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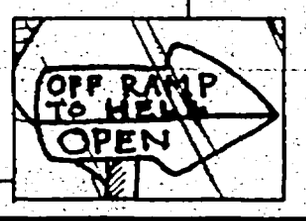

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ASBC president resigns, cites health reasons

By Ed Naff
Opinion editor

Micheal Erdman, president of the Associated Students of Bakersfield College, has resigned for health reasons.

ASBC Vice President Angela Acunia assumed Erdman's responsibilities April 26 as acting president for the rest of the semester.

Erdman's resignation makes him the second ASBC president in two years who has not completed his term. Last year, student body president Frank Purnell was removed from office for a disciplinary action by BC President Dr. Rick Wright.

However, Erdman is stepping down voluntarily. According to Acunia, the circumstances are very different.

"With Frank it was a different situation. This is an injury that happened a long time ago. The two are not related," she said.

In an interview this week, Erdman did not elaborate on his resignation or his health problems, other than it involved an injury. He said he plans to return next year.

As student body president, Erdman wrote a regular column for *The Rip*. In a March 8 column, he criticized administration for taking steps that he described as weakening student government, including the proposed transfer of ASBC adviser Kathy Rosellini to counseling next fall.

"I think of Micheal as a student and basically a pretty good guy. Just because someone takes a shot at you doesn't mean you don't like him."
— Dr. Rick Wright
BC president

Even though there were differences between Erdman and Wright, this had no bearing on his resignation, according to Erdman.

Wright even wished Erdman well.

"It's too bad that he can't continue school," he said. "I think of Micheal as a student and basically a pretty good guy. Just because someone takes a shot at you doesn't mean you don't like him."

Rosellini said that Erdman had taken on a lot of responsibilities on campus which were additionally taxing.

"Micheal's been ill for a long time. With the illness everything may have been too much. He tutors and has a full load of classes in addition to his responsibilities in Student Senate," she said.

"He's got to be one of the best student body presidents in terms of involvement with students ever. Micheal perceived this as a 40-hour-a-week job."

Many of Erdman's teachers have been impressed with his performance both as a student and ASBC president. Dr. Mary Copelin, a speech professor at BC, believes that Erdman's resignation is a big blow to the student body.

"I think it's a tremendous loss for the student body. He's made invaluable contributions, I can't remember any other president who's even come close to making this many contributions," she said.

Academic Senate president and BC English teacher Kate Pluta agreed and said Erdman's resignation will indirectly affect Academic Senate.

"It's a great loss. Academic Senate has learned a lot from the ASBC minutes," she said. "He's been a very strong representative for students."

Campus festivities celebrate Cinco de Mayo holiday

Lexey Swall / The Rip
Mariachi San Marcos' Benjamin Navarro plays Wednesday during Cinco de Mayo event.

Music, food, contests commemorate event in Mexican history

By Christa Hart
Rip staff writer

The colorful skirts and twirling scarves of the Oyohualli Folklorico dancers helped kick off a four-day celebration of Cinco de Mayo at Bakersfield College Tuesday.

Other activities included a chili-eating contest in which four contestants competed to see who could eat the most jalapeños in the shortest amount of time.

On Wednesday, Mariachi San Marcos performed to a crowd of cheering students.

Some spectators began to dance in front of the band and then were invited to take the stage to join the band in a dance.

Also on Wednesday, the band Louie Cruz and the West Coast Players entertained the audience.

Several speakers were scheduled to take part in the celebration of the Mexican victory over French troops on May 5, 1862. Jess Nieto spoke Tuesday and Manuel Carizales spoke Wednesday.

Mexican food was available daily in Campus Center, where the activities took place.

Mariachi bands and Selena impersonators also added to the festivities.

Activities begin this morning with a welcome at 9:45. Henry "The Poet" Morales, Community Hero Torchbearer for the '96 Olympics and a BC graduate, will speak at 10:45 a.m., and the indigenous "Balet Santa Barbara-Tescatlipoca" will perform at 11 a.m. Mariachi Los Caporales will perform at noon.

A Cinco de Mayo parade, sponsored by Las Fiestas, will be held downtown on Sunday starting at noon. The parade will begin at the intersection of Chester Avenue and 21st Street.

The grand marshal will be the Contreras family, according to Cornelio "Corny" Rodriguez, director of the BC Chicano Cultural Center.

The Contreras family raises money to give scholarships to deserving students in the communtiy.

"We thought we would recognize them because it's nice that somebody who started out raising money for their own family can now give to the community," said Rodriguez.

BC students will have an entry in the parade and a food booth at the street fair.

Lexey Swall / The Rip
BC student Lourdes Gomez dances with Mauro Lariz, of the Mariachi San Marcos, Wednesday on the Campus Center stage.

Meningitis case reported to health officials

By Susana Garza
Sports Editor

A 44-year-old Bakersfield College student who died of meningitis probably was not contagious to his classmates, according to medical officials.

Alberto "Beto" Ortiz Rivas Jr., a student who first enrolled at BC in 1985, died at Kern Medical Center on April 16. The cause of death was listed on his death certificate as cryptococcal meningitis due to acquired immune deficiency syndrome or AIDS.

Rivas, who took business classes at BC, was enrolled in a calculus course this semester. A relative of one of Rivas' classmates expressed concern because he died from meningitis, a reportable infectious disease. But it is doubtful that students would be susceptible to this type of meningitis, according to Dr. Navin Amin, chairman of the department of family practice at Kern Medical Center.

People with diabetes, cancer, those undergoing chemotherapy and those who have been on steroids for a long time are susceptible to cryptococcal meningitis, he said. Those with colds or the flu are not vulnerable.

"You can't get it if you have the flu," Amin said. "Your immune system isn't weakened to the stage where it's deficient. Your body does a good job of protecting you."

Cryptococcal meningitis most commonly affects people with compromised immune systems, such as those with AIDS, said Dr. Boyce Dulan, director of disease control and deputy health officer of the Kern County Health Department. Although all types of meningitis are supposed to be reported to the health department, Dulan at first said he had no report of the case Wednesday. Later that day, he located it.

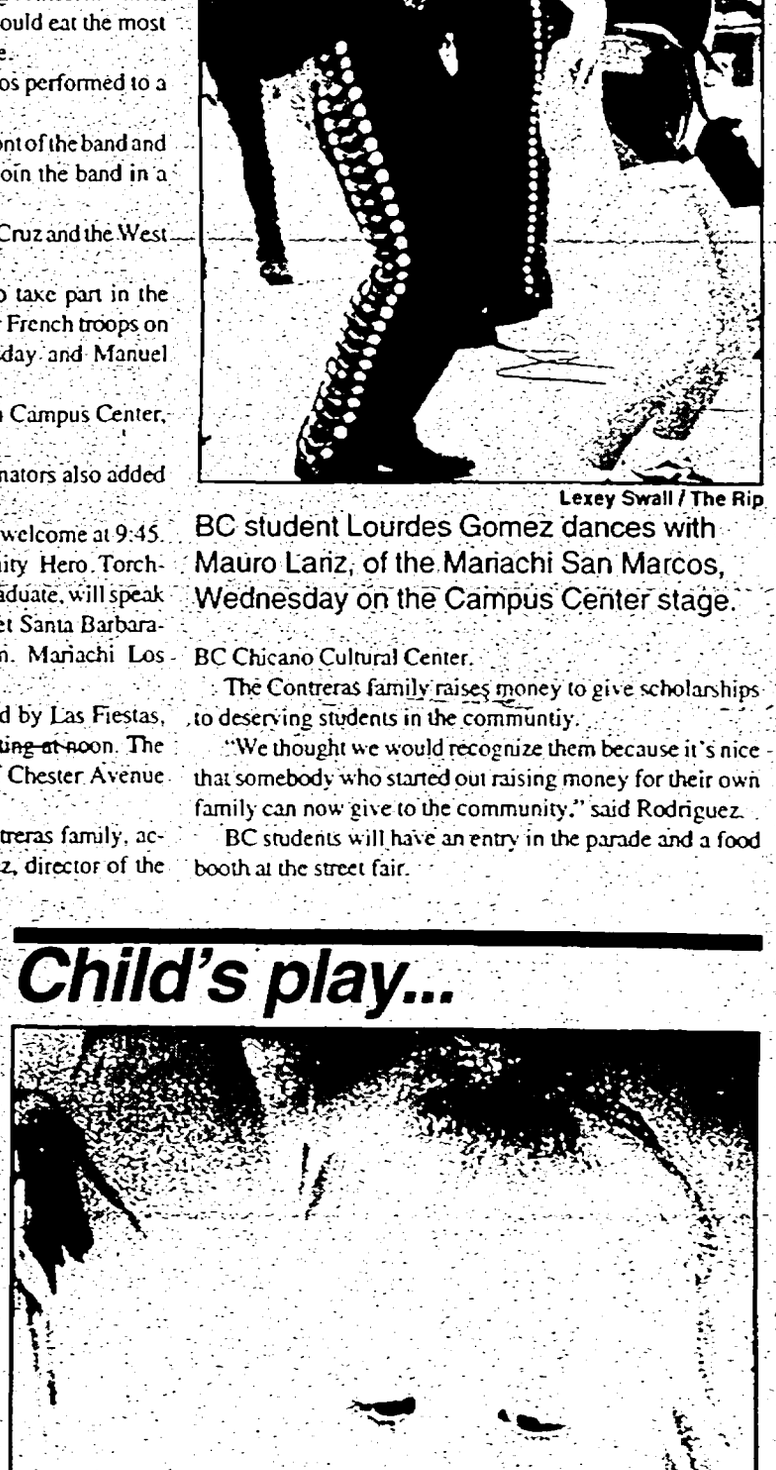
Rivas was born in Texas and lived in Kern County for 28 years, according to his obituary. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1975 to 1984.

Rivas' mother, Maria Rivas, said he was admitted into KMC a few days before his death after complaining of headaches. According to her, this was the first time her son was told he had AIDS and meningitis. She said that he was sick on and off for some time, but did not see a doctor because he would recover from each illness.

Rivas' mom hopes that her son's death won't be in vain. She encouraged anyone who has not been feeling well to seek medical aid.

"Maybe it can serve as a warning for the kids," she said in Spanish. "In today's age, they don't take care of themselves and then we're the ones left mourning them."

Child's play...



Debbie Nolting / The Rip
Two-year-old Kendra Bias plays at Children's Fun Faire on the Bakersfield College campus last Saturday.

Prop. 203 funds beginning of two BC projects

By Monroe Conner
Rip staff writer

The recent passage by California voters of Proposition 203, the Public Education Bond Facilities Act of 1996, will fund two major construction projects at Bakersfield College, the remodeling of the Science and Engineering Building and the construction of a new child development center.

According to Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of library services and facilities planning, the first of these projects will be a safety remodel of the Science and Engineering Building.

The first stage of this remodel will begin in 1996 and is slated for completion by 1997. Its estimated cost will be about $315,000 for the preliminary and working architectural drawings.

The $4.7 million remodeling of the building will start sometime in the summer of 1997 and is expected to be completed by the summer of 1998. Some of the proposed renovations are replacing and installing new fume hoods, bringing the electrical wiring up to the present building code standards, replacing the water plumbing and re-routing the electrical wiring and gas plumbing so each individual lab has its own shut-off.

"There's a lot of minor things, but it adds up in a hurry because you have to tear the whole lab up and put it back together to get it done," Larsen said. "The downside of that project is that we'll have to figure out how to stage things in 1997-98 so we don't disrupt everybody's education, particularly biology and life sciences."

The second project to be funded by Prop. 203 will be the construction of a child development center on the north side of the Family and Consumer Education building that would do away with some of the satellite child care facilities off campus.

Larsen said, "That would permit the child care facilities to gather in at least three of the groups they have at outlying areas and have them here on the campus."

The planning phase of this project is slated for 1997-98 and the cost of the preliminary and working drawings for this project is estimated to be $211,000.

The money needed to actually construct the new child development center was not allotted in the budget of Prop. 203, so the actual construction of this facility will be dependent upon the passage of an additional bond construction act in 1998. The amount of additional funds to complete this project is estimated at $2.9 million, bringing the total cost of completing the two projects to $8.2 million.

OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't judge daycare until facts are known

The Bakersfield College daycare program has suffered a terrible blow to its reputation.

Because of allegations of abuse made by one mother, the entire BC daycare program is now under state investigation.

This comes as quite a shock to a program with a positive 32-year history.

No one would argue that child abuse allegations should be ignored. However, considering the facts in this case, one must question the seriousness of these allegations.

If abuse were going on at any of the three BC daycare centers, why hasn't anyone else witnessed it?

It is quite possible that a person could witness the handling of a child and interpret this as being excessive or abusive.

> If abuse were going on at any of the three BC daycare centers, why hasn't anyone else witnessed it?

What we must understand, however, is that each child is different and each may require different treatment.

Often daycare workers are given specific instructions regarding a child from a parent or a psychologist. An observer, who is not privy to this information, might misinterpret a disciplinary action.

After the lone mother made her allegations, a recent press conference was held by other mothers with children in BC daycares to show their support of the program.

Not only did these mothers deny any instances of abuse but they praised the daycares for the job they have done with their children.

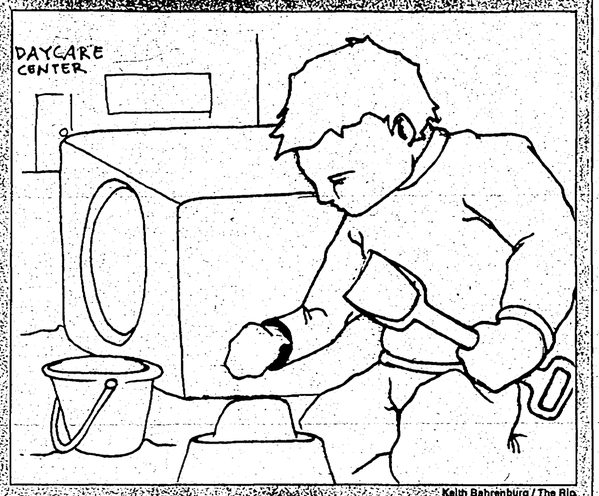
It is time for allegations to either be backed up or dropped. State officials should be done with their investigation within several weeks.

It is crucial in instances like this to hear and weigh each side of the story.

Allegations of child abuse can be extremely damaging to one's professional and personal reputation.

The daycare program at Bakersfield College has an excellent record and the majority of mothers who have children enrolled in these centers support the program.

It is vital that we refrain from passing judgment until the state investigation is completed and all of the facts are known.



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Youth need respect for life

OPINION

By Brian Anslinger
Rip staff writer

For years, people have debated abortion and capital punishment issues. They have argued about Dr. Jack Kevorkian and whether what he does is morally right or not.

Each issue is important to our society. All these things add up to the one thing that still remains prevalent in this world: a lack of respect for life.

A few weeks ago, I heard about a fight that broke out at a local junior high school. Two boys who had been friends apparently got into a heated argument that turned into a brawl. I believe that both boys were suspended from the school.

What affected me the most about this incident is not the fight, but what happened afterward.

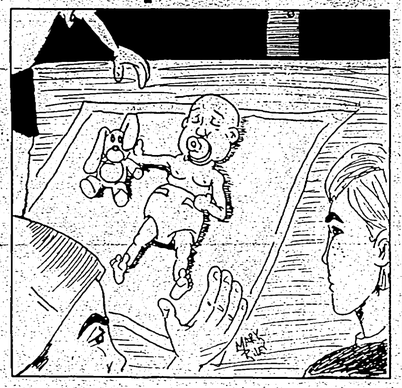
One of the boys had sharpened the end of a ruler into a point and told his friends that he was going to use it on the other boy.

I was shocked when I heard that. These kids are not yet in high school, but carry such hatred that they would threaten to kill one another. It is shocking, but it is also reflective of society.

Did the threatening teen-ager stop to realize the effects of killing someone? Did he think at all? Obviously not at the time.

However, at least he came to his senses, what little of them he has, and did not go through with the threat.

Then I started to think about what kind of life a kid might go through if he did commit a murder. After he was convicted and sentenced, he'd spend the remaining years of his youth behind bars.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If he ontinued to break the law, he would be thrown into a real jail with some 300-pound convict named Bubba and become, well, you get the idea.

Just recently, a violent incident involving a 6-year-old made national headlines. A 6-year-old boy accompanied by two older friends broke into a house to steal a Big Wheel tricycle. The 6-year-old beat an infant in the home. The infant was in critical condition Wednesday at Children's Hospital in Oakland.

While horrifying, this is just another example of the lack of respect people have for life.

Of course, both these incidents involved children, so this can't be an accurate reflection of society, right? Wrong. We all watch the news. If anyone can look there and say that what's going on out there is just kids being kids, they have serious problems.

It's adults, too. Race, color, lifestyle, none of it makes a difference because there are adults out there who are acting just like the boys who threaten to kill, or the 6-year-old who almost killed an infant.

Then we lean back on our couch, change the channel, and wonder where kids learn these things.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Max Becherer / The Rip

From left, Patricia Sarabia and Heidi Bums rehearse sign and song performance.

Sign and song should be offered more

I recently attended a performance entitled "A Sign of the Times" on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. The performance was a mixture of different skits put on by some students and former students.

What was so unique about this particular performance was that all the skits were done in sign language as well as sound. It was beautiful, funny, heartwarming and just plain interesting to watch.

The students did a marvelous job performing. The costumes were very cute and the props only made every skit seem more realistic. The students put a lot of time and effort into a two-hour performance.

The only problem I have with this is that this particular class seems to be only offered every two or three years! I don't understand why.

I could understand maybe only once a year, but to go as far between classes as every three years seems a little ridiculous.

This class was definitely a very popular class so it can't possibly be because a lack of enrollment in the class.

This particular class, with the selling of tickets for the performance, helps the BCHI (Bakersfield College Hearing Impaired) raise money.

So if it benefits a program on campus, provides an opportunity for the deaf community to enjoy a night out and an all-out wonderful time, why is it that it is only offered every two or three years?

I know this is not the only class that is offered every couple of years, but I'm just curious why it is that certain classes can only be offered every so often. Especially when students need these classes in order to graduate.

Michele Whisenhunt
BC Student

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What does Cinco de Mayo mean to you?

Talasha Ray, Theater: "The end of a struggle."

Rosanna Recio-Ayala, Nursing: "A day to celebrate the victories of my ancestors for Aztlan."

Susie Rojas, Veterinary Medicine: "To express heritage and cultural freedom."

Jose Martinez, Interior Design: "It's a time ... to show where we came from, what we have accomplished and what we will accomplish."

David Dawson ASL: "It's nothing special for me, but it's a day for Mexicans to celebrate their heritage."

FEATURES

English classes have trouble on 'trip from hell'

By Paul Chavez
Rip staff photographer

How much tolerance do you have?

Bakersfield College students who went on a field trip earlier this year to the Simon Wiesenthal Center to tour the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles learned that tolerance can be tested in ways they never imagined.

English professors Cindy Rock and Brenda Freaney's English classes went on the field trip to the museum to gain a deeper understanding into their class project, the reading of Elie Wiesel's novel "Night," about a man's tolerance while living through the Holocaust.

What the 34 students and two teachers didn't know is that the toughest teacher around, Mother Nature, would give a surprise quiz later on.

When the bus left that morning, the roads through the Grapevine were open and any chances of bad weather were not likely. So off went the students with their instructors heading down I-5 like the S.S. Minnow's crew off for a three-hour tour.

But instead of being shipwrecked, their bus was hit by a Toyota Corolla 10 minutes after leaving the museum. That was just the beginning.

> "I was so happy I had the students fill out the proper forms before the trip."
>
> –Cindy Rock
> English professor

"Oh my God, they're going to hit us!" was the last thing Rock heard right before the little economy car hit the side of the bus. No one was hurt.

"I was so happy I had the students fill out the proper forms before the trip," she said.

The bus pulled over so authorities could clear the road and take statements. That was at 5 p.m.

After filling out the paperwork that goes with a highway accident and the arrest of the man driving the car, the bus driver was notified by the dispatcher that the Grapevine was closed due to bad weather.

The only other option would be to go around through Mojave and come home on Highway 58.

Three hours later, according to Rock, Mojave was hit with a freak hailstorm when the bus arrived.

"For people living in Bakersfield, this was a blizzard," she explained.

The bus driver was told by the dispatcher that the bus again would be stalled because of a 15-car pileup on the highway involving a truck containing hazardous chemicals.

They were told to turn around and try the Grapevine again and hope they were let through. This was roughly at around 9 p.m.

Rock said the students were not even phased by the delays and long 20-hour day. They entertained themselves with movie trivia questions and other games that seemed to spark new relationships.

"We made it fun," said Jennifer Woodin, a student on the field trip that day. "We got to know all of each other better ... It was a once in a lifetime trip."

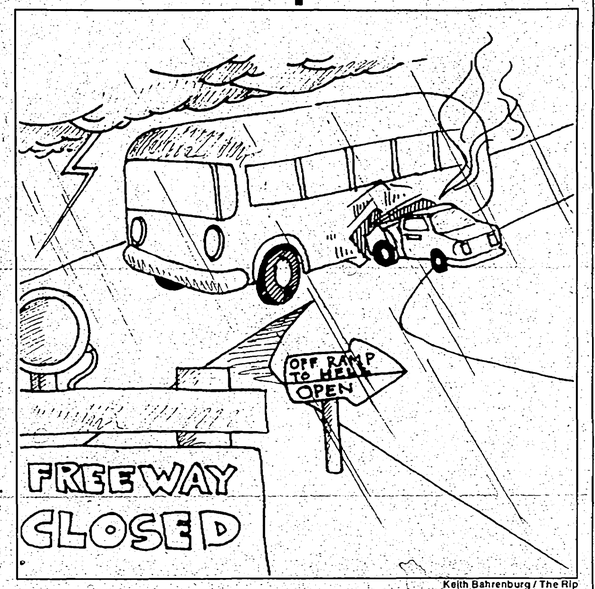
Another three hours later, the group was back at the mouth of the Grapevine and this time the bus was allowed to go through.

Even though the weather was rough, the roads were icy and some students were admitedly scared, the field trip was now coming to an end. The bus would arrive home at 4 a.m. that morning. As expected Rock's classes were canceled that day. Despite all the setbacks of the trip, the instructors were happy they went.

"I'm glad we went," said Freaney. "Our tolerance was tested."

Rock said jokingly, "I was fine 'til my hair messed up."

Then later commenting on the seriousness of the situation, she said, "I realize how fortunate we really were."



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College students find fewer roommates due to poor economy, competition

By Christa Hart
Rip staff writer

Students in search of roommates may have a difficult time finding them these days.

"I think it's because of the economy," said Director of Student Affairs Kathy Rosellini. "I don't think there are as many people leaving home."

Former Bakersfield College student Bret Michaels has a different take on the situation. Michaels posted a "roommate wanted" notice on the bulletin board in the Student Affairs Office.

"I guess it's just because there's an abundance of people ... renting out their (extra rooms)," he said. "There's, like, a lot of competition."

People are also becoming more particular about who they will live with, according to Rosellini.

"People are more selective because of problems that they've had with people in the past," she said.

To help avoid problems with a roommate, Rosellini recommends thorough interviewing before he or she moves in.

"You need to ask questions," she said. "Treat it as you would if you were hiring someone."

Rosellini suggests discussing issues of privacy, meals and budgeting with potential roommates.

Michaels, who has been looking for a roommate for more than a month, has discovered that this is practical advice.

"Sometimes they're not responsible," he said. "I had one guy that was, like, an older guy, and I thought he'd be responsible, but when it came time to pay (the rent) he didn't have the money.

"I finally had to kick him out. They had to call the cops because he refused to get out."

It seems it would be better to share housing with a friend, but that is not always so easy, according to Michaels.

"A lot of my friends that would make good roommates ... are already living with someone," he said.

Charolotte Duran, a former BC student who has been looking for a roommate since December, has experienced different problems in trying to share an apartment with a friend. She also posted a notice in the Student Affairs Office.

"We had one girl in here for about two weeks, but it didn't work out," she said.

"She was one of my friends."

It can also be difficult to have a roommate's name removed from a lease if things don't work out.

"It's up to the landlord," said Frank Himan of Prudential Real Estate.

"You're changing the terms of the agreement."

Duran has had first-hand experience in this area.

"It's kind of hard because we're on a lease, so it's under all of our names," she said.

One of Duran's previous roommates is still on her apartment lease and, because of her landlord's policy, the student's grandmother is still paying the student's share of the rent.

To help students find housing, the Student Affairs Office posts listings of available housing, either over the phone at 395-4355 or in person in Campus Center 4.

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Students learn that life at the Los Angeles Zoo involves more than just...

Autumn Traum and Willie Miranda take notes during recent BC biology trip to Los Angeles Zoo. Above, a female gorilla beats her chest as students observe primates.

MONKEY BUSINESS

By Debbie Noling
Rip staff writer

No one likes being stared at, even spider monkeys.

That was one of the lessons learned by Bakersfield College biology students during a recent visit to the Los Angeles Zoo. During the class tour of the zoo, one spider monkey became upset and began to pace back and forth in its cage. At one point the monkey stopped, stood up straight and growled at the student staring at it as if ready to defend its territory.

"How would you like it if you were stuck in a classroom with an instructor staring at you for hours? They're primates just like us. You gotta remember, we're primates and a lot of behavior we see in us we inherited from our non-human primates ancestors," said David L. Schutzer, a Los Angeles Pierce College anthropology professor.

Schutzer joined BC biology professor Inez Devlin-Kelly and 45 students and their children during the tour.

Armed with pens, papers and a project sheet, the biology students were given instructions and tips.

"You need to be looking for the differences in these primates," said Devlin-Kelly.

First stop was to sneak a peek at the new baby gorilla. Female students giggled at the diaper the baby gorilla wore and the male students tapped on the glass trying to wake up the sleeping baby.

The tour made its first official stop at the home of the western lowland gorilla from the forest west of Central Africa. These gorillas were not at all happy to see any curious college students. One male gorilla began to growl and throw dirt clots at the audience. Schutzer pointed out that this behavior was what they call audience interaction.

Next stop was at the cage of the ruffed lemur. These strange looking monkeys have tails that are hairless at the bottom third, and the end of the tails look like fingerprints. The students watched and laughed as the monkeys put on a show for them.

The students were asked to be quiet and passive around the old world monkeys. These rare primates have been able to breed successfully only at the Los Angeles Zoo.

One monkey startled the students with his banging on his house and his shaking of the fence. He wanted no part in this zoo project.

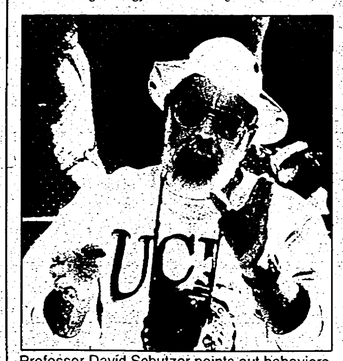
Up the hill from the not-so-nice monkey lived the colobus. These beauties are endangered because of their beautiful white flaired tails.

The great apes were a real treat for the guys in the group. The male students couldn't resist pounding on their chests and making loud threatening noises as they approached the large orangutan that sat under a swing with a towel over his head.

As the tour began to come to an end, the students were taken to see the white cheeked gibbon, the smallest ape. Born white and weighing only a pound, these apes stay white if they are female and turn black if males. No one knows their gender until they change colors.

As the tour continued, Schutzer answered many questions from the BC class.

"It's important that you guys don't forget you are a primate. Look at these animals. Watch them move," he said.



Professor David Schutzer points out behaviors.

Arizve Ortiz intently watches animals.

Students learn during tour that colobus monkeys are endangered because of their white flaired tails.

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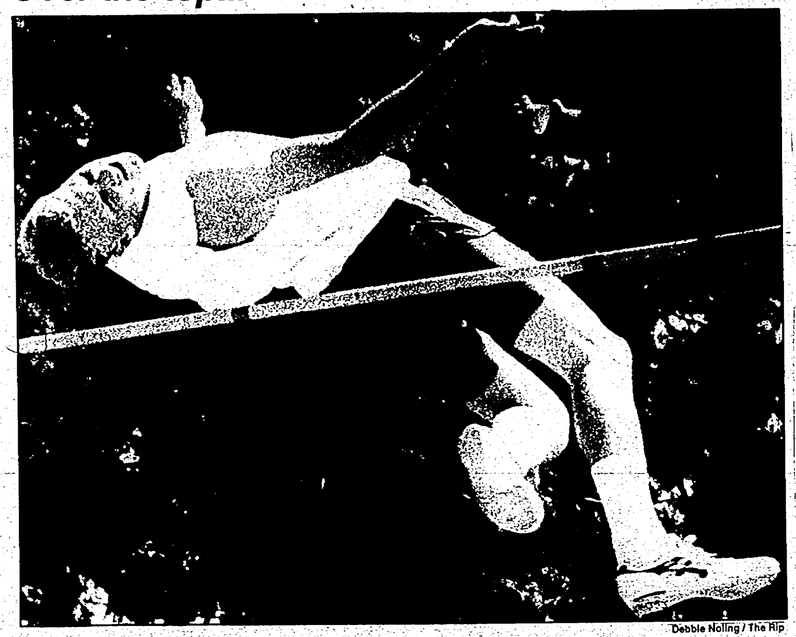

Debbie Noling / The Rip

BC's Josh Coffey competes in the high jump event during the Western State Conference finals held at Memorial Stadium last Saturday. The 'Gades men's and women's track teams both took first place at the meet. The teams will compete in the Southern California Junior College Track and Field championships at Long Beach this weekend.

'Gade golfers pull off a close tournament win

By Jason Mahill
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College golf team now ranks in second place in the Western State Conference and will compete in the Southern California regional conference tournament Monday in Hesperia.

The Renegades took a narrow victory in last Monday's tournament at Rio Bravo Country Club.

The Renegades came out on top with a team score of 395. College of the Canyons trailed with a close 396 and Ventura College came in third with 397.

Monday seemed like an excellent day for golf. The sun was out and the wind was strong, but not so strong that it threw off scores by too much.

Ventura's Travis Thomas said that the wind and the fast greens were a challenge but that the team had golfed in worse.

"We've had everything," said Thomas. "Snow (in Valencia), wind and rain."

Thomas tied with Santa Barbara's Jeremy Whiting for a low 73 score in the tournament.

"The wind wasn't such a problem, just the speed of the greens," said Renegade golfer Jeff Brumfield. "My worst hole was the first. I hit my shot (at the tee) and it went a little to the right and it ended up behind a tree."

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Mike Moulton putts the ball during a match this season.

Brumfield ended the season with 676, the second lowest score behind Canyon's Dan Flynn's 666.

Bakersfield and College of the Canyons, which placed first in the conference, will face off Monday. The top four regional teams there will compete in state.

Softball team keeps playoff chances alive with key win

By Brian Anslinger
Rip staff writer

As the end of the regular season approaches, the Bakersfield College softball team's bats have been cranking it up for a run into the playoffs.

"This is our third win in a row where we've been hammering the ball," said Coach Sandi Taylor after the 'Gades crushed Santa Monica 11-1 in six innings last Friday. In the previous two games, BC scored 14 runs and 12 runs.

The win was one more step closer to the playoffs for BC, who will finish fourth in the Western State Conference. The top three teams in the conference earn playoff spots, but an at-large "wild card" playoff berth will be awarded to one team from southern California. According to Taylor, a ranking system is used to determine the at-large berth. It is based on several things, including strength of schedule and performance against higher ranked teams.

> "This is our third win in a row where we've been hammering the ball."
>
> —Sandi Taylor softball coach

Against Santa Monica, BC took a 3-0 lead in the first inning and never looked back. A five-run fourth inning, highlighted by the first BC home run in six years, and a superior performance by pitcher Lisa Soto sealed the victory.

Consecutive singles by Soto and Eva Rodriguez started the fourth for BC. Kari Hinesly singled to center with two outs to bring in a run.

The inning looked to be over when cleanup hitter Trisha Tarrer popped up to Santa Monica pitcher Monique Jimenez. However, Jimenez nonchalantly gloved at the ball and dropped it. Hinesly scored and the stage was set for Courtney Wood.

Jimenez, who looked shaken up after her error, was throwing Wood high fastballs. After Wood hit a high foul ball down the third base line and out of play, she ripped the next pitch over the 200-foot sign in left field for a two-run homer.

"She was getting the ball up," said Wood. "Those are my sucker pitches."

Wood and Hinesly both had three hits and scored two runs each for BC. The win gave Soto a 10-9-1 overall record and 5-3 in conference.

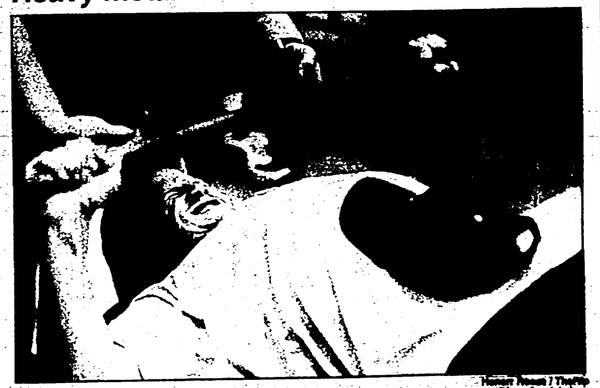
BC moved to 9-6 in conference play and 19-18-1 overall.

"It's going to be a tough battle for the at-large bid," said Taylor afterward. "We've played contenders from every conference and nine of the 16 teams in the playoffs. And we definitely need to win Monday."

On Monday, BC traveled to the College of the Canyons and took home a 7-3 victory. According to outfielder Stacy Billington, their record this season is the best since Taylor took over the program six years ago.

BC will find out this weekend if that record will be enough to get them into the postseason.

Heavy metal...



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South High's sophomore Greg Linder competes in the bench press competition for high schoolers held at BC last week. Linder placed fourth in the 185-pound class.

The last edition of *The Rip* this semester will be next Friday. All letters are due Monday.

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Campus play opens this weekend

The Bakersfield College Theater Department will present "All in The Timing," an evening of one-act comedies Friday and Saturday and 9 to 11 p.m. in the Bakersfield College Indoor Theater.

Written by David Ives, "All in The Timing" received the John Gassner Playwrighting award and has played to rave reviewers on and off Broadway, according to director Hank Webb.

Tickets for the event are $6 general admission, $3 for students and senior citizens at the BC Ticket Office, 395-4326. Showtime is 8 p.m. nightly. The performance is not appropriate for children.

Math anxiety class set for May 8

A math anxiety seminar will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. May 8 at the Weill Institute.

Professor Sharon Edgmon will discuss ways to reduce fears about math and how to become motivated toward a higher level of math funtioning.

For more information, call 395-4137. Cost for the seminar is $29.

Dinner to honor admissions director

A retirement dinner will be held for Dr. Archie Sherman Jr., director of Admissions and Records, on May 30 at Maitia's Basque Restaurant, 3535 Union Ave. Cost is $20 per person, which includes dinner, tip and gift. Checks should be made payable to Bakersfield College and sent to Janie Budy at BC by May 22.

Annual 24-hour relay starts Saturday

Students will run, jog and walk for 24 hours at Memorial Stadium this weekend to raise money for youth activities, peer counseling and tutoring as part of the Fifth Annual Kern County 24-Hour Relay Challenge.

The students of Friday Night Live, Club Live and Peer Helping Programs will start the relay at 8 a.m. Saturday. J.R. Henderson, former East Bakersfield High graduate and UCLA athlete, is the keynote speaker.

A health fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with games and prizes. Local artists, Angry Asphalt Machine, Dim and others, will perform throughout the day with DJ Jerome as the official 24-hour disc jockey. For more information, call Kathryn Lomely at 334-8307.

STUDENT SENATE UPDATE

By Jason Mahill
Rip staff writer

Eighty-five Bakersfield College students showed up to the polling booths this week to vote in student government elections with 22 positions vacant.

The only position in which two candidates were running was that of president of the Associated Students of Bakersfield College.

Sophomore psychology major Jose Gonzales defeated freshman Rebecca Welsh, 44 votes to 41 votes, for the president's office.

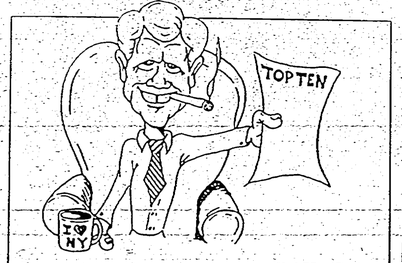
Angela Acunia, acting ASBC president, was elected vice president of club affairs. Misty Larson received 75 votes for the position of vice president of communications. David J. Rosales Jr. received 77 votes for chief justice.

Offices left vacant after the election were vice president of legislative affairs, vice president of financial affairs, eight associate justice positions and 11 department senator positions.

Kathy Rosellini, director of the Student Affairs Office, said that a lack of interest in student government seemed to be typical at community colleges. Irvine Valley Community College had only two students running while Antelope Valley Community College postponed its elections due to the lack of eligible candidates running, according to recent press articles.

CORRECTION

Ken Ruettgers is a graduate from Garces Memorial High School and not West, as stated in the last edition of *The Rip*. The staff apologizes for the error.



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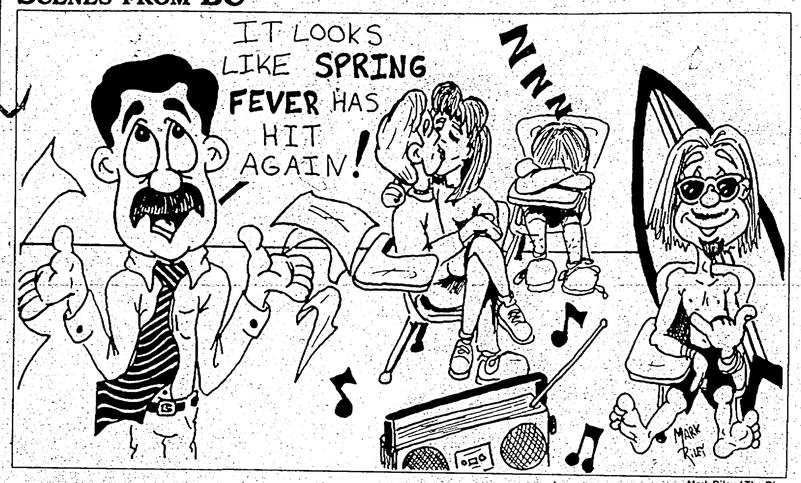

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Profanities spark police incident

CRIME BEAT

By Brandy J. England
Rip staff writer

Two campus police cadets exchanged profanities with a man who then chased them around the campus.

Two female student officers were using a pay phone at the Allied Science and Technology Building around 9 p.m. on April 26, when a man snuck up behind them, according to a campus police incident report.

The two were frightened and one of the women asked the man, "Who the (expletive) do you think you are sneaking up and trying to scare us?"

The man replied with several profanities and began to taunt and tease one of the officers. The officers began to walk away when the man yelled another nasty comment and began chasing the two women throughout the campus.

A campus officer was summoned to the south of the library and the man disappeared.

The next day he went to the campus police office, claiming he wanted to file a report against the two women. After being told that he would have to fill out a report, he declined.

Chancellor's office hears about tickets

Campus police were dispatched to the Kern Community College District Office on Tuesday to investigate a report about a man becoming irate, demanding to see Chancellor Dr. Jim Young about parking tickets.

The 32-year-old student wanted to speak to Young about the process for clearing parking tickets and said he had already spoken with campus police. When police arrived, the student was speaking with someone else and the matter was resolved without further incident.

Student removed from BC class

A 33-year-old student had to be removed from class by campus police on April 22 after refusing to leave at the instructor's request.

Campus police are still investigating the case. The student did not want to give his version to the police until he spoke to his attorney.

Accident breaks campus window

A window was accidently broken at the Apllied Science and Technology Building on April 24, campus police reported.

A man leaned back against the window and broke it.

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Coaches blast players' claims of special treatment

By Susana Garza
Sports Editor

What would make two of the best starters and a key reserve on the Bakersfield College men's basketball team miss an important practice three days before a second round game in the Southern California regional playoffs?

According to the players, they weren't being taken care of anymore.

The practice was the second one that Lamont Barnes, Lovell Brown and Kito Patterson missed and it led to their dismissal for disciplinary reasons from the team. BC was defeated 59-68 by Saddleback College, ending any chances of winning a state title.

Barnes, who led the team and the Western State Conference in scoring, dropped out of school and returned to Ohio after being dismissed. Brown was allowed to rejoin the team and played against Saddleback College but later dropped out of school and returned to Seattle. Patterson was dismissed from the team but remained at BC. Patterson, a roommate of Barnes and Brown, declined to be interviewed.

"It's kind of ironic that all of the sudden this stuff is being said after he was dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons."
—Mark Arce
men's basketball coach

"I think that he's one of those people, not just athletes, but spoiled students that too many of us do too many things for."
—Carl Bowser
athletic director

According to Barnes and Brown, missing practice was a form of protest because they had not eaten in a couple of days and had no money to buy any food. It was their understanding, said Barnes, that the men's basketball coach, Mark Arce, "would take care of everything."

"He told me everything would be taken care of," Barnes said in a telephone interview. "I talked to Arce and he said everything would be free, my food, my rent. I wouldn't have come to BC if it wasn't true."

According to Barnes and Brown, they were promised food and rent for their apartment at Whispering Meadows, located at 508 Douglas St.

"I never seen a rent bill," Brown said in a telephone interview. "I didn't pay it, Lamont didn't and Kito didn't, either. We assumed it was taken care of by the coaches."

Both players said they think this arrangement violated the California Community College Athletics Association rule that states that athletes should receive no special subsidizing, including grants, housing, food or meals that are not available to all eligible students.

But Arce and BC's Athletic Director Carl Bowser dispute the players' allegations, saying the players simply do not understand the financial aid system. They maintain that any student eligible for financial aid can obtain grants or loans for housing, tuition and books.

According to Bowser, the players somehow have gotten the wrong idea. They were expected to work to help pay expenses, something they were unwilling to do, he said.

"I believe it's all a misunderstanding."

Barnes and Brown, both qualified and received financial aid for their schooling and rent, he said. The players also were offered on-campus jobs to earn money for food and other necessities. The on-campus jobs are open to all students, not just athletes, and pay $6.13 an hour, said Bowser.

"The way a lot of guys have done it here that need the help, had he (Barnes) worked his 15 hours a week,

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Three-Way gives $2,000 to campus

By Debbie Noling
Rip staff writer

Three-Way Chevrolet presented a $2,000 donation to Bakersfield College Tuesday to help celebrate the company's 40th anniversary.

John Turner, the company's finance department manager, and Bob Mullins, marketing manager, did the honors of "giving back to the community" by presenting a check and a handshake to Dr. Rick Wright, BC president.

According to Kay Meek, executive director of the BC Foundation, the donation will be put into an endowment fund to help the President's Scholars program.

She said that the scholarship program provides more than $40,000 a year to help recruit high school seniors into BC.

High school seniors must maintain a 3.5 GPA for one year to receive the scholarship at BC.

Mullins said that at the beginning of this year, Three-Way Chevrolet selected a committee to nominate 12 well-deserved charities and organizations who they felt gave to the community.

Each receives a cash donation from Three-Way Chevrolet.

"We selected the ones that we thought were more deserving because the money is allocated to Kern County programs that benefit Kern residents," said Mullins.

Donations so far have been given to CALM, Bethany Services' homeless shelter, BC and the American Lung Association of Kern County.

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Frank Perez holds flag as he and Carlos Valez perform on campus last week.

Horsin' around...

Charros Unidos entertains in Cinco de Mayo festivities

By Christa Hart
Rip staff writer

If you happened to catch a glimpse of horses trotting around Bakersfield College last Friday, you were not hallucinating.

Charros Unidos de Bakersfield was on campus to take part in BC's celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

"The reason we're here is to share with you a little of our culture, our tradition, our roots," said the group's spokesman, Efren Martinez.

The group includes Martinez, Valente Pena, Frank Perez, Carlos Valez and Frank Huerta. According to Martinez, the group's purpose is to demonstrate colorful and intricate skills in the areas of horsemanship, lasso handling and other duties of the traditional cowboy.

The crowd gathered to watch the show cheered as Pena danced his horse back and forth across the lawn in the Free Speech Area.

The youngest member of the group, 15-year-old South High student Valez, demonstrated his talents with a lasso.

"I've been around horses since I was little and I plan to keep on doing it, I guess until I die," he said.

Martinez said that having young people get involved in this type of activity makes them proud that parents are trying to pass along aspects of their culture.

"It's really hard, especially here in the United States, to keep our traditions alive, but we're making an effort," he said.

According to Martinez, the western cowboy has his roots in Mexico.

"We're all one group and we're proud of our American and Mexican cowboys," he said.

The group was invited to BC by the students to celebrate Cinco de Mayo which, Martinez pointed out, is not Mexican Independence Day.

"We're not celebrating our Independence Day," he said. "That's the 16th of September."

Cinco de Mayo is the celebration of the turning point that led to Mexico's independence from European rule. It is a celebration of the Mexican victory over French troops in a key battle, said Martinez.

"We want you to be proud of us," said Martinez. "I hope next year we can be here again."

Also taking part in the Cinco de Mayo festivities last Friday were the folklorico dancers, Oyohualli.

The group performed traditional dances, some of which included balancing a tray with a bottle and four glasses on their heads while dancing.

Union negotiates faculty release time

By Monroe Conner
Rip staff writer

One of the more controversial aspects of the proposed reorganization at Bakersfield College is the cutback of faculty release time assignments that will directly affect the duties of 25 faculty members.

According to Dix Kelsey, counselor and president of the teachers' union, release time is the time allotted to a faculty member, by the president or his representative in a particular department, to complete a specific task or duty outside of the classroom. These tasks can be administrative or related to a special assignment such as research or a special interest project that a particular department might need completed.

Eliminating release time of the 25 faculty members is expected to produce a savings of about $105,000 that will be used to hire new instructors under the proposed plan, according to Dr. Rick Wright, BC president. But one effect of this reduction is an increased workload for the faculty members involved.

One of the people scheduled for a 20 percent reduction in release time is Dr. Wilhelmina Anthony, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center. Anthony said she is a 40-hour a week, 12-month a year faculty member who has no release time to be taken away.

"I'm not an 11-month faculty, I'm not a 10-month faculty, I'm a 12-month faculty, so where is that time they've taken from me or given to me?" she said. "That's an assumption that I don't share, so that's why I haven't paid much attention to it, because I think it's crap."

Anthony says the only time she doesn't work is when she takes a vacation and that her 40 hours a week are spent as the director of the center. She doesn't understand how administration plans to cut the hours of a 12-month faculty member.

"There has to be some assumption somewhere on the part of administrators or somebody that I'm not working my full schedule in order to say they're taking away some release time," she said. "I don't know how you can take away release time from a 12-month faculty person. That's what I was hired as and that's what I am."

According to Steve Smith, who was the alternate chair for the Academic Senate on the reorganization committee and one of the creators of the model of the proposed reorganization plan, some of Anthony's duties as director of the center will be shifted to counseling when the various student centers on campus are consolidated into one center at the beginning of next year. He did concede that there will be no monetary savings by cutting the release time associated with her position.

Academic Senate president and English professor Kate Pluta said the reorganization committee's recommendations have been brought before the senate, where it was discussed and approved. The proposal has been sent

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A closer look...

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Student Harry Espiritu studies human cells in preparation for his upcoming lab final examination in anatomy.

Renegade debate team dominates national forensic tournament

By Ed Naff
Opinion Editor

It was business as usual for the Bakersfield College debate team.

At the Phi Ro Pi National Forensics Tournament just outside of Chicago, Renegade debate dominated the limited entry as in past years with Don Baker and Jason Peterson taking a gold medal in team debate.

Baker was ranked as top speaker in team debate with Peterson second.

Danny Bell and Matt Hall also took home bronze metals.

BC placed eighth nationally out of 87 schools.

Jason Peterson received the Neil Warren Fellowship for showing competitive excellence.

Helen Acosta, BC debate coach, was not surprised by their performance.

"This is status quo for us, we always win. Our debate team has been ranked nationally for eight years or more," she said.

Dominating in debate is something that BC is used to. According to Jayne Landon, Communications Department chair, BC debate has a tradition of excellence.

"We've done well in debate here for quite some time. We have one of the oldest teams in the country," she said.

In addition to honors at nationals, the debate team placed first in state competition.

Due to budget constraints, the BC team is not as large as most schools but still manages to be among the top-ranked community colleges year after year, according to Acosta.

"Most schools have a squad of about 14 for nationals. We only had five, they did very well," she said.

Landon agreed, praising the team's success.

"I'm delighted with their success. They've done phenemonally for how small their squad is," she said.

Along with other awards, Peterson was selected for the All-American debate team, in which only 22 students are chosen nationwide.

Freshmen sponsor banquet for teachers

By Debbie Noling
Rip staff writer

The only thing worse than being a freshman in high school is being a freshman in college. The classes are harder, no one knows where their classes are and making friends is scary.

According to Freshman Class Vice President Rebecca Welsh, the first Teacher Appreciation Banquet will be hosted on Tuesday to say "Thank you" to all those special teachers that have made the transition easier.

Welsh said this banquet, which will be held 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center, is different from the annual Sam McCall Award Banquet in that every teacher nominated will receive a special award, not just one teacher. The students want to show their favorite teacher how much they are appreciated.

"The freshman class just wants to recognize all the faculty, not just one person," said Welsh.

The students had the opportunity to thank their favorite teachers by nominating them during the week of April 15. A $3 nomination fee was charged to help cover the price of the banquet. The nominated teachers will attend the banquet free of charge.

Tickets for $3 were sold between April 15 and May 3 in the Student Affairs Office to faculty members and students who wanted to attend.

"Every teacher who attends the banquet will receive a special award, even if they were not nominated," said Welsh.

Entertainment will be provided before dinner. Certificates will be awarded to the guests of honor.

The freshman class, the Associated Students of Bakersfield College and the students of Bakersfield College are helping put on this first Teacher Appreciation Banquet.

The nominated teachers are: **Learning Center**, Emily Hurlbert; **Applied Science**, Dennis Jorgensen; **Behavioral Science**, Debra Lango; **Communications**, Jayne Landon, Kathy Freeman, Mary Copelin, Deanne Sampley and Jennifer Larson; **Supportive Services**, Hoolyse Davajian; **Life Science**, Inez Devlin-Kelly, Andrea Garrison and Janet Fulks; **Math**, Christy Haycock, Bernard Scanlon, Sharon Edgmon, Michael Moretti, Rebecca Head; **Philosophy**, Clare Heiller; **Social Science**, Greg Goodwin, Steven Holmes, Gaylen Lewis, Bruce Meier, Stephen Smith and Rosa Garza; **Agriculture**, Gay Borton and Bill Kelly; **Art**, Harry Wilson; in **Business Education**, Chuck Wall; **Computer Studies**, Colleen Mesel and Phillip Mesel; **English**, Cindy Rock, Karen Tepfer, Marci Lingo, Rebecca Mooney and Brenda Freaney; **Music**, Robert Martinez and Susan Scaffidi; **Physical Science**, Richard Darke, Mike Daniel, Kenward Vaughan and Joel Shelton; **Counseling**, Joyce Small; **Theater**, Hank Webb; and tutor Vanessa Miller.

Selena serenade...

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Sara Lopez impersonates the late singer Selena during Cinco de Mayo activities last week.

COACHES: Players received financial aid like others at BC

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he would've made about $360 a month," Bowser said.

During the first two weeks of school, Barnes signed up for the job, was fingerprinted and took his TB test to work, Bowser said.

"He worked about seven hours and never showed up again on the job," Bowser said. "And he told Coach Arce, 'I don't need it, my mother is going to help me out,' that's what coach Arce told me.

"Everybody understands this except Lamont. I understand it, Coach Arce understands it, his high school coach understands it, his mother understood because when we were going through this I had Coach Arce call his mom and his mom said, 'That kid knows why he's out there and that he's supposed to work.' He wouldn't work. If Lamont had worked he would've had a check every month. I'm not too sure at the end it wasn't a power play by a couple of the guys."

But Barnes said it was his understanding that he was not expected to work and his mom wanted him to hit the books.

Brown also had a job offered to him after he left the team because he was going to stay at BC. He chose instead to leave, Bowser said.

The jobs would have paid for food because the rent and tuition was paid with emergency student loans.

Arce said that Barnes and Brown received emergency loans and this was paid back when the players later received Pell Grants, federal financial aid grants.

While the players said they never received financial aid, Arce and Bowser provided documentation with the players' signatures which showed that they did.

Because the players signed their emergency loans over to him, who used them to pay rent on their apartment, they did not see any cash, said Arce.

"He (Lamont) never saw any of the money, we put it directly to the bills. He never saw any of it," Arce said.

Arce added that he normally arranges some players' housing during the summer and gives the landlord his word that the rent will be paid. If it's not paid, no one will be willing to rent to the other players the following year, he explained.

"I have to make sure that the financial aid money is spent not on beer, going out on dates, shoes, clothes, anything. It has to be spent for housing and whatever bills on campus, books, tuition, everything.

"When those loans come in, I take the players to the Business Office. They sign their checks over to me and I take their check and deposit it to their housing. That's why they never see any money. When the Pell Grant comes in, they've signed a waiver so the school can pay off their loans and any other bills on campus."

According to financial aid officials, this type of aid is available to any student, not just athletes.

Joan Wegner, director of financial aid, said that anyone can apply for emergency loans but students must meet the required criteria. Cases are looked at individually. She said privacy laws prevent her from disclosing specifics of students' financial aid.

Bowser believes since Arce made sure the rent and bills were paid, the players don't realized they received financial aid.

"I think that he's (Barnes) one of those people, not just athletes, but spoiled students that too many of us do too many things for," said Bowser. "Maybe we should just let them do it all themselves."

Arce said Barnes is "lashing out."

"You know, it's kind of ironic that all of the sudden this stuff is being said after he was dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons."

—Editor in Chief Elise Palos contributed to this story.

FACULTY: Union, district to negotiate release time proposal

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to the faculty union. Issues such as pay and working conditions must still be negotiated.

The 25 positions that are receiving cutbacks in their release time do not necessarily represent monetary savings, according to Pluta.

"There are many different cases across campus and I know from the original list some of those people had either retired or stopped doing that special project," she said. "So in some sense it was a false economy looking at that (list)."

Another faculty member who will be affected by these cutbacks is Joe Newton, vice president of the teachers' union and business education professor, who says the proposed changes in the release time policy will greatly affect his workload associated with his teaching but not his pay compensation.

Newton questions the legalities of the proposed plan from the standpoint of the union and agrees with Kelsey that these issues as well as the proposed decision to cut division chairs' salaries and not replace two administrative slots must be laid on the bargaining table.

"The procedure cannot go on as planned, because it needs to be negotiated," he said. "This is a mistake, it shouldn't occur."

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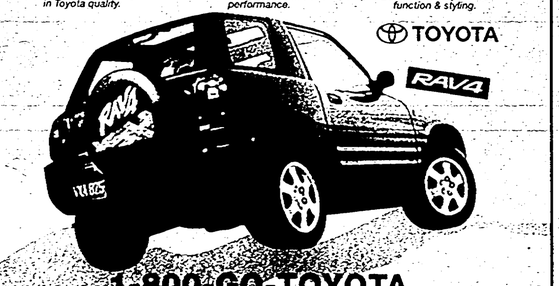

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: WHITE MAN'S BURDEN?

By Adam Reed
Special to The Rip

I strongly agree with last week's article stating that it would be wrong to do away with affirmative action because it has served its purpose and ensured equality of opportunity for all. If we are going to do away with this program in November by passing the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) it should be for the real reasons that some do not want to admit.

Some believe affirmative action still benefits society by "helping" (or should we say giving) minorities the rewards that all white males are somehow (though I still have not discovered how yet) inherently granted.

This is precisely the reason it should be erased because it does not help anymore, it gives. Its *original* purpose, which was solely intended to allow blacks equality of opportunity, has been abandoned for a new interpretation which encourages equality of results through goals, quotas and set-asides for all except white males.

It was no surprise to me to discover the author felt that because he was a minority, allowing affirmative action to continue was in his best interest. How else, he asked, are the "thousands of underprivileged minorities who do not have the luxury of being able to pay for higher education without special programs... going to be able to pay for college?"

I have just one question. What about the thousands of underprivileged white males? Contrary to popular belief they can not go to their backyard and pick money off of their money tree for college. Everyone, including white males and minorities, should have to work hard to achieve success through merit.

It is astonishing to me to see how some people are so willing and even eager to capitalize when classified by the color of their skin. If we are truly a society that wants to eradicate discrimination, why do people continue to voluntarily group themselves together defined by race?

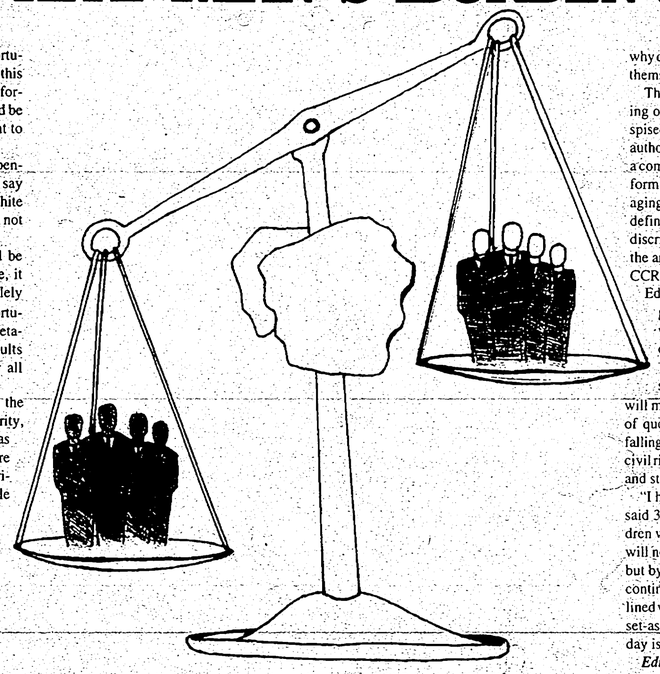
This very act was the basis for the outlawing of segregation they so vehemently despised. I just do not understand how the author can truly believe that "California as a community needs all of its various parts to form a civilized whole," when he is encouraging just the opposite — drifting apart defined by race. Solving the problem of discrimination laws and regulations is not the answer, getting rid of them through the CCRI is a start in the right direction.

Education and job training are clearly the greater need now. They, as it happens, were part of what affirmative action originally was all about.

Just as our constitution is color-blind, so should be our society. "No quota will make any of us successful. No program of quotas will prevent the last of us from falling," says author Donald Altschiller. Great civil rights leaders believed in these thoughts and strived to obtain equality.

"I have a dream," Martin Luther King Jr. said 30 years ago, "that my four little children will one day live in a nation whre they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." If we continue to allow affirmative action policies lined with quotas, preferential treatment, and set-asides to displace merit in America, that day is further off than ever.

Editor's Note: Adam Reed, a communications major, is a BC sophomore.



Keith Bahrenburg / The Rip

Newspaper theft limits free speech

OPINION

By Elise Palos
Editor in Chief

Just because you do not believe in the content of a newspaper or its advertising, does not give you the right to trash it.

However, that is exactly what one unidentified man did at Bakersfield College when the St. Paul-based Human Life Alliance of Minnesota Inc. placed its pro-life advertising supplements in the Nov. 3, 1995 edition of *The Renegade Rip*.

Despite the theft, those inserts are running again this edition for the same reasons the Editorial Board decided to run them last November: in the interest of free speech and for the revenue.

Yet when our newspapers are thrown away, it deprives students of information, suppresses our right to free speech and denies advertisers the circulation of their ads. It costs them money, and ultimately costs BC money, when advertisers become reluctant to place ads in a newspaper they fear will be thrown away.

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Please contact *The Rip* and campus police if anyone is observed taking large quantities of *The Rip* from stands, so that the incident can be reported to the proper authorities.

On other campuses, newspaper thieves have been arrested, fined, put on probation and made to do community service. At the University of Florida in 1988, four students were "convicted of theft and received six months unsupervised probation, 25 hours of community service and had to pay $100 in court costs," according to the February 1996 "AAN News," the newsletter of the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies.

We want our student newspaper to be an open forum for all viewpoints and that includes advertisements. We welcome all sides of all issues, including the abortion issue. In fact, *The Renegade Rip* has accepted ads in the past that advertise the other side of the controversial issue. If a reader wishes to take issue with the insert, pro or con, the appropriate way to respond is to write or e-mail us.

Mark Riley / The Rip

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Editor says farewell

EDITOR'S NOTE

By Elise Palos
Editor in Chief

I refuse to let my "farewell column" be about how great *The Renegade Rip* was this year under my direction.

I would rather it be a testament to all of the editors, photographers, the reporters, our office manager, photo technician and especially our adviser who make the *The Rip* great every year.

As you will see on page 5, *The Rip* has won many awards this past year at local, regional and state levels. Although this year's photographers and writers are very talented, we wouldn't be anywhere without our adviser, Kathy Freeman. When we win awards, she is the first to tell us how great we are, but the truly wise staffers realize that it's her leadership and direction that help us win all of those awards. She is always there to ensure we meet our deadlines and stay organized, which has proved to be a difficult task at times.

She was recently notified by the California Newspaper Publishers Association that she has been chosen as the 1995 Outstanding Journalism Teacher of the Year for Community Colleges. Freeman deserves the recognition because not only does she keep the entire *Rip* staff in line, but she also teaches journalism courses for Bakersfield College.

Last year as News Editor and this year as Editor in Chief, I have learned so much about journalism. I just want to thank Kathy Freeman, our "adviser from hell" (as she is affectionately known), for making it all possible.

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'GADE FEEDBACK

EFRAIN "ROCKY" GARZA / THE RIP

How do you drive your teachers crazy?

Erica Briones, Nursing: "By coming in late occasionally."

Rita Habrouw, Nursing: "Sit in the back and throw spitballs at the people in front."

Greg Farinas, Undecided: "I like to drive them crazy by gambling in class."

Rosa Munoz, Liberal Arts: "By not doing my homework."

Baxsaida Lugo, Theater/ Sign Language: "By doing other classes' assignments in their class."

FEATURES

Christian campaign offers 'real answers'

Efrain "Rocky" Garza / The Rip

Geoff Moore and The Distance sing at the Real Answers campaign held at Sam Lynn Ball Park last week.

Event draws 5,000

By Jason Mahill
Rip staff writer

Real Answers Bakersfield, directed by international evangelist, author and host of the nationally syndicated radio program "Real Answers" Steve Russo, brought a message of hope and a message of forgiveness to Bakersfield last weekend.The event, which was held last Wednesday through Saturday at Sam Lynn Ball Park, drew an estimated 5,000 people.

Featured were Christian artists Geoff Moore and The Distance, Jaci Velasquez and Petra's John Schlitt. Also featured were Marty Raybon, lead singer of country music's Shenandoah; Darlene Koldenhoven of "Sister Act" and its sequal; and country music artist Lisa Daggs. Special guest speakers included legendary Harlem Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon and professional wrestler Jake "the Snake" Roberts.

"There's so many kinds of suffering today," said Russo, addressing the crowd gathered at Sam Lynn Friday night. "Who do you turn to for help? Where do you go? There are answers; but you see, we have to take the time to check them out."

Russo then went on to talk about the need to depend on God in times of pain and suffering.

"If you're here tonight experiencing some pain and suffering," he said, "stop trying to do it on your own. God never designed us to be that way.

"I'm gonna ask you to consider the real answers that are found in God's word and what you're going to do with them and about them and it all comes down to a personal relationship with God."

Lemon, who was featured Wednesday night, said, in an interview, that he spends about 80 percent of his time on the road.

"People are searching for something, that's why they're here," he said in the interview. "People that are Christians are here because it's the place to be, others are here because they want answers."

Radio talk show host shares faith at kickoff

By Jason Mahill
Rip staff writer

Efrain "Rocky" Garza / The Rip

Evangelist Steve Russo speaks to the crowd of 5,000.

It was a personal tragedy during college that caused Julienne Smith to re-dedicate her life to God, recalled the conservative radio talk show host.

She was a student at California State University, San Diego when it happened.

"I was driving down an intersection on a very busy street," she said. "As I pulled away from the stop sign, a 5-year-old girl ran out in front of me ... I didn't even see her I was going about 15 mph and I hear this bump, bump, bump. I look in my rearview mirror and she died a short while later in the hospital.

"I don't know to this day why the Lord allowed that to happen. I'll understand it when I get to heaven. That's the first question I'll ask him."

Smith made her comments during a recent speech at Bakersfield College that was part of a women's brunch. The event was held to kickoff Real Answers Bakersfield, an evangelistic campaign held last weekend in Bakersfield.

A native of Sunny Grove, Calif., Smith said her childhood had its ups and downs.

"I grew up in a home that looked good on the outside ... but on the inside, things were not good," said Smith. "I grew up in a home with a mother that was an alchoholic ... and my father, unfortunately escaped the scene by becoming a workaholic."

When she was in the fourth grade, her brother Larry took her to Calvary Chapel for a Christian rock concert. It was there that she put her faith in Christ and became a Christian, she said.

"I had gone to church and been raised, but no one ever said that I needed a personal relationship with Jesus," she said. "I knew that I did not have that personal relationship with Jesus and I went forward that night."

Smith worked at Bakersfield's Channel 29 as an anchor reporter for several years when she was offered a job in a larger market outside of Bakersfield.

She said that she turned it down because her husband was a farmer and she did not want to live away because her family is more important.

"The Lord clearly spoke to me in the Bible that when a man builds his house for his own purposes, he builds it in vain, but when he builds his house for the Lord, it's for eternity," she said. "I said I'm gonna build my house for the Lord."

Smith quit her job to stay in Bakersfield with her husband and her three children.

Last fall Smith replaced Bill Manders as a talk show host from 4 to 6 p.m. on KERN.

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Shari Beam signs along to a congregational hymn.

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FEATURES

Rip wins 32 awards this year

By Emily Reed
Features Editor

The student staff of Bakersfield College's campus newspaper, *The Renegade Rip*, continued its winning tradition this semester by winning 16 awards and three scholarships.

At the Kern Press Club awards held in March, the *Rip* staff took home awards in three different catagories. Ed Naff won best newspaper review; Robert Taylor, best sports photograph; and Chris Riley, Henerr Rosas, Lexey Swall and Robert Taylor, best student page design.

In April, nine reporters and photographers attended the state Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) competition at California State University, Fresno. They competed in both mail-in and on-the-spot competitions against more than 500 students from around the state.

Their mail-in awards included: Annette Anderson, first place, news story; Susana Garza, first place, sports news story; Susana Garza, honorable mention, sports feature story; Bryan Bell, first place, editorial cartoon; and Henerr Rosas, third place, feature photograph.

On-the-spot awards included: Chris Riley, honorable mention, bring-in photograph; Ed Naff, honorable mention, critical review; Max Becherer, honorable mention, feature photograph; Emily Reed, second place, front page design; Elise Palos, honorable mention, team feature story; Chris Riley, honorable mention, team feature photograph; Emily Reed, third place, team feature story; and Max Becherer, third place, team feature photograph.

In addition to the awards which the staff won at state, two *Rip* editors and one former *Rip* staffer were awarded scholarships. Elise Palos, Editor in Chief, and Emily Reed, Features Editor, were both awarded $300 Wayne Overbeck Scholarships at the JACC competition.

Percy Ednalino, last year's Editor in Chief, was awarded the California Newspaper Publishers Association award and summer internship.

"*The Renegade Rip* has a long-standing tradition of talented writers and photographers. We're very proud to continue that tradition," said Palos.

In addition to the numerous awards earned by students this year, *Rip* adviser Kathy Freeman recently received a prestigious award. Freeman was named the 1995 Outstanding Journalism Teacher of the Year for Community Colleges by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Including those won in the fall semester, *The Rip* has earned a total of 32 awards this year.

Teacher speaks of brother's fame

By Christa Hart
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College philosophy professor Moya Arthur has seen her brother's band Blues Traveler slowly climb its way to the top.

"The boys made a real point during their growth and the building of their career to say, 'We don't want to just be a flash in the pan. We want to be able to do this for the rest of our lives,' " she said.

And, the way things are going right now, it looks like their plan may be paying off.

"Now it's really weird because we used to go and see them in bars or clubs that they were playing at and it'd be a very low key sort of thing," said Arthur.

Blues Traveler is a group composed of Arthur's brother guitarist Chan Kinchla, singer John Popper, bass player Bobby Sheehan and drummer Brendan Hill.

"When the (members of) Blues Traveler graduated from high school they all went into (New York) City and my brother took a year at NYU and they continued to play in clubs and stuff."

She said the group decided to learn its craft before trying for a record contract and she's pleased with how they've done that.

"He's (Kinchla) gotten a lot of money really fast, but he's been putting it away because he doesn't want to have to be 70 and playing at a Holiday Inn."

She said she is still trying to get used to her little brother's fame.

"This is so hard, ya know? He's just my brother and now you act like, 'Oh my God, he's a star.' It doesn't quite seem real, that this guy is this big deal.

"But it's cool. It's very cool and I'm really proud of him."

Chris Riley / The Rip

Nathan Bell in "Words, Words, Words."

Humor of one-acts is 'all in the timing'

By Ed Naff
Opinion Editor

"All In the Timing," an evening of one-act plays, opened last Thursday in the BC Indoor Theater. The show consists of six separate one-act plays written by playwright David Ives and directed by Bakersfield College theater arts teacher Hank Webb.

The evening can be summed up in one word, hilarious. While some references and situations are obscure, each play had something that everyone can relate to.

In "Sure Thing" a woman named Betty sits alone at a cafe table where she is repeatedly hit on by Bill a passerby. Each time a bell sounds the entire scene starts over again, with a different outcome each time.

What makes "Sure Thing" such an enjoyable play is that while it is the same situation over and over, each time something different happens almost as if each time you're seeing the play for the first time.

"Words, Words, Words" centers around three monkeys named Swift, Kafka and Milton who are at three typewriters typing into infinity trying to produce Hamlet.

While this play is lighter on characterization and story than most of the others it proves to be one of the funniest with the monkeys' zany antics.

"Philip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread" is probably the most obscure and non viewer-oriented plays of the six. It centers around Philip Glass who walks into a bakery to buy a loaf of bread and from there repeats different segments of one sentence over and over in different sequences which form different meanings.

While inspired and well played "Philip Glass" is too much of an in-joke. It is based on legendary musician Philip Glass who is noted for his brilliant use of repitition in his songs. This is good for Glass afficionados, but to the average viewer it's confusing.

In "The Universal Language" a woman named Dawn cursed with a chronic stutter tries to learn the language Unamunda to help her get a better job.

"The Universal Language" is one of the funniest and most entertaining plays put on at BC in years. Unamunda, which is actually a series of puns which are strung together to form the odd language, turns out to be the real star of the play keeping the audience in stitches for the duration of the play.

Not to be outdone however are Karl Wade and Melani Robinson handing in truly impressive performances as Don and Dawn. Wade sounds as if he were born speaking the language. Robinson matches him well playing Dawn's confusion and isolation well.

"The Philadelphia" is the ultimate situation comedy featuring a man named Mark who has been sucked into what is known as a philadelphia. A philadelphia is a metaphysical state of being where nothing goes your way and to get what you want you have to ask for the opposite. Sort of like a comedic "Twilight Zone."

Of all the plays put on in "All In the Timing," "The Philadelphia" is the one that the average viewer can most identify with. Al, played by James Beard, steals the show. By far it's the best comedic performance I've ever seen.

"Variations on the Death of Trotsky" is a hilarious play which is brilliantly written. The play is made by Trotsky's wife doggedly trying to convince an unbelieving Trotsky that he is dead.

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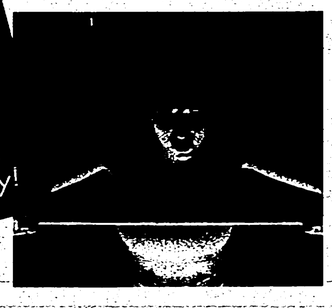

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SPORTS

Perry enters state tennis tournament

By Christa Hart
Rip staff writer

A Bakersfield College player will compete with the "cream of the crop," according to coach Rob Slaybaugh.

"We have one person competing in state and that's Dustin Perry," said Slaybaugh. "In my eight years of being here he's only the second player from BC to make it to state."

The tournament will be held in Ontario, Calif. at the Claremont Racket Club.

The singles competition will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., according to Slaybaugh.

Sixteen men and 16 women will compete in the tournament, eight each from the north and south.

"The first round is set up where the north and the south play one another," said Slaybaugh. "After that, whoever wins plays."

"You play two rounds a day as long as you win. As soon as you lose, you're eliminated," he said.

To qualify for the state tournament, Perry had to beat many tough players, according to Slaybaugh.

"Dustin has proven that he can beat the topped ranked players in the state because he did that in Southern Cal," said Slaybough.

According to the coach, Perry has a good chance to do well in the tournament.

"This week he came in at the No. 16 seed and he played very well. He's gonna have to play the same way," he said.

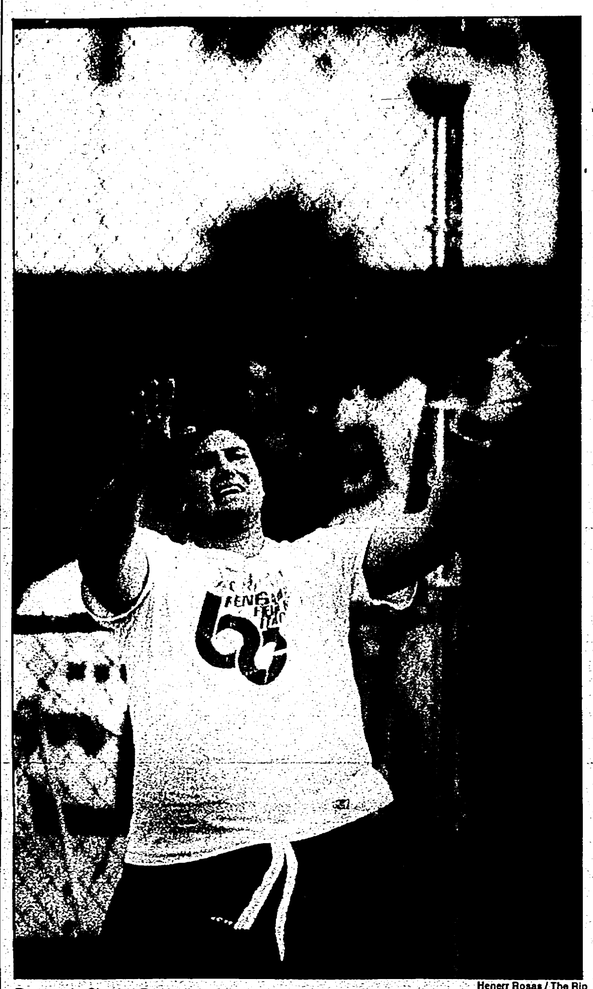
"A lot of it is peaking for the tournament and just playing consistently good matches all the way through.

"He's got as good a chance as anyone to do well."

Slaybaugh said that there is no higher tournament for junior college tennis players than state.

"If you win your first round at the state that guarentees you J.C. All-American honors," he said. "There is no tournament after that like the nationals or something.

"This is kind of the cream of the crop at the end of the season. It's a chance to have bragging rights to say, 'I'm the best player in the state in junior college tennis.' "



Henerr Rosas / The Rip
Renegade Charles Boswell throws the hammer during the conference championships.

Track takes top honors

Coach describes BC team as one of the best in years

By Brian Anslinger
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College men's track and field team for this season may go down as one of the best teams ever asssembled at BC.

"This team definitely ranks with the 1992 team as the best team in this decade," said coach Bob Covey. "And the '92 and '96 teams rank with the '71 and '72 teams as well as the 1977 team as the top five teams."

> "We really had a lot of success with our throwers. Ninety-five of our 265 points were scored in throwing."
>
> —Bob Covey men's track coach

This season's squad took several high places in the conference championship meet.

In throwing, Jeremy Staat placed first in shotput, discus and the hammer throw. The throwing team overall took first through fourth places and sixth place in discus; first through fourth in the hammer throw; first, third and sixth in the shotput; and third through fifth place in the javelin throw.

"We really had a lot of success with our throwers," said Covey. "Ninety-five of our 265 points were scored in throwing."

In other field events, Offord Rollins took first in the triple jump with a season high leap of 50'2".

In the high jump, Josh Coffee and Brad Roland placed second and third. Jason Spotts took second in the pole vault.

On the track, Hector Sanchez won the 800 meters and finished second in the 1,500. In the sprints, the team had third and fourth place finishers in both the 100 and 200 meters.

BC also placed second through fourth in the 400 meters.

The 100-meter relay team of Cedric Ashley, Ken Stevenson, Wayne Armour and Vincent Brown sped to a first place finish with a time of 41.06 seconds. The 400-meter team of Ashley, Stevenson, Armour and Atlas Kendricks also finished first, with a time of 3:15.07.

"The whole team did well," said Covey.

Of the 265 points, Covey said that the hardest earned 16 points were contributed by distance runner Jared Caldwell.

Caldwell finished second in the steeplechase, fourth in the 5,000 meters and sixth in the 10,000 meters.

"He's done a tremendous job for us all year," said Covey.

This weekend the team will travel to the Southern California Championships in Azusa. Twenty-two of the 26 athletes qualified for the meet.

Renegades win but miss playoffs

By Susana Garza
Sports Editor
and Pascual I. Muñoz III
Rip staff writer

A win is always good for a team and for the Bakersfield College baseball team, the 4-2 victory against College of the Canyons on May 2 was especially sweet.

It was the last home game of the season and the last home game for the sophomores.

"It was important to get out of here with a win," said sophomore third baseman Danny Gonzalez. "We kind of slacked off. We started losing and struggling. We're just trying to end strong. It was a tough season."

And although COC jumped to a 1-0 lead in the top of the second, BC refused to lose.

BC scored in the third inning when sophomore Ryan Howard hit a double to score catcher, Ed Flores. Then sophomore Joel Bock knocked in another run before the inning ended to put BC up 2-1.

BC scored again in the seventh when sophomore Michael Jennings pinch hit and knocked in two more runs. BC went up 4-1.

COC scored one late in the game but freshman pitcher Joe Abicunas struck out the next batter to end the inning.

BC failed to make the postseason and will now have a lot of time to look back.

BC finished the year with a 24-20 record overall and finished third in the Western State Conference with a 14-12 record.

"There was a lot of highlights and some low spots as well and that's basically our season," coach Tim Painton said.

Key players this year were Gerry Keller, Darren Dite and Jeremy Wedel.

"Keller, a freshman shortstop, broke the home run record here this year and ended up in the top five of almost every offensive category in school history. Darren Dite, a sophomore outfielder, hit .400 on the year, which puts him at least second, an all-time in BC baseball history. Jeremy Wedel had seven wins as a freshman pitcher and did an outstanding job. There was some real positives that came out of this year," he said.

Max Becherer / The Rip
BC's first baseman Steve Martinez catches the ball on a pick-off attempt.

Some win, some lose as 'Gades wind up spring sports season

By Pascual I. Muñoz III
and Brian Anslinger
Rip staff writers

MEN'S TENNIS

The Bakersfield College men's tennis team finished second in the Western State Conference.

BC ended with an 11-4 record and an 8-2 in WSC play.

According to coach Rob Slaybaugh, he is pleased with the team's performance this year.

"Considering that all of my kids except for Dustin Perry are local kids, it's rare to have a completely local team be good enough to qualify for the top 10 in the state," he said.

Slaybaugh said that Perry and Adrian Bolton were ranked in the top 20 in the state in the last ranking.

Perry, Bolton and Robert Limpias qualified for the southern California tournament last week.

According to Slaybaugh, Bolton and Limpias were eliminated in the first round of doubles play. Bolton advanced to the second round in singles play before being eliminated.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team had a rough year due to illness and injury.

"At the beginning of the season I thought we would do well but sickness and injury made it hard to play doubles. It was rocky for a while and then we started to go into a slump," said coach Laura Rice.

BC tied for fifth place in the WSC. They finished with a 6-8 record.

No. 1 player sophomore Varina Gonzalez qualified for regionals in singles and in doubles with her partner Naomi Klein.

Other top players were Monica Tschanz and Midori Koike.

Annmarie Ulbrich made the all-conference second team at the No. 6 position.

GOLF

The golf team placed second in the WSC, despite having a pretty strange season, according to coach Bill Nelson.

"It's kind of funny. We never had everybody healthy at the same time all year. It was one of the strangest years I've ever had," he said.

Top players were Jeff Brumfield and Matt Quigley.

The two key matches of the season were against Ventura College.

"It was down to two matches. We tied Ventura then we beat them at Knoll Wood and won our mini-tournament at Rio Bravo," Nelson said.

BC played 20 matches; 12 WSC tournaments and eight mini-tourneys.

SOFTBALL

The softball team, coached by Sandi Taylor, finished with a 20-18-1 record and fourth place finish in the WSC.

Unfortunately, BC wasn't able to earn a wild card bearth in the playoffs.

Freshman Kari Hinesly received the Most Valuable Player award.

The Big Bat Award went to freshman Courtney Wood. She also became the inaugural member of Taylor's "Home Run Row." Wood's two-run blast against Santa Monica in the final home game of the season was the first out-of-the-park homer during Taylor's six years as coach at BC.

The Golden Glove Award went to freshman Dee Krause.

Sophomore infielder Jacy Hill was named Most Inspirational Player.

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Reggae artist Joe Higgs performs recently at the fairgrounds during the Reggaefest.

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"Rasta Larry" Roberts jumps to music.

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Nathan Morris jams to a reggae beat.

Rhythm OF THE ISLANDS

"Hey! Rasta Man!" screamed Forrest Meachem. Meachem wore a colorful rasta hat with long, black dredlocks as he jumped to a reggae beat. The only thing that seemed out of place was that the hair protruding out of the hat was fake, and Meachem was white. No one seemed to care that Meachem was trying to portray a real rasta. He was part of the annual Reggaefest, an event where no one seemed to have any worries. At the Budweiser Pavilion at the Kern County Fairgrounds, the easy music and relaxed attitude of the crowd accompanied the music of a variety of bands.

Photo by Henerr Rosas / The Rip
Members of Mento Buru, a local band, perform reggae and mambo during the daylong event.

Photo by Henerr Rosas
Hundreds of people enjoy good weather and good music.

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NEWSLINE

Student firefighters to practice skills

Bakersfield College firefighting students will experience the effects of an uncontrolled fire situation when they put out a purposely-set house fire, according to Rey Soto, director of the Bakersfield College Fire Technology program. Soto trains future firefighters at BC and supervises full-time firefighters as a Kern County Fire Department captain.

The fire exercise May 12 will take place in a donated vacant house on the southwest corner of Morning Drive and East Niles Street. The drill is the culmination of 15 weeks of training for 31 Bakersfield College Firefighter I Academy cadets.

The drill will begin at 10 a.m. with cadets walking through the house and discussing fire hazards presented by the structure. At about 11 a.m., under the watchful eye of six on-duty firefighting pros, instructors will set fire to a bedroom, the first of several fires in the structure.

A team of six cadets will put out the bedroom fire and carry to safety the room's occupant, a life-sized human dummy. After the fire is extinguished, an "all clear" signal is given by observers. The exercise ends when all students have participated and the house is destroyed.

Theater presents one-act comedies

The Bakersfield College Theater Department will present "All in The Timing," an evening of one-act comedies, today and Saturday in the BC Indoor Theater.

Written by David Ives, "All in The Timing" received the John Gassner Playwrighting Award, according to director Hank Webb.

Tickets for "All in The Timing" are $6 general admission, $3 for students and senior citizens at the Bakersfield College Ticket Office, 395-4326. Show time is 8 p.m. nightly. The performance is not appropriate for children.

BC Hearing Impaired to hold picnic

Bakersfield College Hearing Impaired will hold a Deaf Awareness picnic on Saturday at 10 a.m. in North Beardsley Park. For more information, call 395-4404.

Students exhibit work in art gallery

A student art show continues through Thursday in the BC Gallery. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday, 5:30 -7:30 p.m. For information, call 395-4206.

Chamber Singers perform tonight

The Bakersfield College Chamber Singers will present "A Celebration of the Heart" at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the First Christian Church, Truxtun Avenue and S Street. The event will help the Bakersfield College Chamber Singers go to Hawaii.

General admission is $10 per person, students and seniors $5, children 12 and under free. For more information, call 395-4546.

SCENES FROM BC

Mark Riley / The Rip

Bob prepares for that last final exam.

CRIME BEAT

By Brandy J. England
Rip staff writer

Past ASBC officer arrested for fraud

A former student government official was arrested by campus police on May 2 for misuse of a school credit card.

Michael Stacy Johnson, 26, of 1299 Beryl Drive in Bakersfield, was arrested in the cafeteria. A $2,500 warrant was issued for fraudulent use of a credit card for Johnson and another suspect, a former 25-year-old student, still at large.

The two men allegedly used the school's Unocal credit card between December and March to charge more than $800 at various local minimarts.

According to campus police reports, Johnson was given the card in December to purchase gas for a field trip to Los Angeles. He gave conflicting reports to the whereabouts of the card, first saying the card was taken from the backseat of his car. He then said he forgot to turn it in and would pay for the charges.

Johnson admitted that he and the other suspect made the charges and paid $440 toward the amount, according to a campus police report, but failed to pay the rest.

Johnson was Associated Students of Bakersfield College vice president in '93-'94.

Woman assaulted by son in parking lot

A 45-year-old student was assaulted by her son as she walked to her car on May 1, campus police reported.

The woman was in the northwest staff parking lot when her 20-year-old son walked up behind her, grabbed her hair and shirt and broke the necklace she was wearing.

The shaken mother hit her son with her purse and escaped to her vehicle on Panorama Drive. The Bakersfield Police Department was notified of the incident.

Woman escapes being hit with rock

While walking underneath a tree on campus, a 32-year-old student was nearly hit by a large falling rock, campus police reported.

The student heard something falling from the tree and suddenly the rock fell right in front of her. She quickly looked around to see who threw the rock and saw a man hiding behind a nearby tree.

When confronted, the man denied throwing the rock.

BC police advise mentally ill student

Campus police were called to investigate a mentally ill student accosting people in the Humanities Building area on May 1.

The student was walking around saying strange things to students. The officer asked the student if he had taken his medicine and he said no. He was advised to take his medicine.

Donations keep program on technology fast track

By Debbie Noling
Rip staff writer

The automotive world is on a fast track in the high technology age. If it wasn't for donations from large automobile corporations, the Applied Science and Technology Program at Bakersfield College may be stuck in a time warp.

According to Larry Fanucchi, division chair of Applied Science and Technology, the donations help the program keep pace with technology.

"In the old days we use to rely on cars being donated that were 10-12 years old," he said.

Donations come from major corporations such as Ford, Toyota, General Motors, Chrysler and Honda.

The latest donation, given in March, was worth approximately $60,000. Richland Chevrolet in Shafter donated two new pickups and a Geo Metro and Three Way Chevrolet in Bakersfield also donated a pickup, said Fanucchi.

"If you look out at the garage area there are about $500,000 worth of vehicles and none of them are over five years old," he said, pointing out a glass window.

Fanucchi said classrooms are supplied with all the machinery and equipment that is needed to perform the necessary tests on an automobile. Even the cars that run by computer systems and advanced devices can be tuned up in this program.

"Students see the real things here."

The ongoing relationship between the college and the local dealerships is a team effort.

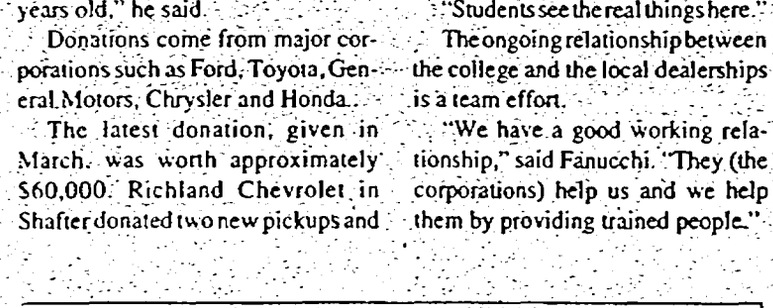
"We have a good working relationship," said Fanucchi. "They (the corporations) help us and we help them by providing trained people."

STUDENT SENATE UPDATE

By Brandy J. England
Rip staff writer

Student government officials conducted their last Student Senate meeting of the semester on May 8. The senate approved to charge $12 for the GADES card for spring, down from $15.

Two new clubs have been approved, The Footbaggers Club (hacky sack) and the Muslim Student Association. A new constitutional amendment for ASBC officers was also approved. Any official of the senate arraigned on felony forgery, larceny or embellishment will be suspended.



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