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Teachers, district reach tentative agreement

BY RACHEL CRIBBS
Opinion Editor

Speech teacher Helen Acosta raised her glass with the word, "Celebrate!" as she and other faculty members did just that Wednesday night during a party to commemorate a tentative agreement reached by district and union officials.

The three-year proposal contract ends months of frustration for teachers working without a contract. And for teachers Wednesday evening, it was time to party.

Anatomy teacher John Ackland

was delighted by the news.

"When I got the news, I felt a 10-year burden had been lifted," he said. "It has been my fondest dream for us to get back to acting like a family. The district and faculty need to work together for the benefit of our students," he said.

Retired theater teacher Hank Webb agreed.

"I feel so joyous. The morale has been so low for so long I'm overjoyed at the change. It's time to celebrate," he said.

English teacher Pam Boyles said she was pleased but cautious about

the future.

"I am pleased, but my euphoria is tempered by the sobering reality that we may have to go through this again in three years, but it's a relief to concentrate on things that matter."

The proposal was reached between the teachers' union and Kern Community College District administrators at 10 p.m. Tuesday. The agreement is tentative because faculty members at each college must vote on the contract before it can be brought before the district board of trustees for approval. The agreement is expected to be voted on

within a few weeks.

The teachers have been working without a contract since July 1, 1998, with negotiations continuing since October 1999. If approved, this contract will last until June 30, 2002.

"The contract will benefit everyone," said life sciences teacher Inez Devlin-Kelly, the chief union representative for the faculty. "We agreed on issues like money, load for teachers, benefits and rights. All of it is good and it is really going to happen."

The positive news that a settlement was reached came after

months of teacher demonstrations for a fair settlement. During the last board of trustees meeting, faculty, students and supporters packed the board room, demanding to be heard. When public comment was threatened to be cut off, tempers flared.

Following that meeting, some board members publicly commented that they wanted the contract settled before this week's Thursday board meeting.

Along with Devlin-Kelly, Dr. John Gerhold, president of the union, biology teacher Janet Fulks and

applied science and technology teacher Gary Cox represented the BC faculty at the meetings. Athletics instructor Ron Glahn represented Porterville College and art teacher Dick Benson represented Cerro Cosca. The teams involved in the negotiations met for many hours during the last two weeks.

"We started Thursday and worked through Friday and then picked up again on Sunday. Our people were so exhausted. We had 20 hour meetings. It took such a long time to get through everything," said

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got insurance?

Joe Tekka, BMX rider for the got milk? Gravity Games, performs a "cancon" as two of his fellow riders look on at the Kern County Fair.

Students discuss apathy, pros and cons of voting

BY BEVERLY SAUNDERS
Campus Editor

In the land of the free and the home of the brave only one out of every six 18 to 24-year-olds eligible to vote exercised that right in the 1999 election. Without question, college age citizens are the most inactive voting group in the nation, a nation replete with voter apathy. Currently the United States holds the dubious honor of possessing one of the lowest voter-participation rates of any nation in the industrialized world.

"My dad says save all your pennies," said BC student Patricia Barrazami. "That one penny might make a dollar. So I vote because I don't want to be a part of the group that's called apathetic," added the nursing student emphatically. "I'll be the one who makes the dollar."

Are other college students breaking out of the nonvoter stereotype mold? "Yes, because I vote," said Kevin Calvin, the political senator for Bakersfield College's Associate Student Body Union. "There was a high school ASB election for president that I didn't vote in. It ended in a tie. That's when it dawned on me that my vote really counts. My vote would have determined who was president."

Those who exercise their right to vote will choose the next president of the United States and decide health, education and gun control questions.

Another BC student, Beto Cordova, said he has already made his choice for president. "I want my vote to make a difference," he said with conviction. The criminal justice student is now concerned about gun control laws.

There are many issues and controversies that United States citizens must decide at the polls. However, more than 60 percent of eligible 18 to 24-year-olds have not registered to vote.

While glancing across the tree shaded quad, BC student Subrina Ettress said, "All the issues are important to me. I just haven't registered to vote yet."

Not being registered is the No. 1 reason people gave for not voting, cited editor Karen O'Connor in her book,



AASBU club president Zucchini Hubbard-Blanche shows BC student Michelle Corken voter information during club week.

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"American Government."

For first-year student Debbie Poffinbarger, registering to vote in her economics class at East High School made the process easy, she said.

Voter Nakigha Jackson commented, "When I remember how hard it was for people to vote and that some people died for the right to vote—I vote."

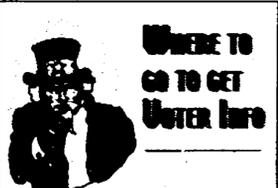
BC's African American Student Union has taken a role in the voting process, said Zucchini Hubbard-Blanche, club president. "For the past several Saturdays, our club members have been taking registration forms house to house. We're doing it because we want people to vote," she said.

Voting is one thing and voting responsibly and with understanding is yet another. That is the theme of a series of plays produced by the League of Women Voters. The league produced the plays because many voters feel like BC student Brook Miller who said, "I'm not sure if I'm going to vote. If I understood the issues, I probably would vote."

Other students, more cognizant about current political issues expressed their passions about voting.

"I vote because I was brought up to voice my own opinion, especially if you want to change things," said Titis Simpson, computer engineering major.

Liz Wolf, art major said, "Voting is extremely important. If we aren't



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involved it's going to be a small majority of people who make all of the decisions."

BC student Leif Davisson has a more personal reason for voting. "I vote so I can go on jury duty," he said. "Besides, the chicks dig voters."

High gas prices take toll on BC pocketbooks

THOMAS DELANO
Rip staff photographer

As gas prices soar over \$2 a gallon around the nation, Bakersfield College students speak out about the rising costs of driving.

"I have adapted so far, but if they get any higher I think the government should step in," says BC student Joe Rizzo. "It's finally affecting where I drive!"

The average price for unleaded gas in Bakersfield is \$1.89 a gallon. Premium gas goes for about \$2.09 a gallon. Some out of town students who commute from cities such as Tehachapi or Frazier Park are really feeling the heat.

"I spend on average about 60 bucks a week on gas," says Cameron Fulton, who travels from Frazier Park.

"I would have never decided to come

"Gas is way too high. Something needs to happen quick."

—Melissa Flores, BC student

to BC if I would have known the outrageous gas prices I would have to pay."

Even those students who live in town complain about the commute.

"I work part-time and have a full schedule. I can't afford to be driving back and forth every day," says Emily Fitzsimmons, who lives in southwest Bakersfield.

"Even when you do find cheaper gas the gas station is overwhelmed by customers I don't have the time or patience to wait around to save a few cents," said

Fitzsimmons.

Some students seem to be outraged about high gas prices.

"Gas is way too high. Something needs to happen quick," says Melissa Flores. "It hasn't affected where I drive, yet."

With gas prices rising every week, students have no choice but to pay, even though many live on limited incomes.

"I feel helpless," says Ray Mora. "All I can do is pay and be pissed off."

Many students have decided to remedy the high gas prices by car pooling or resorting to public transportation, such as taking the Golden Empire Transit bus to Bakersfield College.

"It's (car pooling) so much cheaper," says Carmelo Holland. "The only problem is finding people with the same schedule as you."



Above, Bakersfield gas prices continue to rise. Right, BC student Hiddi Tyland pumps gas at a local station.

Photos by Ronnie Wilson / The Rip





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Tower of Power was one of many acts to perform at this year's fair. The band features a wide variety of brass, string and percussion instruments.

Tower of Power rocks concertgoers

BY JERAMIAH TOMBERLIN
Rip staff photographer

For all those musicians out there, and especially the blues, jazz and funk fans, if you didn't see Tower of Power at the Kern County Fair, you missed a good concert.

Tower of Power has been around since 1968. The group has hired about 66 different members since they formed the group, including Bakersfield resident, sax player Paul Perez.

But three of the members, drummer David Garibaldi, saxophonist Norbert Satchel and lead singer Hubert Tubbs, are the heart of the band.

The group sound is a mix of soul, blues and jazz combining tons of instruments including drums, guitars, saxophones, trumpets, bass and keyboards.

The combination of Garibaldi, Tubbs and Satchel was phenomenal, with the crowd standing and cheering all the way through the

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concert. They performed songs from their new album, "What is Hip: A Tower of Power Anthology." The title song, "What is Hip?" was amazing as well as other new tracks like "You got to funkify" and "Will I ever find a love."

I have to say that drummer David Garibaldi is awesome. He is recognized as one of the best drummers in the world and ripped it up during the two hour set. His personal funk fusion style sets him apart from other jazz drummers of the old school.

With his variety of jazz / funk beats and laid back stage presence, this was one of the most interesting concerts in awhile.

British pop group BBMak adds talent, class to modern boy band trend

BY HENRY FRANCO
Rip staff writer

British pop trio BBMak impressed audience members during their recent performance at the Kern County Fair. The band performed at the Budweiser Pavilion on Sep. 29.

Those who think of BBMak as just another "boy band" may want to think again. Their show went against what you would expect at other boy band concerts. They sang several songs, including their new single, "I'm not

Backstreet Boys. The concert didn't start off on a high note because of the terrible introductions.

The announcer sounded like she belonged on a Nickelodeon kids show. She didn't introduce the band correctly and the corny kid dancers didn't help matters any.

The tunes sounded good although it did sound like they were lip-synching at the start of the show. The band sang several songs, including their new single, "I'm not

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Closing the show with their chart-topping hit "Back here" was a good move. It reminded fans and others why they came to see the show in the first place. It also gave fans a chance to sing along to something

in love." Belting out an old tune by "Extreme" called "More than words" was definitely a crowd pleaser.

It also proved they could be up to the challenge of covering

other artists' songs. Closing the show with their chart-topping hit "Back here" was a good move. It reminded fans and others why they came to see the show in the first place. It also gave fans a chance to sing along to something

they knew the words to. Hopefully, the group won't be resting their popularity on just this one song for too much longer.

The screaming girls, the "We love BBMak" signs and the various things getting thrown up on stage like stuffed animals and at one point a bra, only seemed to help the band play better. The concert was a little short, although what can you expect from a free show? If BBMak makes a return appearance to town, they are worth going to see.

All in all, BBMak proved they are worth a second look. Their cool instruments and catchy songs make them worth checking out.



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ALONG for the RIDE



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LEFT: Eight-year-old Sergio Aguilar tries for an eight-second ride.

ABOVE: John Razes, left, and Antwanet Puenie enjoy a trip down the super slide.

This year's fair offered a variety of rides and entertainment for Kern County's youth.

Coach aims to improve skills

Former BC student joins staff this year as college's new volleyball leader

BY VANESSA BOUTWELL
Rip staff writer

John Rexroth discovered his love for volleyball in the early '60s during a coed volleyball class here at BC.

Rexroth transferred to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo playing indoor and beach volleyball tournaments with previous world Olympians.

After graduating, he returned to school at CSU, Bakersfield to get his teaching degree. He also has his own business.

Now hired this year as BC's volleyball coach, he has many expectations for the women's team.

With his high energy, he hopes to improve and strengthen every player.

"I want to get better, do whatever it takes to get better," he said.

In the beginning of the season, BC is faced with many difficult teams.

"This could be hard on a lot of teams, but the tail end should be easier," Rexroth said.

A month ago, BC played with no setters.

"No one tried out that was a setter," sophomore Anya Grant said. Rexroth worked hard and made improvements.

"I've made two setters," Rexroth said.

"I had college setters help these guys come in with some ideas."

Still there's room for improvement.

Team concepts were achieved a week ago and players have been steadily worked on skills.

"The key to our team is they

"I've made two setters. I had college setters help these guys come in with some ideas."

—John Rexroth
volleyball coach

really get along well," he said.

Sophomore Sandy Stieler believes improvements have been made and team unity is definitely a plus, especially "having a hard working and positive attitude," she said.

Grant states that the team consists of equal amounts of freshmen and sophomores.

The team returned from a tournament at Pasadena College, where they won seven games and lost six.

The best teams in the state played in the tournament.

"We did so well, we're going bowling," he said.

In the future, Rexroth believes BC will slowly build a stronger team.

He hopes to encourage more club players to come here.

"I would go to all the high schools. Meet all the seniors and invite them to come up there," he said.

"It's a real honor for me to be here at BC."

The next volleyball game for BC was set for Thursday against Cuesta.



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In pursuit of a win

Jennifer Jones and Adrian Kercsak get defensive against a Santa Barbara player in recent match. New coach Scott Dameron had high expectations for his soccer team this season. The Renegades did not disappoint as they

started the season with a 10-0-1 record. On Tuesday, the 'Gades lost their first game of the season 3-0 to second-ranked Ventura. The team will be back in action on Oct. 10, when they face College of the Canyons in Valencia.

Renegades pick-off Citrus College in 38-21 comeback victory



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Seth Cunningham attempts to pick up yardage against Citrus defense.

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

After a four-game homestand, the Bakersfield College Renegades will take their show on the road to Wilmington where they will take on the Los Angeles Harbor Seahawks.

The 'Gades are 4-0, while the Seahawks are 2-2. It will be a WSC Southern Division game for both teams.

"It's a big challenge going on the road," said wide receiver Sammy Moore. "Sometimes the ride gets to us, but we expect to win every week."

"We have a certain game plan that we practice for each game. It's a big accomplishment to win on the road."

Every week BC is finding a way to win. The last two games have been comeback wins with different 'Gades stepping up to get the job done.

The Citrus College Owls were the 'Gades latest victim, as BC once again took advantage of team speed and depth and captured the win 38-21, before a home crowd of 3,898.

Team defense, as usual, was key in the victory. The linebacker trio of Brook Miller, Aubrey Dorisme, Ryan Kroeker and

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—Sammy Moore,
wide receiver

safety James McGill are leading the way for BC with a total of 115 tackles, every one a factor to an unblemished record.

When the Citrus offense was driving for a potential score, Kenneth Qualls, freshman back-up defensive back, stepped in front of an Owl receiver, picked off the pass and sprinted into the end zone for the score.

"Timing is everything," said Qualls. "I have been working hard in practice everyday. The coaches told me to go out there and play hard and I did."

The hard work certainly paid off for Qualls. Just seconds after his first interception, he picked off his second pass of the game. He now has three interceptions for the season along with consistent defensive play.

Seth Cunningham, back-up running back was productive for the 'Gades. He was the leading rusher for BC as he gained 73 yards on seven carries and scored two touchdowns.

Josh Lopes, who has run for 224 yards the last two weeks, had 65 yards on 21 carries and scored a touchdown. He leads the team in scoring.

"We have a lot of team depth," said Charles Thompson, running back for the 'Gades. If one goes down we have another that can step in. We have to focus and execute our assignments on the field. The offensive line and defense gets better every week for us."

Even though Citrus had more passing yardage, Jason Ghilarducci was impressive as he passed for 150 yards completing nine of 13, one of which was a 55-yard strike to Sammy Moore for a score.

Trevor Lancaster added a 50-yard field goal to his collection of 45-yards or better.

On Saturday, the 'Gades will face L.A. Harbor hoping to preserve their unbeaten streak. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.



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'GADE NEWSLINE

Shakespeare festival continues

"Twelfth Night," one of two productions offered in this year's Kern Shakespeare Festival, will be set against the exotic backdrop of 1938 Hawaii.

"Twelfth Night" director Bob Kempf wanted to try something new during his eighth season with the Kern Shakespeare Festival.

Performances of "Twelfth Night" are offered Oct. 5, 7, 11, 13, 19 and 21. All performances begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Outdoor Theater.

For those looking for a more traditional evening of Shakespeare, "Macbeth" is being offered. Director Liisa Ivary is presenting the tragedy with all its traditional Shakespearean elements.

"Macbeth" can be seen Oct. 4, 6, 12, 14, 18 and 20.

The Kern Shakespeare Festival was founded in 1984. It is a unique theater program combing the talents of professional actors and directors with top community and student actors.

Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$5 students and seniors. For more information about Kern Shakespeare Festival, call 395-4236.

Renegade Room announces menu

The Renegade Room Restaurant at BC offers fine dining every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Dinners this month include: Oct. 10, Lamb shanks and red snapper; Oct. 12, Italian buffet; Oct. 17, Grilled shrimp and pork loin; Oct. 19, German buffet; Oct. 24, Short ribs and pasta with red sauce; Oct. 26, Harvest buffet; and Oct. 31, Lemon-ginger halibut and tequila-lime chicken.

Dinners are \$8.85 per person, including tax. The Renegade Room Restaurant at Bakersfield College is located in the Family and Consumer Education (FACE) Building.

Rip staff wins general excellence

The Renegade Rip staff recently won the top honor of general excellence during the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Southern California competition at CSU, Fullerton.

Students won a total of 20 mail-in, bring-in and on-the-spot awards during the event Sept. 29 and 30.

Besides general excellence, other mail-in awards included: third place, front page design; third place, headlines; fourth place, line illustration, Jon Riel; honorable mention, line illustration, Joe Simpson; second place, inside page design, Daniel F. Hunt; honorable mention, news story, E. Michael Ledford; second place, sports news story, Leanne Cave; honorable mention, sports feature story, Leanne Cave; honorable mention, feature photo, Laura Duriga; honorable mention, sports news photo, Mike Cunningham; and honorable mention, photo illustration, Robert Taylor.

Bring-in awards went to: second place, infographic, Michael D. Ross; second place, photo illustration, Michael D. Ross; and photo, honorable mention, Todd E. Swenson.

On-the-spot awards went to: first place, sports photo, Todd E. Swenson; third place, news photo, Michael D. Ross; honorable mention, front page design, Rachel Cribbs; fourth place, editorial cartoon, Jon Riel; and honorable mention, sports writing, Leanne Cave.

—Compiled by Yuka Utsunomiya
Rip staff writer

MOVIE MINUTE



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUENA VISTA PICTURES DISTRIBUTION
"Remember the Titans," based on a true story, Denzel Washington (center) stars as coach Herman Boone, who in 1971 is selected to coach the T.C. Williams High School team, The Titans.

Movies about high school football usually want to make me gag. Not so with Disney's "Remember the Titans," a flick about one of the first interracial teams in America.

Denzel Washington stars as an overbearing coach who lands his job to appease racial watchdogs. He receives some of the best lines in the film, rivaling "The Hurricane" as one of his best parts so far.

The best acting comes from the misfit team, including a hippie quarterback, an overweight linebacker, a preaching receiver and an all-American captain. Their differences lend more than racial prejudices to the team.

Some of the movie will make you laugh uncontrollably, and others will make you feel ready to cry. If for no other reason, see "Remember the Titans" so you can hear Denzel Washington ask, "Who's your daddy?"

—By E. Michael Ledford
Special to The Rip

CONTRACT: Union, district agree upon settlement

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Gerhold.

The negotiations involved district Chancellor Dr. Walter Packard, who described the nonstop negotiations as "intense."

"Both teams have been working hard for a good resolution and we have reached a positive point. This is not an easy task to perform but the district is working for an environment with good morale and hard work," said Packard. "We have spent over 52 hours together negotiating since last Thursday. We even pulled an all nighter."

The key points of the contract involve boosting faculty pay to the state average, approval of binding arbitration and a reduction in load hours. According to Gerhold, the district has agreed to keep up with the average state salary annually.

Packard said that the main problem is that the state hasn't funded community colleges on a regular basis.

"It makes it a struggle to operate your colleges when the state doesn't fund us," he said.

Binding arbitration is an addition which Devlin-Kelly believes is extremely important.

"We didn't have binding arbitration on our other contract. Before if a faculty member had a grievance, they could go to the judge and the district could overrule the judge's decision. Now they cannot do that. The judge's decision is final," she said.

Along with binding arbitration, lab teachers will have reduced work loads by an hour.

Packard has confidence the tentative agreement will be positive for the next three years.

"Reconstructing the salary is beneficial to the faculty and the KCCCD as a whole.

"We can work cooperatively and everything should run more smoothly in the future," he said.

News of the agreement resulted in an immediate boost in teacher morale, Gerhold noted.

"Spirits have rebounded like crazy. Everyone's morale is better," he said.

Packard said he remains "very optimistic" about the contract and future negotiations with the colleges.

Q & A with Rick Wright

By Bryan Swaim
Editor in Chief

Dr. Rick Wright has been teaching at Bakersfield College since 1977. He is the division chair of Behavioral Sciences, as well as a psychology teacher. He also drives one of the nicest cars at BC.

Q: "You have been teaching psychology at BC for 24 years now. Describe one of the weirdest students you have seen."

A: "I don't know how you would define weird, but one of the funniest things that's ever happened in my class was we were giving a survey about sexual dysfunction.

"One of the interesting questions was, 'Do you fake an orgasm?' and some lady in the front row basically had a Freudian slip and she said, 'Of course, that's the only way I get through it.' Then she realized she had said it and she turned as red as the American flag."

Q: "I hear you have some hot car, a Porsche. What model is it?"

A: "I drive it like a little old lady. All those rumors are exaggerated. It is a 1967 Porsche 912."

Q: "Do you think it's the best car at BC?"

A: "Yeah, I do, 'cause I may be the only guy driving a car he could fix. Everybody else's probably has a computer in it. Something goes wrong with mine I can actually fix it."

Q: "Is it pretty fast?"

A: "Fastest I've got it going is 135 mph."

Q: "Do you feel you're quicker than any of the



students at BC?"

A: "I'm not quicker than the girls that pass me on the freeway. The people who seem to pass me consistently on the freeway are young girls between 18 and 30. They have lead feet."

Q: "Any advice for BC students, especially ones majoring in psychology?"

A: "I think psychology is the best major you can pick as an undergraduate because it prepares you for whatever you do. It talks about human relationships to the degree you can understand the dynamics of human relationships. It's going to give you an edge in whatever setting you end up in."

CRIME BEAT

Thieves try to steal cars on campus

At approximately 11:30 a.m. Monday, three vehicles on campus were broken into and one was stolen.

One of the vehicles, a Chevy Silverado, was parked at 9:30 a.m. When the owner returned at 10:50 a.m., his truck was missing from its original parking space. He later found his truck parked in the northeast staff parking lot. The truck was parked at a 45 degree angle in an east-west direction. The right rear quarter panel was resting against a four door white Toyota Solara. The steering wheel was broken off at the stem. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the driver's door lock had been torn away as well, according to police.

Voter registration forms switched

When BC student David Seibt called the Kern County Election Division to verify his registration, he was told he did not belong to any political party and discovered he may have been a victim of fraud, according to *The Bakersfield Californian*. Seibt is one of many who believe they were the victims of voter registration fraud, said Sandy Brockman, chief deputy registrar. The district attorney's office is investigating these allegations.

—Compiled by Vanessa Boutwell
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Former Republican presidential candidate Alan Keyes covered a variety of topics at the 16th Annual Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday. One issue he focused on was abortion, which he says is as deadly to America's character as slavery.

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AMERICA'S CHALLENGE

Alan Keyes questions nation's responsibility for moral decline at annual conference.

BY JARROD GRAHAM
 Features Editor

Former Republican presidential candidate Alan Keyes believes the issue of character facing Americans is not that of political candidates, but that of the American people as a whole.

"Think about it, my friends," Keyes told the audience. "What if we have the leadership we deserve? What if we have a leadership that reflects what we are becoming? A leader who stood up and said, after he had betrayed his oath and betrayed everything decent in the heritage of this country, after he had lied to the people... he stood up there and acted as if, 'Well, that's my private business. Y'all get out of my face.'"

Keyes spoke at the Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday.

He has vast experience in the arena of world politics garnered from his stint as ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and various appointments within the United States State Department, including assistant secretary of state for International Organization Affairs.

He also is the author of two books, was the host of "The Alan Keyes Show: America's Wake Up Call" on radio from 1994 to 1999, and was elected president of the Ronald Reagan Alumni Association in 1998.

A dynamic and articulate speaker, Keyes stood out among the many people who spoke at the conference, one of the few to receive

a standing ovation at this year's event.

A staunch pro-life advocate, he said that abortion is the greatest moral challenge facing America in the November election.

"There is a rejection of American principles as deep, as profound, as deadly to our character as the one that was represented by slavery," Keyes said. "And it involves the lie that, contrary to everything we are supposed to believe as a people, it is possible to understand our rights to include the right to totally disregard the authority of the creator and reach into the womb and take the lives of innocent, unborn children. This cannot be so."

Abortion is not just a "private choice," but one that destroys any sense of American equality and

justice, Keyes said.

"Does that sound familiar? Somebody claiming they can get away with injustice? Claiming they can get away with disregard for truth? Claiming they can get away with trampling on everything that constitutes America's integrity because it's their private business? You thought that was Bill Clinton's plea, but it turns out to be ours."

Keyes also stated that he believes Americans accept that they are no longer fit for freedom when they grant more authority to the government to avoid handling the responsibility themselves.

"Give us the money and we will neglect the poor, give us the guns and we will kill each other, give us the schools and they'll be ruined as institutions of learning," Keyes said.

"Those kinds of arguments are not about schools, and they're not about guns, and they're not just about money — they're about you and me, and what kind of people we are."

Regarding the upcoming election, Keyes said that as they have in the past, Americans will unite and choose what is right.

"I hope that as you face your choices in the days and weeks and years ahead, you will realize that, through all the mundane trappings of our politics, all the seeming ordinariness of what we do, we in fact are a people blessed by the providence of God to stand at a critical crossroads of human justice and dignity, and to decide whether the shining lamp of our nation's hope will still be held aloft in the century ahead."

The Big Kiss



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Comedians from *The Capitol Steps*, a political satire group, re-enact the infamous kiss that presidential candidate Al Gore gave his wife Tipper during the Democratic National Convention.

Event celebrates patriotism, conservative political ideas

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS
 Online Editor

James Carville knew he didn't stand a chance.

The Democratic political consultant faced Heather Nauert, Fox news commentator, in an election debate moderated by John Sununu, former presidential chief of staff. Both Nauert and Sununu are Republicans.

To add to the tension, the debate was held before a swarm of Republican conference attendees who frequently disagreed with Carville's points.

"The one thing with this crowd is if you win an argument, they just change the facts," he said.

The debate was the first event at this year's Bakersfield Business Conference, hosted by Borton, Petrini & Conron, LLP and held on the California State University, Bakersfield campus Saturday. Sparks flew at times in front of a standing-room-only crowd in the Business Tent.

At one point, Nauert said that Democrats controlled Congress for the first two years that President Clinton was in office and asked what Clinton did in those two years. The question provoked a rapid-fire response.

"What did he do the first two years? He passed the most significant piece of domestic legislation in the last 50 years. He passed the crime bill. He passed



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Special guest speaker Barbara Mandrell hugs U.S. Army Sgt. Joseph C. Rodriguez during veterans' tribute.

family medical leave. He passed an expansion of the student loan program. He dismantled nuclear weapons in Russia. What do you mean, 'What did he do in the first two years?' Where were you woman, for God's sake?" Carville asked as the audience applauded.

"I'm just getting warmed up, right now. I'm just getting warmed up, baby!"

While Carville clearly stole the show, the event was only the beginning of the Republican reign at the daylong conference, which celebrated American patriotism.

Other Republican speakers included Sean Hannity, radio and television talk show host, and William Bennett, former secretary of education.

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Quotable Moments

Benjamin Netanyahu on mob attack against Israeli soldiers:

"And they dipped their hands into the corpses and flashed those bloody hands with these gleeful smiles of triumphant elation."

...

James Carville on the terrorist attack against the destroyer Cole:

"Do you know why these sailors got killed? Because their country is trying to get these people to stop killing each other. That's what we're trying to do over there."

...

Sean Hannity on the upcoming election:

"Al Gore will do anything to be president. There are rumors out there. There are rumors Christopher Columbus didn't discover America, Al Gore discovered America."

...

Lily Tomlin on the future:

"The future is as elusive to me as a Dennis Miller simile."

...

Ann-Margret on her husband's gift following her Las Vegas accident:

"When he put the ring on my finger the pain went away. Diamonds are better than Darvon."

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Alan Keyes on American character:

"Think about it, my friends. What if we have the leadership we deserve? What if we have a leadership that reflects what we are becoming?"

...

Bob Newhart on growing up Catholic:

"I don't know about Bakersfield. I grew up in Chicago. You can drive around in Chicago ten, twelve miles and never even see a false idol. And even if you see one, the last thing you're going to do in Chicago is stop and worship."

Israeli leader shares views

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS
Online Editor

From a studio nearly halfway around the globe in Jerusalem, Benjamin Netanyahu described how Israel is becoming the next Silicon Valley and building new information technologies. Ironically, the current limitations of technology surfaced as the satellite signal was interrupted, the monitors filled with static and all communication with the former prime minister of Israel was lost.

Netanyahu was scheduled to appear at the 2000 Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday, but due to the intense unrest between Israel and Palestine, he chose to stay in Jerusalem.

"I found in these moments that I have to be here," Netanyahu said. "I have to be here with my family, with my people, with my country."

He said that as a result of recent battles with Palestine, his country has had to come together for support like America's have in support of the sailors who recently died from a terrorist attack on the destroyer Cole during a refueling stop in Yemen.

"I think that is the kind of unity that is now uniting Americans after the tragic loss of those sailors, who were hit by terrorist assault for no reason," he said.

He cited the televised death of a young Palestinian boy who was killed in crossfire on the frontline of an Israel-Palestine battle as an example.

"I saw this and as a father of two little boys at home, it broke my heart."

His people shared this view. "I don't know of any Israeli whose heart wasn't broken."

But his death did not justify the brutal murder of two Israeli soldiers by a mob of Palestinians, days later.

"They took their cellular phones and the wives were calling and they told them, 'It is us. Your husband is being killed by us, right now as we speak,'" he said.

"And they dipped their hands into the corpses and flushed those bloody hands with those gleeful smiles of triumphant elation."

After watching the disturbing images, Netanyahu went on Israeli television and called for both nations to stop the violence.

Yasser Arafat, the president of Palestine, however, went before his people and called for further violence, Netanyahu said.

"I must tell you that what you see is the result of a deliberate cynical act by the Palestinian dictatorship that is pushing these children into the



Benjamin Netanyahu, former Israeli prime minister, discusses Mideast conflict via satellite. He maintained that the Palestinians ultimately want to take over Israel.

frontline knowing that this will be televised, knowing that this will be misinterpreted, and seem as something that is done deliberately." He added that this is an issue that is often ignored by the media. Rather than getting the full story, Netanyahu said, media often neglect crucial details. For instance, in schools and mosques, children are taught to kill Israelis, he said.

"I don't think you see that on CNN." It is this propaganda and mentality that has escalated the war

EVENT: Korean war vets honored at conference

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Highlights of the day included a live speech from Jerusalem by Benjamin Netanyahu, former prime minister of Israel, via satellite. Netanyahu — who had been scheduled to appear, but decided to stay in Israel because of the Mideast crisis — informed attendees of the tragic nature of the war his country and Palestine are engaged in.

Netanyahu painted a grim picture of the costs of war, describing in detail the death of a young Palestinian boy on the frontlines and the brutal lynching of two Israeli soldiers. He had the audience's rapt attention until the speech was interrupted and satellite communication was lost.

Another emotional moment of the conference was a tribute to 12 Medal of Honor recipients from the Korean War. The veterans came out onto the stage to a standing ovation and a sea of waving flags by conference attendees.

The tribute included an appearance by this year's surprise guest, eight-time Entertainer of the Year Barbara Mandrell, who read stories of the soldiers' courageous actions in Korea, but did not sing.

"I am covered right now with goosebumps," Mandrell said. "This is one of the greatest honors that anyone, anyone could ever experience to be up here with you gentlemen."

No stranger to military personnel, Mandrell said she and her father's band entertained military groups while she was in high school.

"It was just, I think, one of the greatest, absolutely the greatest times of my life," she said. "I had such experiences. And for a teenage girl to be able to see some of the things I saw. My goodness, I wish everyone in this great land of ours could see how blessed we are in America."

Mandrell and George Martin, firm managing partner of Borton, Petri & Conroy, presented each of the veterans with clock and hourglass figurines.

The tribute was followed by a fireworks show.

Earlier in the day American flags were lowered to half mast in tribute to the United States sailors killed in the terrorist attack on the destroyer Cole near Yemen.

Netanyahu and the tribute to the Medal of Honor winners were only part of a daylong line-up of speeches and panels including appearances by Wayne Gretsky, Ann Margaret, John Walsh, William Bennett, Alan Keyes, Robert Kennedy Jr., Mikhail Gorbachev and Jack Kemp.

Bob Newhart and Lily Tomlin provided breaks from politics with comedy routines.

Television news anchor Hugh Downs hosted a panel of "Three men who changed the world" consisting of Dr. James Watson, Tim Berners-Lee, creator of the world wide web and Jack Kilby, inventor of the microchip.

The 12,500 attendees capped the day by listening to entertainment offered by The Capitol Steps and Neil Sedaka, who had the crowd dancing to many of his early hits.

Queen Noor urges globalization

Jordan leader also claims Netanyahu's perspective remains 'politically narrow.'

BY JARROD GRAHAM
Features Editor

Peace in the Middle East can't be achieved through a cease fire or balance of power, according to Queen Noor of Jordan. Instead, she believes peace and security can only be achieved through "mutual respect, trust and confidence in the hearts of those who live side by side."

The queen made her remarks in response to former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu's satellite presentation at the Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday.

She described his perspective as "politically narrow," saying that she knows from her own experience that peace cannot result from a "rule by force or from merely the absence of hostilities — a 'cold peace,' as he called it."

Queen Noor, born as Lisa Najeeb Halaby to an Arab-American family in 1951, is the widow of the late King Hussein of Jordan. She is involved with and has established many humanitarian and charitable organizations that advocate such principles as democracy, peace, education, environmental and health concerns.

Her brief response to Netanyahu's presentation was her only mention of the crisis in the Middle East. The majority of her remarks centered on the topic of globalization, the process of rapid economic integration between countries.

"A few short years ago globalization was viewed almost universally as the answer to the world's ills, at least by those actively involved in them," she said. "Newly permeable borders, wondrous technological advances and rapid expansion of global markets would promote economic efficiency, generate growth, yield profits and perhaps even provide opportunity and prosperity for all the world's people."

However, she believes that these changes have not yet come about.

"The growing wedge between richer and poorer individuals and countries is both fundamentally unfair and seriously destabilizing," she said. "As Oscar Arias (Sanchez), one of the speakers at this conference last year, has said, 'The future cannot rest on the



Queen Noor speaks on world trade.

accumulation of wealth by a few. Rather, it must be based on the well-being of the less fortunate."

"Business, as the driving force of globalization, has the most direct opportunity and, as globalization's chief beneficiary, greatest obligation ... to address these issues," she continued. "The comprehensive challenge of our new international order is not only to preserve the advantages of the global economy, but also to build a new sense of global responsibility."

Gorbachev details economic unrest

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS
Online Editor

Mikhail Gorbachev said he was told he would have to limit his speaking time, so he told the story of an ambassador who was asked to give a brief speech.

"When she was asked to give a brief speech, she came out in front of them and just said, 'Thank you,'" said the former president of the Soviet Union.

"Whenever the lady was told that there was a little more time and told (she) could now speak at some length, she came out in front of them and said, 'Thank you, very much.' Well, I cannot be that brief, let me warn you."

And Gorbachev kept his word, delivering a lengthy speech through an interpreter on the impact of unregulated globalization in the world market to the Bakersfield Business Conference attendees Saturday.

"It is the truth that the world is facing new challenges and that all thinking people are looking for answers," he said.

"It is also true that all of us are witnessing an increasing, rapid process of globalization."

For the past three years, Gorbachev said, he has visited many countries to study the process and effects of globalization on world markets. This is a process, he said, that affects everyone.

"That phenomenon shall be studied because unless we understand the meaning of globalization it is very difficult to make plans for the country or the business or even for a family."

He said that the effects already have begun to be felt.

"Today, more than 80 countries in the world, more than 80 nations, have per capita (gross income product) that is less than it was 10 years ago. That is to say, 50 nations in the world are less wealthy than 10 years ago."

Gorbachev added that globalization has increased social unrest.

The problem, he said, can be attributed to the increases in technology and communication that increase the possibility for international trade.

"People are demanding that governments respond to their needs, but many decisions are taken not by the governments but by transnational corporations hundreds and thousands of miles away from those countries."

But Gorbachev said that the solution is not an end to transnational trade, but rather some form of regulation to eliminate corporate monopolized markets.

"The first thing to be done is to make sure that at all levels, including the global level, we take a stand, we take a position in favor of a system that would create globalization with a human face."

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Carville steals debate spotlight

BY BEVERLY SAUNDERS
Campus Editor

With the flash of a polished entertainer, James Carville, otherwise known as the "Ragin' Cajun," stole the limelight during Saturday's Bakersfield Business Conference election debate, leaving his opponent Heather Nauert barely visible. His apparent inability to stand still and lightning quick sardonic responses held the audience in rapt attention.

John Sununu, former New Hampshire governor and presidential chief of staff, opened the debate glibly, saying, "I'm here as a moderator and I'm not going to pretend to be nonpartisan. But I will try to be fair."

The large crowd packing the Business Seminar Tent far beyond its capacity responded with loud approval.

Newcomer to the debating arena, Heather Nauert, journalist, news commentator and leader of the national health care coalition, opened saying, "At no time in

political history, has the differences between two parties been more clear as they are today. One campaign is talking about an expansion in the size and scope of the federal government, and the other campaign is talking about returning power and money to the taxpayers."

Veteran debater Carville, former political consultant and chief strategist for the Clinton/Gore campaign in 1992, responded humorously, acknowledging his being outnumbered by Sununu and Nauert, two to one.

He acknowledged the differences between parties as well, saying, "We've got huge distinctions here. One side says that the last eight years have been squandered, and I say let's don't squander the progress that we've made, America. A lot has been done, and you don't want to go back. America has to make a very clear choice and Al Gore has to make this very clear. Do you want to go back to high deficits? Do you want to go back to unemployment? Do you want to go back to the time before we invested in our children? I think this



James Carville and Heather Nauert enjoy a humorous moment during the morning debate in the business tent.

election is about big things."

And with that the debate began heating up. Carville challenged Nauert to name at least one thing Bush has proposed for Medicare.

Nauert drew a deep breath saying, "Medicare is the Titanic going down. What Al Gore wants to do is frankly, irresponsible. He wants to stay in a program that is

going bankrupt by giving prescription drugs to every American, Americans like you, and you're very wealthy, Mr. Carville."

Carville quickly cut her off, insisting, "Let me do the math for you folks, because sometimes somebody's got to stand up here and tell the truth." After the crowd boomed, Sununu said, "That's

alright, James, we have a car waiting for you."

Nauert raised her voice slightly and continued outlining Bush's agenda, citing a series of numbers.

When speaking about education, Carville said, "I don't want my taxpayer's money (used) so some kid can go to a Bob Jones school and think that the Pope is the devil, or

can go to a Louis Farrakan school and be taught that white people are evil, and that's what's going to happen when you do that (voluntary school vouchers), you understand?"

Nauert answered, "This is the difference between the parties. Shouldn't the parents be the ones to decide?" Applause greeted her response.

Three top scientists discuss link between DNA and longevity



Right to left, Hugh Downs, Tim Berners-Lee, Dr. James Watson and Jack Kilby discuss the future of the human gene project, the Internet and the microchip.

BY BEVERLY SAUNDERS
Campus Editor

Hugh Downs, one of the most popular faces in television, sat as the moderator for a panel of men recognized as "The Three Men Who Changed the World."

Slipping into his seat next to Downs was the man known as "The Father of the World Wide Web," Tim Berners-Lee. "Time" listed him as one of the great minds of the century. Next, a winner of the Nobel Prize, Dr. James Watson appeared. Watson received the award for discovering the molecular structure of the gene.

Finally, the inventor of the microchip, Jack Kilby Saturday, joined the notable group at the Bakersfield Business Conference's panelist table.

"Will we have a DNA computer in the future?" asked Downs.

No," said Berners-Lee. "It's not how many computers or brain nerves we have. It's how they are all connected together."

Later during their discussion the subject turned to the issue of DNA discoveries and aging. Downs asked Watson "We will have a longer life span. We won't be arriving at decrepitude in our eighties or nineties and then be kept alive for another 40 or 50 years. Do you see the gene project having positive results?"

"I think we'll be giving a lot more business to plastic surgeons," he answered.

The audience applauded.

Downs's last question addressed the issue of the possibility of something wrong happening because of the scientists' discoveries and inventions.

Berners-Lee agreed, saying, "Any of these things are very, very powerful. ... it's not up to the technology as to whether it's used for good or for evil. It's up to us."

Kennedy passionately urges protection of environment

BRYAN SWAIM
Editor in Chief

Looking slightly nervous as he walked onto the stage, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. easily eliminated any awkwardness with one question.

"This is the Kern County Democrats, right?"

The Democrat and environmental activist was welcomed warmly on Saturday at the 16th annual Bakersfield Business Conference. The son of Robert F. Kennedy, former Democratic presidential nominee who was assassinated in Los Angeles in 1967, Kennedy did not speak much about his famous family but instead used his time to address the state of the environment in America.

"Everybody has the right to clean air and water," he said. "When we destroy nature, we diminish ourselves."

Kennedy's passion about the environment was evident when he began to talk about his work for the Hudson Riverkeeper, an organization he has been with for 16 years. The Hudson Riverkeeper was started by blue collar commercial and recreational fisherman who in 1986 mobilized and claimed the Hudson River back from corporate polluters, according to Kennedy. Decades of pollution turned the Hudson into a wasteland where most of the fish were not edible, causing many fishermen to lose their jobs.

Kennedy was the chief prosecuting attorney for the organization and has helped win 200 successful lawsuits against the polluters.

"I told them, 'I will be the last to let you down,'" he said. "Today it is the richest river body from the north Atlantic."

Kennedy on how he enjoyed spending time in nature even more than seeing his famous uncle, President John F. Kennedy, in the White House.

"I remember when I was nine or 10 years old. We lived in north Virginia and we would go down south once or twice a week and I would go to museums with five or six of my brothers and sisters and visit my father at the Justice Department and sometimes my uncle at the White House. I would always look down at the post office and see a peregrine falcon. It would fly over 200 miles per hour. I would

just watch these birds come off the roof of the post office. Fly down Pennsylvania Avenue and take pigeons out of the air 40 feet above me," he said. "To me, seeing a sight like that was far more exciting than visiting my uncle in the White House."

Kennedy said that the species went extinct in 1963.

He also stressed the importance of a clean environment for the sake of America's children.

Kemp talks tax relief

BY BRYAN SWAIM
Editor in Chief

In the middle of his speech, Jack Kemp lost his shirt microphone.

He was then forced to stand still at the podium and make his speech the conventional way, speaking into two still microphones.

"I am thrilled to be a small part of this program. To go from Gorbachov to Gretchy to Argy Margret from Kemp to Kennedy is just an awesome experience," he said.

"Last summer I did the African Film Festival and I had to follow Dr. Ruth. That was tough," he said.

It was the issue of free trade that occupied most of Kemp's speech, which centered around government taxing and free enterprise.

"I think this is a great time to be alive, to be part of this great effort to make freedom and free enterprise democracy work not just for us, but for the whole world," he said.

Kemp introduced himself to the audience in style, speaking about past speeches he has given and how the Bakersfield Business Conference sizes up.

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Making a Difference

Walsh crusades on behalf of victims because of his own life changing experience.

BY RACHEL CRIBBS Opinion Editor

A shudder went through the crowd as "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh described the worst day of his life.

"How naive I was to think that I was isolated and safe from crime in my town of Little Hollywood, Fla.," Walsh told the Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday.

"What happened was a 17-year-old untrained female security guard ordered these four boys out of the mall. Adam was with them watching a video game so she assumed he was with them. She ordered him out the door and he respected authority so he went outside. When my wife came back four minutes later, there was no Adam Walsh."

"That is not Adam, that is not my little boy. He would never wander off. He stays where his mother tells him," said Walsh.

Security called the police. But the police officers said the same thing: He probably just wandered off.

"By now my wife was hysterical. She called me at the office and I raced to that mall and demanded they find my son. I went to the Hollywood police department and I never left. I stayed at that police station for 10 days, but no one would look for Adam. No one had lost a boy before. I was heartbroken," he said.

The police department didn't know what to do. The FBI looked for Adam, but FBI agents generally look for criminals.

"Each day got worse and worse and worse. I tried everything to get on a national news program. I called NBC, CBS, ABC, every news director has turned me down. They said, 'If we put you on, then we'll have to put every other missing child case in America on.'"



John Walsh talks with crime analyst Mary-Jane Diaz during book signing.

"They found parts of a little boy floating in a canal. I couldn't believe it was Adam. This cannot be my son."

— John Walsh

Walsh couldn't understand why no one could find his son, dead or alive.

"I couldn't believe that. This is 1981. This is the country that put a man on the moon. I can access the stock exchange in five minutes and you're telling me that if my little boy is dead somewhere in the state of Florida I may never find out?" he asked. Two weeks later, Walsh received a call.

"I got a call at five in the morning in a hotel room in New York City that they had found parts of a little boy floating in a canal 300 miles from my home. I couldn't believe it was Adam. This cannot be my son," he said. Two days later, Walsh received a call that the child was identified as Adam.

"The worst day of my life. You can't imagine what we went through that day. When we got back to our house all the media we had begged to show Adam's picture on the evening news were there.

"There were so many of them we couldn't get in the house. It was my first taste of how brutal the media can be."

He and his wife tried to go on with their lives, but the absence of their son was felt so acutely that "my life spiraled down," he said.

"My wife and I had nothing left except we were the parents of a murdered child," he said. Due to his grief, Walsh could not work, his house nearly foreclosed, and he could not pay the bills.

"I didn't have anything left to live for."

At that time, Walsh had launched the largest search for a missing child in the history of Florida. He decided he could not let the victimization of his son get him down. He decided to put murderers and criminals "on death row where they belong," he said.

He appeared before Congress and testified 37 times. He also pushed for the Missing Children's Bill to pass Congress.

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Bennett stresses need to teach children respect

BY BEVERLY SAUNDERS Campus Editor

When William Bennett was called upon by President Reagan to be the U.S. Secretary of Education, he did his homework by teaching in 115 third, seventh and eleventh grade classrooms across America, including Bakersfield.

Years later, President Bush asked him to return to Washington, this time as a "drug czar."

The twelve thousand plus crowd at the annual Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday responded with a roar of laughter.

Bennett recalled how he addressed America's drug problem by going on the road to visit 110 cities and communities known for illegal drug abuse, places where drug problems were worse than anywhere else in the country.

In communities such as East L.A., residents asked him why couldn't he get drugs off the streets? But in the universities he said he was asked by intellectuals, "Why don't we legalize them and make them more available?"

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the issue of crime in America, saying, "Crime is down in America. But crime against children is not down."

Nevertheless, Bennett said that America is a great country. He knows it is great because it passed his own "gate test," which he explained.

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"We have to remember that we are a moral and spiritual people if we are to achieve greatness in all of our goals."

—William Bennett

Lily Tomlin humorously reveals fears about world

BY RACHEL CRIBBS Opinion Editor

Actress and comedienne Lily Tomlin has many worries about the world today. One of her worries is garage sales, she said at the Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday.

"All that stuff we never really needed is now so much more affordable. Also, reflective flea collars, drivers can see them but so can the fleas," she said. "Oh, and if olive oil comes from olives, and peanut oil comes from peanuts, where does baby oil come from?"

She worries that people are not closer to the truth but can measure how far they are from it. She also worries that parents take their kids to fast food restaurants but then tell them to eat slowly.

Tomlin is worried she has gained and lost the same 10 pounds so many times her cellulite has deja vu. But she said that there is one thing that disturbs her above all else.

"Believe me, these worries are nothing compared to what I'm really worried about, like the Nobel Sperm Bank. I mean, something bothers me about the world's greatest geniuses sitting around in a room reading pornography and jerking off," she said. "I'm worried that they're spending valuable time getting erections instead of ideas," she said at the Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday.

Growing up in Detroit motivated Tomlin to want to make a better life for herself. "That's why they call it Motown," she said. Tomlin describes herself as a child as a "blue collar kid who was streetwise, resilient and creative."

"I was an accidental achiever. Back then there were

no self-help books, no self-improvement industry like there is today. Those people that write those books are great, but I think they need to give proof that they did in fact help themselves first," she said.

Comparing the "old days" to today is one of Tomlin's favorite things to do.

"It used to be in the old days if you had an idea for a better mousetrap your success was assured, but these days you not only have to have a better trap you have to have a better cheese to go in that better mousetrap. And, not only that, you're expected to know if the mouse likes non-fat or low fat cheese. Then you have to factor in that the little rat might be lactose intolerant," she said.

She also pointed out that today creativity is encouraged much more than it was in the past.

"I was creative as a child but creativity was not appreciated back then. People judged your creativity on your mood swings. They had more respect for reality. Now though, you can have a crazy idea and people think you're creative," she said. "I like to think I'm creative but I don't really have any talent. And creativity without talent is like being a perfectionist and not being able to do anything right."

She told a story about Daniel Boone. One time someone asked Boone if he'd ever been lost, and he said, "No, I can't say I was ever lost, but I was bewildered once for three whole days."

"I'm worried that I've been lost and bewildered most of my life," said Tomlin, adding it to her list of worries. "The future is as elusive to me as a Dennis Miller simile."

During her presentation, she incorporated some of her signature impressions, one of which is Judith Beasley who is "willing to settle for less." She also included phone operator Ernestine as well as Edith Ann.



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Capitol Steps musically satirize George W., Gore, Clintons

BY JARROD GRAHAM Features Editor

"No interns," former President George Bush told his son sternly.

"Not gonna do it," replied Gov. George W. Bush of Texas, and in unison the two Bushes affirmed that it "wouldn't be prudent."

The two men hunkering it up on stage Saturday at the Bakersfield Business Conference as father-and-son duo George and George W. were

in fact not the Bushes, but two members of the political satire comedy group known as the Capitol Steps.

The Capitol Steps, founded by Jim Adkins, Elaine Newport and Bill Straus, creates satirical lyrics and combines them with popular tunes to create hilarious parodies chronicling the scandals and exploits of America's leaders. The Steps' routines had the audience in stitches with laughter.

The Steps' business conference repertoire included such songs as "Son of a Bush," performed by the Bushes to the tune of Harry Chapin's "The Cat in the Hat"; Bill Clinton and his new intern with the Ricky Martin parody "Livin' on a Prayer"; Hillary Clinton's rendition of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Hilli'rita (Don't Cry for Me Giuliana)"; and Al and Tipper Gore's take on Gloria Gaynor's disco classic "I Will Survive," with an animated

subtle thrusting of the pelvis. "He ain't no robot — he's a macho sex machine," Tipper sang proudly.

There was also an appearance by President Vladimir Putin of Russia, who made a few opening remarks from notes prepared by an "expert translator" before launching into "Putin on the Blitz," a song about the crisis in Chechnya.

"I would like to say to your people that I have never met an American I would not like to shoot," Vladimir said with a brief pause as he flipped the page, "the breeze with."

The troupe also performed one of their "Lirty Dies" routines. "Lirty Dies," as defined by The Capitol Steps website is "what you get when you mix your basic national scandal with word-initialization-rejustaposition closely following the underlying precepts of harmony, alliteration and innuendo."

"Lirty Dies" follows a great political tradition," co-founder Strauss states on the website. "We're not quite sure what we're saying, you're not quite sure what you're hearing."

Composed of 20 former congressional staffers, The Capitol Steps have recorded 17 albums and performed more than 4,500 live shows in 48 states since its inception in 1981.

Newhart's comedy routine skewers political correctness

BY LEANNE CAVE Sports Editor

It's hard to be a comic today because so many groups can be offended by politically incorrect jokes, Bob Newhart told the crowd at the Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday.

But Newhart made comedy seem easy when he began a litany of jokes that made fun of just about everyone, including himself.

"We have a problem in L.A. with Asian gangs," he said in his low-keyed manner. "And they tell the

story, how can you tell that your house is robbed by an Asian gang? The answer is your dog is gone but your kid's math homework is done."

He described himself as one-quarter German and three-quarters Irish, "which would make me a very meticulous drunk."

"I'm pretty sure the humor comes from the Irish side, because the Germans have never been known as one of the great fun races of all time."

The actor/comedian is best known for his role as a Chicago psychiatrist in "The Bob Newhart Show" in 1972. A Chicago native,

Timing also is critical in confession.

"The best time to go to confession in Chicago was during the Notre Dame-SMU game. You can tell that priest, 'I just killed my family.' 'Don't do it again, my son,' and you hear the game in the background."

Learning the commandments wasn't easy. That was especially true for the First Commandment, "Thou shalt not worship false idols," he explained.

"I don't know about Bakersfield. I grew up in Chicago. You can drive around in Chicago ten, twelve miles

and never even see a false idol. And even if you see one, the last thing you're going to do in Chicago is stop and worship."

After poking fun at Catholics, he joked about televangelists, including Oral Roberts. According to Newhart, Roberts has "spent a day too long in the prayer tower."

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Bob Newhart pokes fun at several televangelists.

Gretzky recalls how love of sports led to success

BY LEANNE CAVE Sports Editor

"The Great One" nervously approached the podium at the Bakersfield Business Conference Saturday after being asked to replace Mikhail Gorbachev at the last minute. Benjamin Netanyahu's presentation via satellite had been cut off unexpectedly.

"I'm supposed to follow Gorbachev and we don't know where he is," Wayne Gretzky said. "They told me to go out there and talk and I told them I will, but the other night my son had it out with me and I lost my tooth. The real reason I'm here is because I wanted the chance to meet Ann-Margret."

Gretzky then talked about his life as a child, parent, professional athlete and celebrity. The Canadian native began playing hockey at the age of 2. By the age of 6, he was playing organized hockey. As a 9 and 10-year old, he scored 196 goals and had 76 assists.

At 11, he scored more than 400 goals for a team and had a hockey card like the pros. Gretzky said he was nervous as a child to get up on stage and speak. At an event in which he was to speak in

front of about 500 people, he learned about being a celebrity from Gordie Howe, his childhood idol. Gretzky recalled that Howe told him, "Just get up there and tell them you're lost without your skates and hockey stick."

Even though he had hoped to play professional baseball, he decided at 17 to make hockey his career. At 18, in his first season as an Edmonton Oiler in the National Hockey League, he was named Most Valuable Player.

He won the Art Ross Trophy as the leading scorer in his second year. The Associated Press and United Press International named him "Athlete of the Decade" in the 1980s.

With his trademark of passing, he helped the Oilers capture four Stanley Cup championships. In his career, he scored 894 goals, his 802 goal broke Howe's record. "The Lord gave me the special talent to become a professional athlete," he said.

"It goes back to when I was 6-years old. You have to have your dreams and set your goals high. I had a dream, a vision of playing in the NHL."

In 1988, after spending most of his career in Edmonton, Gretzky was traded to the Los Angeles Kings. Los Angeles was a big change for him.

"In Canada, hockey is in every conversation the only ice you can find (in L.A.), is in a diet coke," he said.

Now retired, Gretzky looks back on his time in California fondly. Gretzky and his wife Janet have four kids, all with "different dreams," he said.

"My kids tell me daily if they get offered a professional contract, they will pursue it. I tell them if they get offered a contract they can do what they want."

He spends some of his time as an assistant coach for his sons' basketball and baseball teams. "We live our lives through our kids," he said. "My dad's dream was for me to be a professional hockey player. My dream was to be a professional baseball player."

Gretzky pointed out that today there are a lot of bad things that happen in professional athletes' lives, but many good things they accomplish often go unrecognized.

Athletes can lend their names to good causes, such as charities. "Professional sports gives us the chance to jump in and get involved with charities. This is what North America is all about, learning from other people."



Gretzky discusses his life as a hockey player and the importance of his family.

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A SOARING CELEBRATION

Patriotic theme takes wing during Business Conference.

BY RACHEL CRIBBS
Opinion Editor

Patriotism will continue to be a major theme during next year's Bakersfield Business Conference. Those attending the conference will see a bigger tent decorated with a huge American flag.

While the tent will be larger, it will hold fewer people.

George Martin, firm managing partner for Borton, Petrini, & Conron, outlined the plans for the new tent in opening remarks for the conference on Saturday.

"This new tent will be one of a kind. Our current tent has bad seating and bad sound, that's why we've commissioned a new tent for next year."

The current tent can hold around 14,000 people, and is 207 feet wide, 56 feet high. The new tent is 320 feet wide and 86 feet high, but will only hold 10,000 people. This larger tent is being fashioned and made especially for the conference and the large crowds.

"The new tent is almost nine stories high," said Martin. The new tent is 400 feet long and will have a 300 foot stage. The reason only 10,000 people will be seated is due to the problem this year.

"We could hold more in the new tent, but then we would get into the trap we did with this one: bad seating. Everyone will sit head on in the new tent. No bad seating," he said.

The exterior top of the tent will be decorated with an American flag that can be seen from the sky. Due to the decrease in seating, 70 percent of the tickets for next year have been sold.

"We will continue our 16 amazing years. We have had some impressive people speak to us and we are going to have more impressive people involved in the future," he said. "Anyone can enjoy our conference, you just have to be interested in education."



Left: Leelan Landfree was one of few children present at this year's conference.

Below: The 22-foot wide bald eagle stands as a centerpiece on the conference grounds. The sculpture was built by Rick Chapman, owner of Festival Artists Inc.

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Far Left: Anne Giddings shows her patriotism with her American flag decorated jacket, skirt and bracelets.

Above: Large video monitors comprising of 25 individual screens were used to give conference attendees closer views of the speakers on stage. The image of Mikhail Gorbachev, for example, towers above the crowd.

Left: The conference grounds include many vendors, food booths and a large ferris wheel that operated throughout the day.

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Campus police arrest car burglary suspect

BY BRYAN SWAIM
Editor in Chief

A Bakersfield man has been arrested in connection with the recent series of car break-ins that has left many Bakersfield College students robbed of their stereos and other personal possessions.

Jonathan Isaac Sinco, 18, was arrested Oct. 17 at about 11:30 a.m. when campus police received a report that a car was being broken into in the southwest parking lot.

Police responded, with Officer Joe Johnson and Officer Richard Cox making the arrest.

Campus police notified the Bakersfield Police Department, which brought in another officer as well as a detective. Sinco was charged with burglary and possession of stolen property.

The arrest is the first for campus police in relation to a series of car break-ins on the BC campus that began in late September.

After receiving many theft

reports, police set up a day and night operation to try and catch the thieves, whom they believe to be a ring of professionals.

"It appears that there are more suspects involved," said Johnson. "We've busted the first wave, but the second wave is still in operation."

Many students have been concerned due to the recent thefts. BC student Craig Smith, who owns a customized 1968 Cadillac, has had theft problems before and does not want to take chances while some

thieves are still at large.

"I have to drive my mom's car to school now just so nobody messes with mine, which is kind of sad," said Smith. "I can't even drive my own car to school."

According to Johnson, the thieves have had a preference for vehicles such as Chevy Silverados, GMC 1500s, Nissans and Toyota Camrys. He warns that anyone can be affected.

"They have now changed their track and seem to be going for more

custom-built vehicles," Johnson said. "They're stealing things like stereos, equalizers, CD players, amplifiers and other personal equipment."

Smith, who also has a custom stereo system, advises that students keep their possessions secure and do not become lazy when protecting them.

"I know people who will leave their windows down and their CD player will be in plain sight. That is stupid. If you have a detachable face,

use it. You never know when you can get robbed," he said.

Johnson said any students with information on the thefts should notify campus police immediately. Students who witness a robbery should not try to approach the thieves.

"If you see them, don't come in contact. The thieves are known to be armed and dangerous," said Johnson.

"They appear to be using metal instruments to gain entry. That can be used as a weapon."

Editor's Note: As a campus service, *The Renegade Rip* is publishing the following survey from KH Consulting Group, which is conducting a review of the Kern Community College District management and operations.

Please submit this survey to *The Rip* in Campus Center 1 no later than Friday, Nov. 19. *The Rip* will forward the surveys to KH Consulting.

What strengths and major accomplishments would you like to make us aware of?

What opportunities for improvement would you like to make us aware of?

Is there anything else you would like to add?



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Far right, Phi Theta Kappa Homecoming candidate Chiharu Suzuki paints a pumpkin while sporting his plush '60s attire during the pumpkin carving contest. Right, Engineers Club candidate Judi Gamboa plays tug of war during Homecoming activities. Bottom, Intersivity Christian Fellowship candidate Shane White blows a bubble for Shannon Hurst.

Decades of 'Gades

Homecoming events capture timeless spirit of campus

BY YUKA UTSUNOMIYA
Rip staff writer

Homecoming activities will be celebrated Saturday with the crowning of the king and queen during halftime at Memorial Stadium.

The theme of this year's Homecoming is "moving through the decades," and through the week, 16 king and queen candidates have dressed in costumes, representing decades from the 1950s through the 1980s, said Michael Morledge,

Associated Students of Bakersfield College vice president of activities.

The candidates also have participated in several events such as a tug of war or disco dancing contest to earn points for the elections for king and queen which will take place today in the Campus Center Foyer.

The Homecoming parade will be held during halftime, with clubs expected to make floats.

Grand marshal will be Cory Rodriguez, director of the Chicano Cultural Center and interim adviser of ASBC.

The king and queen candidates are Shane White and Shannon Hurst from Intersivity Christian Fellowship; Dorian Quezada and Blessing Oduri from Intercultural Students Association; Dan Cronquist and Judi Gamboa from the Engineers Club; Chiharu Suzuki and Kathryn Grinkley from Phi Theta Kappa; Mahmoud El-Gassier and Wyketia Banks from the African American Student Association; Jeromy Robinson and Heather Hunt from the Latter-day Saints Student Association; Michael Jameson and

Zucchinni Hubbard-Blanche; and Damien Lomack and Megan Royer.

"It's really exciting," said Suzuki, a BC student and a candidate from Phi Theta Kappa.

After the Homecoming events, a dance party will be held at the Fireside Room at 9 p.m. Admissions are \$3 with costume and \$5 for general admissions.

This year, the Renegade Knight may not make an appearance because the BC horse, Rocky, spooked during the first home game, according to Paul Bench, a chief justice.

Forum features views of trustee candidates

BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE
Rip staff writer

Creating better conditions for students and teachers was the theme of the Kern Community College Board of Trustees candidate's forum held recently in the Fireside Room at Bakersfield College.

The Oct. 18 event, sponsored by the Academic Senate and hosted by Philosophy Department Chair Dr. Jack Hernandez, featured five candidates running for the two openings in Trustee Area III and one of the two candidates pursuing the opening in Trustee Area IV. Incumbent Rose Marie Bans did not attend due to a previous district commitment, according to Hernandez.

The five Trustee Area III candidates are: Dennis L. Bebee, John D. Gibson, Kevin McCarthy, Patrick O. Shaffer and Scott Tangeman. Bans and David B.

Stanton are the two Trustee Area IV candidates.

Each candidate focused on the need for harmony in the wake of a tentative agreement between faculty and the district.

"My wife is a student here," said Bebee, a businessman. "Seven or eight months ago, she started hearing concerns about the (lack of a) teacher's contract. The more I heard, the more concerned I was that there was a gap being created between the staff and the administration. I felt that the only way to affect change was to get involved and become a candidate for the board of trustees."

Tangeman, a dentist, is running for similar reasons.

"There really shouldn't be battles," he said. "There should be a teamwork that goes on. I'm here for the students, to make sure the students have a faculty. I'm here to have an administration that has a vision that is tangible. I'm here to get that to happen."

Gibson, an attorney who says he has taught before, focused on the importance of the student/teacher relationship. "My philosophy is that you start with the student and you back up from there," said Gibson. "The job of the district and the (teaching) staff is to assist and facilitate learning in the classroom. Where the rubber hits the road is the faculty and the students."

— John Gerhold, union president

Gibson then discussed his solution.

"That's the issue of strong leadership. We need strong leadership, a vision."

McCarthy, a district representative for Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Bakersfield, echoed those sentiments.

"There's a great tradition here at BC, but you know what happens when you have traditions? Sometimes you get set in your ways. Technology moves forward. The only way we're going to be leaders is if we can think outside the box. I'm not afraid to do so," he said.

Shaffer, a former BC administrator, said he is familiar with district problems.

"Those are the kind of things I know because I've been here," said Shaffer. "I know what the problems are. What I bring to you is a wealth of experience relative to what the problems are in the classroom. I



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From left, candidates Kevin McCarthy, Patrick Shaffer, David Stanton and Scott Tangeman discuss education.

think I can help you."

Stanton, a former Kern High School District board member, referred to his speech as his job interview to the amused crowd.

"I'm here looking for a job," he said. "I've got a record of working with the district. I think I can help improve this board."

John Gerhold, president of the faculty union, was pleased with the

forum.

"One of the things that calmed me down was everybody was saying that they thought that the priority needed to be the students (and) that the district has had some problems. Each of those candidates knows that and they have publicly promised to address those problems. Let's hold them to those promises."

Caught in the MAZE of Counseling

Counselors willing to help students lost academically

When I was first asked to write an opinion article on counselors and counseling, I thought to myself, what can I talk about? Certainly student success tips, transfer application deadlines and educational goals as more suited to a counseling session or student development course?

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Sue Granger-Dickson
BC Counselor

But then I thought, why not? Students are the reason I enjoy my job as a counselor at Bakersfield College. As a community college, Bakersfield College has a diverse group of students with a variety of educational and career concerns. This diversity makes for a challenging and often hectic job.

But nothing is so rewarding as helping people help themselves discover how and what they want to do with their lives. So, I decided that I would write an article encouraging students to use the services of counselors, advisers and career center staff in order to help them reach their potential.

First of all, students must make an appointment and keep it, register and attend students development courses and come by and spend time with counselors, advisers and transfer staff in order to get the information they need to be successful in college. Like the diversity of our student body, students have a wide range of reasons for why they attend college.

The reasons for college attendance includes vocational programs, short term academics, job readiness skills, associate degree programs, transfer programs and personal enrichment. It is important that students meet early with a counselor and communicate with them what their educational and career goals are in order that the counselor can help them develop their own personal plan of action. Decisions about oneself is a process that changes over the course of a college education, so do not be afraid to make initial decisions about what you want to do knowing that you can re-evaluate and change directions when appropriate.

However, it is very important that if you do change directions, majors, or transfer colleges, that you re-visit your counselor in order to make sure you are continuing to move in the right direction for your new goal. There is nothing worse than having to tell a student they will not be able to graduate or transfer because they have not taken the right courses.

Students need to remember that they are not assigned to a particular counselor and that they are free to see whomever they want. It is also a good idea to take a student development,



Student has counseling woes while trying to transfer out of BC

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Michael D. Ross
Online Editor

My name's Michael D. Ross and I'm a BC-abolic. It's not that I love BC, but I've spent the last three and a half years of my life at this two-year institution.

I like to think of myself as a fairly intelligent guy, even if I do continue to take newspaper classes each semester despite the stress I encounter from torturous deadlines.

What's the problem? BC counseling. I transferred from a high school overseas, and my high school didn't inform me of the BC graduation requirements. Why would they?

When I first signed up for classes, I was told that I needed to go to an orientation before I could take any classes with prerequisites. I went to an orientation that semester and then found out that I needed to take an assessment test in the spring.

The next semester I took the test and placed highly. When it was time to enroll again, I received a letter saying that I still couldn't take any classes until I saw a counselor.

Why wasn't I told all this from the start? I could have done it all at once and not have to wait a year and a half before I could be a student.

Many of my other, more intelligent, friends ran from BC to four-year universities as soon as they could. I want something to show for the last three and a half years that I've spent here: my A.A. degree.

That's why I went to see a counselor again. This should be my last semester and I wanted to make sure everything was ready for

graduation. The results were less than pleasing.

First, my original counselor didn't show, so I had to see a new one. This counselor made up a long list of classes that I still needed to take to meet the CSU graduation requirements and told me that I needed to take these classes in the spring. All I wanted to know was if I could graduate from BC and transfer.

Next, I looked at this list. One of the courses was a math class, but a computer science class I've taken meets this requirement and the counselor didn't even recognize it. I can understand counselors not knowing the courses that meet my major, but I expect them to know the courses that meet the general education requirements.

It also turns out that my high school transcripts aren't on file. My high school mailed them in the spring of '97 and when I went to see a counselor two years ago they weren't missing. This leaves me with two options: run like hell, or stay here another semester.

It seems that counselors are only concerned with getting the student to the next step. In the process, the bigger picture of getting to graduation or transferring is being ignored. I don't know if counselors are overburdened, or if they've been instructed to keep students on campus as long as possible to pay for those administrative salary increases. Something has to be done.

It's too late for me. I've become a BC-abolic, but others can be saved.

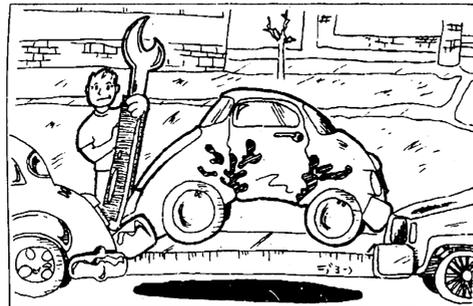
Do students want marked street parking?

As you peer down the road as far as you can see looking for a parking spot, you realize you have a split second decision to make—can I fit my car into that parking space?

This is a question students must ask themselves when trying to squeeze their car into the free, parallel parking spaces on the streets surrounding Bakersfield College, namely Panorama Drive.

As tension builds over whether or not your car will fit into that space, where some people were too inconsiderate to leave enough room for another person to park in, the traffic piles up.

Brakes squeal and horns honk, people start quickly swerving around your car, a few near miss accidents ensue; you are trying to hurry to get out of this stressful situation. And then, you give up, realizing you are in a large, oversized car, not the compact car you thought you had. So on to the next parking spot you go



JON RIEL/THE RIP

as you glance in your rear view mirror watching the impatient drivers behind you, and then you start the process all over again.

I say, "How difficult would it be for someone to paint white lines on the street, allotting a specified amount of space to each car in order to solve this never ending waiting for an accident to happen dilemma?"

We have all seen cars parking at absurd angles, and cars parked too

close for someone to get out of, and of course the cars that have conveniently parked in two or more parking spaces. Many students have witnessed accidents as other students try to park.

So I posed that question to Charles Guerrero, interim dean of students at BC who said he would see what he could do. Surprisingly, in the few weeks since our conversation took place, the city has

agreed to paint the lines designating parallel parking on the streets surrounding BC, and also to pay for the project, as soon as Guerrero submits his request.

Before Guerrero will release his request to have the lines painted, he would like feedback from you. If any of you feel strongly either for or against this project Guerrero would like for you to put your concern in writing and drop it off at the Student Services Building with Irene Spencer. He feels the students need to have a say so in the matter, so

what do you say? I think this would open up a great number of parking spaces because everyone will know right where to park their car.

It would help to make parking easier for anyone trying to park on the street, especially Panorama, as well as cut down on the number of accidents that occur.

I was fully prepared to pay for the copies, as there were quite a lot of them. Only the instructor accused me of abusing the privileges.

He spoke to me like a third grader on a field trip. I was under the

Student expresses anger about treatment by teacher in computer commons

I recently made a trip to the computer commons to do some research for an upcoming term paper.

When I was printing out some information that I thought was crucial to my paper, my intelligence was greatly insulted. I had no idea that printing was once again free while Bakersfield College was changing card companies.

I was fully prepared to pay for the copies, as there were quite a lot of them. Only the instructor accused me of abusing the privileges.

He spoke to me like a third grader on a field trip. I was under the

impression that we were all adults here. He should have made his position known with just a little more finesse.

I am a totally understanding person, but because I look young does not mean I am young.

He did not have to talk to me in such a manner. I understand that the staff has problems with some of the students, but not all of us here are disruptive and abusive.

I respect the staff and for once I would like the staff to respect me.

Kimberly Walton
BC Student

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aprill Nelson
BC Student

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'GADE FEEDBACK

RONNIE WILSON / THE RIP

What is the craziest thing you would do for a million dollars?

Laksha Richardson, Nursing: "Streak BC butt naked."

Alex Estrada, Liberal Studies: "I would eat a pile of dog poop."

Cristy Orlando, Business: "I would take a shower naked in the fountain at The Marketplace."

Rick Rice, Business: "I would lay on a block of ice naked."

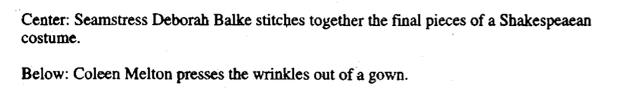
Monica Martinez, Liberal Studies: "I would shave my head bald."



Left: Professional actor Shane Henry deftly applies base makeup as he prepares for his role in "Twelfth Night," which premiered Oct. 5 in the Kern Shakespeare Festival performed in the Bakersfield College Outdoor Theater.



Above: Mandy Li May sits perfectly still while Jeny Rendt-Scott applies lip stick for her role as a servant in "Twelfth Night."



Center: Seamstress Deborah Balke stitches together the final pieces of a Shakespearean costume.



Below: Coleen Melton presses the wrinkles out of a gown.



'The play's the thing'

A behind the scenes look at the arts involved in the Shakespeare Festival

BY BEVERLY SAUNDERS
Campus Editor

For nearly five hundred years skilled fingers have been constructing colorful garb and embellishing thespian faces in Shakespearean productions from the humblest of hamlets to the haughty heights of Broadway.

The noble tradition continues. Bakersfield College students enrolled in various theater classes keep the backstage talent alive.

Each employs their own abilities, personality and imaginations to enhance the final production.

In the BC workroom a motor began humming softly as Deborah Blake guided pale fabric under her sewing machine's needle. Coleen Melton, theater major, was also



glow of lights applied blood red gloss on an actress' lips. Carefully she scrutinized her work. After a few more deft strokes with the makeup brush she sat back on her stool, pleased with her work.

Actress Jeny Rendt-Scott has her custom designed dress altered by its designer, James McDonnell.

Computer major Mike Mitchell stood on a tall ladder searching for just the right hat while Candice Zent, with a small sigh of frustration, plowed through a deep pile of shoes seeking the perfect pair.

It's October and the actors and actresses have donned the skillfully crafted attire and have worn their artistically painted faces.

The festival ends with a variety of talents combined successfully.



Photos by Beverly Saunders / The Rip

Hollywood's portrayal of novel fails to please

'Pay It Forward' benefits from good acting, suffers from negative stereotypes.

BY BEVERLY SAUNDERS
Campus Editor

"Pay It Forward," a novel by Catherine Ryan Hyde, can easily be compared to swimming in the Kern River, refreshing but possibly not worth the risk. Hyde's book is brimming with well-crafted characters that are often faced with challenges that would even cause the hardhearted to laugh and cry—the refreshing part. But the plot is far too predictable. Imagine Madonna in Mayberry and you'll get the picture.

Inventive characters that captivate the imagination and come alive on the written page is the stuff good novels are made of and Hyde has done it — from beginning to end.

Hyde has dismissed the notion of rerun characters by introducing Ruben, a well-educated African-American male, a war veteran with a face and heart ravaged by scars. He is Trevor's seventh-grade social studies teacher who challenges his class to think of an idea for a world change, and put it into action.

Trevor takes Ruben's assignment seriously and in a "random act of kindness" kind of way tries to help a junkie, a widow and even makes a serious stab at helping his alcoholic, sex-starved mother in his effort to change the world. (That's the entire plot of the story in a nutshell.)

Trevor's extra credit social studies assignment is the only aspect of the book for kids. Everything else is adult reading.

During an interview with Hyde at the Bakersfield Barnes & Noble, a week before the release of "Pay It Forward," the movie based on her book, Hyde said, "The movie has been rated PG-13 and the book gets that same rating from me. Parents should read the book first before allowing their children to read it."

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When asked if the book and movie were similar Hyde said, "I had no involvement in the movie whatsoever."

So don't be shocked when you go to the movie looking for a kid named Trevor who "looks like at least one of his parents is Hispanic," but don't see him. Warner Bros. removed his Hispanic image and assigned it to a murdering, junior high boy's gang, with scarves on their heads and switchblade in hand. Throughout the movie the small gang terrorize a feilow student who just happens to be a cute, chubby, white boy with masses of light curly hair — in Hyde's book it's a couple of white, adult, skinheads who pull out the switchblade and commit murder.

Still, Haley Joel Osment is an excellent actor who does his job well.

But be forewarned, Trevor is not the only character who experiences a metamorphic transformation from book to movie. Ruben changes from black to white.

Still, Kevin Spacey should receive an Oscar for his moving performance as Ruben.

In an apparent effort at being politically correct Warner Bros. kept a black male in the story. They simply switched Hyde's white crook who hung out in a redneck bar, into a foul-mouthed, can't-get-beyond-a-second-grade-vocabulary gangster with a scarf on his head and handcuffs on his wrists.

Well at least Trevor's mom Arlene, excellently played by Helen Hunt, experienced a positive facelift from the movie mongrel Warner Bros. In the book she's the sleazy Madonna type. But in the script, writers gave her a past that effectively adds to the tear-jerking side of the movie and includes a small but moving performance by Angie Dickinson.

So, for all of you who would like to read a novel with splendidly created characters with a ho-hum storyline, this book is for you. And for those who enjoy great acting, and can stomach yet another movie replete with negative minority stereotypes, go for it.



Left: Helen Hunt, Haley Joel Osment and Kevin Spacey star in Warner Bros. Pictures' new movie "Pay It Forward." Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures.



Below: "Pay It Forward" author Catherine Ryan Hyde took part in a book signing at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Bakersfield. Photo by Beverly Saunders / The Rip.

Cross country team finishes fourth in conference finals

BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College men's cross country team are down to five runners, the minimum needed for a team. "It's always scary," said BC men's coach Bob Covey. "If you only have five runners running and you need to have five to be in a team, if somebody gets sick or hurt at the wrong day, suddenly we don't have a team at all. Cross country is unusual because it's a team sport, but we also compete individually. So far, we've had a team every week."

Covey took his team to Santa Maria Tuesday for the Western State Conference championship, hosted by Allan Hancock, where the Gades placed fifth. The Nov. 4 Southern Cal championship meet at San Diego Mesa will determine the team's state ranking.

"I think we'll be on the bubble," said Covey. "Right now, we're ranked about 17th in the state. We got to get in the top 14 to

make the state as a team." Jose Perezchica is the top runner for BC, winning with a time of 20:06 in the 8,000 meter run.

"He's a very exceptional runner," said Covey of the WSC first team member. "That's his 5th win out of five races, so he's undefeated for the year."

Rounding out the BC men's team is Eduardo Rocha, who earned WSC second team, finishing 12th with a time of 21:11. Hector Galvan, 27th, 21:57; Jordan Lewis, 50th, 22:59; and Owen Lewarton, 63rd, 23:34. Covey is satisfied with the results.

"We're very pleased with how our team ran," he said. "We certainly like to place higher than that, but when you have a team that's running the best race this season, you can't ask for anymore than that."

For the women, the Gades have a larger than usual squad this year, but the team has faced tougher competition than last year.

"The conference and Southern Cal's for women this year is a lot stronger," said BC women's coach Pam Kelley. "There's a lot

more depth. We've been competitive in the meets that we've competed in. In other years, we've probably been placing a little bit higher as a team, but because everybody's so strong, we're just not quite there."

Like the men, Kelley took the Gades to compete in the WSC championships in Santa Maria, where BC placed fourth.

Wendy King is the top runner for women's team, finishing sixth with a time of 19:49 in the 5,000 meter run, earning WSC first team. Brooke Stevens received WSC second team, placing 14th, 20:46. Stevens is pleased with her performance.

"I was just trying my hardest," she said. "At our last meet, with all the WSC people, I got 16th. I wasn't sure if I was going to get it. When I got it (14th), I was, 'I scored two higher than last time' so I was happy."

Honorable mentions went to Christina Martinez and Misty Coston who placed 19th and 26th respectively. Yvonne Lara placed 29th, 21:54; Casey Holman, 49th, 22:47; Jillynn Long, 50th, 22:49; and Alejandra Maronlejo, 89th, 40:29.



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Eduardo Rocha, Jordan Lewis and Jose Perezchica practice.

'Gades' 13-7 win over Hancock could bring state play-off berth

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

After a week of Homecoming activities the Bakersfield College Renegades will take on the East Los Angeles College Huskies (5-1), in a Western State Conference clash at Memorial Stadium, Saturday at 7 p.m. The Huskies gave the Gades all they could handle last season in L.A. as the game went down to the wire and BC escaped with a narrow victory.

"They are very much like they

were last year," said Grider. "They lead the conference in total offense. This will be a real tough game."

The Homecoming festivities will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The homecoming king and queen will be crowned at the half.

The Gades hope to continue their winning record (6-0) during the Homecoming match.

In the Oct. 21 game against a spirited Allan Hancock team, the Gades prevailed in a defensive battle in which only 20 points were scored by both teams.

Ranked 5th in the nation, BC avenged its only loss in the last two seasons by beating Allan Hancock 13-7, before 5,317 fans. The victory was important as it could have bearing on a state play-off berth for the Gades.

The Gades secondary set the tone for the defensive battle as James McGill intercepted Hancock quarterback Beau Pierce on the second play of the game.

The Bulldogs' defense, ranked first in the state, stifled the BC running game and forced the Gades

into a passing game. With a bench that chanted the popular "Baha Men's" song, "Who Let the Dogs Out" among other cheers, Hancock applied the pressure that allowed a talented BC offense to score only 10 points in the first half.

The Gades' defense also threw some knockout punches to the Hancock offense as the only score the Gades could manage was a 1-yard run by Charone Curry, early in the second quarter.

After the Hancock score, BC quarterback Jason Ghilarducci then

went to the air as he moved the offense down the field with passes that were right on the money to wide receiver Sammy Moore and tight end Rich Sheasley.

"If the offense gets going, we can be a real effective team," said Sheasley.

Josh Lopes dashed into the end zone on a 2-yard run to make the score 10-7 just before the half.

The second half was all defense. Neither team could move forward on offense for moving backwards with penalties, turnovers and missed

opportunities. BC had its chances to put the game away as the Gades had the ball several times in the "Red Zone" (inside the 20-yd line).

On several occasions when it appeared as though Hancock might score the Gades secondary of McGill, Billy Gilbert, Randy Jordan and Michael Hall made key interceptions and hard hits.

Hall made a breathtaking interception for the Gades with seven minutes left on the clock. The pick set up a Trevor Lancaster field goal that made the final score 13-7.

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- Library card to check out books
- Identification card

The new GADES Card is FREE! There will be a "carding" event in early November. All Bakersfield College students and employees must attend the "carding" event to receive the card and be entitled to services at BC. After the early November "carding" event, students and employees can get a new GADES Card in the ASB Office (Campus Center).

All students with old printing cards should KEEP those cards. The value on each card will be credited for printing on the new card, along with an extra \$3 per card (the card's value).

Until the new GADES Card is in place, printing will be free on campus.

When to get your new GADES Card

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2. Access the BC homepage @ <http://www.bc.cc.ca.us>, click "Registration" then click "Registration" again.
3. Click the login button.
4. At the "Main Menu", click the "Student Registration, Records and Financial Aid Menu."
5. At the Registration Menu, click and select term. Then choose either "Register/Add/Drop Classes" or "Look-up Classes to Add." If you choose "Look Up Classes to Add", you will find up-to-the-minute information on closed classes or classes newly added to the schedule.

User Login

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Register by Phone - 325-0225

Qualifying for Priority Telephone Registration

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The appointment card for Early Registration indicates the date, time, and phone number for your registration appointment.

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Before You Begin Telephone Registration

1. Codes and definitions you will need are located on page 13 of the class schedule.
2. Please verify the locations of courses before you make your telephone call.
3. Only touch-tone telephones may be used with the Telephone Registration system. There are free phones in the lobby of the Administration Building. There are computers with direct access to web registration in the lobby also.
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13. Please note that your web PIN and your telephone PIN are the same.

The telephone registration process is as follows:

Voice: Welcome to the Bakersfield College telephone registration and information system. For registration information or updating, press 1; for billing information, press 2; for financial aid information, press 3; for grading information, press 4. Press 1.

Voice: To register, add, drop or update, press 1; for general registration information, press 2; to change your personal identification number, press 3; to return to the main menu, press 9. Press 1.

Please change your PIN to protect your privacy.

Voice: Please select a registration term.

Voice: Please enter your Social Security number. Please enter your six digit personal identification number. Please note that your PIN is the same on the web and on the form.

Voice: Your last name is spelled ----- You must go to the Admissions and Records office to correct the spelling if it is incorrect.

After the system has determined that you are eligible to register, the process will continue. Students who are eligible to update by telephone or who have been cleared for telephone registration by a counselor will be asked the update questions below. Others will go directly to the registration process. The codes that you will need to complete this update are listed in the Spring 2000 class schedule.

To Update:

Voice: Please enter the two-digit principle educational goal now.

Voice: Please enter the one-digit code indicating the time needed to complete your educational goal.

Voice: Please enter the six-digit major code.

Voice: According to the Department of Education definition, are you a displaced homemaker? Enter 1 for yes or 2 for no.

Voice: According to the Department of Education definition, are you a single parent? Enter 1 for yes or 2 for no.

To Register:

If there are any holds on your record that prevent you from registering, you will be told at this time.

Voice: To register, add or drop courses, press 1; to list your schedule, press 2; to return to the main menu, press 9. Press 1.

You will be asked to enter the course reference number (CRN) for each class you wish to add or drop. After all courses have been entered, you must confirm your schedule. The system will then process your request. If there are any problems with scheduling, prerequisites, etc., you will be told. If no additional problems occur, your schedule will be finalized. (Wait until the voice starts to speak before entering the next CRN).

Voice: To register or add a course, press 1; to drop a course, press 2; to confirm your schedule, press 3; to return to the main menu, press 9. Press 1.

Voice: Enter the CRN of the course you wish to add. Wait for the system to repeat the name and number of the course that you have added. If a class is closed the voice will tell you and offer the option of listing open sections.

The system will continue to ask you to enter CRNs. After you have added all of the courses that you wish to register for the voice will ask you to press * followed by 8, then press 3 to confirm these classes. Remember that you must confirm after all courses have been added.

Voice: If you have completed your registration, press 1. For information about your student account balance and to make a payment on your account, press 1. Please select the term of your last registration or priority registration. Press the appropriate key.

Payment is due at the time of registration. If you do not choose to pay by credit card at this time, you will receive a fee statement within eight days following your registration call. The statement will contain instructions for paying by mail, by telephone or at the campus Business Services Office. Prior to the due date, you may recall the telephone registration system to pay by VISA or MasterCard. Non-payment by the ten-day deadline will result in cancellation of your registration for classes. If you do not receive a statement within nine days of your call, contact the Admissions and Records office. Students are responsible for payment within ten days even if the fee statement is not received.

Voice: To pay by credit card, press 2. To pay by VISA, press 1; to pay by MasterCard, press 2; to cancel this credit card payment request, press 9.

The system will identify the enrollment fees and the total amount owed by semester. It will not explain the difference. That difference is other miscellaneous charges such as: health fees, student center fees or course materials fees. Please verify your fees on the worksheet on page 5 of your class schedule. GADES cards and parking permits cannot be ordered on the telephone but you may indicate that you want to purchase one or both of them on your billing statement and pay by any method described above. At any time after you have heard your account balance, you may end the telephone call by hanging up and you will be registered in the confirmed classes. You may return to the main registration menu by pressing 9 at any time.

To verify your account balance or make a payment in a separate telephone call:

Select, for billing information, press 2 at the first menu. You will be asked to enter your Social Security number and PIN number.

Voice: For information about your student account balance or to make a payment, press 1. To review the details of the current term, press 2.

To drop a course:

Select, for registration information or updating, press 1; after the voice spells your name, you will hear:

Voice: To register, add or drop courses, press 1; to list your schedule, press 2; to return to the main menu, press 9. Press 1.

Voice: To register or add a course, press 1; to drop a course, press 2; to confirm your schedule, press 3. Press 2.

Voice: Enter the CRN of the course you wish to drop.

After you have dropped all of the courses, the voice will ask you to press * followed by 8, then press 3 to confirm these drops.

To hear your grades for a semester:

Select, for grading information, press 4 at the first menu and follow the telephone directions.