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## Administrative retirements create changes

BY FRANCIS C. MAYER  
Rip staff writer

Three long-time instrumental voices in the Bakersfield College administration are calling it quits to enjoy the golden years of retirement.

And for BC, the retirements represent what one administrator described as a "changing of the guard."

Dr. Robert Allison, vice president of instruction, Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities, and Dr. Chuck Carlson, dean of instruction, are set to retire from their posts after this semester ends.

"I think it will be a challenge to

provide continuity," said BC President Dr. Sandra Serrano.

"All of them have 20-plus years with the college, and it's hard to replace people with that kind of experience."

A replacement also will need to be hired for the dean of students position as Dr. Lou Farmakis resigned effective Jan. 31.

Farmakis resigned to take a posi-



Allison

tion at Scottsdale Community College in Arizona.

No haste will be taken to fill the administrative vacancies, according to Serrano.

"Right now we are still in the process of having our reorganization committee, and want to really finalize duty so that we can look at job descriptions and then make announcements for hiring," she said.

She also said that some positions may not need re-filling.

"It's possible that there would be a different alignment and therefore deans might necessarily be moved," she said.

Serrano explained that displaced

deans may be moved elsewhere in administration where "they would have other programs to provide infrastructure."

The impending reorganization played no role in motivating the retirees to leave their careers, according to the administrators.

It was more of a "generational thing," Larsen said.



Larsen

"I had set a goal for a number of years that when I turned 65 in the year 2000, that would be a good demarcation time for a lifestyle change."

Carlson shares Larsen's age of 65, as well as his sentiments regarding the current mini-boom of retirement among administrative officials.

"Due to tremendous college growth, a lot of staff joined the college in the '60s and '70s, so you have a lot of people who have been with BC between 25 and 35 years."

He expects the trend to continue, calling the retirements and reorganization a "changing of the guard."

"One of the problems is that if you have a lot of people in existing positions when you reorganize, you always try to shift things around to match what people have the ability to do."

Carlson said that the ground is fertile for change at BC.

"We have a completely new board of trustees, a new chancellor, everything is changing."



Carlson

## Contract dispute upsets BC faculty

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS  
Editor in Chief

The faculty union negotiations team is tired of playing nice.

After working without a contract since July 1, 1999, the union is seeking a resolution to its dispute with the Kern Community College District.

"We haven't been obnoxious yet, but it's time to be that way," said Inez Devlin-Kelly, chair of the faculty contract negotiations team at a recent faculty rally. "Right now we need dramatic action away from the table."

At the rally last week, Devlin-Kelly and the other members of the faculty negotiations team

encouraged teachers to express their distress over the contract negotiations in the community as well as on campus.

T-shirts that read "A Fair Contract Now" were sold for \$5 and buttons were distributed. The

same T-shirts were worn a year ago during contract dispute.

"It seems like we were in this position not too very long ago, doesn't it?" said Dr. John Gerhold, a member of the faculty negotiations team and president of the union, at the rally.

But Diane Clerou, assistant chancellor of human resources for the district and a member of the district negotiations team, said that the possibility of a quickly settled contract depends on both sides.

"We don't want to drag this out any longer than the faculty does, but the reality is that we have to work

through these issues," she said.

According to Devlin-Kelly, key contract issues such as salary and load are still under dispute.

"Basically, their posture is outrageous," said Devlin-Kelly about the district contract offer. "They are expecting to have takeback after takeback without giving us anything, any benefit, any good thing, and not pay us money. We told them, 'You're going to have to buy these takebacks.'"

Clerou said that she could not respond on the details of the proposed contracts and said she was dismayed that the faculty were

"No one should be talking about the proposals that are changing hands at the table. That is both a

confidentiality and professionalism issue."

Gerhold told teachers at the rally that the faculty salaries are among the lowest in the state compared to other districts.

"The state pays the district about \$5,900 for every full-time equivalent student," he said. "The college receives about \$3,600 per full-time equivalent student. Where does the other money go?"

"In spite of the raise from last year, we're still below 60 out of 71 districts in all wage categories except first year master's degrees. How many people here were hired in at first year master's degrees or are still at that step? Not many and the district understands this."

Another critical issue concerning the contract is binding arbitration. Binding arbitration forces both sides

"Believe me, we'd much rather be spending this time doing other things with and for our students."

— Inez Devlin-Kelly  
Faculty team chair



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Dr. John Gerhold, a member of the faculty negotiations team, explains the need for binding arbitration to teachers at a faculty rally last week.

## Campus center celebrates Black History

BY LOVEY JOHNSTON  
Rip staff writer

Black History Month is celebrated throughout February because of the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is the month that black identity, African-American perspectives and black culture are more noticeable.

"The primary importance of it is that history let's you know where you come from," said Dr. Dwight Johnson, president of the African American Student Union (AASU). "Our history lets you know the struggles that you went through, what you have done, and what you are doing. Within the African-American community there are many places that have been paid when you talk about civil rights, justice and equality. Our history is very vital to the direction of where we go in the future."

Dwight Johnson, president of the African American Student Union, said that. "Our history lets us know about our heritage, past events, struggles and prosperity."

To celebrate this month, Bakersfield College has planned performances, conferences and videos. One of the big events will be the center's 13th Annual Central Valley Youth Conference on Feb. 25, an event that attracts about 200 students.

A new event this year featuring poetry readings and dramatic performances will happen Friday when BC and Barnes & Noble Bookstore present

"Moments in African History," performed from 6 to 8 p.m. at the California Avenue store.

The African American Student Union is planning a trip to Fresno to watch a Step Show Feb. 18. Those interested should go to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center to sign up.

James Kennedy, sergeant at arms of the AASU, said that the events held by the clubs have been successful.

"On campus I've heard a lot about how African Americans can't hold functions without there being some problems," he said. "That's a stereotype given to us from a long time ago. Anyone who thinks that is true can ask security because last semester we held quite a few functions and there was absolutely no problems on any level."

Other Black History Month activities involving BC students and the center include:

Today from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the 1961 version of Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" starring Sidney Poitier will be shown in the Fireside Room. Popcorn will be served.

Two other movies are planned at the same time in the Fireside Room on Feb. 15 and 17, with a comedy planned for Feb. 15. Later on Feb. 17, the center will present a night out at the movies. All BC students are invited to see a showing of "The Hurricane" at United Artists East Hills Mall at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$4.50 for students and \$6.50 for those without a student identification.

On Feb. 19, the Delta Sigma Theta Love Luncheon will be held at Stockdale Country Club. Tickets cost \$30 each and are on sale at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center.

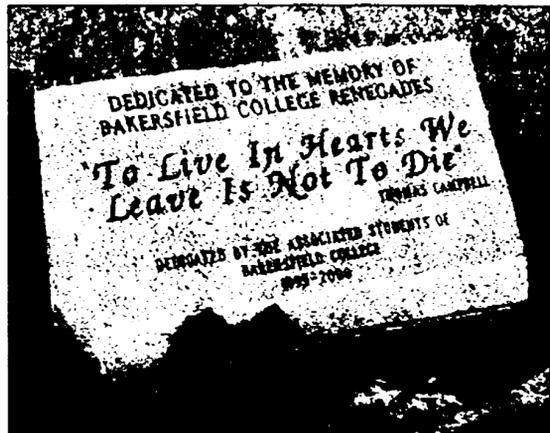
On Feb. 22 and 23, a black caucus conference will be held in Torrance. AASU members plan to attend.

On Feb. 27, St. Peter's Church will hold a restoration center jubilee day. Some members of the AASU as well as the center will attend.

"Our history lets us know about our heritage, past events, struggles and prosperity."

— Dwight Johnson,  
AASU President

## Recent student death inspires dedication of campus memorial



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The student memorial is based at the large rock outside the Campus Center. The memorial came about largely due to the efforts of ASBC president Tracey Mitchell, who came up with the idea as a result of the recent death of BC student Nina Ruiz.

BY NICHOLE PERRY  
Rip staff writer

In April of 1999, Bakersfield College student Nina Ruiz, 19, was killed on her way home in an auto accident. The loss of the young woman brought many people on campus together to mourn her and help her family. But one thing was missing: an area on campus to honor those students who, like Ruiz, had lost their lives.

Although the idea was triggered by the death of Ruiz, the Associated Students of Bakersfield College have created a memorial out of the existing rock arrangement in the area directly outside the Campus Center Foyer, to honor all BC students.

"ASB realized there's no memorial on campus for students, so we decided to take this project past administration, get plans, and work with Eric Mittlestead (maintenance and operations) and Dr. Larsen (dean of maintenance and operations) to get it built and planned out," said Tracey Mitchell, ASBC president.

Mitchell said plans for the memorial had

been in the works for some eight months, with construction starting about three weeks ago.

Money to make the project possible was obtained through SB 135, a fund designated for works for the Campus Center from student center fees.

"Money from the student center fee goes into funds to improve Campus Center for the betterment of students," she explained, "to get equipment needed. It improves the area for students as a whole."

The project included the building of a small, clay brick wall bordering the rock, various flowers in the filled in bed, along with surface work to the rock itself, and plaques memorializing and dedicating the area.

Mitchel is pleased with the outcome of the project and all the effort of those that aided its being brought to fruition, but her concern lies in the responsibility of the students. After just the first day of the new semester, Mitchell was upset to find cigarette butts in the flowers and soft drink cups lining the bricks. It is her hope that

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# Unwanted Infants

## Proposed law will place abandoned newborns in safe hands

BY BRYAN SWAIM  
Rip staff writer

About one year ago in the city of Santa Ana, a man was walking down an alley when he heard a strange noise coming from a dumpster. The man walked over to the dumpster and discovered a surprise. A newborn baby wrapped in a bag was left there to die. The man turned the baby in and after an extensive investigation, the newborn turned out to be the man's own grandchild. The man later found out that his own daughter had kept her pregnancy a secret and out of resentment and embarrassment, abandoned the child in a dumpster.

Assemblyman Ken Maddox to introduce a new bill that will let mothers or fathers who feel they cannot care for their infants to legally abandon their babies within 30 days after the children's birth. Existing laws make it a crime to abandon a child and a parent could face abandonment and abuse charges.

It is a sad issue that faces America every time an unwanted baby is abandoned. Mothers who do not want their unwanted child leave their infant with an even crueler punishment, abandonment and left for dead. Hundreds of cases are reported in America each year, with many ending in the death of the infant. In Los Angeles alone, 10 to 15 are found each year abandoned in dumpsters.

toilet stalls, and highway rest stops. Most are less than 30 days old and are never identified or claimed, according to the Associated Press. The ones that are found alive and not identified face a life of foster care or adoption.

The bill, AB1764, allows any mother to leave her unwanted newborn that is 30 days or younger at a designated facility without the threat of criminal prosecution. The facilities include police stations, firehouses and hospitals. It is basically a way to legally abandon an infant.

This proposed bill offers an easy alternative to the gruesome trend of abandonment and also eases the fear of parents who know they can't take care of their children. Legal abandonment would be a "no questions asked process," which means the parent can drop the child off and simply leave. The child is then taken care of and is most likely put up for adoption or foster care. The state of Texas has already adopted the bill and Florida and Minnesota have similar bills proposed.

# Campus litter creating problems but fining could make more headaches

BY JOSE PIMENTEL  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College has a major problem. The trash that covers the campus grounds is overwhelming. One possible solution to the litter problem is fining people who litter. Other colleges that have done this include University of California, Davis and University of Hawaii, according to Bart Andrus, Director, Student Activities. Of the first time a litterer is caught the fine could be \$5, but after that it would be increased each time. The money from the fines could go into a fund for buying more trash cans, or things that would make the

campus look better.

But fining litterers could cause more problems like who will be giving out the fines and what happens if students refuse to pay them?

Giving out fines for littering might clean up the campus a little bit, but will it clean it up entirely?

Will students stop littering because of the chance of being fined or will it matter? Would such alternatives like putting trash cans in the parking lots be better than fining?

What do you think? Is fining students a good idea or are you paying the school too much money as it is? Please write *The Rip* let us know how you would clean up BC.



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# New law provides more benefits for same-sex couples

BY ERIN M. LOPEZ  
Features Editor

A new law allows gay and lesbian couples to register as domestic partners, giving them hospital visitation rights and health insurance coverage for government employees covered by the state retirement program. With the passage of AB 26, California has become a pioneer in policies of domestic partnership.

In October, Last month, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that homosexual couples are entitled to all protections and benefits related to marriage.

When will the land of the free and the home of the brave have the gumption to give same-sex couples the same rights as heterosexual couples?

By law, heterosexual married couples receive tax benefits, the right to make medical decisions for each other, inheritance and Social Security benefits. According to Eric Potashner, spokesman for Assemblywoman Carole Migden, San Francisco, who sponsored the bill, this small list doesn't even begin to detail the 1,000-plus benefits of legal marriage that federal studies have found.

Potashner said that the new law affirms same-sex relationships without infringing upon religious and cultural implications of marriage. In a society that teaches children from an early age

that marriage is an important part of adulthood, it is wrong to bar someone from the experience of marriage just because of his or her sexual orientation.

But Prop. 22, authored by state Sen. Pete Knight, R-Lancaster, would bar California from recognizing same-sex marriages.

Prop. 22 states only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California. Potashner believes that the proposition is a "misuse of our ballot."

"Taking on one specific group of people in California and trying to hurt them is just angry and hate-filled," he said. It is time to move into the future by trashing the intolerant ways of our past. Let's stop treating people in same-sex relationships as second-class citizens. It is time for gay relationships to receive the same rights and recognition as heterosexual relationships.

# ASBC seeks to fill vacancies with student leaders

BY TADEU PAULETTO SZPOGANICZ  
Vice President of Activities

The Associated Students of Bakersfield College, the governing body that advocates for students on this campus, is looking for leaders. Many students argue that ASBC is a traditional organization for those who are popular.

"That is not true," argues Peggy Brust, vice president of communications. "I wasn't what you call a popular student. I was looking for something to volunteer and help with on campus and someone suggested I join student government." The fact that many students believe that they need to be popular in order to join ASBC is a misconception to them. Who else will advocate if many students are afraid to do something, and why are students frightened because they say they are not popular?

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"If you see something that needs to be done," said Brust, "don't just sit down and tell others to do it; step up to the plate and get involved."

Teri Beece, senator of public relations, stated, "As an officer of the ASBC board you have the opportunity to meet and network with other students, administrators, faculty, and staff. It is gratifying to know that you represent the student population and have the power to change policies and procedures that directly affect the students. By taking an active role in your college experience, you not only gain integrity as a leader, you carry the assertion that you really do make a difference."

Students should join ASBC "because it helps to build organizational skills, self-esteem, and character," said Leon Arellano, senator of activities. "It also helps you become familiar with its institution and faculty."

ASBC is looking for student leaders "who want change to strive for success, and look for a place to make a difference," said Tracey Mitchell, ASBC president.

The governing body has many positions open: Senate positions, Executive Board positions, and Justices positions. Overall, 12 positions are vacant. Applications can be found in the ASBC office and any student is welcome to join.

For further information, call 395-4355. Come make a difference in the life of those who attend Bakersfield College.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Litter on campus can be easily solved by taking responsibility

If students want to rid "their" campus of an eyesore, they need to clean up their own act! Granted, the "pit" is a problem, however have any of the complaining students taken a look around the campus, Campus Center and cafeteria?

Why is it NOT OK to have a pit full of trash but it is OK to make our Campus Center, cafeteria and grassy areas trash bins? Do you think that the rats just stay in the pit? The trash that is left laying around this campus draws critters just as much as the pit does!! At least the rats can be eradicated.

Elizabeth Moore  
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**'GADE FEEDBACK**

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How much are you going to spend on your Valentine? On what?

**Vicid Carrasco, Registered Nurse:** "Forty to fifty dollars. He needs underwear, cologne, and I'm just going to give (them) to him."

**Holly Ruggenberg, Forestry:** "Don't have one. I'm still looking. I don't know how much I would spend. It would depend on how much he spent on me."

**Douglas Bowman, Child Development:** "I wish I did (have a Valentine). I'd get her anything she wanted."

**Garvin Brown, Credit Card Vendor:** "About \$25 or something. Maybe dinner."

**Megan Dickson, Drama:** "I just broke up with my boyfriend of four years, so I'm very anti-Valentine's Day. I'm just bitter this year."

# How do I love thee? Let me count the ways

## With Valentine's Day looming, many are looking for ways to show their affection for that special someone.

BY STEPHANY BULLARD  
Rip staff writer

Looking for something romantic and unusual to do for Valentine's Day?

Believe it or not, Valentine's Day can be spent doing more than just exchanging flowers, chocolate and going to dinner. Bakersfield College students have thought of many romantic ways to spend Valentine's Day.

With the cost of going out being too expensive, some students are considering spending a quiet evening at home with their dates. Nicole Moore, 23, is excited about staying home to spend quality time with her

boyfriend and plans to prepare a special treat for him.

"I'm planning on staying in on Valentine's Day. (We) always go out to dinner. I'd like this time to be cozy," she said.

"I'm planning on cooking my boyfriend's favorite foods and surprising him."

Others, like sophomore Suzanne Stewart, plan on doing more than just eating and relaxing.

"Me and my date plan on having some Mexican food and spending the night practicing some salsa dancing that we've learned. I'm going to decorate my house and set up a table for two."

You don't have to look very far to find ideas on how to make Valentine's Day romantic. Sometimes it's the thoughtful things that can

mean so much. Eighteen-year-old Lloyd Christmas thinks a romantic Valentine's Day idea would be to "send a bowling bag full of Valentine's Day candy, flowers and love notes to your date's class and surprise them. Then after their class, be there to pick them up and take them to go bowling."

For some students, leaving Bakersfield has a certain appeal to them. Mary Blair, a BC sophomore, is excited about her date.

"We actually plan on spending our special night at a Pretenders concert," she said.

Other students, like Arlene Leal and Heather Ireland, also think going out of town would be a good way to spend Valentine's Day.

"I think a good date to go out of town would be to see the Museum of Tolerance," said Leal.

Ireland has visions of the ocean in her Valentine's Day plans.

"A good date to be taken on would be to go to the beach and share a romantic home-packed meal with your date," she said.

BC student John Denver says he has come up with the best idea for a romantic Valentine's date.

"A good date would be to sit around a bonfire underneath the stars looking at constellations and listening to Smooth Jazz 98.5," Denver said. "I think that

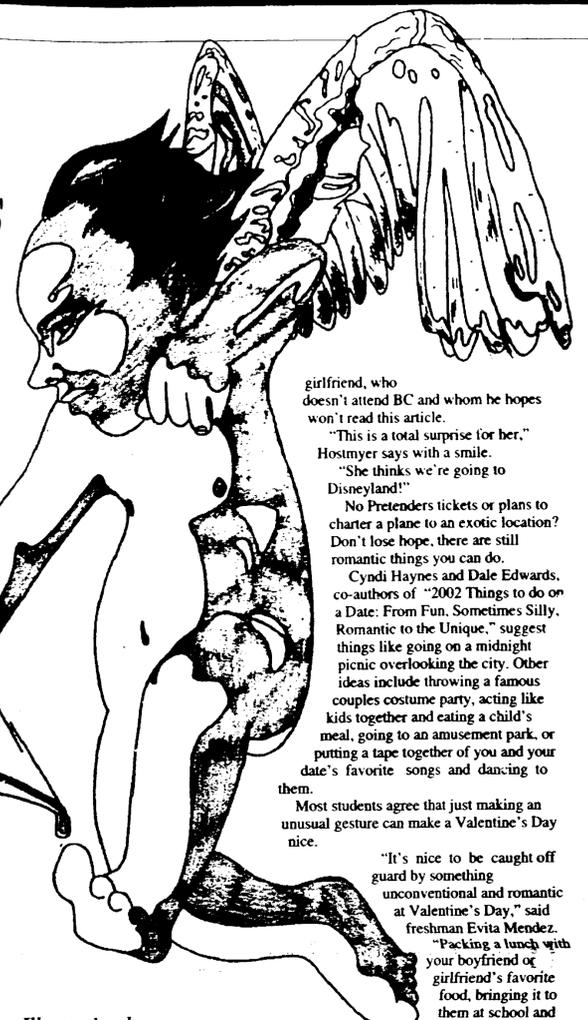


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girlfriend, who doesn't attend BC and whom he hopes won't read this article.

"This is a total surprise for her," Hostmyer says with a smile. "She thinks we're going to Disneyland!"

No Pretenders tickets or plans to charter a plane to an exotic location? Don't lose hope, there are still romantic things you can do.

Cyndi Haynes and Dale Edwards, co-authors of "2002 Things to do on a Date: From Fun, Sometimes Silly, Romantic to the Unique," suggest things like going on a midnight picnic overlooking the city. Other ideas include throwing a famous couples costume party, acting like kids together and eating a child's meal, going to an amusement park, or putting a tape together of you and your date's favorite songs and dancing to them.

Most students agree that just making an unusual gesture can make a Valentine's Day nice.

"It's nice to be caught off guard by something unconventional and romantic at Valentine's Day," said freshman Evita Mendez.

"Packing a lunch with your boyfriend or girlfriend's favorite food, bringing it to them at school and eating it with them on

the lawn would be sweet."

Mendez recalled a special gift that her boyfriend once left for her.

"Once my boyfriend put a sign in the lawn at my house, facing my room, telling me how much he loved me and to meet me at dinner at his house."

# Creative, cheap gift ideas will please your significant other

BY KARI SWEET  
Rip staff writer

Another Valentine's Day is near and most of us are still feeling the effects of all the money spent on Christmas and the new semester.

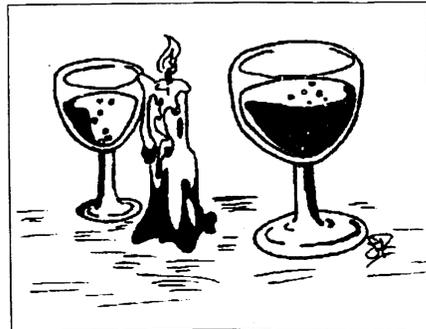
So, how do you show your Valentine that you care without making out your credit cards? It's simple, buy cheap. Here is a list of a few simple ideas on how to have a good Valentine's Day without spending all your money.

Flowers are a must for Valentine's Day. A whole bouquet can be very expensive, so buy a single rose. Grocery stores sell single roses for about \$5. Craft stores sell silk roses from about 69

cents to about \$3.99, depending on the style of rose you want. The good thing about silk roses is they never die. It's not as fancy as a whole bouquet of real flowers, but it is still a nice gesture for Valentine's Day.

Make an ordinary meal special. "Go to Burger King and order the kid's meals. Get the crowns that come with it and wear them out on the rest of your date," suggests Jeremiah Unfried, a Bakersfield College student. Treat your Valentine like royalty while wearing the crowns.

Another idea can be found at [www.rom101.com](http://www.rom101.com). It suggests making heart shaped pancakes. Provided that you are a little artistic with food, just add red food dye to the pancake batter and shape it like a heart.



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After dinner the website suggests roasting marshmallows in the fireplace. If you don't have a fireplace, use a barbecue. This can be a romantic way to spend Valentine's Day.

Poems are always an excellent gift to give on Valentine's Day. Books full of love poems range from about \$7 to about \$15. If you think that a book is too impersonal, write a poem yourself.

"Last year I wrote my girlfriend a song and recorded it onto a tape," said Tim Davies, a BC student. "It looked like she really liked it."

If you are not poetic, copy a poem out of a book and write it on a homemade valentine. Gifts that come from the heart will always be winners. Also, instead of exchanging cards, exchange love

letters. This is a good way to let your Valentine know your true feelings.

Dedicate a song on the radio to your Valentine. If you know your Valentine's favorite song or know of a good love song, dedicate it to him/her on the radio. It's a good idea to call early to be sure to get your dedication in. Be sure that your Valentine is listening to the radio when the dedication is read. This gift is very thoughtful and best of all it's free.

Make a coupon book for your Valentine. Make coupons good for a free dinner made by you or a back rub. These coupons can be made good for many things, just use your imagination.

Remember it's not about how much you spend, it's about how much you care.

# Singles can enjoy many activities rather than being bored, lonely on V-Day

BY LAUREN KESEL  
Rip staff writer

Single people get a break this Valentine's Day because the holiday falls on a Monday this year. It's bad enough not having a date for Friday and Saturday nights, so at least this dreadful holiday falls on an even more dreaded day of the week.

However, not everyone has to have a special Valentine to make the day significant. Rather than feeling sorry for yourself on the most romantic day of the year, try and take a look at the positive side of being single. After all, single people really have the advantage on this holiday

because they don't have to worry about buying chocolates, flowers, teddy bears and balloons for their significant others. So it is especially nice to have no Valentine for all those broke, or next to broke, college students out there.

Freshman Sarena Moore says, "Treat Valentine's Day like any other day." This is exactly the quickest and least painful way to put Valentine's Day in the past as soon as humanly possible.

Rather than sit at home and feel sorry for your lack of Valentine, it's wiser to find an alternative approach to feeling lonely. For example, several activities are planned for that special night where you don't even need to bring a date. Check out clubs,

church groups and community activities to keep busy. Sophomore Reema Abu Shakra offers the suggestion, "Have a party and invite all your other single friends." This way you can fill the loneliness void with everyone else you know who is single.

Another fun suggestion is to create your own imaginary or celebrity Valentine. And if anyone dares to ask you, "Who's your Valentine?" then you can reply with fun responses like, "Brad Pitt," "Taye Diggs," "Jennifer Lopez," "Leonardo DiCaprio" or "Britney Spears."

Another alternative would be to have a self-movie night. You could go to your local video store and rent a whole bunch of movies that you haven't seen, preferably not romance flicks. Or if you truly feel like having a self-pity night, then feel free. Just be sure to stay away

from the alcohol. "Spend (the holiday) with friends, family and the people you really love," says instructor Pam Ward. "Don't feel sorry for yourself."

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"Don't eat an entire box of chocolates," suggests American Sign Language laboratory instructor Cindee Bart. "Eat ice cream instead." This brings up the fabulous

thought that since single people won't be receiving fattening chocolates for the holiday, they won't have to worry about losing the weight than all those "couples" are going to gain.

For those adventure seekers out there, you could always take a trip down to Deja Vu or take a drive to L.A. to watch the Chippendales, depending upon where you think you'd have the most fun.

For the truly desperate, the Internet offers many different romance chat rooms that are filled with people who at least pretend to be single. Those cyber Valentines are more than willing to chat about whatever you desire and then some.

# What a Scream!

The third and final installment to Wes Craven's 'Scream' trilogy continues tradition of humor, cleverness.

BY BRYAN SWAIM  
Rip staff writer

There is a scene near the end of "Scream 3" where an intoxicated film director (Scott Foley) being stalked by a masked killer announces to everyone in the room the classic phrase, "I'll be right back." At this moment, everyone in the audience at Pacific Theatres laughed belligerently. The characters in the film know the rules to a horror film, but it's fun to watch them break them anyway.

That's the kind of cleverness and self-aware humor that you come to expect from the "Scream" series and "Scream 3" is no exception. After a suspenseful opening sequence, the film takes us to Hollywood, where production of the mock slasher film "Stab 3" has come to a halt due to recent murders of two of the actors. It seems that the actors are being killed the same way as their characters are in the script. On hand as technical consultant for the film is Dewey Riley (David Arquette) as well as TV reporter Gale Weathers (Courteney Cox-Arquette) who is looking for the latest scoop. Both characters are veterans from the first "Scream."

Meanwhile everyone's favorite innocent heroine, Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell), has remained incognito and lives in the town of Woodsboro under a new name and identity. But soon her life will once again be the subject of another real life horror film.

## MOVIE REVIEW

Without giving the plot away, it's safe to say that "Scream 3" delivers. There is a great scene involving Randy Meeks (Jamie Kennedy), the film buff from the first two films, explaining the rule of trilogies.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DIMENSION FILMS.

Above, Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) and Dewey Riley (David Arquette) star in "Scream 3." Below, Sarah Darling (Jenny McCarthy) receives a mysterious phone call.

"In a trilogy, the body count is always higher and nobody is safe. Even the hero can die in the final chapter."

—Scream 3 character Randy Meeks (Jamie Kennedy).

"In a trilogy, the body count is always higher and nobody is safe. Even the hero can die in the final chapter."

The urgency and build up of scenes like this make it even more frightening to see an innocent young woman run from a knife-wielding killer.

Of course a "Scream" film would not be a "Scream" film without its trademark comedy and "Scream 3" is filled with it, even during scenes of intensity.

It was fun to pick out the cameos in the film by Jenny McCarthy, Roger Corman and even Carrie Fisher, who has the funny line, "I was up for Princess Leia, but you know who gets it — the one who sleeps with George Lucas."

The film's main weakness is that it often gets repetitive in the slasher scenes. Although veteran director Wes Craven knows how to keep this genre fresh, a viewer can only watch so many scenes of a character getting stabbed in the back. The ending may also leave certain viewers longing for more.

Aside from that, "Scream 3" does a good job of concluding one of the most popular horror series of all time.

# CD offers music you won't find in 'Scream 3'

BY STEPHANIE A. BELL  
Rip staff photographer

"Scream 3, the album," does an effective job of promoting America's new slasher franchise. The album was executive produced by kid-tested-parent-approved hard rock band, Creed, and hit stores a full two weeks before the film was sent to theaters.

Creed is best known for their profanity free, uplifting and seemingly religious radio hits and although they are not high on the hip pedestal, the band has managed to put together a pretty even mix of today's Nu-Metal elite.

This soundtrack doesn't really kick into high gear until the second track, which features newcomers Slipknot. "Wait and Bleed," is an indecipherable metal wall of noise. For some reason though, it does grab the listeners attention. It is followed, however, with the dimly boring "Suffocate," which is brought on by the band Finger Eleven.

Fortunately things do look up with a track from System of a Down. "Spiders," is the second single off of the soundtrack and off of System's debut album. "Spiders," is on the serious subject of dreams and is a dark and slow track.

Another track on the soundtrack that clashes radically with the image the band has already projected out for the public is Static X's contribution, "So Real." This is seriously a dance song. Static X is known for full on speed metal that is full of screams and loud crunchy guitars, but this track sees them embracing technology and an even a more melodic sound, which isn't a bad thing.

Most of the songs on "Scream 3, the album" are just pulled from the current albums of the featured artists, which is mostly the case for Orgy's track "Dissention." The song is featured on the group's debut album "Candyass." The mix that appears here is an alternative version which incidentally has all of the profanity substituted with other words. While this doesn't hurt the song's meaning, it sort of takes away from the anger that singer Jay Gordon is trying to convey in the song.

Almost none of the songs on this album actually appear in the film, but the disc is a pretty well rounded sampler of what is hot in rock music today. However, fans of the bands on this album may be disappointed because there are not any new songs from any of the featured artists.



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# Richert resigns as head coach

BY LEANNE CAVE  
Sports Editor

It was an emotional day when Coleen Richert resigned. The Bakersfield College volleyball head coach has successfully guided the 'Gades' for nine seasons.

"The hardest thing I had to do was tell my players," said Richert.

"I cried almost the entire time I was telling them."

"When she came in to tell me she was crying," said Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe.

"And we are very sorry to see her go, but we understand where she's coming from. Not only is she a quality coach, but a quality person."

For Richert, family needs to be top priority at this stage in her life.

"Coaching is a total commitment at this level and I have a husband, Jeff, and two small kids, an 8-year-old son, Isaac, and a 6-year-old daughter, Regan, who require a lot of attention," said Richert.

"They have school activities that I would like to be involved in. I don't want to be one of those parents that wishes they would have been more involved in their children's lives."

"This is an awesome athletic program that has your best interests in mind. I'm not resigning from coaching forever. I hope to be coaching at some level, maybe with my children."

One only needs to step inside Richert's office to see the success.

The walls are covered with clipped

articles, team pictures, some of which are conference championship pictures and a certificate that reads, "In recognition of Coleen Richert's 100<sup>th</sup> victory."

While at BC, Richert has compiled a 124-66 record, guided the 'Gades' to six playoff appearances in her first eight years, brought home four Western State Conference championships and was named WSC Coach of the Year in 1993 and 1997.

The 36-year-old said her greatest moment as BC head coach was when the 1993 team reached the state tournament, where it captured fourth place.

A volleyball player herself, she played on the 1978 Highland High School state volleyball team and was recruited by various colleges after high school.

She decided to attend the University of California at Los Angeles, where she played as an outside hitter and helped lead the Bruins to a Division I national runner-up finish in 1981.

She also has toured with the Athletes in Action volleyball team, coached for the Kern River Volleyball Club and was an assistant coach on CSUB's 1989 national championship team.

Richert said, "God has given me the ability and talent to be a coach and I have tried to use my talent."

She will continue to teach her health classes through the spring semester and assist in the transition/training of a new coach.

"Coleen will be missed," said Stuebbe.

"She has established a quality volleyball program for BC, and has always taken care of business."



The field house has been Maranda's home away from home while taking care of BC athletic needs.

# Managing without Maranda

After 25 years, BC equipment manager will retire this year.

BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE  
Rip staff writer

March 31 will be a sad day for Bakersfield College athletics.

That's because longtime athletic equipment manager Ray Maranda will retire that Friday after giving Renegade athletes a hard time in the field house for 25 years.

"We're going to miss him," said BC Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe.

"He's kind of a funny around here and we're going to miss him because he does a great job and he's a great guy to have around."

BC sports spokesman Ken Lay agrees. "I don't know if you'll find anybody as dedicated as he is," said Lay. "He's here sometimes seven days a week. He'll do just about anything. If you're ever in a pinch, you could always ask Ray for a favor. He'll give you what you need."

Maranda, 60, was born in 1939 in St. Paul, Minn., where he became interested in running track and cross country. It was through these sports that he first discovered BC.

"I had a brother that was working here at the time," said Maranda. "Dr. John Collins was the cross country coach. My brother, we were communicating through letters of intent, he talked to Dr. Collins and he (Collins) said, 'Well, bring him out. We

could use some runners.' Everything fell in place."

Maranda came to BC after graduating from high school in 1957. After lettering for the 'Gades in cross country, he spent three years in the Army overseas, where he continued his success as a runner.

"I found out the duty was really great," said Maranda. "Anybody that wanted to go out for sports, you didn't have to pull in any extra duty, so I just signed up for the track team. Lo and behold, I did pretty good."

Among the more memorable moments, according to Maranda, was winning the 800, 1,500 and 3,000 meters at a United States Army track meet in Hamburg, Germany.

He moved back to Bakersfield, where he worked at Foothill High School as a groundskeeper in 1962. It was there where Maranda became interested in athletic training as he befriended the school's equipment man.

"When he came and told me that he was leaving, he said, 'Ray, why don't you take over? You'll love it. It'll be great. I wanted to be around sports, so I thought I'd give it a shot. It's been a great profession.'"

Maranda went to various sport clinics to

obtain the experience needed to perform the duties, such as taping ankles. After six years at Foothill, he worked seven years at East High School, starting in 1968, before coming to BC as an assistant trainer under Jack Keithly in 1975. Five years later, Keithly retired and Maranda took over.

"I had to take care of everything, then Fred Smith came along as a trainer. We were both athletic trainers, they made a position for him as athletic trainer/equipment supervisor and so forth. As that came along, I just decided to just take care of the athletic equipment and Fred took over the training duties."

Even though Maranda has a reputation of being candid with players and coaches, he is willing to help any athlete out, said BC football player Michael Prestridge.

"If you're irresponsible, he'll let you know. If you're missing something, or if you left something at home, he'll give you some flack about it, but he'll straighten it out. He'll give you what you need."

Michael Prestridge, BC football player

"If you're irresponsible, he'll let you know," said Prestridge. "If you're missing something, or if you left something at home, he'll give you some flack about it, but he'll straighten it out. He'll give you what you need."

Lay agrees. "He might razz you, but Ray's a great guy," he said. "If you show Ray respect, you got a friend for life."



STEPHANIE EMERSON / THE RIP

Richert said she enjoys the time she spends coaching.

## BC Student Information

### Important Spring Semester Dates

February 11	★★★	Lincoln's Day Holiday
February 18	★★★	*Last day to withdraw from semester length classes without receiving "W" grades
February 21	★★★	Washington's Day Holiday
April 3	★★★	Last Day to file for graduation
April 17-21	★★★	Spring Recess
April 28	★★★	*Last day to withdraw from semester length classes and receive "W" grades
May 18-25	★★★	Final Examinations
May 25	★★★	End of spring semester
May 25	★★★	Commencement

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#### Admission & Records Office Hours

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The office operates on extended hours a week before school starts, and during the first three weeks of the semester: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (No payments accepted after 4:30 p.m. Friday.)

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## 'GADDE' NEWSLINE

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WHOM

### Annual BC faculty art show continues

"New Directions" is the title of the annual Bakersfield College Faculty art show at the Wylie and May Louise Jones Art Gallery in the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library at BC.

Faculty artists featured in the exhibit include Al Davis, Theresia Kleenman, Nelson Richardson, Rachel Slowinski, Marlene Tatsuno and Harry Wilson. Media includes oils, photography, ceramics and computer design.

Regular gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The show continues through March 3. Admission to the show is free.

### Controversial movie to be shown

The controversial labor union movie "Salt of the Earth," starring award-winning actress Rosaura Revueeltas, will be shown Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 96 Sterling Road.

Admission is free. Seating is limited. In addition, there will be a short video presentation with comments from Clinton Jencks, one of the main actors.

Suppressed in the McCarthy-era 1950s, the movie's sociopolitical message was one of racial equality, gender roles and stereotyping. The film, which has won numerous awards, is about the true-life struggle for racial equality of a Latino mining community in New Mexico striking for equal pay for equal work.

Since the movie concerns labor unions, the producers and actors were blacklisted and branded communists. Most of the actors were the actual participants in the strike. During filming, fights broke out with vigilante groups, bullets were fired and homes of those involved were set on fire.

### BC scholarship applications are due

Bakersfield College scholarship applications for 2000-2001 are due Monday. Returning and transferring students are eligible to apply for scholarships.

For more information, contact Joan Wegner at the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships at 395-4425.

### Workshop to focus on media diversity

California Chicano News Media Association is presenting a workshop for journalism students on Media Diversity on Saturday, March 18, at California State University, Northridge.

Students will have the opportunity to practice news writing and have their work critiqued by professional journalists from broadcast and print media.

There will be a presentation on how to find out where the best jobs in journalism are. A free lunch and continental breakfast will be served.

The workshop is open to students of all ethnicities. Seating is limited, so interested students must make reservations by calling (213) 740-5263.

### 'Stomp' returns to Bakersfield

The award-winning musical production "Stomp" is returning to Bakersfield for a third engagement Feb. 18 - 20. It will be performed at Harvey Auditorium, located at 1341 G St.

"Stomp" is an eight-person percussion group that uses everyday items — like garbage cans, oil drums and match boxes — as instruments.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday, at 5 and 9 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are \$25, \$33, \$36 and \$39. Student rush tickets are \$15 with I.D. one hour before each show.

For more information and tickets, please call 325-6100 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Rubes By Leigh Ruben



Nerd taunting ... a natural part of evolutionary heritage.



BY NICHOLE PERRY  
Rip staff writer

### Sick student taken to San Joaquin Hospital

Campus police were called to the bus depot area on campus Jan. 24 with reports of an ill student. The student had complained of chest pains. Hall Ambulance was called to the scene and the student was taken to San Joaquin hospital.

### Two students involved in minor accident

An accident was reported on Jan. 25 involving two cars in the northeast parking lot at approximately 4 p.m. A male student was backing out of a parking space when a female student, making a right turn in the driving lane, hit the right rear bumper of the car.

Minor damage was reported to his car backing out of the space, while heavy damage occurred to the passenger side door of the other vehicle.

### Campus police remove Budweiser drinkers

Two men were found on the south side of the stadium at 11:45 p.m. the night of Jan. 27. A witness said he had seen the men in the area. One of the subjects had laid out three 22 ounce Budweisers on a nearby bench. Officers informed the men of the no-alcohol policy on campus and escorted them out of the area.

### Student's car window broken, purse stolen

A student reported her '94 Volvo had been broken into Jan. 25 between 6 and 8:30 p.m.

The passenger side window of the car had been smashed and her purse stolen.

### Vandals break staff member's car window

A faculty member reported damage to her car on Jan. 23.

The staffer reported to campus police that her '95 Chevy Cavalier, which had been parked outside the F.A.C.E. building, had been tampered with when she discovered the rear driver side window had been broken. The car was found locked and nothing was taken.

No objects used to break the window were found in or around the car.

## CONTRACT: Salary, load remain key issues of dispute

Continued from Page 1 — the union and the district — to accept decisions made by arbitrators during disputes. The union is seeking this as contract language.

Faculty also were concerned with an item on last week's Board of Trustees meeting agenda on how to spend excess funds.

"I thought we didn't have any," shouted one faculty member at the faculty rally.

"That's what they keep saying," replied Devlin-Kelly. "And if we don't have any excess funds, why are they reviewing the policy for how to spend it? This is totally inappropriate for them to even be thinking about how to spend excess funds when they claim that they don't have any."

Faculty and students went before the Board of Trustees last Thursday to express their concerns over the contract negotiations.

According to Devlin-Kelly, Chancellor Walter Packard suggested establishing a statewide committee to lobby for increased funding for colleges. Devlin-Kelly, however, said that while this approach is admirable, it will not resolve the problem. She said other colleges in the state presently operate within the same budget as the KCCD and still pay their faculty higher wages.

"That's a good thing to do," she said about lobbying for additional funds, "but does it resolve the problem? No, it ignores the problem."

Devlin-Kelly said she thinks the trustees are concerned, but not enough is being done to help resolve this issue.

"I think the trustees are genuinely concerned about faculty problems, but I think up to now they have not understood what the problems were. It's unfortunate that it took a demonstration to get them to focus on what the problems are."

And according to Kate Pluta, an alternate faculty negotiations team member, students is what this issue boils down to.

"We're not able to offer as many classes as we used to. We may not be able to hire, we may not even have the option of offering the position to the best candidate. All of that affects students."

## MEMORIAL: ASBC hopes students respect its importance

Continued from Page 1 knowledge of the sites purpose will help students to preserve its importance.

"I would hope that due to the nature of the project that trash won't be thrown in the flower bed of the memorial."

Students agree with Mitchell's sentiment, stating a certain level of respect, often lacking among BC students, must be displayed.

"I think it's OK... as long as students respect it; the level of maturity has to be shown," said student Susana Espinoza.

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## Queens of the Ring

Female athletes demonstrate that they can hold their own in the boxing arena.

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## Hot Hangouts

Rip staffer explores local clubs and bars to find best drink specials, college nights.

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## Out of Bounds

Too many athletes have been involved in assaults and murder this year.

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# THE RENEGADE RIP

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## Students encounter problems enrolling

BY DANIEL F. HUNT  
Opinion Editor

The Kern Community College District unveiled its new Internet registration system last year and many students have found that logging on to the site has proved to be a time-saving effort.

But some students at Bakersfield College also have encountered problems with the Banweb system that has resulted in them waiting in line to fix the problems that the

system caused.

Christopher Robbins, a BC student, said that he was lucky enough to have a copy of his schedule after registering via the website. The roll sheets for his classes did not have him on the list.

"I enrolled online," said Robbins, "and when I came to class, I wasn't enrolled. I had a printout of my classes from Banweb and so the teachers enrolled me."

Robbins felt that Internet registration is a good idea but, he

said, the bugs still need to be fixed.

"It's frustrating," he said. "It's a great idea if someone who knew what they were doing used it. It's confusing."

Many students enrolled online with the help of computers located in the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library. One student tech who works in the computer commons said that he had problems logging on.

"I logged on and I found out I was enrolled in a class that I didn't sign up for," said Lloyd Winn. "I think

that it's a very good idea, but the glitches are a problem."

Winn had to seek the help of his counselor, who straightened out the problem when school started. He said that he has had to help many students that encountered the problem while in the computer commons.

"There are a couple of things that made problems," said Sue Vaughn, director of enrollment services in the Admissions and Records office. "It used to be that no one could not

register the Thursday before school started, because the roll sheets would be printed. Now, even though the windows may be closed, the telephone and web system are open for students to enroll."

"If they registered after the Thursday before school started, then you have four days of people who enrolled after the roll sheets, so that's the problem."

Vaughn said that because the services are run from the KCCD side of operations, that all the billing is

done from the district. She said that the problem of some students being dropped from classes is a result of those students not paying their bills within 10 days.

"Many people register within all the formats and they don't pay in time, that's when they would get dropped," Vaughn said.

Another reason why many students were either dropped from classes or not billed was because they failed to follow-up. Sue See BANWEB, Page 6

## Bush nephew spreads word to 'my generation'

BY DANIEL F. HUNT  
Opinion Editor

The March 7 presidential primary is creeping into California, and with that, George P. Bush, nephew of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, campaigned for his uncle at Bakersfield College.

"I'm here to get the message out for what my uncle's all about. To spread the word, to speak with people of my generation," said Bush.

He said that his uncle is a great candidate for the executive office is because, "He has a sense of what's going on in the mind of our generation, things that are most important."

He addressed about 100 students in the Indoor Theater on Feb. 9. His message: That younger Americans should make voting a responsibility. He also campaigned heavily for his uncle, stating that the governor is a true reformer who will, among other things, try to free up more money for struggling college students by way of more Pell Grants.

"He has united the Republicans and Democrats to bring about reform in education and welfare," he said. "[Gov. Bush] is a firm believer in the Republican ideal of the strong government, which is a body of compassion conservatism."

Bush, son of Florida Gov. Jeb



ARON VIETTI / THE RIP

George P. Bush informed students of the need for young adults to vote.

one of the toughest schools around, he said.

Recently he has been serving as a legal aide for a Miami law firm in Mexico City and Buenos Aires, Argentina. He joined his uncle's election camp and has been traveling the country trying to drum up support for Bush's campaign.

This campaign stop was organized locally by the Republican League of Women Voters as well as members of the local Bush campaign. Bush fielded questions for almost a half hour, stating that his uncle stands for on issues like abortion, health care and education.

"I think the fact he came to our college makes people think that there is a campaign going on and that they need to start asking questions and forming opinion now," said Sarah Jones, 19.

Ryan Bohning, 18, liked his comments.

"He's 23 and that helped his argument a lot and he had some good answers to what is important to college student."

His visit exposed a lot of the audience to his uncle's views, which may help Bush in the upcoming primary.

"Basically, it's all in the family, to try and win some votes," said Bohning.

"When someone shows up in person, it makes a big difference."



ARON VIETTI / THE RIP

## Patty-cake, patty-cake ...

Recent health fair provides fun and medical attention for local families in need of health services. See story Page 2.

## BC Virtual Enterprise class to host educational trade show

BY STEPHANY BULLARD  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College will host the first ever California Virtual Enterprise Trade Fair next week. More than 26 schools will send students to attend the event that includes business trading, competitions, dinner and entertainment.

Some students from Austria, who usually communicate with BC students via the Internet, will actually attend the trade fair in person, according to Carolyn "Bebo" Logan, instructor for the Virtual Enterprise class.

The trade fair, which will be held Feb. 23-25, will be in BC's Gil Bishop Sports Center where the students will participate in simulated e-commerce. Logan said the trade fair will be a good experience for students.

"(It will be) an opportunity for all the virtual businesses to get together and meet each other and communicate with representatives," she said.

Both college and high school students will have their

virtual businesses showcased.

The student participants will compete for prizes for best display booth, best product catalog, best web page and best company slogan.

The Virtual Enterprise class was created in spring 1999 but did not actually get off the ground until this year. The idea for the class was actually taken from Europe.

"(There were) practice firms in Europe, and then the program was brought to New York in 1996," said Mike Ivey, the other instructor for the Virtual Enterprise class.

Virtual Enterprise students manage and market their online business, Surreal Entertainment, selling simulated products such as mock concerts and sporting events to other virtual businesses.

They have had a variety of events that are unique. CEO of Surreal Entertainment, Alicia Hunt, has the task of coming up with new ideas for events.

"We've had events like soccer in Germany and in Czechoslovakia, a slush fest with skiing and snowboarding competitions with a concert, and a boxing

match in New York," she said.

The students are planning "Korn Stalk," named after the Bakersfield-based band, a three-day event similar to Woodstock.

They have a website that displays their events at: [freeweb.digweb.com/entertainment/Surreal/surreal.html](http://freeweb.digweb.com/entertainment/Surreal/surreal.html).

Once BC students sign up for the class they must complete an application and submit a resume so that instructors Ivey and Logan can put them in a department within the business that best suits the student and will benefit the company.

"This is run like a real business," said Ivey. "We run payroll, hire and fire people, promote others and write up employee disputes."

The students in the class get hands-on learning in the class. They learn from the various tasks, such as creating new events and marketing ideas, what it's like to run an online business.

Many students are enthusiastic about the class and are getting a lot of experience in business.

"The class is so enjoyable because it's so realistic. You learn so much everyday. You're kind of thrown into it and you learn quickly," said Hunt.

Both Ivey and Logan are happy with the students' progress and want Virtual Enterprise to grow on BC's campus.

"We would really like to grow (the Virtual Enterprise class) and have more than one class on campus," said Logan.

Ivey is optimistic about the growth of the class, due to the results seen at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"They started with one class and grew to seven. I'd like to do the same on this campus, and even have different companies."

The class is organized and yet the students have a lot of freedom to make their own choices and decisions. Ivey and Logan like to do more advising than structural teaching and are dedicated to the program.

"(I'm) very excited about it. Our program is new and innovative," Ivey said.



ARON VIETTI / THE RIP

The pit will now serve as a garden for the horticulture classes. It was cleaned up over the winter break.

## Removal of trash heap creates area for horticulture garden

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN  
Rip staff writer

Thanks to hard work and extra hours put in by custodians and administrators alike over the break, the "garbage pit" by the Horticulture building has been filled in with dirt and is ready for it's "victory garden" to be planted by horticulture students.

The pit, which caused a stir among students last semester, was filled with outside trash such as mattresses which attracted mice on campus.

"It cost about \$10,000 to fill in,"

said Eric Mittlestead, director of plant operations. "We had to demolish the incinerator, fill it in with dirt and smooth it out like a road."

Paul Van Flooten, horticulture student, said the first thing he noticed when he returned to the area was that the pit was gone.

"I think (this place) has got potential now," Van Flooten said. "I would like to see us put in some trees and something that would be positive in (the new area). Something to say that we are here and at the service of the campus."

"We can hopefully make this a

place where people will now want to come and get interested in ornamental horticulture just by looking at what we have done," he said.

Jeanna Foy, horticulture instructor, is thrilled that the pit has been filled.

"Custodians worked on filling in the pit during the break, and I am so grateful. Irrigation was put in and the area was filled in and smoothed out. Our agreement was to put in the grass ourselves."

"I want to make a lot of changes now," she said. "I want to put the name 'Horticulture' on the wall, and

I have never done that because the trash pit was right there, and it was embarrassing."

Foy said that the department is considering putting a bench in the area, or work on fund-raising for a possible memorial to be dedicated to an adjunct faculty member who recently died.

"We really want to turn this place into a positive area for the students. We've requested a dumpster, because now we have no place to dump our green waste so it can be used for recycling. We have seven or eight bags (of green waste) piled up See HORTICULTURE, Page 6

# Health Problem

Due to lack of trust, minorities may not be getting the health care they need.

BY LOVEY JOHNSTON  
Rip staff writer

Minorities sometimes don't receive needed health information or services because they don't trust the system, according to Tahra Goraya, health educator and assistant manager of Ebony Counseling Center.

That's why Goraya was at the African American Community Health Fair last weekend at the county fairgrounds.

"Minorities don't get the information," she said. They never trusted the system because the system has never been fair. So why go to the system?"

She said that the reason the health fair was held at the fairgrounds is because "the fairgrounds are in the heart of the community. It's close to the community that traditionally is underserved."

Why are minorities underserved? "I feel the reason for that is not because they're black or Latino. If you don't know, you're not gonna be able to get the help needed," she said.

"A lot of it is information and 'Where do I go?' Every culture has its eating habits and lifestyles. Once someone knows that they have a problem, then the next question is how do I fix it and how do I go about it."

She said that cancer, heart disease, diabetes, blood pressure, and HIV are the most dominant health problems within the minority community.

HIV is beginning to rise among minorities, with Latino and African American young women and teens most affected.

"It can happen to anyone," said Goraya.

This was the second year for the health fair.

More than 61 vendor booths provided information on specific services, including free services and consultations such as heart, chiropractic and blood pressure checks.

"We get a chance to talk to the parents as well as interacting with the kids," said Al Johnson of the Bakersfield Firefighters Legislation.

The event also helped new businesses such as Cool Quencher promote its products, including a new premium nonalcoholic drink that tastes just like the "bubbly" but doesn't give the after effects.

"There aren't enough booths," she said. "There should be more people involved. I'm a physician. My health and my family's health is very important to me. We'll be back here next year. Me and the munchkins."

Ana Violante said this was her second year at the fair.

"If I don't take care of my health, who will?" she asked.

Goraya said that while Ebony Counseling is a referral center and not a clinic, information is vital.

"The more information you give somebody the more empowered they are to do something about their health and to let them know that they are guardians of their own body," she said.

"What they choose to do is up to them. If they want the help, we want them to let them know that we're here."

Ebony Counseling also presented a teen talent show with the theme, "Choosing a healthy life for us, our families, and our community."

The program was divided into two parts.

The first part welcomed visitors with a few acts, while the second half included reflections on Black History followed by the remaining acts.

The show featured teens age 13 through 19.

The counseling center also provides a peer mentoring group that involves teen mentors from Bakersfield College and California State University, Bakersfield.

Along with Ebony Counseling, other major sponsors of the health fair were Golden Empire Transit, Kaiser Permanente, Dedicated Dental, Bakersfield Firefighters Legislation, Pacific Bell and Texaco.



Left: Al Johnson of the Bakersfield Fire Department pins a toy fire badge on Doreen Ortiz as Jazmine Ross looks on.



Above: A young child examines one of the many booths at the African American Community Health Fair at the Kern County Fairgrounds. The health fair offered a range of services to families and their children.



Left: Angelica Harling takes a break after distributing pamphlets for Clinica Sierra Vista.

# Fallen Heroes

More NFL players are being accused and convicted of violent crimes than ever before.

BY LEANNE CAVE  
Sports Editor

Violence has increased dramatically in the National Football League. Your favorite football player who you once looked up to and considered to be your "sports hero" may be locked up these days.

The sad reality is that far too many sports icons have become fallen heroes. They have been involved in beatings or have been accused of murder. They have lied, cheated and robbed. They are drug addicts, steroid users and many have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol as well as drugs.

Violent acts are not new to the NFL, but it seems that today they are becoming an everyday occurrence. The National Football League now is being called the "National Felony League." The majority of players are being branded for the actions of the few who are committing the crimes.

Former Carolina Panther, Rae Carruth, was charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of his girlfriend. Her unborn child survived the assault. He sits in a jail cell.

Baltimore Raven middle linebacker Ray Lewis, who had been voted as a starter in the Pro Bowl, was charged with a double murder resulting from a fight outside an Atlanta nightclub after Super Bowl XXXIV. He sits in jail.

This season, Indianapolis Colt defensive back Steve Muhammed was charged with battery in the beating of his pregnant wife. He was cleared. Miami Dolphin rookie running back Cecil Collins was charged with two counts of burglary.

Kansas City Chiefs' Patrick Vanover has repeatedly been mentioned in an investigation involving a huge cocaine and marijuana ring. Vanover hasn't been charged. New York Jets wide receiver Wayne Chrebet and Indianapolis Colt fullback Keith Elias were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and Elias was charged with resisting arrest outside of a New Jersey bar at 4 a.m.

When will it all stop? When will all players, not just a chosen few, pay for the crimes they have committed?

Do we dare call these people our heroes? What kind of a lifestyle will our youth of today, possibly the professional athletes of tomorrow, have when we condone these athletes' actions or let the NFL get by without taking control and taking a stand?

It should be one time, you're out, you pay the price for the crime you have committed. It seems as though there are too many second and third chances for these glamour athletes.

The big boss franchise owners are not to be commended for handing out millions of dollars to less than mature individuals with high dollar price tags just because they can run fast or leap 30 feet in the air or because they have that kill the quarterback instinct. Football is a rough and competitive contact sport where the athletes are paid for making the big hits.

Rocky Bleier, who played for the Pittsburgh Steelers and continued to play in the NFL while serving his country in the Vietnam War, said, "The experiences with war injuries and football injuries are quite the same."

There are interesting parallels between survival in war and survival in the NFL," according to a column by Josh Casey, Dallas sports writer.

It seems as though many of the NFL stars are taking their work home with them. Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson said,

"I've been a part of this league for 40 years and I just can't remember so many cases of a criminal nature. It's getting out of hand," according to an Associated Press story.

It's sad that today's NFL is made up of players who play for the love of money instead of the love of the game.

It's past time for the NFL and owners to stand up for what is right and make the violators pay the price for the crimes that they have committed. If they don't, what does the future hold for professional sports?



JON RIEL / THE RIP

# BC faculty should get better pay, more respect

In this "cowntown" called Bakersfield, there is a gem that has been kept a pretty good secret. It's called Bakersfield College.

Here we have some of the finest instructors to be found. We have Randy Beeman, who teaches history, who has won not just some local yokel contest, but is the recipient of the highest national award in the US of A. Steve ESO can prove statistics on a computer is not rocket science, anyone can do it. Professor Wise, an expert on rocket science, is in our chemistry department. If you need to know how to use a computer, Carol Logan, Mike Ivey and Karen Shah can show you. Anna Allen in sociology, who started our intern program in human services, has her students now working in our community serving you. Becky Whitsett, an alumni, is very pro-student, she can really "psyche" you out. Mr. Rhea rides his bike to campus on his days off to help students with logic classes. Speech instructor Helen Acosta's classes win award after award. There are so many more in many departments, too many to mention here.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is dedication. These wonderful instructors are oozing with information ready to be absorbed by their students. When you walk by a class that is over and students are still there to ask questions and pick the instructor's brain, that is a compliment. The instructor has turned on the "light bulb."

Yes these same people who are reading tomorrow's leaders in our communities, I am ashamed to say are the lowest paid teaching faculty in the system. How long can we expect to keep the high level of quality instructors here at Bakersfield College when they can go teach for more money anywhere else? These people have families, mortgages and bills to pay like everyone else. The cost of living continues to rise yet their wages have stayed the same. How many readers have gotten to a place in your careers without a college degree? Some have, but in the future it won't be that way. Even the registers at Burger King have a finger-touch computer screen for the server to take your order.

If you want your kids prepared for the future, do something about it now. We don't want to lose the fine professors we have to the other colleges. Raise our instructors' wages — now!

Sharon Olson  
BC Student

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# Death of Charles Schulz marks end of an era

BY ERIN M. LOPEZ  
Features Editor

AAAAAAAAAUGHHHH!!!

That, in a nutshell, was my reaction when I found out that "Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz had died. I had already been dreading February 13 ever since Schulz had announced that it would be the last day new Peanuts would run in newspapers around the globe.

February 13 came and I started the day by reading the comics, like I always do. I had finished reading the letter Schulz had published as the closing in his comic strip when I heard my mother gasp. Now, if you knew my mother, you'd know that that specific gasp is reserved for when someone much beloved has passed on. You can imagine my shock when my mother turned the front page of the newspaper toward me and emblazoned on it was the headline, "Charles Schulz dies."

It felt as if someone had kicked me in the gut. Just writing about it now causes tears to well up in my eyes.

It's hard to imagine the impact Schulz has had in my life and in other people's lives as well. I never had the pleasure of meeting the man whose close friends and family called Sparty, but if I had I would thank him for his contributions to Americans. He gave children and adults around the world something to relate to that wasn't permeated with the cynicism of today's society. He gave those of us who were Charlie Brown throughout our school years the comforting thought that even if you can't kick the football, that doesn't mean you shouldn't try your hardest.

Charlie Brown, Linus, Peppermint Patty, Marcie, Lucy and Snoopy helped me get through my own awkward teen years when everything that could go wrong, went wrong. Even though the "Peanuts" gang were just characters in a daily comic strip, it gave me the strength to laugh at my own shortcomings. I had always hoped that one day I'd be more Snoopy than Charlie Brown.

Charles Schulz said that he infused a part of his personality into every "Peanuts" character. That was the part that people around the world reacted to because they were reacting to that secret part inside of themselves. Everyone knew exactly what Charlie Brown felt whenever his kite was eaten by the kite-eating tree. We've all had those moments in our lives.

I've had moments and memories in my life that were the direct result of the "Peanuts" gang. It's a family tradition to watch both the "Peanuts" Halloween and the Christmas specials. It's a travesty in our family to miss them.

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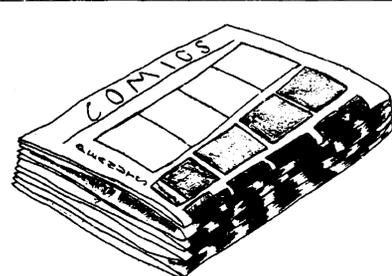
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Charles Schulz, how could we ever forget you?

It's hard to imagine that Schulz never could understand the success of his comic. "It is amazing that they think that what I do was good," he said. What Schulz did was good. Through the eyes of his "Peanuts" characters, we have been able to see our own human frailties.

In his letter announcing his retirement, Schulz said, "Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy... how can I ever forget them..."

Charles Schulz, how could we ever forget you?



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What's the best thing to do in Bakersfield? Why?

Angelica Vasquez, Liberal Arts: "Go to the movies because there's nothing for underage people to do."

Jermaine Brown, Corrections: "Kick it with your friends because that's the only thing to do."

Susana Espinoza, Psychology: "Hang out with friends and party in orchards."

Brad Newsburg, Astronomy: "Go to the astronomy planetarium because it brings you closer to the stars."

Tiffany Holtwell, Liberal Studies: "Take a stroll in the evening on the bluffs."

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# For college students, it's bar-hopping 101

Clubs offer variety of deals, drink specials for those looking for a good time.

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS  
Editor in Chief

Picture this: You're sitting at a bar downing a Bud Light and up walks the most incredible girl or guy that you've ever seen. You share a couple drinks and exchange phone numbers. The next thing you know, he or she begins stalking you and you're left with a boiled bunny rabbit and no escape.

This situation could have been avoided had you hit the bars with a strategic plan of attack.

Start off with the warm-up bars. Pick a mellow place with cheap alcohol to get ready for the night's louder hangouts. Goose Loonies is an ideal choice. The sports bar offers 16-ounce drafts for \$3 and 32-ounce mondo drafts for \$4 and the all-you-can-eat peanuts will take care of those munchies. This is a great opportunity to practice your pick-up lines so that you don't make a fool out of yourself in laer deliveries.

Goose Loonies often features the more mature adult crowd in the late 20s to early 30s. Music tends to be of the hard rock nature.

Once you're armed with an arsenal of cheesy pick-up lines and your body holds enough alcohol to counteract any hesitation your brain might normally impose, move on to the party bars.

Be sure to bring a coat, though. These bars are usually so packed that you'll find yourself standing in line outside for quite a while. Riley's is a prime example. This bar appeals to the younger, just-turned-21 crowd. You may find yourself in line at Riley's for long periods of time. Fortunately, the alcohol you've already consumed will desensitize your body to the cold weather.

If you don't want to stand in line freezing to death, visit the Grizzly Bar. Since the bar lies



THE YOUNG ADULT CROWD AT ROCKIN' RODEO'S METROPOLIS DANCES THE NIGHT AWAY DURING A RECENT COLLEGE NIGHT. MICHAEL D. ROSS / THE RIP

inside the DoubleTree Hotel, you get to wait in line in the heated lobby. At the Grizzly, you'll find a very diverse crowd. Elder adults staying at the hotel often visit the bar to join in on the party and the 21-year-olds love to visit also. Although packed, small drink stands throughout the bar prevent having to try to force your way back to the bar for beverages.

Just across the way you'll find Rockin' Rodeo. This is a true dance club and a great spot if the lines aren't too long. The club offers music for both country and rock fans. A large dividing wall separates the room, so that you can just switch areas if you tire of the music. This also is an ideal dance spot featuring large, multi-level dance floors.

The second level dance floors add comical value since you get a great view of the dancing guy who has less rhythm than he thought. You also will find the girl in the skirt so short you might mistake it for a belt and the shirt

so tight she looks like she borrowed it from her little sister's Barbie.

If this is what you enjoy, visit Rockin' Rodeo Wednesday nights for its college night. College nights are a great opportunity for lots of cheap alcohol and food. For \$1.50, Rockin' Rodeo has Tequizas, Coronas and "Margaritas on the rocks" - translation: small cup, lots of ice. Its college night also offers a unique twist - the mini-skirt competition.

Ah yes, girls in scant clothing strutting their stuff to win money. God bless America. There is \$500 in prize money available to be split among the winners of the competition. And few guys would want to miss a mini-skirt competition.



BC STUDENTS ESTEVAN CHAVEZ, 22, LEFT, AND JERIAH BARDEN, 25, RIGHT, ENJOY AN EVENING OUT AT METROPOLIS. MICHAEL D. ROSS / THE RIP

College nights are great because you can usually show your college I.D. and get into clubs and bars with cover charges for free. The main attraction of college nights, however, is drink specials.

For a different musical flavor, go to Jelly's. The music is often live and offers a more diverse sound. Bring a crowd, however, because the small aisles tend to get overpacked and you'll have to force your way through.

# New album is 'Killah'

BY BRYAN SWAIM  
Rip staff writer

Whether you like to admit it or not, the Wu-Tang Clan have fallen off the past three years. After bringing us the classic LP "Enter the Wu: 36 Chambers" in 1993 and successful solo albums from Method Man, ODB, Raekwon, Gza and Ghostface Killah, the clan just haven't been the same. After their 1997 LP, "Wu-Tang Forever," all the solo members released their own material. But the absence of RZA as the head of production made it

abundantly clear that the Wu just were not the same. Until now...

With "Supreme Clientele," Ghostface Killah single-handedly brings back the freshness and playback value we all love about the Wu. Ghostface, known for his thrown-together rhyme flow and ferociousness on the mic, manages to bring us a worthy follow-up to his debut 1996 LP "Ironman."

The thing you will notice first about "Supreme Clientele" is how good the production is. Although RZA only produced two tracks, he had final edit on all 14 beats and brought the whole album together as one. Most of the beats are a return to form, using a lot of sampling of movies and old soul songs that the Clan is known for. Take the track "Wu Banga 101" for example. It's a posse cut with a dark, laid back beat that includes a constant looping of a woman's voice. Between the verse changes of Cappadonna, Raekwon, Masta Killa and Ghostface, the song stops and you get a sample from who knows where. It's production tricks like this that makes the Clan a step ahead of other hip-hop families. The track also contains an opening GZA verse that's worthy of classic status.

Another blazing track on the LP is "Buck 50." This song is full of that raw, dark energy missing from the Wu over the past few albums. Ghostface is helped out by Method Man, Cappadonna and Redman, the only non Wu member to rip it up since Nas on "Verbal Intercourse." Redman adds his trademark humor to rap with lyrics like, "y'all ain't trained to brawl / y'all more like a training bra."

"Supreme Clientele" is not a flawless album like its predecessors, but it shows the clan moving in the right direction. With this album, Ghostface Killah proves that the Wu-Tang Clan can still ruckus.

## REVIEW

# Renegade hoops are playoff bound

BY LEANNE CAVE  
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College women's basketball team (22-9, 9-2) has an outside shot to share the conference title with College of the Canyons.

BC will need a victory Feb. 16 over Canyons, which is undefeated and in first place in the Western State Conference. A win for the "Gades and a Glendale victory over Canyons would give the "Gades a high seed in the playoff tournament. BC will find out Monday what their playoff destiny is.

"The conference-share is really an outside shot, since it's unlikely that Glendale will beat Canyons," said BC head coach Paula Dahl.

"The "Gades should be well prepared to take on Canyons."

"Our last few games have been close and down to the wire. This should help us down the stretch," said Dahl.

This was especially true on Feb. 12, when West L.A. came into town 10 minutes late, but started fast as they took an early first half lead.

The "Gades fought back and defeated West L.A. 59-56 with some great all-around team hustle and clutch three-point goals by Taylor Spitz, who came off the bench to spark the "Gades."

"A deep bench has been the key

to our success," said Dahl. Spitz said, "We didn't come out nervous, we came out and got a feel for the game. They were 10 minutes late getting here and we knew we had them. We didn't play nervous, we played hard."

Leah Smith also stepped up for the "Gades and swished clutch free throws to help seal the victory for BC.

The Bakersfield College men's basketball team will need a win on Feb. 16 against the College of the Canyons to improve to 18-9 and secure a first round playoff game at home.

Vern Vegso, assistant basketball coach said, "The team has to play for a solid 40 minutes. We have to keep our momentum going."

After an impressive victory over Santa Monica, the "Gades were once again in top form as they completely dominated West L.A. 81-51.

With some solid play from freshmen David Ball, Steve Carter and Terrance Dunn, the "Gades took a commanding 51-20 halftime lead and never looked back.

"If we played this strong every game we would win every game," said Dunn.

The Renegades shot 57 percent from the field, were effective on the offensive boards as well as in the transition game.



DEBBIE FOSTER TAKES HER BEST SHOT AGAINST CHRISTINE RODRIGUEZ IN FIRST FEMALE PRO FIGHT IN BAKERSFIELD. STEPHANIE BELL / THE RIP

# Ladies get rowdy in the Garden

Women boxers take the gloves off in bloody fight night.

BY KARI SWEET  
Rip staff writer

Fans got everything they expected out of Bakersfield's first "Fight Night at the Garden" last week.

It was no ladies' match when Christine Rodriguez faced Debbie Foster in the first ever women's boxing match at Centennial Garden. Both women made their pro

debut in a women's middleweight bout. The fight went on for three rounds with the boxers exchanging punches mostly to the head. This bout was by far the bloodiest of the whole evening. Rodriguez received most of the damage, with a bloody nose in the first round and a black eye and bloody lip during the following rounds.

After the minute and 24 seconds in the first round, the ref stopped the fight, declaring Foster the winner.

The second women's fight of the evening was the only fight to be sneered at by the audience because of the inactivity of the boxers. Featherweights JoJo Wyman of Los Angeles and Kelsey Jeffries of Gilroy exchanged few punches throughout the entire fight, and neither did much damage to her

opponent. The judges ruled that Jeffries won by unanimous decision, setting her record at 5-0, while Wyman's record is 4-2.

The most popular men's bout of the night between heavyweights James Muniz of Redlands and Rueben Alvarez of Bakersfield looked like it was going to be an easy win for Muniz.

In the first three rounds, Alvarez did most of the punching, giving Alvarez a bloody nose in the second round. Late in the third round, Alvarez took advantage of Muniz's fatigued energy and began to fight back. Alvarez continued the fight into the fourth round until knocking out Muniz with only 16 seconds left in the fight. Alvarez continued his winning boxing career at 4-0-4, while Muniz begins his pro debut with a loss.

The main event between Bobby Velardez of San Bernardino and Armando Contreras of Alhambra was for the WBC Junior World Featherweight Championship.

The fight went on for the entire 10 rounds with both fighters exchanging punches, but ultimately Velardez took most of the bout.

The fight continued for the full 10 rounds and was turned over to the judges' decision. Velardez won by unanimous decision moving his record to 8-2. Contreras' record descended to 4-2.



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## 'GADE NEWSLINE

WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE & WITH WHOM

### Hyundai to give car away to student

The Commission on Athletics has teamed up with Bakersfield College and Hyundai Motor America to sponsor Drive and Dine, a promotion for selected community college campuses throughout California. On Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. students, faculty and staff of Bakersfield College and the general public will have an opportunity to view Hyundai's new line of vehicles.

Participants may enter to win a Hyundai Tiburon FX, dinner at Outback Steakhouse or other prizes. Winners of the giveaways will be selected hourly each day of the event and the Tiburon FX will be awarded at the end of the promotion in May 2000.

### Shared governance will be BC topic

The Bakersfield College Administrative Council and Academic Senate are inviting faculty and staff to attend a Feb. 28 presentation on participatory governance. A basic overview of state law, state regulations and guidelines concerning shared governance will be reviewed, followed by a question and answer period.

The presenters will be David Viar, executive director of the Community College League of California, and Linda Collins, president of the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges. The presentation will be held 1 to 5 p.m. in Fine Arts 30.

### College to host virtual trade fair

Students will travel to Bakersfield College from as far away as Austria to attend the first ever California Virtual Trade Fair Feb. 23-25 in BC's Gill Bishop Sports Center.

The trade fair showcases virtual businesses of college and high school students. Participants will vie for prizes for best display booth, best product catalog, best web page and best company slogan.

More than 26 schools will send students to attend the two-day event which includes business trading, competitions, a dinner and entertainment. For more information, call Carolyn Logan at 395-4607.

### Horse show team wins at UC Davis

The final Intercollegiate Horse Show Association show was held at the UC Davis campus equestrian center Jan. 7. Seven of the 10 eligible BC Intercollegiate Horse Show Team members showed, with three of these members winning ribbons in their classes.

The next show begins in Feb. and Regionals will be held in April.

### Retirees to be honored at reception

Dr. Sandra Serrano, the president of Bakersfield College, will host a retirement reception honoring faculty and staff, Feb. 24 in the Fireside Room from 2 to 4 p.m.

The following retirees will be guests of honor: Robert Allison, Carl Benjamin, Jesse Bradford, Charles Carlson, Lucy Clark, Frans Colley, Faye Glessner, Evan Howard, Dix Kelsey, Peter Lango Sr., Claire Larsen, Elizabeth Lehman, Ray Maranda, Al Naso, Jan Rockoff, Phil Rosson, Barbara Thomas, Hank Webb and David Willard. In addition, Daniel Smith will be remembered.

### Campus offers computer classes

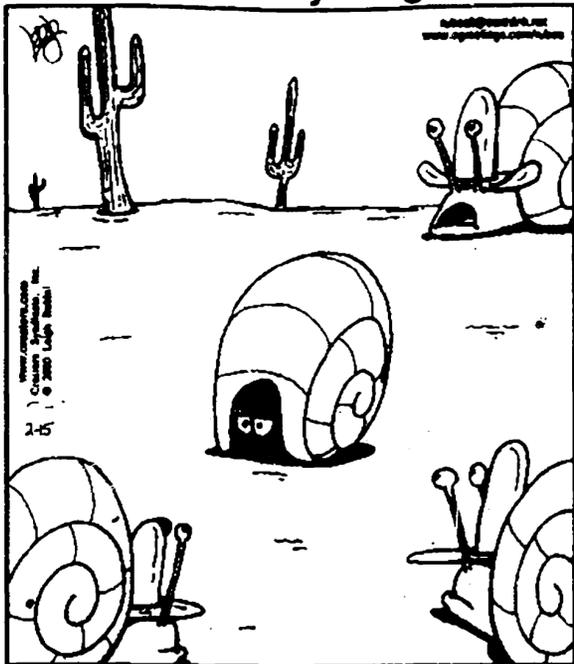
Beginning in February and March, Bakersfield College is offering a variety of six-week computer classes covering such topics as the Internet, website construction, spreadsheets, programs like Microsoft Word.

Information about specific days and times for these classes are available in the BC class schedule and on the BC website, www.bc.cc.ca.us. For more information please call 395-4470.

## CORRECTION

In the Feb. 10 issue of *The Renegade Rip* it was incorrectly reported that Black History month is celebrated in February because of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. *The Renegade Rip* staff apologizes for the error.

### Rubes By Leigh Ruben



"You might as well give up; there's no escape!  
You can hide but you can't run!"



BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN  
AND KARI SWEET  
Rip staff writers

### Motorcycle bin tagged by graffiti vandals

While on patrol Feb. 13, a campus security officer noticed that the motorcycle bin in the southwest lot had been tagged with graffiti.

There were five black spray painted tags along the side of the bin.

The officer noted that the tagging must have occurred sometime between Feb. 11 and 13. There were no witnesses, and no suspects, campus police reported.

### Student's car damaged in hit-and-run accident

A female student reported that her 1993 Chevrolet, which was parked in the southwest lot between the hours of 5:40 and 8:40 p.m. on Feb. 15, had been damaged while she was in class.

There were dents to the side of the car from an apparent hit-and-run accident. Campus police were called to the scene to make a report.

There were no witnesses to the accident. No arrests have been made.

### Small fire did not pose threat to FACE building

A small fire by the FACE building was reported by a faculty member Feb. 3 at around 1 p.m.

When campus police arrived they found a smoldering fire in a flower bed.

The fire already had been doused with water once and was still smoldering and beginning to spread into dry mulch due to wind.

Maintenance was called and staffers turned on the sprinkler system to completely put out the fire.

### Student injured in wood shop class

A student cut his hand in wood shop on Feb. 3. The student cut his pinky and ring finger while using a saw in wood shop and requested an ambulance.

The student was taken to Memorial Hospital by ambulance and was treated and released.

### Parking permit stolen from student's vehicle

Upon returning to his unlocked car Feb. 9, a male student noticed that his parking permit was stolen.

It was hanging on his rearview mirror when he left for class at 8:50 a.m., and it was missing when he returned at 11:15 a.m.

There are no suspects.

### BANWEB: Administrator says bugs will be worked out in time

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Granger-Dickson, a counselor in the Student Services Center, said that she encountered several students who were dropped.

"What's happening is that bills are generated at the district. Students become registered through Banweb and if they don't receive a bill, they need to see the Admissions and Records office," Granger-Dickson said.

"Part of the problem is that in high school, students are not being asked or forced to take responsibility for any decisions regarding their education," she said. "Then they go to college, and they have to be responsible for payments, schedule, books, everything."

No matter how many problems that students may experience from the new program, the system is the best database program around, said Granger-Dickson, and the bugs will be worked out.

Students who have a problem with telephone registration and Banweb service can call a helpline at 395-4200, said Vaughn. She said that in time, students and faculty will learn the new system and not have as many problems.

### HORTICULTURE: Students see potential in former dump

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from the beginning of break, and we are just waiting to be added to the weekly garbage pickup route."

Mittlestead recently submitted a second proposal for a trash compactor for the school.

Mittlestead said the only roadblock is funding, since it will cost roughly \$36,000 for the compactor alone, but he has not heard back on its status.

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## College officials to decide fate of BC security



Campus Police Officer Joe Johnson writes a parking ticket near the campus bookstore. Due to recent legislation, administrators are deciding whether Johnson and his colleagues will be trained to carry firearms or if outside security will be contracted through an existing law enforcement agency.

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College officials are overdue regarding their decision on whether or not campus security should undergo a higher level of training. The possibilities include a more highly trained in-house campus police squad, a private security force or contracting with a law enforcement department, or they can choose to acquire P.O.S.T. (Police Officers Standards and Training) certification for officers already on campus.

BC President Dr. Sandra Serrano will be making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on whether or not campus security should carry guns as P.O.S.T.-trained officers.

Steve Alvidrez, the Kern High School District chief of police, said that the district has had armed security for 25 years.

He also said that several community colleges also follow this practice and recommends BC do the same.

"I personally feel that the college should consider have P.O.S.T.-trained officers on campus," said Alvidrez. "Having children going to Bakersfield College, I would feel more comfortable if the officers were P.O.S.T.-trained."

Sgt. Jess Soto, head of BC security, said that assembly bills 1626 and 1627 give administration additional options for

employing armed security. These laws are aimed at improving the caliber of law enforcement in community colleges due to the recent crimes in public schools.

"New legislation has come up and it gives the district and colleges the option to become a college police department. All our police are a combination of officers and security guards. I don't think there will be a problem because under our union contract there is a section that (protects us). There will be labor issues. They can't just say 'You don't have a job anymore,' because of the contract the guards are under."

According to Tom Hood, spokesman for the state division of P.O.S.T., 1626 and 1627 became law July 1, 1999, making Bakersfield College overdue for a decision by both Serrano and the trustees.

Serrano, however, said that she was not aware of such a time requirement, but that she has prepared a report that she will be submitting to Chancellor Dr. Walter Packard to help expedite a decision.

According to Hood, the intent of the laws is to clarify the vote of campus police.

"The intent of the bills was to have either a full blown campus police department, armed, or non-armed, not in between like it has been. The decision is entirely up to the school district. The conflict may be that having non-armed guards is cheaper, and training isn't as extended. But they have to decide whether  
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## Larsen makes retirement plans

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN  
Rip staff writer

Although he is leaving this summer, Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities and operations, isn't going to slow down after retirement.

"I would like to buy a digital camera and get back into photography," Larsen said.

Dr. Robert Allison, vice president of instruction, praises Larsen's dedication to the college.

"Dr. Claire Larsen is one of the most knowledgeable and dedicated people I know," said Dr. Allison.

"What else can I say about Claire Larsen?" he laughed.

"Some things that come to mind when I think of Claire Larsen is, like I said, his dedication. He is here on weekends, holidays and nights. He was here on the weekends during the recent floodings we had, trying to keep things in order. He has done all kinds of jobs.

"I heard one of the faculty say he is one of the hardest working people they have ever known."

Sgt. Jess Soto, head of campus security, agreed.

"This is the second time I have worked with Dr. Larsen as far as security goes," he said. "He has gone through quite a bit since he has been here. He is due for retirement and I wish him well."

Larsen began his career at Bakersfield College in 1965 as a part-time reference librarian. In 1967 he began working full-time.

"My next position after that was when I was promoted to director of the library shortly after," he said. "I was later drafted to become the assistant dean, because it was decided that the director of the library was going to become the assistant dean."

But Larsen said his admin-

istrative experience did not stop there.

"Over the years, I have been the founding administrator that worked with the learning center. I have been an instructional dean, I have worked with a number of departments. The ag areas, the science areas, the communication areas for awhile and in recent years I have done a lot of things,

which included being in charge of the mail room. Often I have had security reporting to me as well."

Larsen was very much involved in the planning and construction of the new library building.

"I attended all the meetings," he said, "but the consistent thing over the past 15 years has been a responsibility for maintenance and operations, facilities and custodial grounds," he said.

He said that he is looking forward to his retirement.

"I will be 65 this summer," he said.

"Once I retire I would like to get back into teaching a little bit, I would like to play with some of the toys at the college that have been accumulating that I haven't had the time to thoroughly learn myself, such as the computers. I just bought myself a digital video camera."

He admits he isn't ready to travel just yet. "I don't intend to sell my house and move into a motorhome just yet," he said with a laugh.

Allison said that Larsen will be missed.

"He's one guy who will be very tough to replace."



Larsen

## From Classroom to GREENE FIELDS

Former Renegade quarterback takes on teaching, coaching.

BY E. MICHAEL LEDFORD  
Rip staff writer

Many remember the glorious 1988 Bakersfield College football season. The Renegades swept through its opponents like wildfire, remaining undefeated through every victory and finally taking the championship for BC. Perhaps nobody remembers it better than a high school math teacher named Stan Greene.

Greene has been many things in his life, but at this point he was completing his second season on the Bakersfield College football roster as a quarterback.

"From BC I went to Boston University on a football scholarship," he recalled.

His life as a football player was definitely one of glory. Besides leading the Renegades to an undefeated season and championship, he was able to work with many great coaches, including one he attributes much of his success to: BC coach Carl Bauser.

"It was great. I played for Roger Kelly in high school," said Greene. "I played with Chris Palmer, who's the head coach of the Cleveland Browns. Out of all the coaches I've ever had, Coach Bowser had the whole picture. He took care of everything. He knew when people needed attention and made sure they were taken care of. I

can't say enough nice things about him."

After his career in football, Greene settled on an occupation that was a far cry from that of a jock. He became a math teacher.

"My major was (physical education), but when I came back from Boston I found out that Cal State graduates something like 20 phys ed teachers a year. I started as a math major ... but I had all those P.E. units from being on the football team, so I chose phys ed and got my minor in math, because I wanted to work. If you have a math degree, you can work."

Though he was warned throughout his calling as an athlete, Greene said it took him awhile to realize football wasn't a lifelong prospect.

"I think it's a natural progression of life," said Greene. "I got to play, but you can't play football forever. Even if you go into the NFL you can't play football forever. Ever since I was a freshman in high school I was told, 'Hey, you're not going to be able to play at the next level.' When I got out of high school they said, 'You won't be able to play at college.' Then when I got out of BC they told me, 'You

"It was time for me to wake up and realize that not everyone can be a professional athlete."

— Stan Greene, BHS Coach



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Greene presently teaches and coaches at BHS.

can't go to a university and play.' So I guess for me the clock finally struck midnight. It was time for me to wake up and realize that not everyone can be a professional athlete. Obviously, I had to get a real job."

He said he enjoys teaching immensely, especially in the places he's been lucky enough to coach.

"I really enjoy it. I've been fortunate to teach with the exception of a few jobs, at some great schools for great people. I started at the Panama School District, at Actis Junior High. You can't say enough nice things about the Panama School District. Its reputation speaks for itself. Now I'm at Bakersfield High School. Bakersfield High is a great place to be, so I've been really lucky."

Since then, however, Greene has returned to football, albeit in a different position. Now he plays the sidelines as a high school football coach.

As much as he enjoys the occupation, Greene does not foresee working at BC in the immediate future.

"I coached at BC one year with Coach Bowser and it takes a special commitment to be a walk-on coach, and it was just too much for me," he said. "It was really difficult at that point in my life ... maybe years down the road, but right now that's not in my picture."

## ASBC plans spring activities hoping to encouraging involvement

BY NICHOLE PERRY  
Rip staff writer

Associated Students of Bakersfield College are busy planning events for spring semester, citing an emphasis on both community and student involvement.

Activities already are underway for a food drive working with the Red Cross. The drive began the third week of February, but due to poor response from students, it will

continue. This is part of a plan by ASBC to involve the community in the works of the school and its students.

"It may not make much a difference to their budget, but we're still making a difference," said Tadeu Szpoganicz, vice president of activities, who is in charge of the drive and many activities on campus. "We're trying to give back to the community because they're giving to us, too."

The month of March will be "very

centered on students" and improving relations on campus, he said.

Plans have been made for various activities such as music to be played daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Campus Center, each day with a different sound or theme, and a monthly "Open Forum," tentatively set for the second Wednesday of March, where ideas and suggestions can be shared on how to improve, among many things, school spirit.

Also coming up is the Spring Fling rally, set for March 31, where

students will be introduced and sponsors thanked for their contributions.

The success of February's "Howdy Day," complete with free goodies and lively music, has prompted ASBC to continue with the monthly activity. Because of the good turn out, Szpoganicz has designated the first Wednesday of each month as a greeting day.

"We got a lot of people smiling and greeting each other," he said. "It's not just the free food or a joke,

people were really involved."

This positive involvement is what Szpoganicz hopes to be the beginning of a relationship with the campus and ASBC.

He said it is this campus-wide participation, staff included, that is so vital to progress.

"We're trying to get the students to see, yes, we're trying, we're doing as much as we can, (but) we need staff participation as much as students, telling about events, putting up fliers in classes. You have

better activities when you have everyone participating."

While many students blame outside activities such as work and personal pursuits as an excuse for a lack of involvement, some members of ASBC feel the involvement on campus with other students to be an integral part of the college experience.

"A lot of students attend, go to class, go home. We want to get away from 'It's just a school thing,' to be  
See ACTIVITIES, Page 6

# Plethora of propositions hits March 7 ballot

### Rip Editorial Board offers its view on confusing initiatives

On a campus where some students think the most influential person of the last 100 years was Abraham Lincoln, things need to be put in "layman's" terms. That's why *The Renegade Rip* Editorial Board is offering its own translation of this year's complex ballot proposition.

Of the 20 propositions on the March 7 ballot, Prop. 22 has garnered the most press. It states that the only marriage that is recognized in California is between a woman and a man. Since gay marriage is already illegal in California, this law would mean that if a gay couple were married out of state and moved to California, the state would not recognize this marriage. But what this initiative really does is measure the extent of the state's fear of gays.

A "yes" vote means, hey, keep "those people" out of California, while a "no" vote means you don't care who gets married here as long as you're invited to the reception. Two other bills receiving press are Props. 30 and 31. Both bills deal with a Californian's right to sue another person's insurer. If Prop. 30 was passed and Gabrielle got into a car wreck with Xena, and Xena's insurance refuses to pay your insurance claim on time, Gabrielle has the right to sue Xena's insurance company.

Prop. 31 is an add-on to Prop. 30 that puts limits when a person could sue an individual's insurance company over unfair claims practices.

Those who are pro 30 and 31, such as Ralph Nader, state that they are just protecting those who have been wronged by insurance companies.

How many Californians will vote "Yes" may depend on their own happy go-lucky experiences with their own insurance companies, who

argue that these laws will naturally cause rates to go up due to new court cases.

Prop. 18 allows juries to give a death sentence, or life in prison sentence, to criminals who kidnap or commit arson, murdering the victim. Organizations like Death Penalty Focus of California are vehemently against it because it calls for the death penalty. Proponents, such as Michael Bradbury, district attorney of Ventura County, argue that it gives juries the right to, in effect, let the punishment fit the crime.

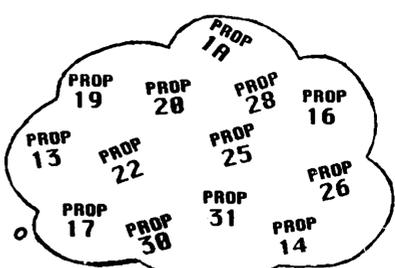
Crime is an issue in Prop. 19 and 21 as well.

If passed, 19 would make the second-degree murder of California State University or Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District peace officers have the same criminal penalty as killing a police officer. Detractors of Prop. 19, like the former chair of the Libertarian Party of California, Gail Lightfoot, point out that it will cause the cost of jailing people to rise while not deterring criminals. Opponents say it will force innocent bystanders to live in old western style posse to catch criminals if asked by BART or university police. Supporters, like Thomas Blalock, vice president of the BART Board of Directors say peace officers should be protected for taking the same risks in personal safety as police officers.

Another proposition dealing with crime is Prop. 21. It requires that more juvenile offenders be tried as adults with more serious offenders held in local or state correctional facilities.

It will also enact severe penalties for all gang-related activities as well as expanding the offenses that could receive longer prison terms.

Proponents of 21, including the California Police Chiefs Association, maintain that it will reduce crime. Detractors, like the California Youth Authority, say that it will allow scam artists to cash in, while those arguing for Prop. 17 say that it will allow the state to regulate



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While conservative Kern is likely to vote for any measures that punishes criminals, it will be interesting to see how other areas vote in an era of lower crime rates.

Prop. 17 would allow nonprofit organizations to have raffles. Arguments against it suggest that it will allow scam artists to cash in, while those arguing for Prop. 17 say that it will allow the state to regulate

raffles lawfully. Vote yes, and expect to be hit up for tickets for "legal" raffles. Vote no, and expect to be hit up for tickets for illegal BC raffles.

sufficient while supporters argue that the state is ranked 27 in the nation when it comes to per pupil textbook spending. No matter how you vote on this one, expect college textbooks to still cost you plenty.

Prop. 26 would allow a simple majority vote to replace the current two-thirds vote needed to allow local school bonds. Defenders of the majority vote initiative argue that this will make the bond process easier. Adversaries point out that this law will cause property taxes to increase, depending on how each district votes to approve or disapprove the proposed bonds. How you vote may depend on your memory of BC's own stadium renovation, also paid for by taxes.

Prop. 25 would raise taxes to pay for political advertisements. It also would require that all campaign contributions to political candidates, propositions and lobbyists be disclosed to the public.

Opponents of 25 argue that we shouldn't have to foot the bill for political ad campaigns while proponents argue that 25 will stop the corruption of our government through under the table campaign contributions. Why do we think that even if this passes, sneaky politicians will find a way around it?

Propositions 27 and 23 also affect politics. Prop. 27 allows politicians to declare whether they are going to be career politicians or short-time civil servants. The pledge will be a legal contract, holding politicians to the term that they have set upon themselves, even if they change their mind and would like to serve longer politically. Remember term limits? This would sidestep that issue by asking voters to trust politicians.

Prop. 23 would give voters the chance to mark "none of the above" on the ballot when they are dissatisfied with the ballot choices. Those for 23 argue it will bring voters to the ballots, while those against it claim the opposite. Maybe we should all mark "none of the

above" for 23.

For all you smokers out there, Prop. 28 is trying to get the cost of cigarettes lowered by 50 cents. If it passes, you'll be able to kill yourselves for 50 cents cheaper.

Last, but not least, are Props. 1A and 29, both dealing with Native American tribal gaming. Prop. 1A would allow tribes to have video slot machines in their casinos. Prop. 29 would give the governor sole responsibility for negotiating Indian gaming compacts. Opponents argue that this is giving the governor too much control over tribal sovereignty. Most California Native American tribes are pushing for the passage of 1A and the failure of Prop. 29. The only thing for sure about these measures is that Las Vegas will be hurt if slots become part of tribal gaming.

Six propositions that will cost taxpayers more than \$5 billion if passed are Propositions 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Propositions 12 thru 16 allow the state to sell bonds for public improvement.

Prop. 12 and 13 allow bond sales to raise over \$2.1 billion to protect land near open water, natural resources and wildlife habitats, drinking water and improve both state and neighborhood parks.

Prop. 16 would allow bonds to be sold to replace existing lease-payment bonds for the building of veterans' homes, as well as using \$26 million in additional bonds to refurbish existing vet's homes.

Prop. 14 would raise money for the building of new libraries and refurbishing old ones. Under Prop. 15, bonds would be sold to pay for the revamping and building of new crime labs.

You may drink bottled water and care about the environment but what about those veterans' libraries and crime labs?

How you vote will tell whether Californians are willing to pay more to get more or if they are willing to live with second-class facilities for vets, students and forensic crime solvers to save money.

# Seeking support

## Teacher suggests students do their part to recognize Women's History Month

BY SARAH GUNDERSON  
Special to The Rip

Have you noticed the plethora of new niches women have moved into during the past century? Are you satisfied that we have finally reached critical political mass and broken through the proverbial glass ceiling? If so, you need to put the magnifying glass to the problem and take a pulse within the so-called "movement." Unification and solidarity do not exist; in fact, they never have.

While success and progress have been remarkable when juxtaposed against the past, the women's movement for equality has been fraught with opposition from within its own ranks, and even more so from women opposed to anyone who challenges "traditional" roles. From 1848 (Seneca Falls Convention) to the present day, women have been so splintered in their goals and objectives that the reins of the movement for equality have often been held by men in high places (government). Here are a few of the ironic twists along the road to equality.

When Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and a few of Lucretia's Quaker friends first put their heads together over a cup of tea and protested the limitations restricting women, the result was the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York (July, 1848). With only weak support and much opposition, this gathering nevertheless highlighted a long-ignored reality: If women alone were discontent with the "women's sphere," they were the only ones who could bring about change. These ladies sprang into action and inspired a century and a half of struggle. Ironically, the nearby Native American Seneca nation was undergoing a tragic reversal of fortune. Under the tutelage of Quaker missionaries, a new constitution culminated two passions of effort to remove the Seneca women from positions of power. Their first constitution, patterned after their own, handed political authority to men, and changed the societal structure from

matrilinal to patrilineal. Women defeated women.

Meanwhile, later that same century... the first ballot for women voters in the United States (Wyoming) occurred as the result of political maneuvering, engineered by men alone, that ran amuck. And when Utah became the second state to adopt women's suffrage, it was the direct result of eastern moralists who hoped women would use the vote to defeat polygamy. Instead, Brigham Young convinced the females in his congregation that such a defeat would leave scores of women legally unmarried, with illegitimate children. The Mormon women endorsed polygamy, leaving all power in the hands of men.

By the time the nineteenth amendment was endorsed in 1920, giving adult American female citizens the vote, most of the middle-class women who had stumped so long and hard for this rite of passage took a much-needed rest. Assuming the vote alone would produce equality, they allowed the machinery of the movement to be run primarily by professional women who worked only for lofty goals. The majority of American women were either married, or wanted to be, and the only path to equality for these women would have been a revolution in domestic life. Control was in the wrong hands, and "their lofty goals became buried in the backlash of the 'feminine mystique' (Betty Friedan).

In the 1960s, Ms. Friedan led the National Organization of Women (NOW) in the equity feminist movement. Her vision: not to dominate and displace men

in the workplace, but to initiate equal opportunity. Her concerns were primarily for suburban middle-class women, whose minds had been titillated by a college education, then left to deteriorate during the child-rearing years. Consciousness-raising groups sprang up across suburbia and women united once again. Inspiration soon festered into victimization, however. NOW's efforts soon escalated into a vitriolic reactionary gender feminist movement. Using such tactics as withholding sexual favors as an attention-getting mechanism, gender feminists desired to punish men for the inequalities in American society. The modern feminist evolved into a career "Superwoman" — hellbent on beating men at their own game. "Ms. Libber" was an agent who opposed marriage, motherhood, family and sexual intimacy. Engaged in the sexual politics of revolt, women began to swing between extreme versions of one-half-life or another.

In her second book, "The Second Stage," Ms. Friedan warns against the "half-life of reaction," locked in reaction between extreme versions of "the feminine mystique or its feminist reversal." With the development of militant feelings between the sexes, each man in turn began to struggle with female equality quietly, turned off by the women's lib groups and the rhetoric of sexual politics. In their camp were a growing majority of fundamentalist females who embraced "the good ole days," when a woman knew her proper place. Have we come so far only to be placed back in the niche where we began?

Christina Hoff Sommers suggests (in her book, "Who Stole Feminism?") that the answer to our problems lies in education. Leadership within the women's movement should return to the hands of academia. Organize rationally, work from a position of empowerment (not victimization), and mainstream equity feminists might establish a truly "fair field and no favors." Perhaps we at Bakersfield College can do our part to close the gaps

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and zero in on the real solutions — through education.

Falshoods and exaggerations have muddied the water of feminism. Let equity feminists close ranks and take the platform back from the militant feminists. Knowledge is, after all, power, and shouldn't we share the podium?

March is Women's History Month. If you are interested in learning more about this century and a half of struggle, inquire about panels, presentation, narrations and films. The first event will be a one and a half hour presentation on the underground

railroad (bridging Black History and Women's History Months). This will take place Tuesday in Humanities 12, from noon to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 395-4586. Other events in March include an "Interview With Hillary and Eleanor," as well as a panel discussion with eminent historic women of the past. Don't miss the fun!

Editor's Note: Sarah Gunderson teaches women's history classes at BC and is coordinating Women's History Month activities on campus.

# Voter apathy attacks democracy while hurting election process

BY JOHN C. BROOKS  
Rip staff writer

Political apathy in Kern County, as in the rest of America, is a trend that must end. Norm Briggs, Kern County's chief deputy registrar of voters, paints a disgraceful portrait of local voter participation. He estimates that only between 40 and 50 percent of the eligible citizens that he serves are expected to vote in the upcoming California primary election on March 7. This estimate, he claims, is based on the voter turnout in the last California primary in 1998.

This poor effort of overall citizenship in Kern County is a disease attacking democracy. Americans cannot take their liberty and quality of life for granted, because it is not a gift of nature as dictatorships like communist China and Iraq prove. The simple price of maintaining our political rights as citizens is to vote and make a stand in the elections. This is a lot more convenient than fighting a war for freedom, which our ancestors paid with their blood. A democracy running on half its electorate cannot be accepted when there are choices of leadership and laws to be made that will likely affect the future for us all, for better or worse.

On the community's part, there needs to be a more active approach to understanding the duty and privilege of voting in our schools. Instead of merely teaching

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about democracy in the textbooks of a civics class, students should participate in a more hands-on process of learning the rights and responsibilities of a democratic citizen. Awareness of current events, required participation in simulated or effective elections, and emphasis on how politics can both improve and harm our condition all need to be boosted in classrooms. Citizenship must be a priority in education, for it is the foundation of a functioning free society.

Non-voters beware, because as Briggs predicts, those who flake out at the polls will run even shorter of excuses not to be responsible citizens. He holds that voting will never be easier for many with the almost certain future arrival of "Internet voting." In fact, Kern voters should be able to decide this year whether "Internet voting" will be adopted for the election process, he predicts.

Those who refuse to vote in this year's primary election are missing out on expressing their answers to

many controversial political questions. Primary voters will narrow the choice for president among the several political parties. They also will determine the destiny of a number of proposed California laws. Proposition 22, for example, intends to deny state recognition of homosexual marriages, while Proposition 28 is bent on erasing the extra 50 cents surtax on tobacco.

Armed with the power to make an effective stand on such heavyweight issues, how can eligible citizens stay quiet and avoid the polls, their own command posts?

We need stranger citizenship starting here in Kern County. With only half or less of our electorate at the polls, we stray far from the ideal of civic virtue that the American forefathers envisioned as an essential quality of a free people. The issues that are up for vote each of freedom involve our money, safety, morals and freedoms, all luxuries which any sane person should wish to jealously protect. Everyone who is eligible to vote in the March and November elections should do so.

Even better, if you wish to do more, there is a special job for you. The county of Kern is now hiring poll volunteers to help the electoral process flow smoothly on March 7. Volunteers will be rewarded \$80 for their 16-hour day of honorable citizenship. For information, call the Elections Department at 868-3590. If you cannot volunteer, then at least vote.

Do your part to strengthen democracy.



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## Reader believes Prop. 22 is 'patently unconstitutional'

The issue of homosexuality and civil rights for gays and lesbians is one that must be addressed with an open mind, if we are to follow the tenants established under our Constitution and Bill of Rights. It has been difficult, particularly in Kern County. In doing research for a paper on genetics and homosexuality, I came across the following paper, which was published in the New England Law Review: Robb, Barbara A. "Constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act in the Wake of Romer v. Evans." New England Law Review. Vol. 32-1. Fall 1997. It also can be found at <http://www.nesl.edu/lawrev/vol32/vol32-1/ROBB HTML>

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It is a telling document that gives an overwhelming body of evidence that such proposed laws, including Proposition 22, are patently unconstitutional.

Whether one agrees with the issue addressed in Proposition 22 or not, the legal reality is that we cannot create law that would deny any individual equal rights on the basis of sex.

California is being asked to vote for a measure that, if passed, will undoubtedly be tested in court and found to be unconstitutional. Defending Proposition 22 would require that we needlessly spend millions upon millions in tax dollars. Those millions of tax dollars would be better spent on improving the quality of education in California schools, rather than on an issue that is a religious matter to be addressed in our churches. Our founding fathers surely knew what they were doing when they instituted separation of church and state. We cannot, and should not, create

## Student recalls dedicated teacher

Mr. Olson was a mentor as well as a role model to college students and the community. Although he was a large man, I never heard him raise his voice, not one time. He remained in a humble state at all times. Looking back I can truly say he made a positive impact on my life and I thank him for the many hours of time spent helping myself as well as others with computer challenges, as well as the little inspirational comments of encouragement. I would also like to thank his wife, Mrs. Olson, for sharing her husband with the students of Bakersfield College. The Kern Community College District has definitely lost a giant in the education field. He will be greatly missed by students, co-workers, family and the community. Warner Butler BC Student

## ASBC gearing gears up for Spring Fling

BY TADEU PAULETTO SZPOGANICZ  
Vice President of Activities

On April 3, the Associated Students will sponsor its first Spring Fling of the new millennium. They have decided to divide the event into several themes. The committee has planned on five themes, international, Hispanic heritage, country, candy land and Americops. This year's Spring Fling will be held in the Free Speech area. The committee already has a schedule of events and is currently looking for sponsors. If you would like to participate in Spring Fling, rules and applications will be posted in the beginning of March, or you can call 395-4355 for further information.

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Which presidential candidates will you vote for in the upcoming election? Why?

<p><b>Jennie Clark, Nursing:</b> "I'm switching parties this time, so I think I would vote for Bush. I agree with his stance on abortion issues."</p>	<p><b>Hector Leonzo, Math:</b> "Bush. His dad did many good things for this country. He would have his father's backing. Plus, he looks like he knows what he is doing."</p>	<p><b>Margo Stanley, Sociology:</b> "I'm undecided, but I'm leaning towards Gore. He can keep on the track of what Clinton has done."</p>	<p><b>Chris Fredrickson, Law:</b> "Jello Biafra. He is an honest and solid candidate who has a good platform and is not easily influenced by money."</p>	<p><b>Tracy Hodges, Human Services:</b> "I haven't thought about it and I wasn't planning on voting."</p>
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# Videodrone comes home for video debut



Vocalist Ty Elam performed with Videodrone at Centennial Garden in April of 1999.

BY STEPHANIE A. BELL  
Rip staff photographer

The release of "Ty Jonathan Down" is bringing Videodrone back out on tour after a winter hiatus. The release party for "Ty Jonathan Down" was the kick-off to their upcoming tour, however the dates for this tour have yet to be announced.

Videodrone packed Rockin' Rodeo the night of the show, with local boys Ryan Shuck and Jay Gordon of Orgy finding time to check out the show. The band played a full set of their album's best tracks. They even managed to bring out some old Cradle of Thorns material.

Before their live performance, the band debuted their new video. "The video was done in one day. We had to be in downtown L.A. at the ACME building... which caused me to sing the roadrunner song for weeks... they kept playing 'Ty Jonathan Down,' and we kept doing the same thing all day, to get different shots. Our director, Nathan Cox, is really good. He had really good people working with him," says Mavis.

Shooting the video was not all hard work for the band, who was able to get their schedules in sync with Jonathan Davis, so he would be able to appear in the video.

"Jon showed up in a limo that day and he ended up getting his car delivered to him. It was a Bentley that cost him \$280,000. So we all had to take a break from shooting to check out his new car," recalls Mavis.

Videodrone plans to tour in the coming months, their video for "Ty Jonathan Down" is expected to appear on MTV soon.

## 'Setzuan' set to open this weekend

BY LAUREN KESEL  
Rip staff writer

If you are looking for something to do next weekend, check out the Bakersfield College play "The Good Person of Setzuan."

The plot tells the tale of three gods coming to a poor village in search of one good person. They find their good person in a prostitute named Shen Te. As a reward, the gods give her a large amount of money.

She uses the money to buy a shop and help the needy people of the village. Unfortunately, things worsen for Shen Te until she comes up with the idea of posing as her "cousin" so that she can run her business in a cold, shrewd and profitable way with no regard for others. As her "cousin" she is brought to trial for kidnapping Shen Te.

Play director Randy Messick describes "Good Person" as a "great play and we have a good cast." He thinks it will be good and has high expectations for it.

The play will be performed Thursday March 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11 at 8 p.m. in the Indoor Theater. Ticket prices are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for students, faculty and seniors. Student identification is required for student tickets.

Messick praised the play's writer, Bertolt Brecht.

"He (Brecht) revolutionized theater. He really had a way to make the audience think about different messages and how they related to their own lives."

# 'Hanging Up' script mixes comedy, drama with mixed results

BY STEPHAN BULLARD  
Rip staff writer

If you're looking for an extremely funny side-buster, "Hanging Up," is not the movie for you. If you are looking to take a trip down family memory lane, then bring your Kleenex and a close friend. You're guaranteed to get your money's worth.

Although the movie's previews depict the film as being somewhat of a laugh out loud comedy, "Hanging Up," is anything but. Walter Matthau's portrayal of his character's senility, which is supposed to be humorous, is realistically sad. Instead of laughing

always the mediator between her father and sisters, and Lisa Kudrow plays Maddie the youngest sister who is a struggling actress struggling for a place within the family.

As the story opens we see that Walter Matthau is ill, senile and hospitalized. The rest of the story is a mixture of varying flashbacks, cell phone calls between the sisters showing the diversity of their lives and calls from Matthau to Eve, his favorite. The title of the movie comes from the numerous times that each of the characters hangs up the phone on each other.

The movie's strengths lie in the ability of the cast to act so realistically and show

the audience a small piece of themselves. Lisa Kudrow is the source of much comedy relief with her naivete.

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Meg Ryan and Lisa Kudrow in 'Hanging Up'.

# Movie offers up high intensity, fast-paced look into stock market

BY BRYAN SWAIM  
Rip staff writer

"Boiler Room" is essentially the classic Oliver Stone film "Wall Street" brought down to a level that its projected audience can understand.

The film stars Giovanni Ribisi as Seth David, a 19-year-old college dropout who makes a nice living running a successful but illegal casino out of his apartment. After his

father (Ron Rifkin) finds out and worries that his son's practices might hurt his position as a judge.

Seth gets a job as a stockbroker at a Long Island firm that sells stock using high pressure telemarketing tactics.

But life as a broker isn't full of dollar signs. The firm, J.T. Marlin, specializes in selling worthless stocks to sucker telephone

customers. It's a high-pressure job in an office nicknamed the "Boiler Room" where every telephone tactic is the key to making commission and a mistake will cost you pay and even your job. The competition is high as well, where the room turns into a telephone war between the brokers.

One successful broker, played by Vin Diesel, actually exchanges anti-Jewish and Italian insults with another competitor. There is another scene where the brokers get into a

fight with brokers from another firm. All this is contrasted to Seth's gambling operation, where the gamblers are calm with their winning and losing, while the brokers in the legal world are at the point of exploding.

First time writer-director Ben Younger does a good job of balancing out the problems of being a young man trying to prove himself in the world. Ribisi's character is a modern day everyman who just

wants to make a buck in the world and prove himself to his father. It's a fast-moving film with a claustrophobic setting of sweaty men in cheap suits on telephones, a big change from "Wall Street," where Michael Douglas sold stocks from the comfort of his corner office, never breaking a sweat in his Armani.

"Boiler Room" will suffer many comparisons to "Glengarry Glen Ross," the David Mamet film about

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# BC basketball set for regional playoff action

BY LEANNE CAVE  
Sports Editor

The Renegades will be on the warpath with the San Bernardino Valley College Indians and the Southwestern Apaches.

The Bakersfield College men's basketball team will begin first round regional playoff action tonight at the Gil Bishop Sports

Center at 5:30 p.m. There are 64 teams in the men's tournament. The men (18-9) are seeded 15 and will take on 18 seed San Bernardino Valley College, a team the "Gades have beaten twice already this season—once at the Cuesta Tournament 82-75, and in the Kiwanis Renegade Shootout 90-75.

"Playing San Bernardino a third time scares us," said Vern Vegso, assistant basketball coach. "It's now a do or die situation."

"We have to be aggressive, play smart and be focused in a total team effort," said Vegso. "They are very talented and have a great perimeter shooting team. They could get hot with the 3s. We have to play smart defense and guard against that."

The Renegades who have played consistently well down the stretch,

earned the first round home game by defeating College of the Canyons 64-60 on Feb. 16 to finish 6-5 in conference play. If the "Gades win they will face No. 2 seed Compton, if Compton beats Mt. San Antonio, Bakersfield College will take to the court to play Southwestern College. The "Gades (23-10, 9-3) are seeded 11

while the Apaches are seeded 22. "The seeding and matchup with Southwestern is fantastic," said Paula Dahl, head coach.

"We have a lot of weapons and are in good position. We just have to play our game."

The "Gades have great bench depth that has helped lead them to victory in key games toward the end of the season.

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## Outlook positive for softball team

'I think this is our best team yet.'

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN  
Rip staff writer

The Renegade softball team is starting its season on a positive note. The team has won six and lost four games.

The squad is hoping to have a better season than last year. The women ended last season with a 19-22 overall record.

"We have a lot of good players and we have a lot of depth," said Melissa Parcel, a returning pitcher. "There's 22 of us on the team. We have eight returners, which is really good and helps us out with experience. We only had four returners last year. We have really good qualities, lots of teamwork and a good, positive attitude."

Parcel said this year's squad is the best team yet.

"We have strong hitting, fielding, and pitching. I think this is our best team yet because we have good strong players all around. Last year, for example, if anyone got hurt, that was it," she said. "This year, though, we really work hard. You never know, you might start tomorrow."

First year player Sheila Mauricio agreed with Parcel.

"We're awesome. Not only the team, but we have a well-rounded coaching staff. We love all of our coaches," Mauricio said. "We are going to do good. Everyone has good attitudes so far."

Head coach Sandi Taylor, who is starting her 10th year of coaching softball at BC, said the abundance of returners is one of the team's biggest strengths this year.

"The team has done exceptionally well so far. We are excited about our pitching depth and rotation this year. We have three starting pitchers and three relievers, which helps us out."

Taylor said there are many faces to look out for this year.

"First and foremost you have to look at the three starting pitchers—Melissa Parcel, Jenn Bess and Lamelle Morris. They will be key, and we can get quality starts out of all of them. We also have



Sheila Mauricio makes the catch in a game against El Camino.

Tammy Hilvers to play third base, and Tiffany Leonard for shortstop," Taylor said.

"The team will play 45 games this year." I project that it will do very well," said Taylor.

## Baseball warms up

Team's inconsistent play leads to a losing start in early season tournaments.

BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE  
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College baseball team took a step backward in this young season when lost to Reedley College 15-10 recently at Gerry Collis Field.

The "Gades allowed 16 hits, 12 walks and committed five errors in the loss.

According to BC coach Tim Painton, it's hard to win games playing this type of baseball.

"We committed five errors, and every one of them led to runs and you combine those with the base on balls that we gave up today and you're in for a long afternoon," said Painton.

"You have to be able to play clean defense and throw strikes to give yourself a chance to win. We really didn't do either one of those very well."

Previously, BC hosted the Hall Ambulance Tournament, where the "Gades split four games, losing the first two, then winning the last two. In the "Gades defeat to Reedley, Painton said that BC played similar baseball to the two losses in the tournament.

"We played just like we did the first two games of the season," he said.

"Today, we took a step backward."

In the Hall Ambulance tournament Feb. 4-6, BC lost the first two games as the team fell to Golden West 6-1 and City College of San Francisco 7-3, committing a total of eight errors combined in those two games.

"We just didn't come out ready to play," said BC third baseman Ryan Green.

The "Gades then rebounded to defeat Long Beach, one of the top-ranked clubs in the state, 6-2, as Lefty Phil Dumarat threw eight innings of two-hit baseball.

Painton praised that game.

"We made some outstanding defensive plays and we had some clutch hitting," said Painton, adding that Dumarat pitched a great game.

BC closed out the tournament by defeating Porterville 14-7 as the "Gades took advantage of Porterville's wildness on the mound as the Pirates issued 10 walks in the game.

Going into the Reedley game, Green said BC was playing good baseball.

"Momentum (is) real important in this game

and when you get on a hot streak, it's real hard to do something wrong," said Green.

"(In the) Long Beach City game, everything went right. It didn't help us in this game."

Reedley jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning, capitalizing on a 3-0 lead in the "Gades defense and pitching.

To BC's credit, the "Gades kept on battling back, getting within 9-7 after five innings.

But Reedley came back and scored six runs in the sixth inning to put the game out of reach.

Painton felt Reedley's big sixth inning was the turning point of the game.

"It felt like our hitters did a very good job throughout the ball game," said Painton.

"(We) had an opportunity to get back into the thing until they put a six-run, sixth inning on the board. It was tough to overcome."

Another factor in the "Gades defeat was the relief pitching of Reedley's Chris Rojas.

He came into the sixth inning down 15-9 and threatening to score more.

Rojas got the Tigers out of the jam and proceeded to keep the "Gades at bay throughout the game.

Reedley coach Jack Hacker praised Rojas' effort.

"He really shut down when he had to," said Hacker.

"He's a real good middle-to-late guy because he gets a lot of ground balls. We're lucky to have him."

Rojas puts his pitching performance against BC into perspective.

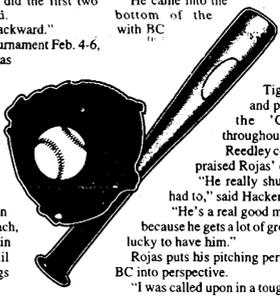
"I was called upon in a tough situation," said Rojas.

"I took it pitch by pitch. Basically, I kept them off-balance. (I) kept the ball real low, so we can let our defense work for us."

As of Friday, the "Gades are 2-6 as they host the BC Light Brigade Tournament, weather permitting, this weekend.

"We just got to continue to improve," said Painton.

"We just have to keep playing and keep working and it'll all come together and happen."



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For more information contact the Allied Health Division Office located upstairs in the Math-Science Building, room 178 or call 395-4284 for a program packet.

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## 'GADE NEWSLINE

WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE & WITH WHOM

### BC offers infant first aid class

A class teaching the techniques and procedures of delivering first aid to infants and children will be offered Wednesday in the Bakersfield College Family and Consumer Education building, room 15.

The one-unit class meets Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. until April 5. Students will examine the steps to follow for more than 55 types of injuries. Instruction includes prevention, actions to take after an emergency, how to give first aid, bandaging and American Red Cross certification.

The class fulfills the needs of parents, foster parents, day care professionals, teachers, teacher aides and caregivers.

For more information, contact the FACE Department at 395-4561 or enroll online at [www.bc.cc.ca.us](http://www.bc.cc.ca.us).

### 'The Good Person of Setzuan' opens

Bakersfield College Theater Department presents "The Good Person of Setzuan" in the BC Indoor Theater beginning Thursday.

Performance dates for this musical comedy are March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call the BC Ticket Office, 395-4326.

### BC hosts LAPD written test Thursday

Bakersfield College, in partnership with the Los Angeles Police Department, will offer the LAPD written test on Thursday at 8 a.m. in LA 113.

Test applicants must be between 20.5 and 35 years of age, hold a U.S. high school diploma or GED or CHSPE certificate, be a U.S. citizen or have applied for citizenship, have no felony convictions and be in excellent health.

The test is an opportunity for candidates who reside more than 150 miles from the Los Angeles area to participate in an expedited testing process.

For more information, call LAPD at (800) 421-9555 or Bakersfield College Public Safety Training at 395-4730.

### BHS class of '75 having 25th reunion

The BHS Class of 1975 is having its 25 year reunion on July 22, 2000. The class is looking for missing classmates. If you have any information on classmates or would like to help with the reunion, call Julie at 393-3383.

### College assessment tests set at BC

The date for spring semester high school assessment testing at Bakersfield College's Delano campus for students of Delano, Wasco, McFarland and valley continuation high schools has been set for March 4.

Testing will take place beginning promptly at 8:45 a.m. and end at 12:45 p.m.

Students should bring a No. 2 pencil and or a pen with blue or black ink. They should also know their Social Security numbers. Dictionaries (not electronic) are allowed. Students must stay for the entire exam.

For more information, contact the Bakersfield College Assessment Center at 395-4479.

### Engineers Club hosts competition

The Bakersfield College Engineers Club will present its 15th annual Design Challenge engineering competition 10 a.m. Saturday at East Hills Mall.

The event is the culmination of the club's celebration of National Engineering Week, Feb. 20 through 26.

This year's challenge, The Baja 2000, requires contest entrants to build a vehicle that can complete an obstacle course in the least amount of time.

Competition is in four divisions: junior high, high school, college and open (which includes engineering professionals, teachers, and upper divisions university students).

A new category this year is Lego. Open to all groups, this is a special division in which the vehicle must be made entirely out of Legos. Vehicles in this category may include electrical Lego motors, according to Liz Rozell, Bakersfield College professor of engineering and Engineers Club advisor.

Awards in each category will recognize more than just speed. Prizes will be presented for engineering and artistic design. A special award will designate the Engineering Design Challenge School of the Year.

For complete competition rules and entry forms, call Rozell at 395-4622.

Rubes

By Leigh Ruben



BY JOE SIMPSON AND FRANCIS C. MAYER  
Rip staff writers

### BC student hit by car while walking to school

A Bakersfield College student suffered minor injuries when she was struck by a car while walking to school Wednesday morning.

Candice Williams, 19, was hit as she attempted to cross the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Church street. She was taken to Bakersfield Heart Hospital, where she is in stable condition, according to an emergency room spokesman.

Both Kern Community College District Police Department and Bakersfield Police Department officers responded to the 11:30 a.m. accident, but the subsequent investigation was handled by BPD.

"It happened off campus so that's out of our jurisdiction," said BC Sgt. Jess Soto "We were just there to help with traffic."

Details of the accident were unavailable at press time, according to BPD Lt. Alan Zachary, traffic commander.

He said that no charges have been filed on the matter, but "whether it was the pedestrian or the driver (at fault), it would just be a traffic citation."

### Parking permit stolen from student's vehicle

On Feb. 14 a student reported to campus police that his parking permit had been stolen from his vehicle.

He had parked in the southeast

parking lot. While he was in class from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. someone had taken his parking permit from his unlocked vehicle.

Nothing else was taken from the vehicle.

No suspects have been found.

### Student's car damaged in hit-and-run accident

On Feb. 10 a student reported to campus police that her 1997 Volkswagen had been the victim of a hit-and-run accident.

The student had parked her car in the southeast parking lot, then went to class. When the student returned she found that her car had been struck by another vehicle.

The vehicle received damage to the passenger side on the front and back door and the rear fender.

Campus police have no suspects.

### Staff member's parking permit reported missing

A female staff member reported to campus police on Feb. 10 that her staff parking permit was missing. She did not know how long it had been missing, or whether or not it had been stolen or lost.

### Cellular phone stolen from student's car

On Feb. 14 a female student reported to campus police that her cellular phone had been stolen from her car.

She had parked in the southeast parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and went to class. When she returned to her vehicle at 9:50 a.m. she found that her cellular phone had been stolen.

The student told campus police that she had left her passenger door unlocked.

The cellular phone is valued at \$150.

Campus police have no suspects.

## SECURITY: Administration ponders security options

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to have full blown police officers or security guards."

Soto is aware of this law.

"If they (the college) goes with private security, they (private security) will not have the powers of a peace officer," he said. "Private security can detain people, but they cannot make an arrest."

Soto said that the decision, however, ultimately falls into the

hands of the college president.

Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities and operations, says he made a recommendation to Serrano regarding BC's security, but would not disclose any details.

"My recommendation is between me and the president at this point. After she has made her recommendation to the board, I will let it be known what my recommendation was."

## ACTIVITIES: ASBC strives to create more campus appeal

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more aware of other students," said Yvonne Palacios, staff relations senator.

Palacios says student involvement is not only about getting involved in activities, but having a say in matters.

"To be able to have anything done, there needs to be an ASB," she said. "(But) students have to be involved to change stuff. No one person can say, 'We need school spirit.'"

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—Yvonne Palacios  
ASBC senator

faults and holes in ASBC, but contends officers are trying to fix them through student involvement.

But with 12 out of 25 seats vacant in Student Senate, they are desperate for student participation to fix many of these problems.

He adds that instead of just complaining, students should take action.

"People tend to think it's too high school, it's too stupid (to be involved in ASBC). Instead of saying ASB doesn't do

anything, give suggestions for improvement.

They (students) will find their two or three hours a week to complain about ASB, but they won't take that two or three hours to do something. We ask that students get more involved. (We're) looking for students to fill spots," he said.

"There are all types of positions open for all types of people."

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