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## College Web site gets a high-tech overhaul

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS  
Online Editor

Bakersfield College recently received a facelift. But this facelift didn't consist of elaborate construction projects taking up student parking lots and closing buildings for renovations. This facelift, rather, was to the BC Web site.

The college launched the new site Dec. 31 after seven months of development.

"We have approximately 25,000 pages of content on our Web site right now," said Bill Moseley, Internet services specialist. "That's a lot of content to try and get people to in an effective way."

And Moseley said the site now achieves this objective.

"It seems to me that the students who are using it are finding what they want," he said. "It appears that people aren't wandering the site."

Part of the reason for this is a JavaScript pull-down navigational menu. The menu also includes HTML buttons for browsers that are not JavaScript compatible.

"It allows one click access to thousands of pages of information,"

he said. "There are several different ways of getting to things."

The site also now includes an indexed search option utilizing Microsoft index server technologies. Moseley said that the old site only provided a site map, a feature that also has been included on the new site. After polling students, Moseley said he found that 25 percent of students would turn to a site map if

they were lost, but 65 percent would prefer to use an indexed search like those found on Internet search engines such as AltaVista.

The new indexed search allows students to find pages listing the content they're looking for without scrolling through several pages of directories.

"It actually catalogs the site a few times a day," he said, "so it's pretty

up to date."

The site also now includes a full calendar of events posted by campus departments.

Moseley said that despite these new features, most of the site revisions consist of restructuring rather than creation of new elements. The main page, for instance, now includes important dates from the

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## BC among top 100 colleges

BY HENRY FRANCO  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College has experienced a rapid growth in student enrollment in recent semesters. In fact, the college is now among the top 100 largest community colleges in the nation.

Plans are under way to accommodate the growing number of students, according to BC president Dr. Sandra Serrano.

"Hiring additional faculty is certainly critical to meeting the needs of student growth. With regards to the supportive services we're hiring another counselor," she said. "Also, some of the needs have changed with the infusion of technology, so we've just hired an instructional technology assistant."

A recent campus tour by the administrative council allowed for a search of accommodations for new faculty members, according to Serrano.

"We looked at space because we need to find space for our new faculty as well as look at how we might centralize services to create some efficiency," Serrano said. "In being more efficient, we may be able to identify some resources for instruction which has been a commitment. One of my goals is to put more resources into the classrooms."

Student enrollment at BC now exceeds 15,000 and continues to grow.

The college first started to see major growth during the 1997-1998 semesters. Serrano predicts enrollment will continue to climb and cited many reasons for the continued growth.

"We're in a growing community. Bakersfield is among the top growing cities in California. With the growth in the city comes the natural growth of its schools and colleges and universities," she said. "Beyond that, we have worked very hard to carry on our tradition of being known for our excellence in instruction. I think our reputation for meeting the needs of students also provides us with the growth. I think we have also done much within the areas of work force and economic development."

Some BC students aren't surprised about the school's growth.

"I think it's good that BC is in the top 100 schools in the U.S.," said BC student Tammy Johnson. "It shows that the school offers good education that satisfies the students."



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## Making History

Charles Udoma displays different musical instruments in the cafeteria Tuesday. The display was part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center's show "The Market Place," in honor of Black History Month. Udoma, who is from Nigeria, shows off a tapered drum (left) and a decorative drum called a "junjun" (right).

## Health center promotes use of condoms

BY ELIZABETH GREGORY  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College students were aware of Valentine's Day and Presidents Day.

And BC students also seemed to know about and supportive of National Condom Week.

National Condom Week was held from Feb. 14 through 21. It promotes the usage of condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and infections.

BC student Zucchinni Blanche believes National Condom week is educational. She says the public is able to receive literature on condoms and safe sex.

"I think National Condom Week is wise, because sometimes people get the wrong information about how to use a condom," said Blanche. "With the literature, it teaches the proper way to put on a condom."

"I think the month of love, along with National Condom Week, go hand in hand," said Bakersfield College student Jared Smouse, who is majoring

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— Gigi Shinn, BC student

in biology. "I think it's a smart idea that condoms are handed out, especially when there's a lot of love making happening."

BC student Gigi Shinn, who is majoring in psychology, believes there are many risks when having unprotected sex.

"I think people are having more sex now than they were 20 years ago," Shinn said. "Using a condom shows that you are responsible, because you are in control over your body, not an STD or some unwanted pregnancy."

Bakersfield College participated in National

Condom Week, by giving free condoms to students.

"The purpose of distributing condoms is not to promote promiscuity," said BC's nurse Deborah Strong. "But to prevent the spread of sexual infections and diseases."

Strong says that sex is a personal choice, and that students have the option to use condoms.

"I think when you're old enough to consider sex, you should be old enough to consider the liability that comes along with it," Strong said. "I think condoms are a good if you're going to be sexually active."

Condoms, along with information on sex and various health subjects, are available for students in the Health Center.

The Health Center not only provides free condoms but free medical services to Bakersfield College students, including providing aspirin and cough suppressants.

Strong says BC students are welcome at anytime to take advantage of the free health services.

## Napster offers to settle lawsuit

BY BRYAN SWAIM  
Editor in Chief



On the eve of the Grammy awards, Napster Inc. has offered to settle a copyright infringement suit by paying \$1 billion to the recording industry.

This came in the wake of a ruling made by the federal appeals court to shut down the music-swapping service, under claims the company knew its users were violating copyright laws.

The ruling has stirred up much heat in the music industry and college campuses alike. The company, which allows its users to download MP3s of copyrighted music free of charge, currently has more than 50 million users and has spawned countless sites offering the same services.

Since its first trial early last year, Napster has stood by its claim that its service does not violate copyright laws and is protected by the Audio Home Recording Act, an act which allows people to record music legally for home use.

But the Justice Department said that the act would not protect Napster under claims that the home computer is not a recording device.

"I think trying to shut down Napster is ridiculous," said BC student Jon Ryan, who is a frequent user of the service. "As soon as you get something free in this country the government wants to take it away from you."

The settlement Napster has offered the recording industry would be to pay \$150 million a year for five years to the five major recording labels: BMG, EMI, Sony, Universal and Warner Bros.

Napster would also have to pay \$50 million a year for five years to independent labels.

In order to pay the hefty amount, Napster would change its free service to subscription, charging no more than \$9.95 per month for its use.

"I would definitely pay five or 10 dollars a month for Napster," said Tom Delano, who is a student at San Diego State, one of the larger universities known for excessive use of the service due to free DSL in student dorms. "It's a lot cheaper than going out and spending 15 bucks on a CD that you may not even like."

Although the courts ruled that Napster was taking money away from the music industry, the decision actually follows a record year in album sales.

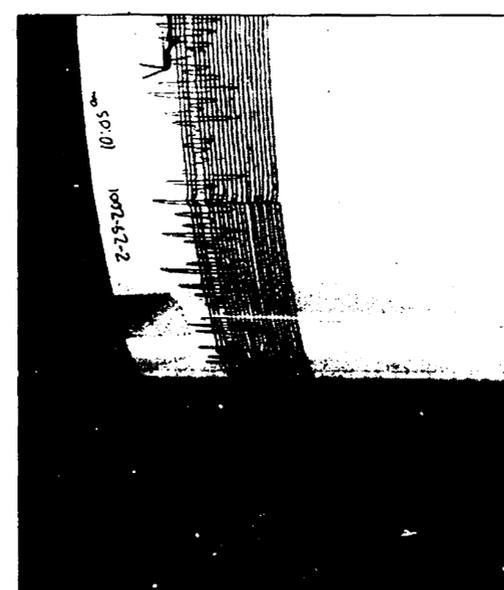
One example is Grammy-winning rapper Eminem's album, "The Marshall Mathers LP." That entire album was leaked on Napster two weeks before its release, yet it still sold over nine million copies, according to Soundscan.

"I think Napster helps the industry more than hurts it," said Ryan. "You can sample songs and if you like them, buy the CD."

But the recording industry disagrees.

According to Richard Parsons, AOL Time Warner co-chief operating officer, Napster does not "respect the rights of creators and owners of intellectual property to determine how and when their property is used."

Napster plans to appeal the court's decision. Until then, the service will stay in operation.



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## Bakersfield feels quake

The BC Geography Lab seismograph picked up the earthquake in Seattle, Wash., at 10:05 Wednesday morning. The quake measured 7.0 on the Richter scale. Thousands of workers were evacuated but there were no deaths.

# Feeling the Burn

Far right, firefighters rescue a mock victim. Bottom, a school bus is crashed during a routine drill. Right, a fire truck stands by the scene.

Photos and story by LaNell Hart / The Rip



Bakersfield College, the Kern County Fire Department and the Bakersfield Fire Department partner to meet training requirements for firefighters in Kern County through classes at BC, at the Olive Drive Training Facility and through drills. The most recent drill was for a Fire Tech 66 Skills Maintenance class to learn emergency medical incident techniques. For the February drill, the fire departments worked together to stage a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI).

# College gender gap above national average

BY VANESSA BOUTWELL Rip staff writer

Like the Marines, Bakersfield College is looking for a few good men. Actually, they don't even have to be "good."

Statistics show that nearly 60 percent of BC students are female. This is a trend that is being mirrored in community and state colleges all around the country.

"There has been a major difference of men vs. women in my classes," said BC student Lisa Lujan. "It's cool, because women finally rule."

According to The Wall Street Journal, in 1970, 41 percent of college students were females. In recent statistics, 55 percent of female students received bachelor's and master's degrees.

In 1970, according to research by The Wall Street Journal, of those who earned medical degrees, only 8 percent were women. By 1995, that number increased to 39 percent.

According to the magazine Opportunity, the long-term trend indicates that males will disappear from college education by the year of 2163, if the trend stays on the track its on now.

"That's amazing and hard to believe," Lujan said. "I believe that it's way too soon to predict that kind of outcome."

The first time in history in which women earned more bachelor's degrees than men was in 1982.

Females took home 50.3 percent of the bachelor's degrees.

Where are all the men going? In 1988, Cornelius Riordan, a man who has conducted education studies for more than 20 years, said the trend begins at a young age. His studies show that junior high girls are less likely to have repeated at least one grade.

Riordan also said, more male students suffer from learning disabilities than female students. An estimated three times as many males are in special education classes.

Riordan's studies also show that males are also more involved in crime, violent behavior and drug abuse in and out of school.

"This is how men get a bad name," Cueto said. "You have to remember the 43 percent that attend BC and who are trying to succeed."

Most BC males do not seem to mind the gender gap at all.

"I don't mind all of the women at school," said BC student Manual Pimenta. "I like it."

# BC bookstore to be renovated

Store will be moved across Mount Vernon Avenue until summertime.

BY ELIZABETH GREGORY Rip staff writer

There are many construction changes that are occurring on campus at Bakersfield College.

The newest construction project at BC is the renovation of the bookstore.

According to BC bookstore director Robert Day, the bookstore will be temporarily relocated on April 1. The new and improved bookstore is expected to reopen by July 1.

"We are going to do a remodel," Day said. "We'll take the look of this 1965 store and move it into the 'light of the tunnel sort' of speak."

Although the bookstore will be refashioned to a look more modern, Day says the bookstore will consider new ways to appeal to students.

"We're wanting to update our merchandise," he said. "We want

to find out what students want that the bookstore doesn't carry."

While the bookstore is momentarily moved to a new area, it will be split into two stores.

A campus store, which will be located on the front half of the old Martin Luther King Center, will be selling Scantrons, candy and sweatshirts to students.

"The books will be sold across the street," said BC's student body president, Sarah Jones. "I really don't see that affecting a lot of students right now, because people have already bought their books."

Textbooks will be sold in a building on Mount Vernon Avenue, which is next to Kern Schools Federal Credit Union, across from Bakersfield College.

However, Bakersfield College student John Tilton opposes the bookstore's temporary move.

"I think it's kind of ridiculous, because now you have to go farther away to buy your books," Tilton said. "It's a hassle to go



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that far. Plus, the prices won't even change."

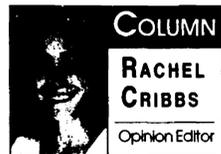
"I think remodeling the bookstore is a great idea, but the store needs to remodel their prices," said BC student Victoria Bennett, who is majoring in business. "They're way overpriced, which is crazy."

BC student Christina Olson, an English major who anticipates for improvements that will be convenient for students.

"I think it would be nice if they would be bigger," Olson said. "I'm hoping to see the bookstore be a little more easier to find stuff, because I always have to spend 15 to 20 minutes to find what I need."

# Nobody Cares

Students should be involved in campus activities at BC.



Get up. Drive to BC. Sit in class for three hours. Drive home. Sleep. Get up. Drive to BC. Sit in class for three hours. Drive home. Sleep. Pretty mundane schedule, don't you think?

Well, more and more college students are living this rigorous life of non-involvement. Why aren't more students interested in activities or even care to know what issues BC is concerned with?

You spend at least two years of your college life here at Bakersfield College, shouldn't you get involved with the college around you? ASBC is hurting for students to fill their senator seats, clubs are virtually non-existent due to lack of interest, and I'll bet nearly half of the student body didn't know we were building a new pool.

This lack of interest in extra-curricular activities is disgusting. There are so many people on campus between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., you would think some of them would stay a few hours more to join a club, but no, once class is over they all disappear and BC becomes a ghost town with a few loyal, involved students holed up in some classroom working on a poster for their dance that no one will come to anyway.

Come on people! Being involved in school activities does not take much effort, or time. Oh but then, most of you have those pesky little things called jobs. Well, you know nearly everyone on the newspaper staff has a job and

we produce a newspaper almost every week.

But then you argue, "I'm a poor college student and I have to work to pay the school bills." Guess what? One of the main things scholarship people ask for is extra-curricular activities. Scholarships want well-rounded people who show interest in their school's affairs, not boring work oriented drones who come to school for a couple of hours to make their health insurance quota.

Oh right, not everyone has time of the stomach to be in a school group, after all only preppy cheerleaders are the ones running the

ASBC, and only know-nothing goths are in theater. But that still doesn't excuse why students don't know what is happening on the actual BC campus.

There is so much construction going on at BC and the only interest students show is to complain about the inconvenience it is to park farther away.

BC is building a new Olympic sized pool, a new child development center and BC is going through an operational audit in order to be more efficient.

Sorry to shock everyone, but BC is not some dormant campus that

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isn't improving. BC is working hard every day to make this campus better for students. But do any of you care?

Of course not. As long as the teachers are in their classrooms and you have a parking spot, well life is good. Gee, it must be nice to live in a glass bubble and not care about an organization that works hard to give you a great education and better facilities.

Student apathy is the new cancer and it has hit BC hard. Maybe our nurses can help us cure BC, oh but wait, we have nurses here too?



# Evil industry seeks to destroy Napster

BY ARON VIETTI Photo Editor

Freedom is the right to one's intellectual property, bull. Napster, a company as legitimate as any radio station, is being persecuted for giving you access to music that you may wish to listen to before you purchase it. Sure, there are people that will download this music and never buy the album. But there are people who copy tapes and CDs, as well as record the radio.

So how is Napster, or any Internet based music different? Quite simply, it's not. You and I know that record company executives are, for the most part, close to the lowest forms of life on the planet. Just below the lawyers who work for them.

They don't care about the rights of their artists. How many court cases have been fought by musicians against executives? How many battles for freedom from the slavery that artists were forced into from unfair contracts?

I'm sure many of you already knew this case was all about money. Of course the freedoms and rights issue is a good cover. I mean all the wolves have a suit of sheep's clothing now days.

In the beginning, they told us that they were afraid it would hurt record sales. No one will ever buy music again!

It wasn't that hard to

swallow, so we all watched to see what would happen. Guess what, third quarter earnings are in and the record companies made more money this quarter than any past. Think of all the albums that went platinum. I'm choking now.

It's obvious that Napster isn't hurting sales. And as many artists believe, it's probably helping them. But unlike the radio, now people get to choose what they want to hear, instead of having it programmed for them.

This is where the veil is lifted and we see what the true agenda is. They want the money that can be made.

People should have to pay for listening to what they want. As well, they want to make sure that the artists stay dependent on them. Because individuals shouldn't have control of musicians' art. God forbid!

They might enlighten the masses to a whole new way of thinking. A new way of hearing. Then the record companies couldn't keep pumping out this mind-numbing drizzle. People would surely reject it.

So the case is really about rights and freedoms. It's about the record companies crushing them into a fine powder.

And all that stands in their way are a few musicians, a little Internet based sharing community called Napster, and those fools, the general public.

**Bakersfield College Celebrates WOMEN OF VISION AND COURAGE**

**Women's History Month Events**

March 3 Forum East	10-11:30 a.m.	Women Work and Worth Patricia Jennings
March 5 Fire Side Room	Noon-1 p.m.	We've Come a Long Way, Baby: Women and Girls in the U.S. BC Forensics Team
March 7 Student Services 151	Noon-1 p.m.	Status of Women and Girls in the Third World BC Forensics Team
March 8 BC Art Gallery	Noon-1 p.m.	Reading Women Poets Carol Cunningham, Rebecca Mooney, Merriem Paliz
March 8 Student Services 151	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	International Women's Day: Women, Work and Human Rights Pat Thompson
March 12 Fire Side Room	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Women on Death Row Peggy De Stefano
March 14 Student Services 151	Noon-1:30 p.m.	Dying to Be Thin: The Reality of Eating Disorders Sally Hill, Becki Whitson
March 14 Fire Side Room	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Chicanas: A Historical Perspective Rosa Garza
March 16 Fire Side Room	9:10-10 a.m.	Menopause 101 Sherr Bergamo

Visit the BC Art Gallery through March 31 to see Fabric, Pattern, Needle and Thread, art works by Deborah Rickerts, photographer; Melissa Thorne, painter & Sherr Wood, found items.

These events are co-sponsored by: Bakersfield College Alumni Association Staff Development Coordinating Committee La Verne College

Special Studies 48 (1 unit) will be offered in conjunction with Women's History Month activities. Contact Gaylen Lewis at 395-4439 for more information.

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# Student calls for music to be silenced on campus

I have four words for the people, well, guys, who decide to "bump their music" while parked on campus: you are not cool.

I take an early morning class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Because of this, I have the advantage of getting Panorama St. parking.

I arrive early so that I can get

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—Melissa Dabrushman BC student

my things together and do some last minute studying. As a college student who lives on their own and works, I am stressed out and irritable as it is, but there is one thing that irritates me more than anything.

That's those who "bump it" just to look cool. I will be doing some last minute studying in my car on Panorama in the early morning hours before class.

It is inevitable that at least one or two guys (I say guys because obviously women have a conscience and care about the ears of others,) will pull up behind me and "bump" some (in my opinion) God-awful, rap sounding gutter trash.

These guys will turn the engines of their "slammed" vehicles off, but

well if all I can hear is "boom, boom" every two seconds.

Do these guys have no conscience? When I pull up to a stoplight and my music is loud, my conscience tells me to turn it down so it won't irritate the drivers around me.

However, obviously, these guys think they are so damn cool. So they bump their God-awful crap, to do nothing more than irritate the students around them.

My message to all of you guys who "bump" your stereos while you are parked on campus is give a life, you are not cool. Respect those students around you who don't care to hear your system.

—Melissa Dabrushman BC student

keep their music on. And keep their bass turned up full blast, for the duration of the time before 8:00 class starts.

Obviously, I can't study very well if all I can hear is "boom, boom" every two seconds.

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# ASBC attends leadership conference

**ASBC**  
By Sumeet Bath Vice President of Communications

The ASBC congratulates and welcomes our new senators and associate justices. Our new senators include: Kathryn Brinkley, Erin DeVries, Finance; Heather Cerro, Historian; Christopher "Travis" Swanson, Political; Brian Feaster, Staff Relations; and Brent Rush, Technological Promotions. We also have two new associated justices, Christopher Smith and Jeannine Trimmer.

Besides filling its council, the ASBC wrapped up its "Club Week" Thursday. Often students want to get involved in various organizations on campus but they do not know where to go or whom to ask. Well, this last week was a perfect opportunity to

ask the club representatives questions.

Currently, BC has 17 active clubs which include: African-American Student Union (AASU), Agriculture Club, Associate Degree Nursing Club, Band Club, Drama Club, Engineers Club, Hip Hop for Unity, International Students Association (ISA), Inter-Varsity Fellowship, Jazz Club, Letter Day Saints Student Association (LDDSA), Math Club,

Movimiento Estudiantil de Aztlan (MECHA), Phi Theta Kappa, Renegade Signers, Trouveres and Veterans' Club.

Inactive clubs include: the BC Composers Club, Business Club, Choir Club, Native American

Cultural Awareness Club, Students for a Free Tibet, and Students for the Ethical Treatment of Humanity (SETH).

If students did not have a chance to stop by Club Week, they can stop by the Student Activities office to receive information on how to join clubs."

—Sumeet Bath Vice President of Communications

University, Fresno. This was the first year that this leadership conference will be held at CSUF. Because of its proximity and inexpensive cost, the ASBC may attend this conference annually in the future.

Activities office to receive information on how to join clubs. Besides being active on campus, the ASBC is active off-campus as well. Tomorrow, about 17 students were scheduled to participate in a leadership conference that is held at California State

# 'GADE FEEDBACK

What do you think of the recording industries' attempt to shut down Napster?



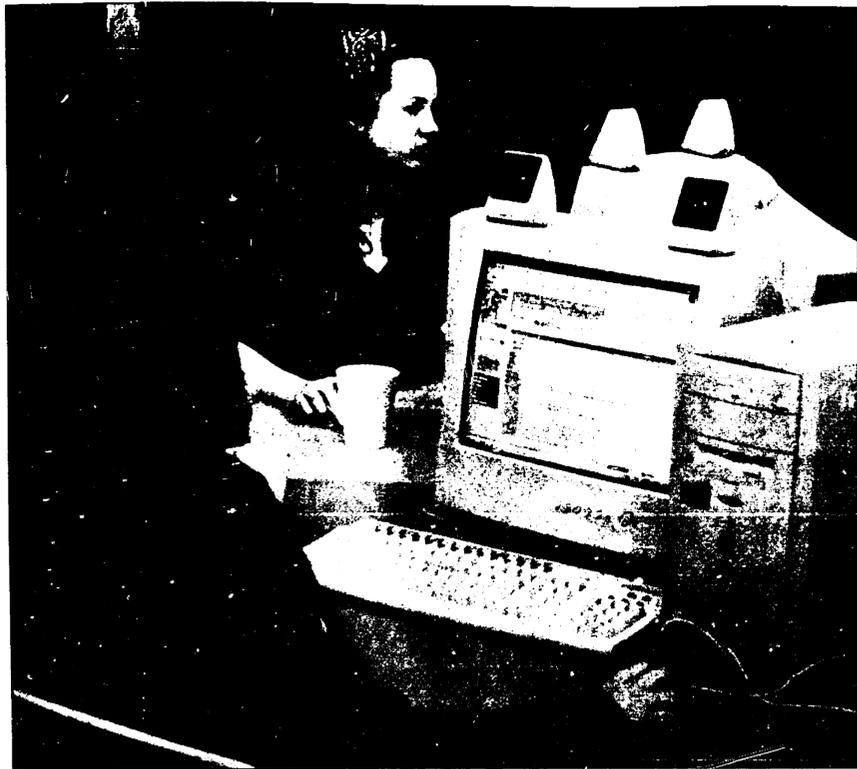
**Nikas Bhakta, Engineering:** "I think that's pretty bad, because if you have Napster you don't have to buy CDs from the store."

**Laine Hendricks, Business:** "Personally, as a user of Napster, I really like it. But I can understand why they're doing it, but I don't think they should shut it down."

**Patrick Fitze, Electronics:** "Napster's not really doing anything wrong, they're just a portal."

**Dawn Caudill, Business:** "I don't like it, because you can go to the web site and whatever you want to listen to it's there."

**Pedro Padilla, Undecided:** "I think it sucks, just because you can't get free music anymore."



BC student Stephanie Holmes (left) and Erika Macs enjoy the offerings of nXCaffe, Bakersfield's new Internet cafe.

Photo by LaNell Hart/The Rip

## New Net cafe offers computers, coffee

BY LANELL HART  
Rip staff writer

The hiss and sputter of steamed milk blends with the soft sound of Internet music. A customer enters and orders, "A Pepsi and 15 minutes." Another Internet cafe is open for business.

There are over 6,000 cyber cafes in the world listed on the World Wide Web, 96 of which are located in California.

There is one in Bakersfield. It's called the nXCaffe.

"We had the idea six years ago," said Lisa Spencer, who along with her husband Charles, owns nXCaffe in Bakersfield.

"But we felt that access was too slow then. DSL (direct service lines) made it feasible because it is speedier."

Cafe computing is especially attractive for people who don't have computers at home but who want to check e-mail, surf the Net or job-hunt. At the nXCaffe, the cost of a drink will buy 15 minutes of time on the computer, including support equipment like printers. Four dollars will buy a full hour.

Many California cyber cafes have time plans which cost between \$4 and \$10 an hour. Some have even established "clubs," which allow customers to buy blocks of time for a discount.

"We really work at being student-friendly," said Adrian Martinez, owner of Virtual World Cafe in San Luis Obispo.

"I like the atmosphere here better than at the library," said James Black, a student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, who was working on a research paper at Virtual World.

Use of space is one of the main observable differences in Internet cafes. At Virtual World, one side is basically a cozy coffee shop. The other side is more like a library with individual cubicles.

Bakersfield's nXCaffe offers an open approach with private tables spaced around the large cafe area. Four workstations

grouped in the center of the room offer standard computing and Internet game playing as well as the opportunity for group interaction.

"It's a nice alternative for friends who like to play games together," said Spencer. A lounge area complete with a couch and big screen TV-computer access provides a homey atmosphere for friends who want to surf together or just watch a movie.

Sources on the Web reveal 1994 as the start date for Internet cafes in New York and Ireland. But whether in Bakersfield or on the other side of the world, the tradition of friends chatting over coffee continues.



## Close relative's death hits hard

It had already been a long day. After spending several hours in the newsroom working on last week's edition of *The Rip*, I was ready to go home, fix myself a little dinner and hit the sack.

But when I arrived home around 6:30 that evening, I knew something wasn't right. Several members of my family were gathered in my home, an eerie and unsettling silence falling over everyone and everything as I walked in.

"What's wrong?" I asked my mom in a quiet voice, not even sure I wanted to know the answer. She ushered me out into the backyard, said that's when she told me.

Uncle Ron had died from a heart attack.

I didn't want to believe it. How could I believe it?

Uncle Ron was only 43 years old. He was in fairly good health, only experiencing occasional bouts of high blood pressure. He wasn't supposed to die. Not now. Several years down the road maybe, after having lived a full life, but not now.

I've lost relatives before—that's nothing new. But I've never lost anyone as close as Uncle Ron. He was my mom's baby brother, and he had recently grown to be a very important part of my life.

About a year and a half ago, Uncle Ron and his wife got divorced. In the aftermath, he moved in and stayed with us for almost a month. I had to give up my room for that month, but I didn't mind, despite the fact I had to sleep on the lumpy futon in the guest room, because it afforded me the privilege of getting to know my uncle better.

On several occasions during that time, I accompanied Uncle Ron on his house hunting trips, cruising around town and scouting out potential bachelor pads. A couple of times, we got lost looking for a particular house, but we always managed to find our way back home—without finding the house we were looking for, of course.

But when he did finally get out on his own, he still came by to visit quite often.

During his stay with us, he became very familiar with my M&M's fetish, and soon had me conditioned like one of Pavlov's dogs. Whenever Uncle Ron came by, I nearly always expected a package of M&M's.

However, the culmination of his support of my habit came last Christmas when he got me an M&M's candy dish. It is probably the most special gift I have ever received from anybody.

Uncle Ron and I were a lot alike, I think. Both of us were kind of quiet and a little unsure of ourselves at times, but we both shared a sort of irreverent, dry sense of humor. I think we saw things the same way—"two peas in a pod," as my mom might say.

It'll be hard adjusting to the loss of my uncle. But at least I still have the memories, and of course, the M&M's.

Godspeed to you, Uncle Ron. I'll miss you.

## 'Back to school': Mother and daughter duo reap the benefits of attending classes together

BY ALYSSA D. STUMBO  
Rip staff writer

In this society of fast food, fast cars and fast lives, it is difficult to find time for family. However, one mother/daughter duo has found a way to solve this common problem.

Cathy Diuri, 23, and her mother, Rochelle, get to spend more time together than most daughters and mothers. How do they find the time? They're enrolled in the same Bakersfield College class.

Both Cathy and Rochelle are majoring in counseling.

Like everyone else, they're required to take general education classes before they move on, but they make it enjoyable by

registering for the same courses.

This semester, the duo is in Katie Price's mass media course. But it isn't the first course that they've taken together. Cathy and Rochelle have taken a human services course and golf with one another. They exchanged a chuckle when asked how they enjoyed the golf class.

"Between the two of us, we made one good golfer," Cathy said.

Both women agreed that taking courses together has been beneficial in more ways than one. They save money on gas and books and having a study partner as a roommate can be very helpful.

As easy as it can be to help each other, it can also be distracting.

"As long as there is a seat between us,

we don't talk too much," Cathy said.

"In more difficult classes... I think it would be more difficult to concentrate," Rochelle said. "But with the lighter classes, we have a lot of fun."

After finishing at BC, Rochelle is going to wrap up an 18-month program at Lavern Extension. Since she has already completed her bachelor's degree, she won't have to spend as much time in school as Cathy.

Cathy intends to continue on to California State University, Bakersfield. After she receives her bachelor's, she has decided to attend Lavern Extension as well.

That means the Diuri duo will probably have more classes together in the future.



Rochelle Diuri (left) and daughter Cathy spend time together in the same classes.

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## 'Gade men hope to net winning season in 2001

BY RACHEL CRIBBS  
Opinion Editor



BC tennis player Jimmy Bates takes his best shot in match against Santa Barbara. The 'Gades are optimistic about the 2001 season.

The Bakersfield College men's tennis team is ready for the upcoming season, their standing so far is 3-3.

The team played Santa Barbara Tuesday, but Santa Barbara won 6-3. Coach Rob Slaybaugh is optimistic about the season.

"So far we are doing ok. We've had a couple of rainouts but other than that we're good," he said. "We've played five matches total. I'm always optimistic because I want to see how the kids respond to competition."

Due to no returning sophomores, the nine members of the team are all freshmen.

"These guys are good, but they've really only played local stuff," Slaybaugh said. "But that will make them that much tougher."

"We're young, but we'll progress after we play a few matches," player Nick Loudermilk said. "But we are solid throughout. We're good friends and

have a lot of fun." The team has had to work hard this season because of no experienced BC players, but they are all good friends and enjoy the extra work.

"We're pretty good, but we've got tough competition," Jimmy Bates said. "There are some good guys on the team, we work really hard."

The team practices every Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00, and have matches on Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons.

"We have a chance to win some games," Jeff Warnick said. "We're young but we have great team chemistry."

Matt Gates agrees with Warnick. "While we are inexperienced, we are loaded with talent," he said. Most of the team is looking forward to playing Glendale in the finals. They lost to Glendale earlier this season, so they want revenge.

"We are going to kick Glendale's butt next time we play them," Payam Rahimifard said. "They're ranked in the

State and we're going to break their title."

"We lost nothing to nine to Glendale," Loudermilk said. "I'm really looking forward to the rematch."

At the end of the season seven teams will be able to play each other for the state title. Slaybaugh believes the BC team has a good chance to make it to the final competition.

"Depending on how well they play, they'll get to go," he said. "We'll see. Only three teams in the league can be the best. We go out and try our best, if we win, we win."

The three main teams in the community college league are Santa Barbara, Ventura (who the Gades played Thursday) and Glendale.

"If we end up fourth I would say we had a good year," Slaybaugh said.

The team consists of Bates, Josh Garner, Gates, Nick Kingerman, Loudermilk, Andrew Mc Masters, Rahimifard, Todd E. Swenson and Warnick.

## BC baseball goes undefeated in Light Brigade Tournament

'Gades get defensive in sweep as they win three of three in tournament.

BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE  
Rip staff writer

While Bakersfield College basketball fans flocked to a cozy, indoor Gil Bishop Sports Center to watch the girls' basketball team compete in the playoffs Saturday night, the BC baseball fans braved the outdoor weather elements to watch the 'Gades play their third game in the annual BC Light Brigade Tournament at Gerry Collis Field.

They weren't disappointed. Sean Sorrow pitched an almost flawless game, allowing one earned run in a 13-5 win over Canada College.

Previously, Jake Woods and Joe

Mask also turned in near-immaculate pitching performances for BC in the tournament.

Woods tossed eight innings of one-hit ball, fanning 17 in a 5-0 pasting of Pasadena Friday and Mask, likewise, did the goose egg mambo, throwing a complete game two-hit shutout in a 3-0 victory over Moorpark earlier Saturday.

BC coach Tim Painton praises his pitching staff.

"They've done an outstanding job," he said. "We knew what we were going to get out of Jake Woods, what he was capable of doing. To have two freshmen (Mask and Sorrow) step in and pitch as well as they did, it kind of solidifies our starting pitching rotation for us."

"Our pitching staff is pretty strong this year," said Woods. "I think we'll do well (in WSC play)."

While the 'Gades pitching staff has been consistent this season, the offense came to life against Canada, with B.J. Eccue leading the way with

"Can't get better than 3-0. I felt like we got three real good pitching performances, played real good defense and our offense came around this weekend. I was real happy with our hitters and with the way we played."

—Tim Painton  
Head Baseball Coach

four hits. In that game, BC snapped a scoreless tie by exploding for six runs in the second inning, capped off by a two-run homer by Keith Millard.

After Canada whittled the deficit to 6-5, the 'Gades responded by scoring single runs in the fourth and

sixth innings and then put the game away with a five-run eighth inning for the final margin.

"I'm throwing good right now," said Sorrow, when asked about his performance.

(But I can't take all the credit. Our defense is playing well."

BC went undefeated in the tournament, which pleases Painton.

"Can't get better than 3-0," he said. "I felt like we got three real good pitching performances, and our

defense came around this weekend. I was real happy with our hitters (and) with the way we played."

BC plays at Glendale in a WSC game tomorrow at 1 p.m.

The next home game will be March 6 against Citrus at Gerry Collis Field at 2 p.m.



Gades clean up after satisfying sweep of tournament.

## Basketball teams win first round games

BY LEANNE CAVE  
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College men's and women's basketball teams advanced to the second round of the Southern California regional playoffs with convincing home court victories.

The Renegades will have to be road warriors as they face higher seeds on the road as long as they advance in the tournament.

The 13th seeded men defeated El Camino 69-61 in the first round at Gil Bishop Sports Center on Feb. 23. They will face a tough College of the Desert squad that has won 12 straight games. The Roadrunners are 26-8 and the 4 seed.

The women's basketball team, seeded 15th in the tournament ended a 12-game losing streak against Orange Coast College on Feb. 24. They beat the Pirates 82-64 in the first round of the playoffs.

The 'Gades were impressive in the win and will need to muster equal if not more production and determination to beat Mount San Antonio.

Mount Sac is 27-5 and the 2 seed in the tournament.



Cambria Sumlin shields the ball from Santa Monica player during a WSC game at Gil Bishop Sports Center.

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cardinal and gold for the University of Southern California in the 2001 football season. Lancaster transferred to USC after the 2000 winter term.

Hall also was chosen the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the 2000 Potato Bowl.

Hall was chosen the Most Valuable Player of the 1999 Potato Bowl against a talented Palomar College offense that many junior college coaches ranked as one of the best in the country. When it looked as though the 'Gades might lose, Hall made clutch interceptions when they counted the most.

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## 'GADE NEWSLINE

### BC set to hold international trade fair

The Virtual Enterprise International California Trade Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Bakersfield College gym. Virtual businesses from Kern County, other parts of California, New York City and Europe will participate.

### Students sing songs of the oppressed

There will be a "Voices of Hope" chorale concert held at 4 p.m. on March 11 at the First Congregational Church at Real Road and Stockdale Highway. Musical selections will be performed to provide an understanding of lessons learned from the Jewish, African American and Native American holocausts.

### Help BC plan 90th anniversary event

The Bakersfield College Archive Project needs help. BC will soon celebrate its 90th anniversary. Organizers say, there are many aspects of that history that deserve to be preserved and made accessible to staff, students, historians and researchers as well as the public in general. There is currently no central file or archive of BC's history.

If you know where any historical materials may be stored or are interested in writing histories of programs, offices, activities and perhaps stories on personalities you particularly remember—contact one of the initial committee members for the project. They are Chuck Carlson, Greg Goodwin, John Collins, Bob Allison and Jerry Ludeke.

### Accepting applications for awards

The Grace Van Dyke Bird Library is still accepting applications for two leadership awards. The Grace Van Dyke Leadership award is given annually to one freshman student and the BC Alumni Association Honor Trophy is awarded annually to one sophomore student. Copies of eligibility requirements and applications can be picked up in the Student Activities Office.

— Compiled by Bryan Swaim  
Editor in Chief



## MOVIE MINUTE

The R-rated film "3,000 Miles to Graceland" earns the R with all of its blood and guts. It has it all: Guns, grenades, sex and even Elvis.

Director Demian Lichtenstein did an excellent job in choosing the acting crew. You learn to love each character and this makes you leave the theater appreciating each role.

The movie begins with Michael (Kurt Russell) running into Cybil (Courtney Cox-Arquette) after her son, Jesse (David Kaye) stole a silver valve cap from Michael's car.

Love begins the minute their eyes meet. She introduces herself as Cybil, "with a C," a single mother with a conniving son. The two talk over some hot coffee and quickly jump between the sheets for some hot action.

Michael meets up with Murphy (Kevin Costner), Gus (David Arquette), Hanson (Christian Slater) and Franklin (Bokeem Woodbine). The five men, dressed as Elvis, make their way to Las Vegas where the show will begin.

Their well-planned robbery goes off without a hitch, even though they battle for their lives. The getaway helicopter arrives and rescues the five men holding \$3.2 million.

Along the way, Michael doesn't know who to believe. One moment, you'll have your faith in his partner Murphy and his girlfriend Cybil, in the next, they are two timing Michael.

In the end, all is achieved and what we thought would happen in the beginning of the movie, happens.

"3,000 Miles to Graceland" is entertaining, but I suggest you save your money and wait for it to come out on video. There is no hurry to run out to the theater to see this one.

— By Vanessa Boutwell  
Rip staff writer



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Kurt Russell (left) and Courtney Cox-Arquette star in Morgan Creek Productions' and Franchise Pictures' new action thriller, "3,000 Miles to Graceland." The movie, directed by Demian Lichtenstein, is rated R.

## CRIME BEAT

### Deceased parking pass lives on

On Feb. 5, a citation was issued to a student using an invalid staff parking permit. The citation was issued to Loreal N. James who was parked in the northeast staff parking area. James failed to respond to the citation and was contacted in class by security. James turned in the permit. She told campus police that she found the permit three years ago near the old library. The permit was originally issued to Donna McCullough, who died in April 1998.

### Wallet lost in men's restroom

On Feb. 25, Juan Cruz reported to campus security that he left his wallet in the men's restroom, which is located in the south side of the library. Cruz said he lost \$300 in cash, his BC identification card, CSUB ID and four credit cards.

### Car damaged in staff parking lot

On Feb. 20, Dorothy Cox reported that her car was damaged in the staff parking area. She reported parking her car around 8:35 a.m., and when she returned nearly five hours later, found that the driver-side and passenger doors had a large black scrape that extended to the rear of the car.

### Bike stolen from fine art lockers

On Feb. 14, BC visitor Tim Cruz was delivering Valentine's gifts to his girlfriend on campus. When he returned to where his bike had been, it was gone. He had parked it in the fine arts locker area and did have it locked up. Campus security was unable to locate the bicycle.

### Student walks through glass window

On Feb. 22, a student walked through the glass in the Campus Center concourse. He only suffered minor injuries. Clean-up crews responded immediately to prevent any more accidents. The glass was repaired Wednesday.

### Car suffers damage due to golf ball

On Feb. 22, BC student Angele Chanco reported that a golf ball damaged the roof of her vehicle. Chanco was parked on Wright Drive around 9:55 a.m. and when she returned two hours later, she noticed a dent and a note left on her windshield from a witness. According to the note, the ball traveled several yards over the tops of trees before hitting Chanco's car.

### Run away Honda hits parked truck

On Feb. 20, a student parked in the northwest parking lot was cited as a result of his Honda Accord rolling out of the parking space and hitting a truck parked in the handicapped parking space.

— Compiled by Larry Bragg  
Rip staff writer

## Q&A with Sarah Jones

By Rachel Critch and  
Jose Pimentel / The Rip

Sarah Jones is the president of the Associated Students of Bakersfield College. She is 20 years old and is transferring after this semester. She has been involved in student government since high school. Her focus this year has been to get students involved in school activities.

Q: "What got you into ASBC?"  
A: "The reason I got into ASBC, was during soccer season in fall of '99, and I noticed they had all these positions and I just started to get involved. As I began to get involved I noticed the impact it has on the students overall. It's just being able to make decisions that affect 2,000 people is amazing. It's like you want to make the best decisions that you possibly can. I like being involved in things like that."

Q: "Where are you going after BC?"  
A: "I don't rightly know. I've been getting acceptance letters, but it will basically come down to who will offer me more money, you know



what I'm saying? How much money I have and the area. I have a lot of family in the Bay area. I can easily go to San Jose State, but if other schools want to help me I might go there. I have friends who are going to Irvine or Long Beach, I wouldn't mind going down there.

Q: "Are you going to be in ASBC in your other college?"  
A: "Oh yeah, I'll probably get involved. ... Especially at Long Beach where you have to leave an

hour before class to get a parking spot, because it takes 45 minutes to walk to your class. ... To be in ASBC there you get priority parking, so I'm like, 'Hey, not have to pay for parking or walk that far, I'll be involved.'"

Q: "So, there are perks to being in ASBC?"  
A: "Yeah there are ... a lot of perks. I would be involved because I like looking back and saying, 'I've changed things.'"

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## Burglary suspects caught

BY BRYAN SWAIM  
Editor in Chief

A preliminary hearing will be held March 21 for two suspects accused in the March 5 robbery that left at least seven cars burglarized on the Bakersfield College campus.

The suspects, Jose Salas, 20, and Jose Gutierrez, 24, were both from Earlimart. The arrests mark the second time thieves have been arrested for car burglaries at BC. The first took place late last year when another man from Earlimart was apprehended for burglary.

Salas and Gutierrez were stopped at about 4:47 p.m. on March 5 after their car matched a witness description. When stopped, Gutierrez led officers on a foot chase but was caught by police dogs. Salas was found hiding behind a residence at 929 Collins Way. The two were also cited for similar thefts at the Cal State Bakersfield campus and the Marketplace.

"It has been since last semester since we had a car burglary," said Sgt. Jess Soto, chief of BC security. "I think these are the same thieves."

Salas has two felony warrants of burglary already in Bakersfield and may be responsible for burglary of more than 50 cars locally. After he was caught, Salas admitted to burglarizing scores of GMC and Chevrolet cars by entering them with a screwdriver, according to a report in *The Bakersfield Californian*.

"I would call these guys semi-professional," Soto said. "They can be dangerous."

Since last semester, campus police have used various operations to try and catch thieves. Patrol cars are on watch day and night and student cadets pose undercover in the parking lots to look out for suspicious persons. But this doesn't always work. Soto warns everyone to keep an eye out.

"If you see a suspicious person, report it directly to the security department," Soto said. "If the person does not look like they belong on campus and is just hanging out in the lot, report it."

Soto also advises students to be cautious if they witness a burglary.

"Any thief can be dangerous," he said. "We don't encourage approach at all."

There are things that can be done to prevent a car from being burglarized. Soto said people should not leave valuables like purses or CDs in plain sight but instead lock them in the trunk. If a CD player has a detachable face, use it. Also be sure to lock all vehicles. Surprisingly, some of the car thefts have been on unlocked cars.

— Rip staff writer Larry Bragg also contributed to this article.



## Birds of Prey

Volunteers at the Facility for Animal Care and Treatment tend critically injured birds.

BY HENRY FRANCO  
Rip staff writer

Cal State Bakersfield student Alex Brown knows how to help critically injured animals in need. Brown's current interest is wildlife, specifically birds of prey.

"I started because I was interested in doing some volunteer work and working with wildlife. So I started volunteering out here," he said. "I have had a lot of great experiences working hands-on with the birds. We also occasionally get mammals and reptiles out here who need care and that's a great experience. You learn a lot of cool stuff."

Brown is one of the many volunteers at FACT (Facility for Animal Care and Treatment), a facility that is dedicated to caring for injured wildlife in need. Located at Cal State Bakersfield, FACT currently cares for more than 25

birds of prey. There are two main purposes for the facility, according to director Dr. Ted Murphy, who started the program in 1975.

"One purpose is for an environmental studies area. The other is the bird rescue program," he said. "We take injured orphan hawks, owls, eagles and raise them until they're well enough. We always turn them loose if we can."

Visitors have the opportunity to tour FACT in an open house held the first Saturday of every month during the school year.

Visitors can see several different types of birds of prey while touring FACT, including hawks, eagles and a horned owl that they are able to touch. There is also a lecture area where they can learn about the birds.

The many volunteers can learn a lot from their experience at FACT, according to Brown.



Above: Cal State Bakersfield student Alex Brown holds a hawk during a demonstration. Below: Brown holds a gopher while it climbs from one hand to the other.

Photos by Alyssa D. Sumbo / The Rip

"This is a good program for anyone who is interested in veterinary or wildlife because it provides a lot of hands-on work," he said. "By going through FACT, you also meet different people and you accumulate contacts. A lot of teachers like coming out here too because it's very beneficial as far as education. We're always looking for a few good people."

Among the volunteers at FACT are several high school students that volunteer on weekends, including 15-year old Becky Johnson. A high school sophomore, Johnson enjoys

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## BC students earn Who's Who award

BY ELIZABETH GREGORY  
Rip staff writer

More than a dozen students have received recognition for their scholarship ability, citizenship, school involvement and potential for future achievement.

The 13 students were presented with the Who's Who in American Junior College Award by Bakersfield College president Sandra Serrano.

They were also recognized for their leadership abilities—both academically and in extra curricular activities.

The Who's Who Award is given annually to college students who are nominated by instructors from their school.

Nominated students have their names placed in a Who's Who book and on plaques.

Chiharu Suzuki is one of the 13 winners. He is a former BC student and currently at UCLA. Suzuki says he feels honored to receive such recognition.

"I don't get awarded often," he said. "Not a lot of people get



Bakersfield College students hold their Who's Who awards at the annual ceremony.

JOSE PIMENTEL / THE RIP

recognized for this award. I feel very proud."

The Who's Who Award is usually presented to sophomore students in college.

However, BC freshman Phebe Kwon was awarded.

"I was very surprised I was the only freshman nominated," Kwon said. "I thought it was only for sophomores. It's very honorable and

humbling at the same time to be awarded."

Barbara Shumaker is the interim director of student affairs at Bakersfield College. She says the Who's Who Award looks good on students' resumes.

"I think it's a great thing to have on your resume," Shumaker said. "It's encouraging because it gives students recognition and support for

what they are doing."

Eihab Al-Hammali is a BC student who was also awarded a Who's Who Award. Al-Hammali said he was surprised to have been nominated.

"I first thought this was for some teacher recognition," he said. "I think it's pretty impressive to have been nominated out of the rest of the college."

## Bakersfield's air getting cleaner

BY DAVID ARRIETA  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield's air pollution is still the second worst in the nation. It ranks just behind Los Angeles.

However, over the last couple of years, Bakersfield's air has actually been getting cleaner.

"We had 29 spare the air days (unhealthy days) in 1998, 11 days in 1999, and 10 in 2000. So far, we have not had one for 2001," said Janis Parker, an educational assistant for the Valley Air Pollution Control Center in Fresno. "But summer is still ahead."

Spare the air is a voluntary summer program that strives to help reduce air pollution, especially ground level ozone smog. The program works by notifying valley residents in advance of days classified as "unhealthy."

Motor vehicles and other machinery that use gasoline

produce about 60 percent of the valley's air pollution. The volatile compounds that are produced by cars, combined with the high temperatures, create the smog in the valley.

"It is bad in the valley. We are stuck in between the mountains," Parker said. "The air stays here because it does not get blown out."

Parker says coughing, sore throats, asthma attacks and other respiratory problems can be attributed to smog.

Bakersfield College student Sandra Roberts agrees that smog causes respiratory problems, and she isn't too fond of smog. "I don't like it...it stinks," she said. "I can't breathe."

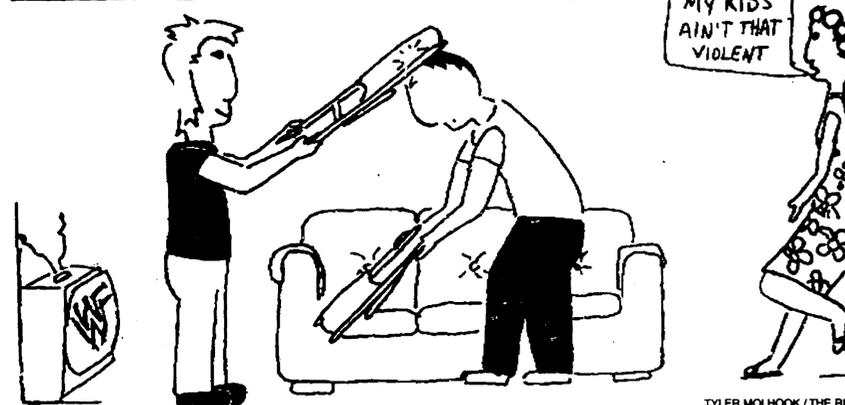
In order to encourage people to stay inside during unhealthy days, the Valley Air Pollution Control District puts warnings out via television, radio, and newspaper. The groups also provides a toll free

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## Smackdown for wrestling or parents?

### WWF staged, only appeals to hatred



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## Pro Wrestling falsely blamed for violence



**PRO RYAN KNAGGS**  
Rip staff writer

Violence among juveniles is on the rise and violence on television has been a popular scapegoat for this. Our society just wants to point fingers and place the blame on television and the media, when the blame lies somewhere else.

Pro wrestling is one of the major television events that is constantly attacked for excessive violence. Opponents of pro wrestling claim that promoters such as Vince McMahon (who is the mastermind behind wrestling powerhouse WWF) aim their violent programming at children.

Therefore, they claim that when children are exposed to this "carnage," they are brainwashed and will mimic what the wrestlers do in

the ring. It follows that pro wrestling has led to child violence in America. This argument is weak and illogical. Pro wrestling is just like any other violent show on television. The WWF is getting a bad wrap just because parents are looking for a quick excuse as to why their children have violent tendencies.

Parents are concerned that their children will look up to pro wrestlers as role models.

In the world of entertainment, whether it be sports, movies, or wrestling, pro wrestlers might be the best role models of all. Pro wrestlers don't shoot people or kill them. However, movie and television stars do this on a regular basis. But how could a pro wrestler be a better role model than a sports figure?

Have you ever heard of a pro wrestler being convicted of rape? No, but former heavy weight boxing champion Mike Tyson was. How about a wrestler pleading guilty to drug charges? No, but former all-star outfielder

Daryl Strawberry does almost on a monthly basis it seems.

Countless other violations, including accessory to murder, possession of illegal firearms, driving under the influence of a controlled substance and assault are all commonplace among our national sports personalities.

I don't consider these the traits of a role model. The scary thing is that all of these occurrences are real and take place in the real world.

Pro wrestling is staged and portrays no reality.

For those who think that pro wrestling is too violent, I challenge you to watch some primitive television shows which glorify drive by shootings and vengeful murders.

These acts of real violence on TV are far more brutal than getting slammed in the face with a chair or getting thrown off a 20 foot steel cage.

Pro wrestlers are acrobatic athletes and should be praised for their abilities to entertain. Pro wrestling is not to blame for the rise of child violence, but who is?

The answer is parents. When a child looks up to a pro wrestler as a

role model and not their parents, this is an indication of a powerless parent.

Parents should set examples for their children and be the ultimate role model in their lives. Nobody is forcing pro wrestling on children.

Parents should monitor what their children watch on TV.

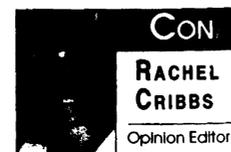
Just because a child wants to watch a program on TV, that doesn't mean parents have to let them.

Parents should lay the smack down on their children and show some authority.

When people want to go as far as to have pro wrestling banned from the airwaves, they are saying that they have no authority over their own children and want the government to parent their children for them.

I find this ludicrous. Pro wrestling is not to blame for child violence, passive parenting is.

Pro wrestling is strictly a form of entertainment and is tame compared to the other trash that infiltrates our television sets.



Let's get ready to bleeeeed! Yes, the World Wrestling Federation and "Smackdown" proudly condone the degradation of human beings giving into their animal desires that Sigmond Freud so eloquently outlined. Wrestling (I use the term loosely) is not a healthy way to spend your time or your hard earned money for pay per view brawls.

That is all wrestling has become, a disgusting brawl where large buffoons make millions for merely bashing an opponent over the head with a folding chair.

Oh, and we mustn't forget the cat fights between hateful women tearing their clothes off in an attempt to be the "woman in charge."

Not only are these fights tasteless, but they appeal to the lowest of desires. Aggression should not be the focal point of your life. (I thought we were supposed to be happy, not hate someone so much you just have to beat them with a trash can.)

Now, many of you are thinking, "well she's a girl, of course she hates wrestling, she's never seen it."

To you I say, "yes I have suffered through an entire Thursday night "Smackdown" (missing "Friends" mind you) and I have also endured hours of pay per view WWF action so that I could have a substantial opinion."

I am appalled and disgusted by what I have seen. Not by only what is going on in the show, but also by what is happening in my own living room. As if the testosterone driven beating and the "in your face" attitude of those nitwits wasn't enough, I have to sit by and watch the guys in my family attempt to fight each other.

This sort of wrestling only provokes aggression. Can this possibly be healthy? The wrestlers on the shows who demonstrate their

lack of education by always speaking of themselves in the third person are not people to look up to or emulate.

Why would a rational male ever want to attempt the barbaric behavior they see demonstrated by these muscle bound morons? I'll tell you. Because they are men. They feel the need to exert their masculine power over others, who are physically weaker than themselves.

Come on guys, you cannot argue with me, you know what I mean.

Men see something in wrestling that makes them realize their most basic animal instincts.

But look guys, these idiots whom you idolize are actors. Bad actors albeit, but still actors. They are projecting an image that they hope will stimulate your near-cerebral wishes, and I'm sorry to say they do.

Wrestling has become a business where script writers and fight instructors come together and write the venom your heroes spout.

These groups stage and present the package you pay high prices to see. As I've often heard it called, wrestling is a veritable soap opera. You have a script, you have the costumes and you have the annoying side plots designed to make the characters "real."

That's all these steroid junkies are: Characters. They have a written background, they have text book attitudes and they have costumes.

Doesn't it bother any of you that your "Smackdown" is a finely tuned machine that is designed to target you and your worst assets?

WWF wrestling has ceased to be a sport worthy of acclaim. It has become a well oiled corporation.

High school wrestling is far more admirable than the deliberate beatings that take place in pro wrestling. At least in high school they have some respect for the rules of the sport. By the way, folding chairs are not allowed in the ring.

I am sick at the thought of people with the IQ of a pop tart like The Rock, Triple H or Trish the Dish being seen as heroes. Please. They are only actors who couldn't make it in a job where they had to speak

## LISTEN to the MUSIC

### Representatives of BC take home awards in local music competition.

BY ESTELLA AGUILAR  
Rip staff writer

A Bakersfield College student and a teacher's assistant have been honored at the New Directions concert, at the Bakersfield Christian Life Center.

BC student Patrick Bender and teacher's assistant Kyle Burnham were this year's winners.

This was the third year of the contest, which is presented by the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra.

Several other BC students entered their compositions, but did not win awards.

Burnham is a teacher's assistant for the music department at BC. Bender is a BC student.

Burnham won first place, and received a \$450 gift certificate from Stockdale Music.

It was his second time to win the competition.

Bender took second place and received a \$250 Stockdale Music gift certificate.

Burnham won for his "Cat and Mouse"

composition, which he said he wrote in his apartment. It is about a cartoon.

The Bakersfield Symphony Brass performed Burnham's composition.

When asked whether he expected to win, Burnham said that he did.

Bender won for his composition titled "Three Pieces for Solo Piano."

Unlike Burnham, Bender was not sure he would win the contest.

"I hoped to win," he said. "But there was a lot of competition. It was a surprise."

Bender said his winning piece is one of the best compositions he has ever written.

"It's nice to see students do something professional," said BC music department chairman John Gerhold. "There's pride in that."

Gerhold performed two pieces at the concert. He sang tenor on two of John Barryman's Pulitzer Prize-winning Dram Songs.

Gerhold said he had fun singing the two songs. He said the poetry was dark and intense.

"I believe there is a musical renaissance going on right now."

— Kyle Burnham, New Directions concert series award winner



Above: Norma Sexton plays her cello at the third annual New Directions concert and awards presentation. The event is sponsored by the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra.

Left: Glenn Bowles is the concert tuba player with the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra.

Photos by Alyssa D. Stumbo / The Rip

## Seminars recognize achievements of Kern County women

### College observes women's history with workshops.

BY SHANNON POWELL  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College students may think it's too late to add a class. But they still have one more chance.

BC students have the opportunity this month to earn one unit just by

attending at least six Women's History Month workshops on campus.

Bakersfield College is observing women's history month with more than a dozen informative workshops, on a variety of topics.

On March 20 and 21, Nancy Guidry will discuss how quilts piece together women's history.

On March 23, Margaret Lyman and Richard Marquez will speak on Laura Esquivel's "Unlocking History Through Food."

Also on March 26 and 27, Pat Thompson will discuss "Wet Suits" lagoons to zoot suits.

Some subjects are controversial. For instance, a workshop held earlier this month discussed women who are on death row.

Many people in Kern County may not realize how many "first women" our area boasts, according to Maureen Buscher-Dang of Chan-Younger Attorneys at Law, who is hosting the March 29 seminar. The session will feature Kern

County women who have been pioneers in their fields, of which... For instance, did you know that Mary K. Shell was Bakersfield's first and only woman mayor?

And that Helen Frankle was the first female coroner in Kern County, as well as the entire state of California?

Or that local teacher Janet Brown was the first person — not just the first woman — to ever pilot a solar-powered airplane?

The women who have been

selected for this seminar feel honored to be recognized for their accomplishments.

"It was exciting," Shell said about being elected mayor in 1981. "Most people didn't think I would win."

If interested in earning credit for Women's History Month seminars, students can contact BC history professor Gaylen Lewis at 395-4439 or by e-mail at glewis@bc.cc.ca.us. He will provide them with any additional requirements necessary for credit.

**WOMEN'S HISTORY WORKSHOPS**

History Through Food: TBA Art Gallery, March 20, 7-8 p.m., March 21, 12-1 p.m.

"Like Water for Chocolate": Laura Esquivel's "Unlocking History Through Food." Fine Arts 30, March 23, 7-9 p.m.

"From Steeple Lagoon to Zoot Suit": Levinson Hall 40, March 25, 7-9 p.m.; TBA, March 27, 1-3 p.m.

## Black History Month inspires thank you

Even though it was not a part of the official Black History Month Celebration "Voices of Hope" a presentation of music by the Bakersfield College Chorale & Chamber Singers was presented to help understand the lessons of the Jewish, African-American & Native-American holocaust. However, it was a celebration of brotherhood. Dr. Ron Kean, music director, asked me to speak to the African-American Holocaust. I gave the social and political background of the development of the African/African-American music. This was such a thoughtful and sensitive choice that Dr. Kean made, and represented what we all must do in our own specialties to make a difference in our communities and this world. Thank you Dr. Kean for the beautiful music.

One is reminded of the old adage "no one is an island." The cooperation and collaboration of the rest

of the campus was truly appreciated, for the difference it made in our Black History Month Celebration. Michele Allen and Brent Rusch were very helpful and knowledgeable in the early stages with the editing of our newsletter and public distribution of information and the availability of the media. Thank you.

Barbara Shumaker was cooperative and let us use equipment and the Firestone Room. Thank you Vicki Coffee and Senia Hogg. Pat Coyte and his staff went over and above to create the environment and special ambiance for our African Marketplace.

We want to thank our own staff for their hard work, especially June Charles and the African-American Student Union for their contribution to the success of the poetry readings at Barnes and Noble. It was a good year, thank you BC for your support.

—Wilhelmina Anthony  
Student Achievement Services

## 'Nobody Cares' strikes nerve for single parent

I had the opportunity to read Rachel Cribbs' article in the March 2 issue of the *Renegade Rip*. The article was entitled "Nobody Cares" and it addressed issues that Rachel has with the lack of student involvement.

I get up at 5 a.m., get three kids ready for school, feed a dog and four horses and have to make sure that the house is presentable before I leave. Then I drop each child off at school before driving myself to BC. I attend a full load schedule, pick up my children and take them to whatever extra-curricular activity that they might have. We get home around five at night and I start dinner. At 9 p.m. the kids are done with homework and showers and are therefore ready for bed so I can start my homework that will take me until about 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. to complete. Pretty mundane schedule don't you think? The best part is, I do this all by myself.

—Aaron Glering  
BC student

fall into my age bracket. Therefore, it is safe to say that many are single parents who are trying to juggle overwhelming schedules. I would love to have the luxury of only having one job and living with my parents. If that were the case then I would join every rip-roaring club on this campus that I could get my un-calloused hands on.

Unfortunately, I do not have that luxury. You claim that nobody cares; I do care. I care about the nurturing of my children as well as earning an education to provide a better future for them. What I do not care about is some post-teen telling me that my fellow student-parents and I are wrong because we would rather focus on our hungry children than try and rescue the politically oppressed and nutritionally challenged people of Tibet. Well, I believe that you get my point. Sorry to shock you Ms. Cribbs, but this campus is not just filled with young folks like yourself. There is another group who have huge burdens on their shoulders and no time to spare.

—Aaron Glering  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Stars don't live up to expectations in new film

BY SHANNON POWELL  
Rip staff writer

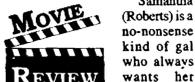
I am a huge fan of Julia Roberts and Brad Pitt. Roberts is funny and warm. Pitt is sexy and smart.

But in the new box-office release "The Mexican," I found few of those traits in the characters played by Roberts and Pitt. I was disappointed from the start, because I was expecting non-stop comedy and romance.

Roberts and Pitt are "A" actors who unfortunately received a "B" script. The film would have been more believable with unknown actors in the lead roles.

Jerry Welbach (Pitt) has no direction and is always in the wrong place at the wrong time. He is what every woman gets, but

doesn't want, a non-dependable guy who has a knack for getting involved with the wrong people.



Samantha (Roberts) is a no-nonsense kind of gal who always wants her way. She is tired of living her life around Jerry and his work with the mob.

Both Jerry and Sam are romance-deficient and are headed in different directions.

One big mistake in the script was not using the star power available. For instance, Jerry and Sam are rarely in scenes together, which makes it hard for viewers to relate to the characters. We don't

## The Mexican

Starring: Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts and James Gandolfini  
Directed by: Gore Verbinski  
Written by: J.H. Wymann  
Produced by: Lawrence Bender and John Baldecchi  
Running Time: 123 minutes  
Rated: R, for violence and strong language

see enough of the couple together to feel what they are going through.

Astor James Gandolfini, who plays a hit man on the HBO series "The Sopranos" also plays a hit man in "The Mexican." However, his character is too weak this time around. I expected him to be more of a tough guy (like in "The Sopranos"), but when Sam works her feminine wiles, he turns to mush.

"The Mexican" pulls viewers in too many different directions and the characters are underdeveloped, which doesn't allow viewers to relate to their predicament.

If you are a fan of Roberts and Pitt, save your money and rent "Notting Hill" or "The Fight Club." Now in those movies, the two actors live up to their expectations.

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**'GADE FEEDBACK**  
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What reality shows do you watch? Why?

**Rudy Limonez, Psychology: "Survivor."**  
Because they ate rats and that's interesting.

**Lisa Terry, Child Development: "I don't watch them because I think they're absolutely disgusting and vulgar."**

**Chris Coleazzo, Music: "I like Survivor the best because it's more action packed and it's a real life situation where you're put out in the middle of nowhere."**

**Chantal Gutierrez, Fine Art Photography: "Temptation Island. It was interesting to see the couples that were tempted, but in the end they stayed together."**

**Craig Bailey, Physical Education: "Survivor because of the suspense of not knowing who's going to be voted off and who's going to be manipulated."**

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# World Wrestling Fanatics

### Fans pack Centennial Garden for WWF's "Road to Wrestlemania"

Chokeslams, headbutts and elbow drops ... just another day in the WWF. Centennial Garden hosted WWF's "Road to Wrestlemania" on Sunday, March 11.

Along with the usual chair shots and foul language, the 8,000 fans witnessed wrestler Kurt Angle get a trash can thrown at him by Intercontinental champion Chris Jericho as well as see a crazed fan rush the ring during the final match.

All in all, WWF lived up to its lively tradition and fans seemed to be pleased. Matches included Chris Jericho vs Kurt Angle, Kane vs Haku, Christian vs Faarooq and a tag team match between The Dudley Boyz, Kaitani and the team of Eddie Guerrero and Dean Malenko.



Top left: A vendor sells gifts near the entrance of the event.

Top right: Crash Holly flies from the top rope in an attempt to take down Christian.

Middle: The ring announcer shows off some WWF gifts between matches.

Photos by Ronnie Wilson and Teresa Valdez / The Rip

Above right: A fan is removed from the arena after rushing the ring during a match between Chris Jericho and Kurt Angle.

Above: Crowds cheer on the hardcore wrestling stars.

Right: Haku, who recently returned to the WWF, had a brutal match with Kane.



## BC men and women fall in quest of state crown

BY LEANNE CAVE  
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College men's and women's basketball teams have concluded their 2000-01 season. The Renegades were impressive in their quest for winning seasons, as well as a bid to capture a state basketball championship. BC proved to be worthy of both tasks.

Once again the 'Gades displayed spirit and pride as they conquered 20-game winning seasons, finished no less than fifth in the Western State Conference and earned first round home playoff games in the Southern California state regional. Some of the most important victories were won on the road against teams like Santa Monica (women) and the College of the Canyons (men).

The BC men (20-14) knocked off the highest seed in their bracket for the second straight season and advanced to the quarterfinals, while the women put an end to a 12-game winning streak that Orange Coast College had mounted against them the past few seasons. BC won with dynamic style as they pounded the Pirates 66-53 at the Gil Bishop Sports Center in the first round of the playoffs on Feb. 24.

The Lady 'Gades (22-11) fell just short in the second round playoff game against Mount San Antonio (28-5) on the Mounties home court, 78-73. The 'Gades stayed close to second seed Mt. Sac by playing a tough inside game in the first half. Jenny Elliott and Adriene Colbert, who have dominated the boards and played a tough inside game most of the season, were held in check in the second half.

Even though the 'Gades had 43 rebounds in the game, Mt. Sac had an answer to the attack. Rebecca Moreno took control as she seized 12 boards to lead the Mounties to the ultimate victory.

Turnovers in key situations against the Mounties, has been the story in key games this season for BC. The perimeter game was a strength as Leah Smith scored in double figures in many games this season and paved the way for the 'Gades to tally 22 victories for the record book.

After a 69-61 first round playoff win over El Camino in the regional, the men's basketball team took to the desert to take on College of the Desert (25-9) in the second round.

The men proved to be road warriors as they blasted the streaking Roadrunners 95-82. The 'Runners had won 12 consecutive games against formidable opponents.

The quarterfinal game against Los Angeles Southwest was a game that the men would just as soon forget. The Cougars, who were swift in transition, dominated every phase of the game as they ran past BC 100-77.

At one point in the first half, BC managed to tie the score at 13-16 on a valiant effort to come back after the Cougars pounced out to a 16-8 lead. BC turnovers were costly, as Southwest converted most of them into points and shot lights out from the perimeter.

The 'Gades showed some pride and spunk as they hung tough, but could never get closer than 13 points. Terrence Dunn who has been consistent with 3-point shots this season, nailed back-to-back 3-pointers. Steve Carter played a tough inside game grabbing several rebounds and then answered with second chance shots.

Dwayne Brown brought the house down when he slam dunked with force over the tall boys of L.A.

With consistent play this season, Dwayne Brown and Larry Brown were named to the WSC all-conference team, while Terrence Dunn and Steve Carter were honorable mention selections.



RICHARD D. WHIPPLE / THE RIP

Johnny Wiley attempts to clear the bar in the high jump at a recent meet.

## Record-breaking Renegades

### Men finish first, women second at track meet.

BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE  
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College men's and women's track teams both had great individual performances and some record breaking results in their meet at Memorial Stadium last Friday against conference rivals Ventura, Santa Monica and Santa Barbara.

The men's team won its meet hands down, scoring 93 points to runner-up Santa Barbara's 39. The women scored 66, finishing second to Ventura's 77.

The BC men set two meet records, as Arnaldo Cueto had a winning throw of 178 feet 5 inches in the shot put.

The 400 relay team of Stuart Richmond, Sammy Moore, Brandon Matlock and Michael Hall combined for a time of 41.78 seconds. Multiple event winners

for the Renegade men were Chris Figures and Jordan Lewis. Figures won in the discus and shot put, Lewis in the 110 hurdles and 400 hurdles.

"We see improvements with everybody," Covey said. "We have some holes to fill, but if we stay healthy, we'll do fine."

The Renegade women also had their share of outstanding performances, as Casey Holman, Heather Hunt, Amber Varner and Misty Coston won multiple events.

Holman was victorious in the 200 and 400, Hunt in the javelin and hammer throw, Varner in the discus and shot put and Coston in the 100 and 400 hurdles. Coston is pleased with her performance, but said she can do better.

"I was happy with what I did, that I improved from the last meet that we had," Coston said. "It's cool for right now, but I'm really trying to work on getting my time down."

"We haven't had any good weather to see what we can do. We're going to try and hopefully this weekend when we have good competition and a nice day."

— Pam Kelley,  
BC track coach

Brooke Stevens also placed first for the BC women, winning the 800 with a time of 2:36.6.

The Renegades host the two-day BC relays at Memorial Stadium starting today at 9 a.m.

BC women's coach Pam Kelley thinks this meet will dictate the talent level of her team.

"We haven't had any good weather to know what we can do," said Kelley. "We're going to find that out hopefully this weekend when we have good competition (and) a nice day."

## Women's tennis competitive in WSC

BY DAVID ARRIETA  
Rip staff writer

Despite recent losses, the Bakersfield College women's tennis team still has a chance to finish strong this season.

The women 'Gades started the season well, suffering only one loss after seven games. However, two recent losses have dropped the team's Western State Conference win-loss record to 6-3.

Coach Regina Csibi-Kruger said the team is filled with dedicated players.

The girls are focused on tennis when they come out here and practice," she said. "They are ready physically and mentally."

Team leader Eloise Gallardo Jones said the team members are having a great time, while working hard.

"The girls are excited to be out on the tennis courts practicing," she said. "When we go to tournaments we give 100 percent."

Shannon Bates, who has only lost one match to a Santa Barbara College player, is ranked number one on the BC team. Santa Barbara



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Jenny Cabe in position to hit the ball over the net.

is the team to beat, according to coach Kruger. It is the only undefeated team in the conference.

"They're just really good," Kruger said. "They play at a different level (than the other teams)."

Because of that, Kruger said she would be happy with a second place finish in the conference.

BC will take on Santa Barbara College at the BC tennis courts on March 26 and will take on Citrus College on March 27.

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- March 28 6:30-8 p.m. *Not for Ourselves Alone*
- March 29 1-2:30 p.m. *First Women of Kern County*

Special Studies 48 (1 unit) will be offered in conjunction with Women's History Month activities. Contact Gaylen Lewis at 395-4439 for more information.



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### Graduation application deadline set

The spring graduation filing deadline is April 2. Students completing their A.A./A.S. requirements by the end of spring semester 2001 need to file a candidacy petition at window six in the admissions and records office. Students should have a conference with their counselor if they are not sure of their status. A \$10 material fee must also be paid before petitions are reviewed.

### Free money for prospective leaders

The student activities office is still accepting applications for two leadership awards. The Grace Van Dyke Bird Leadership Award is handed out annually to one freshman. The Bakersfield College Alumni Association Honor Trophy is awarded annually to one sophomore. Each award is a \$300 scholarship.

### AIDS Foundation celebrates 10 years

The Bakersfield AIDS Foundation will be holding its 10-year anniversary celebration on Friday, March 16. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day. The foundation office is located at 1706 Chester Ave., Suites 225 and 260 in the Haberfelde Building. For more information, call 633-1232.

### Immunizations offered to the public

The Kern County Department of Public Health will offer immunizations on Tuesday, March 27 from 8-11 a.m. at 125 El Tejon Ave. For more information, call 861-2715.

### Golf Tournament for BC alumni

The 35th Annual Bakersfield College Alumni Association Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 31 at the Foss-Kern River Golf Course. The first place low gross and net teams will win \$150 per person. For more information, contact the Bakersfield College Alumni Association at 395-4273.

### Educational expert to speak at BC

World-renowned school-to-career expert, Willard Daggett, will offer insights into the future of education during a presentation in the BC Indoor Theater from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30. Daggett will cover cutting-edge technology and its impact on students. In addition to examples of how technology will continue to change the world, he will pose complex social, moral and ethical issues that biotechnology will raise for our society.

For more information, contact Jan Minot in the BC Tech Prep/School-to-Career Office at 395-4348.

— Compiled by Bryan Swaim  
Editor in Chief



## MOVIE MINUTE

"15 Minutes," although exciting in many scenes, drowns itself in tabloid filmmaking. It tries to be a social commentary on the celebrity status killers receive in today's society, but ends up being a bloody mess.

The movie stars Robert De Niro as Eddie Flemming, a celebrated New York cop on the trail of two Czech killers who get a kick out of videotaping their crimes and showing them on television. Also on board is Edward Burns, who plays an arson investigator who ends up collaborating with De Niro to solve a double murder.

The film attempts to comment on how easy it is for criminals to manipulate society. The killers in the film are fascinated with movies. They get a kick out of how Americans are obsessed with their shocking footage, and feel they can get off on an insanity plea if they do get caught. De Niro's character, although likeable, is also obsessed with the media. Everywhere he goes, the media follows. De Niro uses the fame to fuel his own political agenda.

Much has been said about the violence in "15 Minutes." Indeed much of it is shocking, but that adds to its dramatic effect. Its main problem is that it feels too important for its own good. There have been good films made of this genre, like "Natural Born Killers" and "Wag the Dog." But "15 Minutes" approaches its commentary with the same tabloid style: it's attacking and somewhere a good story gets lost.

— By Bryan Swaim, Editor in Chief



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Robert DeNiro stars in "15 Minutes," directed by John Herzfeld.

## Q&A with Nancy Magner

Nancy Magner has been teaching art courses at BC for 13 years. Before that, she was the curator of the Kern County Museum. She has also traveled the world and even taken some of her students with her.

Q: "How many countries have you traveled to?"  
A: "Well, counting them I think somewhere between 20 and 25 total."

"I have been throughout Europe, part of the Middle East, North Africa, other than Libya and Nigeria, Central America, Mexico, Honduras. And I used to spend my winter vacation as a child in Cuba. My parents used to take me out of school for six weeks because my dad used to deep sea fish."

Q: "So, of all the countries you have been to, which is your favorite?"

A: "I have two favorites. Italy and France. Italy, because it is almost a second home to me. I still have friends there and I lived there for four years."

"The south of France, I totally love. One of these days when I retire, I hope either move to a little town in (the south of France) or somewhere in one of the little hill towns in Tuscany."

Q: "Tell us about your teaching experience in Italy."

A: "It was a summer course. It was for an American



PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY MAGNER

university, and they were teaching extended studies for teachers who work for the government. And I taught a course on how to incorporate art into the curriculum for mostly primary teachers and junior high. And we were right outside of Florence in a little town along the beach. And everyday we could take the bus into Florence."

## BIRDS: Many attend tours

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her time at FACT.

"I like animals a lot," she said. "I had more time to volunteer because I was home schooled and it was easier for me to be here in the mornings. But now I'm back in school. But it's a lot of fun."

Brown, a biology major, is interested in the field of zoology and hopes to gain helpful experience at FACT.

"This is a great place to study animal behavior," he said. "I learn a great deal and it's a lot of fun."

## AIR: Fewer unhealthy days

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number — (800) SMOG-INFO — for daily information on air quality.

Although pollution has been on the decline for the last couple of years, some Bakersfield College students feel the community can still do more to help reduce air pollution.

## CRIME BEAT

### Bumper thumper in parking lot

On Feb. 27, Adam Bruce was driving his car in the northeast parking lot when a Ford truck struck him. Student Nathan Brewer was traveling southeast in the lot prior to striking Bruce's vehicle. The accident caused minor damage to Bruce's bumper.

### Rash of stolen BC parking passes

On Feb. 27, Delia Carrasco reported that her handicap placard was missing from her car. Carrasco parked in the northeast visitors' parking area around 9 a.m. When she returned to her car three hours later and noticed there was a parking citation and the placard was missing.

Officer Barbara Mickey was on patrol marking tires around 9:30 and did not notice a handicap placard at that time. On Feb. 28, Mickey was back on patrol and noticed the missing placard in a white Dodge Dynasty. Mickey cited the car with a demand to return the placard. However, the vehicle left and the placard was not turned in.

On Feb. 29, Katherine White reported to campus security that her student parking permit had been stolen. She was parked in the northeast parking lot around 8:30 a.m. When she returned after 6 p.m., she noticed the permit was gone. Her door was not locked because the lock was broken. Also, Servando Rivera reported his parking permit was removed from his vehicle. He didn't realize it was gone until he received a parking citation. Both reported having their permits hanging from their rear view mirrors. Rivera could not recall when it was taken.

### Jack stands stolen from classroom

On Feb. 29, instructor Dan Johnson reported three to five jack stands missing from the downstairs shop and a butterfly impact wrench from the upstairs classroom. He believes the person who took these items has a key to the doors of the classrooms where they were kept.

— Compiled by Larry Bragg  
Rip staff writer

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## Students chat with president

BY LANELL HART  
Rip staff writer

Three times each semester Bakersfield College students and faculty have a chance to visit with BC president Sandra Serrano, one-on-one.

Each meeting is scheduled in the Executive Board Room at a different time of day to enable more people to attend. The most recent opportunity was March 7 at 7:30 a.m.

What prompted President Serrano to make herself so available?

"The purpose of these meetings is to learn of the obstacles as well as discuss solutions," Serrano said. "People can hear first hand what we're doing ... talk about what we are planning and their concerns. Someone said (earlier) 'I just came in to whine.'"

Eric Mittlestead, Interim Director of Facilities and Operations, brought a blueprint of the campus to show the plan for security cameras, currently going out for bids.

"This is going to help at least view, capture, catch those people (who might be a threat) because this is Internet based," he said. "There's a big deterrent here."

The topic that aroused the most discussion was the reorganization plan currently under development.

According to Serrano, the board of trustees hired KH Consulting last year to conduct an audit of BC's organization and to make recommendations on how to become more effective and efficient.

"My goal is to have much of the reorganization adopted by the end of the semester," Serrano said.

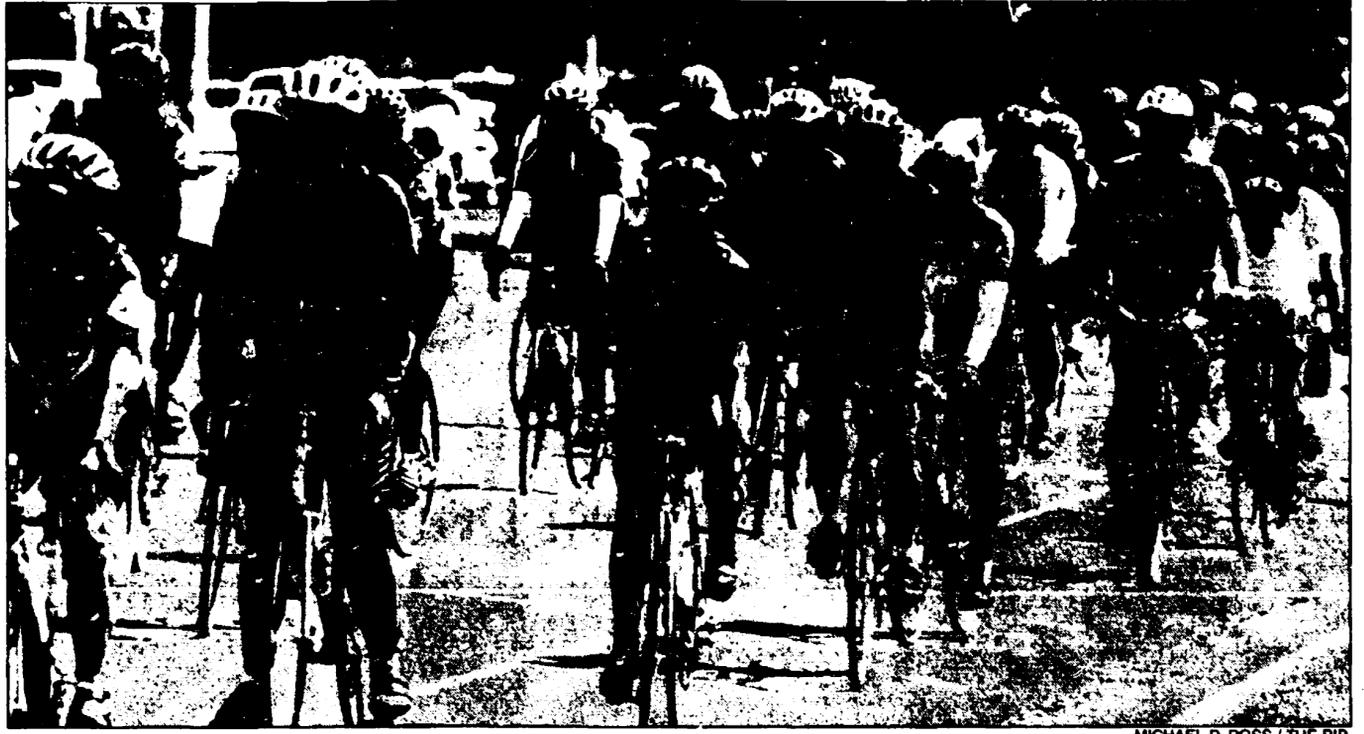
Corny Rodriguez requested help for the Outreach Program. "We have lots of requests from schools to come and talk about BC," he said. "Plus we have groups visiting nearly every day." Rogriguez is Director of the Chicano Cultural Center, Outreach Programs and Services, and the College Readiness Program.

"Our Ambassador program is growing on the student side," Rodriguez said. But he said that more help was needed.

"I've heard a lot of the staff complaining," said freshman Travis Swanson, who serves as Speaker of the Student Senate. He said he was really surprised and disappointed that more staff and faculty didn't attend Serrano's meeting. "If (the staff) is going to complain about communication, they ought to come to meetings like this."

Although many students complain about parking, it wasn't a topic March 7. Swanson said, "Based on my experiences at other universities, I believe the parking here is better than other students seem to realize."

Serrano's next meeting will be held May 1 at 11AM in the Executive Board Room.



MICHAEL D. ROSS / THE RIP

## 'and That was Norm'

Friends, family remember campus health instruction with memorial bike ride.

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS  
Online Editor

To many of his fellow cyclists he was known as "Stormin Norman," "The Normanator" and even "The Man," but Alton Saceaux called Norm Hoffman "brother."

"He would always tell people that I was his twin and we were 10 years different in age," Saceaux said. "He always treated me golden. He didn't have a color. He didn't pick a type of person to like. He liked everyone and that's the type of person Norm was."

Saceaux joined more than 100



Hoffman

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— Tim Lemucchi

friends and family members last Saturday to share memories of the Bakersfield College health instructor and nutrition expert and enjoy a 25-mile bike ride in Hoffman's honor following his death March 14.

The event was hosted by Kerry Ryan, owner of Action Sports. Ryan said the event was something everyone needed.

"People needed to get together quick," he said. "I had people calling and I had people visiting the store and everybody needed something. This is what Norm would want. He didn't want an official funeral service. He wanted more of a get together. This is more his style — a nice day in the park, perfect weather. This is a perfect Norm day."

Friends and family shared letters, poetry and "that was Norm" stories including several about Hoffman's shaved legs. Carl Aamodt, a college

roommate of Hoffman's, told about the time he first found Hoffman with his leg on the bathroom counter and a razor in hand.

"I can't remember exactly what I said, but I'm sure it was something along the lines of, 'Norm, what the hell are you doing?'" He said. "It was pretty obvious that he was shaving his legs. But you've got to remember this was like 20 years ago and people didn't do that back then. Of course now I shave my legs — I'm happy to say — every summer in anticipation of the race season."

The tribute bike ride was not the only bicycling event that will be dedicated to Hoffman. Fellow cyclist Eddy Caz announced that a Porterville foothills race would be renamed The Norm Hoffman Memorial Race.

"Various people have done



ALYSSA D. STUMBO / THE RIP

Above: Cyclists ride in honor of Hoffman at the memorial last Saturday. Left: Friend and fellow cyclist Ron Jones hugs student April Rogers during the memorial.

obvious things throughout the community, renaming bike races," Ryan said. "I don't think that it's going to stop for quite a while. I have a feeling that this town may be renamed Hoffmanville. Nobody likes Bakersfield anyway."

Hoffman was killed after a car hit him during a bike ride on Fairfax Road.

Tim Lemucchi, fellow triathlete of Hoffman's, said Hoffman's friends and family should not try to find someone to blame for the loss. He said instead, it is the time to take steps to protect other riders from similar fates.

"I guess we could curse about it," Lemucchi said. "We could

curse the kid that hit him. We could curse Norm's bad luck. We could curse the county for not widening those shoulders on Fairfax Avenue. The people in this audience have been up and down that road hundreds of times to leave cars within inches of your left shoulder.

"But Norm would say, 'Hey, knock that off. That's not what I want.' Let's take all this emotion and this energy that's here and let's put it into a positive force. That's what Norm would want. So we need to think as friends and athletes what we can do to make roads safer for bicyclists."

Another memorial will be held at the BC Amphitheater Saturday at 4 p.m.

## BC construction limiting handicapped access

BY ESTELLA AGUILAR  
Rip staff writer

Students with disabilities are finding it hard to get around Bakersfield College. Especially since construction of BC's newest swimming pool and new child development center began, a lot of parking lots have been temporarily eliminated.

With the new swimming pool on the southwest side of BC being built, a lot of handicapped parking spaces are no longer available or have been moved to other locations.

According to BC student Robert Hamilton, who is a member of the BC Access Advisory Committee, there were seven handicapped parking spaces near the gym, but college officials created eight temporary spaces in the faculty parking lot just west of the Language Arts building.

Many physically disabled students need access to the gym because they have Adaptive Physical Education classes. The classes are geared toward fitness and strengthening muscles.

The Supportive Services Department at BC works to assist disabled students on campus.

"We are here to provide access to students," said Director of Supportive Services Tim Bohan.

Many students may have disabilities that are permanent. Others have disabilities that are temporary, such as a broken leg. They may need help getting to class.

Supportive Services picks up students in a golf cart and takes them to and from class for free. Located in the FACE building, Supportive Services has two mobility carts that operate between 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

through Friday.

Supportive Services assists more than 1,000 students each semester.

The Bakersfield College Access Advisory Committee was formed this semester to pinpoint problem areas for disabled students. The panel consists of chairman Tim Bohan, a few BC students, select college representatives and a community representative as well. Bohan wanted a broad range of personality types on the access panel.

"Since Bakersfield is a conservative community, a lot of disabled people do not feel comfortable expressing their needs and frustrations," Hamilton said. "We all need to learn to deal with people, our environment, and deal with life. We must educate people, including the disabled themselves."

## Seminar targets eating disorders

BY VANESSA BOUTWELL  
Rip staff writer

Today, society considers the "ideal" woman to be tall with long legs, large breasts and a thin build. That's according to BC psychology professor Sally Hill, who calls this the unrealistic Barbie stereotype.

Hill, who spoke at a Women's History month seminar at BC, shared the reality of eating disorders and her life-threatening struggle with bulimia.

"There are two types of eating disorders - anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa," Hill said. "It's been 25 years (since I was bulimic) and I can talk fairly easily about this now. I think as you're experiencing an eating disorder, it's not something you can easily talk about."

According to Hill, women all over the United States are faced with eating disorders. Anorexia mainly strikes females and is increasing among college students. Hill said statistics show that 59 percent of college women diet.

"If you rebel against your diet, you take more extreme measure," she said. "On the other hand, when this is

occurring you feel out of control."

"Approximately, 4 percent of women between 18 and 25 suffer from anorexia," she said. "And 15 percent of these women die."

BC psychology professor Becky Whitson suggests that therapy is important. Although, she said if you don't include the entire family in therapy, you're almost wasting your time.

"Mothers who have anorexic daughters are usually high achievers, they are often conservative to their husbands and are frustrated in reaching their own goals," Whitson said. "Fathers are very successful, good looking, athletic, and feel second best."

Eating disorder patients have very high expectations of themselves and if they don't reach these expectations they feel guilty, according to Whitson.

"When you're a perfectionist you set goals that are associated with are all healthy and normal styles of dealing with stress," Whitson said.

"Their eating disorder is how they deal with everything, it's a cry for help. They need acknowledgment, acceptance and recognition."

### Eating Disorder Web Sites

- [www.edreferral.com](http://www.edreferral.com): Dedicated to prevention and treatment of eating disorders and provides free information.
- [www.something-fishy.com](http://www.something-fishy.com): Chat rooms and message boards for people suffering from eating disorder.
- [www.tel-a-teen.com](http://www.tel-a-teen.com): Help line for youth victims.
- [www.zyworld.com](http://www.zyworld.com): Essays, poems and old diary entries from a bulimic.

There are many organizations designed to help with eating disorders. The Internet has information, links and chat room for those facing a disorder.

"Anorexia and bulimia are very serious disorders," Hill said. "If you know anyone with these disorders it is important they receive professional help."

# Professor stands out to student

BY BRYAN SWAIM  
Editor in Chief

It's rare that the death of one person has such a far reaching effect on a community. Usually when someone well-known dies, it is talked about that day, in the papers, classrooms, community, but is soon out of the headlines and slowly fades away to just a memory.

This was not the case with Bakersfield College Professor Norm Hoffman. His name comes up every day. I cannot remember anyone's death having such an impact. The reaction of Hoffman's friends, family and students shows just how special a person he was.

Hoffman couldn't be dead, I thought. He was invincible, like Superman. He had survived being hit by a car and even lived through a deadly liver disease. He was the healthiest man alive and with all his knowledge, I assumed he would one day cure aging. I thought he would live to be over 100. But that's the funny thing about accidents. They happen right at the moment you feel invincible.

I met Mr. Hoffman just a little over a year ago when I took his health class. I couldn't get in because the class was full. I remember the first day of class. There were so many students trying to add, that many were standing against the wall. But Hoffman never turned any of them away. He loved teaching; sharing his knowledge about health and life with as many people as possible. In almost two years of attending this school, I never had a better teacher.

I'm not alone. Hoffman was everybody's favorite teacher. His style was so likable, almost kickback. He had total control over his classes and students would never act up out of respect. Hoffman encouraged questions and discussions in his classes, and students were always motivated to participate. You left his classroom a healthier person.

The man was full of stories. He told us about meeting Arnold Schwarzenegger, how he contracted his liver disease and how he was hit by a car on his bike. He never held anything back on any subject. When listening to Hoffman lecture, you knew you were in the presence of a man who had more knowledge than you did and you were eager to listen.

I was having some stomach problems a few weeks ago and nobody seemed to know how to help me. I saw Mr. Hoffman and he helped me instantly. His trick worked and I've been feeling better ever since. He knew everything about health. When I read he was 60 years old I was shocked. The man looked like he was in his 40's.

Norm Hoffman was the kind of person we all want to be-humble, healthy and brilliant. Most of us don't contain all of these qualities, if any. There has been talk of naming a building or the stadium.

I say name the bike trail after him. It's where he loved to go. I saw him on his bike the day before he died and he waved at me.

It was a simple gesture I will always remember. He was at peace on his bike.

Rest in piece Mr. Hoffman. You were one of a kind.

Right: Action Sports owner Kerry Ryan introduces Grant Hoffman, Norm's son, to the crowd before the memorial bike ride. The ride was part of a memorial tribute to Hoffman Saturday.

Below: Norm Hoffman speeds down the bike trail near the bluffs in April, 1999.



KRIS DALE / SPECIAL TO THE RIP

# Hoffman's death shocks student body

BY RACHEL CRIBBS  
Opinion Editor

It was a late night at the *Renegade Rip* office as we put the finishing touches on the newspaper. Chatter and laughter occupied the journalists until Katie Price, the journalism advisor announced that Norm Hoffman, the health teacher for Bakersfield College was dead. A stunned silence gripped the journalists as a dark cloud of disbelief settled on the room.

The shocking news rocked Bakersfield on the 11:00 news that night. The next morning at BC, the dark cloud had not lifted. Students who did not hear about the tragic death of their teacher went to their classroom as usual only to find a woman they didn't know.

She announced to the perplexed students that their health teacher had been hit by a Mercedes Benz as he was riding his bike at 2:00 the previous afternoon.

It seems BC has been in a daze as the reality of this tragedy has sunk in. Now, a week later, students are still amazed that their health teacher will not be in class.

"I am so sad. He was an awesome teacher," said Janette Lathon, who had Hoffman in '99, and her sister was in his class 11 years ago. "He had such a good personality, he was so enthusiastic and knowledgeable about health and nutrition."

Hoffman was a well respected teacher on this campus and treated his students fairly. "He was such a humanistic teacher," Valery Diaz said. "He had a great compassion for students. He let me bring my daughter to his class when I needed to. He always remembered me too. Even when I wasn't in his class anymore, he would say hi to me."

"I was shocked when I heard he was dead," Vi Phem said. Phem had Hoffman as a teacher two years ago. "I just saw him the day before he died. He was good to his students." Hoffman has left an enormous void, not only on campus but also in the community. He wrote a column for the *Bakersfield Californian* and rode his bike with the group Kern Wheelmen.

"He was so kind, and very considerate of the feelings of his students," said Julie Brock, Hoffman's student from 20 years ago. "I had him 20 years ago and he was such a great teacher. He had a good sense of humor. But when I heard he died I thought, he would've wanted to die riding his bike," she said.

"I couldn't believe it when I heard he died," said student Melina Manriquez. "I didn't think it was him, because he can't die. He shouldn't die, because my friends can't die. He was a really good teacher. It was so easy to talk to him."

"Norm loved life," said Brenda Graham, a BC student. "He enjoyed living and had so many adventures. He was a funny man who had a lot of fun. I liked Norm and he was such an inspiration with his disease."

His death is not only amazing, but it reminds us that people are mortal. That realization is difficult. "I loved Norm Hoffman and I am so glad I took an opportunity to tell him how much he meant to me and the impact he had on my life. What a loss to us all."

—Peggy De Stefano, BC Faculty



LANELL HART / THE RIP



MICHAEL D. ROSS / THE RIP

Above: Roughly 200 bicyclists participated in a 25 mile ride in tribute to Norm Hoffman. Left: Don Taylor plays the bagpipes at Saturday's memorial.

# Faculty member shares memories of Norm Hoffman

Friends all... I am devastated by the news of Norm's death.

Nine years ago to the week, I confided in Norm that I wanted to get healthy. That meant shedding the excess baggage I allowed my lopsided lifestyle to heap on me. Not just the weight freight, but the stress, the poor dietary management, the negative outlook on things, my whole world view was on the table for revision. Norm provided support, direction, and encouragement at every turn. As recently as a few weeks ago, Norm and I chatted

about the long haul benefits of sticking with "the program."

Occasionally I ran ino him at the supermarket and we eyed each other's shopping cart looking for the healthy bargains. We rarely talked about BC. Our focus remained on health, wellness and positive thinking.

I loved Norm Hoffman and I am so glad I took an opportunity to tell him how much he meant to me and the impact he had on my life. What a loss to us all.

—Peggy De Stefano, BC Faculty

# OPINION

# XFL Xtreme waste of time for viewers

COLUMN  
LEANNE CAVE  
Sports Editor

If you have ever spent a Saturday evening watching the Xtreme Football League, you have wasted your time.

People who live in cities that have an XFL team, you should go to the movies or wait for the National Football League, but don't waste your money.

This mixture of pro wrestling and football is a turn off right from the start, as two players go to the center of the field and wrestle for the kickoff. What is that?

I was completely turned off by the opening move as well as all the differences between the National Football League, and the "extreme game." No good, solid, fundamental football game here, just smash-mouth.

And what's with the cameraman on the field? Does he relish the thought that he too might get his block knocked off? He should, just for going out there.

Besides the absence of the coin toss, quarterbacks are fair game. Of course they get mauled, which adds to the delight of wrestling fans who watch the big fat slob get pounded into the ground, every time they take in a WWF match.

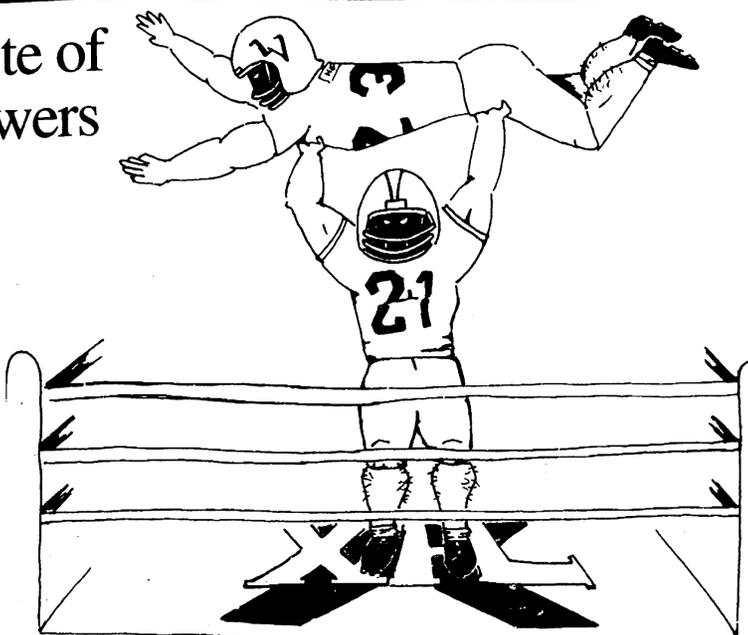
No points after touchdowns makes the game too boring. Even a missed extra point in the NFL once in awhile makes the game exciting.

It could be your favorite team that wins or loses by one point. Forget about exciting punt returns, as the punt return man is fair game too and he probably won't be able to get back up after he is plastered.

Television ratings have dropped 50 percent since the opening telecast. This is no surprise and the league should be renamed the Xtreme Flop League. It would be in the best interest of the XFL not to compete with the NCAA basketball tournament for network viewership. On March 17, the rating for the game dropped to a season low 2.1 with a four share.

With its trashy looking cheerleaders who truly are being exploited, the only positive aspect that I can possibly come up with is that the analysts are honest.

They criticize and make derogatory comments about whatever they want. But how can they help but be critical?



TYLER MOLHOOK / THE RIP

# Gun violence plagues youth in schools

BY LEANNE CAVE  
Sports Editor

Children are a reflection of their parents. That principle has been taught for generations.

If it's true, the amount of school violence taking place in the United States lately may show a pretty scary reflection.

School violence is now one of America's most pressing concerns.

Schools are installing metal detectors for protection against students who bring guns to school with the intention of blowing away fellow students.

Today's youth is settling scores with fire arms instead of fists.

Police forces are being assigned to high school campuses and students are performing hostage drills.

Anger-management training and safety programs have also been

established. The question that most parents ask is, why?

Students ask, how can this happen to me and my school?

The answer has been around for many years. It's called "The Golden Rule" - treat others how you would like to be treated.

The purpose of this rule is to prevent crime or school violence from happening in the first place.

While my two sons were attending high school, I became very involved in their athletic and school activities.

Numerous times I watched parents laugh at, or make fun of, teammates or students right along with their own kids.

What is that all about? Is that the

# The purpose of the Golden Rule is to prevent crime or school violence from happening.

to call them names or laugh at them because they are a little different?

According to the book *Violence and the Public Schools* by Hal Buttsch, one of the factors that are most important in causing crime is family breakdown.

Families don't know how to treat each other or work together.

Another possible cause of violence may be that biology or background can play a role.

About 4 percent of conduct disorder can be distinguished by childhood-onset, 50 percent of crimes, which tended to be more

violent and about 96 percent adolescent onset.

Seeds of violence at home such as lack of trust, violent role models, machismo or the need to save face, discrimination and prejudice, just to name a few, can create a violent family and student.

This seems to be a trend in today's society that is affecting our schools.

The most recent tragedy of school violence at Santana High School in San Jose, California involving a 15 year old student who was "an angry young man". He shot fellow students as a "payback" for the way he was treated.

There is something to be said for redemption, especially when you are continually battered, taunted and verbally abused.

Revenge in the mind of a 15 year old may be a skewed version of the "Golden Rule" after all. 'Do unto others as they have done unto you.'

# Student leaders plan spring fling

ASBC

By Sumeet Bath  
Vice President of Communications

State ASBC members along with several faculty, staff and administration just returned from the State College Conference this past weekend.

The three day seminar took place at the UCLA conference center of Los Angeles.

The conference was a place where the students and faculty discussed problems and solutions about Bakersfield College.

Each participant will receive a certificate and their personal objectives.

The ASBC felt that the seminar was very productive and looks forward to participating in this seminar in the future.

The ASBC is also working on "Spring Fling" week. This year "Spring Fling" will be held April 2-5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Free Speech Area as well as in the Campus Center.

Since the theme is Hawaiian, the Campus Center will be decorated with leis, tiki lamps, flowers and anything else that is remotely related to Hawaii.

The ASBC clubs will be decorating a section of the Campus Center and competing for a cash prize for the best

decorated section. Also, prizes for the "Spring Fling" competitions will include gifts, trophies, gift certificates and cash.

Some of the competitions include: Elvis impersonating, Beach Body Impersonating, Best of-wed, best dance contest, best hoop contest, Easter egg hunt, water balloon toss and an obstacle course.

Also, the ASBC is currently working on getting various local radio stations to come to campus that week to help DJ the event.

The ASBC is put on by our "Spring Fling" committee, which is composed of our new Vice President of Activities, Brian Brown.

If you have any questions or comments about "Spring Fling," please feel free to speak to Brian.

ASBC Calendar

March 26- April 6  
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April 2-4-  
Spring Fling

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# 'GADE FEEDBACK

Who do you think will win Best Picture at the Oscars?



Viviana Pans, Archhcturo: "I would pick 'Chocolat.' I have just seen the previews and it looked good."

Kristan Oates, Art: "Since I've only seen 'Gladiator,' I think it will win. Because it was entertaining and Russell Crowe looks good."

Manny Guzman, Psychology: "I haven't seen any of the movies, but I predict 'Gladiator' will win because it has gotten such a high level of publicity."

Arthur Arriola, Computer Science: "I think 'Gladiator' will win. It's a good movie and very entertaining."

Marcel Monji, Business: "I liked 'Erin Brockovich.' I thought it was a good movie because it covered such a wide range of is

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## 'GADE NEWSLINE

### Local girl needs bone marrow

Five year old Mikella McAuley needs you. On Monday, March 31, donations of blood will be taken at Stockdale High School to help find a match of bone marrow for Mikella. If you can't give a blood test, donations can be given to: Heart of America - Marrow Fund Drive, 6401 Truxtun Ave., Suite 200, Bakersfield, CA 93309.

### Music melodies come to BC campus

The Bakersfield College Music program has two upcoming events. On Sunday, March 25, the Chamber Orchestra will hold its spring concert entitled "A Touch of Class." The concert will begin at 4 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students. On Sunday, April 1, the wind ensemble will hold its spring concert, entitled "Spring Breeze." The concert will also be held at St. John's Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. Tickets are the same.

### Graduation filing set for April 2

The spring graduation filing deadline is April 2. Students completing their AA/AS requirements by the end of Spring 2001 need to file a candidacy petition at window six in the Admissions and Records office. Students should have a conference with their counselor if they are not sure of their status. A \$10 material fee must also be paid before petitions are reviewed.

### Leadership awards still available

The student activities office is still accepting applications for two leadership awards. The Grace Van Dyke Bird Leadership award is handed out annually to one freshman. The Bakersfield College Alumni Association Honor Trophy is awarded annually to one sophomore. Each award is a \$300 scholarship.

### BC alumni sponsor golf tournament

The 35th annual Bakersfield College Alumni Association Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 31 at the Foss-Kern River Golf Course. The first place low gross and net teams will win \$150 per person. For more information, contact the Bakersfield College Alumni Association at 395-4273.

### BC project looking for historical photo

The BC Archive Project is still looking for people who might have information about BC historical materials and where they might be stored. If you have any information, contact Chuck Carlson.

— Compiled by Bryan Swaim  
Editor in Chief

## CRIME BEAT

### Stereo stolen from students cars

A rash of auto break-ins struck Bakersfield College on March 5. Around 3 p.m., BC student Emily Pensinger advised security that she parked her vehicle at the northeast parking lot about 12:45 p.m. She returned around 6 p.m. and noticed the handle of the driver-side door of her 1997 GMC truck was broken and the CD player was missing. Pensinger said her friend, John Bodman, saw a Hispanic male around 2:50 p.m. in her truck. However Bodman didn't realize it belonged to Pensinger.

Student John D. Brantener reported to campus security around 11:45 a.m. that his 1990 Chevrolet truck had been broke into. His stereo was missing.

Gorney Sheldon reported the driver-side window of his van was broken. Gorney was parked in the southwest parking lot. However, no items were taken from the vehicle.

### Restroom doors vandalized

On March 10, BC maintenance worker Jimmy Smith reported pry marks on the men's restroom door and a broken handle to the women's restroom door in the Finkinson Conference Center. There were no reports of vandalism inside the restrooms.

— Compiled by Larry Bragg  
Rip staff writer

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## MOVIE MINUTE

As soon as I heard that Steven Seagal was starring in a new movie featuring rap artist DMX, three words came to mind: Straight to video. But when I heard this film actually made its way to the theater, I had to check it out myself.

Steven Seagal plays Orin Boyd, a cop who is accused of being too aggressive on the job. When an attempted assassination of the vice president goes down, Boyd shows up on scene armed with a variety of weapons along with his critically-acclaimed acting skills. Boyd opens fire and kills everybody around him and leaves without a scratch, in classic Steven Seagal style. As a result of Boyd's rampage, he is lowered in rank and forced to serve in the notorious 15th Precinct, a precinct that caters to the lowest scum in the city.

While serving in his new territory, Boyd comes across Latrell Walker (Oscar nominee DMX). Walker has ties to the city's drug cartel and is taking over the business for his brother who is currently incarcerated.

Crappy story short, Boyd plans to raid a drug laundering operation, and ends up fighting for his life against bad guys who he thought were his friends. Some were even his co-workers. What suspense. And who would have guessed, Walker turns out to be Boyd's friend at the end of this "cinematic triumph."

"Exit Wounds" had me looking for the exits at the theater during the whole movie. This film is a typical, predictable, shoot 'em-up Steven Seagal film.

— By Ryan Knaggs  
Rip staff writer



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Eva Mendes (left), DMX and Steven Seagal star in "Exit Wounds."

## Q&A with Jeff Arneson

By Estella Aguilar  
Rip staff writer

Jeff Arneson teaches Speech 1 and Speech 21 at Bakersfield College. He is also an assistant football coach for BC. Arneson was born in Iowa and received his Master's Degree from the University of Dubuque. This is his second semester teaching at BC.



Q: "Why did you decide on a career in communications?"

A: "I chose it personally because what I was involved with in college was athletics. I had to talk a lot to the media, at the banquets, just to socialize in general with a lot of good people. It made sense to me to add some structure to communication and to further my knowledge of it."

Q: "If you had to choose between being a celebrity, living on a paradise island with one person or traveling around the world for one year, which would you choose and why?"

A: "I think I would be a celebrity. The reason being is, I think there's a lot of power that comes along with that position. Financially, you can do a lot of good with it. And I think your voice is heard. I think there's so many celebrities that don't take advantage of that. I think I'm now

at the point in my life I think it would be more than purely having fun. I would make it a useful tool."

Q: "Do you have any gems of wisdom you'd like to share with communications majors?"

A: "Well for one thing, I highly recommend it. ... It opens doors to a lot of different opportunities. You can do a lot of things with a communication major. You can work in TV broadcasting, radio and business. Communications really leaves a person a wide variety of things to do. So I would highly recommend students to enroll in it. It also makes you a more confident person. Being able to talk to people and of course, you become, I think, a better person for the most part. If you can communicate effectively with people, you're going to be more successful. It can also help people feel good as well."

## OSCARS: Hudson, McDormand have chance

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traditionally there are surprises in this category. So look for a possible win by Willem Dafoe for his role in "Shadow of the Vampire."

"Almost Famous" co-stars Kate Hudson and Frances McDormand both have good odds as well.

Running against them is Judi Dench for her performance in "Chocolat."

If you keep up with past winners, then you'd know that Dench received an Oscar for "Shakespeare in Love" in the same category, for her 10-minute performance in the film. Like Hanks, she is an Academy favorite.

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## Free AIDS testing on campus next month

BY DAVID ARRIETA  
Rip staff writer

HIV counselors will visit the Bakersfield College campus next month and offer free AIDS testing for students.

Counselors from the Kern Lifeline Project of Clinica Sierra Vista will administer the free tests

April 22, during BC's Wellness Fair. Clinica Sierra Vista counselors will host a booth at the health fair. They will hand out condoms, literature and talk to students about the HIV tests.

Those students who wish to be tested will be directed to the campus health center.

Jeriah Barden, who is one of the

counselors for Clinica Sierra Vista, said the test is quick and simple.

"The test will consist of a swab being placed between a person's gum and cheek and rubbed for about two minutes," she said.

"The swab will pick up cheek cells and be put in a preservative and be sent off to the lab where it will be tested."

Students will be able to pick up their results and receive counseling in approximately two weeks after the test at Clinica Sierra Vista, located at 3550 Q St. Due to the overwhelming turnout of students at last year's health fair, Barden hopes to be better prepared for this year's fair.

"We were only able to test 37

students last year. We had to turn students away," she said. "We will have two counselors this year to provide faster testing and better counseling."

BC student Curtis Del Rio feels that having free AIDS testing on campus is a great idea.

"I have gotten tested five or six times already," he said. "It's good to

get tested wherever you can get tested. You don't know how many people are walking out there who aren't safe."

BC student Matias Farias agrees that AIDS tests are a great idea.

"Some students never think about AIDS," he said. "I'm glad they are having it. I think I'm going to get tested myself."

## Local girl needs donors in bone marrow drive

BY VANESSA BOUTWELL  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College students will join with hundreds of others at Heart of America's bone marrow drive this weekend to try and find a match for five-year-old Mikella McAuley, who is suffering from leukemia.

The bone marrow drive will take place tomorrow at Stockdale High School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Erin Welch, longtime friend of the family, said Heart of America travels around the world holding bone marrow drives.

Mikella's doctors suggested she have the bone marrow drive. Heart of America is a national organization that does bone marrow registries, they are ran out of San Francisco. Mikella was named after her father, Mike, and her grandmother, Ella. She lives a normal lifestyle and her dream is to begin school.

Like any other young girl, she loves Barbies, making mud pies and playing with Play-Doh.

According to Welch, Mikella faces a tough battle that most adults can't even imagine.

"What Mikella has is very rare," Welch said. "People who are 60 years of age usually get this type of leukemia."

Mikella was diagnosed in Oct. of last year, Welch said. She is in need of a bone marrow transplant and no family member is a match.

"She's stable right now. We are really holding out to find a perfect match," Welch said. "Because if we can't find a perfect match, the chance of curing or putting her leukemia into remission is a lot greater."

Mikella has been in and out of hospitals for four years. Mikella's mother, Christa McAuley, wanted to know why her daughter was constantly getting ill.

A friend recommended Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno. McAuley took Mikella in for treatment and four days later she was diagnosed with leukemia.

"Christa has decided that if anything was to happen to Mikella she would drive two hours to the hospital," she said. "Christa has full trust in all of Mikella's doctors."

For Mikella, the highlight of her trips to the hospital, comes when she gets to eat pizza in between seeing doctors.

"This is something really important to get through, if you come out and get put on the registry, it's not just for Mikella, it's for everybody."

— Erin Welch, friend of the McAuley family

Welch said Mikella can't be exposed to many people because of germs. If she's outside she wears a mask and a long sleeved shirt. Because of her illness, Mikella is more likely to get sick compared to the normal five year old child.

All of the money collected at the drive will go towards bone marrow testing.

"We are doing the fund-raising to pay for the cost," she said. "By all means, we don't want people to come out and willing to donate and have to pay."

According to Welch, the drive isn't just for Mikella. Thousands of children need bone marrow transplants right here in Bakersfield.

"This is something really important to get through, if you come out and get put on the registry, it's not just for Mikella, it's for anybody," she said. "We are selling T-shirts, food, everything going on at the drive is going towards putting someone on the registry."

Welch said that when people come to the drive for testing they will be given general information of what's going to take place. They will watch a 15-minute video on bone marrow transplants. Then, they will fill out information on their medical history. A certain criteria must be met in order to donate. They will then take a simple blood test.

Welch said that they are getting a good response from Bakersfield. She never thought that it would get this much publicity.

"The fund-raising isn't going to stop," Welch said. "It's going on to the drive on May 12."

Welch said their faith is what keeps them strong.

"At times, we really have to have faith that the Lord is going to take us through this," Welch said. "He is going to show us the way."



## Hoffman remembered in campus memorial

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS  
Online Editor

Gerry Collis didn't love Norm Hoffman for his impact on the cycling world. He didn't love Hoffman for his impact on local health and fitness. Collis said he loved Hoffman for the impact he had on students.

"No coach is a good coach unless he is a good teacher," the retired Bakersfield College head football coach said. "That's what I loved about Norm Hoffman. I could give a damn about any of his records."

Collis joined friends, family, colleagues and students of Norm Hoffman at

Hoffman's memorial service Saturday in the BC outdoor theater. Hoffman was a BC instructor for more than 30 years and was known as a local health and fitness icon.

Dave Lonsinger, Stockdale High School coach and former student of Hoffman's, said Hoffman inspired him to get into coaching, a job he now loves.

"Each day I go to my job and I just don't worry about how the results come out," said Lonsinger. "I think results are a product of

a great process. Just go out daily. Be the best you can be. Love other people. Involve yourself. Take life on. Grab a chunk of it and run. That's clearly what Norm did on a day to day basis."

The Rev. Craig Harrison of St. Francis Church said Lonsinger wasn't the only

Photos by Michael D. Ross / The Rip



Above: Susan Hoffman, left, and Kirsten Hoffman pray during the memorial service. Left: Kerry Ryan recalls memories of Hoffman.

## Virtual experience for students at trade fair

BY HENRY FRANCO  
Rip staff writer

Benicia High School student Jay Figueroa came to Bakersfield College on a mission. He and 13 of his classmates were trying to promote and market their virtual online business, a travel agency called Hot Spots, as part of the Virtual Enterprise Program.

Figueroa was one of the hundreds of students who attended and participated in the second annual Virtual Enterprise California Trade Fair, which took place March 16 in the BC gymnasium.

The program gives students the chance to experience the business world first-hand, according to Polly Farina, coordinator for

Benicia High School.

"Up until this point the kids didn't see much point in taking business classes. They didn't see how it all fit together, that they could walk out of high school and still walk into a job," she said. "But the Virtual Enterprise program has just kind of put it all together for our kids. I think the kids are now seeing that business is not for nerds. And that business can be fun."

The Virtual Enterprise Program is in its third year in California and gives students the chance to manage and market an online business while selling a simulated product to other virtual businesses.

Many students will benefit from being a part of the program, according to Jay Eliades, Virtual Enterprise coordinator for

California.

"This is a very safe environment for students to practice to get ready to go into the work force. Almost any student will benefit from this program because everybody is going to work," he said. "We want to make the students better prepared so when they start (a job) they're already further along. We're really striking to get the kids' sales skills up, their personal skills and speaking skills, because when you increase those you increase self-esteem."

Creating a business from scratch wasn't an easy task, Figueroa said.

"At first a lot of us were arguing over it. Some would say, 'No, we don't want that business,' but we finally agreed on a travel agency," he said. "We thought it

would be the best moneymaker. Because there's kids that want to go on senior trips and people that want to go on vacation."

Virtual checks in the amount of \$10,000 were given to all visitors at the fair. The checks were used to purchase simulated goods for the various businesses at the fair, giving students a chance to create good customer service skills as well as good salesmanship within their business team.

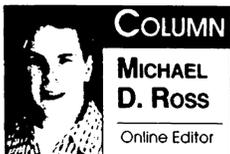
Figueroa said that teamwork was a major factor in the success of his class' business.

"At first it was boring with all the paperwork and stuff like that," he said. "And then it started getting interesting when we really started making this business work."



Shafter High School student Bianca Marquez passes out business cards.

## Here's a suggestion: Mike Ross Day



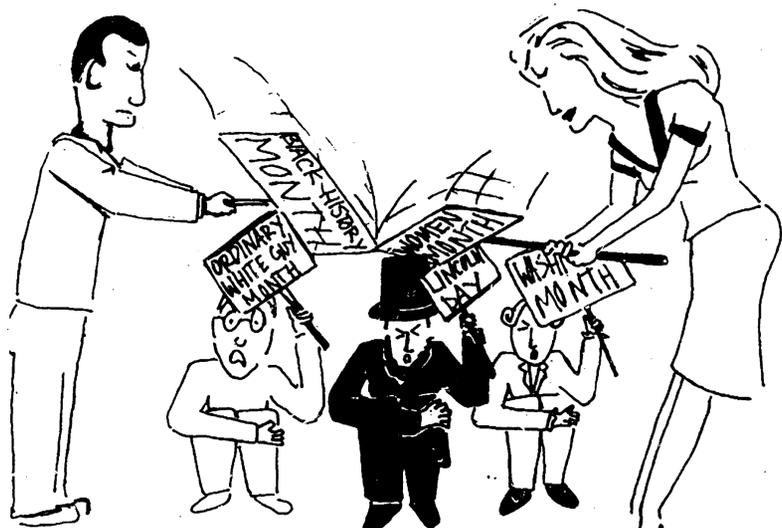
Since we are approaching the end of Women's History Month, and last month was Black History Month, I went thumbing through my calendar looking for Middle Class, Christian, White Guy's Month. Strangely, it was nowhere to be found. And why is that?

I realize that "minority groups" have been set back in the past, but how can we truly achieve racial equality when we still favor certain groups over others?

In January, we celebrate the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. just a few short weeks before Black History Month in February. We also celebrate the births of our first president, George Washington, and perhaps our greatest president, Abraham Lincoln, in February.

But Washington and Lincoln are no longer considered special enough for full recognition. Instead, they've been grouped into a single day called "Presidents Day."

Even our veterans, the men and women who fought and continue to fight for our freedom and defense, only get recognized two days every year. If any group deserves an entire month of recognition, it's our veterans.



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of what he stood for?

Modern day America was not what he had in mind. He advocated racial equality, not a reversal of fortune.

In today's society we have grown so contenting upon apologizing for past oppression that we can't get over it and move on. Yes, some of my ancestors were jerks. I accept it. Why can't everyone else?

The 15th Amendment demands that United States citizens be treated equally despite "race, color or previous condition of servitude."

But how can we achieve racial equality when we continue to favor certain groups?

We see it in holidays, scholarships, even in the workplace. It's time to treat everyone fairly and end "minority" favoritism.

First, we have to stop calling groups "minorities." This simply labels groups and singles them out for special treatment, be it good or bad.

Don't call someone African-American unless they themselves emigrated from Africa. We are all Americans so just call us that. We also need to treat each group equally. Yes, that includes a White History Month and a Man's History Month, but also months to recognize Native Americans, Asians, Europeans, Middle Easterners and so on. True, we have more groups than months, but is a full month of recognition really necessary?

Why not make Black History Month or Women's History Month a single day?

Then on that day groups could arrange parades, concerts and other special events for one giant celebration, rather than a long, drawn-out, endless procedure as it is today.

Racial equality is still a dream. The battle has only begun and it will not end until we abolish racial discrimination on every level.

If we are truly going to be considered a democracy, we have to start acting like one.



## No 'Trash Fairy' on campus

I don't believe in the "Trash Fairy." It's that time again. Time for the annual "put litter in its place" editorial. What a shame that each semester, someone feels the need to remind people to throw their trash in the trash cans.

But that seems to be the case. This time I feel the need to vent my frustration for the "nasties" in our world.

Last week I drove into the parking lot at BC and it looked like some trashy person had just cleaned out three years worth of garbage from their car and left it in the parking lot.

The wind was already blowing it into the park across the street. There are huge trash cans barely 10 yards from where the trash was dumped.

Another day, I leaned over to get a drink from the drinking fountain and almost threw up. There was somebody's nasty green "ABC-gum" lying in the drain. Yuck.

Then during lunch, I walked through the Student Center. Almost every table had used napkins, cups or plates on them. Every table was maybe 10 steps from trash cans.

It didn't take the maintenance crew long to clean up the patio and commons area. But doesn't it bother anyone else that the money to pay for trash clean up has to come from somewhere? Wouldn't it be better to spend that money on planting something that will last? For sure, trash cleanup doesn't.

Maybe we can blame our mothers, like we do for everything else. Maybe they picked up after us too much and gave us the false idea that trash miraculously disposes of itself.

I drive along the highway and see signs proclaiming, "This highway adopted by the XYZ Corporation," the organization responsible for cleaning up litter. Sometimes XYZ does a good job. Sometimes it doesn't.

Adopting a highway, a park, a wall or any other part of our environment wouldn't be necessary if every person took responsibility for his or her own trash.

What a concept. If every one of us took five or ten seconds to walk ten steps to the trash can, rather than leaving our garbage behind for the "trash fairy" to take it to "trash land," our campus and our world would be a better place.

Maybe we should start an "adopt-a-space" program.

We could all adopt the three-foot radius of the space around our individual bodies.

It would mean that we would look around and really see the trash cans that are already in place. It would mean that we would put trash bags in our cars and use them.

It would mean that we would regularly empty or replace the full trash bags with new ones.

It would mean that we would all set an example for our friends and family and show them what taking responsibility for a healthy environment means.

I think it's time.

## REAL TV

### "Survivor" show reels in student like no other.

BY VANESSA BOUTWELL  
Rip staff writer

Television has never really interested me. I'm not even a fan of soap operas. I'm always too busy with school or work to watch TV.

But lately, my weeks seem to revolve around Thursdays and the "Survivor" episode. I'm a faithful fan that never misses an episode.

It's unbelievable how these reality shows have become a hit. The suspense of the entire game of who actually wins the one million dollars is unbearable.

During the show, I think of what slimy, back-stabbing survivor should be voted off next from the Outback. Impatiently, I sit in my seat waiting to hear the vote.

With my heart pounding, I think "could it be the know-it-all female, Jerri?" Her tribe almost kicked her off last week. I try to figure out what the Survivor players are thinking. Do they want the weakest, strongest or the smartest off first?

The fun of the show is the audience participation. I can pick who I think will win.

Elizabeth may be a perfect candidate. I'm surprised that her tribe has not voted her off for wearing that odd head dress.

Other than that, Elizabeth seems to have the wits to outsmart her tribe and take home the million.



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Nick is very quiet throughout the show. He doesn't create many problems and seems to stick to himself. The Harvard boy may end up back-stabbing them all.

I toss my options back and forth, debating on the perfect candidate. Even though it doesn't seem to get me anywhere, I can always wonder. But in the end, I still must tune in to see the winner.

Reality shows have all of the drama that attracts the audiences. The cook likes to eat fish eyeballs and guts. Who wouldn't want to watch that?

Kimmi and Alicia step into a Jerry Springer argument that leads Kimmi back home at the next tribal council meeting. Jerri leads her tribe in a loss. A frustrated Colby, threw a large bucket of water at her.

"Survivor" is excellent and entertaining that's why I am a faithful viewer. The creativity just makes the entire show a number one hit on my list.

### Leaders prepare for spring activities

## ASBC

By Sumeet Bath  
Vice President of Communications

ASBC and its members at the Student Activities Office. The organization is bringing up for the Spring 2001 activities. The ASBC is bringing up for the Spring 2001 activities. The ASBC is bringing up for the Spring 2001 activities.

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- April 15 - 28: Campaign for ASBC
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## 'Blow' rates as one of best new films of season

BY LIZ WHITE  
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Every year there are one or two movies that I see and just fall in love with.

These movies tend to have a mix of comedy and drama. Plus, they have a great cast and music that flows perfectly throughout the film.

"Jerry Maguire," "Almost Famous" and "American Beauty" are just a few that fall into this category. Another movie that I am adding to this group is "Blow."

The movie is a docudrama about the life of George Jung, a man who smuggled an astonishing 80 percent of all the cocaine brought to the United States during the '70s and early '80s. Johnny Depp gives another magnificent performance as George.

"Blow" is not a "Goodfellas" or "Scarface." Yes, it is about drugs and lots of them, but the underlying story

really is about George's internal struggle. He has to tear away from a world filled with drugs, money and women, so he can keep it together for his daughter.

We learn about George's childhood in Weymouth, Mass., where his mother Ermine (Rachel Griffiths) becomes the source of his greediness.

She feels that she settled with his father Fred (Ray Liotta) and he doesn't make enough money to satisfy her needs.

Liotta's turn as Fred Jung is truly opposite of the character he plays in "Goodfellas." He plays a kind man who is a good husband and an even better father.

Because of his mother's constant talk of money, George vows to never be poor and the rest of his life

fighters to keep this promise.

George quickly escapes Massachusetts and moves to Manhattan Beach, Calif., with his best friend Tuna. He quickly learns that you don't need a real job to make money. Selling pot to all the neighborhood people can give him \$3,000 per kilo — a lot more than any construction job would pay. So this is when the ride begins.

The small amounts of marijuana are not enough, so he moves his operation from selling to trafficking large quantities of pot from Mexico.

Like they say, marijuana is a gateway drug — it only leads to bigger drugs. For George, different events in his life and marijuana lead him to the biggest drug lord in Columbia, the infamous Pablo Escobar.

During the high times of the '70s, cocaine was a party favor and people were buying it like crazy. George



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George Jung (Johnny Depp, center) counts his money in New Line Cinema's new drama "Blow," which opens nationwide April 6. The film is directed by Ted Demme.

## College is not just for young people anymore, survey says

BY LANELL HART  
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Most people think of college as something that directly follows high school. But that's not always the case.

A walk through the cafeteria or a glance into any classroom reveals that more than one-third of students who attend Bakersfield College are over the age of 30.

Statewide, more than half of all

community college students are over the age of 30. That means BC has a relatively young student body.

What prompts students to return to college so many years after high school graduation?

"I want to complete my A.A. and B.A. and begin work full time again with a secure future of growth," said Leah Valenzuela, a single mother from Tehachapi. Valenzuela, 33, works part-time at BC and is taking 13 units.

Job injury or disability brings a lot of students back to school.

"I had a spinal injury in my lower back. I can't bend or lift or sit very long," said Floyd Grimes. "In 1999, the orthopedist said, 'your back is gone.'"

Grimes, 43, who worked as a truck mechanic for 20 years, was faced with finding another occupation.

Elzie Woolfolk, 43, is a disabled city bus driver. He was motivated to

return to college to "change my occupation and find a new challenge." Woolfolk's goal is to become a registered nurse or an administrator.

After working in warehouse management, Larry Zellmann's long range goal is a master's degree in mechanical engineering and a job in the high-tech industry.

Older students agree that they face different challenges when they return to college.

"Zellman, 38, married with two children said his greatest challenge is, 'trying to survive on a limited income.'"

Valenzuela said her two greatest challenges are finding a good preschool and making up schoolwork after missing class when her kids are sick.

A desire for personal growth brought Emily Swanson, 46, back to college. But she said her greatest challenge is "figuring out where I'm

headed and what to do with that knowledge" she is gaining at BC.

According to a recent Rip survey, most families are supportive of the decision to return to college.

"My parents are great," Valenzuela said. "They help me with the kids when I need them to."

Most returning students speak highly of the teachers and class sizes at BC.

Their main complaint isn't cost, but limited parking.

## Cyberspace provides welcome haven for fans of hip-hop music

The Internet is quickly becoming the new alternative for music fans who cannot wait until their favorite artist's music is released in stores.

This is very good for hip-hop fans, which often find their favorite artists left off radio and MTV. But finding a good hip-hop Web site can be tough in a sea of amateur sites that are rarely updated and poorly put together.

Luckily, there are some excellent sites out there, you just have to look.

The king of these Web sites also has the most logical address — www.hiphop.com. This is the site that won the prestigious "Best Web Site" award at the 2000 Online Hip-Hop Awards, which annually ranks the cream of the crop of hip-hop Web sites. Hiphop.com is a combination of site and store.

This site does not discriminate. It has an eclectic "in the deck" section with album reviews ranging from Anticon to Snoop Dogg. The site also has a nice "interviews" section, with great recent articles on Talib Kweli and The Pharcyde.

But the best part of this Web site is its updated news section, cleverly titled "News on the D.L." The site's



Webmaster, who goes by the name Pizzo, can somehow get hip-hop related news before any other site. This section is filled with great information and also has juicy news on rumors and gossip. Hiphop.com was the first to bring news that Dr. Dre signed legendary rapper Rakim as well as had the first audio discs between Eminem and Everlast.

The only area this site lacks in is that its singles section is horrible. It is rarely updated and when it is, you only get a one-minute snippet from the song in Real Audio. The mainpage also takes a while to load up due to ads. But overall, hiphop.com is the best on the net. If audio is your thing, than I suggest www.y2hiphop.com. This is

a very good European Web site that has a great section entitled "rap audio." The music is available in Real Audio and is either streamable or downloadable. The great thing about it is that this site often has singles before they even hit radio. Y2hiphop.com also has the biggest release dates section on the Web, which is great if you're wondering when you favorite artist's album will be released. Sadly, in the confused hip-hop industry, release dates are rarely ever kept by the record company, so don't expect the list to be punctual.

If you're the kind of person who likes to chat or post on message boards, then www.sohh.com is the place to be. SOHH stands for "Support Online Hip-Hop," and this Web site was recently ranked by Rolling Stone magazine as the "Best Overall Hip-Hop Web Site" and it's easy to see why. Its forum has over 30,000 posts and over 5,000 members.

These are just a few of the many Web sites dedicated to hip-hop. If you're interested in finding out about more, check the links section at each of these sites.

## Authors greet readers at signing

Local author and historian Bob Powers autographs a copy of his 1979 book "Kern River Country." The book tells the history of gold rush prospectors settling in the valley and establishing county communities. The work sells for \$25. Powers has written eight books on county history. He and three other local writers and poets recently visited Barnes & Noble March 24 to sign books and discuss their works with readers.

Other local authors included poet Lee McCarthy, fantasy writer Micheala Roessner and autobiographer Joe Gottlieb.



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## Working with the Grain

Woodshop students craft useful projects and learn important job skills.

The Bakersfield College woodshop program has been around since the college moved to its current location in the 1950s.

Students enrolled in the program can earn a certificate of completion or an associate's degree in woodworking technology.

There are five classes in the entire program and occasional specialty classes offered on weekends or at night.

Two of the five woodshop classes are transferrable to four-year universities.

Instructors say the woodshop program usually services three different kinds of students.

The first kind are the students who are taking the class in order to gain skills and to have fun.

The second type of woodshop student plans to transfer to a four year university.

The third kind of student plans to work at a cabinet shop, lumber mill or other wood-related business.

Some woodshop students now own local cabinet businesses.

Woodshop instructor Gary Cox said he often receives calls from area cabinet shops in need of employees. Many of Cox's advanced students have been hired.



Upper Left: A horizontal boring machine is used to drill holes in the wood.

Upper Right: Instructor Gary Cox assists student Sally Walkkubo with her project.

Far Left: John Eastridge putting finishing touches on a chair.

Near Left: Pam Netzer mixing wood solution.

Bottom Left: A tool cabinet is full of the tools of the trade.

Bottom Right: Ernie Taylor on the multi-router and Sally Walkkubo is using the band saw.

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## 'Gades conquer track opposition

BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE  
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College men's and women's track teams recently hosted the BC relays at Memorial Stadium. Led by Arnaldo Cueto, who won the discus and hammer throw, the men won six of the events.

That pleased BC men's coach Bob Covey. "I don't think we ever had a team that won that many events (in one meet). We had some real good performances. It was a good meet for us."

Also winning events for the Renegades were Jordan Lewis in the 400 hurdles, Jess Washington in the triple jump, Sammy Moore in the long jump and Chris Figures in the shot put.

Heather Hunt, who won in the javelin for the second straight year, led the women's team. BC women's coach Pam Kelley thinks that the BC relays went very well.

"The main thing is, we had nice weather," Kelley said. "It was just a chance to get out and do some things."

The week after the BC relays, the men's team split up into two squads, with one participating at the All-American Select Meet in San Diego and the other going to Santa Barbara for the Easter Relays.

The women's team ran in the

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— Bob Covey  
BC track coach

Northridge Invitational.

For the men, Lewis continued his winning streak in the 400 hurdles in San Diego, while Hunt did the same for the women in the javelin. Other men's winners included Troy Scott in the hammer throw and Mark Rice in the shot put. Both competed in Santa Barbara.

For the women, Misty Coston had a great day, winning in the 100, 200 and 400 hurdles. Casey Holman also was victorious, finishing on top in the 400.

The 'Gades will next compete April 6 at Memorial Stadium against a powerful Moorpark team, Cuesta and Allan Hancock.

Like the BC men, Moorpark is undefeated going into next Friday's event. Despite the records, Covey



Above: Amber Varner tosses the shot put with force in the field competition. Right: Eduardo Rocha leads the pack in the steeplechase at the BC relays.

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doesn't think the upcoming meet will be a showdown between the two teams.

"The big meet is two weeks after (the Western State Conference preliminaries at Citrus College)," Covey said. "We're going to have a few people that we're not going to use at all April 6. We got guys with slight injuries that are trying to heal. We're trying to get them ready for the finish of the season. April 21 is when the championship season starts. (That's when) the whole thing gets interesting."



## Student hopes to fulfill coaching dream

BY LEANNE CAVE  
Sports Editor

For Craig Buckley the dream of becoming a college basketball coach may someday become reality.

Buckley has spent the last two years at Bakersfield College as a full time student managing a 3.2 GPA. He is a football team manager for BC and has assisted as a basketball coach for Centennial High.

As a BC freshman, Buckley assisted Beau Redstone at the varsity level for the Golden Hawks and as a sophomore served as an assistant JV coach to Marty Redstone, during the 2000 season.

"The Redstones have taught me a lot and I love the game of basketball," Buckley said. "I especially love getting the chance to coach at the high school level. My main goal is to help prepare the players for the game. I love the practices, the getting ready. At the JV level, I can help get them ready for the varsity level."

Buckley films the games for the team as well as taking game notes and making comments to the coaches about what is taking place on the court during the game.

As a team manager for the Renegade football team, he assists the coaches and team trainer with things the players need. "While at BC, I have learned a lot about preparing a team as team manager," Buckley said.

In the 2001 season, Buckley, 20, intends to take a break from coaching high school



to see what I can do in a head coach position."

A Bakersfield High product, Buckley lettered four years in football for the Driller football team. He also played one year of basketball and one year of track while at BHS.

Jeff Buckley, who was an All-American for the Drillers and the Stanford Cardinal and went on to play professionally for the Miami Dolphins and Cleveland Browns, has been an inspiration to his younger brother Craig. "He has encouraged me to play sports and to work hard and do the best I can," he said.

Travel to different countries, spending time with family, and shopping are some of the things Buckley likes to do when he's not involved with athletics. "I also enjoy watching girls' basketball," he said. Jackie Bernardin (of Centennial High) is one of the best players that I have watched."

He is close to his family and he relishes the thought of coaching basketball at a higher level and fulfilling the dream of coaching like his grandfather did.

"My grandfather coached at the college level in the 1960s at Cal Poly," Buckley said. "He coached athletes like John Madden, who later became a professional football coach for the Oakland Raiders."

Buckley enjoys coaching at the younger level basketball camps. "I love to coach at the level because I can teach the little players how to improve on their game," he said. "But my ultimate goal is to coach at the college level."

basketball and will accept an internship through a college program in which he will get paid. "I hope to go somewhere in the San Jose area to continue my education and coach," he said. "I have some college teams interested in me right now, but they are waiting

## 'GADE NEWSLINE

### Free orientation for new students

Bakersfield College will offer free orientation and assessment sessions during April 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 Saturday, April 21. 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

The Bakersfield College Summer/Fall 2001 class schedule is now available online at [www.bakersfieldcollege.org](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.org). Open registration for continuing students is May 14.

### Free Christian AIDS support group

A free Christian AIDS support group will be 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 and location, call 326-4166.

### Wind Ensemble holds concert

The Bakersfield College Wind Ensemble will hold a concert Sunday, April 1. The concert, entitled "Spring Breeze," will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

### Book sale benefits SPCA

Attention all bookworms. The Bakersfield SPCA annual book sale will be held from March 31 to April 21 at the East Hills Mall (in the east wing). Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the SPCA spay/neuter fund. For information about how to donate books, call 323-8353.

### BC sells Disneyland tickets

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

### History project at Bakersfield College

The Bakersfield College Archive Project is still looking for people who might have information about BC historical materials and where they might be stored. If you have any information or questions, please contact Chuck Carlson at 395-4539.

— Compiled by Bryan Swaim  
Editor in Chief

## CRIME BEAT

### Sleeping student awakes to bump

On March 14, student Richard Gomez, while asleep in his truck, felt a nudge to the side of his 1991 Chevrolet pickup parked in the NE parking area of BC.

When Gomez looked outside his truck he noticed an older white Chevy Nova hatchback pulling away. He then reported the accident to campus police.

### Wallet stolen from student backpack

On March 21, student Jennifer Marshall placed her backpack in a cubby hole in the classroom FA-3 during her class. When she returned two hours later, she noticed her wallet missing from the backpack.

### BC crime report goes public

Want to read about crime on the BC campus on the Internet? According to Sgt. Jess Soto, campus police will begin publishing the crime report in April on the Bakersfield College Internet site.

— Compiled by Larry Bragg  
Rip staff writer

## MOVIE MINUTE

"Enemy at the Gates" explodes in audiences' faces with action and romance. Armed with a great cast, this movie offers both authenticity and emotion.

"Enemy at the Gates" shows a different view of the historical war of the Nazis vs. Russians in Stalingrad.

Jude Law plays Vassili Zaitsev who is glorified by his countrymen as the Russian sniper who stalks enemies one at a time. Joseph Fiennes plays Danilov, a Soviet political officer who is set on making Vassili a national hero in the media to give hope to the country and to improve his career.

Vassili's every kill is documented by Danilov, who later becomes envious of the hero he created when unexpectedly they both fall for Tania, played by Rachel Weisz who is a strong woman sharpshooter.

Meanwhile, the Germans have been keeping up to date with Russian propaganda and send their best sniper, Major Konig (Ed Harris), to track the Russian hero Vissili down to kill him and to crush any hope the Russians may still have.



Jude Law plays an assassin in "Enemy at the Gates."

"Enemy at the Gates" is based on a true story.

The battle for Stalingrad that took place in 1942 and 1943 was a defining moment that foreshadowed the outcome of World War II. This victory ultimately cost the Germans the war.

This movie is exactly what I expected. Although the issue is harsh and sensitive, the attitude of joy, love, and relief was heavily present. By the end of the movie everything is as it should be.

— Shannon Powell  
Rip staff writer

## Q&A with Brent Rush

By Henry Franco  
Rip staff writer

Brent Rush is the public information specialist for the Marketing and Public Relations Department at Bakersfield College. He has worked at BC for nearly a year.



Q: "Where have you worked before?"

A: "I worked at KUZZ radio pretty much straight through for the last ten years. I started there in 1990. I also produced (the news) at Channel 29 and also at Channel 17. And I did public relations for a time at Kaiser Permanente."

Q: "How was working at KUZZ different from working at BC?"

A: "When I worked in news before, I spent a lot of time reporting the news. I wasn't involved in it. Working here is a lot more involved which is nice... I enjoy most helping out certain departments. Helping out certain departments on campus to receive recognition. But it's more

involvement, that's the main thing. In the news, you feel like you're sitting on the sidelines. In this position you can get in there and be part of the game, so to speak."

Q: "Is it true you control the new BC sign from here in your office?"

A: "Yeah, all aspects of it. It is a little bit of work to keep it current, but it's a lot of fun to kind of play with."

visual basic programming. I started back in spring of 1999 as a re-entry student. And I'm a computer science major."

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## HOFFMAN: Still being remembered

Continued from Page 1 person Hoffman touched. He said he received many calls from community members about Hoffman's death.

Hoffman was killed March 15 after he was hit by a car while riding his bike on Fairfax Road. The car was driven by 17-year-old Nicholas Garcia. Steve Perez, Kern County supervisor, said that Hoffman wouldn't want the community to blame Garcia for the accident.

"Norm would ask forgiveness as this was only an accident and nothing more," he said. "He would say this is a time for healing and for closure, not for blame or hate."

Harrison said he called Garcia's family and told them that Garcia would be in his prayers. Harrison also related Hoffman's death to a biblical story.

"There's a story in the scriptures that I love where Jesus, after he had died — his resurrection — he was with his disciples and they didn't recognize him," he said. "They didn't see him. It wasn't until later on they realized they had been in his presence."

"Every once in a while God brings people into our lives and we see them and we know them and we ride bikes with them and we sit in their classrooms and we teach with them and we live with them. And when they go, we realize that we were somewhat in the presence of God."

## BLOW: Film captures spirit of one man's struggle

Continued from Page 4 profited greatly during these times and becomes Escobar's right-hand man.

The rest of the film deals with George's struggle to keep it together for his family.

This movie has it all and I really think that director Ted Demme has made the film of his career. So if you want to see the best movie coming out this spring, then go see "Blow."



TODD E. SWENSON / THE RIP

## Back at ya

Shannen Bates keeps her eye on the ball as she takes her best shot in a recent tennis match. The BC women captured a 9-0 victory against Citrus College on March 27. Bates won the No. 1 singles match. Bates and Eloise Jones teamed to win the No. 1 doubles. The 'Gades will face Santa Monica March 29, then will get a rest as they have a bye April 3.

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