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Advertising space given in honor of new sign

BY RACHEL CRIBBS
Opinion Editor

Kern Schools Federal Credit Union donated a new sign to Bakersfield College this semester. The sign stands on the corner of Mount Vernon and University Ave. In exchange for the gift, the college

is honoring KSFC by donating ad space to them.

"The sign wouldn't even be there without Kern Schools so we felt donating some space to them would help recognize their gift," said BC Public Information Specialist Brent Rush. "We've had a long standing friendship with Kern Schools so it

was really nice of them to do that for us."

Kern Schools sends their messages over to Rush almost every month and he posts the ads. Currently, however, the new sign is running at "one sixth of its capacity" Rush said. BC activities are posted on the sign as well as ads for Kern

Schools, but no other ads have been sold yet. The prices for ads are still being discussed at BC, so Kern Schools is the only one with ads posted.

"We don't really have a price list for the sign space yet," Rush said. "So, there isn't much on there. We hope to sell more ads to bring in

money for the school."

Messages are currently running every 10 seconds. That means there is a lot more space available to advertisers. According to Verne Vegso, BC Athletics Marketing Director, BC ads receive 50 percent of the space available and revenue and Kern Schools receives 50

percent."

"I hope ad space is not an issue," Rush said. "We have a lot of space and BC events get top priority."

Rush tries to post club events, or any student-related event first. "Our policy is anything that is of interest to the campus, then it See SIGN, Page 5

Agriculture department to receive grant

BY ELIZABETH GREGORY
Campus Editor

Thanks to a new \$100,000 grant, the Bakersfield College Agriculture Department is in line for some major improvements.

According to the Ag Department's chairman, Bill Kelly, the grant has been awarded through the California Community College's Chancellor's office.

Kelly said a new stall barn and equipment shed will be built at the Ag Farm on campus with money from the grant, along with a new irrigation system.

"We're really excited and delighted," Kelly said. "These are the kind of things that the school could never afford to buy for itself with its limited budget. So we're really thankful."

Kelly also praised the Agriculture Department staff for its efforts in making the grant successful.

In addition to all the new changes, three Agriculture classrooms will be receiving new ceiling-mounted digital projectors and computers with Internet connection.

The Agriculture Department is located next to the Applied Science and Technology building on campus.

Bakersfield College was the first community college in the state of California to have an Agriculture Department, which started around 1912.

There are now currently over 800 students taking agriculture classes at BC. Kelly believes they will also benefit from the enhanced technology and material provided from the grant.

"The grants give students lots of hands on experience," he said. "This makes opportunities for them (students) more employable when they graduate from BC or acceptable for a four-year

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— Bill Kelly, Ag chairman

university."

According to Gregg Cluff, who is an agriculture professor at Bakersfield College, the grant was not just given for physical improvements to the Ag Department, but to further the education of its students.

Cluff said the Agriculture Department has many students that work towards A.S. degrees and certificates. He said those students later work within the community.

"In order to properly service that type of student we need more hands on work," he said. "At the level they'll (the students) be working at, they will need to know how to use a tractor, how to use irrigation equipment, set up irrigation equipment . . . identify plants and go out in the field."

"It's (the grant) awesome," said BC student Sabrina Moncur who is majoring in crops. "Now we can apply what we're learning to the farm, and we don't have to travel clear across town to look at soil."

Moncur says that the classes originally travelled to areas around the Grapevine to study soil.

Michael Poncetta is also a student at Bakersfield College who is majoring in Gerontology.

"I think the grant will benefit everyone," Poncetta said.

"Other people who aren't in agriculture can go by (to) see the new changes and what's going on," she said.



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Above, Ben Sampson, who won a bronze in the extemporaneous speaking competition, gives his speech at the Spring Speech Showcase. Below, Dr. Mark Staller explains the forensics events and BC speech course offerings to attendees at the showcase.

BC debate team wows judges at national speech championship

BY LANELL HART
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College Speech and Debate Team struck gold at the Phi Rho Pi Community College National Championships.

The team traveled to Jacksonville, Fla., April 7-14 over spring break to compete against community colleges from across the United States.

"For many years, Bakersfield

College has competed in the small schools division," said Associate Professor of Communications Dr. Mark Staller. "This year, we took 11 students and entered the large school division. Our overall ranking, including individual events, places us tenth in the nation."

In all, BC's Speech and Debate Team brought home one gold medal, four silver medals, two bronze medals, and the gold medal

sweepstakes award for debate in the large schools division.

Terry Cranfill was presented the Warren-Dahlin Fellowship Award as the student "who best exemplifies the spirit of competition."

Jason Giffard won BC's only individual gold medal for Lincoln Douglas Debate. Christine Stronach and Giffard placed second, winning a silver medal, for Cross-

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LANELL HART / THE RIP

Archive project seeks memorabilia

Project is looking for historical items to preserve.

BY JARROD M. GRAHAM
Features Editor

With a long history that goes back to 1913, one would think that for all these years Bakersfield College has been keeping track of materials of historical importance to the college.

But according to Dr. Chuck Carlson, that hasn't been the case.

Enter the Bakersfield College Archive Project.

"It's a new project that we started this academic year," Carlson said. "We thought that an institution that has such a long history . . . ought to

have some central repository where we have knowledge about what the history was and who did things and what it was and why it happened and all those kinds of things."

The project is made up of a small group of current and retired BC faculty and staff members, including Carlson, history professor Dr. Greg Goodwin, media services manager Kristin Rabe and Dr. Robert Allison, retired vice president of instruction.

According to Allison, the project's immediate goal is to bring together as many of these historically significant items as possible by getting the word out to retired faculty and staff and the general public and asking for donations of these materials.

"There's a lot of stuff all over town, in individuals' homes," he

said. "Just about a week ago, I overheard one of my fellow students in the advanced wood class — we're retirees, we take advanced wood — talking about a bunch of old athletic pictures he has of Bakersfield College athletes that go back to the '30s. And so I asked him about those . . . and I'm having copies made. But we have photos of Frank Giffard, Don Hart, people like that, that go back into the '30s and '40s, amazing shots that we hadn't seen before. And those things are all over town."

There are also many items scattered all over campus.

Rabe rescued several boxes of old student, faculty and event photographs located in the basement by the back door of the Language Arts building.

"They were sitting by a rather

large puddle at the time," she said. "But these are treasures that you don't want to let a puddle destroy or someone throw out."

The project has already gathered many items, Carlson said. Everything from old photographs, newspaper clippings and videotapes of events to campus publications, including copies of old course schedules, catalogs, the defunct Raconteur yearbook and *The Renegade Rip*.

In addition, the project is also looking for the history of notable BC personalities and is encouraging people to write in their stories and recollections of people or events.

Three weeks ago, Goodwin and Allison interviewed Dr. Ralph Prator, who was the first BC leader to hold the title of president back in



PHOTO COURTESY OF BC ARCHIVE PROJECT

This photo was featured in the 1965 BC yearbook.

the 1950s.

"He's 93, sharp as a tack, and he told us a lot of interesting stories about the development of building this campus," Goodwin said.

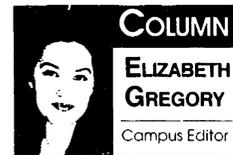
Carlson sees the archive as an ongoing project that will require a lot of time and effort, but will eventually be available to scholars,

researchers and the community at large.

"It's going to take us several years, I think, to get the basic data collected and cataloged," he said. "After that, it'll be sort of a yearly update of what's been happening, so we don't have to go back and try to rebuild something later on."

Add-drop game played every semester

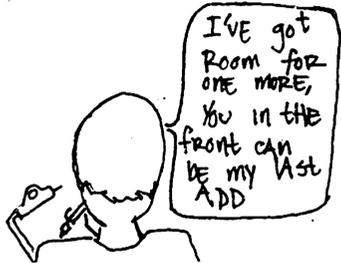
Students should not add classes just to drop later.



COLUMN
ELIZABETH GREGORY
Campus Editor

"Are you adding?" is one of the most redundant questions asked on the first day of class at Bakersfield College. During the first week of school, it is not uncommon to see flocks of students running around like headless chickens, desperately trying to add classes at the last minute. Students cram into classrooms like clowns packing into a tiny Yugo at the circus. Instructors often accommodate these masses to fill vacant seats. With a quick wave of the instructor's pen across an add slip like a magic wand, the student is enrolled. Yet, as the weeks pass, many of the initially enthusiastic students disappear just as quickly as they appeared, leaving classes abandoned like barren ghost towns. Annoyingly, this cycle of adding and

dropping campus courses repeats every semester. So the inevitable question arises, why do these students add in the first place? Were the desperate sobs of "I really need this class," and the pathetic puppy dog eyes just overacting that resulted in a waste of the instructors' and classmates' time? Of course, there are those students who have no choice but to drop because of work, family and other obligations. And, there are those intimidating instructors that frighten off students. However, the majority that add and then drop courses because they "felt like it," demonstrate an imprudent, lackadaisical and selfish excuse of not taking academics seriously. By being an adult you are given the liberty of choice. But with that freedom also comes responsibility. Just because a person is 18, doesn't mean they should be making reckless choices, especially when it comes to a college education. Imagine this level of irresponsibility in the American workforce.



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with their peers to develop some responsibility. College is a place to build careers, dreams and success. It is not a place for students to be indecisive and discombobulated about their level of commitment to their education. So when next semester starts, don't add in a class unless you're willing to take the course seriously. In other words, be responsible.

CAR BANDITS

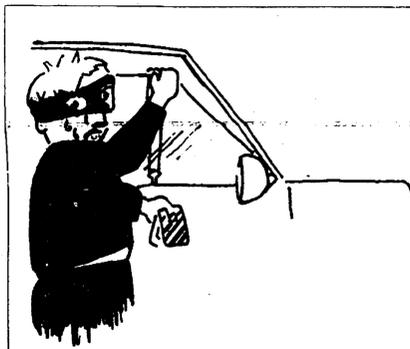
More campus police needed in parking lots rather than in halls.



COLUMN
RYAN KNAGGS
Rip staff writer

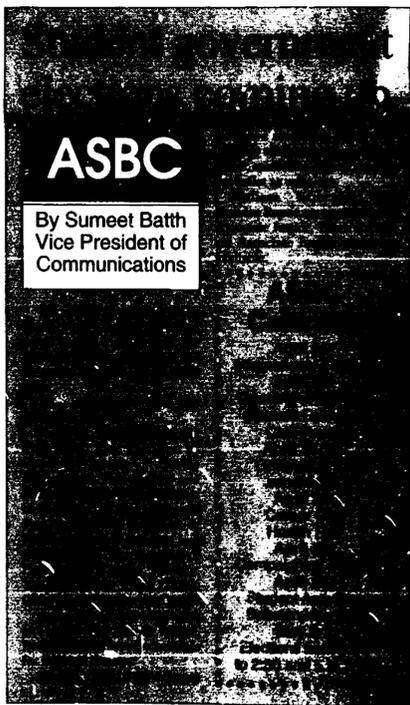
Last month, havoc hit the BC parking lot. In the eastern as well as the northeast parking lot, as many as seven cars were broken into—all in one day-March 5. Students have mixed emotions about what should be done to put a stop to this recent rise in parking lot crime. Should we hire more campus police to patrol the parking lots? Should students just be smarter and not leave valuables visible to thieves? Should we leave our cars at home and utilize public transportation? Since no one in their right mind would leave their car at home and utilize public transportation, two of these options can be looked at seriously. To gain more insight into this situation, I arranged an interview with BC student Eric Duhart, who was one of the unfortunate students who had their car broken into on March 5.

Upon returning to his car, Duhart was stunned. "After seeing the car next to mine was broken into, I feared that mine could have been next," he said. "As I came closer to my car, my worst fear came true...my car was broken into as well." Duhart said he was upset by what was taken. "After the thugs shattered my driver side front window, they proceeded to steal my compact disk player along with my whole CD collection of 70's soft rock," he said. Duhart said, "more security should be added to prevent future car burglaries." Campus police said that Duhart and the others who had their cars broken into did not have any valuables in plain sight. The answer to this recent epidemic of thievery is obvious. BC needs more campus police patrolling our parking lots. The campus police at BC are needed more in the parking lots in the first place. They report on accidents, they



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stop people for speeding and as we are all too familiar with, they write tickets at the drop of a hat. Is there really a need for security within the halls and grounds of our campus? Is our campus really that crime-ridden that it requires campus police in every corner? When was the last time you saw a campus police officer respond to a problem in a classroom or the cafeteria? Well then, if the officers aren't needed on non-parking lot school grounds, then it is obvious that they belong in the parking lots, where the trouble takes place. Problems in the parking lot are far more important than the petty little campus problems which can be resolved without security.



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'GADE FEEDBACK

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Who is the best Batman? Why?

 Elaime Eddington, Human Sciences: "Michael Keaton, because he's gorgeous."	 Gaidino Machado, Nursing: "Michael Keaton because he played the part better than the rest of them."	 Reeenne Leach, Psychology: "Val Kilmer because he had that real serious face and played real well."	 Nickolas Curtis, Theater Arts: "Michael Keaton did the acting better than the others."	 Yummee Carey, Liberal Studies: "I would say Michael Keaton because he's sexy."
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BC offers extended fall dance classes

BY HENRY FRANCO
Rip staff writer

Most students at Bakersfield College make sure they're stocked up on books, backpacks and binder paper. But more and more students are buying ballet shoes. In fact, a growing interest in demi pleis and fondus has resulted in an expansion in class hours in two ballet classes at BC, according to dance instructor Eve-lyne Thomas. Thomas is excited about the expansion of her ballet classes and plans to continue to teach her students beginning ballet while incorporating new material she isn't able to cover in her current 45-minute class sessions. "I'm planning on covering more than the basics in the (new) class," Thomas said. "Basically, what it comes down to is I can teach them more carriage of the arm movements and head (movements), and I can have them feel the music with the head and the arms besides just learning steps. Not so much technique, but we can go into the aesthetics of ballet." The expansion will allow Thomas' twice-a-week classes to extend to 90 minutes from their current 45. Thomas currently instructs 166 beginning ballet students in her classes,

"I love this class so much because Mrs. Thomas takes all of her students seriously."
— Teresa Hill, BC dance student

as well as second- and third-semester students. She credits the ballet classes with helping aspiring dancers become aware of their various body movements. "Ballet is the basic to all dance movements," she said. "If you want to be a jazz dancer, a tap dancer or a musical theater dancer, you need to be aware of your body and space. That's what ballet does. It gives you an awareness." Thomas has high praise for her progressing students and encourages anyone thinking about taking ballet to give it a shot. "Everyone comes in and thinks they have two left feet but they really don't. They sell themselves too short," she said. "They develop if they allow themselves to be open about it. In life if you're open about anything you can learn a wealth of information and you grow and mature." Thomas also encourages any

advanced dancers to join the beginners. "I want to encourage the beginner (dancer) to feel confident about coming into a new situation. Because I look at them as my priority," she said. "But I also welcome those more advanced because it's like teaching two classes in a sense. When I can merge the two together onto one ground, I know I've done my job." Several students from Thomas' class are having a great time and had high praise for their instructor. "When I walked into Mrs. Thomas class on the first day of school at BC I barely knew what a demi ple was. I was nervous that I would be the only one who had such little experience," said dance student Teresa Hill. "But I was pleasantly surprised. I learned a lot that semester and I'm taking it again this semester. I love this class so much because Mrs. Thomas takes all of her students seriously." Misty Covington, an advanced dancer, said attending a beginning ballet class helps her perfect her techniques even further. "It creates a stronger foundation and I get to work on the things that I wouldn't normally in a class that might be more up to my speed," she said. "If a person has a passion for something, they can never be too good, and taking a class like this is a good way to improve the little things for dancers like myself who want

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- **Modern dance class schedule:** T/Th, 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- For more information, call Eve-lyne Thomas at 395-4392.

SOURCE: Eve-lyne Thomas

HENRY FRANCO AND JARROD M. GRAHAM / THE RIP



ALYSSA D. STUMBO / THE RIP
Misty Covington practices her dancing moves in Eve-lyne Thomas' ballet class.

From left, Rosario Dawson, Rachael Leigh Cook and Tara Reid star in "Josie and the Pussycats," a movie based on the Archie comic series.



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'Pussycats' a good movie for a few laughs

BY VANESSA BOUTWELL
Rip staff writer

I went into the theater with a bad attitude. Who would voluntarily want to see "Josie and the Pussycats"? I asked my boyfriend to accompany me and he refused. I had to beg, plead and even pay his way. First, they made the comic book, which I couldn't care less about. Then they slipped us the cartoon. Just when we thought the sky was clear, we're seeing previews to the movie. Surprisingly, it wasn't that bad. Josie and

MOVIE REVIEW

her cats are not only funny, but also hip and cute. The beginning of the movie is hysterically funny. An all-boy band named "Du Jour" makes their entrance. Young teenage fans dramatically cry at the "N Sync wannabes. An excellent start which changed my entire mood and expectations of the movie. The leader of the chick group is Josie (Rachael Leigh Cook) and her back-up singers are Val (Rosario Dawson) and Melody (Tara Reid). The band struggles to find even one fan in their little town of Riverdale. Then, a dream comes true when a coniving manager (Alan Cummings) signs the Pussycats without even hearing them play. In just a few days, the groups sells millions of albums. "Josie and the Pussycats" may not be worth eight bucks, but if you feel like having a laugh, catch the matinee. The movie makes fun of boy bands and high school trends. It's surprisingly funny.

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Kicker keeps the ball rolling

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

Keri Bess has discovered that it takes discipline, patience and consistent time management to balance textbooks, college athletics and a high school soccer team.

Bess, a freshman soccer player for the Renegades, coaches the West High junior varsity soccer team when she's not in the classroom or on the BC soccer field. The 18-year-old coach says the task is very challenging, but can be rewarding. "I've learned to manage my time," Bess said. "I used to procrastinate, but I can't do it anymore. I wasn't getting any sleep and I was exhausted when I procrastinated. Now, it's rewarding to get it all (homework, BC soccer and coaching) done and see what I have accomplished."

Bess' philosophy may do the trick as a young mentor. She encourages the team to have fun and learn all that they can. "Hopefully they will come back to play next season," she said. "The challenge is in coaching the girls who are close to Bess in age. "This last season was very difficult."

"I don't look at the players as little girls, I look at them as equals."

—Keri Bess
BC soccer player

Bess said, "Because I'm 18 and the girls I coach are close to my age and it's hard to earn their respect. But it's helped me to mature. I don't look at the players as little girls, I look at them as equals."

Bess attended West High from 1997-2000, where she lettered in soccer. In her sophomore and senior seasons, she was selected Most Valuable Player. She earned all-league first team honors in her sophomore, junior and senior years. She also lettered in softball four years and played tennis for one.

Bess said her freshman coach, Jay Gore, was a great inspiration in her success as a soccer player and her ability to coach. "He always pushed me to the next level," she said. "I would be playing in a game and he

would take me out and talk to me. He would tell me to go back in there and be a leader and pick my team up."

Even though Bess enjoys playing soccer and coaching, she hasn't decided on a major.

She said attending BC is fun and she is learning. She maintains a 3.6 GPA. The soccer season even turned out better than Bess had anticipated.

"We did really good this season," Bess said. "I didn't know about coming to BC to play soccer. We got a new coach that came in with a lot of dedication and made us into a great team. We made the playoffs."

Some of Bess' favorite things to do are traveling with the BC soccer team, music and going to the beach.

She hopes to transfer to California State University Monterey or Cal Poly after her sophomore year is finished.

Bess offers some advice to those who might be interested in coaching at the high school level. "Don't hesitate," she said. "It has been a great experience for me. I have learned to have respect for people, especially the girls that I coach that are younger than me. I have matured a lot as far as that is concerned."



JOSE PIMENTEL / THE RIP
Keri Bess shows soccer skill as she kicks the ball past an opposing player.

'Gade men and women establish strength at WSC mini-meet

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor



Coston

It was fitting that members of Moorpark College wore team T-shirts that read "Got Speed?" They had an answer as they finished in first place in both the men and women's competition at the four-team Western State Conference mini-meet at Memorial Stadium on April 6.

However, the Bakersfield College men and women had some answers of their own. The Renegades captured second place with some impressive performances by the women and a solid effort by the men who were not at full strength because of injuries and sickness.

BC's Misty Coston had speed as she led

the way for the Renegade women winning multiple events, conquering the 100-meter dash in 12 flat and the 100 hurdles in 16.4. She also had second place finishes in the 400 hurdles and long jump and took third place in the high jump.

Casey Holman, who was off her mark just a bit from the Northridge Invitational, won the 400 hurdles in 59.3. The 1,600-relay team was second with a 4:31.1 time and Brooke Stevens took a third in the 1,500 (5:22.8).

Besides speed, the women showed their strength and agility in the field events. Heather

Hunt won the javelin event in 120'7", was second in the hammer throw 127'4" and completed a solid performance with a third place finish in the shot put (33-11).

Amber Varner took second in the discus with a toss of 119'-6" and the javelin 106'-8". Adrienne Colbert was also impressive on the day as she claimed a second in the triple jump (28-5 1/2), and two third-place finishes in the 100 (12.4) and 200 (26.3).

The men's team showed it was up to speed even without top performers Sammy Moore, Randy Jordan and Johnny Wiley because of injuries. Speedster Stuart Richmond was also unavailable for the meet.

The 400-relay team - consisting of Jess Washington, James McGill, Brandon

Matlock and Michael Hall - blazed the track in first place with a time of 41.5.

Matlock didn't appear as though he was ill as he won the 200 in 21.6. Hall left the competition in the dust as he won the 100 (10.4). He took second in the 200 (21.8). Washington won the long jump 22-5 1/2, was third in the 110 hurdles 15.3 and third in the high jump with a jump of 6-4.

Jordan Lewis won the 400 hurdles with impressive style with a time of 53.5. Eduardo Rocha, distance runner, was second in the 1,500 (4:12.2) and third in the 5,000. James Cardoza was third in the 800 (2:01.0).

Chris Figures flexed his muscles and led the way for the men's field events as he tossed the shot put 54 feet, 1 inch, claiming

first place and the state's best throw in junior college track and field this season.

In winning the shot put, Figures beat Moorpark's Luke MacKay, who was heavily favored in the event before the meet started. He also had a second place throw in the discus 147-7 and was third with a 164-1 toss in the hammer throw. His personal best. Teammate Arnaldo Cuetto had a personal best of 183-3 to take second in the hammer throw. Cuetto also had a third place finish in the discus.

On Saturday, the WSC preliminaries will be held at Citrus College for both the men and the women. The women hope to finish strong, while things could get interesting between Moorpark and BC if the men are at full strength.

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'GADE NEWSLINE

Health fair, career day approach

The Bakersfield College Wellness Fair will be held on Friday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the south side of the Student Health Center. Career Day will also be held on April 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the BC Campus Center. About 100 employers are expected to attend and will be available to talk to students.

BC rummage sale this weekend

The African American Student Union of Bakersfield College will hold a rummage sale at the football practice field tomorrow and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free orientation for new students

Bakersfield College is offering free orientation and assessment sessions this month in Tehachapi. New students are required to attend orientation and take assessment tests in order to evaluate their educational standing prior to attending Bakersfield College. The orientation session will be held tomorrow. The assessment test will be given Saturday, April 28. Both will begin at 9 a.m. in the Tehachapi High School cafeteria.

Fall class schedule available online

Bakersfield College students and faculty are eligible to receive computer software at a discount. Microsoft's newest Office Suite product, Office XP professional, is available for \$84, an 85 percent discount from the retail price of \$579. For information on placing orders, visit www.CAstudentbuys.org or www.CAfacultybuys.org

Christian AIDS support group

A Christian AIDS support group is being sponsored by San Joaquin Community Hospital. The support group offers emotional and spiritual support for patients, family and close friends who are HIV or AIDS positive. For more information, call 326-4166.

BC parking fines to be revoked

Any student who received a ticket to parking in the southwest parking lot next to the gym should talk to ASBC president Sarah Jones, in the ASBC office to have their ticket revoked. The ASBC office is located in Campus Center 4 at Bakersfield College's campus. The new lot was originally supposed to be for students, not staff.

Disneyland tickets for BC students

Discounted tickets for Disneyland will be sold for BC students at the BC ticket office. The tickets cost \$33, cash only, until June 15. The tickets are regularly priced at \$43, but discounted through Kern Schools Federal Credit Union.

First annual basketball tournament set

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Bakersfield will be hosting their first annual Hoopin' in the Sun men's three-on-three basketball tournament this summer. Team entry fee is \$60 and will guarantee at least two games. Participants must be 18 or over. For registration, information and rules packet, call Brian Mendiburu at 325-37309 or visit the Boys and Girls Club at 801 Niles St.

—Compiled by Bryan Swaim
Editor in Chief

MOVIE MINUTE

"Joe Dirt" may not be an Academy Award winner, but it wasn't a bad way to kill a couple of hours on a Friday afternoon.

David Spade plays Joe Dirt, a guy with a mullet haircut and a penchant for rock 'n' roll who was abandoned by his parents on a trip to the Grand Canyon when he was 8 years old.

Many years later, while working as a janitor at a Los Angeles radio station, he ends up on the air with shock jock Zander Kelly (Dennis Miller), where he talks of the experiences and people he's met in his quest to find his parents. They include Brandy (Brittany Daniel), who's "too hot" for Joe, according to him; Robby (Kid Rock), Joe's rival for Brandy's affection; Kicking Wing (Adam Beach), a Native American fireworks salesman who wants to be a veterinarian; and Clem (Christopher Walken), a New York mobster who informed on his former colleagues and is now hiding out in the Witness Protection Program as a high school janitor in Louisiana.

When I went to see this movie, I was expecting yet another one of those stupid gross-out comedies that Hollywood producers and directors have been cranking out recently. But I was pleasantly surprised when I found that there wasn't a whole lot beyond having to pry the dog's genitalia from a frozen porch in one scene and a septic tank disguised as an atom bomb being popped on and spilling its contents on Joe in another. But the best part of the movie was



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David Spade stars in Columbia Pictures' "Joe Dirt."

the soundtrack, which included such staples of classic rock as Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama," 38 Special's "Hold On Loosely" and the Doobie Brothers' "Listen to the

Music" and "China Grove." All in all, not a bad movie.

—By Jarrod M. Graham
Features Editor

DEBATE: Students take awards in numerous categories

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Examination Debate. Dustin Adams and Stronach won a silver medal in Parliamentary Debate. Andrea Thorson and Melody York each brought home silver

medals for Programmed Oral Interpretation. Bronze medalists were Dustin Adams in Impromptu Speaking and Ben Sampson in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Prior to the national competition, speech team members presented the Spring Speech Showcase for interested BC students and faculty. "(The Showcase) gives the speech team public experience and lets other students

know about our program," Staller said.

Anyone interested in participating with the speech and debate team next year should call Staller at 395-4499.

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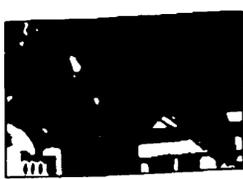
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Administrator confiscates student T-shirts

BY RACHEL CRIBBS
Opinion Editor

The Associated Student Body of Bakersfield College designed and ordered shirts to advertise Spring Fling 2001. But without their knowledge, the statement "Let's Get Leid" was printed on the shirt over the knight in a grass skirt. President Sandra Serrano did not find the shirts appropriate and asked the ASBC not

to distribute the shirts.

"The shirts were shown to Sarah and the Vice President of Activities without the writing," said Charles Guerrero, Interim Dean of Students. "I don't think the ASB knew about the writing until they saw the shirts." The ASBC said it did not know what wording would appear on the shirt.

"All I got was the picture of the knight for the shirts before they were printed," ASBC President Sarah

Jones said. "We used the same saying from four to five years ago, so I felt reassured that it would be all right."

Guerrero was given a shirt by the students and then carried it to Serrano at a president's cabinet meeting.

"I did not approve of the writing when I saw it," Guerrero said. "The ASB brought me one and it was a surprise to me. I asked if I could have

one for Sandra, her reaction was the same as mine." The shirts were given out free of charge to students Monday, but by Tuesday, Serrano asked the ASBC not to distribute them.

"We are no longer able to pass out the shirts," Jones said. "ASBC is answerable to the president, and she said they were inappropriate, so we had to stop."

For any kind of advertisement, a

BC organization must go through a series of steps before that advertisement is handed out to the students. The writing on the shirts did not go through the proper channels, and was discouraged by Serrano and Guerrero.

"I'm not sure if the ASB knew what was on the shirts before they were given out," said Barbara Shumaker, Interim Director of

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ARON VIETTI / THE RIP

Students plan campus modernization

BY RACHEL CRIBBS
Opinion Editor

Bakersfield College students might notice their campus looks more clean than it did before spring break. Well that is because the ASBC plans to modernize the campus.

The interior walls of the Campus Center, except for two, have all been painted and the girl's bathroom has been completely redone.

"We're finally getting funds to clean up the campus," said ASBC president Sarah Jones. "I plan on making a spread sheet of what the campus needs done now, and later years can finish it."

In the girl's bathroom, all of the pauceling was replaced for \$12,000, which is a lot less than what will be spent on the cafeteria.

The ASBC is also planning to spend place on the cafeteria. The ASBC plans to spend money on the cafeteria this year, and work on the walls, tables and chairs later.

"We just really wanted to spruce up Campus Center as well as combine with the other, larger projects," said Director of Maintenance and Operations, Eric Middlestead.

"We're doing it in pieces so it isn't so much at once," Jones said.

Middlestead, is working closely with the ASBC in trying to improve the campus.

"Now is the time to start doing things," he said. "Because in ten years, we're going to have to clean up again. But if we keep it going, we can keep up with it."

The ASBC is taking formal bids now for the modernization of the cafeteria from construction companies.

The ASBC has also been working on the Student Center Lounge, which opened Monday. The lounge will have couches, computers and desks available to students all day. It will have an on-campus only phone line, as well as a club room for meetings.

"Students can go in there to work on homework, or talk, or even sleep," Jones said. "We wanted a place where students could get together and where clubs could have meetings."

Another large project the ASBC is undertaking is replacing the concrete in the Campus Center. Jones plans to spend \$4,000 on this project, in hopes it will look so much better for students.

"We could do one square at a time," Middlestead said. "But it might be cheaper to get sections replaced all at once."

The ASBC is working on getting an estimate for the cost of the concrete project.

"However hard to get an estimate," Middlestead said. "Once we have it, we can decide how much we want to spend then."

Gardening is an on-going plan for the Campus Center. Jones has hired a Cal Works student to garden on a regular basis for the center.

"I am really only allowed to spend money on the Campus Center," Jones said. "So I want to make it as beautiful as I can. People ask if I'm going to leave a monument as my mark, but if the campus is looking better, that's my mark."

The money for all the modernization largely comes from the \$5 fee students pay each semester. Other projects ASBC has in mind for future modernization include upgrading the tables in Campus Center, painting the exterior and refurbishing the offices in Campus Center.

Along with the Campus Center, other buildings all over campus are planned for remodeling.

"We're planning for individual projects. Campus Center is just one of the many projects going on right now," Middlestead said.

The Olympic sized pool and the Child Care Center are new projects that are scheduled for completion next year. The Student Services Building will be earthquake proofed June 1 and work starts on the bookstore May 1.

"We are creating a master plan of priorities for the next ten years," Middlestead said. Among future projects still in the works is the refurbishment of the Fireside Room, improvements in the Executive Board Room and the Student Activities Office.



BRYAN SWAIM / THE RIP

Out of the darkness, into the workplace

Legal Broker Joshua Manion (Right) gives information to BC students Kelly Lakey and Adam Johnson during Career Day on Wednesday. Manion was one of over 100 representatives on hand in the campus center to help students with their careers and job placement opportunities.

Victor Beraun, a native of Lima Peru, sings "Ave Maria" A Cappello at the International Festival, which was sponsored by the Intercultural Students Association of BC.



LANELL HART / THE RIP

Two cultures converge

Migrant Youth Conference and International Festival unexpectedly unite.

BY LANELL HART
Campus Editor

Rainy weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the Migrant Youth Leadership Conference attendees as they unexpectedly participated in the International Festival program celebrated in the Bakersfield College Campus Center April 21.

The conference was coordinated by Paramount Farms, Kern County's Migrant Education Program Region Five and BC.

According to Peggy Rodriguez, coordinator for Region Five Migrant Education, more than

270 people participated in the conference.

"Parents, the staff and Paramount Farms really recognize the importance of field work and what field workers do for the country, for the state in particular," Rodriguez said. "But they also want their kids to have more choices. Today's about choices."

The conference program was designed to provide information on higher education, financial aid and career choices available to migrant students.

Luis Valdez, founder of El Teatro Campesino and a child of migrant parents, was the guest speaker. He encouraged them with humor and urgency to share their Chicano traditions and achieve their goals.

Unexpectedly, the conference and International Festival merged when both groups

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Annual college health fair promotes awareness, prevention

BY ESTÉLLA AGUILAR
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College held its second annual health fair on Wednesday, April 25. This year's theme was "BC Wellness Fair 2001."

Approximately 45 vendors showed up for the annual health fair.

BC head nurse Debra Strong was asked to help put together this year's fair. "The goal for this year's health fair was to increase health awareness and health promotion for students," Strong said.

Jeriah Barden with Kern Lifeline Project gave students the opportunity to

get free HIV testing. The test was an oral test for HIV antibodies.

Kern Lifeline is a project of Clinic Sierra of Vista Lifeline's primary function is HIV education and prevention.

"We also do HIV testing, we also do HIV case management for people who are affected or infected," Barden said. "My goal is to inform them and provide them with tools to prevent them from becoming infected, if at all possible."

Link to Life, a breast health awareness group, also was on campus. "We came to promote early detection of breast cancer," said Sharon Woods, who worked the Link to Life booth. "To make sure

everyone does their self-examinations."

The group offers free mammograms for people 18 years and up that have no insurance. Tammy Crompton, 24-Hour Fitness manager, offered body fat testing at her booth and gave information about programs and gym memberships. 24-Hour Fitness handed out free five-day gym passes.

Fred Smith, head athletic trainer at BC, promoted the athletic training internship program.

"I'm trying to show people rehabilitation techniques that we use which help improve their body awareness," Smith said. "We have people

"My goal is to inform (people) and provide them with tools to prevent them from becoming infected, if at all possible."

— Jeriah Barden
Kern Lifeline Project

in physical therapy in our program, and in our classes and also people interested in sports injury care, and then a lot of people who are interested in coaching take our classes."

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COLUMN RYAN KNAGGS Rip staff writer

Sometimes We Deliver

ARON VIETTI / THE RIP

power plants to become operational. More plants equals more power, which equals lower utility rates. There is always the question of funding for these power plants.

Where will the money come from? State officials need to raise money for additional power plants by cutting spending on some of our states' wasteful social programs.

A good start would be to stop giving people free rides on our welfare system. Social programs can be very beneficial for people who really need them, but they are often abused.

If we cut funding to people who abuse the welfare system, we can allocate a huge source of money to fund power plants.

Furthermore, our state should eliminate the tobacco tax and create a lower tax placed on everybody to fight the rising utility prices. The tobacco tax is a wasteful tax placed on the citizens of California by money hungry liberal wing

bureaucrats. The tobacco tax has done nothing to reduce smoking in our state. This tax is not effective and only hurts honest citizens who enjoy tobacco products.

Also, what's the deal with gas prices? Remember the summer of 1999 when a gallon of gas was as low as 99 cents? Those days are gone and the way things are going, I wouldn't be surprised to see gasoline running up to \$2.50 per gallon.

Who is to blame for this atrocity? The blame should be on the Environmental Protection Agency and those confused environmentalists who would rather save a sea otter rather than drill for oil off the coast of California to combat gas prices.

When we can drill for oil, we obtain more fossil fuels to make gasoline. I'm aware that most of our gasoline comes from foreign regions, but it can't hurt to drill off shore for additional fuel.

Environmentalists regularly shut

down efforts to drill off shore and now we are reaping the "benefits" of protecting wildlife rather than our citizens' wallets.

Finally there is one more reason why California's gas prices are so high — people that require our gasoline to be excessively refined to meet our bogus emissions laws.

And yes, I'm talking about the environmentalists who are costing us so much money to protect the air rather than our people. The air isn't causing a problem as devastating as our horrific gas prices. We'll be fine.

So when our taxes are going toward saving a school of jellyfish or trying to save our air, and not going to manufacture power or produce oil, remember that the citizens of California are being shafted big time on utilities and at the gas pump.

Our state needs to look out for its most important resource: the people.

If we don't put pressure on our lawmakers to change this current bleeding heart campaign which is costing us so dearly, we as Californians will suffer even more in the future.

BC join Co-Op

ASBC

Sarah Jones Student Body President

Book price mark up helpful to campus activities

BY HENRY FRANCO Rip staff writer

Book prices have long been exorbitant at Bakersfield College. There is a standard markup every year. And every year, students complain about the prices.

But what they may not know is that 40 percent of our bookstore profits go to student activities such as choir, tutoring and even *The Renegade Rip*.

If they do know, they should stop complaining. If it weren't for those so-called overpriced books, we wouldn't have these and other luxuries on campus.

If students are unaware of where the profits from the books go, then they should find out a little bit more about the school they attend and where their money is going before they start whining about something as trivial as book prices.

If students are unaware about where the profits from the books go, then they should find out a little bit more about the school they attend.

would assign the minimal reading assignments possible. Some students might say they shouldn't have to pay for books that they are not a part of, or tutoring that they do not use.

But not every student at BC is as fortunate to not have to ever use tutoring. We should help our fellow students who does, in every way that we can. That includes paying a few dollars more for our books.

Without student clubs, our school would be the equivalent of an episode of "Big Brother." No one would be able to read this paper. Without money, BC would have no pizzazz.

So let's all embrace our bookstore and all of the good work it does. Without it and the extra little price tag on books, our school would be one deep puddle of pointless curriculum.

Constitution upholds minorities' right for celebratory months

I had the opportunity to read Michael Ross' article in the March 30, 2001 issue of *The Renegade Rip*. The article addressed Ross' discontent regarding the numerous "days" and "months" given to "minorities" to celebrate their heritage. I found this article to be disturbing, to say the least. Michael seems to contradict himself in the article causing his point to be obscured.

Toward the end of the article Michael writes about "minorities" as being favored over others. As a matter of fact he repeats it on a couple of occasions. I have news for Michael. No one is favoring any group with the observation of Black History Month or Women's History Month. These are simply occasions in which proud members of a gender or ethnic group wish

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

equal treatment for everyone in this wonderful country. That means that any group wishing to celebrate their heritage or beliefs can do just that.

He goes on to compare the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. to those of Abraham Lincoln. When doing this Michael, keep in mind that President Lincoln had the support of a huge army and an industrial superior country behind him. King had little more than the support of a racially oppressed minority who was shunned by the very country that it was trying to unite. King used the power of knowledge to win his battles and raise awareness. Michael goes on to state that this

country is far from being racially and democratically equal. It will never be that way if people like him continue to deny the other occupants of this country their right to be proud of where they came from and who they are.

Racial equality can only be realized through education and compromise. So, instead of shunning these groups in their choices to honor their ethnicity, take the time to learn what it is they are celebrating. Keep in mind that there was a time on this continent that the "Middle Class, Christian White Guy" was the minority.

Instead of passively celebrating their roots they forced their views on every native that they came in contact with. This action resulted in one of the most dark occurrences in American history. I myself was

in the US Army for seven years, and fighting for those rights that Ross seems to be hiding behind. I am a decorated veteran of two armed conflicts and I always knew what it was that I was fighting for.

I fought for this philosophy: I may not agree with what you are saying, but I will defend with my life your right to say it.

The constitution guarantees our opinions but it shouldn't provide us with a shield to hide behind so that we can take verbal potshots at other Americans for expressing their beliefs. So, go ahead Michael, start up "Mike Ross Day", I would be happy to examine your history in hopes to find out how you have come to the conclusions that you expressed in your article.

—Aaron Ghering BC student

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GADE FEEDBACK

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What is your favorite childhood cartoon? Why?

Crystal Williams, Psychology: "My favorite cartoon was 'Thundercats' because Lionel was the bomb."

Will Green, Psychology: "My favorite cartoon was 'Voltron', because it was also my favorite toy."

Nichole Stevens, Music: "Mickey Mouse, because he was the coolest."

Andy Chogyo, Undecided: "My favorite cartoon was the 'Simpsons', because it makes me laugh to see another dysfunctional family like mine."

Eric Rivera, Liberal Arts: "My favorite cartoon was 'Thundercats', because Snarf was in it."

Students provide the sweet sound of jazz

Festival unites college, high school students in sharing the love of music.



Above Left: Greg Lopez jams on the piano as David Scully conducts.

Above Right: The Tehachapi High School jazz band shows off its musical ability.

Right: The upright bassist and trumpet players with the BC Jazz Ensemble entertain jazz enthusiasts at the BC Jazz Festival.

Photos by Aron Vietti / The Rip

BY LIZ WHITE Rip staff writer

The annual Bakersfield College Jazz Festival took place last week at the Indoor Theater. The festival not only showcased BC's own Jazz Ensemble and the Bakersfield Sax Quartet, but played host to eight high schools from Bakersfield and Tehachapi.

This festival is the only event held in Bakersfield for local high school students and it gives them the opportunity to perform in front of Bakersfield's leading jazz specialists, Dr. Doug Davis and Jim Scully.

Davis, who is the director of the Cal State Bakersfield Jazz Festival Program, not only listens to the groups, but critiques each section individually. This process helps students improve their abilities and most importantly it inspires them because they're hearing praises from a professional.

During the clinic section, held after each performance, Davis had the groups play small portions of their music. He then spoke to each section giving them both compliments and suggestions for improvement.

The session is short, yet very valuable to both

the director and his group.

"This festival allows focus and feedback on one performance," Davis said. "The other jazz event held in Bakersfield for high schools students is the honor jazz program. These individuals are selected through auditions. The best musicians chosen then go on to perform at the Bakersfield Jazz Festival."

The BC festival also awarded the most exceptional students from each section with an outstanding award.

The final portion of the festival was the evening concert featuring BC's own Jazz Ensemble and the Bakersfield Sax Quartet.

The main focus for the BC jazz band was to set an example for the high school students. They played standards such as "Salt 'n' Peanuts" and a composition from Scully's "Blues For Bubba."

The last group to appear was the Bakersfield Sax Quartet. They are a professional group who play frequently in the Bakersfield area. The highlight of their set was "Gigi," their closing song.

All proceeds were contributed to the BC Jazz Program.

The BC Jazz Festival was very successful because the

"This festival allows focus and feedback on one performance. ... The best musicians chosen then go on to perform at the Bakersfield Jazz Festival."

— Dr. Doug Davis, director of the CSUB Jazz Festival

high school students had a moment to shine amongst their peers.

The BC jazz band also received a lot of recognition for their hard work and people got to see some of the great young talent that is coming out of Bakersfield.

— Photo Editor Aron Vietti contributed to this story.

Young duo turns hobby into moneymaker

BY DAVID ARRIETA Rip staff writer



RONNIE WILSON / THE RIP

Bakersfield College graduate Mat Mickey, 20, and Bakersfield High School student Jay Tolentino, 18, are not your typical businessmen.

Mickey works mornings at a bakery shop and Tolentino goes to school to learn how to succeed. But ironically, they both find time to run their very successful skate shop.

It's been a year since Intuition Skate Shop opened its doors to hundreds of Bakersfield Rollerbladers in need of a store to satisfy their needs.

"There wasn't a shop in town for Rollerbladers," Mickey said. "We carry everything for the Rollerblader, like skates, wheels, bearings, videos, clothes, hats, bags, everything."

Starting the business wasn't hard for the two.

"I told Mat my dad had a space opened and he said

Mat Mickey and Jay Tolentino stand outside their downtown skate shop.

we can use it free of rent for the first couple of months," Tolentino said. "We applied for a license ... we got our license through the mail, we were issued a tax ID number that we fax to all the companies, and ... we order."

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BC equestrian team hones talent

BY LANELL HART
Campus Editor

Most students don't know that Bakersfield College has an equestrian team. National champion Jill Humphrey was one of them, until she found it in the Spring 2001 catalog under Special Studies.

Humphrey, a freshman at BC, said she was thrilled to find the Intercollegiate Horse Show Team available. Had she known in the fall, by now she would have competed in enough competitions to possibly compete in Nationals this spring.

Humphrey first became interested in riding after attending a "pony ride birthday party" when she was 7 years old.

"I came home and told my parents, 'Someday when we have time, I'd like to take riding lessons,'" said Humphrey. Shortly after that her parents enrolled her in a riding school. She began competing that same year.

In 1997, when Humphrey was 14, she was top qualified for the State Line Tack National Medal. The top qualifier goes to Nationals each year to compete. Although she didn't win the State Line Tack medal, Humphrey did win national first place in the Children's Hunter competition.

Although Humphrey owns seven horses of her own, she doesn't ride her horses in intercollegiate shows as the sponsoring school provides horses for competition. Humphrey rides strictly English.

"The equestrian team is geared for anyone who has ever wanted to



Above: Jill Humphrey in her English riding gear.

Left: Humphrey demonstrates over-fence jumping.

Below: Leather boots protect Humphrey's injuries when jumping.

Photos by LaNell Hart / The Rip

ride a horse, whether western or English," said Kathy Hickerson, equestrian team coach and adviser. "Both have walk-jog classes."

"That's what's great about the BC equestrian class," Humphrey said. "You don't have to own horses or compete to be in the class. And it's a

really inexpensive way for beginners to get some riding lessons."

Intercollegiate shows for English saddle consist of three types of competition: Hunters, which is based on the performance of the horse both under saddle and over fences; Equitation, which is based on the

rider's horsemanship; and Jumpers, which is judged on speed and clear rounds rather than performance.

California is divided into eight zones. BC is in Region 3 of Zone 8, which includes teams from community colleges as well as universities like Stanford.

ANI: Circle completed by Disc 2

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Entitled "Reckoning," the second disc brings us to a slower, more reflective place, bringing us to the "beginning," to childhood memories. It opens with a brilliant song that revisits the '80s and sheds light on the '00s.

The first two songs on the disc are solo DiFranco. The second song is a short instrumental that leads into the title track. This quiet tune has a lot of pain and a lot of hope. It just drips with soul and depth in immaculate simplicity.

Short little guitar interludes dot the musical landscape that is presented during the tour of DiFranco's memories and thoughts, reflecting on ideas presented on the first disc and shedding light on their origins.

We move through songs with sparse instrumentation until we reach the title track for the first disc, "Reveling." And lo and behold, we find a little more complexity.

This leads us into "In Here," a song that easily belongs on either disc.

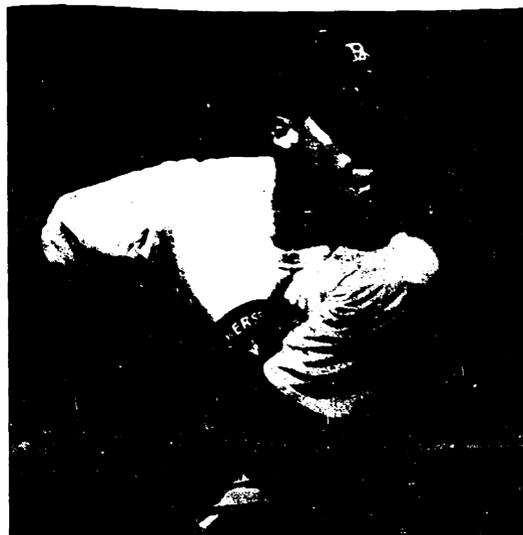
I was unable to find a break in this album. In reality, these discs are not unlike a vinyl record. Disc 1 sets you up for Disc 2, like a great work of literature. As its best part, it's groundbreaking and fresh. At its worst point, it is a refreshing change from the manufactured pop music we are subjected to these days.



Woods pitching for pro career

'Gade's pitcher receiving a lot of attention from scouts.

BY ESTELLA AGUILAR
Rip staff writer



Jake Woods shows pitching style as he fires the ball.

The Major League baseball recruiters may need to look no further than the Bakersfield College diamond. BC head coach Tim Panton believes sophomore pitcher Jacob Woods has what it takes to make it to the big leagues.

Woods, 19, loves to play baseball. BC head coach Tim Panton said, "Jake is being projected as a high round draft pick. He's somebody who's received the most attention at this point."

"He is one of the top pitchers in the state of California. He's just an outstanding young man. He's a good student and a solid all-around person."

—Tim Panton, baseball coach

an all-around solid person. He is also an outstanding team player," Panton said. "Woods pitching speed is 88 to 91 miles per hour. His record is 5-5."

Woods believes that pitching for BC will help further his experience for playing professionally.

The left handed pitcher is expected to be selected in June's amateur draft. "He may skip the next level in the nation due to being projected as a high round draft pick in the professional baseball draft," Panton said. "This is his second season at BC. He's improved greatly over his freshman year to this year. He always puts the team in front of him."

Woods started playing baseball when he was about six years old. He graduated from Kingsburg High School, which is located 20 miles south of Fresno.

He enjoys hanging out with his teammates. "We are basically like a



Woods and teammate stretch before beginning daily practice.

family," Woods said.

Even though he's a great athlete, he's also a good student and holds a 3.18 GPA.

"He's had every four-year school in the country after him as well," Panton said.

"If he chooses to pass up school and into professional baseball, that's going to be an option."

Woods said his top transfer choice was UC Davis, but an article in Wednesday's edition of The Bakersfield Californian said Woods plans to transfer to UC Irvine.

Coaching a challenge for 'Gade's Klingerman

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

Nick Klingerman has met his match as far as competitive tennis is concerned.

The Bakersfield College freshman is a consistent tennis player for 'Gade's this season and maintains a 4.0 GPA. When he's not on the BC courts, he's at West High teaching the game of tennis. The former West High Viking has taken on the position as head coach of the JV girls' tennis team at West.

The coaching job presents a great deal of responsibility for the 18-year old coaching players that are close to his age.

"Teaching at the junior varsity level is a lot of teaching the basics," he said. "It's a lot of work."

Klingerman said it's the first year for junior varsity tennis at West High. "It has been a lot harder than I thought to get the players to listen," he said. "You just don't realize the responsibility and the challenge that goes with a coaching position."

Klingerman has found that tennis

is not the most popular sport at West High. "I just have to apply myself to even get the girls to come out for tennis to get the job done," he said.

"The most important aspect of coaching is to get the girls to respond. You know that you have taught them something when they come together as a team."

"BC is a great school," he said. "Rob Slaybaugh has taught me a great deal about playing at this level. I've learned more of the little things and details of the game such as always, move your feet and always

keep the ball in play, keep it going. Those are things that I can teach the girls next season so that they are better players."

Klingerman currently plays number two doubles for BC. He and his partner Jeff Warnick are hoping to do well for BC this season.

West High soccer coach Brian Azuma was a source of inspiration as well as a great teacher. "I always appreciated the way he talked to me as a player and he taught me a lot about the game of soccer," Klingerman said. "As a team he always

talked to us as equals."

Klingerman, a Business Administration major, isn't sure what school he will attend.

When he has some spare time he enjoys listening to music or leisurely playing tennis or soccer. "I play tennis almost everyday," he said. "I try to play indoor soccer as much as I can."

"Coaching at the high school level has been a great experience," he said. "It's a fun job because I can teach about something that I personally enjoy."



Klingerman

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'GADE NEWSLINE

Rip corrects parking ticket information

Any student who received a ticket from parking in the southwest parking lot should go to the campus security office to attempt to have the ticket revoked, not the ASBC office as reported in last week's edition of *The Renegade Rip*. Campus security is located at the east end of Levinson Hall.

Coaches needed for summer program

The Boys & Girls Club of Bakersfield is now accepting applications for volunteers, 18 years or older, for its annual summer youth basketball program. Interested coaches should be familiar with organizing and instructing school-age boys and girls in the basics of basketball. The season will run from June through the end of July. All games will be held at The Boys & Girls Club gym, located at 801 Niles St. For more information, call Barry Hill at 325-3730.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo next Friday

The Bakersfield College M.E.Ch.A. club will be hosting its annual Cinco de Mayo celebration in the Free Speech Area on Friday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event will feature Latin music, lowrider cars, folklore dances, speeches about Cinco de Mayo, Mexican food vendors and exotic juices. For more information, call Hector Leonzo at 366-3181.

MLK awards outstanding students

The Martin Luther King Jr. Center will recognize achievements of outstanding students at its annual Excellence Through Education Scholarship and Fund-raising Dinner tomorrow night. In addition to scholarships awarded, re-entry and international students will also be honored at the event. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, 801 Truxtun Ave. For ticket information, call 395-4570.

Boo the villain at BC "mellerdrammer"

Take a trip back in time to the wild west town of Buzzard Gulch for an evening of vaudeville entertainment at Bakersfield College. "He Done Her Wrong," "Wedded But No Wife" and "Egad, What a Cad! Or Virtue Triumphs Over Villiany" are the performances scheduled for May 3-5 and May 10-12 in the BC Indoor Theater. Join in the hilarity as a group of city slickers, a traveling band of performers and a local family get together at the town saloon. The vaudeville review offers something for everyone, from a magic show to the traditional cancan, according to student co-director Guinevere Hall.

"All three shows have a unique feel since they are directed by three different students," Hall said. "There is no shortage of laughs as each director brings a little of their own sense of humor to the stage." All performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Indoor Theater. No children under six will be admitted. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Call 395-4326 for ticket information.

— Compiled by Jarrod M. Graham
Features Editor

Q&A with Holly Cobb

By Liz White
Rip staff writer

Holly Cobb is the first full time teacher at the Delano Campus for Bakersfield College. She teaches ESL and Academic Development. Before teaching, she lived in Australia and England. She was even bitten by a monkey in Bali.



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At the bottom looking up at me.

Q: "What brought you to Delano?"

A: "I was a part-time freeway flyer. They call them freeway flyers because they teach in two or three different districts and teach four or five different classes."

"I took the job because it was a full time job and I wanted the money and the respect. Part timers are trashed and second class citizens. So I came to Delano because the job was offered and I wanted to take the challenge."

Q: "You have traveled and lived in many different places. Which one is your favorite?"

A: "A place where I could go over and over is Paris. Even though my husband hates big cities and said he'd probably never go back there with me again."

Q: "What did you like about Paris?"

A: "The history and the energy and the beauty. It's got everything."

Q: "What was it like swimming with crocodiles?"

A: "I went camping in Northwestern Australia and I heard about this beautiful waterfall that we could only get to by hiking, driving, biking, and finally swimming up this

creek. We finally got there and it was gorgeous. We swam back through and a week later a woman was attacked in the same river we were in. She was killed."

"The thing she was floating on was attacked. Fortunately she got out of the water while they were messing around with this thing she was on. I didn't know that they were

Q: "What are your plans for the future?"

A: "Earn a lot of dough and take the summers off. Travel for the rest of my life."

"Maybe open a youth hostel some day in California, so that while I am not traveling people can come to me from other parts of the world."

MIGRANT: Intercultural students entertain conference-goers

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wound up sharing the Campus Center. However, the youthful audience was welcomed by the sparsely attended festival.

BC's Intercultural Students Association presents a program each year as a "thank you" to the college and students for their support

and welcome. This year ISA decided to sponsor a festival instead, to attract more people. The show went on in the Campus Center gazebo, in

spite of the rain. Native dress, music and dances were presented and explained. Most of the music and dances were from South America.

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