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Lab Rats

Students express concern over recent infestation of rodents in horticulture labs.

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College students are used to mice in their computer labs, but not rats.

The rats are coming from a large ditch located between the agriculture and horticulture buildings, referred to as "the pit" by horticulture students. The ditch is full of garbage, and only half of it is emptied each week.

"The pit has been a problem since I've started here," said Linda Bliss, who is in her second semester at BC. "We have a huge rat problem because of it. When you first come to a class, and as you are walking up toward the class you see a large mound of garbage in an open pit, you notice it."

Bliss is angry that administrators have not responded to the numerous attempts by horticulture students to get the "pit" problem resolved.

"Personally, I have talked to Dr. Rosales, dean of instruction, about the problem. I have brought him up some photographs that I took last June, when the pit was overflowing, and during that time of year, when it's warm, you have a continuous breeze coming out of the northwest and sweeping right across this area, it becomes a big problem," she said.

"In my opinion, if you have an area like that full of garbage, and not just grass clippings - it is food, mattresses, tires, shoes, kids' toys, car batteries, grocery carts - I don't even want to know what is all in there because it is so disgusting."

Second year horticulture student Michelle Brie said that she has heard of mice urinating on the computers in the labs. She feels that the rodent infestation is directly related to the overflowing pit.

"We have mice urinating on computers. We have droppings in our bathrooms, which we are constantly using, since that is where we keep our materials, so we are exposed to the evaporating urine."

"The greenhouses had dead mice, dead rats. We find them in our sheds. They have eaten the forestry class' pinon nuts. It's really bad."

"So many people comment about (the pit) problem. They think it is so disgusting when they come over here. But since they don't have to deal with it every day, nothing is being done. It is unfortunate that we are the ones who are affected,



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A BC employee bulldozes garbage in the pit near the horticulture lab area.

and that is why we are the ones who are saying something. It's disturbing my education, disturbing everyone else's education.

"It's unpleasant, it has unknown consequences. That's the big thing - you don't know exactly what could come from that trash."

The problem is more than just an eyesore, it raises serious health issues as well.

"Because the campus is located in Bakersfield, (administration) needs to immediately remove solid waste from the area," said William O'Rullian, director of the solid waste program of the Kern County Environmental Health Department.

"If there are other materials, other than green waste removal, there is no reason to be storing these things, such as tires, in the area for so long. Rodents live under

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- Linda Bliss,
BC student

undisturbed piles that sit for extended periods of time.

"Mice, especially deer mice, transmit hantavirus, which is a disease that has marked a banner year. We had a fatal case in Shafter (after a person was exposed to hantavirus), and a case in Taft. Fortunately, that person survived."

According to O'Rullian, hantavirus is contracted mainly by breathing tiny droppings from fresh or dried droppings, urine and saliva left by infected rodents or direct contact with these rodent excretions.

"I recommend that the school take preventative measures by not stockpiling these materials for an extended period of time," he said. "Waste needs to be managed properly."

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Vehicle break-ins directed at car stereos

BY MEGAN LINFORD
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College students have experienced a rash of vehicle break-ins by thieves in search of stereo equipment.

Six vehicles were broken into on the afternoon of Oct. 21, and one other vehicle as well the night before.

The break-ins occurred in the northeast and southwest parking lots and CD/radio players were the target of the burglaries, according to campus police Sgt. Jess Soto.

"They were very quick," said Soto. "Once they get in (the car), that's it."

Five of the vehicles that were burglarized were pick-up trucks.

"I don't know, I think they (trucks) are easier to get into," Soto said.

Five of the burglaries occurred in the same time frame, with thieves prying the car doors open to get inside.

"Evidently they keep an eye on the black and white (police) car and they move somewhere else," said Soto.

Once inside, they disconnected the wiring before stealing the stereo components.

"(They) took the time to disconnect it, not just rip it off," said Soto. "It's less work when they install it. They can probably sell it for a few more bucks. It's not damaged."

Other items taken included a purse, cash and other small items that the owners had left in their cars.

Soto attributes the loss of these other items as an afterthought by the thieves, since the target of the burglaries was obviously the CD and radio systems.

A lead that campus police had at the time of the thefts turned out to be a dead-end.

"We had a possible license plate on a car," said Soto. "When we ran the plates it came registered to another car ... so they've done this before."

Since the incidents, no arrests have been made but Soto has increased security.

"We have increased our patrol. Our cadets are out there. We have bikes out there to prevent it or catch someone doing it."

According to a Bakersfield Police Department spokeswoman, there is an ongoing investigation of burglaries in the BC area.

She could not comment on the direct relation of the investigation to the current car theft problem.

Students also can play a large part in theft prevention, according to Soto.

"Be sure to lock your cars, don't even leave a crack in the window," he said.

"Maybe in between (classes), go check your cars out, it might not be a bad idea to check it over and make sure everything is intact."

Vehicle Anti-theft Suggestions

- ▶ Always lock car doors.
- ▶ Check vehicle between classes.
- ▶ Don't leave windows cracked.

Source:
Campus Police

Campus dining facilities remain rodent free

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

One area on campus can boast being rat free.

The Bakersfield College cafeteria has had no rodent problem during the past few years. As far as Pat Coyle, director of food services is concerned, there never has been a problem.

"We never had in the food services department or in the instructional (food department) rat problems. We have never been infested, because we have always had pest control," said Coyle who has worked in food services for more than 20 years.

"We spend \$575 a month on pest

control. They come out twice a month or any time," he said.

"If we saw a problem, they would be out here tomorrow. Our pest control is outstanding, but we also pay for it."

Food services not only handles the cafeteria and Renegade Room, but also maintains the concession area for Memorial Stadium.

Coyle recalls when the stadium was recently renovated that there were some problems, but admits that it is natural when you are cleaning dirt and concrete on an outdoor structure.

He said that when any part of the campus has a problem, the whole campus has a problem. Food services as well as custodians and

Banks Pest Control work to prevent these.

"That's natural," said Coyle. "What happens here since we're right next to the bluffs, when the bluffs catch on fire, we have the campus getting infested."

The only other problems that Banks Pest Control has noted is occasional ants and flies, something that Coyle describes as "seasonal and typical."

Kern County Health Services Department provided copies of the BC food services' health reports from 1994 to present. No outstanding problems were noted.

"We had never had problems," said Jan Libby, specialist with the department. "I have never heard of

any serious problems other than small, minute maintenance concerns."

The reports noted conditions that include not having shatterproof covers on lights, not cleaning under heavy equipment and walls needing repair.

"No, I haven't seen anything. It's really clean," said student employee Kevin Calvin.

Another employee said that while the cafeteria hasn't been troubled by rats, it may have a different type of pest.

"They say we have ghosts in here," said Lucila Chavez, student employee. "The lights are turned on and stuff. We don't have rats, but we could have ghosts."

Students commemorate Day of the Dead

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS
Editor in Chief

Nice weather accompanied by good music provided a comfortable and pleasant environment for the Day of the Dead.

"If I had passed on, on a day like this, I'd want to hear my kind of music," said David Guillermo, freshman vice president of M.E.Ch.A.

The Day of the Dead is a

holiday extending from Aztec and Catholic beliefs of spirits of the deceased visiting the world of the living. Modern celebrations often consist of a combination of fiestas with Halloween. Guillermo said that music is a critical aspect of these celebrations.

"The music represents the type of music that the individual liked."

M.E.Ch.A. had hoped to have a mariachi band for the

celebration Monday, but Guillermo said the students brought in CDs when the club was unable to get a band.

Altars dedicated to deceased individuals were constructed and placed on the campus center stage.

"We tried to get everyone from club M.E.Ch.A. to make their own altar to celebrate their loved ones," said Laurel Higuera Monday. "Basically, what we want is more of a

cultural, educational type of thing, so that people can see that it's our way of celebrating not just Halloween, but it's our way of celebrating the Day of the Dead."

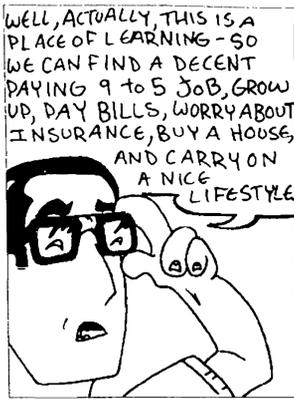
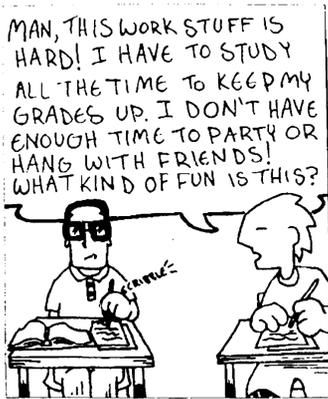
Higuera's altar was dedicated to her grandfather who died in 1995.

"Doing this really brings back a lot of memories and a lot of stuff we went through and things we overcame," she said. "It really means a lot to me."

An altar dedicated to the late John Lennon and Bob Marley was one of many during Monday's Day of the Dead celebration.



LAURA DURIGA / THE RIP



Students who don't belong in college

Going to BC should not be a matter of pleasing parents, but deciding your future.

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

Bakersfield College attracts a myriad of students, all with different motivations and different goals, but some attend just to be here. These are people that go to college for no reason, and, really do nothing until they spread their lack of ambition to anyone else in their classes and lectures. These students become distractions. They come to class late, never turn in work and repeatedly show no effort.

Many community college students are pushed into attending college by their parents or by their own unwillingness to find or keep a job. Parents have a tendency to force their children into things that their kids do not want, but when parents force their offspring into education after high school, the bitterness and determination to not succeed becomes clear and apparent.

These students will crash a course because they forget to register on time. They will switch classes several times and will ask counselors and professors to

do them a favor by letting them slide on assignments.

Chances are that if they don't really care in college, they never really cared in high school. The probability that they once angered their high school teachers, barely getting enough units to graduate, is likely. They retain this nonchalant opinion of Bakersfield College because, after all, "it's a

Young adults think in the now. They simply look to the immediate future and don't think ahead. Instead of going to school to please mom and dad, they need to think about what a degree can achieve for them in the future.

community college." Teachers deal with these students often on their own. Some talk to these lackluster scholars, others simply wait

until the student drops. In the meantime, these students have kept someone else from taking a class.

But after dropping classes, these students stick around, often simply to please their parents. They may enroll the following semester, and again, simply to make relatives happy.

But this cycle can be solved with one simple thing... thinking. Young adults think in the now. They simply look to the immediate future and don't think ahead. Instead of going to school to please mom and dad, they need to think about what a degree can achieve for them in the future.

Just ask older students. Would they rather go back to school when they have a job and a family? Those who don't want to be here should give students who do value education a break. Maybe after working full-time flipping burgers, college won't seem so bad after all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Printing cost too high to pay for supplies

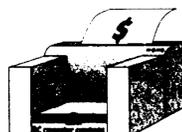
The idea that our college is now implementing a program that will require the students to pay for all printing services on campus concerns me. The reason being, I would like to know how the money is going to be made from this program is to be spent?

As one of the potential students that will be paying for the services, I would hope that the money is going to be spent to benefit me and my fellow students, but I find that hard to be true. Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities and operations, said in the article that he estimates one million copies are made per year.

The new system will require students to pay 10 cents per copy, which will come out to an amount of \$100,000 per year. Where is that money going to be spent? Now I am not a math major, but one million copies (one million pieces of paper) will cost less than one percent of that \$100,000 that will be made from the students paying 10 cents per copy. And I do not believe that a year's supply of printer cartridges will cost anywhere near \$99,000.

If this program is intended to only offset the funds created by the student use of the facilities, then why are we not paying a reasonable price per copy? And if the intent of the program is to reimburse funds other than those the students create, why are we paying them?

I hope for a response from Dr. Larsen in the form of a letter to the paper, or on a one-on-one basis at his leisure.



JOE SIMPSON / THE RIP

Ryan Bright
BC Student

Writer disputes Rip coverage of centers

Your article, "Administrator may reinstate cultural center directors," was very informative. However, two significant points that were made were incorrect.

During the summer student centers were not relocated. Only the directors were relocated. Dr. Anthony to EOP&S as a counselor and Cory Rodriguez to the Delano Center as its director. The cultural centers remained in their original location, Student Services Building, second floor.

The administration did not propose to move program assistants, Jo Ann Acosta of the Chicano Cultural Center and June Charles of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center into the open director positions. What was proposed in the reorganization of the cultural centers was that both Jo Ann and June would be reclassified as program coordinators. Both cultural centers would operate under the supervision of Manual Gonzales, director of EOP&S. Keep in mind this was only a proposal to have both program assistant positions reclassified to program coordinators.

Manual Gonzales will function in this capacity until Nov. 1, 1999, at which time both Cory Rodriguez and Dr. Wilhelmina Anthony will return as directors of their centers.

Please make these important corrections in your next issue of *The Rip*. The readers need to have accurate information to correctly assess the situation with our cultural centers. I am still informing misinformed people with the correct information. Together we'll get it right!

Jane Charles
Program Assistant
Student Achievement Program and Services

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Concrete surfin'

Local skaters, bladers complain about skate park prices.

E. MICHAEL LEDFORD
Rip staff writer

Ask most skaters where they like to hang out in Bakersfield and many will say the new Vans Skate Park on Rosedale Highway. But those same skaters will say that while Vans Skate Park offers a lot, it is at a price that most board enthusiasts can't afford.

"It's probably the most expensive skate park around besides the Vans Skate Park in Orange County," said Sean Davis, skate park attendee. "I'm willing to pay it, but I probably spend upwards of \$250 in here and you won't see any 20-year-old kids doing that. Orange County is a wealthy county and they can throw money around down there, but not in Kern County. The park is expensive for Bakersfield."

"There's going to be a free park at Beach (Park), so I'd wish they'd lower prices," said 10-year-old Michael Pelle, who haunts the park regularly. "I need money to come down here and it isn't always easy to get."

Vans' park boasts a 60,000-square-foot skating course, complete with pools and a 12-foot tall half-pipe. It also contains an 8,000-foot outdoor course, a street course, an arcade, a viewing area with balconies, a retail store and a full gear pro shop.

"It's too expensive. My board cost around 117 bucks. I can't afford to pay more. They should lower the prices, or extend the sessions to maybe four hours."

— Ryan Roadcap, forestry major

The park is open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. everyday. The entrance fee is \$11 for a two-hour session before 12:15 p.m. and \$14 afterward. Weekends and holidays, the rates are \$12 in the morning.

An annual membership, costing \$50, knocks prices down to \$4 in the morning and \$5 in the afternoon and \$8 in the morning and \$9 in the afternoon on weekends and holidays. Full gear rental is \$5.

"After 13 visits the pass has paid for itself," assured Assistant General Manager Darlene Mandagham. "There are people who skate 13 sessions in a week."

However, some extreme athletes are finding the prices hard to meet. "It's too expensive," said BC forestry major Ryan Roadcap. "My board cost around 117 bucks. I can't afford to pay more. They should lower the prices, or extend the sessions to maybe four hours."

Some skaters are finding other places to practice. "I usually skate California Avenue," said Daniel Sherwood, forestry major. "There are no hassles there and it's free. There's a lot of different



STEPHANIE A. BELL / THE RIP

Practice makes perfect for BC student Jason Romero at the local Vans skatepark.

terrains if you look, and a lot of people to hang out with." BC computer science major Neal Balleira doesn't skate the Vans park either. "If I had 14 bucks to spare I'd probably go," said Balleira. "I'd be bitching about it, but I'd go."

To accommodate those who can't afford the park, the Bakersfield City Department of Recreation and Parks is opening a skate park at Beach Park.

"We expect to be open by January of 2000, definitely at the very beginning of the year," said Greg Cronk,

director of operations. The park will be free to the public and equipped with benches, funboxes, pyramids, half-pipes, quarter-pipes, and ramps.

The park, however, is not in competition with the commercially-run Vans park. "People can practice their skills here and show them off at the Vans park," said Cronk.

The Vans company agrees and has donated \$5,000 to the development of the park.

Noisy computer commons creates obstacles for individuals seeking a quiet work area

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

There are times when the computer lab is just too noisy. Get together, yelling across the center, giggling, and the new central print system which causes students to get out of their seats is somewhat distracting to some who are trying to get their assignments done.

To some students the noisiness isn't distracting. Two out of three students who were interviewed said, "I just zone out to what I am doing and don't pay that much attention."

Other students said that the noisiness causes lack of concentration on work that needs to be done.

The giggling and excessive getting out of seats is really distracting. The Internet could also be a factor in the noisiness.

One lab assistant said, "We have

had to dismiss students for the misuse of the Internet because they print pornography and get noisy about it." This also creates noise because students want to talk about what's happening on the Internet.

The lack of courtesy by some students is noticeable. Not only does the noise level get out of hand, but time spent on the computers in which the work is not productive is very irritating.

Students need to realize that the commons center is not a place to have fun.

It is place where assignments in which people are working for a degree are top priority.

If you have Internet at home, you can carry on at home.

If you are one of those who giggle, laugh and talk out loud you need to have some consideration for others around you.

Remember, the commons center is



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a college facility. It is not an arcade in which noisiness is OK. There may be a time when you may need some quiet time or a computer to do your assignment. Everyone should be quiet and be considerate. If you do, people around you will appreciate it.

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'GADE FEEDBACK

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What could BC do to liven up homecoming?

Alfred Flores, Liberal Arts: "They need to advertise it more. I didn't know anything about it."

Beatriz Hicks, Business Administration: "Bring in a comedian to entertain at halftime."

Kevin Kizzy, Fire Tech: "Have a big party with lots of food and a lot of girls."

Alicia James, Radiology: "Have a big barbecue bash and allow the students to attend the football game for free."

Lynsle Newman, Nursing: "Have rallies or big bonfires and all kinds of music all week."

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Fall and the Roman Empire

Friends, Romans and Renegades gather for annual Homecoming rituals

BY MERI RENEE LOPEZ
Special to The Rip

With toga-clad students roaming around the Bakersfield College campus and group activities every afternoon in the campus center, it's easy to figure out that Homecoming is here. The theme this year is "A Sight de la Bella Italia: the Greeks and Romans."

Tadeu Szpoganicz, vice president of activities for the Associated Students and Homecoming committee chair, commented on how Homecoming came up with its name.

"We (the Homecoming committee) came up with the theme Greeks and Romans. Since I have Italian ancestry I started to think of Italian words my grandmother said. 'La Bella Italia' is very very common — most people know what it means. We wanted to let people have a brief look of Italy. The purpose of the name is so that you can take a view of Italy."

Homecoming activities were planned for this entire week. Some of the game competitions included a scavenger hunt, a lip-syncing contest, an obstacle course and a pizza eating contest.

The competitions were selected by the Homecoming committee.

"The committee is made up of four senators who have stayed up countless days and nights planning for the events. BC deserves the best Homecoming ever," said Leon Arellano, a member of the committee.

"All I can say is the people on the committee are some of the hardest working and that is obvious because of the success of the events. All activities are going as planned, and there is a lot of cooperation from all the participants."

The committee chose 10 events plus the election.

"I like the activities because they're funny and they bring the students together," said James Kennedy, a first-time student at BC. Peggy Brust, vice president of communications for the Associated

Students, agreed.

"I think there is a lot more participation and varied participants than previously. I don't think we would have had as many had it not been for the costumes and the sandwich boards which ASBC members wore around campus the week before Homecoming."

There are nine couples running for Homecoming King and Queen.

Eligibility for candidacy included being signed up by an ASBC chartered club, the BC cheer team or a petition signed by 50 or more students.

Those candidates sponsored by a club represented themselves by different toga styles.

Zucchini Hubbard-Blanche, who is running under the African-American Student Union has showed her variety by wearing a different toga for each day.

"I wanted to represent each day... it's fresh and creative. Everyone tells me I look nice and they enjoy seeing me in a different costume everyday. Some people like others better than others, but overall I'm having fun."

After all the games are completed each couple is judged and points are accumulated.

An election will be held today and those results combined with the total points from the competitions determine who will win king and queen.

The winners will not be announced until the halftime show during the Homecoming game on Saturday. The grand marshal for Homecoming is Dr. Lou Farnakis, dean of students, who will crown the king and queen.

Campus clubs will decorate and drive floats. Cars loaned by BMW will drive the couples around the track along with Bakersfield College President Dr. Sandra Serrano.

"Everyone needs to have a little fun by coming to the game, showing some spirit and getting involved. We can all have more fun by doing that," said Tracey Mitchell, president of the Associated Students of Bakersfield College.



Above: Julie Harrison, front left, Chiharo Suzuki, front right and other Homecoming contestants react to a question regarding the men wearing women's undergarments in a Wednesday segment of "Know Your Mate."

Far Left: Zucchini Hubbard-Blanche, representing the African-American Student Union, attempts to catch a grape in her mouth during the "Grapes of Wrath" toss on Tuesday.

Left: Rafael Galvan of the Macintosh Club belts it out at the Lip-Sync competition.

Bottom: Vincent Alvarez, front left, and other fearless gladiators battle for elbow room at Wednesday's pizza eating contest.

Photos by Laura Duriga and Robert Taylor / The Rip



Exhibition match attracts faithful

Mexican soccer teams play aggressively

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

Bakersfield College's on — off — and on again Mexican soccer exhibition match attracted a number of fans to Memorial Stadium.

Two teams of the Mexican Federation Soccer League, the Monterey Tigers and the A.C. Necaxa played Oct. 27 after officials first announced the match was canceled but then later announced that it was back on.

Tony Golindo, traveling from Alpine, Texas, was visiting family in Bakersfield but could not resist a night of soccer.

"The only thing was, there was no advertising," Golindo said. "We heard on the radio. Later on, it will get better because there are a lot of Mexican teams that would come to the United States."

Some fans were upset that the star players of both teams did not play, although their appearances had been promised.

"The radio promoters lied," said Oscar Torres of Bakersfield. He was hoping to see star goalie for Necaxa, Hugo Pineta, at the exhibition.

"They need to be honest next time," said Torres. "While Pineta didn't play, he was helping to warm up the other goalies, while waving to fans and signing

autographs. Besides playing on All-Star Latin teams, Pineta played in the World Cup '98 in France, representing Mexico in the semi-finals.

"It's good for the fans, for any person to come see the teams," Pineta said through a translator. "It's too small (of a stadium) but I like it."

During the game, fans held large flags to designate their favorite teams.

"This is an awesome game. The chances of us going to Mexico to see them are small. If they could come to us it's great," said BC student Octavio Barajas, 19, who heard the game from the library and came to down to see it.

Emotion ran high in the second half.

A foul was called on

Mauro Cabayero from the Tigers. He and the goalie Arturo Orvananos got into a heated argument that led the teams into a sideline-clearing brawl. Some fans began to shout and yell, throwing beer cans on the field. A lot of fans were angered and disappointed.

"They just have to have discipline because there are children here. People came to watch soccer, not a fight," said Guadalupe Rodriguez from Nayarit, Mexico.



MICHAEL D. ROSS / THE RIP
Raul Nunez patiently waits for a photo of his favorite team, the Tigers.



Photos by Mike Cunningham / The Rip



Wrestlers earn 2nd place slot

BY JOE SIMPSON
Graphics Editor

The Bakersfield College wrestling team is in second place in the Western State Conference and third place in the state. Moorpark is leading the conference, while Palomar and Sacramento City community colleges are nipping at BC's heels.

Last Wednesday three members of the team went to the North South All Star Dual at Fresno City Junior College. The dual pairs off the top wrestlers in a one-shot run for victory.

Ryan Meloche, wrestling in the 141-pound weight class, defeated Ben Bacho, Fresno City Community College, in double over-time. Bacho is ranked No. 1 in the state.

Larry Johnson, No. 1 in the state in the 174-pound weight class, beat Terrance Carter of Skyline College 15-5.

Shamar Pigg, 157-pound weight class, was pinned by a wrestler from Sierra Community College.

"We're doing really good this year," Meloche said. "Better than last year."

Assistant coach Pat Huyek is enthusiastic about the team's efforts this year.

"If everybody gets their act together, we'll do really good," Huyek said.

"Saturday the team is going to the Cal Poly Tournament in San Luis.

"It's an important meet," Huyek said. "It's the last invitation meet of the year."

'Gades prepare for Homecoming battle against Santa Monica

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

After a two-week road trip, the Renegades are back in town for a Roman Renegades Knights Homecoming.

The 'Gades will cap off a week filled with Homecoming festivities on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Memorial Stadium against league opponent Santa Monica.

"This is the biggest team that BC has faced this season," said coach Dallas Grider. "They have a big line and a very talented running back, quarterback and receivers."

The Homecoming game follows

the 'Gades victory over East Los Angeles.

On Halloween eve, the 'Gades traveled to Monterey Park to meet league opponent East Los Angeles. The 'Gades won 32-27.

All of the scoring came in the first half with the exception of one touchdown that was scored by the Huskies late in the fourth quarter.

Robert Thomas treated the Renegade fans with a lot of tricks as he romped for 172 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns.

"The defense was stocky and tough to move so we had to get up under them and move them out. It was hard, but we had to come

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— Dallas Grider, head coach

through," said Demetrios Herring, freshman center for the 'Gades.

The Huskies put together some strong drives for their fans, scoring 20 points in the first half. At one point they led 14-3.

BC came right back with scoring drives and a touchdown strike from Jason Ghilarducci to Eddie Brown to make the score 32-20 at halftime. "The team showed a lot of

character coming back," said Jan Shuebbe, athletic director for BC. "They are starting to put it all together and we will see a much better team playing for sixty minutes in the next three games."

The second half was a lot of stalled drives. The defense stepped up for both teams, not allowing a point in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter with about four minutes left, the Huskies drove the ball down the field and scored, making the score 32-27.

East L.A. held BC on the next series and got the ball back with 1:49 left in the game.

They managed to move the ball down into 'Gades' territory, but the BC defense came through holding the Huskies on four downs and hung on for the victory.

"They had the fastest quarterback we have played against this season," said Grider. "When we had the receivers covered, he ran the ball and ran it well. You hate these kind of games. They were in it until the last minute."

The victory followed the 'Gades' only loss this season, 37-24, to the high-powered Allan Hancock Bulldogs. Not only were the 'Davgs explosive on offense but they were tough and determined on defense.

For the BC offense, it was like one foot forward and then one back. Once again penalties, turnovers and dropped passes along with a lot of inconsistency in keeping drives alive proved to be the offensive story. The highlight of the game for the offense was a 90-yard touchdown strike from Jason Ghilarducci to Jared Bratcher.

The 'Gades are 6-1 as they head into Saturday's Homecoming game.

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Representatives from the Stanford Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner Program will visit Bakersfield College Nov. 29 at noon in the Finlison Conference Room. Information about the program's goals will be presented.

A local physician assistant will discuss the role of the physician assistant, job opportunities and the admission and training process in Kern County. A question-and-answer session will follow.

For more information, call Janet Fulks at 395-4381.

Baseball plans X-mas tree fund-raiser

It's not too early to be thinking about Christmas trees.

The BC baseball team is taking orders for its second annual Christmas Tree Fund-raiser, with proceeds going toward the purchase of baseball uniform jackets.

The team will take orders for noble fir, douglas fir or grand fir trees from five to seven feet tall through Nov. 6. The trees will be cut two days before arriving on campus, with delivery here set for Dec. 3. Wreaths and tree delivery also are available.

For information or an order form, call Tim Painton at 395-4261 or the athletic department at 395-4266.

Holiday play offers BC discount

Students and faculty can receive a discount to the Theatre Arts Production of "Sorry, Wrong Chimney!" The lighthearted farce about the holiday misadventures of a newlywed couple, their eccentric neighbors and a Santa with criminal tendencies will be performed at the Beale Memorial Library today, Saturday and Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20. The play will be performed Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. It is written by Jack Sharkey and Leo W. Sears and directed by Emily Thiroux.

Discounted prices will be \$10 each, a \$5 discount. For information, call 634-0692.



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BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN
Rip staff writer

Plastic foot stolen from car in BC parking lot

On Oct. 29, a female staff member reported that a plastic foot, a Halloween prop, was removed from the trunk of her car while she was in class.

She had parked in the Fine Arts staff parking lot. No arrests were made.

Car damaged while student attends class

On Oct. 20 at 12:35 p.m., a female student reported that her car, parked in the southwest lot, had minor scratches to the hood and grill. She said that she had been in class and noticed the damage to her car upon return. No vehicles were seen leaving the scene.

Phone stolen from staff member's office

A female staff member noticed that her telephone was stolen Oct. 22 from her office in the FACE building.

Campus police reported that the door had been locked and there was no sign of forced entry.

HORTICULTURE: Students upset about rodent problem

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But horticulture student Brie has seen people digging through the trash, as well as people dropping off household trash items on the weekend.

"What I don't understand is that they just spent all that money on the stadium, yet there is this disgusting thing right here that people are going to see. What are they going to think when they go to this nice stadium to watch a game and there's a giant trash pit right next to it?"

Rodney Wilkinson, horticulture assistant, has heard students and out-of-town fans alike comment on the pit.

"When Fresno State comes over to tell us about their school, they always comment about how disgusting (the pit) is, about how it smells, and how it is right out there in the open."

Eric Mittlestead, director of plant operations and building trades,

submitted a proposal to Dr. Claire Larsen, director of facilities and operations, to buy a new trash compactor for roughly \$70,000.

"If we buy a trash compactor, we could fill it in and make (the pit) go away," he said.

Larsen could not be reached for comment.

Bliss admits that she is tired of the administration "dragging their feet."

"I went to speak with the president, she wasn't available. I went to see Dr. Allison, he wasn't there. I left a page and a half long note explaining the situation again, asking for help, and there has been no response at all. I don't know if (the administration) is paying attention, if they are working on the problem. It would be great to hear from them," she said.

"If they don't have a plan, I would be happy to help them. I can't believe that this is an acceptable situation for the school."

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Homecoming tradition continues

Alumni return to stadium for this year's festivities.

BY E. MIKE LEDFORD
Rip staff writer

Marshall Eaton, 78, has been coming to Renegades' games before Memorial Stadium existed.

"I've been coming since the sixties when they used to play up at Griffith Field," he said.

Eaton remembers a time when the 'Gades' games were the highlight of the Bakersfield sports scene.

"There's so much other stuff going on now that people are more interested in," he said. "You've got soccer going on out at Cal State. The new hockey team we got is going so good right now. Way back, this was the only thing we had. Cal State wasn't here; we didn't have the civic auditorium."

As a longtime spectator, Eaton has noticed a couple of things about the state of the Renegades' fans.

"They used to have a lot more spirit than they do now over here. When they had that band, they brought more spirit to this college than anything did. I can remember when they'd get 20,000 people here; they couldn't get anyone else in. They had bleachers in both ends of the field."

Melanie Rappleye remembers the heyday of college football as well.

"I've been coming since 1951," she said.

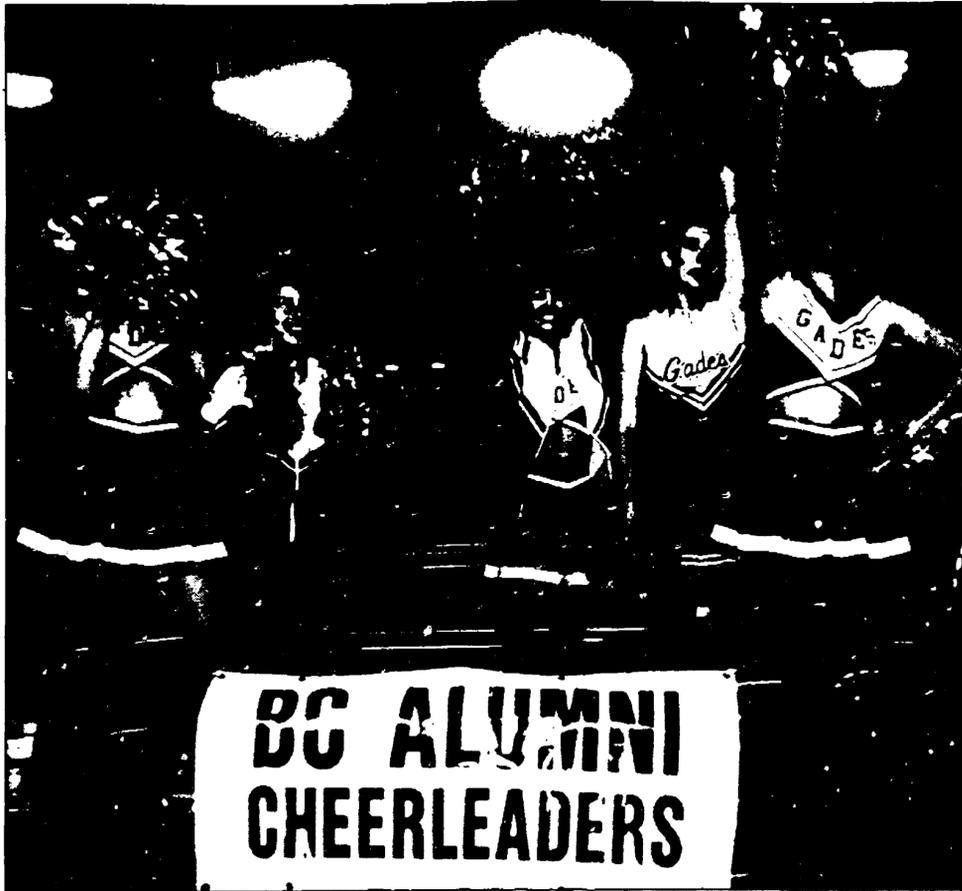
"My husband died two years ago, and he'd come with me all the time. It was something to do when I moved to Bakersfield."

Rappleye was the first in a long lineage of 'Gades' spectators who would eventually make the stadium a traditional haunt.

"It's Homecoming, and it's one of the better games we usually come to. My grandmother had an extra ticket and she wanted someone to come, but we all decided to come," said Barbara Thornton, a third generation Renegade fan who brought her family out to Saturday's game. "My mother, who's (Melanie's) daughter, and my father used to come and take me as a child."

Todd Jackson, a BC petroleum technology alumnus from 1982, has been attending games for almost 30 years, and accounts his almost religious attendance to the quality of the stadium.

"It's probably one of the greatest programs in J.C. college



Alumni cheerleaders shake pompoms in the Homecoming parade during Saturday's game. LAURA DURIGA / THE RIP

football, period. (Players) get equipment, coaching, and the best stadium there is in the nation to play. You can't ask for more."

Onlooker Francis Arburua has turned Homecoming into a matter of family heritage.

"We're fans, and it's tradition," she said. "It's a family activity that supports the community. Coach Grider is a good coach. He coached when I went to West High. Since he's come here he's continued winning, so he's good for the team."

Jessika Watson, Arburua's granddaughter, plans to continue the tradition. "I've been coming for seven years," she said. "(The team's) pretty cool. I'll probably bring my kids, too."

One of the staples of BC football is the traditional cannon, having graced Renegade football games for decades.

John Medvigy, captain of the cannon crew, explains the tradition as firing at "any scoring play" with "the official gun" of Bakersfield College.

"You've got great seats without anyone standing or sitting in front of you, and you're actually the biggest noise-maker there," said Medvigy,

"We were expecting a lot of things to go wrong. Nothing went wrong. We had everyone here, everything prepared, and it was just wonderful."

- Tadeau Szpoganicz,
ASBC vice president of activities

who believes he was a natural candidate to lead the cannon crew.

"When I was in the Navy I was in pistol team, and was assistant arms instructor, so shooting's in my blood," he said.

Medvigy explained that safety comes first. He recounted a tale in which a failure to clean out the cannon resulted in the launching of a ramrod into the BC parking lot during the 1975 season.

Beyond the cannon and the fans was Homecoming week itself, as Greco-Roman robed king and queen candidates were seen on campus and set up floats for the Homecoming game.

Some of the most notable floats were the Engineer's Club, in which Roman soldiers stood in front of a backdrop of Rome, and the M.E.Ch.A. float, where people proudly waved flags and banners bearing the symbols of Mexico.

The most spectacular float, however, belonged to the Intercultural Student Union. Pulled by a GMC truck donated by Phi Theta Kappa, the members of the ISU stood in a steel carriage bearing the flags of the many nations that the ISU represented. The ISU float went on to win the "Best Float" award, which the club accepted with gratitude.

"I'd just like to thank everyone who participated," said ISU president Chiharu Suzuki. "We all worked together and made it happen. It's great that we could all just get together and finish it."

Asega Astronomo, security guard at the game, is mother of ISU member Francis Astronomo, who represented the nation of Phillipines.

"It was really the best," she said. She reflected on the rushed preparations that the ISU made to
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Soaked ceiling panels had to be removed from the FACE building this week after Sunday night's storm. MICHAEL D. ROSS / THE RIP

Rain costs \$20,000 in damages

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN
Rip staff writer

About \$20,000 in damage was done to the Family and Consumer Education building as a result of Sunday night's rainstorm, according to Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities and operations.

Eddie Rodriguez, BC custodial complex manager, said a custodian discovered water damage to the building at around 4 a.m. Monday morning. He noticed that water had leaked into the entire roof of the building, both the east and west wings.

Several ceiling tiles collapsed and electronic equipment, including computers, were damaged from excess water in the classroom.

According to Rodriguez, it took two to three hours to clean up the water.

"There was lots of water on the floor, some on office desks, typewriters and computers. We sent eight men over there to clean up and put plastic bags over the electronic equipment to (prevent) any further damage. We used a machine to suck up water. It was still raining while we were doing it."

Many classes were closed, with the exception of the daycare center. Students had to relocate to other places on campus, Rodriguez said.

"Classes were relocated to Levinson Hall, due to the damage to their regular locations," he said. "Many classes had over an inch of water. It was a major disaster. Students can't be in the classrooms when contractors are cleaning up."

Larsen said that the roof currently was under construction.

The wind that accompanied Sunday night's storm blew protective plastic covers off the roof, exposing the building to the rain.

"We won't know the total damage to the electronic equipment and computers until the monitors dry out, later on this week," Larsen said.

Lack of funds, students prevents college from forming marching band

BY PAMELA WILSON
Rip staff writer

Russell Kniffen, captain of the Renegade football team in 1946, remembers when every game featured a memorable halftime show with the BC band.

Many people who support BC and attend the football games often question the fact that the band is no longer around. Kniffen has had Renegade season tickets since Memorial Stadium opened. He feels that the football games are losing support because of the absence of a band.

"It is important for school spirit," Kniffen said. "It is a shame that the high school students who are very talented have nowhere to go."

A number of other fans agree with Kniffen and wonder why BC has no marching band.

Ron Kean, director of choral activities, said there are two main reasons why BC doesn't have a band.

"We cannot justify the existence

of a marching band for two reasons," Kean said. "One reason is the educational value. What is a student going to do after college?"

The second reason is financial costs and a lack of commitment from students, he said.

"It could cost up to \$100,000 for uniforms and \$15,000 to \$20,000 for instruments. There is no doubt that many graduates from high school would love to play in a marching band, but it is not a priority because of the previously mentioned reasons.

"I believe that a marching band director was last on the budget and program review," Kean said.

But Jan Stuebbe, athletic director, said that he is looking for a new band director.

"I would like to see us have a marching band and I think it would be a real asset to BC."

Stuebbe said that there is a lot of community interest.

"We need a director first and foremost."

Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, dean of instruction, commented on the difference of opinion.

"There is a fine line and on one side the athletic department would love to have a band for football

"We also weren't getting a strong commitment from the students. They had other priorities."

- Dr. David J. Rosales,
dean of instruction

games and halftime shows. But on the other side, the music department does not have enough funds or time to add a marching band. They are already

so busy." Dean Dr. David J. Rosales said that the band was "benched" in 1994 because it was down to only 30 members.

"In order for a band to be effective in our facility, for sound quality and formation, the band really needs to have a minimum of

about 70 members," Rosales said.

According to Rosales, other factors also were involved when deciding whether or not to keep a band at BC.

"There wasn't a strong community relationship with local band directors so BC wasn't getting enough students. We also weren't getting a strong commitment from the students. They had other priorities."

While there is a lot of community interest, Gomez-Heitzeberg said that it is just not enough to bring a marching band back to BC. Money to support it is also essential.

"Do you see them marching over here with instruments in their hands? If they did that would be great," Gomez-Heitzeberg said.

"A band is a very, very nice addition," Rosales said. "But it really comes down to the students. Do the students really want a marching band? What we need is 100 students ready to be in a band, but all we have is a casual letter here and a casual letter there."



The South High School Rebel Marching Band performs during last year's Potato Bowl due to lack of a BC band. ROBERT TAYLOR / THE RIP

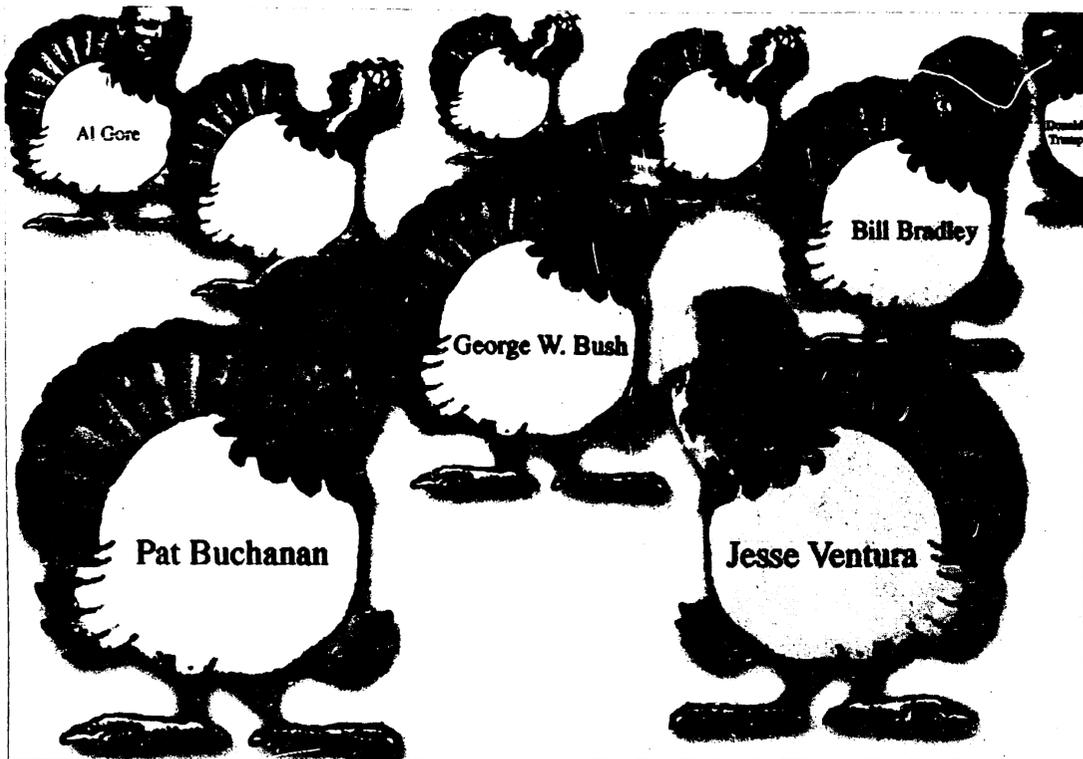


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Turkey season in full swing

Presidential harvest brings out 'cream of the crop' among candidates

BY NICHOLE PERRY
Rip staff writer

The president of the United States of America is supposed to be the cream of the crop, the prime example and representative of the people. If this be the case then the year 2000 hopefuls say a lot about society as a whole and the American people.

If George W. Bush were a BC student he would hang out in front of the language arts building, wear Billabong and talk about how much he hates his father's name and all the attachments, but drive away in the '99 Mustang he got for his high school graduation.

Bush is just another snotty little rich kid who had to make a name for himself by running in the opposite direction of daddy. In some ways Bush has become the antithesis of his father in his ideologies and campaign platform. He has sent himself out into the American public as the good ol' fashioned cowboy from Texas.

Not staunch and conservative like dad, Bush admitted to his chaotic past in the form of his confessed drug addiction. But look at the guy. How can you not see that wrinkled pointing finger and the words, "No new taxes," flowing from his lips in some strange overblown Kung-Fu movie kind of way? Bush is still his father's son and no matter how hard he tries, he's just another messed up ex-president's kid.

Though not an official candidate, former professional wrestler and presidential hopeful Jesse "The Body" Ventura has made a name for himself as a man's man. As the Governor of Minnesota, Ventura has rallied his support around causes such as pro-campaign finance reform, K-12 education and various other "typical" working class struggles. Billed as a "socially liberal, fiscally conservative working-class hero," Ventura feeds off the publicity and notoriety that his days as a tight-wearing bad boy with the WWF gained him. Pages of newspaper and hotspots on the nightly news have kept his antics in the spotlight since his arrival in office.

Sad as it might seem, he truly is the epitome of the American

Today's America wants to know if the candidates are ex-addicts and ladies men and schmoozers and basketball heroes, and if they have the lifestyles that back it. Plain and simple, American isn't apple pie and Sunday services with hats and white gloves anymore, and the cream of this crop proves it.

working-class people. Like the audience member who won't sit down on "Jerry Springer," Ventura's in-your-face politics have actually made him a name as a somewhat viable candidate for the race of presidency.

One can't help but feel at least a bit of affection for Al Gore. The laughable dolt has had to withstand some rough waters. Being the right-hand man of the president is no easy task, especially when it's someone like William Jefferson Clinton.

Much like G.W. Bush, Gore has tried to run away from the tagged-by-association labels placed upon an individual with such close ties to the man in charge. But he really has no need to worry. By distancing himself from Clinton and preaching his own mindless babble, Gore has managed to drag along a few loyal Clinton/Gore fans by merit of his presence alone. In the same way that the quiet kid with cystic acne can get the girl because his best bud is Johnny the quarterback, Gore might be able to lead our country yet.

The idea of Donald Trump as president has a certain exciting seedy quality that one witnesses in other underhand operations. If modern America really is as materially motivated as we all seem to believe, maybe Trump is what we need. The man is cut and dried and that's what life is all about these days.

He is adverse to shaking hands, calling it a "barbaric custom," and has a face that smirks "you know you adore me."

With the money to back the lifestyle, Trump is the modern American businessman's idol. This Reform Party candidate has pushed his way into the race with his money and name and little more than a supermodel on his arm as first lady. With enough power to bring down Las Vegas, Trump may be a political joke to some but the man simply needs no platform.

One should hope that Pat Buchanan, now being a representative of the Reform Party and a prospective leader of the American people, has based his favorable opinion of Nazi leader Adolph Hitler on very loose interpretations. Apparently, Buchanan has admitted to a certain admiration for the political structure and leadership qualities of the World War II tyrant and his party.

Though sick and twisted as it might be to find anything commendable about Adolph Hitler, I give Mr. Buchanan major props for his stance. It truly takes a very secure person to make such a bold statement and assume a legion of free-thinking people would choose to follow such a disturbed mind.

Last we round off the analysis with Bill Bradley, "Senator Somnium" himself. Sure he's boring and dull and lacks charisma, but he played college ball and made it for the Knicks, so he's everyone's hero. A self-made man who is so discreet he won't reveal the title of his favorite novel to a Rolling Stone reporter, Bradley lures people in with the prospect of finding out more.

He talks about loving each other and cleaning up race relations, poverty and setting gun control laws in stone, but we have no idea what the man is about, and unfortunately, that's what tabloid-waving America needs.

The people want to know if he's a boxer or briber guy, if his wife is a bitch and if his kids, if he has any, hate him. It's the way we are and we despise private people like him.

Today's America wants to know if the candidates are ex-addicts and ladies men and schmoozers and basketball heroes, and if they have the lifestyles that back it.

Plain and simple, American isn't apple pie and Sunday services with hats and white gloves anymore, and the cream of this crop proves it.

BC must get rid of lab rats

BY ERIN LOPEZ
Features Editor

Get rid of the rats now. Both students and teachers have been complaining about the rat problem in the horticulture labs for months and yet it seems that nothing is being done to combat the problem.

The main cause of the rats and mice in that area of campus is the garbage pile that is located next to the horticulture building. The garbage pile, which is filled with grass clippings, old tires, cardboard and other school refuse, attracts rats and mice, encouraging them to inhabit, feed and breed on campus.

The rats cause many problems around campus, be it the possibility of students and teachers being exposed to the hantavirus and other rodent diseases to rats and mice ruining computers in the lab by urinating on them.

Another problem with the garbage pile is that Bakersfield residents use it as their personal trash dump, which adds to the amount of waste already deposited there.

There are many ways to get rid of the rodent problem on campus. Poison, traps and pest control can all be used to effectively rid BC of the rats. The administration also could use the most obvious solution to get rid of the rats. That solution is getting rid of the garbage that causes the rodent infestation: the trash pile.

The purchase of a new, \$70,000 trash compactor has been proposed as a means of getting rid of the unsightly, unsanitary and unsavory garbage pit that causes both the BC stench and the rats.

Hopefully, administration will take quick and thoughtful action in ending both the rat problem as well as the garbage pile that causes the problem, because this isn't going away by itself.

There is no Pied Piper to dance the rats away.

The only way to effectively solve this is by getting rid of the garbage pile that causes the rodent infestation.



JON RIEL / THE RIP

Biology stages BC epidemic

BY JOE SIMPSON
Graphics Editor

At 9 a.m. Tuesday morning an epidemic broke out on campus. Epidemiologists were able to contain the disease before it spread. Those who were infected were quarantined. Those who were exposed but did not show signs were held and observed for their safety. Eventually, the virus was diagnosed as a strain of dengue fever.

The most interesting part of the outbreak was that it was all staged by the biology department. All those involved, from the victims to the doctors, were Bakersfield College students.

Although the mock epidemic has been a teaching device used by the American Society of Microbiology for the last few years, this was the first time it has been used here at BC. Biology professors Inez Devlin-Kelly and Janet Fulks decided that it would be a good idea to put the students to the test.

"We've been wanting to do this for two years now," Fulks said. "It's just such a big project."

Every student who participated had a passport and an information packet. The passport had the person's vital statistics, like age,

place of residence, occupation, places traveled to and a little secret. The secrets ranged from the personal to the tawdry. For example, one character was having an affair with his secretary. A great effort was made so each character seemed real.

"We started the planning back in August," Devlin explained. "It's a tremendous amount of work." The epidemic happened on a fantasy cruise liner. After one character died from an unknown illness, an investigation was held. Other passengers started to show symptoms. Blood samples were taken and tests were done to determine what the illness was. Students portraying doctors used actual equipment and ran tests to determine the illness. Prior to the mock outbreak, the students had a lot of studying to do on infectious diseases.

Mike Gomez, biology major, was one of the students who had the task of identifying the illness.

"The results of the tests tell us what it is," Gomez explained.

All those involved said they enjoyed the exercise. Jojob Olivarez, physical therapy major, liked the real world scenario.

"It applies everything that we have learned," Olivarez said.



LAURA DURIGA / THE RIP

Child's play on an autumn day

Student Luanna K. Atiogi, right, enjoys Tuesday's beautiful weather while watching her sons, Caleb Galindo-Atiogi and Sage Leslie, far left, frolic among the rocks near the bus stop on campus.

Technology director works with faculty, students

Newcomer Jim McGee supervises small staff, which handles 1,400 computers.

BY PAMELA WILSON
Rip staff writer

If a problem occurs on campus with a computer, the person to call is Jim McGee, the new director of information technology services.

McGee was hired July 15 and placed in charge of all computer hardware and software and the maintenance of information systems on the BC campus. This includes roughly 1,400 computers.

His small staff of about seven people have their hands full. He admitted to feeling understaffed but said that no staffers can be added immediately due to budget restraints.

But this setback does not discourage McGee.

"I feel like we are here to improve the technical availability and quality for the students and the faculty," he said.

McGee graduated from Oklahoma State University with a master's degree in mathematics. His original goal was to become a teacher. After graduating, he did teach for a year before moving on to computers.

He said that for the next 36 years he worked with computers for two different companies.

"I have very little formal training in computing at all. However, I have the equivalent, with 36 years in the field, of probably a doctorate degree in computer sciences."

He also spent a year in Siberia.

In 1993 he went with a team to put together a complete computer system from the ground up, in a place where there was no technical information systems. Everything had to be imported.

"It was one of those situations where I am glad to have done it. I am glad to have the experience, but would not want to repeat it."

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He worked with Occidental Oil before coming to BC. Occidental was preparing to relocate from Bakersfield and McGee wasn't ready to transfer.

"My family is here. I have two grandsons and three daughters. My wife teaches Spanish at Liberty High School, so I began looking for a new job in Bakersfield."

He was interviewed by a panel of 10-12 people for his position as director of information systems, a position that pays a range of \$57,126 to \$75,104 annually. Greg Chamberlain, director of instructional technology, was one of the panel members.

"We liked his energy, his ability to

manage technology and the way he is a hands-on kind of manager." Chamberlain said.

"He was very enthusiastic and it was obvious he wanted the job." When not at BC working in computers, McGee probably can be found at home working on his own.

"I have a total of seven different computers at home that are all networked," he said. "His other hobbies include woodworking, writing, photography and sculpture. He also is a fan of 'Star Trek' and 'The X-Files.'" McGee said that many of these other hobbies are suffering for lack of time, so now he concentrates on his computers.

McGee is enthusiastic about his goals at BC.

"One of the goals that I have in this particular position is to improve the quality of service for the students and for the faculty. My particular philosophy is that the students are number one, we are here to serve them.

"If it wasn't for the students, there wouldn't be any faculty and if it wasn't for the students and faculty there wouldn't be any staff and if it wasn't for any of them, there wouldn't be any need for me."



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Jim McGee says he wants to improve computer services for everyone on campus.

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What club or extracurricular activities would you like to see on campus?

Kim Wheat, Liberal Arts: "I would like to see a debate club at BC. I like to argue."

Chris Chambers, Liberal Arts: "None. I think there are a good amount of clubs on campus for all people."

Remies Ghebretnese, Computer Science: "I think the clubs are already well balanced. All the races are represented and that is important."

Maria German, Liberal Arts: "We need more clubs on campus that work around class."

Minerra Gonzalez, Business Administration: "BC needs more intramural sports like volleyball and soccer to bring the students together."

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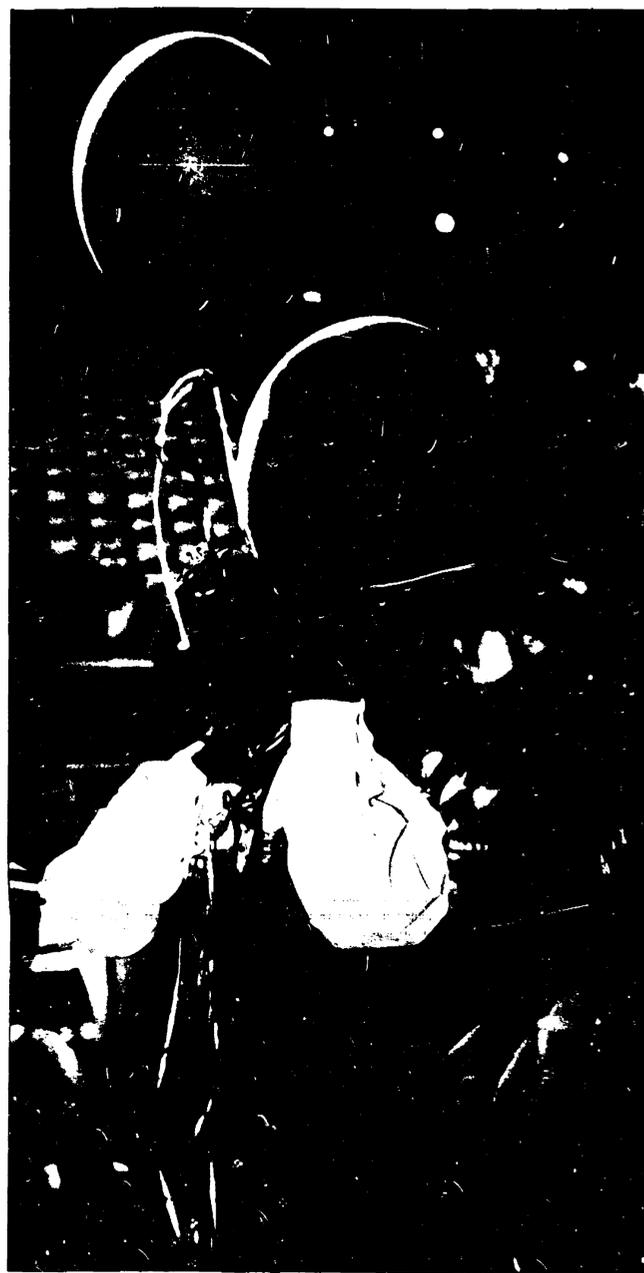
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Alumni comes home to a Roman holiday

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Top left: An enthusiastic Homecoming crowd celebrates a Renegade touchdown. Top right: Dashontay Willmore of Las Vegas, grips her balloons while mother Dashonda, is all smiles after the Renegades 37-0 rout of Santa Monica College. Dashonda Willmore has a brother and cousin on the Renegade team. Center left: Members of the Engineering Club display their chariot during the halftime festivities. Left: The Renegade knight and her faithful steed were on hand to rally the crowd. Above: Homecoming king and queen contestants await the announcement of the winning couple at the halftime show. Julie Harrison and Chiharo Suzuki, left, are announced as third-runners up. King and queen winners were international students Mohammed Huzabi and Maria Duena.

First-year soccer coach aims for the win

BY LEANNE CAVE Sports Editor

Jaime Diaz accepted the Bakersfield College soccer coach position with high expectations. "I think I expected more than I should have for a first-year coach," he said.

"I know now that it takes a new coach and a team time to gel and get used to each other. But there is a lot of talent on this team, and I know we can do well."

Diaz came to Bakersfield College three years ago as an assistant trainer to Fred Jones. He comes to Bakersfield from the city of Burbank, where he went to school and grew up. He attended Burbank High School where he played on the soccer team. After high school, he attended California Polytechnical University of Pomona, where he walked on as a soccer player.

"I like all sports, but I especially like soccer," he said.

He came to Bakersfield College because of the opportunity to work with talented athletes, coaches and because of the support of the athletic department. "The support for the coaches at BC is great," said Diaz. "Diaz has done a fantastic job this year," said BC Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe. "He accepted the coaching position at the beginning of the year, which is 15 years ago. It's because of his organizational skills and because he relates well with the players he has stepped in and has done a remarkable job."

"Next year should be a better year," said Diaz. "We have strong returning players and the local talent from which we can draw should help us a lot. Bakersfield has great talent in all of the high schools."

"We would love to recruit some of these players to BC. I am a little disappointed with the season, but we have room to grow and become a great team."

"Hopefully we can plan a get-away retreat before the season starts to get things going in the right direction."

The BC soccer team ended its season with an overall record of 5-9-3 and a WSC record of 5-7-2. Diaz encourages those athletes who cannot attend Division I schools to give BC a chance. "This is the place to be if you cannot or choose not to attend a Division I college."

He said he appreciates aggressiveness, but at the same time wants to promote sportsmanship. "I don't condone fighting on the soccer field, but I want my players to stand up for themselves and not be run over. I want them to be winners."

"I saw pictures of my stepfather riding bulls," Ray recalled, "I thought, 'I want to do that.'"

And do it he did. He started out in junior rodeos at the tender age of 11, then he rode in high school rodeos. He was the high school rodeo circuit reserve bull riding champion in 1993 and 1994. In 1995, he was the bull riding champion of his district, the California state reserve bull riding champion and placed ninth in the National High School Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyo.

Aside from bull riding, Ray did very well in bareback riding, team roping, steer wrestling and calf roping. He was the All Around Cowboy of his district in both 1995 and 1996. In 1995 and 1996, he also was the bareback riding champion. He was the reserve team roping and steer wrestling champion in his district in 1995.

Looking back at his rodeo career, he recalled the best score he received was in Tulare in 1995. His worst wreck earned him a broken hand and several bumps and bruises. He has had his foot broken twice, a few cracked and bruised ribs and several close calls.

It's not all guts and glory for this cowboy/student. He spends his weekends in a rental car driving from rodeo to rodeo. "When I decide to go to a rodeo I have to rent a car, due to the fact that my car could not travel 1,500 miles in three days," he explained. With entry fees, riding gear, gas,

rental car fees, hotels bills and food, the cost adds up quickly. Money is his biggest problem right now.

He is looking for a sponsor, a common practice in the world of rodeo. The rider wears the logo or slogan of his sponsor on his chaps or shirt for advertisement.

His future plans include earning a Ph.D. in psychology and becoming a high school counselor. "I want to help kids," he explained. "I'd like to start a high school rodeo program where there isn't one."

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"They, the O-line, came out as one big unit and blocked with all their heart. Everything came together for us."

"The key was our offensive line," said Grider. "Ghilarducci was able to do his job because of the play of the offensive line."

The Corsairs were stopped by a tough and determined BC defense on the next series.

The punt was blocked by Eddie Brown and Eddie Miller was in perfect position to pick up the ball and run it into the end zone to make the score 20-0.

"We were real happy about that," said Brown.

"We came out expecting to make big plays and we did."

With 1:25 remaining in the first half, Ghilarducci connected with Bratcher on a 33-yard touchdown pass to make the score 27-0 at halftime.

Even though the Santa Monica offense had some good plays, they weren't able to execute all night as Damon Tolson, Kamaloni Manu and Paul Glass, along with the feisty defensive backfield, broke through the big Corsair line to sack the quarterback several times.

BC linebacker Mark Hodges had four solo tackles on special teams to complete a total team effort.

Ahriki Brown, the Corsairs all-purpose back was contained all night by the defense.

He gained 26 yards on nine carries.

"Our offense stepped it up and we weren't on the field all night," said defensive lineman Paul Glass.

"Everybody put it down tonight. We came together as a team because of our coaching staff," Manu said.

Elton Seals was back in true form as he pressured the Santa Monica quarterback and receivers all night.

"He is very aggressive and we are glad to have him back," Grider said.

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'GADE NEWLINE

WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE & WITH WHOM

KCCD sponsors Condor hockey event

The Kern Community College District will sponsor a Hockey Night for all employees 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, at Centennial Gardens. Discount tickets of \$13 will be available through Monday.

Seats will be reserved in a special section in the lower rink side level as the Bakersfield Condors play the Fresno Falcons.

Those wishing to order tickets should call Anna Meyer at 336-5127.

Annual holiday party set for Dec. 17

The Ninth Annual Royal Regalia, an annual holiday party for all BC employees, will be held Friday, Dec. 17, at the Huddle, or gym foyer. The party is free to all employees and their spouses or significant others.

A no-host happy hour will start off the evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. followed by a traditional holiday dinner. Dancing will follow.

Reservations should be made by Monday, Dec. 6, by calling Sally Hill at 395-4216 or via e-mail at shill@bc.cc.ca.us.

'Gade forensics team wins awards

Several Bakersfield College students won awards during a recent forensics tournament at Los Rios College in Sacramento, according to Helen Acosta, speech professor.

Melody York won first place in novice Programmed Oral Interpretation and third place in novice Poetry Interpretation; Rick Riley and Nicole Vigstrom won first place in novice Duet Interpretation of Literature; and Terry Cranfill and Sandra Smith won second place in novice Duet Interpretation of Literature. Cranfill also won second place in novice Prose Interpretation.

In the open division, Ben Tacla won fourth in Dramatic Interpretation. He was the only community college student to compete in the final round of the event.

Richard Dominguez, Chris Frazee, Charlotte Frazee, Frenny Llanenas, Shane Stahl, Bob Sokol and Naphtali Wall also represented BC well at the tournament, according to Acosta.



MARK RILEY / THE RIP

TOP TEN WAYS AL GORE CAN BE MORE MACHO

10. Knock up a couple of Brazilian models.
9. Put cigarette out on Alan Greenspan's arm.
8. Quit vice presidency to become Korn roadie.
7. Wear shirt half open to show off matted thatch of chest hair.
6. Admit he doesn't know who leader of Pakistan is, but can name every Playmate since 1978.
5. Spit stream of tobacco juice into Sam Donaldson's eye.
4. Grow a mustache, because let's face it: mustache equals macho.
3. Finally, tear 98 Degrees posters off his office walls.
2. Tell female staffers: "If you're into partying, I got my brother's van for the weekend."
1. Never, ever do this again (shows photo of Al Gore as Underdog.)

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Do you want to publicize your club meetings or events? Just drop off information about your organization to *The Rip* office in CC1.

All new clubs also will receive a free advertising announcement in *The Rip*.

Rubes

By Leigh Ruben



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KEEPING YOU INFORMED ON THE CAMPUS

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN
Rip staff writer

Staffer reports smoke in FACE building

On Oct. 29, a child care staffer in the FACE building called campus police to report smoke in the daycare wing of the building.

The Fire Department was called and after arriving, fire officials saw a staffer carrying a basket of smoldering sheets from the area.

Officials found that a clothes dryer was too hot and the sheets caught on fire. They checked the dryer before leaving.

No one was injured.

Employee injured in elevator-related fall

A female staffer called campus police to notify them that she had fallen as she exited from the Language Arts elevator on Oct. 30. She telephoned from her home, stating that she may have re-injured her right side from the fall.

According to campus police reports, the staffer maintained that her fall was caused by the elevator not being level. No medical attention was needed.

HOME COMING: International students named king, queen

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ensure that the float would be ready.

"I didn't even know they were going to have a float until last night. The girl with the American flag and (Francis) came home last night and was saying, 'Mommy, get me this and that! We need to improvise our costumes!'"

The highlight of the week was the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen. This year's royal family consisted of King Mohammed Huzaibi and Queen Maria Duena, representing the International Student Union.

"It's awesome," said Huzaibi. "It feels real good (to win). We worked really hard and we thought we deserved it. We put a lot of time and effort into it."

Duena was overcome with joy, and couldn't say much more than "I feel great. I never expected to win."

The element that brought the fans to BC, however, was the game. The 'Gades led BC to a stunning 37-0 victory against the Santa Monica Corsairs.

"They're a good team," said Renegade outside linebacker Brian Eaken. "We just came out ready to play today. We just focused all week, we just lost a game to Hancock and had a bad game against East L.A., so all week we focused on playing hard and up to our potential."

Coach Dallas Grider attributed the victory to the gung-ho mentality of the Renegades.

"(We have) some pretty good players who came together to play well offensively and defensively which is what we've been trying to get all year long. You have to have a complete game coming out of the offense, a complete game coming out of the defense, and we came closer to realizing that tonight than we have all year."

Perhaps the most satisfied man at Saturday's game, however, was Tadeau Szpoganicz, vice president of activities for the Associated Students of Bakersfield College. He took on the task of heading up the Homecoming committee.

"(Homecoming week) turned out just as planned," said Szpoganicz. "We were expecting a lot of things to go wrong. Nothing went wrong. We had everyone here, everything prepared, and it was just wonderful."

With the end of the week, Szpoganicz is expecting to answer a long list of complaint mail before he can take a well deserved vacation.

"I'm sure they're going to fill my office with complaints," said Szpoganicz. "Then next week I'll call a vacation for me, because after that we begin planning our Spring Fling."



ROBERT TAYLOR / THE RIP

Mohammed Huzaibi and Maria Duena participate in the "Know Your Mate" game last Wednesday.

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31010 I-TV (see I-TV orientation info)

JRNL B2 Beginning Reporting (3)

31012 R 9:30-10:50 a.m. SE 7
R 11-12:20 p.m. LA219

JRNL B15 Press Photography (3)

31013 R 1-3:50 p.m. CC1

JRNL B27A Newspaper Production (2)

31015 MW 1-2:50 p.m. CC1
31016 W 3-5:50 p.m. CC1

JRNL B27E Photo Lab/Campus Publications (2)

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Pool repairs may sink BC spring swim classes

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS
Editor in Chief

Students enrolling in spring aquatic courses may encounter difficulties in going to class after February since the pool might not be available.

According to Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities, the existing pool is in need of repair.

"The mechanical part of the pool has gotten so old, it's got to be replaced," he said.

Larsen said the deck also needs to be repaired and the surface re-coated. The renovations to the existing pool were estimated to cost roughly \$500,000 earlier this year, according to an article in *The Rip*. The cost will be covered by the assessment district taxes collected for campus renovations, including the stadium. The project is scheduled to begin next March.

Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe said that no aquatic physical education classes would be in session in March, but three courses are listed in the spring schedule. As of Wednesday, Banner allowed students to enroll in them.

Pamela Kelley, who instructs most of the aquatic physical education classes, said she was not informed that the pool was scheduled for renovation.

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— Pamela Kelley,
Athletic Department

facilities, Dr. Larsen's secretary, and she was confirming that the group that is going to be renting our pool would not interfere with our pool classes before the pool closed in March.

"I said, 'What do you mean closed in March? I didn't know the pool was closing in March.' And I'm the one teaching the class."

Besides repairing the existing pool, according to Stuebbe, a new \$1.8 million pool also is planned to be constructed next August. The new pool will be 50 meters by 75 meters in length and six feet, six inches deep. It will be placed west of the existing pool, covering most of the parking lot in that location. Sixty-two parking spaces will remain.

The road through campus will be moved west to

accommodate the new pool area. New landscaping also is planned.

Larsen said the planned construction of the new pool area is the reason the existing parking lot has not been repaired.

"This lot has got to be removed and replaced. Everybody knows that. I have kids who are upset because we haven't done this lot, but it doesn't make sense to put \$80,000 or \$100,000 into this lot, completely renovate it, then come back in a year or so and do this kind of construction and tear it all out again."

Of the \$1.8 million required for the new complex, \$626,670 will be state funded through the KCCD maintenance budget. Kern High School District officials have said the district will donate \$350,000 in pre-rent for use of the pool.

The parking lot restructuring and road relocation will be covered by \$150,000 in student parking fees. Community donations of \$500,000 also have been generated from equal contributions by William Wheeler and Jeff Townsend, Stuebbe said.

This leaves a remainder of more than \$173,000 to be raised, according to Larsen.

"The good thing about it is, we're not taking any instructional money," said Stuebbe. "When the pool is

finished, it will be paid for, basically. In other words, we won't owe. A lot of schools will build something and take out a loan."

Kelley said she was concerned that BC students wouldn't be able to use the new pool. She said she was under the impression that only outside parties paying rents would be able to use the new pool.

Stuebbe said, however, that this is not the case. "Bakersfield College instructional time has top priority in both pools, just like anything. Other people are going to have to work around BC's hours."

Stuebbe said he hopes the new facility will increase students' involvement in aquatic activities.

"We want to increase, in physical education, our swim program," he said. "We want more students to swim. We want BC students in the water."

"In fact, if everyone was required to swim four laps in the new pool as part of their A/A degree, that's what I would like," he joked.

But Kelley is concerned that BC will not be able to continually generate the estimated \$20,000 necessary for upkeep of the facility annually.

"They just built an all-weather track at Liberty. Is the next current high school going to go in and have their own 50-meter pool? Then who's going to rent our pool?"



LAURA DURIGA / THE RIP

Nurse Debra Strong examines Leolie Watson in the Health Center. The proposed reduction in nursing hours by BC administration would cut health services by four hours a week.

Health Center hours may be cut

CSEA votes against proposal to cut evening nursing hours.

BY MEGAN LINFORD
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College administrators recently proposed cutting back student Health Center hours by four hours a week, a proposal opposed by the California School Employees Association.

And the issue, according to union officials, is that students may not be getting what they pay for if the proposed reduction in hours goes through.

According to Mike Noland, president of the CSEA, the union's executive board reviewed the proposal and consulted the nursing department and student government for feedback.

"We then reached out and talked with people in the department, and also talked with the student government to try and get feedback as to the rationale or the feelings towards this," Noland said.

"And it was interesting to find out that students were not ever consulted in regards to this proposal," he said.

Since part-time and full-time students

have to pay an \$11 health fee each semester, the issue could affect BC students.

Although some students are exempt from paying the health fee, Noland estimates that 6,000 to 8,000 students pay the fee, bringing in \$132,000 to \$176,000 annually.

According to Dean of Students Dr. Lou Farmakis, that money provides a budget for the operation of the student health center and pays for staff and supplies.

"Whether you are full-time or part-time, that service should be available," said Janet Skibinski, vice-president of the CSEA. "And whether you use it or not, it's a service that students pay for. It's really more of a student issue."

One of the main reasons that administrators proposed cutting the evening nursing hours, according to Noland, was the low traffic into the center in the 7 to 8 p.m. hour slot.

"(Administration determined) that if they cut back the hours there would be little or no impact on services to evening students during those hours," said Farmakis.

"Emergencies could still be handled by security, so the feeling is that no student needing emergency medical care would have to go without."

Skibinski responded that whether the health center is used or not, students pay for the center and its staff.

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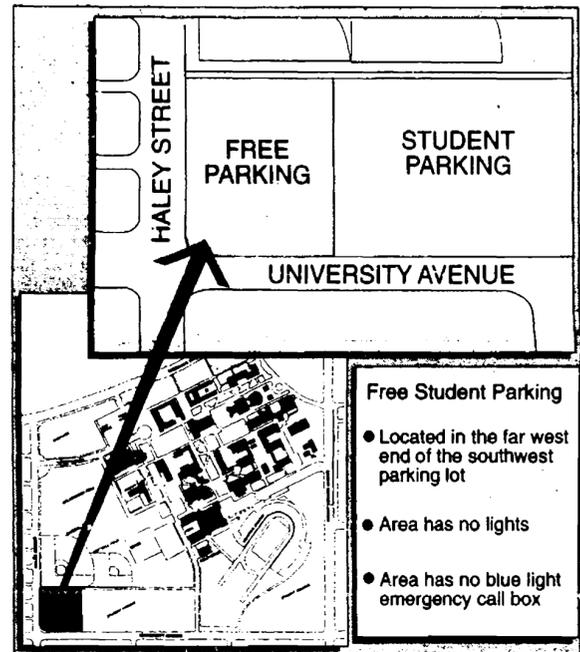
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CSEA vice president

"So if you aren't utilizing that hour efficiently, well then there might be other issues to look at," said Noland. "You can create business, you can create flow, that's my own personal perspective. With advertising, with programs, you take a proactive view to it."

CSEA voted twice on the proposal, and both times the vote was against the reduction.

"There were many reasons not to (cut the hours), there were few to," said Noland. "So we hashed it out and voted on it, and the vote was not to reduce the hours."

"There's a lot of debate; you can go on forever debating the issue. The only reason we're involved in it is because it's a classified position. We were requested to reduce the position and didn't want to, so we didn't."



JOE SIMPSON / THE RIP

Poorly lit parking area raises safety concerns

BY E. MICHAEL LEDFORD
Rip staff writer

On Oct. 21, six cars at Bakersfield College were broken into. The night before, another car also had stereo equipment stolen. While most of these break-ins happened during the day, lighting and emergency beacons play a large role in cutting crime.

Deep in the southwestern area of the campus, however, is a small section of parking lot, devoid of lights or beacons. Located near the BC baseball diamond, it is the only free parking area on campus. At night, it also is one of the darkest.

The reason some parking areas don't have lights, according to Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities, has a lot to do with Memorial Stadium.

"When we sat down to do the various projects, we really would have liked to have lit all the lots with lighting," he said. "But there was a number of things that happened, the biggest of which was when we got to the stadium it was discovered that we had to do some serious seismic work, close to \$1.5 million worth ... it wasn't budgeted but we went ahead and did it anyway, borrowing from other parts (of the project)."

Those other parts included the lighting of the free parking area.

"At that point the decision was made that the main thing we were doing this for was the stadium. There's no sense in fixing the stadium if we're going to have the state come in and tell us we can't use it anyhow because it isn't safe structurally."

The free parking lot was chosen specifically for students.

"In looking at the parking patterns in the evening, exceptionally when there were baseball games, there's very few people parked out there," he said.

Sgt. Jess Soto of campus police said that student drivers without permits would rather park elsewhere because of the distance between the free parking lot and the main campus buildings.

"Everybody parks in the street if they're using Princeton and Radcliffe, or the alley. We have signs up, saying there's free parking there, but they don't want to park there and walk," said Soto.

Larsen agreed with Soto, chalking parking patterns up to the Bakersfield mindset.

"We all like to park as closely as we can. We still have a small town mentality. We have many shops and malls where if you have to walk more than a quarter of a block, you'll drive somewhere else. Those parking spaces down by the baseball field, that's a pretty good walk. It's the equivalent of three city blocks if you're going to, say, the base building."

But due to the dark nature of the lot at night, Larsen advises students to park elsewhere.

"I would encourage people to either park close to a street light, or for selfish reasons, because we use the money to repair the parking lots, I'd encourage students to get their parking permits," he said.

He maintained that when the money is available, the lot will be lit.

"We ran the wires so in such a time as we could get the money, we could pick up the wire and post it in the middle of it all."

Falling on deaf ears

A campus forum is needed to improve communication between students and administration.

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS
Editor in Chief

"Administrative duties" often translates into excessive paperwork and lengthy, boring meetings. This often leaves little time for other issues, such as communication with groups on campus. This lack of time is understandable, but cannot be accepted. There has to be a way to increase communication between administration and students.

For example, horticulture students felt left in the dark when their concerns over rodent infestations in labs went unanswered by administrators. Mice were urinating on computer keyboards. Many students tried to contact administration officials about the problems, but with little action resulting.

In another example of communication problems, many students expressed concern when printing cards were suddenly forced upon them. Students then had to pay for printing. One could no longer run and do a quick print of a paper before class. Students now have to purchase a special card before printing and prepay for prints. Also, all the computers in the commons now run to the same printers, so print time is dramatically increased. Students expressed that the lack of notice and opportunity for feedback about this decision deeply concerned them.

Finally, parking always has been a concern of students on campus. This year, daily parking permits were doubled in price from 50 cents to \$1. This is inconvenient since the machines only take quarters. A free parking area was dedicated, but few students were aware of it. Students have been expressing parking concerns for many years and their questions always appear to go unanswered.

This lack of communication leaves students feeling alone and stranded asking, "Is there anybody out there?"

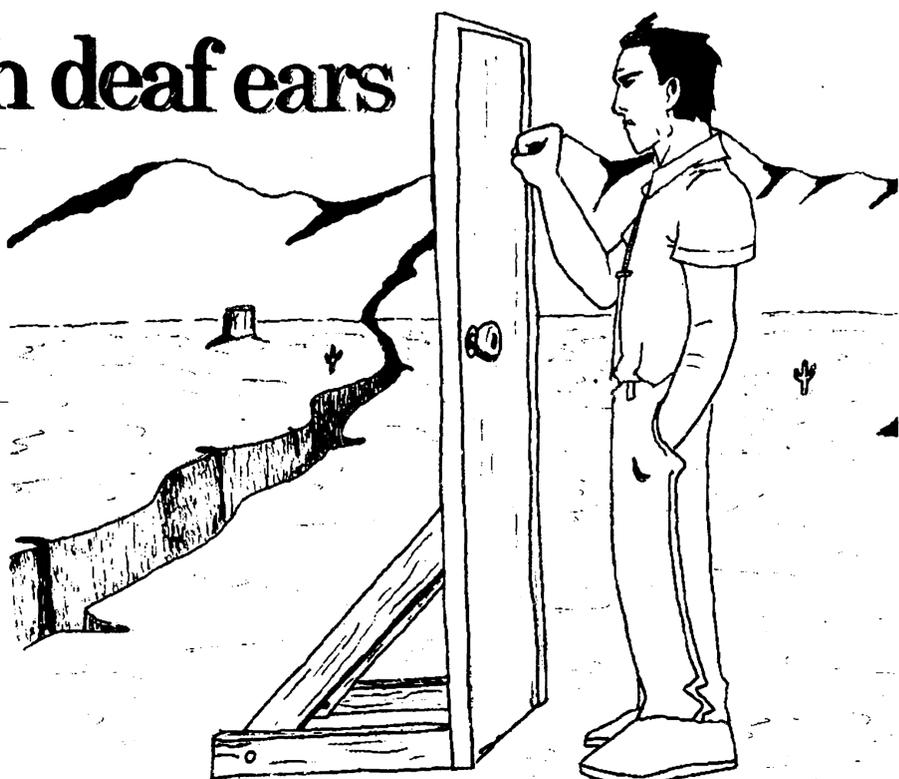


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In each of these above cases, *The Rip* has done its best to serve as a means of communication between administration and the campus by covering issues of student concern. *The Rip* will continue to do so, but with only 10 issues each semester, we can't

cover every problem on campus. A better solution to the communication problem would be to establish a weekly forum for students to meet with administrators to discuss campus concerns and keep both sides informed of the details of campus issues. The meeting could occur somewhere on campus at

noon. Students and administrators could bring their lurches and discuss their concerns. No major what-ifs are taken, we need to improve communication between administrators and students. It's time to shed light on concerns and eliminate the feeling of being left alone in the dark.

Senior drivers should undergo frequent eye exams

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN
Rip staff writer

Anyone with a grandfather knows it is ridiculous to allow an 80-year-old man behind the wheel when he hasn't had an eye exam in five years.

However, in the state of California, that is exactly what happens, due to DMV regulations. A senior citizen with vision problems can cause more havoc than help on California roadways. Those who can't see, have no sense of depth perception, or are too stubborn to use turnouts do not belong behind the wheel.

All too often, others are left clenching their teeth while driving through the Kern Canyon, only to be stuck behind a stubborn senior who won't pull over, or even check a rearview mirror from time to time. The California Highway Patrol will take precautions to prevent a collision by setting up sobriety checkpoints to catch drunken drivers, and police will "profile," or spy on bars to catch a potential drunk driver, but little is done to prevent potential accidents by senior citizens behind the wheel.

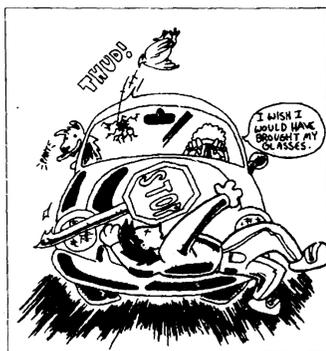
According to Lorraine Gurale, motor vehicle field representative for the Bakersfield office of the Department of

Motor Vehicles, senior citizens older than 70 are required to take a vision test only when they come in to renew their license, every five years.

However, all too often one is forced to slam on the brakes when a senior citizen with vision problems wheezes onto the highway, going nowhere near an acceptable speed.

According to Michael Duran, staff services analyst of the information services unit of the California Highway Patrol in Sacramento, there are 23,000 California drivers over the age of 90, 200,000 between the ages of 75 and 89, 818,000 between 65 and 74, and 975,000 between 60 and 64. However, of the 785 fatal and 15,303 injury collisions each year, Duran said that senior citizens were the least likely to be responsible for accidents. He said the most accidents are caused by 25 to 49 year olds, followed by 16 to 25 year olds, and then the 50 and over age group, which causes less than 10 percent of collisions.

Although senior citizens are among the safest drivers, others still are annoyed when they pass an elderly driver going 15 miles below the speed limit in the fast lane of a freeway. The Rip editorial board believes that senior citizens over the age of 70 should be required to take an eye exam every year



JON RIEL / THE RIP

or every other year.

The truth is, however, the DMV has no future plans to change the vision test requirements for senior citizens any time in the near future. Which means the rest of us law abiding motorists will be forced to drive in unsafe conditions, traveling far below the posted speed limit at the hands of senior drivers.

ASBC apologizes for event conflict on 'Day of the Dead'

Editor's Note: The Rip received this letter to M.E.C.H.A. from ASBC and agreed to run it as letter to the editor.

On behalf of the student population of Bakersfield College, the ASBC and the Homecoming committee, we would like to apologize to M.E.C.H.A. for the disrespect that was shown to your club, friends and family, on Monday, Nov. 1. We acknowledge that on "Dia de los Muertos," your effort to execute the activities planned were hindered by the BC Homecoming festivities.

Due to a conflict in scheduling of facilities, the ancestors represented on the "Day of the Dead" could not be justly honored. We wish to accompany you on creating further awareness of the event and its meaning.

Unfortunately, this festivity has come and gone and the act that befell your group cannot be reversed.

Hopefully our apology, on behalf of ASBC, will appease the ancestors who were to be exalted, and they can forgive any unbecoming misconduct as well.

We would especially like to apologize to the family members of Mr. Frank Navarro. Our condolences and sympathies go out to your club and family to those surviving families that attended.

With humble assurance, we submit this apology to you.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Leon Arellano
Senator of Activities,
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From true religious to sacrilegious, movies tackle faith

Film blends humor, religion for big laughs

MOVIE REVIEW

BY ERIN M. LOPEZ
Features Editor

She's the one employer you don't want to piss off.

When angels Loki (Matt Damon) and Bartleby (Ben Affleck) get incinerated after killing every first born child in ancient Egypt, Bartleby convinces Loki to quit his job as the Angel of Death. Thoroughly intoxicated and feeling sorry for the humans they just killed, Loki takes his advice and does just that.

Unfortunately, both of them felt the need to give God the finger.

Fast forward to 1999. They have both been stripped of their jobs, home (a little place known as heaven) and have been banished to Wisconsin for the rest of eternity, or so it seems.

An unmarked envelope arrives telling the two fallen angels of a church in New Jersey that is being rededicated as a place that once a person steps through the doors, they are free of sin.

Convinced it's a way to get back home, Loki and Bartleby are soon voyaging to New Jersey.

Unknown to them, and to herself, the last Zion is on their tail.

This unwilling Zion is Bethany (Linda Fiorentino), a faithless, cradle Catholic who works at an abortion clinic. She is visited by the angel Metatron (Alan Rickman),



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Matt Damon and Ben Affleck play two fallen angels trying to get back into heaven in the new movie, "Dogma."

who tells her that she that she is the last Zion—the last religious martyr. As part of the job description, she must stop Loki and Bartleby from entering the church or all existence will be wiped out.

Unbelieving, but willing to go

along, she meets two unlikely prophets (Kevin Smith's staple characters, Silent Bob and Jay) along with the apostle Rufus (Chris Rock), who was left out of the Bible because he was black and a muse/stripper by the name of Serendipity

(Salma Hayek), who gives her guidance and aid. Welcome to the wonderful world of "Dogma," the latest movie from Kevin Smith, director of "Clerks" and "Chasing Amy."

Smith has never been one to shirk from interesting topics and he sure doesn't shrink from attacking the dogma of religion with comedy. "Dogma" is Smith's own look on the beliefs surrounding religion, Catholicism in particular. By using humor, he effectively prompts the

audience to wonder about the very ideas of religion that he is propagating in his movie. Despite the underlying shots at theology, the script is so funny and the pace so quick that you have barely enough time to comprehend what Smith is really implying. Or is he implying anything at all?

Some of the most memorable scenes deal with the religious questions everyone asks: why are we here, why did that happen to me, what is going on?

Some of these questions are dealt with seriously. One scene in particular shows Bethany asking Metatron why she has to save the world. Others are dealt with humorously. In another scene, Bethany watches God (Alanis Morissette) in human form frolicking around smelling flowers. When she asks God why we are here, God playfully tweaks her nose and grins.

The script is original in its portrayal of human frailties. The humans act human, the demons act human, and the angels act human. Even God, dressed in a silver retro '80s outfit has the appearance of humanity down.

Smith has managed to take a morose, thought-provoking topic and morph it into a fast-paced comedic adventure.

Smith is doing his part to piss off the religious right in this movie. He accomplishes this perfectly with the film's "my karma ran over your dogma" sort of attitude.

If you're a type-A personality who takes everything too seriously, skip this film altogether.

If you are the type of person who doesn't mind a little blasphemous humor and isn't afraid to mix it with religion, this movie is a must.

Jovovich fails to deliver in portrayal of Joan of Arc in 'Messenger'

MOVIE REVIEW

BY MERI RENEE LOPEZ
Special to the Rip

As the race for Oscar contenders heats up during the holiday season, movie viewers have been delivered films with two popular subjects: gore and glory. Newly released "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc" can't seem to choose between either one.

Torn between the gore of war tragedy and the glory of a martyred 19-year-old saint, "The Messenger" struggles to accurately portray the brief life of Joan of Arc.

Joan, played by model, singer and actress Milla Jovovich, begins hearing and seeing "visions of God as a young girl.

She grows up to lead the French army in a crusade against invading England and succeeds only in being burned at the stake for being a heretic and hearing voices — the very same

reason she was chosen to lead these crusades in the first place.

Jovovich has the appeal of a young defiant (albeit pouty) woman seeking her call in life. But in a historic battle between the two European countries, Jovovich fails to place herself within the time period and seems to still have the catwalk behind her. Looking more model than impassioned martyr, Jovovich struggles to give the audience a true portrayal of the woman canonized 500 years after her death. She does capture the emotional intensity and anguish which surrounds the stories of Joan, but it comes and goes at intervals. In one battle she fights like she's fueled by fury and then she suddenly becomes passive.

Directed by Jovovich's former husband Luc Besson, "The Messenger" creates the same furious and blurred vision of a movie from the man who directed the kooky parlor movie, "The Professional" and sci-fi enigma "The Fifth Element" (in which Jovovich also



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Milla Jovovich portrays the title character in the movie "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc."

plays a pouty, defiant young woman on a mission.)

We are first introduced to Joan as

a pious 8-year-old "who lives her life with an urgency devoted to the clergy. When she hears voices and

sees visions, Joan begins to believe that she is the chosen one, but is not sure for what. After she witnesses the rape and death of her sister by English soldiers, Joan's inner fire of religious faith grows with enormous ferocity. The movie then lurches into the future where Jovovich makes her debut playing the martyr.

Joan's inner battle is matched by the medieval warfare occurring under her nose.

She makes her way to the castle of French Dauphin Charles to ask for his blessing and the materials needed for battle to regain French territory held by English forces.

Charles, played brilliantly by John Malkovich, is waiting for a success which will lead to his coronation. Faye Dunaway, playing the Dauphin's mother-in-law with eerie perfection, urges Charles to allow Joan the chance to fight.

A victory allows Charles to become king and we then see his true colors as he loses interest in Joan and her quests. Having Malkovich and Dunaway play the royal family is

great casting. Unemotional with royal arrogance, both actors portray their parts with overzealous zest and flattery.

The movie tone changes by the time Joan is captured as a prisoner of the English. Joan, the high-regarded visionary, becomes Joan, the hallucinatory anxious teenage heretic. Dustin Hoffman, playing Joan's conscience with some humor, helps to plant the idea that Joan's inner voices could simply be a matter of her own inner hatred toward the English due to her sister's tragic death.

Going to the stake for faith has been used throughout history to bring down religious ideologies. "The Messenger," although correct in its overall biography of Joan of Arc, brings this point home vividly at the end of the movie, which shows her being burned at the stake. With a cross standing firm through the billowing black smoke, the viewer is left with the image of the religious incandescence that Joan of Arc experienced throughout her life.

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'GADE FEEDBACK

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What was the most important invention of the past 100 years?

Lloyd Winn, Computer Science: "The Slip 'n Slide."

Karen Heed, Art: "The spork. It's the utensil for lazy people."

David Luna, Liberal Arts: "The waterside. It brings great fun in the summer."

Tamara Feldyd, Nursing: "The computer. It enables you to find any information right in your home."

Derek Williams, Undecided: "Malls. Because you can get a hot dog on a stick, a magazine and a big pretzel all in the same place."

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LEARNING FROM THE Heart



Anatomy students gain better understanding about the human body through lab experiment.

It was a day of discovery as students in a Bakersfield College Human Anatomy class spent a lab session studying calve hearts.

Tara Hatfield, a nursing student, said in this particular lab assignment, the class learned the pathways of the blood through the heart. According to another student, Tracey Greene, a nursing major, it is easy to understand anatomy assignments by seeing them visually in the lab. Jennifer Chase, who hopes to become a labor and delivery RN, said the lab gives her a better understanding of how the human body works.

Left: Michelle Salazar and Tara Hatfield examine the pathways of the blood through the heart as part Human Anatomy lab.

Top: A calf's heart is examined by two students.

Below: Tracey Greene and Jennifer Chase refer to the textbook prior to the actual lab assignment.

Bottom left: Jenae Newman cleans up after the experiment.

Bottom right: Students gather around as teacher John Ackland explains the anatomy of a calf's heart.



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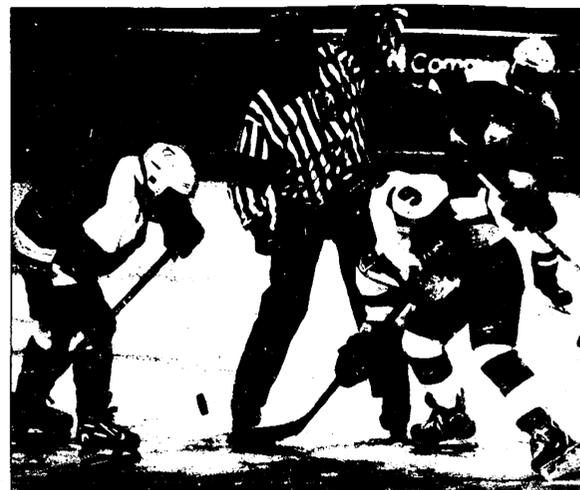
Fire-breathing Dragons roast opponents on ice



Above, Patrick Horn has been with the Dragons for two years. Last year, the team won the state championship.

Right, Kyle Hall faces off against Mike Chadwick of the Lightning. The Dragons defeated the Lightning 4-1.

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BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

Brock Genter ran through the halls of the Centennial Garden, carrying his equipment bag on his back.

The bag was almost as big as Brock, who didn't want to be late for the start of the Bakersfield Dragons' match. The 12-year-old didn't need to worry, since he was one of the first players to arrive.

Throughout the match against the Beach City Lightning, Brock, a defensive player, worked hard to keep his opponents from scoring.

"They played hard. We had a really good defense," he said after the game, which the Dragons won 4-1.

The Bakersfield Dragons are one of the hottest Southern California Hockey Association junior hockey teams this year.

After a sensational last season with the Dragons winning the California Championship, the team is off to a 3-1 record.

The junior hockey team of 11, 12 and 13 year olds is brand new, with the majority of last year's players moving up to an older team.

"There's a lot of room for improvement, but I'm comparing them to last year's team," said assistant coach Matt Mills.

Throughout the game, the team displayed teamwork, scoring one goal after another in the second half. Many of the players had so much fun they wanted to skate on the ice even after the game. All of them were happy to be on the team, even if they didn't get playing time.

"I like the ice and the space," said Jesse Welch, 13, who didn't play this game. The locker room after the game was noisy with chatter and shouting.

One of the toughest obstacles that the team and others have had to overcome was the sudden closing of the Ice Palace, in the space now occupied by Vans Skate Park. The owner left town, making a lot of the junior hockey league parents angry. Cecelia Anzalone, who volunteers at games as the scorekeeper, was angered over the lack of support.

"I think it's pretty disgusting that this city will not support their youth," she said. "I think it all boils down to politics. They pick and choose what they want to do with no regard."

The immediate solution made by the team coaches was to find a place in See HOCKEY, Page 6

Winning record gives 'Gades inside track to Spud Bowl bid

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College Renegades captured the L.A. Southwest Cougars in a 31-8 victory to clinch the conference title and enhance their chances of one more home game: the 48th Annual Shrine Potato Bowl on Dec. 3rd.

"With a winning record, the 'Gades are the heavy favorite and have a pretty good chance to receive a bid on Nov. 23," said Ned Driggers, chairman for the Kern County Shrine Club.

BC re-established its running game early as the 'Gades drove 79 yards in 14 plays. BC running back, Darin Redelsberger, scored first on a two-yard dive into the end zone, making the score 7-0. Redelsberger

finished with 61 yards on 13 carries.

"The I-formation, which is familiar to most of us from our high school days, seemed to help us with the running game," said Darin Redelsberger.

Marcus Phillips, scored the second touchdown from eight yards out to make the score 14-0 in the second quarter.

Phillips, who had a productive night with 59 yards on 11 carries, commended the offensive line.

"The offensive line practiced hard this week and blocked well for us tonight," said Phillips. "We made up our minds to hit the holes and run the ball hard."

Robert Thomas showed his all-purpose ability with a couple of receptions as well as 83 yards on 12 carries. On the night the 'Gades had 200 yards rushing.

Jared Bratcher were effective as they hooked up on a 17-yard touchdown strike to make the score 20-0. The extra point was blocked.

The 'Gades amassed 156 yards in their passing attack.

The Cougars never got anything going offensively. Southwest did manage 124 total yards, but every yard was earned against a brick wall defense.

The only score came late in the fourth quarter on a five-yard touchdown run by Treveon Fulton.

"We are playing hard, taking one game at a time and executing our game plan," said Bruce Carter, 'Gade defensive back.

That game plan was tough to beat.

"Bakersfield College is big and tough and physically beat us tonight," said Henry Washington, L.A. Southwest head coach.

The 'Gades' only score in the third quarter came on a safety when the Cougars were pinned back inside the two-yard line.

Southwest was penalized on the next play giving BC two points, making the score 22-0.

The fourth quarter was more productive as BC put eight points on the board.

Ghilarducci connected with Bratcher on a 20-yard touchdown pass. The conversion was no good. Trevor Lancaster added a 42-yard field goal to make the final score 31-8.

BC will travel to Culver City on Saturday for a 1 p.m. game with the West L.A. Oilers whose record is (6-3).

Even with a loss, the Renegades will have the inside track for a Spud Bowl berth.

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Trustees set to review district audit

The Kern Community College District Board of Trustees will hold a special Dec. 2 meeting at 9 a.m. in conference room C of the district office, 2100 Chester Ave., to hold a work study session to review the district audit report for the fiscal year that ended June 9, 1999.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. in conference room 1A of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office, 1300 17th St.

CORRECTION

The Engineer's Club earned the first place in the Homecoming float competition, not the Intercultural Students' Association as was reported in the Nov. 12 issue. *The Renegade Rip* staff apologizes for the error.



MARK RILEY / THE RIP

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By Robert Taylor / Photo Editor

HOCKEY: Dragons go for the win



If school officials start a clean-up of the trash pile by the horticulture building, it will force us to relocate ... perhaps to the new library.

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Bakersfield for the team to practice and play.

"After the Ice Palace closed down, we had to travel to Sylmar for two practices before our state championship," said Mills, a roundtrip of more than 200 miles to play. Eventually, coaches and parents locked in a deal with the Centennial Garden. In the future, the team hopes to have its own arena.

No matter where they play, the team goes for the win.

"I've been on the team for two years and it felt good to win the championship," said Patrick Horn, 13.

When asked what he liked most about hockey, he instantly answered the question.

"I like checking the most," he said.

CRIME BEAT

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN
Rip staff writer

Social services investigates family

At 8:40 a.m. on Nov. 9, a female staff member in the child development department reported that a child had told her that he and his family were living in a car, according to campus police reports.

The staff member then called the mother, who became angry.

County social services officials were notified and offered to help the mother, but she became belligerent,

screaming that they wouldn't take her baby away. The matter is still under investigation.

Police cadet dazed during training session

A police cadet suffered minor injuries 4 p.m. Tuesday during a self-defense session with another cadet in the Bakersfield College gym.

The cadet was dazed but not knocked unconscious after being hit by the other cadet during a training exercise.

He was taken by instructors to Mercy Hospital downtown to be checked.

Instructor Sgt. Roger Ott of the Bakersfield Police Department said the officer was released after an examination showed no head or neck trauma.

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