employees are not able to consume the amount of information because the sessions don't last long enough.

"We can be cost effective, especially in something like community training. Another problem with consultants is that they're here today and gone tomorrow," she said. "We stay in the community. If we mess up, then our reputation is ruined."

To the best of her knowledge, Orr said the first contract CBIG signed was with Blackwell and Belridge Farming, teaching bilingual supervision. Since then, the process has been used to benefit many local operations, in[illegible] Burke Ford, Contel and [illegible] have come back for [illegible]

Orr explained that once a contract [illegible] a particular company has been established [illegible] and assess the problem and then [illegible] a training curriculum to meet the needs of the company.

Southwestern art to be displayed

By Kathleen Peters
Rip Staff

With more than 25 years of painting Southwest landscapes, Joella Jean Mahoney will display an exhibit, "The Development of Motif," today through March 17 at the BC Art Gallery.

Mahoney's works have been seen all over the world and she is recognized as one of the major contemporary painters of the American Southwest.The exhibit will feature a variety of her paintings including some of her larger and current works.

The artist will give a walk-through slide show from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today in the gallery. She will also be available to answer any questions about her art.

Mahoney was born in Chicago in [illegible] and had a flair for the outdoors. In [illegible] moved to Arizona to study art. When Mahoney first arrived in Flagstaff she [illegible] stantly in love with [illegible] landscape. At that moment [illegible] would be home.

"[illegible] overhead like lanterns [illegible] the distance the [illegible] were like cardboard cutouts. The sun came up and turned the scene into Technicolor. That afternoon a friend drove me through Oak Creek Canyon to the tiny town of Sedona. I had stepped into my future."

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Rip Features

Support group offers students less stress

By Connie Unmacht
Rip Staff

Being a student can be a very stressful occupation. Everyday things like coping with family members, holding a job, and even socializing are made incredibly tougher when getting an education is a top priority.

For students who are having a rough time with problems that come their way, no matter what they are, there is now a support group on campus that will help them vent their frustrations.

S.O.S., or Students Offering Support, is facilitated by Pat Thompson, who has been the re-entry counselor for the past three years.

"Faculty members approached me frequently with stories of students who were having troubles, either with their home situation or school," explains Thompson, "and I felt that a support group could be beneficial. It helps for a student to know that they are not the only person in the world who is having a hard time."

Thompson would like to get the word out that the support group isn't related to the Re-Entry Center, and also that a student need not feel that they must be in a drastic situation to attend the group sessions.

"We don't want to scare people off. But on the other hand, we would be there to give support even if the student were in a drastic situation. The bottom line is we want students to feel free to drop in and talk out their stress rather than let it build up," Thompson says.

Thompson, once an anthropology major, made a drastic career change when she decided to acquire a degree in counseling.

"I had worked at anthropology all my school years, but then I just decided to take a different route," she says.

Thompson was a student at BC from 1970-72. She then went on to UC Davis to obtain a bachelor's in anthropology, and her master's in anthropology at California State University, Los Angeles. She then returned to Bakersfield where she made her career change and received her master's in counseling at Cal State University, Bakersfield.

"It was something I really wanted to do," she says.

Besides working as the counselor for the Re-entry Center on campus, Thompson also teaches a class called "Options," which journeys into career exploration, and also started a nine-week course last week called "Journal Writing," which will instruct students in the proper ways of keeping a diary and other documents.

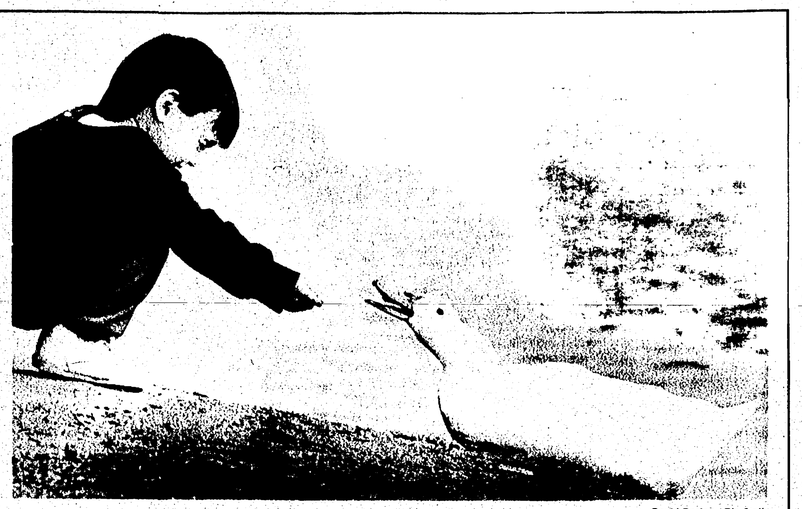
Right now, Thompson said she is really hoping for S.O.S. to "take off."

"As a counselor I know how important it is to relieve stress in a constructional way rather than a destructional one," she says. "And by experience, we have learned that group sessions really work for people.

"S. O. S. does not require that students show up for every session because we don't want students to have that pressure on them if they can't make it, but we want them to know that it is OK," Thompson says. "Also, it is important to note that everything that comes up in our sessions is strictly confidential."

After only one meeting, Thompson says that the people who attended remarked to her how much better they felt about getting things off their chests.

"That made me feel good," she says, "because that is what S. O. S. is all about."



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Boy and his duck: Louie Chavez explores the wild kingdom at Hart Park during a recent outing with his mother

MAHONEY: Art to be shown

Mahoney earned a bachelor's in art from Northern Arizona University, a master of fine art in painting from Claremont Graduate School and several small painting seminars. She currently teaches art at the University of La Verne, where she is the art department chairwoman.

Her artistic accomplishments include a television series, "What is Art?" a long list of exhibitions and even a book of her works published in full color. She has also gained national acclaim through the Art-in-the-Embassies Program sponsored by the U.S. State Department.

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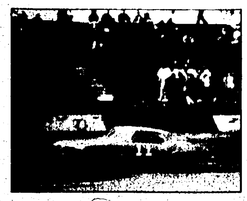
A look at one rookie's run with the "big dogs"



At far left, with Greg Clark settled in, car No. 11 takes to the track. **At left**, reflecting the emotions that only a rookie understands, Clark contemplates what Lady Luck will bring him.

The anger and disappointment due to engine problems quickly drowned out the rookie in Greg.

At right, Clark and an assistant pack up tools and, **below right**, head for Porterville as a friend takes a last look at the newcomer.

Greg Clark sat in his lawn chair which was propped up against the great red fence meant to keep out curious onlookers at the Speedway just north of Bakersfield.

Cautiously surveying the view directly before him, Greg slowly sipped on a bottle of Gatorade and every now and then would pick up a wrench and play catch with one of his friends who had come to help with mechanical problems, but more so just for motivational support.

Greg knew it was either going to be a very long day or just the very opposite, and prepared for the latter.

Picking himself out of his chair, he walked somewhat nervously over to where his car had been placed, talking about his goals and what has gotten him this far. "I've raced quads and cycles before at a few night races but this is the first time I'll drive an Enduro," he said, all the while checking his helmet and gloves which looked as if they should have been retired many races ago.

Enjoying both the excitement of racing and that as a musician, Greg decided that one occupation was enough, and with reluctance decided to trade his electric guitar for a car his friend had.

The fact that it merely ran, however, did not an Enduro it make, and with a few weeks' work, not to mention a paint job the night before race day, Greg had himself an Enduro, honorably tagged the "the Hollywood Batty," for which he had no absolute reason for naming.

As the racers, more than three-quarters of whom were veterans of the type of racing only a true die-hard race enthusiat could truly love, gathered around the viewing tower for prerace information, Greg couldn't help but keep his distance from the others. This was his first Enduro and his way of psyching himself up.

Slowly putting on his helmet as his four-man crew would give words of encouragement, Greg cradled himself in the driver's seat and throttled up the engine, following the other drivers to the start line as the speakers blared out the names of the entrants.

Greg managed to escape the first half of the 165-lap race before having to roll into the pits with engine trouble.

"I somehow expected for this to happen, seeing as how I was pushing it," he said.

Greg calmly laid back on his car thinking about whether or not to try and [illegible] the problem or pack up and call it a [illegible]

As smoke swirled up from [illegible] engine hood, Greg decided [illegible] finish another day, "perhaps [illegible] at Porterville."

Photos and text by Michael Borjon

Rip Sports

Giving his all

Stephen Zuniga / Rip Staff

BC's No. 1 player, Andres Fernandez, returns a volley during a season-opening tennis match on Feb. 14 against Cuesta College. Both Fernandez and his Renegade teammates lost, with Cuesta capturing eight out of nine individual matches at Rio Bravo Country Club.

Pitcher's performance perfect

By Ryan T. Blystone
Sports Editor

At the end of each individual sports season, fans will constantly recall special memories of a particular player that touched them in different ways.

With the spring season under way, fans of the BC women softball team have someone who is currently blossoming into yet another good athlete to come from the Renegade athletics program.

Christy Ontiveros, a 1988 graduate from South High School, is a freshman pitcher-infielder on the women's team that is relatively young and inexperienced at the collegiate level.

But despite the obstacles that the team faces this season, Ontiveros' story is based on one obstacle. She is deaf, but it is something she said she doesn't believe has hindered her - either in the classroom or on the field.

"I think that I am more aware than anyone ... My head is more into a game than anyone else's," she says with a smile on her face.

Joyce Sproul, an Ameslan, or American sign language, teacher at BC, speaks highly of Ontiveros: "She's a delightful person, an outgoing girl who tries hard academically... She really excels in math."

Sproul said she believes another asset of Ontiveros' presence centers around her performance on the softball team.

"She is an inspiration to the hearing-impaired people," she said, pointing out that around 20 hearing-impaired students attend BC, only a small portion of the estimated 900 throughout the community. "Seeing her succeed makes other students proud. We are proud of her."

BC head softball coach Perky Newcomb is certainly proud of Ontiveros, saying, "Her deafness is not a handicap. She is normal just like anyone else on the team ... Because she blends in with the team so well, I forget she is deaf."

To prepare for Ontiveros' arrival, Newcomb decided to take a sign language class last fall with Dee Ann Sampley.

"Christy is my first deaf athlete. I was very glad when she called me to tell me she wanted to come here (BC), because I wanted her to come. After that, I knew that I wanted to be able to communicate one-on-one with her so I took the class," said Newcomb. "Taking that class (ameslan) was meaningful to me," she added.

In addition to Newcomb, seven of Ontiveros' teammates have taken sign language in order to communicate better with their pitcher.

Among them is Cindy Barraza, a fellow pitcher for the Renegades and also a freshman on the team.

"She's awesome," Barraza said. "Christy brings unity to the team." Ontiveros likes her teammates, too, saying, "It's good ... It's fun. Everybody laughs and has a good time. I like the team a lot because we're all together."

Being together with a young team maybe the best medicine for Ontiveros as she points out that playing in a Renegade uniform is different than her time spent in a Rebel uniform in high school.

"It (playing softball) was easier in high school. It is harder in college because there is more competition.

"I am more inspired, more into it (playing softball for BC)," she adds.

Ontiveros' recent performances in non-conference games have proven her point.

On Feb. 14, she pitched in a home game against West Hills College and struck out 15 batters en route to gaining her first collegiate no-hitter and win, 4-0.

"I felt good about the no-hitter," said Ontiveros, who threw three no-hitters during her high school career.

Ontiveros followed that performance with a 5-0 shutout of Mount San Antonio City College last Thursday.

> "Her deafness is not a handicap. She is normal just like anyone else on the team ... Because she blends in with the team so well, I forget she is deaf."
> —Coach Perky Newcomb

She struck out seven batters to win her second straight game.

In spite of her success, Newcomb said she believes Ontiveros "still has things to learn, but she listens well and is quick to pick up on things."

Meanwhile, Ontiveros' opinion of Newcomb is also positive.

"She's a good coach," Ontiveros said. "She's honest. Sometimes she pushes me when she wants me to pitch better."

The right-handed pitcher adds that her coach has improved her game. "She helps me work on new pitches and with my technique."

Nonetheless, the young pitcher's presence this season has already made a difference. So when the end of the softball season comes and the years wear on, one shouldn't be surprised to hear the name Christy Ontiveros when fans recall the events of the 1989 BC women's softball team.

Christy Ontiveros
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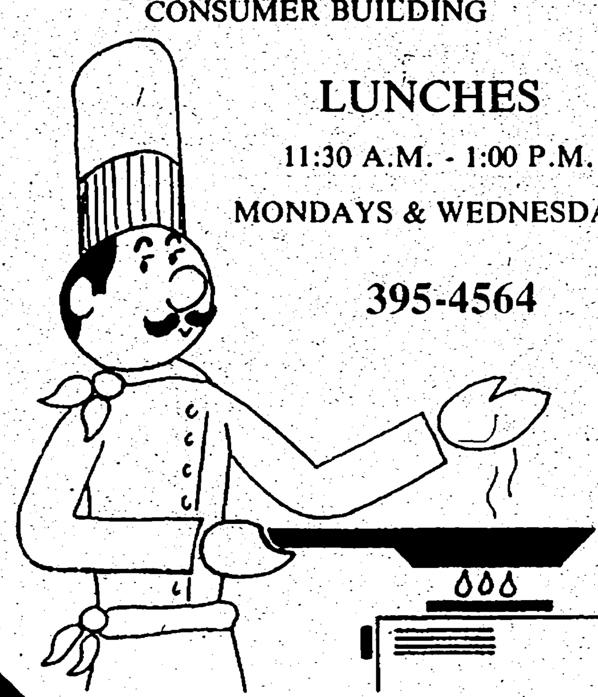

BC swimmers lack depth

By Ryan T. Blystone
Sports Editor

The optimism is there but both the men's and women's swim teams are still suffering from the same setback - lack of depth.

The men's team, seven swimmers strong, have only two returning from last season's fifth-place Western State Conference squad.

Seven of the eight women, not including BC's lone diver Karen Kufta are new with the lone returnee being Kellie Kearnes, who competes in the back stroke and freestyle events.

Desmund Gean, a solid contributor to last year's team in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle events, has returned, as has Jason Andrews, a long-distance swimmer.

The remaining five men are Colby Fry, whose specialties are the breast stroke and freestyle; Tim Horton, 100-200- and 500-meter events; Andrew Kodl, breast stroke and individual medley; Mike Superneau, breast stroke; and Houston Wyatt, butterfly and breast stroke.

In addition, the women's team consists of Cheryl Christian, whose specialties are the 200- and 500-meter freestyle events; Jessica Gregory,

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Proper dietary program benefits BC wrestler

Norm Hoffman

The latest research has shown that by consuming the proper nutrients one can fight the greatest killers in our society. According to a comprehensive report issued by U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, 1.5 million of the 2.1 million total U.S. deaths in 1987 were to people who succumbed to diseases associated with diet including heart disease, stroke, atherosclerosis, diabetes and some types of cancer.

Our diets are loaded with artery-clogging fat and are low in precious fiber, vitamins and minerals. The pressure to be slim and chic in our "you can't be too rich or too thin" society has created a flip side to the problem — eating disorders like anorexia and bulimia along with the drive to reach certain weight goals in athletics. Although the motives for each of the aforementioned anomalies may be different, the physiological effects are the same.

There is a biological perplexity here I would like to address because of my concern for the inordinate number of students seeking my advice regarding eating or weight loss problems. Dancers, beauty pageant contestants, wrestlers and bodybuilders are the worst. Young ladies and wrestlers alike, diligently pursuing personal goals, complain that they "just can't lose any more weight on my 800-calorie-a-day diet." I even had one student ask me why she couldn't lose weight even though she would vomit up her food after every meal.

These student inquiries launch me into my "intellectual explanatory" mode about human metabolism and dietary induced thermogenesis, in an attempt to alter undesirable eating behavior.

Many times I feel as if my explanations are falling on deaf ears when I try to convince them that they must eat to lose weight, but maybe if they see it in print they will be convinced, so I will use the success story of one of my students to deliver my message to those wishing to enrich their lives through healthy nutritional practices.

Into my classroom strolls "Mokie" Jack McGee, transplanted wrestling prospect from Tulsa, Okla. competing for the top spot on the Renegade squad. It seems that McGee needed to go from 165 pounds to 142 pounds in a relatively short period of time in order to make his competitive weight.

It became obvious to the class and myself during his quest for rapid weight loss that McGee was becoming increasingly cranky and recalcitrant as the weeks rolled on. When I politely inquired about his behavior he informed us all that he was caught up in the make-the-weight-for-wrestling-or-perish routine. Upon further questioning, we learned that he was starving himself half to death, only eating an occasional green salad and drinking lots of water in an attempt to make weight, which is typical for lots of wrestlers. He said his energy level was down and he did look somewhat gaunt and unhealthy.

When I told him that what he was doing was harmful and counterproductive to his efforts, he barked out something like, "I don't give a damn, I have to do what I have to do." I commended him on his fortitude and dedicated then asked him if he would like to lose only unwanted fat, eat plenty of good food, have more energy with which to use against his opponents and still be able to make his weight. He said "sure," but in a surly tone, he lashed back, "How are you gonna do that?"

I seized this opportunity to inform both McGee and the class that our bodies react to a reduction in calories by drastically slowing our basal metabolic rates in an effort to store calories for that famine that will never come; that this was orginally intended to be a life-saving mechanism when we were hunters and gatherers. Our bodies have not adapted to our modern enviroment so we must emulate as closely as possible conditions that allow our bodies to function as they were genetically and physiologically programmed to do.

I told McGee about the study in the Journal of the American Medical Association on wrestlers whose metabolic rates dropped by 14 percent because of their dieting, enabling them to increase their food efficiency and store fat! I pointed at him and enthusiastically guaranteed that if he followed a proper dietary regimen he would reach his weight goals and beat any wrestler in his weight class if he could keep from getting pinned in early falls by someone with potentially greater ability. It was then that a sly, but challenging grin crossed his face. I extolled the virtues of complex carbohydrates and told him how they were poorly stored as fat and would keep his metabolism revved up (the phenomena of dietary induced thermogenesis).

I saturated him with information including a Swiss study that used radioactive tags to monitor the destination of 2,000 calories of sugar given to subjects over the course of 12 hours, revealing that only 36 of those calories were stored as body fat. There was actually a net loss of fat during the day because more calories that that were mobilized from body fat to be burned as energy by the body.

I presented him with a paper I had written on sports nutrition and he followed it diligently. By increasing his caloric intake of complex carbohydrates and staying away from all fatty foods, along with some good coaching and hard work, he went on to reach his weight loss goals and destroy his competition at the same time.

I watched him defeat the No. 2-ranked wrestler in the state (Cuesta College's Henry Harris), and go on to place fourth in the state and become an All-American to boot. An added bonus was that he became much more pleasant in class and made a tremendous contribution to our discussions.

—Norm Hoffman is a health education instructor at BC

BC golfers tee off new season

By Ryan T. Blystone
Sports Editor

What a difference only one year makes for the Renegade golf team this season.

After capturing the Western State Conference title last year with a 9-3 record in dual matches - the fourth conference title for Bill Nelson, head coach of BC's golf team since 1970 - the 1989 edition of the golf team is what he calls, "just an average team."

The team's No. 1 player, Sino Kochevar, whose strong performances last season earned him a spot on the All-WSC team, has transferred and Nelson's other top players from last season are ineligiblebecause of grade problems.

The 10-man roster includes three players who saw little competition last spring and a few players who have transferred from universities.

The returners are Chris Smith, Jeff Campbell and Ben Penny. Add to that list Dave Garbe, who came back from San Diego State University and was one of the better players in high school, according to Nelson, adding the team looks in good shape.

Nelson's main objective is to have his team break the 400 scoring level this season.

"The key to our team's success is to shoot around 385 to be a contender," he said.

"There's four (Garbe, Smith, Campbell and Penny) who when they're playing well, they'll shoot in the mid-70s to high-70s. For us to be really competitive, they'll have to play like that and then get one who can shoot between 80 and 83," he said.

The other golfers on this year's team are Brad Burks, formerly of California State University, Bakersfield; Brandon Long from South High School; Kurt Bowlen of Tulare High School; Delano High School's Steve Rodriguez; and Alan Corneal, formerly of East High School.

The tough competition is another objective for Nelson's team.

"We already had a conference meet and Ventura, who beat us at home, is strong. Santa Barbara (City College) is strong. TheCollege of the Canyons finished second in the conference last year and they have four guys back. And Cuesta (a team that BC beat in the conference meet) has got a strong team," Nelson said.

The Renegades' golfers will have a chance to test some of the conference competition at 11 a.m. today when the team travels to Santa Barbara to play in a mini-tournament with Canyons and Moorpark College.

The team's next home appearance won't be until Monday, March 13 at the Rio Bravo Country Club when they face Santa Barbara and West Los Angeles College.

Manuel Pena / Rip Staff

An unidentified BC golfer tees off during a recent match at Stockdale Country Club

Freshmen dominate women's softball team

By Ryan T. Blystone
Sports Editor

With a short supply of sophomores and an abundance of freshmen, the women's softball team's main objective is to gain experience at the college level, according to head coach Perky Newcomb.

Of 15 players, only outfielder Christi Vontz, catcher Sofia Garza and infielders Heather Maas and Dalene Sarret have returned from last year's team.

"That (11 freshmen) kind of makes us a young team ... but we have some good sophomores with good leadership," Newcomb said.

Among the list of newcomers are the starting pitchers on Newcomb's staff: Cindy Barraza, a graduate of Garces High School, and South High's Christy Ontiveros, who pitched a no-hitter in a 4-0 win on Feb. 14 over non-conference opponent West Hills City College to open the season.

The fact that both are freshmen is significant.

"I have always had a sophomore pitcher and a freshman pitcher in the past," said Newcomb, now in her eighth season as softball coach. "This year, they are both freshmen and both are quite good."

Naturally, Newcomb was impressed with Ontiveros' performance, labeling it as "a confidence-booster" for the team.

Other newcomers are outfielder Shelly Westfall, infielder Tina Thompson and catcher Shannon Carter of South High; Wasco High's Chris Pagsuberon, an outfielder; Melissa Walker and Trish Alvidrez, both outfielders from Bakersfield High; Maricopa High infielder Laura Voliva; Highland High outfielder Karla Cleveland; and Nicole Wiggins, an infielder from East High.

"I think we have a legitimate chance to win our conference ... We have to gain a lot of (game) experience early ... for the purpose of preparing for the conference (schedule)," Newcomb said.

Western State Conference play begins Mar. 7 for BC when they travel to West Hills.

Newcomb said she believes the competition in the WSC is even. "Anybody can beat anyone, and that is what competition is all about."

Despite the team's lack of game experience at the college level, Newcomb says, "a desire to do well and learn" is among the strengths on this year's team.

"Attitude on a team makes a lot of difference. If you have great athletes who aren't willing to learn at this level, then they won't be successful...The team's attitude is positive."

Another strength that Newcomb hopes to capitialize on is speed.

"We'll have better team speed this year than we've ever had if we can develop it to use it in game situations."

The women face Pasadena City College at 3 p.m. today in a non-conference game.

BC to host tournament

Come this weekend, 12 community colleges from eight conferences throughout California will converge onto Bakersfield for the seventh annual BC Softball Classic, an important state tournament.

"Whoever wins it," says BC softball coach Perky Newcomb, "can use it as a bargaining factor when it comes time to be seeded for the state tournament because it says a lot for the team."

All of the colleges competing were either conference champions or runner-up finishers in their respective leagues last season.

The event begins at 5 p.m. Friday when eight teams, including BC, will play first round games at the Mesa Marin Sports Complex.

San Mateo College, the 1988 Golden Gate Conference champion, is BC's first test. The winner faces Saddleback College, last year's Orange Empire Conference champion and defending BC Softball Classic champion.

Tickets are $2 on Friday and after 3 p.m. Saturday. Before 3 p.m., tickets cost $3. Sunday's final round at BC are $2. A special three-day tournament pass is $5.

For more information, contact Perky Newcomb at 395-4260.

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breast stroke; Laura Harwood, freestyle; Krista Marantos, back stroke and long-distance; Ann Marie Mellon, another long-distance swimmer; Adrienne Moore, freestyle and individual medley; and Jennifer Friesen, 50- and 100-meter freestyle events.

Jim Turner, beginning his 36th year as the head coach of both squads, said he believes the key to a successful season is "for the athletes to be self-motivated."

Turner says the WSC competition is tough, particularly Santa Monica College, whom the 'Gades will face at 2:30 p.m. Friday on the road.

Other [illegible] league opponents, according [illegible] Turner, are Ventura College, [illegible] College, Los Angeles Pierce [illegible] and Los Angeles Valley [illegible]

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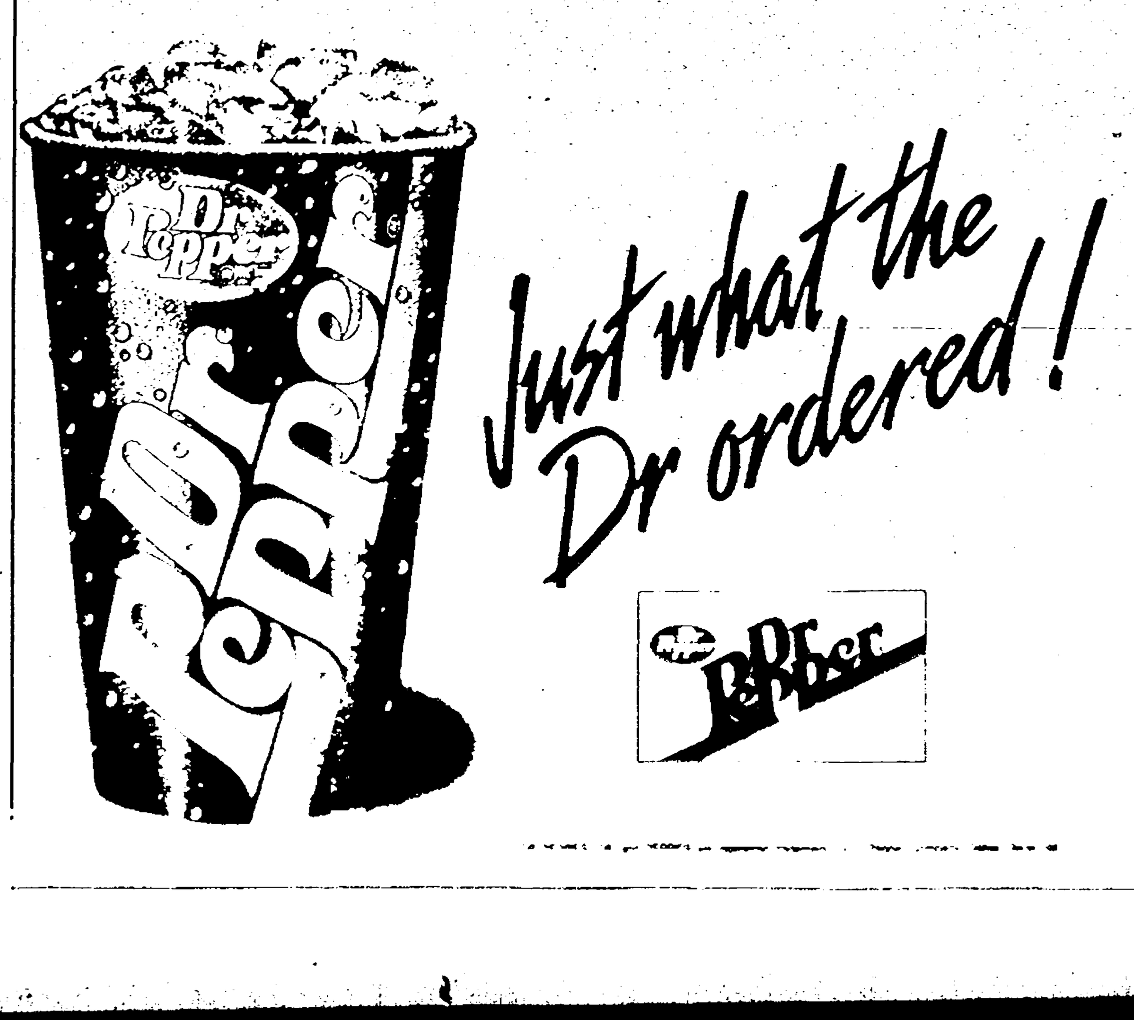

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Rip Opinion

BC should support S.F. boycott

The recent actions taken by the Bakersfield City Council and the Kern County Board of Supervisors to ban members from doing business in San Francisco certainly are justified in light of San Francisco's senseless boycott of grapes. Perhaps the BC administration would do well to support council and board members in their decision.

The grape boycott, which was initiated by the United Farm Workers in its contention of harmful pesticides used on the vines, is completely unfounded now that state tests have shown the grapes are safe for consumption.

In an economy such as Kern's, where agricultural production is the mainstay for many residents, the one thing we don't need is a boycott based on unfounded health issue fears.

The actions the council and board has taken, in addition to other similar measures from surrounding agricultural-based counties like Fresno, are unfortunate but necessary.

As Assemblyman Jim Costa, D-Fresno, puts it, "Boycotts and counterboycotts work to the detriment of everyone."

It has been estimated that because of the counterboycott, San Francisco convention centers stand to lose $60 million in fees they would normally attain from the various meetings held there.

But, considering table grapes are are the second-largest crop in Kern's agricultural industry — earning about $193 million in 1987 — $60 million is a small price to pay.

End to prejudices takes united effort

MICHAEL GATTENBY

All around us are cries of prejudice and chauvinism. To what extent are the pleas truthful, and how much is prejudice in itself? One thing that all will agree upon is that we are all hurt by the lies and violence that this generalization causes.

How many reading this remember as children being told that the names they were called were just words? When those words felt like razors cutting through the most sensitive skin? Yet, the childish names that were spoken are now are reflected in adult prejudice.

Though this country supposedly offers equality and freedom for all, there is prejudice all around. Blacks and women are an example. There are those who will not hire blacks, and it is heard that women are inferior. No one is better than anyone else! Just different!

Now that there has been a strong trend in this country toward equal rights, there is a newborn problem — reverse discrimination. Those that have in the past been discriminated against have found the grounds to the excuses that they wield.

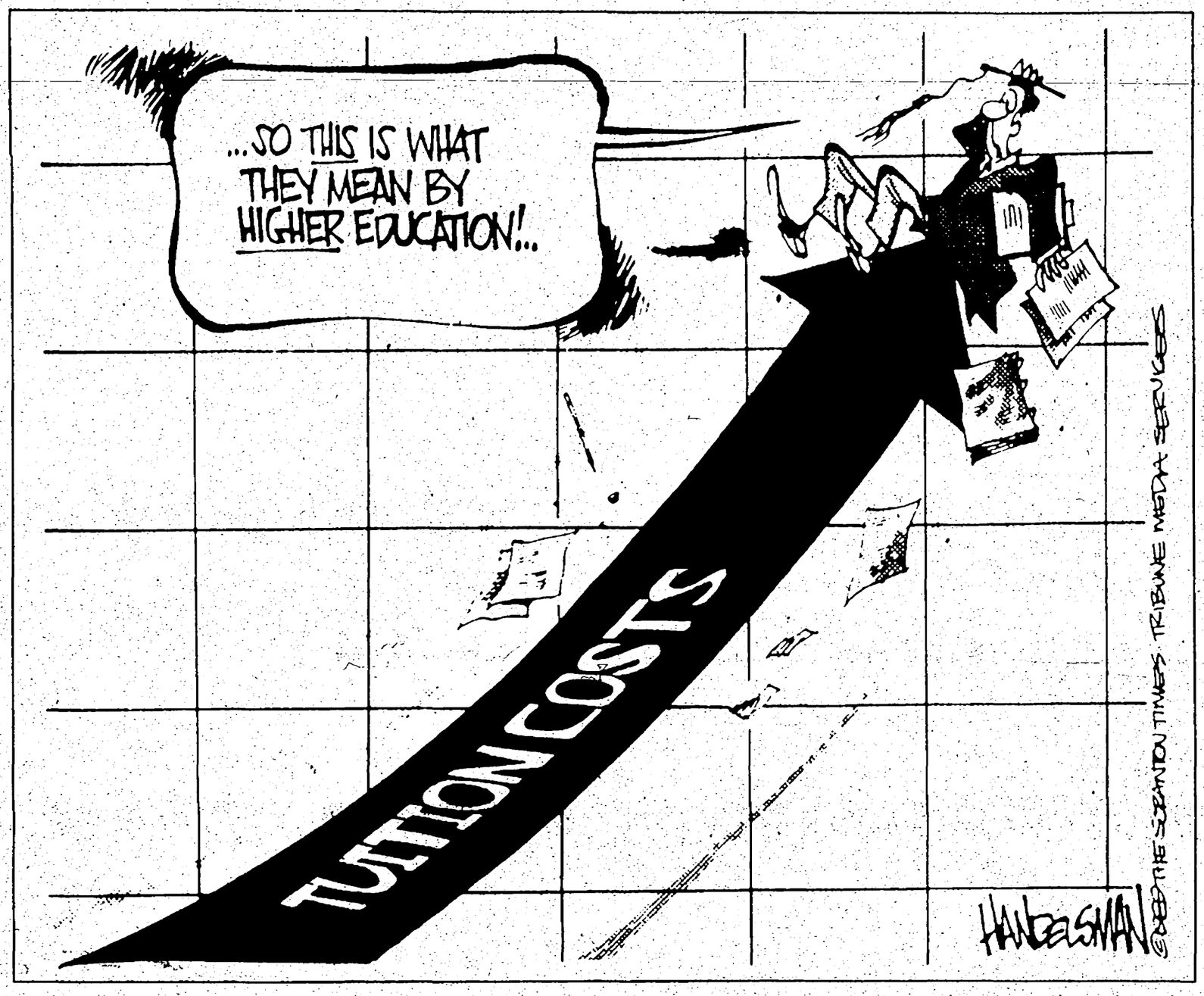
When will the world wake up and realize that they are destroying their own lives while bringing the rest of us down to their level?

It is true that everyone has certain prejudices, but how they are expressed and acted upon is what makes them the horror that they are?

From the beginning of man, we have fought wars, killed and injured millions, not only with weapons and words, but with the thinking that has backed them.

It's our world. We can make a difference in what we see around us. The only way anything will ever change is if we make it change, and not through pity, but through understanding.

—Michael Gattenby is advertising manager for The Renegade Rip



LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dictatorial views stated

Dear Editor:

In all of my numerous years of employment at BC through three presidents, I have never been so appalled as I am now to read in *The Rip* a statement from your president: "this is not a democracy."

Wow!

May I ask three questions?

1. When did BC secede from the union?

2. What are you going to call your little isolated country sitting in the center of a "democracy?"

3. Will you now be eligible to receive loans from the United States, as all other little countries do, because in this position you took, you are not part of the state of California system?

And last, but not least, I don't have to ask who your dictator will be as he has already, announced announced his position.

Peggy Barthe

Health center set back

Dear Editor:

It came to my attention recently that the Kern Regional Center in Bakersfield may have to shut its doors for three months because of the loss of funds by the state. For those of you who do not know what the Kern Regional Center does, here is some background information: It teaches job skills to disabled people and serves as an outreach for families with disabled members, i.e. parents whose children have Down's syndrome.

The state has not allocated the $700,000 needed to keep the doors of the Kern Regional Center open. I personally feel that it's the moral duty of people to help those who are unable to help themselves and that is just what the Kern Regional Center does. I'm not asking for anyone to send money, but to call your elected officials and voice your opinion on this deplorable situation.

Kerry Roberson

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Local students' future hinges on Measure B

The Bakersfield City School District is asking voters to approve Measure B, a $37 million bond issue in the March 7 election. This measure will provide funds for vitally needed school building projects.

Every day for the next 10 years, district schools will find three new students looking for a quality education. That will total more than 6,500 new students in the next decade — on top of enrollment increases of 3,756 children since 1981. These students are headed for school whether Measure B passes or not.

The district cannot pack any more new students into existing classrooms. The schools have already been stretched to the limit.

School buildings designed to serve 650 students are being forced to have enrollments of 1,000 or more. Some children are being bused from their home schools to avoid overcrowding.

The district is using 270 portable classrooms and 84 temporary trailers to provide a short-term solution to the need for new classroom space. District school sites cannot handle the number of new students coming in the next decade. Right now, school bathrooms, cafeterias and other facilities are inadequate to serve the number of students in the schools.

There has not been a new school built in the district in more than 20 years. Many of its buildings are more than 35 years old. Lottery funds cannot be used for school construction. The schools will have to find another way to handle the number of new students coming to Bakersfield in the next 10 years.

A yes vote on Measure B will build new schoools, expand classroom space, remove asbestos from existing buildings, renovate classrooms and libraries, and provide air-conditioning for classrooms.

It will cost the district $21.7 million to build four complete elementary schools. One new junior high school will cost $7 million, while $1 million will be used to expand existing sites. An additional $7 million will provide for improvements in existing schools, including the removal of asbestos and the addition of air-conditioning units.

The average homeowner in our community will pay less than seven cents per day for these improvements if Measure B passes. That is a small price to pay for investments in property value and the future of Bakersfield children.

—Submitted by the Bakersfield City School District, Measure B sponsor

'GADE FEEDBACK

Should the United States ban "Satanic Verses"?

Dana Cummings: "I decided 'No everyone has a right to freedom of speech. If you don't like the book, don't read it.'"

[illegible] "[illegible] someone [illegible] Australian [illegible] dictate what we read in America."

Martin Guerrero, counseling: "It should be up to the individual and not society."

Diane Gamble, elementary education: "No, writers have a right to publish their books as long as it is not slander[illegible]"

Liz Hentges, nursing: "[illegible] there's enough terrorism in the world. We don't need more hype for the fire."

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