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Bomb threat on campus forces evacuation

BY JESSICA C. MILLMAN
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Bakersfield College was evacuated early Tuesday after the school received a bomb threat.

No one was injured during the evacuation, which lasted more than an hour. Authorities did not find any evidence of a bomb.

A campuswide evacuation was put into effect by BC President Dr. Sandra Serrano. Students and faculty were told to go to the soccer field, but many also gathered in the Free Speech area in the rain before being told to move to the parking lot near the Fine Arts Building.

Bakersfield Police Department Officer John Jamison is the officer assigned to the BC campus.

"The police department policy is to let the administration make the call (about evacuation)."

BPD Detective Mary DeGere said that the threat was made at approximately 8:40 a.m. and that the caller said that the bomb was scheduled to go off at 9 a.m.

Students were told to leave the buildings by staff. Student Cody Slayton was in the Campus Center.

"We had to get out of buildings," he said. "Some crazy lady told me to leave."

Campus police Sgt. Jess Soto said

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that classified staff and faculty were the ones who looked for a bomb in the buildings.

"We make a sweep of the whole campus, and look for suspicious items," he said.

Soto said that no members of the Bakersfield Police Department were called. He said that there is a procedure when a bomb threat occurs.

"We take the report, and evaluate the information," Soto said. "We give it over to (Serrano), and after reviewing that with the first response

team she will make the decision about whether or not to evacuate."

BC Homecoming queen Diana Trigo also was in the Campus Center in the cafeteria.

"It's very frightening. I don't feel safe here anymore," she said.

Interim Dean of Students Charles Guerrero said that everyone did well with the evacuation.

"These days we have to be overly cautious," he said.

Jamison also said that everybody needs to be more aware today.

"I think we are living in a different world today after Sept. 11," Jamison said. "I don't think there are any rules."

He added that this is only his third week here on campus and he is still getting used to everything, but he said the evacuation went quite well.

"I thought the administration did an excellent job. Unfortunately, it was raining," he said. "But everybody was back in an hour or so."

A fire alarm sounded at approximately 9:20 a.m., adding to the confusion. Bresso alluded to the fact that sometimes a fire alarm is set off so that students can evacuate buildings more quickly.

"The buildings were evacuated promptly," she said. "There were no stragglers, people moved to the

parameters. Our mission is to ensure student safety. As an employee, I feel safe."

Even though only 9:30 and 10 a.m. classes were canceled, many students left the campus and didn't return in the afternoon.

Students and staff were not the only ones who had to stop working. Construction crews also left campus. Don James of Alphie Construction said that his crew was about to pour some concrete near Student Services.

ASBC President Sumeet Bath was in her office having breakfast when the threat occurred.

"I think I'm kind of numb," Bath said.



The 2001 BC cheerleaders ride around the field in the Homecoming procession at Saturday's game.

Night of Spirit

Renegades crown king and queen at annual Homecoming festivities.

BY LEANNE CAVE AND RYAN KNAGGS
Rip staff writers

Renegade spirit ran rampant in Memorial Stadium Saturday night as clubs and floats were paraded and hopeful king and queen candidates waited anxiously during "Medieval Madness" Homecoming night.

Just west of the practice field, clubs made last minute preparations for their floats. Homecoming candidates were waiting for their time to shine as they also prepared their waves and smiles.

Lauren Beckman of the Pre-Med Club was excited to be a part of Homecoming.

"I'm very honored that the Pre-Med Club chose me to be their nominee for Homecoming queen."

The Phi Theta Kappa Club didn't nominate any candidates but displayed a float during halftime.

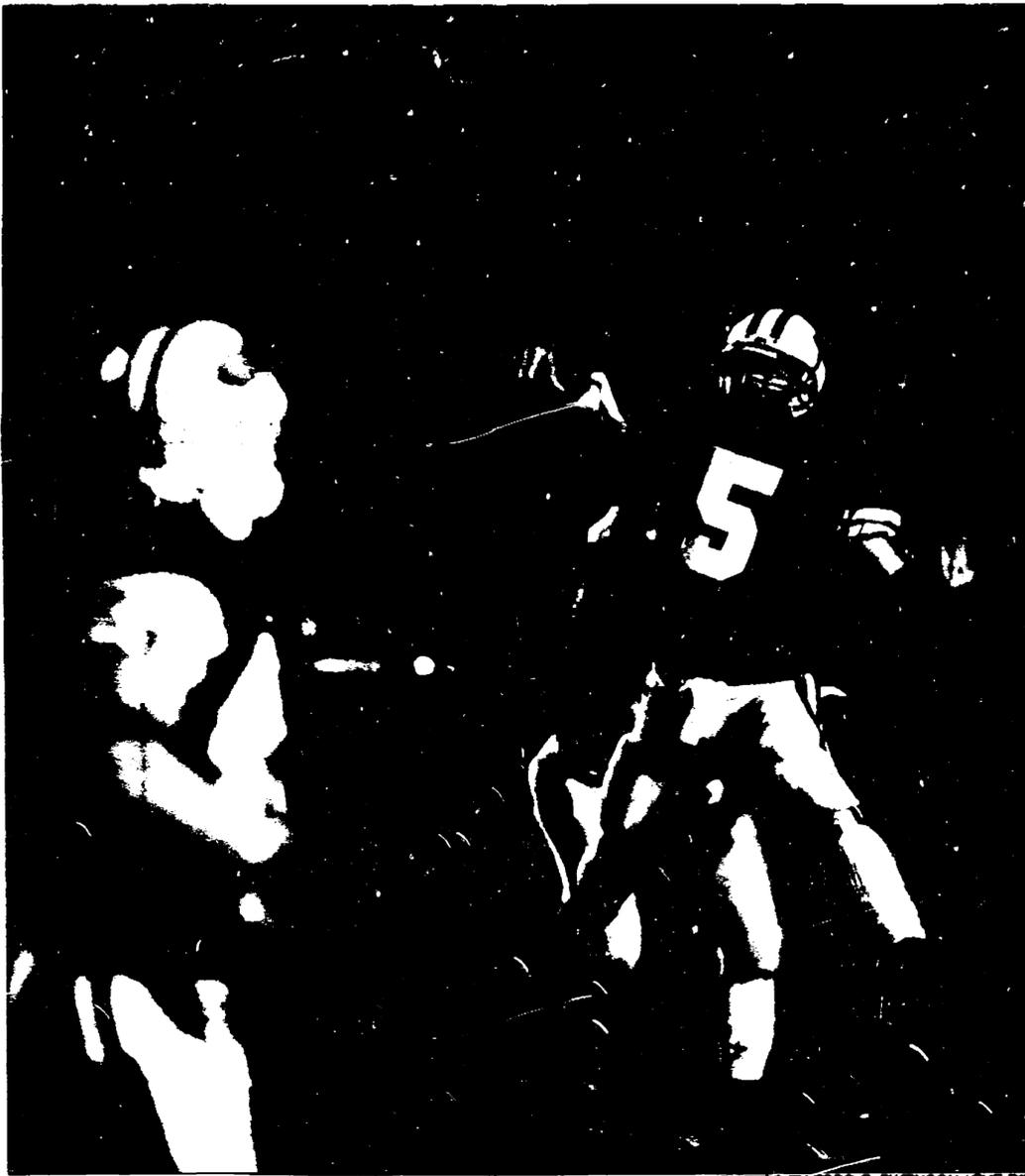
Carlos Casamahuapa, 23, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, was in attendance to get the club's name out there.

"It's a great opportunity to develop school spirit and to have fun," he said.

Cherie Orton, a Homecoming queen candidate representing the Latter-day Saint Student Association, enjoyed herself before the game.

"Homecoming is a blast," she said.

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Renegade quarterback (Kevin Bryan) avoids a sack and completes a pass to running back Sam Campeanella at Saturday's Homecoming game against L.A. Valley.

Hoffman family sues for safer roads for cyclists

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Opinion Editor

Grant Hoffman wants to make the roads safer for bicyclists and motorists.

That's why he and his sister, Kirsten Hoffman, plan to file a lawsuit against the city of Bakersfield in the alleged wrongful death of their father, Bakersfield College health professor Norm Hoffman.

"We want to find out if the city was negligent," he said. "My pops would have wanted us to check it out for him."

The family's claim against the city, which was rejected, states that the city and county failed to take adequate precautions to safeguard users of Fairfax Road — cars as well

as bicyclists — or to warn the public of the potential hazards.

The claim, which is the first step in a lawsuit, was filed on Sept. 11.

Norm Hoffman, longtime Bakersfield College professor and bicycling champion, was killed on Fairfax last spring. Grant Hoffman said that the reason for the suit was because the road is used as a way for people to exercise and that if it was safe, his father's death could have been prevented.

"The road is a great workout road and people like to use it all the time," he said. "I used to rollerblade down it. But accidents do happen."

But the Bakersfield attorney for the Hoffman family, Daniel Rodriguez, said that the local agencies in charge of keeping roadways safe failed to do anything

until someone was hurt.

He said steps should have been taken to prevent Hoffman's death.

"They recognized the need, they had it in the works," he said. "They never got around to doing it. It's a sad commentary. Typically the government doesn't do anything until something happens. So is it just a coincidence that within three weeks of Norm Hoffman's death that they were out there doing it? ... It took somebody's death to put them into action."

Rodriguez said that the family filed the claim because Hoffman's death was the direct result of the agencies' negligence.

Hoffman was killed March 14 when he was struck from behind while biking by Nicholas Garcia on the southbound side of Fairfax Road.

As Hoffman was biking, Garcia lost control of his car, falling onto a lowered shoulder and overcorrected.

As Garcia tried to swerve back onto the southbound lane, he hit Hoffman, killing him instantly.

The Hoffman family settled with the Garcia family for \$50,000, the full amount of an insurance policy. The then 17-year-old admitted to vehicular manslaughter, was put on probation for three years and sentenced to 100 hours of a juvenile work program.

But Rodriguez said that the city has a responsibility to protect citizens and that negligence and dangerous conditions of public property should not be allowed.

Since Hoffman's death, the city has made improvements to the road and posted signs warning of the low

shoulder. But Rodriguez said that the shoulder was a danger all along and that the city knew about it.

"The city should be held accountable because the city knew that this was an area that was used on a regular basis by bicyclist," he said. "They had a duty to provide a safe passage. Maybe a large shoulder or a bike lane; neither of which did they do."

The claim filed stated that the city knew of the dangerous conditions and that the road "created a hidden hazard that in the absence of suitable warning devices, endangered bicycle riders" like Hoffman.

"It is foreseeable that vehicles would go off the roadway edge," Rodriguez said. "And here they didn't maintain it. There was a drop

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Fairfax Road now has signs after the accident.

Homecoming here is nothing like high school

BY RYAN KNAGGS Rip staff writer

With Bakersfield College's annual Homecoming taking place last week, many students seemed disinterested. They didn't participate in any of the events or noon games.

Why is this? It's simply because the students on campus are disillusioned about Homecoming.

They associate Homecoming with high school Homecoming. The Homecoming at BC is different. It isn't a popularity contest.

High school Homecoming is all about the jocks and the cheerleaders. To be nominated for Homecoming king in high school, you must wear a backwards Hurley visor, have a beach necklace of some sort, a bright Hurley shirt, board shorts and the latest skate shoes, even though they won't ever touch an actual board, and finally, a brand new, lifted truck that daddy bought so you can look cool driving around the parking lot blasting Sublime.

High school Homecoming queen candidates must drive an Eclipse equipped with a Roxy sticker and have a butterfly tattoo somewhere on their bodies.

BC Homecoming candidates are far different. They are actually involved in school clubs and activities and care about representing the college and just about a petty clique.

The Homecoming at BC is all about fun and student participation. Just because the candidates aren't "Johnny Football Star" or "Betty Cheerleader," doesn't make them any less interesting.

The clubs do a wonderful job selecting nominees, something that high schools do not. If you want to win Homecoming king or queen at BC, you must be involved in a club or run as an independent candidate. This encourages the king and queen candidates to be involved at BC. The winners are based on merit, not on popularity.

This is not to say that this year's candidates were not popular. They are, but in a different, less superficial way.

Take advantage of BC's Homecoming next year. If you're expecting a bunch of jocks and clueless cheerleaders to be involved in Homecoming activities, then go back to high school. But if you want to see worthwhile, model students participating in Homecoming, then BC is the place for you.



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Nobody's laughing

Bomb threats simply aren't funny since Sept. 11.

Ironically, it reminds me of Sept. 11. Waking up on Tuesday morning after another long night at work and constant arguing and bickering with my ex-girlfriend, I was deliberating on whether I could bear another morning class.

That's when the phone rang. "There's a bomb on campus," a voice said. I scratched my head in disbelief. I was in disbelief.

At BC? Please. Yet, another local yokel trying to keep from having to take a midterm exam. I used to think it was funny. I use to joke with my friends about doing it myself. That was when I was in junior high school.

Calling the school switchboard at 8:40 a.m. with a bomb threat is not funny — not anymore. Unfortunately, since the attacks on this country by terrorists, the thick skin that our country had about bomb threats has vanished completely.

Driving up Mt. Vernon, I thought about what kind of cowardly moron would be stupid enough to call this in.

Then, arriving on campus to see people standing on the soccer fields pissed me off even more.

See, the majority of students were probably happy to get out of school. Hell, I was too.

But such threats are not only a waste of time, in this day and age, it's just not funny. Would anyone think it was funny if a bomb had gone off? BC was ill-prepared and couldn't have possibly cleared the campus in time. And this campus is small enough that everyone would know



SIMPLY PUT

Daniel F. Hunt Opinion Editor

Common sense is that pranks shouldn't be taken seriously, but since the attacks, everyone is on heightened alert and the last we need to do is worry about Bakersfield College, of all places, being attacked. I have more important things to worry about anyway.

This bomb threat speaks to many things going on in this country. Two months ago this wouldn't even get coverage in The Rip, other than a news brief on the Campus page.

Bombs, anthrax, plane crashes and the like could happen and that's scary enough. The last thing we need is to instill more stress.

Maybe more apt at this point is for the person or persons responsible to just grow up. We've all got better things to do and nobody's laughing anymore.

Ethnicity should not replace talent

Editor's note: This editorial was written during the SoCal Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference at California State University, Fullerton. The editorial won first place in the on-the-spot opinion writing competition. The cartoon, below, by Gerardo Delgadillo won an honorable mention as well.

BY DANIEL F. HUNT Opinion Editor

Diversity in the workplace is important, but talent should not be sacrificed in the process.

Susan Jacobs, medical editor, and Karen Robes, community news reporter, both with the Orange County Register, spoke to students attending the Southern California regional conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges, Oct. 20 on the campus of California State University, Fullerton.

The message: Diversity in the newsroom is important to establishing a dynamic role in the community.

But shouldn't that diversity form competition for excellence. Just because you have fewer Hispanics in the newsroom, by percentage, than is compared to the coverage area doesn't mean you have to go out and seek Hispanics so you can be in tune with your readers.

Diversity in a newsroom is important, no one is denying that. But simply put, when a newspaper is faced with hiring a white male with 14 years experience and a Hispanic male with only one year of experience, that newspaper should hire the person with more experience.

What if the Caucasian male spoke Spanish and the Hispanic man did not? What if the Hispanic man was fired from the last paper for sexual harassment? What if an Asian woman applied who spoke Spanish and had more experience than both men?

You need someone who will know how to make deadline, write enterprise pieces and reach out to the community — through language or just simply being out among a community — no matter what color his or her skin color may be.

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New name can't sweep old problems away

BY MICAYLA ELLIOTT Rip staff writer

These days we have gotten so politically correct that nothing makes any sense anymore. Why do we feel the need to sugarcoat everything?

I mean, people in wheelchairs aren't handicapped, they're physically challenged. There are no old people left on this earth, only senior citizens. This has gone so far that we now call secretaries administrative assistants and housewives are now domestic engineers. Can't we just call things what they are?

The Kern Community College District is changing its name as part of a plan to restructure the district into a learning cooperative, according to Kellie Van Westen, administrative assistant to the district chancellor.

The first step taken in this process was to change the name of its office to the Learning Services Center. The next step is to come up with a name for the district itself. The new name for



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the district will be one that will incorporate five counties which include not only Kern county, but Tulare, Mono, Inyo, and San Bernardino counties as well.

A contest is being held to come up with this new name and all are invited to participate.

This idea to rename the district office is a great one. But no, officials have gone "euphemism-

happy" and have changed the names of every title in their path. The college deans are now the "Deans of Student Learning" and the vice president is now the "Vice President of Student Learning" and so on.

Is this really necessary? Isn't it obvious to everyone that at a college, learning is involved?

Or are we that forgetful that we need to be reminded of it every time we refer to a faculty member or a person in administration?

Many say this new restructuring of the district is some sort of PR move to ease the tensions between the faculty and the district.

Just because the district is getting a new name, doesn't mean the problems are going to go away.

I can't speak for anyone else, but when I hear the words "Learning Services Center," the first thing that comes to mind is a center for the mentally challenged, or maybe a place similar to the Sylvan Learning Center.

Nothing in this new name, says "college district," which is simply what it is.



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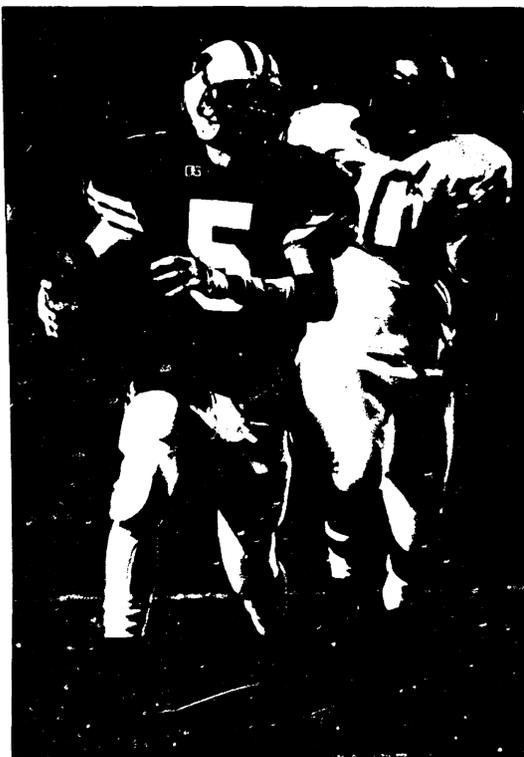
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Above: BC quarterback Kevin Bryan sets up to throw a pass moments before the Monarch defense can make the tackle. BC won the game 28-26 at Memorial Stadium, Saturday.

Right: Sammy Moore, left, is congratulated by teammate James McGill after scoring a touchdown in the third quarter.

CLOSE CALL

Renegades beat L.A. Valley in exciting, last-minute Homecoming victory

BY LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College Renegades will travel to Glendora on Saturday for a 1 p.m. game against the Citrus College Fighting Owls. The 'Gades have high hopes of keeping their six-game winning streak alive while the Owls hope to provide plenty of competition for BC.

"Bakersfield College is one of the most competitive teams in our conference," said Citrus head coach Kevin Emerson. "They are not one-dimensional. You have to be prepared in every phase of the game because they are a well-rounded team."

That statement proved to be true in the Homecoming game on Oct. 27

against the L.A. Valley Monarchs. The 'Gades escaped with a narrow 28-26 victory by scoring in every phase of the game. It must have seemed like Halloween had arrived a few days early for the 4,003 fans in attendance, as the game provided some tricks along with some treats.

BC head coach Dallas Grider thought the game had a strange flavor.

"The coaches were saying that this was the strangest game they had coached in," Grider said.

"We had the highest output of yardage so far this season and still struggled. It was a very strange game," he said.

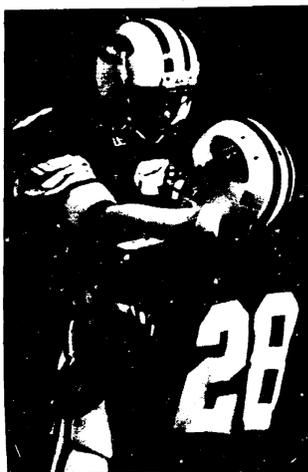
The sweetest treat of the evening had to be the kicking of freshman Tyler Smith, who booted the game-winning field goal of 25 yards through the uprights when the 'Gades needed it the most.

The Monarchs did not treat the 'Gades well as Robert Thomas, BC's leading rusher for the season, sprained his ankle early and had to sit out the remainder of the game. Thomas may be missing in action for a couple of weeks.

BC fullback Sam Campanella, who rushed for 72 yards against the Monarchs, said the game seemed to have a strange twist.

Definitely out of the ordinary was the first drive of the game in which the 'Gades drove down to the L.A. Valley 1-yard line and fumbled the ball, which was recovered by the Monarchs in the end zone.

On the next series of downs, the BC offense became defensive. The Monarchs surprised the crowd as they picked off



Kevin Bryan pass and returned it 92 yards for a touchdown, giving them a 7-0 lead.

"They played a great game," said Bryan. "We have to step up and do better the next game."

But the lead would not last long. After a solid effort by the "Renegade D" with a stellar performance by Troy Parker and Ryan Kroecker, the Monarchs were forced to punt.

Enter Sammy Moore. Moore provided the Homecoming crowd with a real treat as he returned the punt 61 yards for a touchdown. Tyler Smith kicked the extra point and the score was even at seven points apiece.

With 1:35 left in the first quarter, Bryan threw a 60-yard touchdown bomb to receiver Irving Baptiste to put the 'Gades ahead 14-7.

The Homecoming crowd was a little stunned as the Monarchs faked a field goal and L.A. Valley holder, Robert Muller, threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to John Kuhl to tie the score at 14.

The Monarchs came out smokin' as James Norris set a L.A. Valley school record by returning the second half kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown to give Valley the lead, 21-14.

BC marched down the field to the L.A. Valley 7-yard line but was stopped by a determined Monarch defense and forced Smith to kick a 24-yard field goal that cut the visitor's lead to 21-17.

Terrence Hall caught a 23-yard touchdown pass from Bryan that put the 'Gades ahead 23-21. On the point after touchdown attempt, the Monarchs blocked the extra point. Cory Brown picked up the ball and sprinted 93 yards for a two-point score that tied the game one more time, 23-23.

Once again the BC defense did its job and forced the Monarchs to punt. James McGill blocked the punt and Parker knocked the ball out of the end zone, which gave the 'Gades the lead, 25-23.

However, that changed when the Monarch offense drove 71 yards and added a 27-yard field goal, to make the score 26-25 with 7:30 left in the game.

The BC offense put together a drive that resulted in Smith kicking the game-winning field goal with a minute left to play, resulting in a final score of 28-26.

'GADE NEWSLINE

EOP&S starts relief drive

A penny drive is being sponsored by EOP&S for the children and families of the New York Disaster Relief Fund, care of the Salvation Army. Drop off your pennies in the big water jug in the EOP&S office, located in Campus Center 3.

GADES cards being processed

GADES cards are now being processed in the Student Activities Office. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon on Friday. Extended hours will be from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7; Wednesday, Nov. 14; Monday, Nov. 19; and Monday, Nov. 26.

Computer virus strikes campus

Bakersfield College has been hit with another computer virus. James McGee, director of information services, has warned all students and faculty not to open an e-mail or attachments from anyone you don't know. The worm contains a .pif file extension.

MSA holds seminar on extremism

The BC Muslim Student Association is holding a question-and-answer session on extremism Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the BC Indoor Theater from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Walaa Rasheed at 871-9070.

Alumni host Hall of Fame dinner

BC's Alumni Association is hosting a dinner on Nov. 15 to honor the induction of Frank Amestoy, Don Galey and David Zachery into the Herb Loken Hall of Fame. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. in the Gil Bishop Sports Center. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call 395-4273 for more information.

—Compiled by staff writer Estella Aguilar



MOVIE MINUTE

Kevin Spacey and Jeff Bridges star in "K-Pax," a movie that makes people question their own beliefs about whether or not there is life on other planets.

Spacey plays Prot, a man without a past whose strange claim about being from the planet K-Pax puts him in a mental facility. His intelligence and knowledge of the atmosphere beyond human travel baffle doctors and top scientists. Even his own doctor, Marc Powell (Bridges) begins to admit the possibility.

Spacey's Oscar-worthy performance is so believable that you forget you are in a theater. You feel every emotion that the characters experience. The plot flows smoothly but the length, being almost two hours long, makes you a little anxious for the ending to



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Prot (Kevin Spacey) is quite fond of Earth's produce.

unfold. Nevertheless, the movie is definitely worth the time.

"K-Pax" is a movie that really makes you think. The ending keeps you pondering the movie long after

you've left the theater. It's loaded with a mix of humor, drama and tragedy, keeping you involved throughout the whole film.

—By staff writer Micayla Elliott

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ASBC discusses health services

BY MARIA EUTSLER
Rip staff writer

More psychological services on campus, possible extended health center hours and the resignation of Terri Bracamonte, the vice president of communications, were all topics discussed during a recent Associated Students of Bakersfield College Student Senate meeting.

"At this point in time we do not have a vice president of communications," said Brian Feaster, vice president of legislation. "There is a process that we will follow for it to be filled. That process on how we are going to fill it is still debatable at this point."

Kevin Calvin, the trustee liaison, read a letter from Bracamonte to the senate in which she said that due to health problems she had to resign from her position.

ASBC NOTEBOOK

The senate also discussed the need for more psychological services on campus.

"This came from President Sumeet Bath. This is something that she wants to do and has been talking with Charlie Guerrero, the interim dean of students, about," Feaster said.

During an interview this week, Bath said the senate is recommending that a counselor be hired.

"It would be a physician in the health center that the students could go to if they need someone just to talk to," she said. "Someone there to

help them out if they have any kind of emotional problem."

Bath isn't sure exactly where the funding for this psychiatrist would come from.

"Maybe the health center. For sure, not the students the interim dean of students would have a better idea."

The next step is for the idea to be approved by the ASBC Executive Board.

Another recommendation from the senate was to have extended health center hours.

"We found out there is more money in the health center funds," Feaster said. "Students have been coming up to (Bath) and saying, 'Why do I have to pay this health center fee even when it's closed and I'm a night student?' So we're hoping to have it open a couple nights a week for a couple of hours."

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CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

'Gade spirit fills Memorial Stadium during Homecoming



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Above left: Katy Assaturian dances the night away during Saturday's Homecoming game at Memorial Stadium.

Above: Officer Mark McGary sings "The Star-Spangled Banner" before the game begins. BC beat L.A. Valley 28-26.

Right: Rudy Gallicias and Diana Trigo of the Business Club were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

GAME: The Engineering Club wins float contest

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A king candidate who was running as an independent without a club was 17-year-old Jacob Hinijosa. He enjoyed the week-long wacky activities that the candidates were involved in.

The Business Club's float was equipped with a bloody guillotine to stay true to the medieval theme.

Jarred Grant, a 21-year-old club member was proud to have worked on the float.

"We know we got the bombest float out here," he said. "We did it pretty much in one day."

Judi Gamboa, 19, helped construct the impressive Engineering Club's float decked out with a fully operational catapult.

"Our instructor that leads our group, she's been wanting to do one of these things for quite a few years," referring to the catapult. "Since the medieval theme fits in with homecoming, she inspired us."

Sally Hill, a cheerleader for the 'Gades in 1965-66 and is now a professor of psychology at BC, cheered with great spirit holding a tambourine and danced right along with the women from the 1970's, '80s, and '90s.

"It was fun," said Hill who is scheduled for knee surgery. "I've done this every year for a while."

Jennifer Zahay, an attorney in Bakersfield who also cheered with a lot of pride, echoed Hill's sentiments.

It was fitting on a night of pageantry that the field was decorated in honor of the victims of the World Trade Center tragedy with a red, white and blue memorable ribbon in its center and the yard line numbers were displayed in red, white and blue.

This year's homecoming king and queen were Ruoy Gallicias and Diana Trigo from the Business Club.

"This is great, it's an honor," Gallicias said before being escorted out to the track.

Homecoming Queen Diana Trigo was thankful in her victory.

"I'm really excited to have won, and I would just like to thank everyone who voted because you really meant a lot."

The winning float belonged to the Engineering Club. The float displayed its catapult capabilities when it launched T-shirts into the crowd.

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Salute to Veterans

Two months after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, patriotism was at an all time high Saturday at the Veterans Day parade.

Hundreds of residents gathered as flags waved and veterans, law enforcement officials, community leaders and school bands marched through downtown Bakersfield. Some animals in the parade were even dressed in red, white and blue.

Above: Bakersfield residents gather at the start of the Veterans Day Parade.

Right: New 2001 military cadets from Emerson School march in the parade singing, "I'm Proud to be an American."



BENIGNO PENA / THE RIP

No staff layoffs at BC

Five employees total will be laid off districtwide.

BY RACHEL CRIBBS
Editor in Chief

No classified staffers at Bakersfield College will lose their jobs due to layoffs, according to an agreement of understanding signed by district officials Tuesday, said classified union president Del Allen.

Allen said that the only college in the district that will have classified layoffs is Cerro Coso. "There will be no layoffs at BC, the district or Porterville," he said. "Cerro Coso will have five."

Those five employees who are being laid off are all classified staff members. Two are full-time employees and three are part-time.

"I wish we wouldn't have layoffs, but five is a better number than 165," Allen said.

BC classified staffers were in fear of losing their jobs because the district failed to comply with state law that requires every college to spend 50 percent of its budget on teaching faculty.

According to Michele Bresso, the director of marketing and public relations, BC had to move \$502,922 of its budget into faculty from other budget areas.

"The money we owe has to move to the other side," she said. "It was our responsibility to go to Sandra (Serrano) and determine how to help BC. I am very hopeful there will be no layoffs at all."

Districtwide, 43 employees took a golden handshake retirement earlier this year in an attempt to avoid layoffs.

"The morale is still leery," Allen said. "But we are all happy we won't have layoffs here."

According to Bresso, BC officials will move funds from certain budgets and put that money into the faculty budget.

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Soccer Slam

BC player Kim Sherret, left, hits Lilina Ledn, right, during the BC-Glendale game on Friday. BC and Glendale tied 1-1.

Students not told about latest threat

BY JESSICA C. MILLMAN
Features Editor

Many students may not have realized it, but Bakersfield College recently received another bomb threat.

And the reason students may not have known about the threat is that campus administrators made the decision not to tell students or to evacuate classes.

The threat happened Nov. 1, two days after a bomb threat had officials evacuating the campus.

"Safety is the primary response," said Michele Bresso, director of marketing and public relations. "If there is no danger and you are acting on this fear, that doesn't soothe the students. We don't want to disrupt class anymore then we have to."

Kirk Russell, technical services librarian, was part of a team to help evacuate the first floor of the library.

"We were asked to go look through the buildings, to look for anything suspicious," he said, referring to the second threat. "We have to be prepared for what they ask us to do."

Russell said that he agreed with the choice not to evacuate during the second threat.

"My guess is that it would unnecessarily panic people," he said.

A new evacuation map outlines four areas that students and faculty should be evacuated to, depending on what building they are in when a bomb threat occurs.

Bresso said that BC has had an evacuation plan for five or six years, and it has been updated every year.

She said that anyone in the community can now look at the evacuation map.

"I'm sure it (the evacuation map) will help. We've sent it out, it's posted on our Web site." She added that the map is now a visual element that people can look at to help them with an evacuation.

Russell also said that an emergency map will help.

"If everybody had a sense of where to go, it would be really helpful," he said.

Part of the evacuation plan is for faculty to stay on campus with their students. Bresso said that this is for safety reasons.

If there was a real emergency, people could be accounted for, she said, because they would be in their designated areas. However, even though the

BC bomb threat evacuation plan

Teachers were given a list of procedures in the event of another bomb threat. Before an evacuation begins, administration officials are telling faculty to:

- Flash room lights on and off to alert the deaf or hearing-impaired students. Write notes to explain what is happening.
- Identify a student in the class to help any person with disabilities leave the building.
- Direct students and staff to remove personal belongings from classrooms.

After the evacuation begins, faculty is told to:

- Take class to the perimeter of campus to its designated area. Keep the class together.
- Do not return on campus until told to do so by personnel.

Where should you go during a bomb threat evacuation? A detailed map of where to evacuate is available online at www.therip.com.

Source: Bakersfield College

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evacuation plan states that teachers are supposed to stay with their students on campus until notified, students are adults and can therefore leave if they wish, she said.

No one has been arrested for making the threats, and there is a \$1,000 posted reward for information leading to the arrest of this person.

According to campus police crime report, a male with a hispanic

accent made both threats. In the first threat, the man said, "You have till exactly 9 a.m. to clear all students out."

In the second threat a man said, "You thought I was playing last time, but now there is a bomb in the school and it will go off this afternoon."

No one was injured in either incident. Authorities did not find any evidence of a bomb on campus.

Muslims stress at open forum that religion does not condone terrorism

BY ESTELLA AGUILAR
Rip staff writer

Islam does not equate to terrorism.

That is the message that the Bakersfield College Muslim Student Association presented at a seminar Wednesday titled, "Distinguishing Islamic Beliefs and Teaching From

Extremism and Terrorist Attacks." About 50 people attended the event.

The seminar featured Islamic scholars and clergymen. Topics that were discussed included Islam, terrorism, extremism and the roles that Islamic women play in Islamic society.

Also, an open discussion period was permitted for one hour from

people in the audience as well as faculty and staff at BC.

When asked a question regarding the terrorist attacks, Khalif I. Abdul'ah, an educational director of Amer. an Adult Islamic Studies Institute in Los Angeles said, "We are against terrorism. There is no such thing as a holy war, but there is a thing called self-defense.

"What was done on Sept. 11 cannot be justified by not one person. There are no leaders above the law. We can never be the defender but we can use self-defense," he said.

Islam has no connection to terrorism, according to Sayed Rashed, an Imam community spokesperson for the Islamic Center. "Islam means the fully peaceful

submission to the will of God," said Rashed. "We believe in the freedom of human beings. We stand before God to promise to be the best we can be and to be good humans, good Muslims and good citizens during these trying times."

Brynell Muhammad, an assistant Imam at As-sabireen Islamic Center, gave the presentation of "Islam in

America" in a condensed version.

"Muslim American society along with most Americans share the commitment to the high ideals of freedom, justice and equality through a balanced patriotism. We are actively deep-rooted in the mainstream of America and the American dream," he said.

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New adviser helps ASBC find focus

By HENRY FRANCO Rip staff writer

Starting a new job in the middle of a hectic time isn't easy. Just ask Andrew Bickers, who started his position as the new director of student activities at Bakersfield College a week before Homecoming activities.



Bickers

Student activities has a lot of responsibilities for that week, so it's been a little crazy, but fun crazy," he said. "You get to know all the people and all the students that are in here and get up to speed on everything."

Bickers, 34, is not only new to BC, but new to Bakersfield.

He was previously associate dean of student life at North Eastern College in Colorado, but applied at BC after a friend noticed the job opening.

"I haven't had time to explore a lot, but I think it's a good location. You're not in the craziness of Los Angeles, but you're still close enough to get down there. Plus the cost of living is a lot cheaper, so your money goes a lot further, which is nice."

Bicker received a master's degree in education from Arizona State University. His new job as director of student activities involves working with all walks of student life. This includes advising student government as well as the various clubs on campus.

He has enjoyed the warm reception he has gotten during his first few weeks on the job.

Brian Feaster, ASBC vice president of legislation, said having a permanent adviser has brought some positive changes to student government.

"I think the biggest change is Andy himself. He's worked at other colleges and had similar jobs so he knows how to run things," he said. "He's helping us get focused and is getting us in the right direction."

Feaster said that Bickers will help create a new look for ASBC.

"ASBC is undergoing reorganization. We are starting new positions and eliminating other positions," he said. "He's helping the team aspect and brings a new dynamic and a new style of leadership."

LAYOFFS: BC spared from employee cuts

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"Money from areas like travel and things like that will be moved into an area called 6,000," she said. "Money in the 6,000 category becomes neutral money. It is neither for or against the 50 percent."

BC will not hire any outside applicants to fill open positions, according to Bress.

Attempts to interview Dr. Sandra Serrano, BC president, Tom Burke, assistant chancellor of business ser-

vices and Dr. Walter Packard, district chancellor were not successful Tuesday. None returned phone calls made to clarify the budget reorganization.

Allen said he supports a hiring freeze at the district.

SEMINAR: Islam discussed

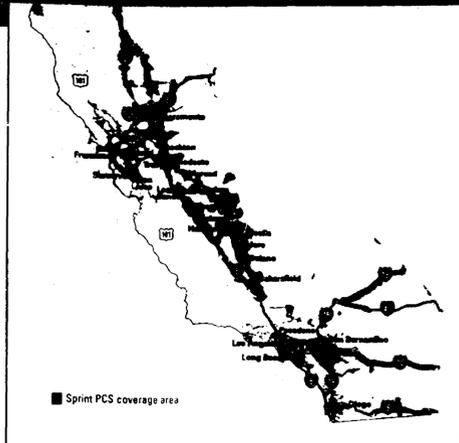
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Emad Meerza, who is a lecturer and missionary, gave some advice to his Muslim brothers and sisters.

"It is obligatory upon them not to fear people but to fear God. It

is obligatory upon them to hold on to their values of their religion, their true religion, and not compromise out of fear. It is obligatory upon them to speak a true word. And by doing so, those people who don't understand you will respect you," he said.

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OPINION

Holiday cheer is way too near

Although Christmas only comes once a year, you wouldn't know it by visiting shopping malls.

By RACHEL CRIBBS Editor in Chief

The holidays come earlier and earlier every year. We just barely finish Halloween and suddenly the populace is hit with a barrage of commercials of Christmas music, Christmas sales and Christmas memories.

In reality, Christmas is just another consumer-driven holiday that gets us out of school for about a month and lifts the weight in our wallets because we buy useless junk for people we don't really like in the first place.

Come on, Halloween is a great holiday. We're allowed to dress up and pretend to be someone we're not. Then we have Thanksgiving. We are

allowed, for one day, to stuff our faces with turkey and watch family members try to cook.

But can we enjoy this time? No, because we are too busy dodging Christmas ad bullets. And the problem is getting worse. Even before October began, evening television shows were airing commercials advertising "Bing Crosby sings the Classic Christmas Collection."

We haven't even decided on a costume yet and already that man is crooning "White Christmas." Please. Each holiday has its own month, but it seems Christmas has bled over into November and October. It will not have September as well.

If Christmas continues to grow we won't have any other holidays at all. We will spend the other 364 days preparing for that one capitalist's dream day: Easter and St. Patrick's Day will cease to exist. They will become ordinary days devoted to shopping for that perfect Christmas gift.

Christmas is no longer a day celebrating peace and good will to men. It is a lucrative business venture that reaps great rewards for every good (and bad) boy and girl.

The magic of Santa Claus has become a parent writing out a fat check to toy stores. The anticipation of that exciting morning is beaten senseless by endless sales and ads reminding, no clobbering people with the knowledge that Christmas is coming.

Perhaps if Christmas ads were restricted to just December we would have a chance to appreciate the season.

Yes, ads for the holiday should only be in December. Christmas is at the end of the month for heavens sake, that gives every store an entire month to advertise their endless sales and perfect gifts.

But that might not do any good because the hypocrisy of what Christmas has become is almost laughable.

Do most people even know why we put up trees in our homes? Probably not. They are worried about what is going under that evergreen plant in the living room.

We spout all this peace and love nonsense and put up Nativity scenes in our homes and say patronizing things like "the reason for the season." Yeah, right. You know what the reason for the season is now? Capitalism. Plain and simple.

That is why are we so anxious to open our checkbooks to Pier 1, to listen to Bing Crosby on overpriced CDs or to see our relatives open that salad shooter.

We want to remember the reason for the season, but we end up paying for that reason earlier every single year.



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Sobriety checkpoints fail at stopping those sly drunken drivers

If you're not 16, you can't drive. If you're under 21 you can't drink alcohol — in public anyway.

But no matter what age you may be, drinking and driving is not allowed anywhere in the U.S.

It may be law, but it's not the case. Hundreds of thousands of people, and I'm not being conservative when I say this, drink alcohol and then proceed to drive home or to another party.

And every weekend across the country, police and other law enforcement agencies have sobriety checkpoints along busy streets and highways. Every weekend, lots of drunks get thrown in the slammer and booked for DUI.

I encountered one of these checkpoints over the Labor Day holiday. My friends and I had a few drinks. I was driving and can honestly say that I had one beer and we decided to wait for an hour before going to drop off our friends.

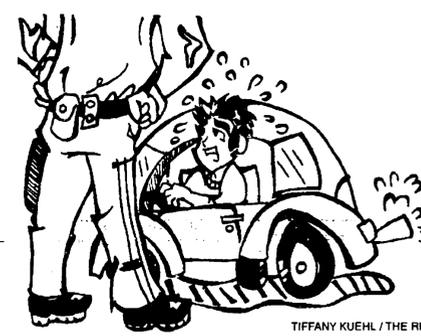
Driving along Truxtun at 1 a.m., nothing was out of the ordinary. Traffic was subdued and most people were already home.

A sheriff's patrol car whizzed by, over the speed limit, toward where I was about to turn. As soon as I turned the corner, I knew my fatal mistake. I had started the car toward a checkpoint. There was no turning back.

Once we rolled up to the first cop, I knew that this was not going to be pretty. He asked for my license and the registration. He looked at my



Daniel F. Hunt Opinion Editor



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friends and I, light shining in our eyes and said "Pull up there."

He pointed to the side street and we were signaled to the car, turn off the engine and get out, one by one.

Two officers approached me and there were police everywhere. They asked how much I had to drink. I responded, "Not enough."

I fielded five sobriety tests and after asking me 20 questions, they told me to sit on the curb next to my friends. They knew we were not intoxicated, searched our car for drugs and booze and — grudgingly — let us go.

But as I drove away, blessing myself that I had not slipped up, I wondered why do we even need these checkpoints?

Simply put, placing these officers at a checkpoint to pick up the drunks is not a good use of time. They could

be putting effort toward the thieves that break into cars and prevent shootings.

I don't think I should have been on the road. I don't think anyone who drinks and drives should get away with it. But I think that there are enough cops around when there aren't checkpoints to spot the ones who may be drinking and driving.

These checkpoints are a fun challenge for those who try to beat the system. There have been enough checkpoints that people know where to go and where not to go.

There have been enough checkpoints that people know where to go and where not to go. It's been more than three months and I still refuse to drive Truxtun extension. People have trained themselves into acting sober.

And the ones who are good enough to not drink and drive, roll up to these checkpoints and get hassled. It's not a win-win for anyone.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rip review of movie misleads readers about film's content

First of all let me say that I am a big fan of The Rip.

Every Friday when it comes out I like to read it. But I was really disappointed to read the movie review about "Mulholland Drive."

Don't get me wrong. I am a huge fan of freedom of speech, but not a fan of misrepresentation and misinformation.

Mr. Knaggs talks about the plot of the movie and then moves on to what seems to be his favorite scene in the movie, the lesbian scene. And he claims this would be a great family film because of this.

Unhuh, I wonder what type of movies his children may be watching in the future.

I do know many parents who would not want their children, whether they are heterosexual or homosexual, watch some "Nudity

(that) thrives in the lesbian scenes" as quoted by Mr. Knaggs.

He is up the stereotype that men like nudity scenes, or that all men like nudity scenes, or that all men like nudity scenes either, they're hot as hell," as quoted by Mr. Knaggs as well.

and he is also representing that The Rip agrees with the idea that nudity scenes in movies are great and should be a family movie.

A suggestion if I may. Next time a movie review comes out, especially a controversial movie such as this, make sure you read the reviews and Knaggs your writers about what is being written, and be careful what you as The Rip endorse to something as a family film.

Terry L. Cranfill Student

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Advertisement for The Renegade Rip staff listing members like Daniel F. Hunt, Rachel Cribbs, and others.

'GADE FEEDBACK' section featuring portraits and quotes from various people.

Of men and movies

Daniel and Todd know a lot about movies, but little about life.

Editor's note: Staffers Daniel F. Hunt and Todd E. Swenson speak candidly about "Shallow Hal," a new movie in theaters. The commentary reflects how many young men talk about sex, women and movies. This article contains profanity and adult content.

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
AND TODD E. SWENSON
The Renegade Rip

Daniel: "Do you consider this movie a dramedy?"
Todd: "I consider it more of a comedy."

Daniel: "I do as well, simply because, yes, it was funny. There were also some points where I felt the emotion, the sadness, the heartbreak, the love. Nobody likes to see a girl with a few extra pounds get hurt."
Todd: "Of course not, because it's un-PC."

Daniel: "The movie touched me because I try to look at people from the inside. The outside doesn't mean a whole lot."
Todd: "Bullshit."

Daniel: "I think that it speaks volumes about how society is."

Todd: "I would agree, but after seeing this movie, I still wouldn't go out with a big chick."
Daniel: "I don't know, what would you call fat?"
Todd: "I don't know, about 300 pounds is obese."

Daniel: "100 pounds over?"
Todd: "A bit chubby, wait, 50 pounds over I can deal with. It's based on a height-weight thing. It seems screwy to me. I'm 6'1" and 30 pounds overweight."

Daniel: "I think the whole over-weight thing is overrated. I'm overweight. I look nice. Just a bit husky."
Todd: "But you're not overweight." (laughs)

Daniel: "I like a few pounds on a girl, something to hold on to. You can't have these skinny chicks. If a real skinny girl and I hooked up, I'd break her in two. But here's the thing I hated about the movie. Why don't we just change Jason Alexander's name to George Costanza? He plays himself in every (expletive) movie."
Todd: "I know. That tail thing."

Daniel: "Oh, shit."
Todd: "As the audience laughed, I was thinking, 'Talk about deformity.' Here this guy is saying, 'Oh, she's too ugly' or 'Her middle toe is one inch too long' or 'She's fat.' Now that's shallow."

Daniel: "It looked like they put his, you know, on the back side."
Todd: "That's just unnatural."
Daniel: "Jack Black is not a half-bad looking guy."

Todd: "He is, he's a little bit pudgy. But I think it adds to his character."
Daniel: "He's a little heavyset."

Todd: "He's a great comedian."
Daniel: "He's got the uni-brow thing going, which was mentioned in the movie. I wonder if Jack Black gets action."
Todd: "Jack Black (said) he thought Gwyneth Paltrow was hot. Personally, I don't think so."
Daniel: "I think she's hot. She put on a few pounds for the movie."
Todd: "I don't really like her face. She's got the whole pouty thing going on."

Daniel: "She's really pale."
Todd: "Oh my God, she's white. Pale is not the word. The blonde hair, that makes her look pale."
Daniel: "I'd do her nonetheless."
Todd: "I don't think I would. But the neighbor, Jill. Damn she's hot!"
Daniel: "Yeah, I'd let her call me her bitch. If I was entranced into believing an ugly chick looked like Gwyneth Paltrow, I wouldn't care. I wouldn't care what anyone said."

Todd: "Have you hooked up with a big chick before?" (long pause)
Daniel: "I thought the actors in the movie, they were beating their characters to death. It was too stereotypical."
Todd: "They were lying way too hard."
Daniel: "Their cheesiness, it was like a Fox News Channel special."
Todd: "Awful."
Daniel: "I know Gwyneth Paltrow is a better actor. I know Jack Black is half-way decent. I know George Costanza ... What is his (expletive) name ... I mean Jason Alexander, I know he has one routine. But damn it, c'mon people."

Todd: "The acting could have used some ..."
Daniel: "Table salt."
Todd: "Spice."
Daniel: "Right."
Todd: "A bit of variety."
Daniel: "I'm thinking oregano."



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Jack Black reacts to a pair of extra large panties thrown to him by Gwyneth Paltrow in the new comedy "Shallow Hal."



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'GADE NEWSLINE

Singers to hold holiday concert

Bakersfield College Chorale and Chamber Singers will hold a holiday festival at East Bakersfield High School Dec. 4. The concert begins at 7 p.m. General admission is \$10 and \$5 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

'Latins Anonymous' opens Nov. 29

"Latins Anonymous" opens Nov. 29 and runs Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 6, 7 and 8. Held in the BC Indoor Theater, the performance will take place at 8 p.m. General admission is \$8, \$5 for students and seniors. Children under 7 will not be admitted.

Cross country team sells candy

The women's cross country team is selling See's candy for Christmas as its annual fund-raiser. The candy can be ordered between now and Nov. 21. The candy will be delivered the week of Dec. 3. To place an order, contact a track and field athlete or call 395-4259 for more information.

Important dates for BC students

- Nov. 21 — No evening classes.
- Nov. 22-23 — Thanksgiving holiday.
- Nov. 26 — Last day to withdraw from semester-length classes with a "W."
- Dec. 14 — Final exams begin.

— Compiled by staff writer Estella Aguilar

CLUB CORNER: LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION



Ryan Herringway, left, shows Colleen Redman an LDSA survey.

Thirty students are members of a join, no matter what their religious beliefs are. Bakersfield College club that advocates ideas of everyone, no matter what religion they are from." "Everyone is welcome to join and be a part of it."

Wiley originally joined the club by visiting the church's Institute of Religion, which is across the street from BC. "Between classes I would hang out here and I eventually joined," he said. "A lot of members here joined just by hanging out here. It's a lot of fun."

LDSSA also holds dances once a month to benefit the church and has its own equipment, such as a disco ball and music. The club also holds religious classes and game activities in the institute on weekends. Wiley said all are welcome to come. "We invite everyone to come, the entire BC student body."

Wiley said the club invites all students to work with other clubs is one of the goals of the LDSSA, Wiley said. The club members have done service projects on campus and have some planned as well, such as working in the library, tutoring and cleaning up around campus. Wiley said the club invites all students to

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CRIME BEAT

Auto break-ins, bike theft strike campus

A pair of vehicle break-ins and a bike theft occurred within days of each other.

Campus police reported that the driver-side window of a 1985 red Toyota Celica in the southwest parking lot was forced down, and a stereo face along with two speakers were stolen from the car at 8 p.m., Nov. 5.

The next day, a green 1999 Toyota Tacoma truck was broken into in the southeast parking lot. Campus police reported that more than \$800 in items were stolen including a CD and player, four cymbal plates and 30 drumsticks.

Also, campus police reported that a dark green mountain bike chained to the stop sign at the northeast corner of the southwest parking lot was stolen between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Nov. 8.

— Compiled by staff writer Micayla Ellison

MOVIE MINUTE



Hollywood veterans Gene Hackman and Danny DeVito star in "Heist," a movie that says it isn't just plain love that "makes the world go round," but rather the love of gold. Hackman plays Joe Moore, the leader of a group of professional burglars, including Bobby (Delroy Lindo), Pinky (Ricky Jay) and Fran (Rebecca Pidgeon), Joe's wife. The group — funded by greedy crime lord Bergman (DeVito) and accompanied by Bergman's nephew, Jimmy Silk (Sam Rockwell), who is there to ensure the fair distribution of the goods — plans to steal a load of gold from a

Swiss cargo plane in a plot filled with enough twists and betrayals to leave the audience's heads spinning as they leave the theater. "Heist," while a relatively good film, does suffer from its slow pacing and a lot of thief jargon. Also, while the many twists kept the film unpredictable, it also made the plot hard to follow in some points. This film was a steal at the matinee price of \$5.50. But if had to pay the full price to see Hackman, I'd rather wait until "Behind Enemy Lines" opens in two weeks.

— By Online Editor Jarrod M. Graham



Bergman (Danny DeVito, right) tells Joe (Gene Hackman) how it is in "Heist."

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BC volleyball ties as conference champs

BY DEMETHRASHIS BLACKMON
Sports Editor

All season long, the BC volleyball team has been making big time plays and scoring big wins. Now, all of that hard work has paid off in the form of at least a tie for the Western State Conference Southern Division title, the team's first since 1997.

"We have a talented group and I knew we would go far," said Julie Ryan, who is in her first year as coach for the 'Gades. Dan Dulcich, who handles all of the statistics and records, assists Ryan on the bench.

Tied with L.A. Pierce for the conference title, the 'Gades (18-3 overall, 10-2 WSC) used a combination of devastating kills, timely digs and suffocating defense in the title-clinching game against Citrus College on Tuesday at the Gil Bishop Center. The 'Gades won the first two games of the match 30-24 and 30-25.

The third game was close the entire way. BC started out a little sluggish after Citrus (10-7 overall, 7-5 WSC) grabbed an 11-7 lead. Both teams went back and forth for the rest of the game, but it was Citrus who pulled out a hard fought win, 35-33.

"We decided to fight," said BC setter Heather Tape, after losing the third game. "I think we thought we had already won it." Tape, a talented freshman, led the team with 45 assists.

The 'Gades wasted little time in the fourth game,

racing out to a 9-0 lead. Citrus closed the gap at 17-13, but the night belonged to BC as the team closed out The Owls, 30-19.

"Once we got started, we knew we were going to take it," said Ryan about the fourth game. "We did not want to go to a fifth game."

Freshman outside hitter Rya Baker, who played almost the entire game, led the team with 13 kills. She also had 19 digs and four service aces. Baker was spelled midway through the fourth game by Cora Crisler.

"We have a lot of talent on this team and we know it," Baker said. "So we are playing with a lot of heart and desire and we want to make it to playoffs and do the best we can."

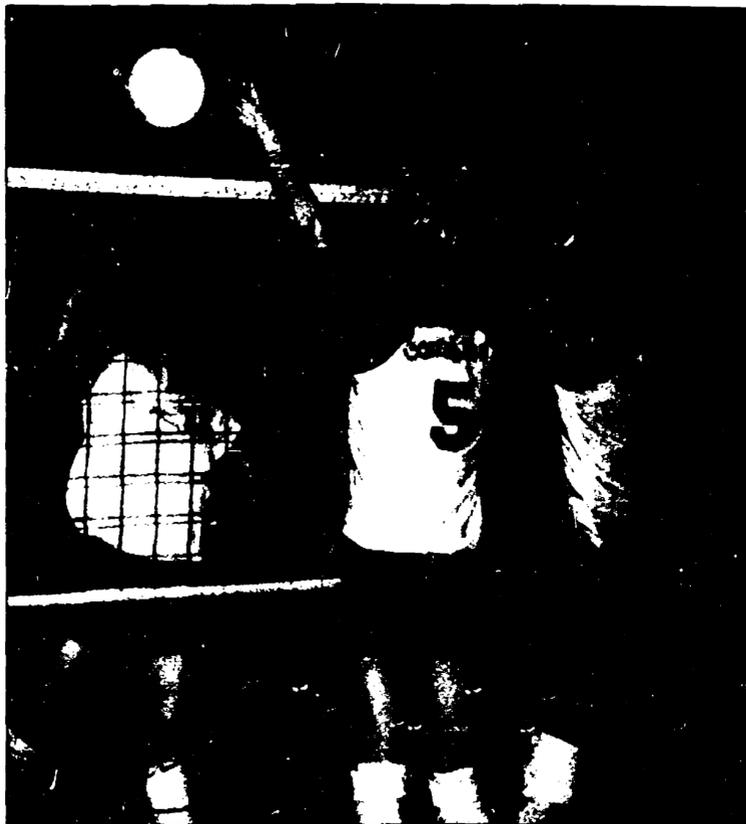
Outside hitter Kim Harper also played an excellent game. She recorded 12 kills and 25 digs.

The 'Gades have had a focus that goes beyond wins. One hundred percent effort plays are rewarded with what Ryan calls "Gades points."

"We try to focus more on that throughout the game rather than a win or a loss," she said. "That's more important when we walk out of this gym. It's about working hard, your work ethic and overall effort, which will be a learning experience in life, and not just on the court."

Playoff seedings will be determined Saturday. With the 'Gades clinching a share of the conference title, they may host a first round home game on Nov. 20.

BC's Stacy Segeberg, left, goes for the spike as College of the Canyons players Heather Rod, middle, and Adrienne Winkle, right, jump to block during the Nov. 8 game. BC won the match.



Andrew T. Mullican / The Rip

Potato Bowl bid on the line for 'Gades in Saturday season finale

BY LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

Everything is on the line for the Bakersfield College Renegades. Winning this Saturday is the only way that BC can stay in contention for a Potato Bowl invitation. A Potato Bowl victory would secure a state championship berth.

But when the 'Gades step on the field of Memorial Stadium Saturday to take on the Santa Barbara Vaqueros, the team may resemble a bunch of war veterans to the BC fans.

The 'Gades have suffered injuries to key players while on the road the last two weeks.

The road trips proved to be costly to the 'Gades in the injury column as well as in the win-loss column. The Owls of Citrus squeezed out a one-point win over BC by blocking a point after touchdown try that would have given the 'Gades an edge in the conference standings over Glendale College.

BC did manage to come home with a 21-16 come from behind victory over the Vaqueros of

Glendale, so BC and Glendale are now tied for the Western State Conference, Mountain Division lead.

If BC wins and Glendale loses, the 'Gades will most likely receive the bid to the Potato Bowl.

If they both win their last games, BC would still receive the bid because they beat the Vaqueros in head-to-head competition.

This means a win against Santa Barbara is crucial if the 'Gades hope to compete in postseason games. And the contest with Santa Barbara won't be easy.

According to Santa Barbara head coach Carmen Dipalo, the Vaqueros prepare all season for the game with BC.

"This is like our Super Bowl," Dipalo said. "It affects our pride. This is what we talk about all season long, playing a team like Bakersfield, who has class and tradition on their side. It's always a pleasure to play against one of the best programs in the country in a place like Memorial Stadium."

Even though a few of the injured will play for BC, starting players

Robert Thomas, Russell Handy on offense and defensive back Randy Jordan will be missing in action for the final home game of the season.

The 14-13 overtime loss to Citrus College on Nov. 3, along with the high number of injuries, has left a sour taste in the mouth of head football coach Dallas Grider.

"Injuries do play a roll in key games," he said. "These are tangibles that you have to deal with during the season."

Since the 'Gades have not captured the conference title

outright, the outcome of the Santa Barbara game will affect the Commission on Athletics poll Sunday, which will decide who the Kern County Shriners will invite.

"It looks like they have a good chance," said Ned Driggers, of the shrine club said. "It depends on the final COA Poll which comes out Sunday. Having Bakersfield College in the Potato Bowl is a plus because the 'Gades draw great community support, which in return is a bigger donation to the children in the hospital."



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'Gades go for gold in Potato Bowl

Charity game pits team against Marauders to benefit children.

BY LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College Renegades will host the Antelope Valley Marauders in the 50th Annual Invitational Shrine Potato Bowl on Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The 'Gades have participated

in 25 previous Spud Bowls and have recorded 16 victories.

"This is a prime sporting event," said assistant coach of the Marauders, Frank Blua. "I would like to acknowledge the Kern County Shrine Club for all the work they do. It's legendary."

While both teams are hoping to notch a victory in the record books, the true victors will be the children at the Los Angeles Shriners Hospital. The proceeds from the game provides free medical care to children who are in need of attention. Monica Hernandez, who is the 2001

Potato Bowl queen, has had 15 surgeries through the Shriners.

"Without the help of the Shriners, I wouldn't be able to walk," Hernandez said. "I have met a lot of nice people."

Even though the winning team receives a trophy and the glory, coaches and players from both teams agree that it is the children who inspire and make the game worthwhile.

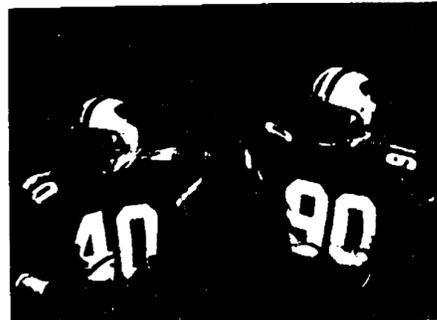
BC assistant coach Scott Douglas said that a tour of a Shriners Hospital had an impact on his life.

"I played in the 1979 Potato Bowl. I

hope the players have an appreciation for what the Shriners have put into this," he said. "It is tradition to play in the Shrine Potato Bowl and it is our top goal every year. Antelope Valley will be a very formidable opponent. But in the end it's the children who benefit."

The Kern County Shrine Club is one of the most active as far as locating patients to take down to the Los Angeles Shriners Hospital for Children, said Shrine Club member Ned Driggers.

"We locate about 75 patients a year to



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BC players Brandon Randle, left, and Cody Ballard celebrate the Nov. 17 victory against Santa Barbara City College.

BPD officer settles into campus role

How Jamison will handle arrests 'hasn't been discussed.'

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Editor in Chief

Instead of going to jail, students who commit minor offenses often are escorted to the Dean of Students office, according to Sgt. Jess Soto, BC campus police chief.

That's a big change from what many police officers experience during a typical day. Escorting students to the dean instead of arresting them is one example of how minor crimes are handled in college environment.

"That hasn't come up," according to Senior Officer John Jamison, a Bakersfield Police officer assigned to patrol the college alongside campus police.

Jamison is the only armed officer on campus since Kern Community College District officials don't allow campus police to carry guns.

BC's virtually crime-free environment is a welcome change for the 12-year law enforcement officer.

Since his arrival in early October, the transition from patrolling the streets to policing the campus has been a welcome one.

"When I was assigned, I was excited about it," Jamison said, who's been with BPD since 1994. "It's a different sense of law enforcement. There's virtually no crime on the campus. Just the sheer number of calls that a BPD officer gets, it's not like that here."

Jamison said he liked the change from being out on the street, taking calls. He now gets a chance to do community policing in an educational environment.

"When you're out on the street, you're going from call to call," Jamison said. "It's different and not as fast-paced as working the street. When I got here, I was treated with great respect. Before my car was my desk, now I've got an office with a desk."

According to Soto, it's been the practice of campus police to escort students who commit minor crimes and disruptions to the dean's office.

"We're not in the process of getting rid of students," Soto said. "If it's no injury and it's very minute, we'll handle it administratively. It's



Jamison

good police practice."

Soto did comment that serious crimes on campus, in years past, would be filed directly with the District Attorney's Office.

How Jamison will handle minor or major arrests has not been clearly outlined or discussed, according to Michelle Bresso, director of public information, who sat in on the interview with Jamison Tuesday.

"We haven't discussed that yet, it hasn't come up," said Jamison. "I'm a senior officer. I authorize my arrest."

Bresso interjected that sending students to the dean's office instead of arresting them isn't so much of a policy as it is letting the administration know of situations that arise on campus.

Jamison was asked if he would. "That hasn't been discussed," answered Bresso. "I imagine it would just be out of courtesy."

Jamison corroborated that it would be a courtesy but he said that so far, no one has done anything to warrant arrest.

Bresso said that she had not heard of specific instances where students were sent to the dean.

"That's not a policy," Bresso said. "I don't know where that would be written. ... I feel that may be a practice but it's not something that is done (often), simply because, like Officer Jamison said, there's not a lot of crime going on."

But in a later interview, Soto discussed the practice.

"We all read from the same book," Soto said. "We interpret things differently."

Jamison, who's also a field training officer for BPD, said that his welcome to the campus has been warm from faculty and students.

"Everyone has welcomed me," Jamison said. "BC is a great package, top to bottom. It's a great school and the people here are great."

Like the BC security police who walk around on campus, he is frequently on foot, or driving a patrol car, to be visible and ensure safety.

Once a student of the police

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Identity crisis

'Latin's Anonymous' deals with pride and cultural heritage

BY MARIA EUTSLER
Rip staff writer

A woman of Latin descent denies her race in a scene from "Latin's Anonymous."

"She is in denial of her heritage," said Kimberly Chin, the director of the play.

"She says that her name is not Garcia that it is Garsa, that she really is French and not a Latina. So she goes to this woman who's kind of like an Oprah Winfrey type, and tells her that she's going to dye her hair blonde and change her name. Then the Mayan Defense League comes to save her."

"Latin's Anonymous" is a play based on the idea that everyone, not just people of Latino heritage, should be proud of who they are.

"Hopefully it speaks to everyone: that comes to see it that you should be proud of your cultural background," Chin said.

"It's a satire, really, it consists of 21 acts, some would classify them as short scenes but they are complete little plays."

Stephanie Jett, a sophomore, is one of the six actors in the play.

"The main character I will be playing is Isabella. We will be taking on different roles so there are a

number of characters," she said. "My favorite character is Lolana. She is a Latina woman who knows what she wants and knows how to get it."

Originally there were only four actors but Chin thought that it was important to have more students and auditions resulted in a strong turnout.

"Latin's Anonymous" opened Thursday and continues Saturday, as well as Dec. 6, 7, and 8 at 8 p.m. in the BC Indoor Theater.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$8 and students with ID are admitted for \$5. No children under six years old allowed and adult language and situations are in the play.

"There will be all sorts of costumes. Everything from zoot suits to ancient Aztec, ancient Mayan outfits and crazy game show hosts," said Traci Ladue, costume designer for the play. "We really run the full gamut."

"I can't praise them enough," Jett said. "This really is the best play I have ever been involved in," she said.

Right now the Theater Department is without a technical director. The only problem so far with production is the lack of the backstage crew.

"We really need about five lighting operators," said Jeffery Bewick, one of the student technical directors.

Anyone interested in helping out with production should contact Chin at 395-4388.



Top: Cheyenne Hernandez rehearses a scene of "Latin's Anonymous."

Bottom: Steve Dias practices his scene in his costume.

Photos by Alyssa D. Stumbo / The Rip

Friends, family push for Norm Hoffman memorial on campus

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
Editor in Chief

The family and friends of Norm Hoffman may soon have a monument on campus commemorating his more than 30 years of teaching at Bakersfield College.

The longtime health professor, who was killed while riding his bike on March 14, may be memorialized with an area adjacent to the Language Arts building, just north of the new pool, according to Ron Jones, a friend of Hoffman and part-time BC instructor.

Shortly after his death, Hoffman's family and friends started coming up with ways to pay tribute to the award-winning cyclist.

Jones worked with Kristen and Grant Hoffman, the professor's children, to figure

out what would be best.

He said that everyone wanted to do something that Hoffman would have liked, something that celebrates the health and exercise principles he believed in.

According to Jones, the Norm Hoffman Memorial will be a place where cyclists will be able to securely hold their bikes.

A plaque, inscribed with a dedication to Hoffman, will be placed near it, with boulders and trees to beautify the area.

"It was decided that the best thing to do was to isolate one project," Jones said. "And with the blessing of his children, we decided that needed to be at Bakersfield College. Because if you knew Norm Hoffman, you knew that he loved BC more than anything else."

Jones, along with Kristen met with BC officials earlier in the year and set up a foundation fund through the college.

"(BC) thought it was a good idea," Jones said. "They didn't feel like it would be a problem getting approved."

Jones said that BC officials have been slow about moving forward with the idea, but according to Linda Quinones-Vaughan, BC's director of administrative services and external affairs, the plan is starting to move into place.

BC officials met with the Addington Partnership, a local architectural firm, Wednesday to examine the proposed location.

On Dec. 13, a facilities naming committee will meet to decide on approval of the memorial and its features.

"I think it's an excellent way of recognizing an individual who had years of commitment to our students, our faculty, our administration; the overall constituency of this campus," she said. "I look forward to the committee's review and affirmative approval."

Hoffman taught health classes on campus and was an award-winning, nationally recognized cyclist.

In 1994, he was diagnosed with primary sclerosing cholangitis, a rare and fatal liver disease. Jones said that Hoffman was the kind of person who wouldn't let anything get him down, especially a disease.

Jones said he hopes that the plans are finalized soon.

"We need to design the memorial site so

it goes beyond Norm Hoffman, the person," Jones said. "It's really about what he stood for: community, health and fitness for everyone."

"If you really knew who he was, yeah, he was a world-famous athlete," he said. "But he, on countless occasions, helped people that had various diseases, who were in all kinds of states of fitness."

"As long as people had an opportunity to exercise and be healthy then he was happy with that," Jones said. "That was his mission in life."

Quinones-Vaughan said BC is accepting donations for the memorial through the family's BC foundation account.

Jones' Hoffman memorial Web site is at <http://www.ronjones.org/normhoffman.htm>.

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BY JARROD M. GRAHAM
Online Editor

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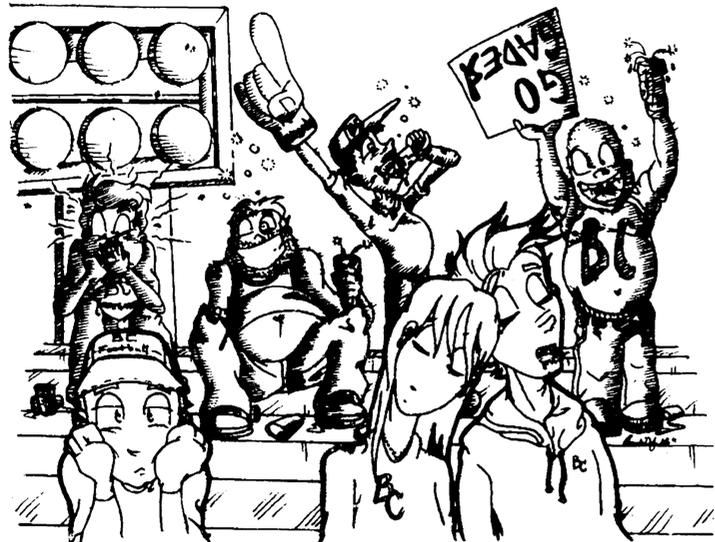
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Should BC sell beer during games?



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Alcohol would attract more fans

Attendance at Bakersfield College football games is on the decline, so it's time to rethink the strategy for increasing those ticket sales. If BC sold beer during all its football games throughout the year, attendance would be higher.

Currently, the Helmet Club, a campus alumni organization, sells beer before home games, but sales stops one half hour before games begin.

But what about those who don't arrive until the game has already started? This problem could be rectified by a change in the state law regarding the vending of beer at community college sporting events.

According to BC Athletic Director Jan Stuebeck, state law prohibits beer sales unless an event isn't student related.

However, when professional teams rent out the stadium, beer is fair game. This needs to change. Beer should be sold at all games.

As long as everyone is carded, it shouldn't make a difference.

Currently, the Bakersfield College Foundation is the entity that will decide who applies for a license to sell alcohol from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, according to campus policies and procedures.

So anybody who wishes to sell beer at any event must seek approval from the foundation before anything else can be done. Perhaps the foundation could lobby for this needed change in state law so beer could be sold during all home games.

Those naysayers who would be against this change should look at other Bakersfield sporting or entertainment events.

For instance, the Kern County Fair always draws a large crowd, thanks largely in part to the beer it sells throughout the day. Local concerts, such as oldies concerts that are targeted toward the legal age crowd, also fare well when beer is sold.

Beer is the key to drawing crowds in Bakersfield. This is not to say that beer should take sole credit for getting people through the door. But beer sales are part of the draw.

It is time for campus officials to take the lead in pursuing such a change in the law. Allowing beer to be sold during the games instead of only before them will increase attendance.

Pepsi and bottled water are great, but why not have something for everyone? Let's give people additional incentives to watch Renegade football.

This will cause one less headache for BC before and after the games.

PRO

Henry Franco
Staff writer

Selling booze at games is not appropriate

Bakersfield College does not officially sell alcohol at its home football games, but the Helmet Club does.

At every game in the BC football season, the Helmet Club, a BC alumni organization, obtains a permit to sell beer outside the BC stadium to tailgaters.

They shut down all beer sales a half an hour before the game starts, said Pat Coyle, the director of food services at BC.

While this is not BC officially supporting drunkenness, BC still allows beer to be sold where minors are present.

Coyle said that food services merely supervises beer sales. According to Coyle, he makes sure the alcohol is sold during the right times and in the right places.

BC, a community college that caters to a wide variety of ages, is not



Rachel Cribbs
Opinion Editor

"officially" selling alcohol, but it allows an outside group to come in and sell it instead.

No alcohol should be sold at any school event. BC is still a school, and as such should not sell alcohol at its official functions.

It doesn't matter if it is sold in the parking lot by an outside group or that food services shuts down all distribution before the game, it is still beer at a school function. BC authorizes the vending of beer, so any way you look at it, the college condones alcohol.

Besides, a half an hour is certainly not enough time for people to get sober so they can watch a football game.

Why is selling beer even necessary at a BC game in the first place?

The main priority of the people there should be to cheer on our Renegades, not make sure they're at the stadium an hour before the game so they can get smashed.

BC has a four-page policy on beer distribution, but selling beer can create more problems for campus security.

It is difficult to card everyone, let alone control those who are over 21 who get hammered right before the game.

This causes an enormous liability for BC if a drunken football fan drives home and causes an accident.

One major injury or death after a game could create a campus nightmare. BC should not be involved in vending alcohol in any way. Beer sales must stop at college functions.

This will cause one less headache for BC before and after the games.

CON

Elizabeth Moore
Classified staff member

Administrators must stop threatening layoffs for classified workers

How many times have we read this headline: "Bakersfield College classified staff to be laid off," a story that strikes fear into the hearts of those people who keep the campus running.

It seems that every year, the administration, the district, or both get themselves and BC into a financial hook.

Every time it happens, you can be sure of one thing: the threat of a classified layoff. It must play head games with classified staffers.

"The morale is lower than I could have ever conceived," said Del Allen, head of the classified union who spoke to *The Rip* in a recent interview.

People are physically ill. This is terrorism. But rest assured, the people who keep the campus clean, who process your enrollment forms and answer the phones, won't go without

a fight, according to Allen. "We'll fight tooth and nail," he said. "If it comes down to the classified staff paying for the administration's mistakes, I'll turn into a junkyard dog."

He's got a point. The 50-50 rule, if you're unfamiliar with it, is a state mandate that says 50 percent of funding that the school receives must go toward classroom instruction. That means the other 50 percent goes toward everything else; administration pay, campus beautification and yes, the classified payroll budget.

Now that layoffs at BC have been averted, let's not forget that five classified staffers at Cerro Coso College are losing their jobs because of the district's financial problems.

That's poor management on the district's part. BC administrators gave themselves a pay raise, even though budget problems existed.

It time for all segments of the district and campus to build realistic budgets. BC needs to stop



GERARDO DELGADILLO / THE RIP

classified staffers are worth having around.

Staffer criticizes district layoffs

The Kern Community College District is only going to lay off five people. That is five people too many and that is ludicrous. These people need their jobs like the rest of us.

Classified people did not cause the financial problem, the district did. Therefore, the district should bear the brunt of the layoffs.

Why are there no administrators being asked to leave or cut back their hours? Why are not assistant chancellors being asked to take a pay cut or leave?

Why are there no presidents (of the three colleges) or deans being asked to take pay cuts? How about department and/or division chairs

taking pay cut? How about anybody who is not classified or faculty?

Why is it that every time there is a reorganization the low person on the totem pole loses their job or gets hours cut back, however, the people in the penthouse don't lose a thing, not even sleep.

I noticed in *The Rip* article by Rachel Cribbs that key people who could answer these questions did not return phone calls.

Why should they, they aren't losing their jobs.

Merry Christmas to Cerro Coso, you no longer have a job. Answers anybody?

Elizabeth Moore
Classified staff member

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'GADE FEEDBACK

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What would you change about your appearance and why?

Edgar Oduni, Computer Science: "Nothing. I'm just the person I am."	Kristen Chambers, English and Art: "I'm happy with who I am. If I changed anything, I wouldn't be who God wanted me to be."	Elaine Eddington, Human Services: "Lose weight because of health reasons."	Jesse Williams, Undecided: "My stomach because it's a little too fat."	Stephanie Benskin, Business Administration: "My glasses because I can't wear sunglasses and be cool."

'GADE NEWSLINE

Ceramics sale set for Monday

A ceramics glass sale of pottery and blown glass objects will be held in the Fireside Room Monday from 10 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Park district seeks basketball coaches

North Bakersfield Recreation and Park District is accepting applications for coaches and officials to work in the 2002 after-school youth basketball program. Hours are weekday afternoons and Saturdays. The season runs from Jan. 14 to March 16, 2002. For more information, call Esther Orjivala at 392-2000.

EOP&S hosts party for disadvantaged

The Bakersfield College EOP&S/CARE program is hosting its eighth annual Christmas party on Dec. 8 at noon at Camelot Park. Seventy-five disadvantaged children are being invited to attend the event. Gift sponsors are needed. If interested, please come by the EOP&S office in Campus Center 3 and pick a child's name from the tree. Financial donations also are welcome.

'A Christmas in Kern' set for Dec. 10

Bakersfield College is hosting "A Christmas in Kern" holiday festival with an orchestra and brass choir. The event will take place on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Fox Theater. General admission is \$5 and \$3 for students and seniors. Children 12 and under are free with a ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the BC Ticket Office, 395-4326, Fox Theater, 324-1369 and World Records, 831-3100.

Art exhibit on display until Dec. 8

"Currents in Glass" will be displayed until Dec. 8 in the Wylie and May Louise Jones Gallery in the Bakersfield College library. Recent works by Ed Schmid and Elena Enos will be on display. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from noon to 8 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

—Compiled by staff writer Estella Aguilar



MOVIE MINUTE



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPYGLASS ENTERTAINMENT
Flick (Jason London) and Jenny (A.J. Cook) head for some snowboarding action.

"Out Cold," directed by the Malloy brothers, is definitely a guy flick, complete with a large-breasted Swedish chick, guys snowboarding down a huge mountain to compete for the prestigious title of King of the Mountain and absolutely no plot.

But the film bears a striking resemblance to "Casablanca" in its attempt at a plot. Despite the obvious plot rip-off, the jokes are hilarious.

The Malloys have managed to cram every guy fantasy into this film — a Swedish woman riding a mechanical bull and slapping his back — as well as every misadventure they can think of, including getting your you-know-what caught in the jet of a hot tub.

But the snowboarding is magnificent. With the amazing backdrop of Alaska's Bull Mountain, these guys do astounding snowboard tricks and the soundtrack is a must-have.

Despite the lack of any real plot, the movie's sick humor can be amusing. These snowboarders find themselves in so many misadventures that the audience doesn't care that the film lacks any point. Every guy will appreciate "Out Cold."

—By Opinion Editor Rachel Cribbs

CLUB CORNER: DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club at Bakersfield College is looking for a few good students with leadership qualities.

The Drama Club is inactive due to lack of response from students. The club is seeking out new leadership and new members to help organize activities.

Kimberly Chin, the club's adviser, said, "With the previous leaders, we were talking about doing

some field trips, such as going to some studios in Los Angeles, seeing live TV shows being taped, and going to see some plays."

The reason the club is in limbo is because its previous leaders have graduated and moved on to other things.

"I haven't really been able to reflect on exactly how this club should be organized and what we

really want to accomplish," Chin said.

The only requirement to join is an interest in theater or drama.

The club is seeking students to fill its vacant positions.

"Hopefully we'll get some excitement going and people will want to join the Drama Club," Chin said.

—By staff writer Estella Aguilar

JAMISON: BPD officer is familiar with BC, east side

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academy at BC, Jamison said he is familiar with the campus.

Before being assigned to Bakersfield College, he was assigned to patrol in the area around the campus and most of the east side of Bakersfield for four years.

He said he feels that he has a job

to do but he's not out to intimidate anyone, especially students.

"I'm not going to get into the middle of your affairs," Jamison said. "My job is to ensure that the campus remains safe."

"If you need me, I'm here for you, to put closure in whatever may happen. I'm not some cop with a gun. I'm here to help."

BOWL: Potato Bowl expected to be 'exciting'

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take to the hospital," Driggers said.

BC's strong safety James McGill, who earned Western State Conference Mountain Division Player of the Year and JC Grid-Wire's junior college All-American football team, said playing in a game of this magnitude in front of the hometown fans makes it fun.

"It's fun to put on a show for the kids," McGill said.

This Potato Bowl promises to be exciting.

The Marauders will bring an explosive offense to the table. The BC defense will have to step up and play stellar defense against a team that has broken 24 school records this season.

Pregame activities begin Saturday at 12:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the gate.

Proceeds from the Potato Bowl are presented to the Los Angeles Shriners Hospital which are then put into an Investment Program which disburses money to 22 hospitals and burns centers across the country.

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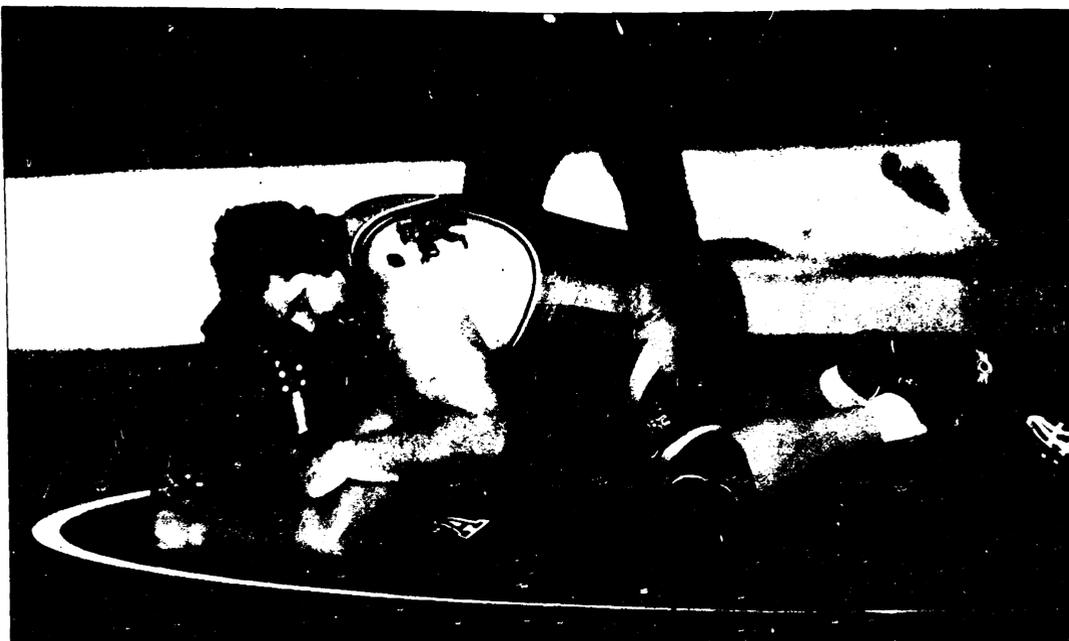
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Heavyweight Brett Clark, top, smashes Cuesta College's David Ventura during their dual meet Nov. 7. Clark will compete this weekend at state.

BC's top wrestlers gear up for state tournament

BY DEMETHRIS BLACKMON
Sports Editor

Bakersfield College has two of the most dominating wrestlers in the state in 125-pound Jason Moreno and heavyweight Brett Clark.

For the entire season, both athletes have handled their opponents, raising the confidence level of their teammates. The two will be heading into the state championships, which will be held this weekend at Santa Rosa Junior College.

The individual paths that these two wrestlers have taken to reach their success at BC have involved others, including teammates, some close personal friends and family members.

Clark's career at BC originally started in 1995-96. After graduating from Bakersfield High School, he had a tough decision to make because California community

colleges have football and wrestling competing at the same time during the year.

"When I came out of high school, I had to choose," said Clark, who has known BC wrestling head coach Bill Kalivas for years. "I chose football at that point."

Clark, 24, has been wrestling since he was 9 years old. He credits his late uncle, Jason Scroggins, four years his elder, for helping him develop a liking for wrestling at an early age.

"I followed him to practice one day and my mom and dad raised him," he said of his uncle, who was also a BHS graduate. "I was like a little brother."

It's hard to imagine Clark as a "little" anything. So far this season, the heavyweight has compiled an outstanding record that includes zero defeats.

Moreno, who is ranked No. 1 in the state at 125 pounds, started



Jason Moreno, right, prevents Cuesta's Jeld Davis from escaping. Moreno won the match 14-6.

wrestling in the second grade when he was 8 years old, primarily to fend off his older brother, George, who also wrestled at BC for one year and is now attending Fresno State. Jason developed into a quick study.

"He started wrestling before me," said the 19-year-old Moreno, who is

an undeclared major. "He would always come home and beat me up." Moreno's mother and father gave him some good advice that parents often give a younger sibling who is in the position of having to compete with an older brother. "If you want to hang with him,

you better go and see what he is doing," said Moreno. "So one day in the summer, I went to freestyle wrestling practice with him and ever since then I stuck with it."

During the South Regional tournament at Moorpark College on Nov. 17, both Clark and Moreno won individual championships.

Moreno was named South Regional Wrestler of the year after defeating Anthony Rodriguez of Cerritos College.

Clark, who has already received his college degree in history from Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., defeated Chase Gormley from Golden West to win the heavyweight title.

He is actually at BC enjoying his off-season from playing professional football for the Arena Football League's Los Angeles Avengers.

"This is my off-season, and I'm just out here having fun and just relaxing," said Clark after BC's final

home dual meet against Cuesta College.

"I feel pretty good. I still have to work on things. I can't slack off because there's a lot of guys out there that still want to beat me."

The success of the wrestling team is what both wrestlers are most proud of. The team finished the Western States Conference season with a 5-1 record, good for second place.

BC will have six wrestlers competing in the state tournament. Joining Clark and Moreno are Steve Elisondo (141), Todd Guevara (149), Fred Gutierrez (157) and Karras Kalivas (165).

"Everyone just has to stay focused. Basically it's just a mental thing," said Moreno about going into the state tournament.

"Everyone sticks together and can stay focused as one, we should be all right. If we have certain guys win big matches at the state tournament, we might have a chance."



Above: Bruce Mooney, 83, warms up by stretching his back muscles before class begins. He has been attending Shape-Up classes for almost 20 years.



Above: Don Diebel, 79, has attended Shape-Up classes since they began. He works his abdominal muscles in the BC fitness center.

Right: Diebel works out to improve his strength and muscle tone. The early morning class attracts many seniors, who say they can adjust their workouts to their fitness levels.

Photos by Todd E. Swenson / The Rip

Shaping It Up

Early morning BC class promotes fitness for students of all ages, including seniors.

BY AMBER GARCIA
Rip staff writer

It's 6 a.m. and a room full of people are bending and stretching their bodies into various positions.

No, they're not insane, they're in the Shape-Up class.

Instructed mainly by Ron Jones for the past three years, the 6 a.m. class started in 1983 to promote wellness in the community's health.

It has both 18- and 90-year-old students meeting Monday through Thursday in the gym, stretching with Jones and on Mondays and Wednesdays, the class has the choice of aerobic and circuit training with nutrition sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Jones is a certified American College of Sports Medicine Health/Fitness instructor and a USA Cycling Club coach who has taught health and P.E. in the past.

Getting up so early becomes less difficult when it becomes routine, according to several students.

"I really enjoy it," said Superior Court Judge Skip Staley, 53. "It's a little hard on the sleep, but I just feel a lot better when I do it. I've had two ruptured discs, and I wouldn't be able to play golf and tennis if I wasn't active in this class."

BC student Chad Acker, 18, said while getting up early is difficult, the class itself isn't.

"It's pretty hard to get up so early," he said. "It's not really difficult exercises. It's pretty mellow stuff."

Jones said that most of the students who have been taking the class for a long time like the changes he's made in the program.

"How do you use those core muscles throughout the day?" Jones said. "Are you always on a flat, static surface that doesn't move? Or are you carrying a bag of groceries and walking up the stairs at the same time, trying to get your keys out to open the door? It's dynamic movement, that's why you use the muscles. And it becomes more of a real-world."

Jerry Ludeke, a former BC instructor who says she's 69 and proud of it, said the class appeals to all ages.

"It's very important for all of us at any age to stay physically fit," she said. "And this is just one of the most tremendous classes; it can fit anybody, for the young ones, for the old ones, and you can adjust it. And I really feel good."

Hazel Rees, a former BC instructor who also is a senior, said that the class really works.

"I can do things that most people my age can't do," she said.

Staley said he enjoys the diverse age group.

"You have all ages here," he said. "I've been in this class almost as long as some of the ages of the younger kids in here. Some of these kids weren't even born when I started in 1983 I think, or close to that anyway. We have someone here who's 89, so I hope I'm still here when I'm 89."

"It's the biggest movement in fitness in the country, because it's the fastest growing population. You don't want to break it down by age, but by ability level."

— Ron Jones
Shape-Up class instructor

According to Jones, senior fitness is big nationwide, which is one of the reasons so many seniors are enrolled.

"We are way behind in the times here," he said. "It's the biggest movement in fitness in the country, because it's the fastest growing population. You don't want to break it down by age (though), but by ability level."

He also said one reason the Shape-Up class appeals to so many people is that it's approachable.

"It's the type of class where the structure is that everyone can do it successfully. You have to give people the chance for success," he said. "I try to give everyone the chance to be successful, but I also want to challenge them."

He said he had never worked with seniors before.

"I had to learn that a lot of people are up there for social reasons, but that's part of the wellness mantra: mental, social health is just as important in many ways as physical. And they all go together, so if you're an emotional, spiritual wreck, and in great shape, what good is it?"

He also said he has been using the class to promote fitness even more since the death of his close friend, BC health instructor Norm Hoffman.

"I don't think people understand how important he was in getting all that fitness information out into the community," he said. "I've tried to step it up since he was killed, try and fill part of that void, but I'm not Norm Hoffman."

According to Jones, the class was once more comprehensive, with blood tests and fitness assessments, but has experienced cuts in the nutrition counseling and aerobics.

He said he'd like to see more money spent on fitness at BC.

"That's why this class is very important," he said. "It's a community college, so it serves a community need. If this class was eliminated, which they've talked about doing, then where else are people like this going to go?"

Ludeke agrees with Jones.

"I really hope that the administration realizes the great value of this (class)," she said. "It serves so many people; it is a wonderful community outreach, and it is preventive medicine. It saves a lot, I'm sure, in hospital and medical bills because people are staying fit, so I really hope the administration realize what a precious class this is."

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The Curves play for the girls (and for the music)

Local band plays the clubs, and tries to avoid labels.

BY AMBER GARCIA
Rip staff writer

Who says there's nothing to do in Bakersfield on the weekends?

There's always something going on with the local music scene, with plenty of bands rising from the depths of obscurity and into the limelight of Bakersfield stardom.

One such local band is The Curves. Composed of BC students Jeff Gray, 19, on guitar and lead vocals, Chris Hunter, 18, on guitar and vocals and Brian Boozer, 18, on drums, plus non-student Todd Douglas, 18, on bass, these guys play at Jerry's Pizza, 360 Club, Studio 45 and The Gate.

The band's next show will be held at Jerry's Pizza on Dec. 21. For more information on the band their Web site is thecurves.webhop.net.

I recently talked with the guys about their music. Below are excerpts from the interview. For the entire interview, go to www.therip.com.

Amber: "Who influenced you to play music?"

Gray: "The Beatles is the hardcore one... We'd all like to thank mom. My mom taught me how to play guitar."

Hunter: "My mom is like the most amazing musician and she totally inspired me."

Douglas: "Yeah, my mom can't play anything, she sucks. She just yells at me a lot and smacks me around. Calls me stupid."

Amber: "How would you describe your music, because people might assume you are either punk or Christian?"

Douglas: "We don't sing about naked girls."

Amber: "Well, maybe you should. I'd buy it."

Hunter: "Most of their (Christian bands) main goals are to go and save people. We don't feel like we're in any place to minister people."

Douglas: "And get paid for it. Rip them off for what they came for."

Amber: "Like stylewise though?"

Hunter: "We play a lot of rock, we play a lot of punk. We really like to avoid labels."

Amber: "So you guys are music nuts. Do you guys like to do anything else besides music?"

Gray: "I have a fetish for putting records on my ceiling."

Douglas: "Naked in the nude."

Amber: "Pretty image."

Hunter: "I would definitely say the band is my number one hobby though. Like, if I have spare time, I want to write music and play with these guys."

Boozer: "Or sleep 'til 12."

Amber: "What pumps you up before a show?"

Gray: "Acid. Lots of acid."

Amber: "Massive amounts of drugs."

Douglas: "Man, I got this one. I saw some jungle panties fly through the air. They were like an American flag, they were so big. Oh, it was scary."

Amber: "It could have been a parachute. You don't know these things. Who writes the lyrics and the music?"

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Above, Brian Boozer, drummer for The Curves, lets every emotion show on his face when the music starts. Right, The Curves rock out during a rehearsal.



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playing, I'll be the first to admit I was like, 'Man, the money's gonna be bad!'"

Douglas: "But once you found out we weren't gonna make any money?"

Hunter: "Will you let me talk? I'm gonna sock you in the nuts."

Douglas: "Sorry."

Amber: "Wouldn't it be nice to be rolling in dough though?"

Boozer: "The music's first and if you get a lot of money for it, then that's cool."

Hunter: "And these are my best friends, you know? And we want to move out together."

Douglas: "Sometimes girlfriends."

Amber: "Whoops. The big secret is out."

Hunter: "There's nothing I want to do more than play music for the rest of my life with these guys. I want to be old and wrinkled and gray, with a big, long beard, sitting with my acoustic on the porch."

Douglas: "Like ZZ Top! Yeah!"

Gray: "And then we'll start arguing, and we'll beat each other with canes."

The wizard, the witch and the SORCERER'S STONE

'Harry Potter' casts an enchanting spell over audiences.

BY JESSICA C. MILLMAN
Features Editor

Magical spells. Flying broomsticks. Wizards and unicorns. Goblets and witches. From early childhood, children believe that somewhere in the world, magic exists. If they can just find it, magic will be theirs to possess, their power to rule. And then children grow up and find that the world is just too small to hold magic.

This helps explain why the "Harry Potter" book series, while no paragon of children's literature, is so popular. A boy named Harry Potter, who for the first 11 years of his life is a real nobody, finds out that not only is he a wizard, but the most famous wizard who ever lived.

And now the movie "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" may be one of the most famous movies ever made, at least for its opening weekend box office.

An orphan who lives with his mean aunt and uncle, Harry

discovers in the movie that wizards co-exist with muggles (wizard-speak for humans). He is thrown into their world, attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Due to public belief that the movie should be as faithful to the book as possible, coupled with the input of the author, J.K. Rowling, the movie almost could be a scene-by-scene recount of the book. It clocks in at more than two and a half hours.

But aside from the length and a few minor flaws, the film was thoroughly delightful. Its strong point is that it brings to life Rowling's world of wizards and the Hogwarts School.

Created in rich colors, the huge sets — whether it be the school, with moving staircases, the twisting and turning Diagon Alley or the prosaically named Forbidden Forest — are fun, magical, charming entertainment, peopled with colorful characters.

Most movies based on a book come into the theater with baggage, courtesy of the high expectations of readers. "Harry Potter" is no different. The weightiest piece of baggage is the expectations of the millions of readers of the four "Harry Potter" books.

The storyline is as detailed as the book, as evidenced by the imaginative sets. (A Harry Potter theme park might be a good investment one day.)

When Harry arrives at the Hogwarts School, all the students already know his name. He is sorted into Gryffindor House, one of the four houses at the school, and he quickly becomes involved in his classes, which include charms and potion making.

Director Chris Columbus was chosen to head the film. He is a veteran of family-orientated comedies starring children, such as "Mrs. Doubtfire" and "Home Alone."

The cast of "Harry Potter" is British, adults included, and many acclaimed actors portray the eccentric teachers at Hogwarts. Alan Rickman is especially good as evil Professor Snape, sneering around and using a clipped, cold tone to his least favorite student, who happens to be Harry.

Zoe Wanamaker also is striking as Madame Hooch, the flying teacher who stalks around with glowing amber eyes and spiked silver hair. She referees all Quidditch games, the most popular



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Draco and Harry, played by Tom Felton and Daniel Radcliffe, look on in fright.

sport in the wizard world. It is a combination of basketball and rugby gone mad, played high in the air on broomsticks.

Virtual unknown Daniel Radcliffe plays the title role, and along with the rest of the child actors, especially those who play Harry's best friends Hermione and Ron, he physically embodies his character well. The trademark lightning bolt-shaped scar on his forehead, the glasses and the messy hair are all there.

All the children act adequately enough, but don't quite convey to the audience the emotion that the

characters should be feeling. However, they are quite young, and have plenty of room for growth.

Hopefully, the next movie will have slightly more character development, because there was not much time besides telling the initial story.

The Sorcerer's Stone is an object that causes conflict between those who want to use it for good, or evil. The stone causes one to have an everlasting life. Harry and his friends uncover the stone's secret while having to pass various tests of character.

While the movie suits all ages, children will enjoy it most. All the magical characters here are brought to life. Unicorns and centaurs run wild in the Forbidden Forest. Young wizards fly brooms for sport. Three-headed dogs guard secrets found under trap doors and dragon eggs are hatched. It is a world unto itself, free of the worries and frets of day-to-day life.

The movie should satisfy fans of the book. For those who have not yet read the book, this will certainly introduce them to the magical wizardry that is Harry Potter.

Rip online edition wins top honors

The Renegade Rip staff won a total of 27 awards in a variety of on-the-spot competitions and mail-in categories at the Southern California Journalism Association of Community Colleges competition this fall at California State University, Fullerton.

Both the print and online editions of The Rip won the highest honors of general excellence.

On-the-spot awards included: first place, news story, Daniel F. Hunt; third place, news story, Rachel Cribbs; second place, sports photo, Todd E. Swenson; third place, news photo, Alyssa D. Stumbo; third place, copy editing, Jarrod M. Graham; fourth place, page design (broadsheet), Daniel F. Hunt; honorable mention, editorial cartoon, Gerardo Delgadillo; first place, editorial writing, Daniel F. Hunt; honorable mention, editorial writing, Rachel Cribbs; honorable mention, feature photo, Todd E. Swenson; and honorable mention, bring-in feature photo, Todd E. Swenson.

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Above: Andrew Heideman makes a save during the first half of a Saturday game.

Left: The 6-year-old takes a break at practice to replenish a few electrolytes.

Below: Putting his gear on is a ritual before every game.

Soccer Simplicity



Being part of the Green Geckos lets 6-year-old learn about the sport.

Life is simple for 6-year-old Andrew Heideman.

Andrew has played soccer ever since he was able to walk.

A multi-sport athlete and a sports prodigy, he picked up on soccer at the age of 2, but began playing for AYSO when he was 5.

The Bakersfield boy plays because he likes the sport.

The coaches encourage the boys to learn how to play all the different positions.

Andrew's favorite positions to play

are goalie and forward.

His parents, John and Brenda Heideman, support him and his team at every Saturday game at California State University, Bakersfield. The Heideman family is responsible for the Green Geckos' team banner.

The team has done fairly well this season, but in the end, it doesn't matter whether or not it's winning or a losing season. For the kids, it only matters whether they had fun.

AYSO strongly advocates a comfortable environment where children can enjoy the sport.

But for Andrew, there's only one reason he plays.

"I like playing because it's fun," he said. "I like to score goals."



Above: Andrew makes a save during a one-touch shooting drill at a Thursday evening practice.

Top: He defensively kicks the ball up the field during the second half.

Left: A strong punt drives the ball down the field to his teammates.



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