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Left, James McMicken, front, and other BC students compete in the watermelon eating contest held Tuesday.

Below, ASBC officials Tadeu Szpoganicz and Sarah Jones partake in the wheelbarrow portion of the obstacle course. The wheelbarrow race was one of four small races comprising the competition.

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Plan for cops fails to add up

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College President Dr. Sandra Serrano is recommending that campus police services be partially contracted out to an outside law enforcement agency. But at least two law enforcement officers, Lt. Bob Bivens, public information officer for the Bakersfield Police Department, and Sgt. Jess Soto, head of campus security, have expressed reservations about the proposal.

Serrano's recommendation was expected to be heard at the Thursday board of trustees meeting. Under her proposal, in compliance with POST (Police Officers Standards and Training), all campus police officers who are not trained to POST standards must receive this training before July 2002. She also recommended that instead of campus police being designated a police department with certified POST-trained officers to carry firearms, the college should contract out with another law enforcement agency to handle crime.

According to the proposal presented to the board, \$524,887 is spent annually on campus police. Contracting out two full-time and one part-time officer would cost roughly \$31,000 more, under the plan.

"How this works is, we will not replace the officers that leave," said Michele Allen, BC spokesperson. "However, no decision will be made at this board meeting. The action is up to the trustees, and (action) will take place in May. They could even make a different recommendation on their own."

But Bivens noted that even with retirements of campus officers, the proposal's costs do not add up. He said that the initial price to staff one BPD officer on campus would be roughly \$103,000 annually. He also said it makes sense to contract out instead of staying with in-house security because although the price seems steep, it really isn't, considering it includes a car, training and around-the-clock patrol.

"I think it is more cost effective as well, because of the training and liability aspect," he said. "In our proposal, we would courtesy patrol the campus at night, if they decide to reduce their staffing at night and we take that over."

The BPD and the Sheriff's Department have both proposed contracting police services with the college. Trustees will seek proposals from law enforcement agencies this summer, according to a timeline presented with Serrano's recommendations.

Soto said that Serrano is anticipating that one part-time and two full-time officers will either retire or quit before 2002.

"Nobody has said they are retiring, but (Serrano) anticipates in the future that they will ... as people come to retirement time, they just won't fill the (vacant) positions until they have 6.5 guards left."

"Maybe they are thinking we are not in the capacity to form an in-house police department because they are in an academic setting. The union prefers in-house security, and are going to discuss this in a union meeting sometime this week."

Soto said that he is aware that the campus police department would stay intact, although the other
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Spring Fling

Students try mud pool, obstacles, in the race for contest prizes.

BY KARI SWEET
Rip staff writer

Students got down and dirty Wednesday in the Spring Fling event "Fishing in the Mood."

"My favorite part was watching all my friends get wet and muddy," said Yvonne Palacios, a Bakersfield College student.

Contestants were required to sit in a pool of mud and pick a single plastic Easter egg. After their choice was made they had to make chicken sounds, and then were allowed to open the egg.

Some contestants got candy and Easter baskets and others got camping gear.

"Fishing in the Mood" was one of several Spring Fling events held this week by Associated Students of Bakersfield College.

Another popular event was the pig leg catching contest.

Six participants got into a pool of water and had to catch fake pig legs in their mouths in under 10 seconds.

"I saw the legs in front of me and bit down," said Ray Martinez, the winner of the contest. "Once I felt it in my mouth I held on and threw it out."

Tuesday's events included a dance contest, a watermelon eating competition, Bingo and an obstacle course.

"The obstacle course was my favorite event because I won a \$20 gift certificate to the Warehouse," said BC student Brandon Turner.

The obstacle course consisted of four races through two orange cones. The first was a wheelbarrow race.

Partners had to take turns being the wheelbarrow.

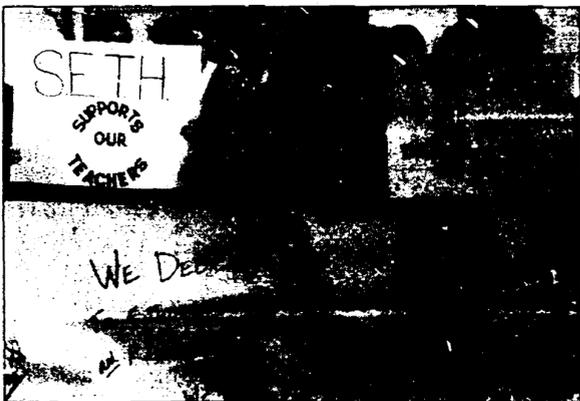
In the second race the teams had to carry a gelatin egg in a plastic spoon through the course in the least amount of time.

The third race was a three-legged race through the course. The final race was a potato sack race.

"It's been fun," said Tadau Pauletto Szpoganicz, ASBC vice president of activities Wednesday. "We have had a good turnout so far."

While Spring Fling ended this week, this Thursday ASBC will hold a spring fling barbecue with food and games.

The annual event is sponsored by student government to allow students the chance to enjoy the spring weather and win prizes.



ARON VIETTI / THE RIP

BC faculty and teachers from other colleges gathered in front of the campus library at a recent contract protest.

Teachers fight 'war' over pay increase

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

Bakersfield College could be facing a faculty strike if the teachers' contract dispute is not resolved soon, says the president of the faculty union.

"I really feel what we're fighting is a war to save the college," said John Gerhold, president of the faculty union.

"They think it's a game. I think if it goes to the point of strike, it won't be long, but we can prepare for a strike."

The Kern Community College District recently offered a salary

proposal that would provide an increase of 7.84 percent over a three-year period. This salary proposal includes a 6.34 percent increase for all faculty and a 1.5 percent increase in salary schedule enhancements. The district says that this will bring Bakersfield College and the other two community colleges in the KCCD in line with the rest of the state.

The faculty, however, rejected this offer. The district, through a press release, said officials are disappointed with this reaction, but teachers say that they are disappointed with the district's offer.

Last Thursday, faculty again protested the lack of mediation among the KCCD's negotiating committee for pay increases. This time, more teachers turned out and teachers from the other district colleges joined the protest. Students also showed up in support.

"In fact we got a lot of teachers at Cerro Coso to wear our T-shirts," said John Gerhold. "The rally was very successful. There were a lot of high emotions, good signs."

Nearly 200 people showed to support the teachers.

The salaries for teachers in the KCCD are among the lowest out of 71 community colleges in the state,

while the administration of the district operates on the second highest budget in the state among college districts, according to Gerhold.

Officials at the district say that "it's a matter of perception." Diane Clerou, assistant chancellor of human resources, said that the district is having to look at other issues at the district level when it comes to pay increases.

"We have to make a balance," she said. "It's not a matter of not wanting to pay them an increase. We have to find a fiscally prudent way to do so."

Students have become concerned
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What's

BY RICHARD ...
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College students ...
Tuesday when a group of ...
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Bakersfield in a ...
committee building.



JON RIEL / THE RIP

Census ad stereotypes African-Americans

BY STEPHANY BULLARD
Rip staff writer

In an effort to reach people to complete the 2000 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau has been on a nationwide campaign with television commercials, billboards, posters and radio advertisements selling different reasons why people should fill out their forms. While most of the commercials, billboards and posters are positive, one of the radio ads stereotypes African-Americans.

Although these advertisements are poorly written, the ads continue to play on most channels that play rhythm and blues and rap music. At first I listened to the ad as a joke, but as I drove to school every morning the same ad would play over and over again until I realized that it was a real ad that was sadly trying to appeal to black America. The mistake in the ad was the implication that all blacks in urban areas spoke in broken slang and never filled out important papers before. This is not true.

One ad is a conversation between two young black males. One asks the other if he will fill out the census form and his friend replies that he doesn't want "the man" knowing where he is and what he's doing. This implies that most black men won't participate in the census because they are afraid that the law will catch up with them.

Another ad featured a middle-aged black woman who starts out talking

Yes, black people are very spiritual, do spend time in their neighborhoods, and black women do frequently go to the salon but this was a bit cheesy to throw all three scenarios into one ad with a woman speaking in an exaggerated ethnic dialect.

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The ad firm Young and Ruben in New York is in charge of these ads. A spokeswoman claimed to be trying to reach the areas where people did not fill out their census and trying to encourage them to fill out the forms.

Perhaps the best way to reach the people who are not filling out the forms would be to visit these different populations and try to get to the root of the problem. Find out why they are not filling out the forms and what it would take to get them to participate.

By going into these neighborhoods and meeting the people and finding out their needs, ads could be designed that would be more accurate and less stereotypical. It might not even be a half-bad idea to get people from the neighborhoods to participate in getting their communities involved.

This problem of stereotyping African-Americans in the census ads is a problem for everyone. These ads are proof that many people are not educated or informed about other cultures or ethnic groups. Since we must all live together it would be nice to understand each other, if not completely, at least enough to have an understanding of how each other feels.

Ironically, these ethnic ads are so offensive that they turn off the communities the government is trying to reach. Stereotyping is a mistake that census officials can't afford to make.

Student describes love for television

BY LAUREN KESEL
Rip staff writer

It recently came to my attention about how pathetic my life has become. I spend too much of my precious spare time frying my brain cells by watching a wide variety of television shows. My so-called life has been consumed by my media-driven, star-crazed, celebrity-obsessed ego and there seems to be no extent to the lengths I will go to satisfy my madness.

Just about every night there are at least a couple of shows that I absolutely cannot miss. I know it sounds pathetic, and that's because it is pathetic. My world revolves around the love triangles on "Dawson's Creek" and whether or not Pacey and Joey, or Dawson and Joey, will ever get together.

I have such high, unrealistic hopes for my own love life, and I always feel happy for my television friends when they find their "one true love."

I guess I'm just the kind of person who would rather watch my television friends' love lives, than to wear my heart on my sleeve, as Hamlet would say.

I like to stay in my sheltered, safe little life rather than to go out looking for love myself.

I don't want to get my heart broken, but it's OK if it happens to a character on TV.

In all honesty, it really does take somewhat of an emergency for me to miss my favorite shows. Bill Clinton could be announcing that the world was going to blow up in 24 hours, and I'd still rather be watching "Buffy" to see if she can stop a couple vampires.

If only television wasn't so wonderful, then perhaps I would have one of those "true love" romances that I've always dreamed of. I love watching these teeny-bopper shows because

there's always that one pair of star-crossed lovers who are destined to be together, and I want to be there watching when it happens.

Recently I had a crush on a really close friend of mine. He was my best guy friend, so I noticed the similarity of the circumstances between our relationship, and my favorite onscreen duo, Dawson and Joey, from "Dawson's Creek."

I was going through the same emotions Joey was going through, so I kept looking to her for all my love life advice, which ended up being a completely stupid thing to do. My friendship with this guy was nearly completely ruined, because I neglected to think about how my friend didn't have the same feelings for me.

I can't even begin to tell you all the pain that ordeal put me through. My heart was completely broken and I didn't know what to do. Luckily my sister was there for me and helped me get through the hard times. Plus I almost lost a great friendship with an awesome guy, all because of a TV show.

While my friends enjoy laughing at me from time to time, it doesn't really bother me. All they have to do is say "Tom Hanks" and my head immediately spins around because I'm dying to know what they are talking about. Sometimes I wish they'd take me more seriously, but I can't blame them. I am a relatively immature 19-year-old who cannot help but love "N SYNC. I figure I'm lucky to have as many friends as I do.

My television obsession is merely a phase, hopefully, that will eventually fade away like some of my past obsessions (i.e. Jonathan Brandis, Leo DiCaprio, New Kids on the Block, "Titanic"). Until then, I'm not going to be ashamed.

And if anyone has a problem with that, just remember not to call during "Dawson's Creek." Or "Buffy." Or "Angel."

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Campus should lobby for funds

Editor's Note: Student Mary Helen Barro asked The Rip to print this letter, so that BC students, faculty and alumni who agree wish her position on the need for improved community college funding also could write similar letters to Gov. Davis and state representatives.

Gov. Gray Davis
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Thank you for addressing the critical needs in California's education. It is high time we placed top priority on educating our students.

However, while good improvements have been made at the elementary school level and the state's university are continually favored, our community college system continues to be underfunded. This is particularly unjust because more and more of California's students are beginning their higher education at our community colleges.

As an example, Bakersfield College professors are among the lowest paid in the nation and our classrooms are overcrowded and lack sufficient computers and other state-of-the-art equipment. Our Board of Trustees cannot stretch the budget enough to serve its rapidly growing student population. What community

college students through out California need is an immediate, major overhaul of the community college budget process in order to bring it into parity with the rest of our education system.

Please help us get this done as soon as possible.

Mary Helen Barro
BC Student

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nathaniel McDaniel, Psychology: "I had some friends over and called them into the back yard where I planted some water mines."

Crystal Moonley, Undecided: "The neighbor pulled a 'Bear With Project' scare test on us in the middle of an orchard."

Hirotsuena Kobayashi, Computer Science: "I needed a car so I said the tuition had been raised up so I could get my parents to send me more money."

Valerie Bravo, Nursing: "I've never played a prank on anyone."

Joe Davin, Undecided: "I have no idea."

Misty Covington
BC Student

Mexico offers good times ... and jail time

BY BRYAN SWAIM
Rip staff writer

Spring break ... a time for sun, fun and relaxation. But for many college students who plan on leaving the country, spring break will consist of binge drinking, muggings and time well spent in a foreign jail.

According to the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs, more than 2,500 Americans will be arrested in foreign countries each year. Many are college students in resort cities such as Cancun or Acapulco for acts such as public intoxication, disturbing the peace and drunk driving. Cities like Cancun often attract students with cheap vacation packages advertising exotic night clubs but be warned, many laws there are just like the laws in America, only with even more dire consequences.

"When you're in Cancun, you just feel more free," said Ronnie Wilson, a BC freshman who visited Cancun for his senior trip. "You can just buy Coronas at the local market and drink them while walking down the street."

In foreign countries, even minor crimes committed can put you in jail or be draining on your pocketbook.

"My friend was getting a little rowdy outside a club in Tijuana," said Tom Delano, a San Diego State sophomore. "The police picked him up and put him in a police car. They said he had to pay up or they would take him to jail, so he gave them \$50 and his new watch."

Sadly, being arrested is minor compared to what some tourists face. Many young Americans have been mugged, raped and even carjacked in some of the larger cities. In the resort towns, common problems are auto accidents, excessive drinking and even drowning due to faulty watercraft equipment. In fact, many resorts offer jet skiing and scuba diving rentals, but much of it is not subject to the same strict safety codes enforced in America. It is advised that all equipment be properly checked before being used.

Although not as present in the resort towns, crime and health is also a big problem overseas. The Bureau of Consular Affairs advises that Americans should not hitchhike or accept rides from strangers, avoid providing personal identification and be cautious using ATM cards. When it comes to health, just be sure to not drink the water, unless it is bottled water.

Of course, traveling abroad isn't all a horror show. It can actually be quite enjoyable as long as the proper steps are taken to ensure safety. One thing to remember is that even though you only have to be 18 to drink, do not abuse that right. Drink moderately and if you plan on getting wild, do not get upset if you end up sharing a cell with some roaches.



ROSEMARY HOBBS / SPECIAL TO THE RIP
A skater performs a rail slide trick at the free skatepark.



STEPHANIE A. BELL / THE RIP
Officers Dave Paquette, left, and Jim Russell, far right, ticket Rosedale Junior High student Jimmy Hill, 14, for not wearing the correct protective gear.

Skaters VS. Cops

Skateboarders claim cops give out too many tickets for lack of gear.

BY LOVEY JOHNSTON
Rip staff writer

So what do you think about when you're flying in the air planning a skateboard trick while anticipating the ground below you?

Whatever it is, the last thing on your mind probably is getting a ticket. But skateboarders at the city's free skatepark at Beach Park are getting tickets from city police for failing to wear the correct protective gear.

Tony Patton, 12, said the Bakersfield Police Department visits the park about every other hour or so looking for violators.

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BC student Christopher Chamber agreed.

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"If you run into repeat offenders, then we bump it up from infraction to a misdemeanor, but most of the time, the kids are getting cited for an infraction," said Reed.

Once someone gets cited, he or she gets a court date. Most of the offenders are ages 16 and under, he said.

"Some kids come out with nothing at all, but most kids are compliant. There's just a few that aren't compliant. They respect the ticket. They don't want to get it."

This rule not only bothers the 18 and over crowd, but it affects those in junior high school levels and below.

Whitaker stressed that even younger children were being ticketed and said younger kids don't even understand what an infraction or misdemeanor.

"I've gotten kicked out because I didn't have a helmet and it's BS," he said.

He also predicted that the park would soon be shut down.

"They're going to end up shutting it down because the courts aren't going to put up with this crap. They're going to have 60 kids in there a day for not wearing their pads and helmets... I know this was going to be a problem in this town."

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'High Fidelity' plays same old song of dysfunctional relationships

BY NICHOLE PERRY
Rip staff writer

The screenwriting/producing threesome of John Cusack, D.V. DeVincentis and Steve Pink that brought audiences the much hyped "Crucial Point Blank" are back in the box office game with the film adaptation of British novelist Nick Hornby's best-seller "High Fidelity."

"High Fidelity" is the reality heavy story of a not so successful late 20-something Chicago vinyl shop owner

Rob Gordon, played by John Cusack ("Being John Malkovich"), who, when faced with the sudden departure of live-in girlfriend Laura (Iben Hjejle), decides to figure out where exactly he went wrong. The movie starts out with the dramatic break up of Rob and Laura and continues with Rob's accounts of his past girlfriends, the top five to be exact. In these stories we come to learn of a man who is passed over for being too random and lacking a certain "spark" that others hold.

Cusack's character relies heavily on flashback and moments of fantasy to draw the audience into caring about his petty, melodramatic existence, but the truth is he seems more pathetic than sympathetic. We don't feel sorry for his lost love stories, we feel glad that the girls were smart enough to leave.

The city life and all the happenings prove to be the most entertaining parts of the movie. Although Hornby's novel is set in London, the adaptation takes place in

Chicago. It is here in the city that Rob and his music obsessed employees/friends, "the musical moron twins," Barry (Jack Black of "Dead Man Walking") and Dick (Todd Louison of "Jerry Maguire"), crawl the club life of Chicago after hours. One night out in particular, Rob meets and falls for Marie DeSalle (Lisa Bonet of "The Cosby Show" fame), the bohemian singer whose remake of Peter Frampton's "Baby, I Love Your Way" would make a deaf man

screech. Bonet's rendition aside, the soundtrack keeps the story afloat with everything from Elvis Costello and The Attractions to Marvin Gaye. "High Fidelity" is a mildly amusing film at best. The problem lives in the formula. It's just a tired story line: man cannot commit to woman, woman strays and finds herself in another unfulfilling relationship and so the cycle begins.

I had hoped to get more out of "High Fidelity," but I was truly let down.



From left, Jill Peterson, Rob John Cusack and Liz Joan Cusack have a talk.

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'GADE FEEDBACK

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Crystal Moonley, Undecided: "The neighbor pulled a 'Bear With Project' scare test on us in the middle of an orchard."

Hirotsuena Kobayashi, Computer Science: "I needed a car so I said the tuition had been raised up so I could get my parents to send me more money."

Valerie Bravo, Nursing: "I've never played a prank on anyone."

Joe Davin, Undecided: "I have no idea."

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Stephanie Manning shows intensity while making the catch for the softball team.

All in the Family

Manning athletic tradition continues with 18-year-old softball catcher.

By LEANNE CAVE Sports Editor

The Manning sports legacy at Bakersfield College has now become "Three men and a lady."

Stephanie Manning will continue the family tradition of her three brothers, Chad, Josh and Zach, for the Renegades as a catcher for this year's softball team.

"She is definitely going to continue the legacy at BC," said Sandi Taylor, softball coach.

Manning said she chose BC for several reasons.

"My brothers attended BC and did well, and it's a good place to start to get your general education out of the way before moving on to a four year, and because BC has a really good program ..."

— Stephanie Manning

While playing for the Babes, Manning and her family got to see a lot and share good times together as they traveled to New York, Connecticut and Chicago.

"I work 16 hours a week," she said. "At this time Manning is undecided as far as a major."

Manning said she enjoys skiing and just hanging out when she's not busy with everything else in her life.

The leaders of the pack, Dave and Penny, also known as dad and mom, attended Bakersfield College in '69-'70.

They are supportive of their children and have always attended their games and supported the school or athletic programs in which their children have been involved.

"We are a very close family," said Penny Manning.

"It's good that they chose BC to get the general education out of the way. They can be close to home, yet have some independence."

Dave Manning, who also played football for BC in '69-'70, was J.C. All-American for the Renegades as well as a Utah State All-American, echoed these sentiments.

"Athletics at the college, (four year university level), especially those away from home can make demands at times that are hard on the athletes. The athletic pressure is conveyed from the coaches down to the players which can sometimes be tough. It's a great opportunity to attend Bakersfield College and participate in athletics here and earn an athletic scholarship to a four year college while close to home."

"BC athletics have been very good to the Manning family," said Penny.

"She is a real student of the game. She is learning to call the pitches and signals that she needs to. Her hitting is getting stronger everyday, she is a hard worker and a great addition to the team and we expect good years from her."

Manning is affectionately known as "Smiley" by her teammates because of her seriousness in practice or about the game of softball itself.

When Manning isn't going to school, studying, (she maintains a



3.3 or better GPA), practicing or playing in a game, you can find her working at Manning's Yogurt, the family business.

team, for three years.

Chad played lineman for BC in '93-'94. He transferred to Purdue University where he was named Academic All-American for the Boiler-makers for two years.

He is presently the vice-president of the Bakersfield College Helmet Club.

Josh played outside linebacker for the 'Gades in '96-'97. He was team captain and was named to the WSC All-Conference team. He then transferred to Utah State on scholarship to play for the Aggies.

Zach played baseball for BC in '98-'99. He transferred to Avila College in Kansas City, Mo. on a baseball scholarship and is doing well.

Stephanie, 18, began playing softball at the age of six. She has played the position of catcher at every level.

Besides playing high school softball, Manning played for the Bakersfield Babes, a summer club

Renegade shortstop signs with the Louisiana State Tigers

By RICHARD D. WHIPPLE Rip staff writer

There's a task that every member of the Bakersfield College baseball team does after practices. Each player has to help with the maintenance of Gerry Collis field. Don't laugh. While this sounds like a simple, redundant yardwork chore that BC gardeners could easily do, the duties require a particular attention to detail and focus. It requires teamwork and hard work to keep the diamond in tip-top shape.

It was this work ethic that enabled BC shortstop Sean Barker to sign a letter-of-intent to Louisiana State University, one of the nation's top NCAA baseball programs. According to BC infielder B.J. Eucce, he is happy with Barker's good fortune.

"He's a hard worker and everything," said Eucce. "It's about time he's got the recognition he deserves and (that) he's got noticed for all of his hard work."

BC coach Tim Painton echoed those sentiments.

"A lot of the work he's put into is now paying off," said Painton. "He's certainly deserving of the interest and accolades that he's received so far."

Last season, according to Painton, Barker was a part-time player for the 'Gades. He was in and out of the lineup, playing the outfield for BC, away from his natural position at shortstop. During the off-season, Barker made a commitment to get in the weight room and get stronger. This year, he has been a stabilizing force in the 'Gades lineup, worthy of LSU's attention.

"He's definitely come a long way," said Painton. "It's very difficult to compare years because there's a big maturity difference between a first-year player and a second-year player at his level. He's bigger, stronger, faster and just a better all-around player than he was in high school. We're real happy with the season he's put together so far."

Barker gives credit to Painton and the BC coaching staff.

"Coach (Painton), (Martinez), (Townson) and (Ursery) (are) probably four of the top coaches in the state," said Barker. "All the experience they have, the knowledge they know. They've a lot to give."

Barker is what baseball legend Lou Durocher would have called a "five star player." A ballplayer who can run, throw, catch, and hit with power. He also is versatile on

the playing field, as he can also play first and third base, as well as all three outfield positions. It was his multifaceted play that attracted LSU assistant coach Henry "Turtle" Thomas to Barker, who recruited him after watching him play in a community college all-star game last fall in Southern California.

"He can play a lot of different quality positions and it looks like he's going to develop in strength," said Thomas.

LSU has appeared in 10 College World Series since 1986, winning the national championship four times. According to Barker, he didn't envision playing baseball for LSU, but is pleased about going down to Baton Rouge to play for the Tigers.

"It's going to be a good experience," said Barker. "Being away from home, being in a new place and trying to fit in and trying to earn a spot there."

To earn a spot on LSU's roster, Painton says that Barker has to continue to improve and progress to become a daily player for the Tigers. Painton thinks that he is up to the challenge.

"Anybody with his God-given athletic ability can certainly rise to that level," said Painton.



Sean Barker, shortstop for the 'Gades, attempts to throw out player at recent game. Barker will play for the LSU Tigers.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE & WITH WHOM

Campus health fair planned for April

The Bakersfield College Student Health Center invites students to participate in the First New Millennium of Wellness Spring Fair 2000. Events will take place on campus on Tuesday, April 25.

The fair has been designed to promote awareness among students, staff and the community in maintaining good health habits as a preventive measure for attaining wellness.

CSU Northridge rep to be at college

CSU Northridge will be on the Bakersfield College campus Wednesday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the free speech area. Representatives will be working with students who are planning to transfer in fall 2000.

Students who are interested must bring a completed CSU application form, unofficial transcripts and check or money order for the \$55 processing fee. CSU fee waivers are available to those who qualify in the counseling office.

Student government seeks officers

Students interested in running for student government offices can apply until 3 p.m. Friday, April 14.

ASBC elections will be held on Tuesday, May 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday, May 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 7:30 p.m.

CORRECTION

The March 31 issue of *The Renegade Rip* incorrectly reported that the women's basketball team had raised \$40,000. The actual amount raised was \$4,000. *The Renegade Rip* staff apologizes for the error.

BY JOE SIMPSON Graphics Editor



TOP TEN BAD TITLES FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAYS

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5. "I Hired Some Chinese Kid To Write This Essay"
6. "Why The Admission Director Loves His Car And Wouldn't Want Anything Bad To Happen To It"
7. "A Few Ideas On What To Do With All Those Annoying Elderly People"
8. "Faith Hill: She's A Good Singer, But Is She Really A Diva"
9. "Instead Of An Essay, Here's A Photocopy Of My Ass"
10. "One Year In College, Then 'Hello NBA'"

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Rubes By Leigh Ruben



the request of the student," said Michele Allen, campus spokeswoman.

Two staff members cars stolen on campus

Two staff members had their cars stolen from campus staff parking lots within two days of each other.

One staff member's car was reported stolen from the northwest staff parking lot on March 27, around 10 p.m.

The loss of the car is estimated at \$4,000. Police have no suspects.

The second car was stolen from the northeast staff parking lot March 29. The employee had parked there around 8:15 a.m. and returned around noon to find broken glass where his car had been.

Bakersfield police found the car around 10 a.m. the next day near John's Burgers on River and Columbus Avenue.

His CD player, tennis bag, a computer center processing unit and staff parking permit were taken.

Student reports stolen CD player

On March 28, a student reported that her car had been broken into and her CD player and CDs missing.

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TEACHERS: Union hints at possibility of faculty strike

Continued from Page 1 about the faculty increase because some of their teachers discuss it in class with them.

Gerhold said that some teachers have expressed that they are finding it hard to support a family and save for retirement with the money they earn.

Another possibility is that the teachers could leave Bakersfield College in search of higher paying jobs. Gerhold said that many teachers would leave if they didn't have strong roots in Kern County.

Although Gerhold and others on the negotiations committee say a strike would not last long, some students said that while a strike would be good for faculty, it could hurt students.

"I have to look at both sides," Lewis said. "It's not good because all that work (from the class) could go to waste, if they strike."

According to Gerhold, recent protests have not changed anything significant within the negotiations. Gerhold's real concern is with the state cost-of-living adjustment.

He says that the district has not given the teachers their fair share of money that was allocated from the state.

"I wish I could be optimistic," he said. "The people around campus are believing that a strike is a real possibility. I think that the district thinks we're bluffing."

But district officials argue that the state is not providing the necessary funds. Still, Clerou said the district does realize the possibility of a strike.

"There are other things in the budget that need priority with COLA," said Clerou.

"We're not getting enough money (from the state). But they wouldn't say it unless they meant it. We do realize that there is a possibility of a strike."

CAMPUS COPS: Plan seeks to contract services

Continued from Page 1 agency would handle all the criminal activity.

He also said many things must be "ironed" out to make the transition work.

Serrano could not be reached for comment, despite repeated requests for an interview.

Allen said that if the college decides to contract out with another law enforcement agency, it will most likely staff only two outside officers

to cover shifts during peak hours. Allen said if this recommendation is accepted by trustees, current proposals would be used strictly for research.

"There is a difference between security and law enforcement on campus. Our security officers would continue to serve the campus, provide escort services and patrol the campus 24-7, and campus police would continue to do all the tasks they currently do."

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Contract Talk

Students don't want teachers using class time to discuss labor problems.

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Baseball battle

'Gades lose to Ventura after Pirates deliver grand slam.

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'Eat your vegetables!'

Mom was right. That college diet of burgers and fries just isn't good for you, say nutrition experts.

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Special election set for transportation pass

BY BRYAN SWAIM
Opinion Editor

As soon as next week students may begin seeing fliers with the bold print "Unlimited Access" advertised around campus. The flier is a joint project of Golden Empire Transit and Bakersfield College to promote a program to let students have unlimited rides on GET buses along

with a parking pass to give students more options when traveling to school. The program will be voted on by BC students in a special election May 9 and 10, according to Tracey Mitchell, ASBC president.

The program, tentatively titled "Unlimited Access," would allow students to board a GET bus for free by showing their GADES card at anytime during the semester.

But this privilege would come at the expense of an extra \$7.50 to \$10 added to the price of all student parking passes each semester, creating a set fee between \$27.50 to \$30, according to Mitchell. The fee would be paid upon registration, making every single student at BC eligible to ride for free, whether or not they ride the bus.

"The aspect I'm looking for is to

give students more options," said Mitchell. "We are trying to be community-minded and these benefits will outweigh the costs."

Some of the benefits, according to Mitchell, would be a decrease in demand for student parking, reduction in traffic and more flexibility for students who can't afford high gas prices or may have car trouble. The plan can be good for

the environment as well. With the decrease in traffic congestion, air quality can be greatly improved, something that Bakerfield has needed for years.

"We are constantly over our air quality limits," said Mitchell. "This will bring down students' gas bills and be good for the community."

Opponents of the measure say that while some students ride the

bus, an overwhelming majority drive to BC and will end up just shelling out an extra seven to ten bucks for a privilege they will never use.

"I don't want to pay extra money for a bus I won't use," said freshman Vanessa Boutwell. "My car gets good gas mileage, I don't need a bus."

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the Triple Crown of Teaching

Jesse Bradford offers personal approach during 32-year teaching career.

BY FRANCIS C. MAYER
Special to The Rip

In Jesse Bradford's African-American history course, there are no clock-watchers. The few pupils who wander in late draw no looks from the class or the instructor. The day's lecture involves the electoral system and students' collective attention is suddenly shook when a student declares that her vote is of no consequence in the grand scheme of things.



Bradford

"Who told you that?" asked Bradford. "Probably some old fart, 'cause that's bullshit. Brothers died to give you the right to vote, so don't tell me you're too busy or it doesn't matter."

Bradford has taught for 32 years, and this year will be his last. His pending departure is sinking in, leaving many aware of the void he will leave. Students in his social science courses realize the significance in being a part of his final semester at Bakersfield College.

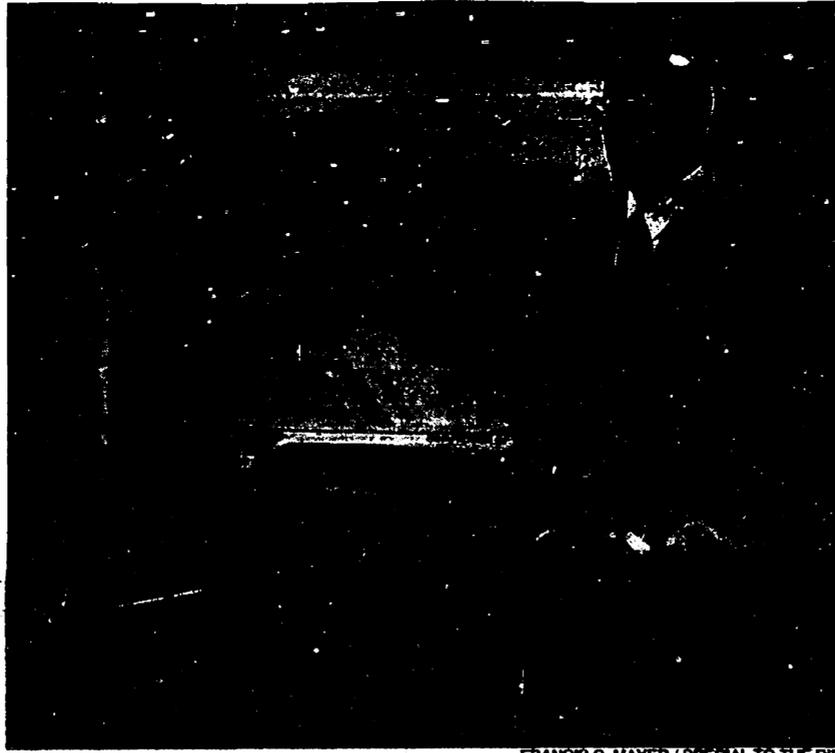
"I thought about dropping his class because I had too many units," said BC student Chris Marsh, "and then I found out he's retiring, and I wasn't going to miss out on it."

Despite his reputation as an entertaining and knowledgeable instructor, much of the admiration for Bradford comes from the work he does outside of the classroom.

"Behind the scenes he's been an outstanding leader," said BC political science professor Jack Brigham. "He's helped families and kids that might not have had the background to be successful in college."

It is a background that Bradford is familiar with. "I know where they came from, because I was there," he said.

A Kern County native, Bradford was raised in Shafter, where he often assisted his parents with their work in the fruit fields. The work ethic he developed there contributed to the athletic prowess he exhibited at Shafter High School, BC, Arizona State University and in the United States



FRANCIS C. MAYER / SPECIAL TO THE RIP

Professor Jesse Bradford will retire from teaching at the end of this semester.

Army. He still possesses two track and field records at BC.

After graduating from Shafter, Bradford earned a tryout with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. The Argonauts ended up not needing his services, but the Army did. In a different draft scenario than most, Bradford utilized his athletic talents to earn a spot in the Special Services, playing football and running track for the Army.

After the Army, he could've settled down at this point in his life. But that isn't Bradford's style in the slightest. In what could be regarded as the Triple Crown of teaching, he has taught at the grade school, junior high, high school and junior college level.

"He's taught at every level, and he's done an excellent job at each one," said longtime colleague Bruce Meier.

And Meier would know, considering that the two spent 28 years as office mates. "That's longer than most marriages last," said Meier. Colleagues and students alike cite Bradford's personal approach to teaching as part of his appeal in the classroom. His candor is renowned, as well as his ability to speak to students in their own language.

"He puts a lot of himself into the lectures," said

"I thought about dropping his class because I had too many units and then I found out he's retiring, and I wasn't going to miss out on it."

—Chris Marsh,
BC Student

student Hassan Malik. "It makes it easier for students to relate to him."

He also brings the perspective of a successful African-American male to the classroom.

"He gives a point of view from an insight that other people, or a white person wouldn't have," said history professor Gaylen Lewis.

The biggest void Bradford will leave involves the African-American studies curriculum that he largely developed on his own.

"He's an icon," said Steve Smith, social science department chair. "I don't think there's any way we can replace him."

The only person to disagree with these assessments is Bradford himself.

"I think they'll find someone who'll do just as well," he said.

However, they probably won't find someone who dresses as well. Dapper in a suit, or sometimes slacks and sports coat, Bradford is always styled to the nines down to his self-manicured nails. His former office mate says no one on the BC campus

See BRADFORD, Page 2

Students gear up for ASBC race

BY BRYAN SWAIM
Opinion Editor

The ASBC election looks to be an interesting one this year, with the president and vice president of legislation positions coming down to two candidates apiece.

"Sarah and I are friends so it should be interesting," said Tadeu Szpoganicz, vice president of activities. Szpoganicz is running for president against Sarah Jones, the current vice president of finance.

The election will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Although there are 26 positions, only 16 students are running, which leaves many to be appointed. The race for the president, currently held by Tracey Mitchell, is turning out to be a heated contest.

"I think the ASBC president should represent and advocate for the students and make them more aware of what's going on around campus," said Jones, who is majoring in political science.

One of her ideas, or what she calls her "pet project," will be to make Memorial Stadium available for concerts and other activities when not used for sporting events. This helps generate extra student income as well as advertising for the school.

"Look at when LFO came, they had to sing at East Hills Mall. The stadium would have been perfect."

Szpoganicz sees the president's position as one of overseeing all ASBC offices, applying ideas decided by the ASBC Executive Board and staying committed to goals. One of his ideas is to improve the parking conditions on campus.

"We have poorly resurfaced parking lots and they are too far from the classes," said Szpoganicz, who is majoring in biology and dentistry. "I want to get a grant to help fix that."

The only other race with two candidates running is the vice president of legislation position. The candidates are Mike Shea and John Hansen.

Hansen, who is majoring in political science, history and law, said in a written statement submitted to ASBC that he has three main goals to bring to the position: to encourage and increase students to become involved in their government, keep the senate on track and establish a more productive voice in shared government on campus.

Shea, who is majoring in history, said in his written statement that he wants to concentrate on bringing together the interests of the ASBC and those of the students by listening to what the students have to say.

The rest of the nominees are all running unopposed, but still have to get a majority of votes to be elected.

For the executive board, Octavio Barajas is running for vice president of communications; Rick Harrold for vice president of finance; Michael Morledge for vice president of activities; and Leon Arellano for trustee

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Some residents fear Giant Sequoia National Monument will cost jobs

BY E. MICHAEL LEDFORD
Rip staff writer

To the left was a volley of cries, vehemently opposed to the Sequoia National Monument. Children carried pickets declaring that the Lewinsky scandal would be Clinton's only lasting legacy. To the right was a barrage of support, as people cheered joyously for their commander in chief, as toddlers sat on walls waving tiny replicas of Old Glory. And dead ahead was the lightning bursts of camera flash from those who just wanted to see the massive Air Force One pull into Meadows Field.

Saturday, April 15, President Bill Clinton landed in Bakersfield and caught a chopper to the Sequoia National Forest, where he designated 328,000 acres of trees as part of a national monument. The layover in Meadows Field Airport lasted no

longer than five minutes, but those few moments were enough to kindle a blaze of controversy on the usually quiet runway.

Secret Service snipers stood post on the flight towers, and protesters picketing the commencement were pushed behind parked buses and out on the street, away from the president's line of sight. Supporters of the monument were able to catch a quick glimpse of Clinton, who smiled and waved from dozens of yards away and quickly disappeared into the Marine One helicopter.

One such protester was Kenny Land, an employee of Sierra Forest Product. Sierra Forest is a corporation that runs two sawmills in the Sequoia area.

"It's been terrible, and this is my biggest complaint so far," said Land of Clinton's presidential terms. "I just think he should have gotten more public input and done what the people wanted. I think most of the

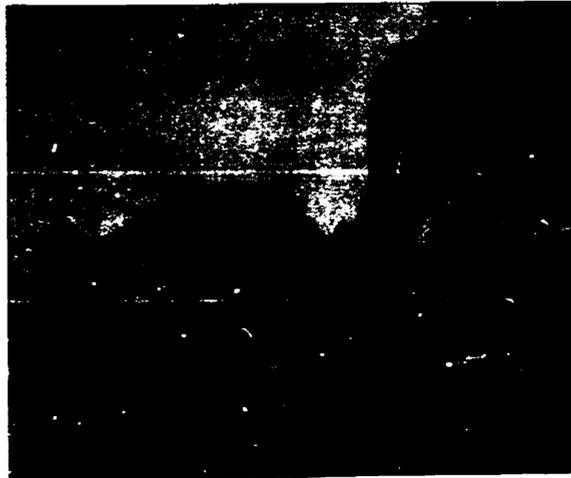
people in the valley are opposed to it. It's going to have a lot of people out of their jobs."

According to Sierra Forest Product representative Kent Duysen, the reduction of tree area available for logging would result in the shutdown of one of the two sawmills. Each mill has a staff of around 100 workers and about 50 loggers. Though the sequoias and all the area 1,000 feet around them are protected from logging by a 1992 presidential proclamation, only 19,345 acres of the 328,000 acre memorial are sequoias.

"There is no scientific reason to set aside that much land to preserve so little," said Duysen. "It's just a political land grab."

Jan Clarke is the payroll clerk for Sierra Forest Product. She has become increasingly worried that the next job to go

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President Bill Clinton briefly stopped in Bakersfield at Meadows Field on his way to designate the Giant Sequoia National Monument in Sequoia National Forest.

E. MICHAEL LEDFORD / THE RIP

'Screenagers'

Douglas Rushkoff discusses modern teens during campus visit.

BY ERIN M. LOPEZ
Features Editor

Douglas Rushkoff began his presentation at Bakersfield College by telling a dirty joke. After this unlikely intro, it was obvious that this wasn't going to be your garden variety speaker.

"I think children provoke fear in us," said Rushkoff as the audience chuckled in agreement.

"They provoke fear for two reasons, and I think both those reasons are exacerbated right now. The first is 'cause they break with tradition, right? They lose values, no matter how great the myths we construct for them, how powerful those teaching stories. It loses something with each generation ... And the second, is that they understand what the hell is going on now better than we do. It's the kid who can program the VCR. You know, as adults, we are all immigrants in a world that is very different from what it was when we were kids."

The author of several books on topics such as net culture and media theory, Rushkoff spoke at Bakersfield College as the Bakersfield College Foundation's Wiley Logan Jones Eminent Speaker.

Speaking mainly on the topic of technological teen-agers, whom he dubs "screenagers," Rushkoff described how adults aren't savvy when it comes to technology.

"We're living in a world where adults feel like immigrants in their own nation and the kids are running around like natives and they seem happy about it. What the big difference is that kids have learned to break the narrative ... as a result they can organize their impressions, they can organize their

experience of the world differently." He discussed how kids today cope with technology and how they differ from their parents' generation. Rushkoff explained how marketers have used TV as a way to program purchasing decisions. He also said TV is used to influence voter opinion and world view.

"They don't call the stuff on television programming for nothing," he told the audience. "They're not programming their schedule. They're not programming their set. They're not programming a computer. They're programming the viewer."

According to Rushkoff, people stay involved in what the programmer has to say because programmers use stories. He said that people of the Baby Boomer generation stay involved with the story because they believe in the one standard story arch that they know. Kids today, on the other hand, "have recognized the narrative" and to a certain extent rendered it useless because they have broken that type of programming thanks to the television remote control and the video game joystick.

"The remote control deconstructs the television image. Even allows them to recombine it different ways, juxtapose images, and certainly get away from commercials, unless they're funny, unless they're safe."

Rushkoff poked fun at adults and how the video game Pong was a magical moment for them.

"Was it a magical moment because you were thinking, 'Wow! I love table tennis and now I have a way to play it without having a garage big enough for a table. And now we have a way to practice 'cause the Chinese are getting really good and they beat us in the world tournament. Thank God I've got a way to play table tennis in an easy to use simulation.' No. It wasn't that at all ... the magic of the moment was that you could control the pixel on the television screen."



Douglas Rushkoff discusses media technology during BC appearance.

PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE A. BELL AND MICHAEL D. ROSS / THE RIP

BRADFORD: Teacher described as BC 'icon'

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has approached him in attention to personal appearance.

"The unofficial title that he's held for 30 years here at BC is best dressed man on campus," said Meier. "Among administration, faculty, classified, and students, no one has matched him in any given year."

The attention to dates back to Bradford's humble beginnings in Shafter. His mother always told him that if nothing else, he would look neat and clean everyday when he went to school. Her belief was to look as good as you can.

"My father would always say 'You're gonna make a sissy out of him, because you keep him too clean,'" said Bradford.

He has accomplished many things, and shows no signs of slowing down. Besides spending more time with his grandchildren, Bradford plans to continue to use the

real estate broker's license he earned 16 years ago.

"He did a good job selling me my house," said women's track coach Pam Kelley.

Bradford wraps up the day's African American history class with a humorous scenario impressing the importance of voting. He jokingly tells his students that one day they might get sent back to Africa after the country passed an initiative that they failed to vote on.

"Then I'm gonna be the captain of the boat, and when I hear you crying about not wanting to go to Africa, I'm going to say, 'Send them to the bottom of the boat, cause they didn't vote,'" he said.

The class erupts into laughter, but it is clear by the thoughtful looks that follow that the message has sunk in. As the students file out, he gives another message.

"Peace be on to you brothers and sisters, and vote."

CLINTON: Brief stop in Bakersfield draws crowd

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will be hers. She was on the scene to protest the memorial.

"I am fighting for my home," said Clarke. "I'm fighting for food on my table. I'm fighting for my health insurance. My husband is disabled and I'm the sole supporter of my family. And he is taking that away from me."

"I live in the Porterville area, and we have no other industry to turn to for any type of a living."

Clarke was dismayed at other memorials Clinton has created during his terms.

"This monument legacy Clinton is trying to implement is nothing but a communistic takeover."

Many rallied in support of the monument however, welcoming the

commencement with open arms.

David Bachtel, a wood shop teacher at Greenfield Junior High, arrived to show his endorsement of the monument.

"We don't have to cut down every tree that ever existed," he said. "I don't mind setting them aside for public use and recreation, and these don't grow overnight. We can protect some now, and let the debate go on."

Bachtel, a semi-regular tourist in the Yosemite, Yellowstone and Sequoia areas, said he disagrees with the disgruntled sawmill employees.

"I know some people have jobs related to it and they feel threatened. I understand that, but I still don't see how setting stuff aside is a bad thing," he said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BC hate crime sparks outrage from counselors

On April 3, a student on this campus reported to campus police that he was physically attacked by other students because of his perceived sexual orientation. We are outraged that such an act occurred, particularly within a community dedicated to providing educational opportunities "designed to address the needs of men and women of all ages, abilities, ethnic identities, life styles and goals" (2000-01 BC Catalogue).

We not only accept, but embrace and celebrate the diversity of the Bakersfield College community. Therefore, we reaffirm that we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive

community in which all students and staff who seek to teach, learn, study, play and/or work may do so in safety regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, religion, marital status, medical condition, disability or sexual orientation.

We also hope that the college administration will investigate and, if appropriate, discipline the alleged attackers, thus sending the message that this kind of behavior will not be tolerated or condoned at Bakersfield College.

Diana Kelly, Counselor
Kathy Rosellini, Counselor
Hoolyse Davajian, Counselor

ASBC schedules events fairly, maintains president

As the ASB president, I became concerned with the letter Ms. Covington wrote to *The Rip* concerning "favoritism" and ASB-1 contacted the President of the

Students for a Free Tibet C J u b R a c h e l W i l l i e, in order to find out the real story.

She did not know who Ms. Covington was nor did she feel that this letter portrayed the situation correctly.

Just to let you know, the Associated Student Body is regulated and governed by the same rules that apply to everyone else. We are given no "favoritism" by anyone when scheduling any event on campus. The way the procedure goes is like this:

In order to reserve a venue one must fill out the proper paperwork. Then the staff, where the form

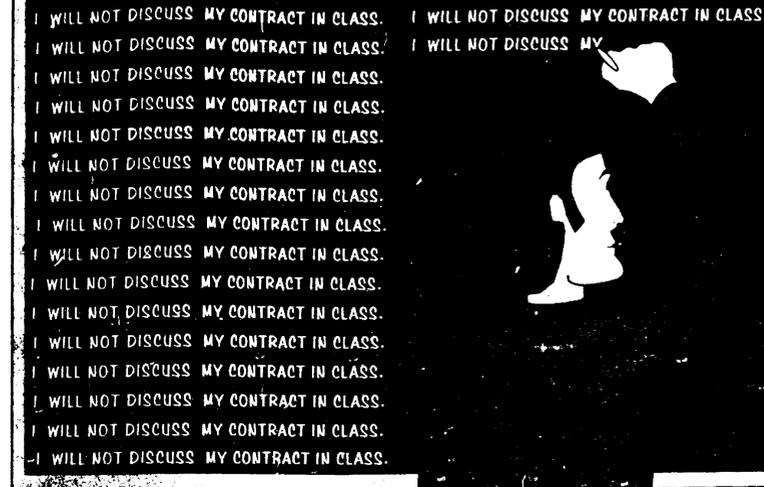
was deposited, enters it into the BC facility request address connected to the BC web page.

Once all the above has been done then the facilities office sends confirmation or denial.

In reality, the Students for a Free T i b e t postponed the event themselves.

Change can only come through involvement. If a student really does not like what ASB is doing on campus they can get involved and not resort to slander.

Tracey Mitchell, President
Associated Students of Bakersfield College



JOE SIMPSON / GRAPHICS EDITOR

A lesson for teachers

Students prefer not hearing about labor dispute during class.

BY NICHOLE PERRY
Rip staff writer

There's an element of etiquette which states it is uncouth to speak about matters of finance. Although BC might not be high society, surely our faculty members are more schooled than to devote class discussions to talk of their lack of adequate pay, cooing students into rallying support for pay increases by offering extra credit, and even in some cases, placing the student into a scapegoat role of lesser pay equals a lower grade of education.

I feel your pain, BC. As college students we know the trials of little pay and long hours, and it is not the fault of the student that the district does not value its employees enough to pay

them a decent salary. It seems that faculty members are wrongly placing the students in an uncomfortable position known as kick the dog.

The pressing question is how does this issue affect the student? Maybe I'm a selfish college student, but I don't see how all this affects us in a positive light. The only way this disturbance will change our lives is in a negative sense.

This whole contract thing has really brought faculty morale down in some departments. Although students understand the bumper that our instructors are going through, it also seems a bit selfish of them to hold this against us.

One example includes a well known instructor who has proclaimed that he will

teach at the level at which he is paid. Let's just say for the sake of argument we do decide to help out. What types of self-motivated attempts do we make to pay tribute to our beloved teachers? How convenient, jump on the district-hating bandwagon and wear your red T-shirt and earn extra credit you missed hung over after that "ragin' kegger" on Friday to hold a "Fair Contract Now" sign. No, better yet, skip class the day before spring break, all in the honor of the O.K.trodden.

OK, maybe a few really do care, but for the most part this does not matter to students. We are far too self-consumed to put enough time aside to care about others.

Hey, maybe our instructors really did teach us something.

Student discusses problem of sexual harassment on campus

BY STEPHANY BULLARD
Rip staff writer

For the past couple of years I've dreamt of a wonderful vacation. Some of the various locations I've considered include Jamaica and the Bahamas. My favorite by far is going on a safari in a foreign jungle. But now when I want to experience the jungle all I have to do is go into the cafeteria.

Let me explain one of my excursions to the cafeteria, since I frequent it so seldom now after this event. I had wanted a drink and went into the cafeteria by the side door to see what my shiny array of quarters was going to buy that wouldn't be found in a vending machine. I went to the register to pay for the drink when I heard a couple of male voices crudely sizing up some female who was obviously not paying attention to them. I looked up to see two boys looking in my direction winking and smiling at me.

Strangely flattered by this odd pair, I attempted to go about my business when all of a sudden seven or eight boys jumped up from tables and attempted to come into the snack bar, shouting out sexual obscenities and trying to get my attention by half nockingly asking me out. I looked past the woman working the register and said to a friend, "I have to go out this way" referring to the



JON RIEL/THE RIP

direction of the jeering boys. To my relief, the woman behind the register told me that she knew we weren't supposed to go out the side door but she would allow me to use the door knowing the predicament I was in. Relieved that I had a quick escape, I couldn't believe what had just transpired.

Although this sounds like a severe incident of flirting I know it was quite possibly a case of sexual harassment.

BC students who I've seen around campus seem to take this serious offense with a grain of salt. I know of at least two women in a class I have who continue to touch and make uncomfortable comments to a male in the class. I stopped a young man in the Campus Center for making a sexually lewd comment to me about how I looked in a skirt, and asked why he thought he could say something like that to me. His reply was along the lines of, "It's that time of year, and boys will be boys. If you guys (girls) are gonna wear short shorts and skirts we're gonna look and say something!"

Most of my friends say that they've had similar things done to them and all they do is ignore it. Simply overlooking this issue because it goes on at all college campuses is not the solution. Many people are justified by saying that it's flirting. It's not. Flirting is when two people engage in behavior and conversation with the means of showing romantic interest, it can even mean only one person is doing the flirting. I was told by

a guy that I should take all the comments as a compliment because if I was not "sexy" I wouldn't get hit on at all, and then about only then, is when I should be concerned.

But this type of poor behavior cannot be considered a compliment because it is offensive. The solution lies in people maturing and realizing that antagonizing people won't get you a date or make you well liked. What can get you is legal action taken against you if the problem becomes serious. Unfortunately, there still has to be written prohibitions of sexual harassment because some do not naturally realize it is wrong. BC has a policy prohibiting sexual discrimination in employment and in education. The college will initiate disciplinary action against people who engage in sexual harassment and interfere with other students and their education.

Teachers should not have to monitor their students. We aren't kindergartners. I intend to retire the Levi's I've been donning and wear skirts and shorts again. As long as it's only verbal assaults, I'll hold my head and tell the people who harass me what I think. All the students, male and female, who have been harassed or still get harassed should speak their minds.

Only then will we not have to watch out for these antagonists and use the side doors. They will have to look out for us.

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GRADE FEEDBACK

JOSE PIMENTEL / THE RIP

Should teachers discuss their contracts in class? Why or Why not?

Darrin Fair, Fire Technology: "Yes, it would tell students their position, their teaching position, and how much they're getting paid."

Kristin Pranann, Global Studies: "Yes, but just about five minutes at the beginning of class to keep the students informed."

Peter Tiziani, International Relations: "Yes, students need to know what's going on and how underpaid [teachers] are."

Christi Dasher, Psychology: "No, teachers should talk about it between themselves. We shouldn't really know but we should support them."

Mike Munoz, Fire Technology: "No, teachers should talk about it outside of the classroom."



Nutrition wars

When fast food calls, college students cramped for time and short on money usually answer. Unfortunately, fast food contains little or none of the nutrition students need to stay healthy.

BY E. MICHAEL LEDFORD
Rip staff writer

Between midterms, pop quizzes and part-time jobs, college students have little time to read food pyramids and even less time to find somewhere healthy to eat. More thought seems to go into clothing labels than nutrition labels.

According to Bakersfield College health education teacher Norm Hoffman, poor nutrition takes its toll on student health.

"They find that college students' nutrition levels decline as they rely more on fast foods," he said. "For example, a Big Mac, fries and a cola ... has only 2 percent of the daily recommended allowance of vitamin A. People need dark green leafy vegetables to meet that criteria of needs and kids just aren't doing that."

Hoffman is part of a growing number of people concerned about student nutrition trends. In a world where students have barely enough time to eat a bag of deep fried potato chips between classes for breakfast, Hoffman said that students are overlooking vital parts of their diet, such as fiber.

"The average American consumes about 11 grams of fiber a

day. The American Cancer Society recommends 35 grams a day."

Fiber aids in the cleaning out of the intestines and may help prevent constipation and colon cancer. Some forms of fiber can also bring cholesterol levels down. Fiber can be found in whole grains and fleshy fruits and vegetables, such as apples and carrots.

As well as a fiber deficiency, Hoffman said that many students are undergoing a vitamin C dilemma.

"There may actually be students at BC suffering from subclinical scurvy, caused by a lack in vitamin C," he said. "Sometimes I ask my students if they've had any citrus fruits, dark green leafy vegetables, or vitamin C supplements in the last few weeks or months and some can't remember eating any."

Scurvy is characterized by blood problems, resulting in bleeding gums while brushing, easy bruising, and a lethargy in the healing of small cuts and contusions.

"Vitamin C is necessary for the production of collagen, which is like cellular glue. Without vitamin C, cells don't heal as quickly," he said.



Registered Dietitian Eva Ropp, a nutritionist at Mercy Hospital, agrees with Hoffman.

"You need a vitamin C source everyday," said Ropp, "such as tomatoes, grapefruits and oranges."

Ropp noted that many long term health problems begin in college, such as diabetes and kidney failure.

Osteoporosis, a condition characterized by weak bones, is caused by calcium deficiencies.

"College students are notorious for their lack of calcium," said Ropp. "They don't drink enough milk. You get calcium from milk, cheese, and other dairy products. Even skim milk is a good source of calcium. Students only get one-half to maybe two-thirds of the calcium they need, especially women."

Deficiencies like osteoporosis are caused by a combination of a lack in calcium and too high a level of

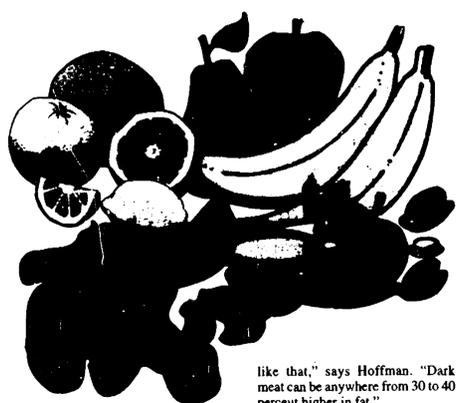
phosphorus, as found in sodas. "Another problem with teenagers is that they drink too much soda," said Ropp. "Even diet sodas have a lot of phosphorus in them. The body tries to keep equilibrium and an aspect of that is that phosphorus and calcium have to be at a proper ratio. If there is too much phosphorus and not enough calcium, your body will pull the calcium out of your bones to regain balance."

The time of day one eats also can affect nutrition levels. According to the American Health Institute, eating heavy proteins after 8 p.m. can put stress on the pancreas, which produces digestive enzymes.

Digestive enzyme production is at its peak in the morning and declines as the day goes on, which is why breakfast shouldn't be skipped and dinner should be small and early.

The American Health Institute website recommends 10 to 15 percent of protein, 60 to 65 percent of complex carbohydrates, and 15 to 20 percent of fat in your diet.

"Concentrate on the white meats, like turkey breasts and chicken, stuff



like that," says Hoffman. "Dark meat can be anywhere from 30 to 40 percent higher in fat."

When it comes to proteins, Ropp said that protein is the part of your diet you should be least worried about.

"Americans are a real meat, fish and poultry people," said Ropp. "We think we need big steaks when in actuality you only need a couple of servings a day, 2 to 3 grams per serving. Protein for Americans are not that hard to get, even if you're a vegetarian. Just eat lots of grains and cereals and maybe tofu. Even if you're drinking milk or soy milk it's not very hard to get the protein you need."

The institute also disapproves of too much alcohol, coffee, tap water, refined sugars and salts, processed or canned foods. Hydrogenated oils, found in margarine, doughnuts, cooking oils and deep-fried foods, also are dangers.

"Fat is the f-word of nutrition," said Hoffman, "especially saturated fats which are animal fats. Fat no more than 20 percent of fat in your diet, read labels, and don't eat food with hydrogenated vegetable oils. There is evidence to suggest it's even worse than saturated fats in causing health problems."

'28 Days' offers realistic, but humorous, look at addiction

BY ERIN M. LOPEZ
Features Editor

Days" is something in between.

REVIEW

Life was just one hell of a good time for Gwen Cummings (Sandra Bullock), a successful New York writer. That is, until her drug and alcohol addictions ruin her sister Lily's (Elizabeth Perkins) wedding and the front of someone's house when she drives a commandeered limo through it. For her DUI, she is ordered to a rehabilitation center for alcohol and drug addictions for 28 days. Hence the title of the movie, "28 Days."

At rehab she is introduced to a variety of interesting practices like chanting and group therapy. Gwen also meets a variety of different people including recovering addict and rehab counselor Cornell (Steve Buscemi), her roommate Andrea (Azura Skye), Gerhardt (Alan Tudyk) and Rosbanda (Marianne Jean-Baptiste).

Commercials have been touting the film as an uproariously funny comedy. Believe me, it's not. But neither is it a depressing, drama about addiction. "28

Days" is something in between. It's a masterful look at addiction from the point of view of the addict. Where "Trainspotting" put you inside of the drug, "28 Days" puts you inside of the human heart and mind of Gwen to show the problems that she was using drugs and alcohol to hide.

Through alternating shots of Gwen reacting to her body as it begins to detox itself, we learn that her mother also was an alcoholic and taught her girls that having fun was the most important thing in life, even if it kills you.

"Trainspotting" used this same type of cut-away shot as a way of giving the audience a way of experience the rush of a drug. Here it is used to explain the reasons why Gwen is the way she is.

The script uses carefully crafted scenes to bring out the humanity in the characters. Screenwriter Susannah Grant certainly had her work cut out for her trying to create a satirical comedy about addiction. The movie gets most of its laughs by showing

Gwen's denial of her alcohol and drug problem with a bratlike quality.

But let's not forget the performances. Bullock has obviously stretched herself in this role and it was a welcome stretch. She played Gwen with an understated vulnerability throughout even the most emotionally charged scenes. Another performance that shouldn't go unacknowledged is newcomer Azura Skye's performance as a 17-year-old recovering heroin addict and Gwen's roommate, Andrea.

The casting directors did a great job in selecting Skye. There is something passionate, yet understated, in her performance.

Most movies that are touted as comedic dramas can't successfully skirt the line between the two and usually become either completely comedy or drama. I applaud the filmmakers of "28 Days." They've successfully skirted the line between these two genres for a refreshing, funny, dramatic and poignant movie about addiction while still revealing its ugliness.



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Gwen Cummings (Sandra Bullock) and her sister Lily (Elizabeth Perkins) share a moment together during Lily's visit to Gwen's rehab.

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Ventura Triumph

Pirates beat 'Gades after third-inning grand slam show.

BY RICHARD WHIPPLE
Rip staff writer

The BC Renegades' quest for the Western State Conference title hit a roadblock as they lost to Ventura 13-11 at Gerry Collis Field April 6.

Steve Gunter's hitting and Jeff Roberts' pitching were the potshots that stopped the 'Gades. Gunter drove in six runs, including a third-inning grand slam that gave Ventura the lead, and Roberts made sure BC was kept at bay, pitching four and a third scoreless innings of relief.

"We've been playing not very good baseball lately," said Ventura coach Don Adams. "We can hit the ball very well, we just have trouble stopping people."

Adams praised Roberts' performance. "He was on fumes and he did a good job of coming through," he said.

BC's woes started when catcher Matt Harvick had to leave the game in the second inning with a strained hamstring, forcing the 'Gades to lift the designated hitter from the lineup and batting the pitcher. According to BC coach Tim Painton, Harvick's injury affected the game.

"We played a National League style of play today," said Painton. "We would've loved to have had Harvick hitting in the four spot today, but unfortunately, that wasn't the case."



VERONICA BENNETT / SPECIAL TO THE RIP

Sean Barker slides into second base as Glendale player attempts to make the out in a recent game.

BC actually got off to a good start. In the bottom of the first inning with Ventura up 1-0, the 'Gades scored two runs in the first and second innings to take a 4-1 lead heading into the third inning. Then the demolition crew for Ventura went to work.

After Gunter's slam gave Ventura a 5-4 lead, the Pirates added five runs in the fourth inning. BC came back to score five of their own to pull within 10-9.

"We kept battling and did what we needed to do and it didn't just work out in our favor today," said Painton. As of Wednesday, BC is 14-8 in the Western State Conference and 20-17 overall after beating Glendale 7-6 Tuesday. BC's next game is Saturday at Citrus.



MICHAEL D. ROSS / THE RIP

Tyler La Salle slides back to first base safely after attempted steal.

BC golf places fifth in WSC

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College golf team placed third at the Western State Conference championships at Satcoy Country Club in Ventura on Monday.

Jimmy Laughlin was the only one to qualify for the sectionals on May 1 at the Rio Bravo Country Club in Bakersfield. Laughlin scored an 81 in both rounds to advance.

"Considering that I'm a freshman and that I didn't know the course, I'm satisfied with my results," said Laughlin. "I'm looking forward to the sectionals."

With a fifth place finish overall in the WSC, it's safe to say that the 'Gades haven't experienced the thrill of victory as far as first place finishes. However, the golfers did manage some success during the season.

"We are better than a fifth place team," said coach Bill Nelson. "We can compete with the conference except for Canyons."

The best showing for BC was a first place finish Feb. 15 against College of the Sequoias and Reddy College. On Feb. 1, BC came in second to Canyons. And on April 3, the 'Gades finished third in a WSC home meet held at Rio Bravo Country Club. At the Santa Barbara Mini-meet, April 17, the team placed fourth.

With the disappointing fact that three top golfers were ineligible for different reasons this season, the team comprised of freshmen managed to have fun and keep a positive attitude.

"This team was easy to coach and a lot of fun to be around," said Nelson.

John Ancheta, a consistent golfer for the Renegades this season with a 76 average, echoed Nelson's sentiments. "The coach made it fun for us and we learned a lot."

"We certainly could have been better with the three who were ineligible," said Nelson. But you just go with the hand that's dealt you.

The regionals are scheduled for May 5-7. The meeting for the seedings will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Gil Bishop Sports Center.

Softball earns second place in conference, awaits regionals

LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

With the 2000 softball regionals right around the corner, it seems as though the only team the Renegades (24-15) can't get past is College of the Canyons.

Canyons has beaten BC the last three times that they have met. On

April 6, Canyons shut out the 'Gades 3-0.

In the last conference game on Tuesday, the 'Gades shut out L.A. Valley 6-0, to end the season in second place. Cortez put on an offensive show for BC as she went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a stolen base to preserve a one-hitter for pitcher Melissa Parcel.

On April 15, BC did its own version of the seventh inning stretch as it rallied past Glendale 4-3. With

Glendale leading 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, the 'Gades managed to load the bases.

Mauricio then stepped up to the plate and smacked a game winning single to clinch the victory.

BC was awarded a forfeit win on April 18. Citrus College did not have enough players.

In its latest quest of Canyons on

April 11, the 'Gades pulled out a 4-1 win over Valley.

In a strong offensive showing on April 13, Tabitha Conner, CeCe Guerra, Sheila Mauricio and Maria Hernandez led the 'Gades to a 10-4 lopsided victory over Santa Monica.

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'GADE NEWSLINE

Orchestra to perform at Fox Theater

Classical music will have a Mexican flare at the Cinco de Mayo "A Celebration of Arts" performance on May 7 at the Fox Theater. Members of the Bakersfield College Chamber Orchestra and the Desert Community Orchestra of Ridgecrest will perform under the direction of Roberto Martinez, BC music professor. They will be joined by one of Mexico's most notable classical guitarists and composers, Gerardo Tamez. The concert begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$3 students and senior citizens and kids 12 and under get in free.

Chicano commencement planned

The Chicano Cultural Center will hold the fifth annual Bakersfield College Chicano/Latino Commencement Celebration for those students who are graduating and/or transferring. The ceremony will be held on May 24 at 6 p.m. in the Indoor Theater. There is no cost and applications are available in the Chicano Cultural Center. Application deadline is May 12 at 4 p.m. Assemblyman Dean Florez will be speaking. For information, call Jo Ann Acosta at 395-4478.

Cinco De Mayo events to be held

The Chicano Cultural Center and M.E.Ch.A. will celebrate Cinco De Mayo on May 4 and 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities will be in the campus center, free speech area and foyer. For more information, contact 394-4532.

BC student art exhibit opens today

An exhibit of artwork produced by BC art students will open today at the Wylie and May Louise Jones Art Gallery in the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library.

Entitled "A Closer Look," the exhibit opens with a reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and continues through May 14.

The exhibit will include selected works produced during the school year by students studying drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture and other media in BC art classes. Admission to the exhibit and reception is free.

Math students attend conference

Seven BC math students presented poster sessions at the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Southern California Spring Meeting at UCLA on March 4. BC students were the only community college students who presented at the conference. BC had the highest number of students from any single institution and accounted for six out of 31 poster sessions. Poster presenters included Oleya Baker, Don Parker, Joseph Gaines II, Hyun-Wook Joo, Reatanak Kong and Brandon McNaughton.

MOVIE MINUTE



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Paul Walker, left, and Joshua Jackson act in "The Skulls."

If you are expecting an Academy award winning drama you undoubtedly will be disappointed with "The Skulls," but if you like action and surprise twists you will be thoroughly satisfied.

The movie takes a look at the Skulls, a secret society at an Ivy League university. We meet Luke McNamara, played by Joshua Jackson, a possible Skull candidate. At first the group seems wonderful until Luke's life turns upside down, complete with high speed chases and whodunit mysteries around every corner.

Knocked by some movie critics as being a teeny bopper movie, "The Skulls" has shown its staying power in local theaters.

—By Stephany Bullard
Rip staff writer

Q&A with Hank Webb

BC theater professor Hank Webb will retire this semester. After he leaves BC, he will sell a line of health products that he describes as "amazing stuff."

Q: "Will this help me get girls?"

A: "Of course it will. You'll grow six inches in height, and your, your"—breaks into laughter—"no. Everyone of your cells will say 'thank you, thank you, thank you.'"

Q: "It'll keep me alive long enough maybe to meet more, right?"

A: "Yes. Plus, your immune system will benefit from it, so when you kiss those girls, you won't get sick."

Q: "Now that you are going to be leaving BC, if you wanted the students and faculty to know one thing that you've picked up, what would it be?"

A: "If this is empty (points to his heart), this (points to his head)



doesn't matter. Love is a transforming thing. Fear cripples ... where you have love there is no fear. But when you're fearful, you can't love. And I know because fear and I are old buddies."

He said that as a result of emotional lows in 1984, he entered three years of therapy. He said that his philosophy of life now is "carpe diem" or "seize the day." He gave this advice:

"Don't miss an opportunity to give of yourself, to give hope, to give encouragement, to make a difference. And you don't have to find a cure for cancer to change the world. You change it one

person at a time with hugs. "I'm the campus hugger. I've converted people who are ramrod stiff, who hated the idea at once, but now are hardened huggers."



GET: New pass proposed

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Many students feel that while BC has five different bus routes, it takes too long to get home on a bus. Some say it is unrealistic to think someone who drives will actually board a GET bus just to save a few extra dollars in gas.

Although the fee will affect all BC students, the ones who ride the GET bus everyday will receive the most benefits. With the unlimited access program, bus riders will save close to \$100 a semester.

According to Kathleen McNeil, marketing coordinator for GET, it is hard to say how many students actually ride the GET bus. But she is optimistic about the proposed program.

"Once put in place," McNeil said, "the students will be more aware, and they can take advantage of this."

VOTE: ASBC election set

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liaison. The chief justice position is vacant. All Executive Board members are paid \$65 per week or \$1,170 per semester and the president earns \$70 per week or \$1,260 per semester.

For the senator positions, these candidates have applied: Jeriah Barden for activities; Alesia Tucker for athletics; Suzi Schwartz for community relations; Patricia Lewis for environmental; Hyun-Wook Joo for finance; Patsy Curry for historian; Katherine White for orientation; Kevin Calvin for political; and Kathy Aleman for court associate justice. Senate positions which are vacant are: bookstore, elections, open forum, parliamentary, public relations, publicity, staff relations, student center, student relations and technological promotions. There is still time to sign up for any vacant positions, which will be decided by appointment in the fall 2000 semester.

CRIME BEAT

Smash and grab at the Grace House

On March 29 at 7:45 a.m. the Grace House, a BC child daycare center located on Baker Street, was broken into. Two windows were broken. Campus police reports state that a telephone estimated at \$100 was taken, with property damage estimated at \$1,000. "Colonia" was written on the porch in graffiti.

Small fires break out on campus

Smoke filled a room in the Language Arts building on April 3 at 9:42 a.m. Campus police found smoke had already filled up LA 221 and the door was open to air out the room. The origin of the smoke could not be located, but smoke could be detected in LA 219 and 218.

Another fire was reported on April 5 at 5 p.m. when a student was putting out a fire, east of the Renegade Room near the FACE building. Smoke also was seen coming out of the flowerbeds near the northeast parking lot.

Police investigate fender-benders

On April 11 at 10 a.m. while backing out of the staff parking lot located on the east side of the bookstore, a woman's car hit a district vehicle. Her vehicle's rear bumper received a small dent.

There was another accident on that date, in the southeast parking lot at 10:15 a.m. An employee backed into a truck damaging the left quarter panel of his vehicle. Damage to the truck is unknown, but damages appeared to be minor.

—Compiled by Lovey Johnston
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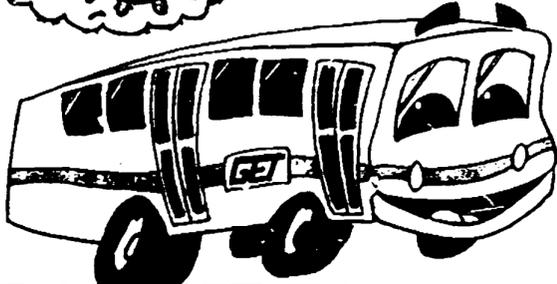
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