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## Budget impact takes its toll on BC staffers

By IAN HAMILTON  
Features Editor

For students, school at Bakersfield College this year means paying more per unit, 10 percent fewer classes since last fall and paying for previously free supplies.

For teachers, it means fewer paid days and less support.

For the classified staff, this semester brought 53 layoffs and a fight over alleged unfair labor practices.

According to Janet Skibinski, president of the BC chapter of the California School Employees Association, the majority of the classified workers laid off this year were not let go correctly.

"The layoffs were not done according to our contract, nor according to the Education Code. They both clearly state, unless it's otherwise negotiated with the union, layoffs must be done the last person hired, the first person that's laid off," Skibinski said. "And it was not done that way. Positions were targeted for layoffs."

Tom Burke, assistant chancellor of administrative services for the district, said administrators are confident the layoffs were done according to seniority and the contract.

"We believe we did the classified layoffs correctly," Burke said.

Two days of negotiating over layoffs between the classified employ-

ees union and the Kern Community College District ended in an impasse, Skibinski said. As a result of their differing viewpoints, the union has filed an unfair labor practice against the district.

"We wanted them to follow the law, and they wanted to do what they pleased," Skibinski said.

The custodial grounds are just one area that felt the crunch of the budget cuts. According to Robert Day, director of custodial and grounds, due to layoffs and unfilled vacancies BC had about eight to 10 less custodians than last June.

"The level of service will not be what it was before the layoffs," Day said. "We're trying to maintain those

levels, but it is virtually impossible."

Day said the custodial staff is forced to prioritize tasks and catch things as they can. For example, he explained that an energy management person who operates the computerized cooling and heating system was laid off. The tasks of that position have now been delegated to other people who have their own duties to accomplish.

"We're trying to please everybody, but we can't please them in a timely fashion," Day said. "It is just too difficult."

Becky Hawthorne, who operates the Ticket Office in the Business Services Department, also said that she had experienced staffing prob-

lems.

"They cut all our personnel in the ticket office," Hawthorne said. "It is just me now, period."

While she would previously be helped by two student workers and the rest of her department, the student positions were eliminated and the rest of the department has been restricted from helping.

"We have less staff to serve the students," said John Griffith, director of budget and business operations. "However, we're looking for ways of streamlining and finding efficiencies to better serve students."

A mediator was brought in to help resolve the concerns of the classified union and the district.

### To our readers

Due to budget cuts, The Renegade Rip will be forced to cut back editions this semester, thereby reducing our ability to cover news of importance to you. Instead of 10 editions, The Rip plans to publish seven. We hope to publish 10 online editions. Check them out at [www.therip.com](http://www.therip.com).



LEE MAXWELL / THE RIP

Oliver North fields questions from reporters at his Sept. 11 Barnes & Noble book signing of "The Jericho Sanction."

## Book signing draws crowd

Oliver North's appearance in Bakersfield draws fans and protesters

By JENNIFER MILLS  
Opinion Editor

Admirers and protesters alike came to see Oliver North arrive for a book signing at Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

"I really admire him," said Gayle Shindler, who drove from Los Angeles to get an armful of books signed on Sept. 11. "He's just got a good heart and he really supports the military."

Others, however, were there to

protest his visit to Bakersfield, saying that the American people should be aware of the history of our country.

"I find it hypocritical for a man who sold weapons to a terrorist country to now profit off of tragedy," said Douglas McAfee, spokesman of Peace Bakersfield, a group that protests frequently.

North is a former U.S. Marine Col. who became famous during the Iran-Contra scandal of the 1980s.

Convicted of arranging secret

arms sales to Iran, North lied to Congress about the operation.

He had used the money to fund the Contras, a Nicaraguan rebel group, but his convictions were overturned when he was granted immunity after testifying before Congress.

North now hosts a weekly Fox News Channel show.

Some veterans had been waiting since 6 a.m. to be the first to greet North, and were ready to let the protesters know how they felt about their signs.

"The protesters are a disgrace to this country and the veterans who fought and died for this country," said Ned Robey, a veteran who was there to have a book signed for his grandson.

Hundreds bought his new book, "The Jericho Sanction."

Although it is the second in a series of three novels, North first began writing non-fiction books.

When asked what was stranger in his life, truth or fiction, he replied, "Truth." He did not explain why.

## Student dies on campus

By LEE MAXWELL  
Photo Editor

A Bakersfield College student collapsed in Campus Center and later died, according to Chief Mark Graf, director of public safety.

Part-time student Henry F. Clark, 31, was playing a guitar in the Campus Center area at approximately 11:35 a.m. near the cafeteria on Sept. 12 when he collapsed and began to have what appeared to be a seizure.

BC medical student Cindy Davis noticed the collapse and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Clark, according to Graf.

"Our officer was on the scene within a minute, the fire department and paramedics arrived six minutes later, took over the treatment on scene and transported Clark to Kern Medical Center by Hall Ambulance," he said.

Jeff Cameron, deputy coroner for the Kern County coroner's office, said Clark was pronounced dead on arrival at 12:14 p.m. at Kern Medical Center.

As of Wednesday, the cause of Clark's death had not yet been released pending toxicology test results. It may take up to eight weeks before tests are completed.

Davis declined to be interviewed.

## A/C failure heats up college classrooms

By DENNIS MAHAN  
Rip staff writer

Heat was the hot topic on Bakersfield College's main campus on a recent scorching Wednesday.

"It was burning up in my (humanities) Chicano history class," said Kristin Schutte, a 19-year-old political science major.

All of her Wednesday classes are held in the Humanities Building, but only her English B1A class got out early.

"We were in H-52, and she let us out like an hour early 'cause it was just way too hot in there," said Schutte.

A lightning storm may have

been the cause of a major meltdown in the air conditioning system's main chiller, which provides cool air to the bulk of the campus, according to Bob Day, director of auxiliary services. Although lightning did not hit the campus directly, "it could've just been the electrical charge in the atmosphere," said Day.

The system failure, along with the 100-degree heat outside, sent temperatures soaring in virtually every building on campus on Sept. 3, even causing the library and computer commons to shut down at 6:15 p.m., an hour and a half early.

Candice Carmona, executive

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## A time to reflect on freedom

■ The anniversary of Sept. 11 stirs up a variety of emotions during remembrance ceremony.

By CARISA A. DALTON  
Rip staff writer

No one has forgotten that scar of a day when history, lives and America was changed forever after terrorist attacks.

The world watched in sorrow and awe as the Twin Towers in New York fell to shambles.

A remembrance of 9/11 was held by Bakersfield College on the anniversary of the attacks.

As the West High Junior ROTC held American flags, the flag salute was said with passion.

"One nation under God," rang from everyone's voice in a sweet unison.

BC president Dr. Sandra Serrano spoke of being overcome by great

"It's time to remember those who are in Afghanistan and Iraq and countries around the world who are protecting us."

— Dr. Sandra Serrano,  
BC president

emotion as she remembered 9/11 and listened to the national anthem.

"However, it's a time to reflect in the freedom we enjoy in America. We are here to remember the victims and certainly the families who still suffer from the loss of family today. It's time to remember those who are in Afghanistan and Iraq and countries around the world who are protecting us."

"We are a country that can endure and overcome."

Representing the faculty was his-

tory professor Dr. Randall Beeman. Beeman told how he was from a little town in the Midwest and was always taught, "...to disdain New York and that it was full of mean people and foreigners. It was the antithesis of our little town."

After having a chance to visit New York on several occasions, both before and after Sept. 11, Beeman's view changed.

"The city is a bustling affirmation of American values. New York was and is a friendly city, full of hard working optimists."

"We were shocked that people who do not understand our strengths in our freedom chose to attack the twin towers — a mighty sign of our drive, our leadership, and our faith in a better future."

• Juanita Chrysanthou, vice president of student services, said the message for 9/11 was to move on.

"I think it's essential to have events like this especially in a college environment where what we are



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all about is learning. That's what education is all about. Making a difference and changing people's lives ... People recognize something really different happened in this country."

Students of all ages attended the commemorative event.

Son Le, a sophomore at BC, said, "I was thinking about everything that was going on that morning and it brought back many memories."

"I think it's important that we stay strong and find strength in each other to move on. It's great that students

can show respect by coming out today."

Dean of students Beto Gonzalez said that the remembrance at BC and other events in honor of September 11 "is critical to the vitality and strength of our country."

# FEATURES

## Twilight Mariachi

Bands and dancers gather at annual event organized by campus club

By JANESSICA SANCHEZ  
Sports Editor

The night was filled with laughter, dance, authentic Mexican food and tons of music to last all evening. "An Evening with Mariachis" was held Sept. 12 on campus in the Outdoor Theater here on campus.

The Chicano/Latino Business Club hosted the event for the eleventh consecutive year in a row. The event was put on to bring Bakersfield's Latino community together, to remember the Independence Day of Mexico (Mexico's Independence Day is Sept. 16) to appreciate culture, and just to bring families together. People ranging from kindergartners to adults seemed to enjoy the night of music and dance.

Bakersfield College President Dr. Sandra Serrano was in attendance.

"I enjoyed the night. I have been a part of the Mariachi festival for 11 years. I particularly enjoy the folklorico dancers, since I used to do it as a child. I really overall think this night is just a great night to reach out to the community and bring them together," she said.

Performances included Mariachi groups, folklorico dancing, speakers, and several BC alumni singing along.

Abel Nunez has performed at the event for three years.

"I have been performing since the age of 5," he said. "I've been around this music for many years. My family is from Jalisco, Mexico, so it's something I just kind of grew up with. I really enjoy performing this particular night. When ever they invite me I am more than happy to come."

Besides Nunez, three different mariachi groups also entertained. Mariachi Tenampa, Mariachi San Marcos and Mariachi Alma de Mexico played with different sounds. The key group of the night was one that came all the way from Los Angeles to perform, "Mariachi Alma de Mexico."

Juan Gonzalez, a member of "Mariachi Alma de Mexico," has played with the group since its inception. This is his third year playing at the BC event.

"Everytime I come here I really enjoy it because, it's really just a crowd pleaser night," Gonzalez said. "The crowd has for the most part never heard of any of the groups so, the purpose of the night is really just to please the crowd, and let them enjoy our music."

The finale brought each of the mariachi groups' different styles together to create a master sound. Also performing in that grand finale were the folklorico dancers, Ballet Folklorico Huastecalli, who helped put the finishing touch on an evening of music.



Araceli Solis dances in the traditional Mexican Folklorico style during Mariachi Night at the BC Outdoor Theater hosted by the Chicano/Latino Business Club.

## BC renames Campus Center

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS  
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Bakersfield College honored former Bakersfield College president Dr. John Collins by renaming Campus Center for him.

The ceremony, which attracted a number of community members, was held Sept. 10. "This building is the students' building," he said during the dedication, adding he was "very proud it's going to carry my name."

A graduate of Colings Junior College and UC Berkeley, Collins commanded an infantry unit in World War II before becoming a teacher at Bakersfield College. He later served as a veterans' counselor at BC in 1947.

Collins has served as a school counselor, history professor, men's track coach and president of the faculty association. In 1975, he helped start the Bakersfield College Foundation which has raised money for college programs and events for 28 years.

Collins left Bakersfield College when he was named founding president of Moorpark College in 1966. Nine years later, he returned to BC as president until his retirement in 1983, ending a career spanning 56 years.

"I don't remember all 56 of those years," he said.

He thanked students and BC President Dr. Sandra Serrano for naming such a central part of campus after him.

"Only a few students major in Campus Center," he joked.



Lee Maxwell / The Rip captures the dedication ceremony for the new Campus Center.

# OPINION

## Is the recall the answer to state problems?

Special election sparks debate about best direction for California's future

California is a burning building ready to fall. With \$38 billion in the hole, it has a deficit larger than the entire debt of 42 states collectively, said the July 2003 edition of Newsweek. This economic crisis is partially a result of budget over-spending by California Gov. Gray Davis.

Republicans and Democrats alike have a chance to come together and stop the destruction of California, by voting yes on the recall.

"It's not a question of whether we should recall Gray Davis, it's an issue of how long we can afford to wait," states RecallGrayDavis.com, "All the while watching California slide further into the abyss."

Although the California power crisis played a part in the deficit, most of it was a direct result of over-spending. According to Newsweek, Davis promised to save money when we had a surplus in the dot-com boom, but instead, spent more than the state had. He also did not admit to knowing the true size of the deficit when he ran and won re-election in 2002.

"It's not that the people of California are undertaxed, it's that the politicians have over-spent," said Republican candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Davis' spending spree should be reason alone to elect a new governor. Surely almost anyone could do a better job with the budget, even a Republican actor married to a Kennedy. Yet the story does not stop here. Davis continues to kill the economy with taxation and bad politics, such as the car registration fee hike.

Although Davis stated that education was his first, second and third priority in his first reign as governor, educational institutions like Bakersfield College also are suffering from Davis' misuse of state funds.

RecallGrayDavis.com raises questions over how campaign contributions affected some decisions made by the Davis' administration, such as allowing cancer causing dioxin to be dumped into waterways.

Some oppose the recall because of the amount of money the special election will cost voters. But the price of the recall is a small price to pay considering the billions our current governor already has cost taxpayers.

What kind of state would California be if we let Davis continue to run it into the mud? His second chance began when voters threatened to recall him, and his way of fixing the problem is to let Californians get tired of the 135-candidate circus.

"California has lost the ability to govern itself and is in need of catalytic political renovation. The state's sulfurous civic life makes the last days of Rome look serene," stated Newsweek.



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If Californians are upset about the state's deficit, they should have voted against the recall, which is estimated to cost anywhere from \$30 million and \$66 million.

But since California voters did vote for the recall show to go on, the question is, who will replace Gray Davis? This recall is just an outrageous attempt by Republicans to steal an election that was legitimately won by Davis not too long ago.

Davis may be unpopular, but if the recall succeeds, Californians may have to deal with someone worse.

Take a look at the nation as a whole with George W. Bush as president. The nation is \$455 billion in debt and that is expected to grow to \$474 billion by 2004, according to a July Times-Picayune article.

"The Bush policy is the worst policy in the last 200 years," said George A. Akerlof, a 2001 Nobel Laureate in economics, in an Associated Press article.

The nation's economy has notoriously done worse with Republicans in charge.

And who of all people would be the frontrunner Republican candidate in the California recall election? None other than Arnold Schwarzenegger, aka "The Terminator," who has no political experience whatsoever.

Schwarzenegger has said he will participate in one debate in which he will receive the questions ahead of time. Could it be possible that he is unable to answer the tough questions on his own?

According to a Knight Ridder/Tribune article Sunday with the headline, "Records indicate Schwarzenegger violated terms of immigrant visa," Schwarzenegger has been against illegal immigration in his campaign to become governor.

The article states that Schwarzenegger received a salary in the United States his first year here but did not have the proper visa to do so. He had a B-1 visa, which allowed him to compete here as an athlete but does not allow him to draw a salary from a company here in America, which the article maintains he received. This seems hypocritical.

Schwarzenegger did not remember if he earned any money during his first year in America, according to the article. Sure he doesn't. If you'll believe that, you'll believe anything.

If the recall succeeds, it may not be California's last. There will be nothing stopping another recall from happening when one party decides to take on another.

Gray Davis may not be the best governor California has ever had, but do we want to risk electing one who is worse?

For California's sake, vote no on the recall.



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## Kobe case unfair to victim

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS  
Rip staff writer

As I sit at my laptop downloading music, the bane of every computer user's existence appears. It is yet another pop-up ad. But this is one that actually interests me. This one is about Kobe Bryant.

The ad features large-breasted women of questionable morals chasing Bryant while clutching lawsuits in their grubby little hands, illustrates just what has been bugging me about the entire circus surrounding the Laker guard.

The general assumption is that he's the good guy, wearing the white hat, and the woman involved in the case is the town "lady of ill repute," which isn't fair to the accused.

According to the ad, we all need to "Save Kobe: He's got women after him." In case you've been living under a rock for the past few years, Kobe Bryant is a basketball superstar. And if you've been under said rock for the past few months, Bryant also is being

charged with felony sexual assault.

On July 4, the proverbial kitty litter hit the fan. A 19-year-old Colorado hotel concierge accused 24-year-old Bryant of sexually assaulting her during his stay at the Lodge and Spa at Cortillera on June 30. According to Bryant, he "did not assault the woman who is accusing me. I made the mistake of adultery."

As soon as you can say "tabloid wet dream," the story was global.

This situation does, of course, intrigue my inner feminist. Even before any facts came out, the woman was labeled a money-grubbing slut and her character was called into question. I'm not into burning my bra, but this strikes me as unfair. Is it because Bryant is an athlete that it is assumed he's innocent?

Athletes seem to be elevated to superhuman status. The Smoking Gun Web site has posted several letters from fans of Bryant have sent to Judge Frederick Gannett, the judge who is presiding over the case. One of the more colorful selections is penned by a man calling himself



the "Black Messiah," who promises that extreme misfortune will befall Colorado if Bryant is convicted, then launches into an expulsive-filled rant directed at the alleged victim. After the accuser's name, address and phone number were made available for a short time online, Iowa resident John Roche allegedly made a death threat to the woman and was arrested, according to The Associated Press.

This degree of fervor is typical of his fans, but the sentiment seems to be a common one. With the preliminary hearing set for Oct. 9, not much is known about the woman, her relationship with Bryant or what happened in his hotel room.

It's easy to forget that this alleged crime concerns two real people whose lives may never recover from media and Web speculation. My hope is that we hold off prejudging either party, and let our justice system do its job.

## Senate: voice for students

ASBC News  
Brandon Williams

The Student Activities office at Bakersfield College is the hub of student life at the college. It is the point of origin for student government, activities, arts and entertainment.

The offices of the Associated Students of Bakersfield College are located within the Student Activities office. Those offices include the president; the vice presidents of legislation, activities, finance and communications; the trustee liaison; the chief justice; the Student Senate; and the Student Court.

Don't forget to purchase your ASBC sticker for \$15. With the sticker, you receive a 5 percent discount off everything in the Bookstore.

In addition, the sticker grants free admission to football, baseball, softball and basketball games. You also receive discounts around town.

The Student Senate exists to give you a voice in the college's decision-making and governing process. Senators and other student government officers represent every student on campus with the goal of working toward providing the services and resources students need and want.

Students' concerns are what gov-

ern the actions of the Senate, which meets at 4 p.m. on Thursdays in the Executive Board Room. All students are invited to attend these meetings. You also can log on to [www2.bakersfieldcollege.edu/a/bc](http://www2.bakersfieldcollege.edu/a/bc) and click on the "Voice Your Opinion" link to tell us how you feel.

If you would like a specific topic addressed at a Senate meeting, call me at 395-4567, ASBC President Dominick Martin at 395-4030, or leave a message with Student Activities at 395-4355. Your topic will be considered for placement on the agenda for the next meeting. Requests must be received by noon on the Monday before the meeting to be considered for the agenda.

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**Should gay marriage be legalized?**

- Taeson Hayes, business:** "No, it's how I was raised and what my religion believes."
- Andrew Erickson, undecided:** "Yes, I've known a lot of people who are gay and it's fine with me."
- Bobbie Kennedy, undecided:** "Yes, I have lots of friends who are gay and they should have the same rights as everyone else."
- Matt Kline, journalism:** "Definitely not. It undermines the basic values upon which the institution of marriage was founded."
- Nina Cordova, animal science:** "Yes, because they are people (too) if they love each other who cares."

# SPORTS

## Wrestlers win tournament

By CARISA A. DALTON  
Rip staff writer

"Roll your hip!" "Stay down!" "Pull. Pull!"  
These are just some of the tips that Bakersfield College wrestling coach Bill Kalivas shouts during a rigorous practice.  
"One of the most difficult things (of wrestling) is making the transition from high school to college," he said. "Your skill level has to be far superior."  
On Saturday, the Renegades showed that they were making that transition at their first tournament of the season. The team won 4-0, making it undefeated against Mt. San Antonio, Sacramento City, Golden West, and Santa Ana Colleges.

worth it though and I like it."  
Like most contact sports, wrestling has its risks.  
"We try and safeguard (wrestling) as much as we can," said Kalivas. "We make sure that their bodies are sound and are in full condition. Sometimes, you get in awkward situations and it's possible to get a dislocated elbow, ringworm or torn knee. It's unfortunate."  
Besides competition and training, Kalivas stresses education.  
"If you are not going to class, no coach is going to look at you or baby-sit," he said.  
"They may have allowed it in high school, but here, you are responsible to maintain a specific amount of academic units and work towards an

associate degree."  
Ryan Corn, undefeated at last week's tournament, weighing in at 165 pounds, said, "My motivation and the team's comes from knowing that you've trained harder and by telling yourself that you'll come out on top."  
Kalivas and assistant coaches Jesse Ortega and Brett Clarke try to help the wrestlers be prepared for anything, Kalivas said.  
"My job is to make sure I leave no stone unturned and that there's no situation that they aren't prepared for," he said.  
"If I can do that and I've done all those things and I've prepared you, then there shouldn't be anyone that they can't compete with."



### Reaching for victory

Shea Holland blocks the ball during volleyball practice in the BC gym Sept. 12.

The volleyball team will play its first home game Sept. 26.

"I think if the girls play together as a team, there is no reason they can't make it all the way to state," said head coach Denise Adams.

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## Sponsors save 2003 Spud Bowl

By JANESSICA SANCHEZ  
Sports Editor

This year's Shrine Potato Bowl may be the last of its kind, said Gene Grice, the chairman of the Potato Bowl Committee.

"I have made some contacts, and we are in fact thinking about next year," said Grice. "I have talked to the CIF and we are talking about starting a high school Potato Bowl if this in fact is going to be the last year. But future years, who knows what that can hold?"

But no matter what happens, the Shrine Club plans to hold something "Potato" to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals for Children, he said.

"Our main issue is that it is such a tradition and so we just hate to see it go away," said Grice. "Whether it is going to be a high school Potato Bowl, or who knows maybe even arena football Potato Bowl, it can be anything."

After the recent controversy about whether the Potato Bowl would be held this year at Bakersfield College, BC officials considered starting a football bowl game here.

"I have made contacts with about 10 other potential sponsors, to host a bowl of some type next year," said Jan Stuebbe, BC athletics director.

The Potato Bowl will be held Nov. 22 in Memorial Stadium.

The club found two sponsors, Venture Out and Big-O Tires, to provide the \$9,500 required by the Commission on Athletics to host the game.

That fee almost ended the Potato Bowl tradition.

"Last year was the least amount in 50 years the Potato Bowl has ever raised for the COA, and the hospital," said Grice. "I think we sent a total of \$1,800 to the COA."

"When it appeared the club could not guarantee the fee, the community stepped forward," Stuebbe said. "It has been part of the community and a landmark in town for a long time," he said. "We are glad it's back on."

# CAMPUS

## 'GADE NEWSLINE

### Students should check account balance

Students who have not paid the additional enrollment fees mandated by the state have holds placed on their records, according to Sue Vaughn, director of enrollment services.

These holds prevent students from adding, dropping, registering or obtaining transcripts, certificates or degrees until the fees are paid. Students can verify their account balances on the Web or through the telephone registration system.

### Scholarships are now available

Bakersfield College scholarship applications for 2004-05 are now available in the Financial Aid Office or at [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/finod](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/finod). Continuing students and transferring students are eligible to apply. The deadline is Dec. 12.

Scholarship applications for high school seniors attending BC in 2004-05 also are available. The high school deadline is Feb. 23, 2004. Dependents of BC employees are encouraged to apply as there are scholarship designated for these students.

### Pep Band seeks more members

Musicians can show their school spirit by joining the BC Pep Band. Band instrumentalists are being sought to increase the size of the band for the football season.

The band will perform during the 7 p.m. game, half-time and occasionally for the pregame tailgaters in the parking lot outside Memorial Stadium, according to Robert Martinez, BC director of instrumental music.

Rehearsals will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Speech, Arts and Music (SAM) building, Room 7. For more information, call 395-4546.

### Renegade Room open for dining

The Food and Nutrition Program is now running the Renegade Room Restaurant, which is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Please call 395-4441 for reservations, which are recommended.

The Renegade Room provides hands-on experience for students enrolled in the Food and Nutrition Program, according to chef Pat Coyle, the program's instructor.

— Compiled by staff writer Daniela Williams



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### A time to sell

Carolyna Sotero checks her watch while selling used books in front of the Bookstore. Many students try to sell books from past classes to help pay for new ones.

## CRIME BEAT

### Campus reports attempted grand theft

A person using the name McMillan Joyce tried to bill Bakersfield College for \$10,612 in computer equipment, according to campus security.

The attempted grand theft was reported on Aug. 26 by Dr. Greg Chianbellan, Dean of Learning Resources and Information Technology.

An employee of the Kern County Community College District was contacted by Dell Computer to verify a \$10,612 order billed to BC.

The machines were to be shipped to a different location. Dell provided the name of the person who placed the order, but no one by that name was employed by BC.

The phone listed on the order turned out to be disconnected.

A similar attempt was reported on Aug. 22, according to campus security.

Two separate orders totaling \$27,756 were placed from Gateway Computer online using the same address and e-mail, but a new name along with McMillan.

### Police investigate vandalism

A student found the letter "A" scratched onto the cap of his 2000 Chevy Silverado on August 27.

The student, a victim of vehicle burglary on this campus before, did not notice any damage on the car before going to class. Sgt. Chris Counts responded to the incident in the southeast student parking lot.

There was no witness and the camera system was down at the time.

— Compiled by Campus Editor Coumba Tamboura

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### FINE ARTS EVENTS

• Phil Paradise Works from Museums and Private Collections, art exhibit, through Oct. 23 at the Wylie and May Louise Jones Art Gallery in the Bakersfield College library. Details, 395-4616.

• Kern Shakespeare Festival, "Richard III," Oct. 6, 10, 16, 18, 22 and 24; "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," Oct. 9, 11, 15, 17, 23 and 25. All shows begin at 8 p.m. in BC's Indoor Theater. Tickets, \$8 general admission, \$5 students. Details, 395-4549.

• Bakersfield College Choral and Chamber Singers, performance will feature the premiere of the "American Hymn Mass," a composition by BC choir director Dr. Ron Kean, 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 17th and B streets. Tickets, \$10 general admission, \$5 students. Details, 395-4404.

### SPORTS EVENTS

• Cross country vs. East Los Angeles at Pierce College in Los Angeles, 9 a.m. Saturday.

• Football at Moorpark, 7 p.m. Saturday.

• Soccer vs. Los Angeles Mission, 4 p.m. today at the BC soccer field.

• Soccer at Ventura, 4 p.m. Tuesday.

• Volleyball at Pasadena for tournament play, 8 a.m. Saturday.

## POWER: College library closes briefly due to lack of air conditioning

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secretary of learning resources and information technology, said that a thermometer in a library office upstairs read 90 degrees that afternoon. Carmona's office is downstairs by Media Services.

"It was about 84 degrees in our office over here," Carmona said. She spoke directly with President Dr. Sandra Serrano, who ordered the library to be closed.

Although Day said about 80 percent of the system

was running by around noon, the college could not seem to get the air working in the library until later that night.

That afternoon, Day found out that a Pacific Gas and Electric substation in the area was affected by the same storm, causing PG&E to have to reroute power through the campus.

This rerouting of power turned out to be what caused the problem for the library, said Day. He said that the

new system is so sensitive that it detected the imbalance, "but instead of correcting for it like the old air chillers did, it just shut it down."

PG&E's corporate office said it did not know anything about the problem.

"We could get it up to run, but it wouldn't run for more than a few minutes, and then it would shut down again," said Day. "Knock on wood right now, but we're good to go."



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# FEATURES

## Big Top Makes a Stop

By AARON STEWART  
Sports Editor

The 133rd edition of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus marched through downtown Bakersfield and showed their stuff recently at the Centennial Garden.

The show featured a number of attractions for the whole family, from the animal open house, where people could get up and close with the animals, to the Globe of Death, which featured a number of motorcycle drivers racing for their lives inside a steel cage.

Also on hand was Bailey's Comet, in which a man who was on fire was shot across the Garden from a cannon. And like any good circus, there were clowns on parade.

The whole show took form like a musical, headed by ringmaster Johnathan Lee Iverson and "America's Best Clown," Bello.

Clowns, animals highlight of visit by the 'Greatest Show on Earth'



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Above: Maria Flores dons her best clown face for the show.



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Right: Mark Oliver Gebel, the Maestro of the Menagerie, rides an elephant in the preshow parade.

Above: Circus clown Darren Burrell dazzles the crowd by doing trick after trick with different kinds of bubbles.

Above left: Sandy Davis, 6, takes in the opening night's show at Centennial Garden.

### BC BRAINS

Compiled by Neil Kitchen / The Rip

Editor's note: BC Brains is a feature that asks students a question to test their knowledge of all things trivial.

#### What does the U.S. Secretary of State do?

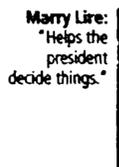


Dane Galle: "Oversees foreign affairs."

Javier Diaz: "Doesn't do much."



Jessica Dykes: "Maintains foreign relations."



Marry Lire: "Helps the president decide things."



Teila Lewelling: "He sits on his ass all day."

Correct answer: The U.S. Secretary of State is the president's principal foreign adviser.

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## Family requests degree for deceased student

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS  
Assistant Opinion Editor

Henry Franklin Clark II was no stranger to adversity. He had a rough start. His father was shot and killed when Clark was 7 years old. His mother lost custody, which was awarded to his grandparents. His grandparents, as well as his aunt and uncle, Phil and Ann Gillet,

who raised him. But by the time he was in high school he hit a rough patch when he began experimenting with drugs. But in 1990, he became a member of Valley Baptist Church. He finished high school and began attending Bakersfield College to become a drug and alcohol counselor. Clark was playing a guitar in Campus Center on Sept. 12 when he had a seizure and later died. His death

came as a shock to friends and family. His cause of death is pending toxicology tests, according to the county coroner's office. Toxicology reports will take several weeks. He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Debi; his son, Brandon; and his dog, Amadeus Mozart. Clark treasured his family, and was especially proud of his 16-year-old son.

"He was a proud father. Anyone who talked to him knew he was devoted to his son," said Phillip Gillet Jr., Clark's cousin. Clark would have received his degree within a year, according to his cousin. It was "something he always wanted," said Gillet. His family has requested that his degree be awarded posthumously. When a degree is awarded, the re-

ipient must be close to completing all requirements. The process involves going over student records and a degree can be given in a subject different from the student's major if the transcripts indicate all necessary courses were met, said Sue Vaughn, director of enrollment services. In Clark's situation, a death certificate must be presented and the person listed as next of kin may ac-

cess Clark's school record, she said. "It's not outright impossible," said Vaughn, although she explained that academic policies must be followed even though officials are sympathetic to the family. If unable to obtain the degree, Gillet is understanding of the school's position. "It would be a disappointment, but life goes on," he said.

### Here's the Scoop

The annual Ice Cream Shootout was held Sunday at the Kern County Museum. "We were sold out within the first 30 minutes. We had to turn people away who had not already purchased their tickets," said Heather Phillips, president of the Kern County branch of Junior Achievement, which sponsored the event. Log on to [www.therip.com](http://www.therip.com) for the full story.

Right: Nine-year-old Eliana Robinson shows determination during the potato sack race. Far right: Eric Lero comes up for a breath during the ice cream eating contest.

Photos by Shawn Holloway / The Rip



## Kern candidate backs free classes

By COUMBA TAMBOURA  
Campus Editor

Among the candidates seeking the governor's office is David Laughing Horse Robinson, a Bakersfield resident who wants to change California for the better.

The 48-year-old art technician at California State University, Bakersfield, is not only the sole gubernatorial candidate from Kern County, but also the first American Indian to run for a statewide office.

Cuts made in education along with neglected senior care and the crisis in California's economy are all reasons why Robinson decided to run for governor. Robinson said that with the crisis, children, especially those of lower income families, are being denied a higher education.

"You cannot blame the schools, they are not being funded, and the easiest way to resolve that is to make education free," he said.

Making education free from kindergarten through doctorate programs will not require an increase in state income taxes.

"I would totally restructure income taxes to a 10 percent flat tax free up to \$30,000 with deductions available for dependents," Robinson said.

He also noted that since "one-tenth of 1 percent of our population has

more money than the rest," it would be essential to "bring the wealthy people up to paying their fair share of taxes."

As for the state economy and the energy crisis, Robinson said the millions spent could have paid for solar units in every house.

"It is not how much money we spend, it is how we are spending," he said.

Another issue he is concerned with involves senior citizen rights.

Robinson is especially concerned with the senior citizen community, because it is "under attack," he said.

He opposes a bill that would take driver's licenses away from seniors who fail a medical test. He said that this is unfair and deprives them of their independence.

"Elderly people have less accidents and kill less people per capita than people under 30."

One factor that sets Robinson apart from some of his competitors is his background.

Politically active since 1987, and chairman of the Kawaiisu tribe since 1997, Robinson plans to use his experience to apply his politics.

"Since I was raised in a matriarchal society, I recognize the need to establish a commission of women to evaluate concerns that affect the female population." That way, he added, "issues like abortion would then generate guidelines with appropriate solutions."

For him, "the basic needs of California are community-based."

## Students weigh in on Davis and replacement candidates

By COUMBA TAMBOURA  
Campus Editor

The budget crisis, tax increases, cuts in education and the mishandling of the state economy made Californians angry, angry to the point of recalling the governor they re-elected almost a year ago.

"If we keep him in office, it is go-

### TOTAL RECALL

ing to get worse and worse," said Ruth Stanley, a freshman majoring in psychology at Bakersfield College.

For Stanley, Gov. Gray Davis needs to be recalled because "he really screwed up the system in Cali-

formia," she said.

With 135 candidates on the ballot, Stanley has set her sights on Republican candidate movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger. "I will probably vote for Arnold Schwarzenegger, just because he is Republican, and that's the only reason."

For BC student Steve Mullholland, being from the Repub-

lican Party seems to be sufficient criteria to replace Davis.

"Having a Republican would get some things fixed because the Democrats have messed some stuff up."

Hollie Bosse, sociology major, views the situation from a different angle. Davis opponents want a Republican to be governor.

"I believe that we all make mistakes, and Gov. Davis did make mistakes that's for sure, but so have all of our presidents," she said.

Cynthia Cardona said Davis is taking money away from education.

"Education is very important, and other programs such as the ones in prison receive more money than school programs," she said.

She would like to see a more experienced gubernatorial candidate such as Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, also chosen by Indra Valencia, a criminal justice major.

"I will not vote for Arnold. It doesn't feel right," Valencia said. "Instead, I would rather vote for Bustamante, who has more experience."

## Porn star candidate seeks new position

Editor's note: Perhaps one of the most colorful candidates running for governor is Mary "Mary Carey" Cook. She agreed to a telephone interview with The Rip.

By ROGER HORNBACK  
Editor in Chief

Q: Can you explain "Porn For Pistols?"

A: That is kind of one of my attention-grabbing ideas. Anyone that has an illegal gun that they don't have a permit on can come trade it in for films.

You get 10 films per gun.

Q: The budget cuts have hurt colleges.

If you win, what will you do to help students?

A: To help students I would have my live webcams in the governor's mansion. If I charge \$20 a person, and get 500,000 people per country, we're looking at like 2 million

"Oh, I would love to have sex with Arnold. He's a hotty."

— Mary Carey, gubernatorial candidate

people joining at \$20 a person. That will be a lot of extra money coming in that will go to the colleges and stuff.

Q: So the webcams in the governor's mansion — will that be just you on these?

A: It will be anyone in the mansion, anyone in the mansion at that time of day. Anyone that comes in will know there's a live streaming webcam.

Q: So will there be any videos taped in there?

A: Umm, at this point, I probably wouldn't make any pornos while I'm in the governor's office. Hopefully, I'll continue that when I'm done running for governor.

Q: Your slogan is "We've had Brown, we've tried Gray, now it's time for some blonde." Are you a true blonde?

A: Yes I am, but if you want to find out for sure, you can check some of my movies.

Q: Arnold Schwarzenegger has been accused of having group sex in the '70s, how do you think he would do in the adult movie business?

A: I think he would be great. He's really hot and he's got a good body, so I think he would do really well.

Q: Would you like to have him as a leading man in one of your movies?

A: Oh, I would love to have sex with Arnold. He's a hotty.

Q: How do you think your job experience will help you as governor?

A: Well, I think I'm a good leader you know, doing porn has made me a good leader. (She pauses, and then starts talking to someone else in the room.) Britney, look at Britney.

There's a Britney Spears thing on. I love Britney.

Q: What did you think about that kiss with her and Madonna?

A: I think it was awesome, although I don't think it's good for kids to see it and stuff.

Q: What would you tell the students at this college to convince them to vote for you?

A: I would tell them to vote for me because I'm 23, so I'm pretty much at a college student age. I know what it's like to be a college student because I was one up until a year and a half ago.

Q: On a scale of one to three X's, what do you think your chances of winning are?

A: Which one's the highest?

Q: Three.

A: Umm, I think my chances of winning are one.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to add?

A: Tell everyone to go to [marycareyforgovernor.com](http://marycareyforgovernor.com) and clubnary.



By **SETH NIDEVER**  
Rip staff writer

## Looks vs. Books?

At Bakersfield College, students precariously balance between school work and making a fashion statement

Walking onto the Bakersfield College campus for the first time, it's hard not to stare at the cleavage friendly crop tops, flesh exposing hip huggers, and brightly colored underwear.

Gawking at the tattoos, body piercings, massive jeans and boxer-clad buttocks, the BC campus looks more like a set on MTV than an institution of higher learning.

But fashion has little connection to academic performance, according to several teachers.

Harlan Hunter, a 47-year-old criminal justice professor who has taught night classes here for 16 years, probably put it best: "There is probably no real correlation at the college level between the way students dress and (the way they) achieve."

Business professor Bill Demkey, a BC veteran of 23 years, was even more to the point.

"I found out one thing about students: You can't judge by the way they dress, whether or not they're going to be a good student or not. I've had people that dressed in modern style, where they have a lot of body piercings, tattoos, that wear the clothing... I've had them come in in ties that do excellent and I've had them come in in ties that do lousy."

Liberal studies major Zach Martin, 20, agreed.

"I think you can identify different social groups by the way that they dress, but not necessarily academic (performance)," he said as he sat under a tree at BC on a hot afternoon.

Dance instructor Eve-lyne Thomas, who like Demkey has been teaching here for 23 years, said

dress can interfere with her instructional goals.

"It's a school, it's not a fashion statement we're after," she said when asked about what she expected in her classes. She requires students to wear black leotard tank tops and tights to cover the body, primarily so that she can observe their muscle movements to make sure they are learning correct body position.

When asked about a dress code for the whole campus, she was disapproving.

"I don't think it's necessary. I like individuality," she said. She also said that one of her goals was to teach respect and professionalism.

"You're a college student, and you're eventually going to get into a career... I think it's time you dressed like a career person," she added.

Dress codes for college students won't work, said 38-year-old nursing student Cindy Davis.

"No. We're adults. Who's going to play God and make the rules?" Brenee Bandy, a 17-year-old physical therapy major, also was opposed.

"I think people have freedom of speech. They can wear what they

want to wear and dress how they want to dress."

While those interviewed agreed that fashion styles for women show off the body much more than male styles, most of the men interviewed didn't think it was a problem.

Robert Lewy, who teaches science at East Bakersfield High and a BC geology class at night, suggested that it was a non-issue.

"If it's that distracting to you, you should be somewhere else (beside) the classroom, I guess," he said.

Martin admitted that he notices attractive women immediately, but doesn't get sidetracked.

"If you're a serious college student, you're here to learn," he said. Demkey suggested that men who were upset by female fashion have some internal problems they need to deal with.

"I think if a guy is upset by women's dress, he may have some issues he needs to address," he said.

Nineteen-year-old student Shiloh Leonard was less diplomatic.

"I think guys should just learn to deal with it," she said matter-of-factly.

Some female students interviewed said some fashion styles are too revealing.



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Jessica Alvarez, a 24-year-old with two kids at home, said that "some of them dress like they're going to parties."

Sitting at the cafeteria table next to her, Davis was more blunt.

"I do not feel that you should see

what color bra or panties someone is wearing," she said. "That is personal."

Davis told the story of a speech professor who had to tell a girl in a miniskirt to sit higher up in the stadium seating because the crotch of

her exposed thong was right at his eye level. She mentioned that in the same class "we had a guy bend over and everything fell. I saw more than I wanted to see."

Others, like 18-year-old student Gloria Vasquez, felt that women showing lots of skin were just adapting to the weather.

"I think it's hot and they need to (dress that way)," she offered.

But sometimes revealing outfits present the wrong image, said Bandy.

"A lot of girls dress too outspoken and it makes them seem like they're not the person they really want to be," she said. "A lot of guys are people you don't expect them to be. You think they're great but they're not really. They only want to be with you because of your dress style and the way you look."

Thomas suggested that women might want to reign it in a bit.

"It's very distracting to the guys in class," she said. She later added, "If you have a nice figure, you want to show some, not too much, yes, fine."

Demkey simply advised students to "dress for what you are doing." He said that he couldn't remember an incident "where somebody was dressed to where it disrupted the class."

He suggested that business majors, for example, should get used to wearing the conservative clothing they would don for a job interview.

"When you go to apply for a job, the clothes need to look like you're comfortable in them," he said.

He added that facial piercings are probably not a good idea in some jobs.

Besides, he said, referring to a student whose eyebrow and nose were skewered, "It just looked like it hurt. A whole lot."

## Domestic partners deserve respect

I am having a hard time understanding why people can accept so many things but refuse to accept gays and their right to marriage.

For the past three years, my parental figure has been a gay man who has been with his partner for more than 20 years. I personally see no wrongs in his sexual preference or the way he chooses to live his life. He is one of the most admirable and respectable men I know. He cared enough to take care of me when my mom gave me up, even though he knew nothing about being a parent.

He is openly gay and proud of who he is. He'd never harm or pass judgment on anyone, and all he asks for in return is to be accepted for who he is. But that seems to be a problem for a lot of people.

In high school, I had a number of people gossip about me for having a "queer" for a dad. I just took it as people being ignorant.

So many things that are considered "wrong," "immoral" and "ungodly" are legal in this world. Laws are passed and exceptions are made, except when it comes to homosexuals and marriage. I think that the government should stay out of the bedroom and stick to fixing their own faults and wrongs.

We've come so far as a society, you'd think people could get over themselves and forget about their prejudices.

New legislation in California gives gay partners many of the same rights found in heterosexual marriages, but until gays can legally marry, judgment will continue. I just hope that one day America can live up to its name as the "land of the free."

Elizabeth Whitcomb  
STAFF WRITER

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## Recording industry sues own fans

Despite the ethical qualms millions of music file sharers may now be feeling since the Recording Industry Association of America issued subpoenas to 261 individuals earlier this month, technology is on the side of the individual user.

The culture of the Internet has evolved an ideology that everything must be free, including music, regardless of copyright laws. This scare tactic might be the last resort for the RIAA and their affiliates, but due to the sheer volume of users punishing all of them is simply not feasible.

However, since Napster's dismantling, industry losses are at nearly \$2 billion according to an RIAA estimate in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. The RIAA includes, but is not limited to record industry giants Sony, Elektra, Universal, Warner Bros., Interscope, Arista and Virgin. And the downloading continues to flourish. According to an RIAA report, over 2.6 billion copyrighted files are downloaded

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Jeff Eagan  
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Each month.

In a move aimed at keeping revenues from falling, the RIAA is suing 261 people accused of illegal file sharing of music.

This move by the RIAA should not be overlooked as just a financial power grab, but a public relations nightmare that pits them against the consumers they are railing against. These tactics only seek to further alienate their potential CD buyers, and 70 percent of those under 40 believe labels overcharge for their music, according to a recent Newsweek poll. Meanwhile, efforts to encourage people to le-

gitimately buy music range from alternative pay sites such as Apple's iTunes, offering bonus DVDs with albums and downright slashing prices.

And what about the starving artists these generous record executives are looking after? J-Lo, 50 Cent, Eminem. I can't hear you behind your \$100 million and cadre of swollen bodyguards and faithful entourage.

Why would these artists, among the most downloaded, be reluctant to voice their opposition to file sharing when they stand to lose millions? Because the corporate record executives must play the role of the staunch protector of the artist's intellectual property.

So when fan backlash does occur, as in the case of Metallica's drummer Lars Ulrich, the product, the musician, will not seem as dissatisfying when the protest against file sharing is coming from a faceless trade group.

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## Veterans should not be laid off, writer contends

Members of the faculty at Bakersfield College have informed me that automotive instructor Jesse Morales will be laid off upon his return from the Middle East due to budget cuts at the school.

I cannot think of anything more disgraceful, humiliating or dishonorable a country could do to one of its heroes.

I don't care about the budget in California, or the budget the college and universities are facing.

This hero of ours needs to know that we as a community and a country will support him and honor him for his service to us.

He, he might not survive the war. Our veterans need to know that when their service to their country, we as a country will be there for them.

Bakersfield College needs to remember Mr. Morales and the other veterans who are making the ultimate sacrifice and not just quote a few words of remembrance on a particular occasion.

Please investigate this and do whatever possible to make our community and our country aware of the possible atrocities awaiting our returning heroes.

MICHAEL L. ROBERTS  
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## Downloaders steal music, plain and simple

People break the law each time they download music.

They call it file sharing, but stealing is the only way to put it.

The music piracy market, at \$4.6 billion, is greater than the legitimate music market everywhere in the world except the United States and Japan, according to a July article in The Hollywood Reporter.

Music piracy eats away at the economy. It hurts the artists, all the people who work for the artists, writers, producers and record companies.

The Recording Industry Association of

America, in an attempt to combat this problem, recently sued 261 people who allegedly used file-sharing sites to download songs illegally.

According to a Newsweek poll, more

than half interview said they would be less likely to download music since the crackdown.

Some children who downloaded music regularly were targeted by the RIAA.

Now parents are being held responsible even if they had no idea what their kids were up to.

Perhaps these parents should purchase software programs that monitor Internet use.

Record companies hope to develop software programs which would "sabotage" the computers and Internet connections of

people who download pirated music," according to a May Chattanooga Times Free Press article.

While this sounds promising, federal and state wiretapping laws may prohibit use of such software.

Software cannot be the solution. Parents need to teach their children that downloading music illegally is wrong.

Do you or your children want to be classified as a thief?

Do you want to pay stiff fines to the record companies?

Don't download music illegally.

GADE FEEDBACK Compiled by Andreaa Irvin / The Rip

What do you wear to bed?

Elisha Hayes, philosophy: "Boxers and a shirt."

Lisa Salinas, psychology: "I sleep in underwear."

Luke Holsonbake, mechanic: "Boxers and socks."

Joe Fosdick, undeclared: "Nothing."

Marcus Brown, drama: "A night cap with my lucky pink socks."



BARRY LIPSON / THE RIP

## Tending to the ball

Soccer player Trina Aguilera blocks a goal during practice on Sept. 15. The next home game is today.

## Renegades set up for season

Volleyball drills prepare team for first home game today.

By RENAE ELLIOTT  
Rip staff writer

A group of women sidestep again and again, each pair of players moving around a set of four orange cones in the campus gym. Their faces change from energetic to tired as they slowly lose the stamina they brought to volleyball practice.

The drills four nights a week encourage speed and teamwork, said Denise Adams, head coach.

"If they learn to play together, there's no reason we can't go to that state tournament," she said.

With four sophomores and 11 freshmen,

men, two of whom are sitting out games, the team experiences highs and lows in practice as players prioritize and get used to the pressure of rally scoring.

Assistant coach Ernie Perez-Leon said that high school students have many other things to deal with other than the sport of volleyball. In college, "It's a job, they either come out and do it or they don't."

Both coaches said that the team has a lot of talent individually, but players are learning to work together.

"It's not so much just a pastime," Perez-Leon said about college volleyball.

"They take it a lot more serious and realize that it can lead to a lot of opportunities and open up a lot of doors for them."

Sophomore Holly Carbajal said that the ratio of sophomores to freshmen doesn't matter.

"I don't think it really affects us. I think we all treat each other equally." The volleyball team has had two scrimmage tournaments so far this year, neither of which counted. The women also have participated in one tournament in which they won against Cuesta and lost to Delta, leaving their record 1-1.

The team's first home game will be today at 7 p.m.

Melissa Ford defends the ball during volleyball practice in the gym on Sept. 12.

SHAWN HOLLOWAY / THE RIP



## SPORTS CALENDAR

### CROSS COUNTRY

- Saturday, Sept. 27 @ Costa Mesa, Orange Coast Invitational, 9 a.m.
- Friday, Oct. 3 Bakersfield Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 10 @ Santa Maria, WSC #1 @ Hancock, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 17 @ Walnut, Mount SAC Invitational, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 25 @ Santa Barbara, 12 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 31 @ Woodland Hills, LA Pierce, 3 p.m.

### FOOTBALL

- Saturday, Sept. 27 vs. L.A. Valley, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 4 vs. Allen Hancock, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 18 @ Citrus, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 25 vs. Santa Barbara, 7 p.m. HOMECOMING

### GOLF

- Friday, Sept. 26 @ Robinson Ranch GC, Canyons, Duel Match, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 29 @ Robinson Ranch GC, Canyons, WSC #1, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 6 @ Antelope Valley, WSC #2, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 8 @ Marshall Canyon GC, Citrus, WSC #3, 10 a.m.
- Friday, Oct. 10 @ Tierra Rejada GC, Moorpark, Duel Match, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 13 @ Tierra Rejada GC, Moorpark, WSC #4, 10 a.m.
- Friday, Oct. 17 @ Ran. San Marcos GC, Santa Barbara, Duel Match, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 20 @ Ran. San Marcos GC, Santa Barbara, WSC #5, 10 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 26 @ El Dorado GC, WSC #6, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 27 @ El Dorado GC, WSC #7, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 30 Duel Match, 1 p.m.

### SOCCER

- Friday, Sept. 26 vs. Canyons, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 30 @ L.A. Valley, 4 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 3 vs. L.A. Pierce, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 7 @ Santa Monica, 4 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 10 vs. Citrus, 4 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 17 @ Glendale, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21 @ Canyons, 4 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 24 vs. L.A. Valley, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 @ L.A. Pierce, 4 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 31 vs. Santa Monica, 3 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

- Friday, Sept. 26 vs. Allen Hancock, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 3 @ Santa Maria, Allen Hancock, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 8 vs. Moorpark, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 10 @ Santa Barbara, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 15 vs. Oxnard, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 17 @ Ventura, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 18 @ Victorville, Victor Valley Scrimmage, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22 vs. Glendale, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 24 @ Valencia, College of the Canyons, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 vs. Citrus, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 31 @ Woodland Hills, LA Pierce, 7 p.m.

### WRESTLING

- Saturday, Sept. 27 @ Sacramento, Sacramento Tournament
- Saturday, Oct. 4 @ Huntington Beach, Goldenwest Tournament
- Saturday, Oct. 11 @ Santa Ana, Santa Ana Tournament
- Wednesday, Oct. 15 @ Cypress, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 18 @ Saratoga, West Valley Tournament
- Wednesday, Oct. 22 vs. Cuesta, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 vs. Rio Hondo, 7 p.m.



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## All-American Girls

Contestants vie for scholarships at Delano Harvest Holidays pageant

Whether they danced around the stage, sent melodies across the auditorium or carefully carried themselves in formal attire, 16 contestants stepped into the spotlight for a chance to win at the 2003 Delano Harvest Holidays Scholarship Queen Pageant.

Melissa Adriano, who was crowned queen of the pageant on Sept. 20, played on both a saxophone and flute for the talent portion while Racella De Guia wowed the crowd and won the Miss Talent award by singing to the oldie "At Last."

Other winners included First Princess Liane Carbajal, Second Princess Megan Lake, Third Princess Krystal Martinez, Fourth Princess Sandra Flores, Miss Congeniality Veronica Sandoval and Miss Photogenic Liane Carbajal.

Channel 29 anchorman Don Clark led the festivities and kept the night on track as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Photos and story by Ian Hamilton / The Rip



Above right: Melissa Adriano, queen of the 2003 Delano Harvest Holidays Scholarship Queen Pageant, holds the royal scepter with pride.

Far right: As she is clutched by Racella De Guia, Adriano hears the announcement that she won.

Right: Sixteen girls showed off their talents and dressed in formal attire during the Delano pageant on Sept. 20.



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# FEATURES

## 'Light the Night'

Cancer awareness event memorializes those who battle leukemia

By **CARISA A. DALTON**  
Rip staff writer

People embraced each other as tears of joy and pain mirrored the sunset.

They were part of a crowd gathered in the warm and breezy evening for the second annual Light the Night Walk held at the Marketplace.

"It's important to be here today and at events like this," said Chad Hathaway, founder and chair of the event. "It definitely affects the people, but children the most. Our goal is to make this a regular event for people in Bakersfield to come out to. It's all about getting together in the community and supporting one another."

Hathaway was Bakersfield

College's top football kicker in 1996. He became ill a year later while attending Fresno State University and was diagnosed with leukemia.

He was lucky. Following a successful bone marrow transplant, he won his battle with leukemia. He said he was so inspired by Fresno's Light the Night Walk, he decided to start one in Bakersfield.

Every year, the walk is held either in honor of someone who has fought leukemia. This year, the event was held in honor of the late Terrie Lynn Young, a woman who played a major role in last year's walk. Julie Young, Terrie's sister-in-law, said Terrie would have been proud. This year's event raised \$50,000.

"Events like this are wonderful,"

"You might think leukemia is something you can catch from me like a cold, but that's not true. It's not that smart. It just can't win and it won't."

— **Lauren Ashley Morton, 9, cancer patient**



A crowd of about 800 people gather at the Marketplace Sunday to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

Photo by **Dennis Mahan / The Rip**

said Julie Young. "The sponsors are great and that's what it takes. We need events like this in Bakersfield. There are so many survivors of leukemia and so many battling it in Bakersfield. Terrie would have been proud. ... She wanted to find a cure for cancer."

Terrie Young was only 47 when she died. She received a bone marrow transplant eight years ago from a donor in England who happened

to see a sign for donating marrow. Her team had 62 people and raised more than \$4,700.

This year, music filled the air thanks to Johnny Blue, who traveled from Arvin to provide entertainment. The magical part happens when the night fell and the lights clicked on.

People walked hand in hand. Others wiped tears away as they took each step for the loved one pictured

on the back of their shirts. Support rang from every part of the event, making it seem as if the group were all one big family.

Even children participated.

Nine-year-old Lauren Ashley Morton's cancer has been in remission for eight months. She spoke of her own personal battle with what she calls "the bullies."

"You might think leukemia is something you can catch from me

like a cold, but that's not true," she said. "It's not that smart. It just can't win and it won't."

Chemotherapy can hurt, she said, but "we walk to save people's lives."

Her mother, Sherri Morton, sheds tears when she spoke of her experience of seeing her little girl suffer.

"It's really imperative that all of us give a little bit of our time and money for supporting the work of love and research."

### BC BRAINS *Compiled by Alex Tamayo / The Rip*

Editor's note: BC Brains is a feature that asks students a question to test their knowledge of all things trivial.

What is your favorite condiment and why?



**Darryl Carter:** "Condoms? Magnum because they have the biggest sizes, for big men."



**C. Davis:** "Ranch dressing."



**Rosio Gasca:** "Ranch dressing, because I usually eat salads more than anything."



**Hollie Bosse:** "My favorite brand is cheese mustard, because I like cheese on everything."



**Wade Pargeon:** "My favorite brand of condiment is Heinz."



**Eric Anderson:** "Soda, I guess. Sandwiches, chicken sandwiches."

Correct answer: A condiment is a sauce, relish or spice used to season food.

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