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Student input on services given

Supportive Services modifies BC campus to accommodate students with special needs.

By JULIE SALGUERO
Rip staff writer

The Supportive Services program has modified the Bakersfield College campus in order to accommodate the growing number of disabled students.

One change is the set routes for the courtesy carts according to the Courtesy Cart Service brochure. Also, all elevators are functioning without the use of a key, except for the elevator located in the Math and Science Building, because it is an "exterior" elevator and for safety reasons it remains locked.

The carts are offered as a courtesy by BC for "any student with a verified permanent or temporary mobility impairment." However, in order to use a cart, one must be an "authorized user," said Joyce Kirst, BC learning disabilities specialist. An authorized user is given a Supportive Services card with the student's name on it.

According to Kirst, 1,200 BC students are currently being serviced throughout the department. Disabilities include deafness, blindness, a fractured arm or leg, a learning disability and even "psychological disabilities such as depression." The department is happy to say that all are being accommodated.

"Students are pleased with our service," said Kirst.

Another service provided through the department is a section in the BC library where students with disabilities have accommodated computers with special electronic tables that adjust for students in wheelchairs.

Marcela Lopez, deaf studies major, uses the Kurzweil program to "scan" her books. Another accommodation Lopez is grateful for is the testing accommodations offered through the Supportive Services Department. Students with disabilities are allowed to take a test outside of class and are allowed more time.

"They are very helpful with my needs... some [students] need more accommodations, but I feel mine are met," said Lopez.

Another feature that disabled students enjoy at the library is that accommodated computers are set aside for them to use and one is always available.

"It makes things easier to come in and actually find a computer," said Lopez.

Yet BC student Mike Gomez, who is illiterate, complains "sometimes

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"Life isn't all about the amount of breaths we take; it is about the moment that takes our breath away."

— Tony Matheron



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Tony Matheron, in the lobby of the library, performs a magic trick early in the morning.

AN ACE UP HIS SLEEVE

BC psychology major performs magic tricks for students on campus.

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Rip staff writer

Tony Matheron's focus may seem to be on hocus pocus, but he is also interested in music, psychology, rock climbing, river rafting and skydiving.

The former stand-up comedian and current Bakersfield College psychology major is often seen in the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library at 7:45 a.m. performing his sleight of hand for fellow students milling around waiting for the library to open.

But although he is usually armed

with a deck of Bicycle-brand playing cards and/or with his acoustic guitar on campus, Matheron works off campus with autistic children as a psychology therapist at Behavioral Innovations in Bakersfield. Matheron said that Innovations uses a visual way to teach children, and this method is called the Iconic Exchange Program.

"Autistic children seem visually oriented," Matheron said.

When Matheron is performing his "in your face, up close" magic, his gigs usually take place in restaurants, company picnics, weddings and corporate events, he said. He also said he is booked for the next three months.

Matheron said he derived his inspiration from a professional magician who worked with David

Copperfield.

Matheron said his grandmother helped him meet this fellow wunderkind while he was visiting her in Klamath Falls, Ore.

According to Matheron, Bicycle-brand playing cards is the best and most popular brand.

Shuffling his cards and then making an elegant mid-air spiral with them, Matheron admitted his favorite card trick is what he called the "flight of the Phoenix," which first entails having a participant mark his or her initials on the card with Magic Marker. The initials are then erased, and the card is absorbed back into the deck. The magician lights a piece of paper near the deck, and the magician then conjures up the card that had the

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Politicians give insight on election

Initiatives focus on reformation and giving power back to residents.

By STEVEN C. VOGEL
Rip staff writer

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed several initiatives to be voted on by registered voters throughout California on Nov. 8, many of which might affect BC students.

As a result of this forthcoming special election, a number of politicians across the state have spoken out either for or against the proposed constitutional amendments. If approved by California voters, these propositions would take immediate effect.

When speaking of Proposition 77, which would allow for political boundary districts to be drawn and approved by a board of three retired judges, Assemblywoman Nicole Parra (D-Hanford) said in a quote faxed to the Rip, "I don't like just narrowing it to three federal judges. I would like to see an independent group from academics, law and business... that would help tremendously the institutional problem in Sacramento and they we continue to see partisan politics."

Additionally, speaking in support of proposition 77, Sen. Chuck Poochigian (R-Fresno) said in a quote faxed to the Rip, "Having these far-flung districts makes no sense to anybody. It's bad government to have districts that serve the incumbent."

Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) gave some basic advice to voters when they make their way to the polling booth.

"My advice to the voters, when they go to the polls on Nov. 8, is to vote yes from [proposition] 74 through 78. We must have real reform in this state, and the only way to do so is through this type of process. When you take away the power from politicians and give it back to the people, only then will things begin to take shape in California."

McCarthy, when referring to Proposition 75, said, "We must empower the individual to decide where their money goes: within the union [they hold their membership]. Furthermore, we must reform the budget system throughout the state so that we are not spending more than what we bring in. The key to fixing the problems [of our state] is fiscal reform and accountability."

One of the proposed measures, Proposition 73, if passed, will require parental notification if their minor child chooses to terminate their pregnancy, as well as a waiting period following the initial doctor visit.

BC students weighed in on the matter.

"I don't necessarily agree with abortion itself, but it all depends on the situation the girl's put into. I

Propositions

PROPOSITION 73
Amends California Constitution, prohibiting abortion for unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent/legal guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver.

PROPOSITION 74
Increases length of time required before a teacher may become a permanent employee from two complete consecutive school years to five complete consecutive school years.

PROPOSITION 75
Prohibits the use by public employee labor organizations of public employee dues or fees for political contributions except with the prior consent of individual public employees each year on a specified written form.

PROPOSITION 76
Limits state spending to prior year's level plus three previous years' average revenue growth.

PROPOSITION 77
Permits political boundary districts to be drawn and approved by a board of three retired judges.

PROPOSITION 78
Establishes discount prescription drug program, overseen by California Department of Health Services.

PROPOSITION 79
Provides for prescription drug discounts to California residents who qualify based on income-related standards, to be funded through rebate from participating drug manufacturers negotiated by California Department of Health Services.

PROPOSITION 80
Subjects electric service providers, as defined, to control and regulation by California Public Utilities Commission.

Source: State of California Secretary of State; <http://sds.ca.gov>

don't agree that the parents need to be notified of their daughters' decision to have an abortion," said SGA General Counsel Ryan Busby.

BC student Charlie Werner said, "If the kid dies as a result of an abortion, the parent must be informed. I don't really see the need for an abortion... if a woman were to be raped I would see the need for an abortion." See PROPOSITIONS, Page 6

Distance not a factor when choosing where to teach

By VICTOR GARCIA
Associate Editor

Some professors have left their homes some 2,000 miles away to teach at Bakersfield College.

Natalie Burszyn, 25, who is from Canada, is a first-year professor at BC and had taught labs at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, for five years.

But she ended up in Bakersfield because she wanted to come to California. "I wanted to teach at a community college, so BC's application and when I was ready to submit my

application worked out very well," she said.

She teaches geology and earth science at BC.

She said she would need a Ph.D. to teach community college in Canada whereas in the U.S., one needs a master's degree. "In the United States, the instructors are able to begin at a lower level of their own education," said Burszyn.

"As far as the system goes, I can't compare what has happened in high school, but I feel like the students here have a tendency to be more lazy

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Re-creation of WWII

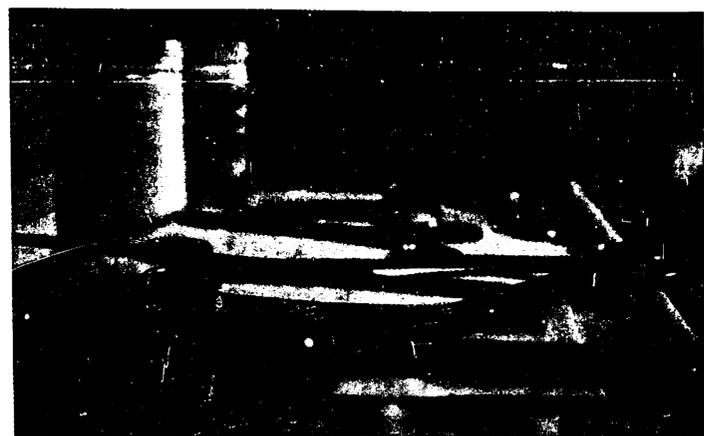
An air show at Edwards Air Force Base on Oct. 22 featured "Tora, Tora, Tora," which is the commemorative Air Force re-creation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

FEATURES

Mortician speaks of path to her career

Most people couldn't fathom working with the dead, but for this student, it's a daily routine.

By BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer



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Instruments of the trade: scissors, vein expander, scalpel, needle injector, aneurysm needle and forceps are just some of the instruments used in the art of embalming.

As I walk through the hospital hallway, I get numerous stares. People distract and even disgusted at the sight of me walking through. It's almost as if the grim reaper himself was here. Everyone is scared and fearful of witnessing what I am here to do.

I stroll on by numerous rooms until I come to my destination, usually the Intensive Care Unit. I usually don't have to present myself to the nursing staff; it is pretty obvious what I am here to do. With a gurney at the tip of my hands, a pair of gloves in my pocket and, lastly, a face sheet, I go to work. I prepare all of the necessary equipment to safely remove a corpse from the deathbed.

After loading up the corpse into my removal van, I transport the body straight to the mortuary. Upon arrival I get the body into the prep room and apply moisturizing cream on their facial features to avoid any dehydration. And finally, put the corpse into the refrigeration unit and call it a day.

Members of our society have placed their trust in me to fulfill the responsibility of disposition of the dead. I deal with death willingly on a daily basis whereas others avoid it. My job helps people obtain closure. I give families the opportunity to say their last goodbyes.

I chose this profession because it has always been my childhood dream. As a child, I spent a lot of my time with my father and I would accompany him to funerals whenever he went. I enjoyed viewings and burials, and from then on I knew that I wanted to become a mortician.

As a teenager, I never forgot my interest in mortuary science and, as an adult I self-researched the profession.

After attending Bakersfield College for two years, I pursued a career in the funeral profession. I obtained a volunteer job at a local mortuary and an internship at the coroner's office. I wanted to make sure that I could handle performing the

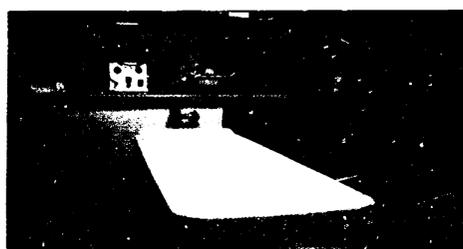
duties a mortician did, and I ended up loving it. My family was not supportive, but I applied for acceptance into mortuary school anyway. I started in the fall of 2002 at Cypress College and planned to complete the program in one year, which totalled to 50 units.

Mortuary school was one of the best times of my life. Monday through Friday consisted of all day mortuary curriculums ranging from anatomy, chemistry, embalming, funeral ceremonies, restorative art and accounting.

Embalming was done on campus once a week. The first semester, we were not allowed to embalm because we hadn't had the experience yet. However, we did get to raise arteries and veins in order to learn the circulatory system. After gaining enough lab experience, we were allowed to embalm our second semester.

Embalming is a single point injection made into the common carotid artery. A preservative, formaldehyde, is injected into the circulatory system while blood drains out.

Overall, I learned the differences be-



An embalming machine and embalming table lie within the Lane Family Funeral Home preparation room. All embalming, cosmetics, dressing and casketing is done in this room prior to burial.

tween casket and coffin, autopsy and embalming, and cadaver and corpse. But most importantly I learned everything I needed to know in order to become a licensed funeral director and embalmer.

After working in the workplace, I immediately knew that I loved my job. I

Should I 'Stay' or should I go?

By BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

A moment of happiness can be easily shattered by the sound of screeching tires. You just never know.

Death is unavoidable, and it is bound to catch up with us sooner or later. In one split second, poof, we're gone. For some it's sooner than usual. In the movie "Stay," for Henry

Latham (Ryan Gosling), it was sooner.

Henry is involved in a horrible car accident that leaves his mother, father and girlfriend dead at the scene. It is apparent that he is the only survivor.

After the accident, Latham reveals to his psychiatrist Sam Foster (Ewan McGregor) that he plans on committing suicide on his 21st birthday.

McGregor does a great job in clearly portraying the typical psychiatrist. He must be in his 30s, but he dresses like a 60-year-old man. Although, he wears tasteful three-piece suits that accentuate his good looks, the high water pants are not a good look.

It is apparent that Henry is living his life in guilt. He has lost everyone he loves and has concluded to end his own life.

Just think to yourself how you would react if you were the only survivor in a car accident that left all of your closest loved ones dead.

Guilt, shame, denial and remorse are just some of the factors that add to Henry's unstable mentality.

Henry's mental health is at a brink. He hears voices and has sporadic episodes portraying his mother and father. Finally, he admits to Sam that he killed his parents, and that is why he was going to hell.

Much like the movie, "Crash," the story unfolds and finally connects at the end.

A combination of non-conventional angles, colors, scene repetitions, music and finally art make this film aesthetically pleasing.

It is extremely difficult to clearly determine what is real and what is fantasy, especially in the scene where Henry's head is bleeding profusely in the middle of a busy New York street. That is exactly why this film is so interesting. It dares to question the topic we as a society normally do not want to talk about, death, and secondly, it presents how death can be so unfair.

Life is only here for a short time, and we never know when our time might be up.

Open your eyes and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us every day. Don't take what you have for granted because some of us never even get enough time to enjoy it all.

MOVIE REVIEW

FEATURES

Trying to make it in the movies

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS
Features Editor

Although many people dream of breaking into show business, few actually pursue a career in Hollywood.

Bakersfield College student Phillip G. Kopp is working to make his ambition into a career.

Kopp, 25, wrote, acted, directed and produced his own film, "B&E," which was recently accepted into the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival.

The first hurdle on the way to success is getting an agent, said Kopp. An aspiring screen writer, he first came upon the idea of shooting a short film after reading several books on getting into the film industry.

"One of the books suggested making a short film to go along with your script and query letter to show you're serious," he said.

After attending the Kern County Short Film Festival last year, Kopp decided that was his best option. "I thought, 'Wow, a lot of these films are horrible. I can do that,'" he said.

Soon Kopp found that making a film was not as easy as he had first thought. Amid bad acting, equipment failure and losing cast and crew to food poisoning, electrocution and lack of transportation among other things over the five-day shoot, he struggled to finish his work.

"There was no budget, \$1,000 to make the film and half of that went to the camera. I lost 10 pounds while making the film and had a seizure the fourth day. It was a learning experience," he said.

To make his film, Kopp created his own production company, Beyond Faith Films. His philosophy on why he continues to act and write is inherent in the company name.

"You've got to have more than just faith in yourself. No one will support you. You get a lot of doors slammed in your face," he said.

Kopp first got into acting while in high school where he participated in plays and began to write short scripts. For him, the theater is in his blood.

"All my sisters, my two brothers, we all act," he said. "My brother James is my inspiration."

Although his script placed in the top 100 out of 2,000 submissions in the American Gem Short Screenplay contest, "B&E" was rejected by three other film festivals before being accepted by the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival, which holds three festivals in New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Kopp's film will be shown at the L.A. festival in March 2006 as well as locally at a film festival held at the Spotlight Theater in November.

After all the rejection, Kopp felt down but refused to give up. "I felt like I was wasting my time," he said. "But I could be on a deserted island with a pen and paper, and I'd be happy."



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Theater and graphic design major Phillip G. Kopp poses with a copy of his short film, "B&E". Kopp's film has been accepted by the New York International Film and Video Festival.

Former BC student advocates screening

By TRACY YVONNE
Rip staff writer

With the help of Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy, Bakersfield College graduate Rudy Hernandez has been trying to get a bill passed by the state legislature.

Hernandez was diagnosed with testicular cancer in April 2004. He has been in remission for 14 months. Just like the breast cancer awareness campaign is encouraging women to get checked for early detection, the testicular cancer awareness campaign should get more people to get checked before it's too late.

Hernandez said, "I would like to see a bill that will be in the state legislature to get more people to get checked for early detection of testicular cancer."

Hernandez is currently working on his master's degree in social work at Cal State-Bakersfield.

He wants to help "more and more patients" and said that his new career goal is "a direct result of me having the cancer."

He said, "It has changed my life for the better."

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He is currently an intern at Mercy Hospital, working with a wide variety of patients, including those affected by cancer.

"Whether they are the patient or the loved one who has cancer, I commend them for their courage and express my deepest regards for battling this difficult disease," Hernandez said.

there is no way to prevent it. Any man can get testicular cancer and not know he has it until it's too late.

"It affects over 7,000 men in the U.S.," said Hernandez.

Hundreds or even thousands of them will die from it, mainly because of late detection.

Early detection is the only defense against this type of cancer, according to Hernandez. That is why he is trying to organize awareness.

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BC BRAINS

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



Lionel Washington, Biology: "Somebody that is sensitive?"



Josh Nickollos, graphic arts: "Sounds like something in the ancient time or something."



Kimberly Poppy, business administration: "Is it what evolves in the brain?"



Lindsey Bennett, history: "Is it a person over 100?"



Aaron Connor, music: "Sounds like some medical term or some old vital organ?"



Osvaldo Gutierrez, business administration: "Some kind of Roman gladiator?"

What is a centenary?

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Correct answers: One who is 100 years or older.

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OPINION

The good, bad and ugly of BC restrooms

Graffiti in the women's restroom

By DOTTY BURNS
Opinion Editor

If you are ever seeking out some enriching reading material in your spare time on campus ladies, and checking out "War and Peace" from the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library doesn't sound that appealing - go ahead and check out one of the many women's restroom stalls.

My inevitable visits to the campus restroom are always enlightening and memorable because of the riveting assortment of information scrawled on the stalls by my fellow students.

Although some of the information isn't exactly thought-provoking and edifying such as the sentence that reads "I pooped here 10/19/05 8:45 a.m."

I really have never read a publication that provided such a straightforward and charming collection of insight as the stalls I visit in between classes.

Even though I can't relate to the experience of getting "stoned," and I have yet to find Jesus, that hasn't dissuaded me from examining my fellow students' random thoughts. Some of my findings, which I'm sure others have also read, consist of advice, announcements, deep thoughts and opinions.

"Guys suck" and "Mexican's rule the welfare department" are some of the varied and contemplated thoughts you might find written next to the toilet paper.

Of course, notions about the opposite sex and flawed opinions are really the same things that I found in my high school restrooms, but the

interesting responses that are written next to the statements is what I think should be the main attraction of the "little girls room."

For instance, one Sylvia Plath novice wrote in the Humanities Building restroom "The world is a depressing place," to which someone responded: "Yes it is. We should all kill ourselves."

Aside from being persuaded to seek out someone with a Prozac prescription to leave near the toilet, as an English major I do enjoy seeing such expressive manifestations in the most mundane place.

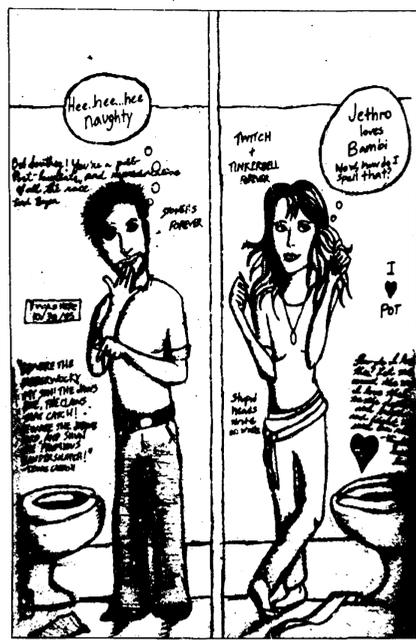
Although a great deal of the material found is quite vulgar, and probably isn't appreciated by any of the students who happen to read a line, there is one consistent statement that I am convinced is written in some form in nearly every restroom on campus and that is "you are all dumb [or] writing on the bathroom stalls."

The responses surrounding the written hypocritical protests are always interesting and the typical verses may read like this: "Why do losers write on bathroom stalls?"

Then the response: "The same reason you write on them dumb ass." Then the response: "Jesus loves you."

I've never written on the restroom stalls (the toilet just isn't a place where I feel inspired to express myself), but after reading so many blatant and inane statements written on the stalls protesting the act, I am nearly compelled to lower myself and break out my black pilot pen.

The opinion that I would mostly likely scribe, under the written state-



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ment "You retard, are dumb for writing on the stalls," would probably underscore the fact that the college does ultimately belong to the students, and if they wish to decorate their restroom stalls with smut and profane philosophy, they should have the freedom to do so.

Graffiti in the men's restroom

By STEVEN C. VOGEL
Rip staff writer

When nature calls we all must answer the door, no matter the place or time.

I can recall a few days back when nature called, and I answered. At the time I was between classes, so I was forced to use one of the restrooms at Bakersfield College. In this particular instance, I chose to make a pit stop in the Science and Mathematics Building.

After I did my business and began to exit the stall, I was appalled at the filth written on the stall walls. The walls were filled with a variety of topics, ranging from sex to drugs.

One particular comment mentioned a particular faculty member, whom I won't mention by name, and described that the teacher is a "fucking queer."

Another, which promoted drug use among the student body, said "If it ain't growin', don't blaze it," referring to the use of marijuana (or a "blunt" as it is often referred). Many of the comments that filled the walls were far too inappropriate to comment on publicly.

As I made my way to other area restrooms on campus, the same type of material was found.

For example, as I entered the men's restroom located within the Fine Arts Department, there were a number of comments (again, primarily about sex) offering "services" to other students.

One said something to the effect, with certain words omitted, "Hey, this is the campus jock. I'm look-

ing for my first time... to experience what a real man is like."

OK, don't get me wrong. I have absolutely nothing against homosexuality, however, I do not think that material like this should be on public display.

Students have the right to do and say what they choose, whether it be their sexual preference, drug use, or the latter, but I don't need to know about it.

Basically, students need to grow up and realize that they have now entered college. This isn't high school. I would expect a deeper level of maturity from this student body.

While in high school in Tehachapi, it is true, this type of obscenity befell me. However, that was high school, and this type of unacceptable behavior can be expected to occur to a point.

The next time I walk through those doors, when nature calls, I will be prepared.

I can only offer one piece of advice to students who "hoose to vandalize BC property, which is clearly happening on a regular basis.

If you are one of the mature ones, right on.

I commend you for your level of responsibility and maturity in choosing not to take part in this filth. You have chosen to keep your sexual life behind closed doors - where it belongs.

It's time for each of us to grow up and take a stand against this act of vandalism and disrespect toward our school. Remember, it's your school - respect and take pride in what you've been given.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

I was indignant by Mike Butler's article, "Campus class Web site not yet a reality" in the Oct. 19 edition of the Renegade Rip. The idea of a Web site listing canceled classes that students could check prior to driving to campus is a good one; however, I couldn't help but reflect upon the fact that such a technology already exists. I know because I use it when I have had to cancel my classes.

My mother recently passed away, and as a result, I had to miss a few sessions of each of my four classes. I simply logged on to Banner, pulled up the roster for the class I needed to cancel, and pressed the "cancel class" button. When I did so, a blank email form appeared, with the email addresses for every one of my students listed in BCC header. I simply informed my students that class would be canceled, what homework I wished for them to accomplish in my absence, and when I expected our class to reconvene.

This seems a superior and more personal system than a Web page. First, it appears in a student's inbox rather than requiring the student to check every day before she leaves home. Further, it allows more direct communication and more specific information. Students can, if they wish, respond with questions, or in my case, with offers of condolences and prayers, which were much appreciated. Only a few students weren't informed in advance of my absence, and they were the students who had not used Banner to update their email addresses.

A canceled class Web site? Sure, why not? But I'll keep using the existing Banner technology to inform my students in a personal, confidential, and expedient manner.

Tom Moran
ASL Instructor

Men mark their territory in restrooms much like other animals

By MICHAEL PLAZA
Rip staff writer

Many male animals mark their territories by urinating or leaving some kind of scent to let other animals know they are about to invade. It seems human males have taken the term literally. Just take a look in pretty much any public restroom, especially at Bakersfield College.

Entering a stall located in a restroom in the Humanities Building section of BC, the graffiti immediately catches your eye. Everything from gang-related initials, hate speech, jokes and plenty more (I am

sure if anyone has used the facilities, they know what I am talking about). Most of the writings could be categorized as very offensive, but I think most people accept it as "banal."

BC has restrooms everywhere. You can find one from any class in a few minutes, and according to the writing on the walls, the restrooms here are a pretty popular hangout. If you need to go take care of your business, you don't even need reading material. The walls are filled with notes and numbers, many of them have replies and seem to be continual conversations.

The facilities located in the gym seem to be the worse of all. There is not only graffiti in the stalls, but all over the walls of the room.

It looks like an unfinished mural with colors and big bubble letters. Mural may have been the wrong word to use, since it may bring to mind artwork that somehow beautifies the area, which this in no way, shape or form does.

The different colors of paint on walls throughout campus restrooms are the signs of covering all the old graffiti, but you wouldn't know because there is new graffiti over the paint.

Although some of the writing on the walls is pretty funny, it is an eyesore. The words and pictures seem somewhat childish, and don't seem to be something you would see on a college campus, but it's there, and it always will be.

I don't believe there is a way to break the cycle.

It would probably cause a problem if the school decided to keep an eye on people using the restroom, but what else would stop the problem?

I guess BC will just have to stock up on paint and brushes and deal with the problem.

Women's restroom toilet paper ratings vary from building to building

By TRACY YVONNE
Rip staff writer

There is a public place that still separates the men from the women. It is the restroom. So what are the powder rooms of BC really like? Mostly drab and musty, punctuated by splashes of colored tile.

Let's start with the library commodes: modern, well-cooled in the summer, or any time of year, they're usually chilly... and elegant. They remind me of what a mini museum might look like: great lighting, unfortunately blunders show up better, and high tech water faucets, so high-tech that I can never get the temperature of water I want. They are usually

clean and on a scale of 1 to 10 on toilet paper (TP) floor coverage, I'd give them a 1, which is excellent.

Going to the other extreme of a 9 on the TP Richter scale is the Student Center foyer sitting room. It has TP everywhere. Everywhere. On the floor, on the counters, on the sink, behind the toilet, and tied, yes tied to the door post, every day!

The handicap stall is pretty cool. You have a private restroom within a restroom, with its sink-in-stall-studio feeling. There are framed prints of art work like Monet and artists who really liked pastels and lines. There is a community vanity desk with two foot stools that may have been borrowed from Woolworths. I sit in front of

the mirror and feel like ordering a milkshake as I apply my Antique Rose lipstick. All the perks of this space don't seem to help since it is overtaken by the TP.

The Fine Arts restroom is pretty cool. If you're having a gloomy day when the sun's not out, go here for your restroom needs. Plus the walk will help you get over that guy you were dating... It's bright yellow! Yes, it's a cross between Tweety and a Sunflower. This is one happy commode folks. Nothin' can get you down when you're on one of these thrones. But I do have to give you all the facts, and this particular one did have a creative artist who painted over graffiti - in a completely different color than the stall. To this person,

I say: "Hi, I'm a matching color. Get to know me."

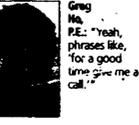
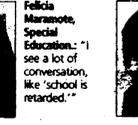
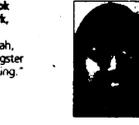
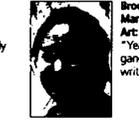
OK, I hate to bring it up, but we gotta talk about it. Stinky. Actually there were only two that go under this dirty heading and that is the Registration restroom and the Business Ed restroom.

Maybe they need more ventilation. Business Ed got a 3 for TP while Registration was a 1.

Ladies locker room commode is a one-woman show, kinda weird to have such a large building with a one-stall commode, but no one is ever in there, so it works. I know I've never had to wait but a few seconds once in a great while. TP rating 1 and unnoticeable graffiti.

'GADE FEEDBACK

Have you seen anything interesting written in a BC restroom?



Angel Alcala, Art: "Yeah, mostly numbers."

Brook Mark, Art: "Yeah, gangster writing."

Felicia Hernandez, Special Education: "I see a lot of conversation, like 'school is retarded.'"

Greg Mc, P.E.: "Yeah, phrases like, 'for a good time give me a call.'"

Margarita Garcia, Spanish: "No, just cuss words."

Rick Berman, Underwood: "Yes, like 'no' for sexual reasons."

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CAMPUS

College staff meets for brainstorming session

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Rip staff writer

Counselors and professors openly sparred with Bakersfield College President William Andrews on Oct. 19 during an open forum in the Collins Conference Room designed to address urgent and pertinent issues irking many faculty members.

For the most part, Andrews shared the same sentiments that the faculty had. A few of the many issues discussed were how to market BC and the lateness of the class schedule.

"The schedule always comes out too late to use," said Kathy Aiello-Wise, who represents adjunct faculty in Academic Senate.

The tardy printing of BC's class schedule does not promote a positive image of BC, many faculty members said during the forum.

"We (BC) have a lot of marketing to do, and we're not making progress," remarked Aiello-Wise.

Andrews agreed with Aiello-Wise. "We can never market too heavily," Andrews said.

Many counselors reminded those present that the printed schedule is used when BC representatives tour the local high schools.

Those present unanimously agreed that the culprit responsible for the lateness of the schedule needs to be identified and held accountable. Stringent deadlines need to be set, many concurred.

Greg Chamberlain, who oversees media services in BC's Computer Commons, said that, "We should gather information. We should do a survey of student opinions. My daughter and her friends never use the printed schedule."

Ash West, SGA president, concurred with Chamberlain about the use of surveys saying, "There are not enough surveys done of students."

Some counselors complained that the schedule is "out of date" and "not accurate."

the printed schedule, saying in its defense that "even though it comes in late, and it has a lot of mistakes, it's still used, and it's a good recruitment tool."

On the needfulness of using the printed schedule as a marketing tool, Andrews remarked that "there are 1,700 new families in Bakersfield, and they don't know that we (BC) exist."

Erica Grail, SGA's student trustee, said, "We (SGA) often give presentations with the printed class schedule." Many present concurred that the printed schedule is a good marketing tool. She added that if the printed schedule cost was raised to a dollar, it would be worth it.

Kathy Rosellini, BC counselor said that when she actually uses the printed schedule, it is "in tandem with Banner on the computer screen."

Many counselors affirmed that the routine lateness of the printed schedule presents problems for the average student who is not a President's Scholar, and that the majority of classes are often not available to the average student who must make do perusing the schedule. Often these students cannot get classes at appropriate times that are conducive to their schedules. This is not encouraging to many students, the faculty at the forum said. Nor did Andrews find this situation acceptable. Such a situation is conducive to the student drop out rate, many faculty members felt.

"We as a college cannot afford to lose any more students," he said.

However, Rosellini said that most people know that incoming freshmen usually do not get the classes they want.

"It's a fact of life, you'll never get the best classes when you're a freshman," she said, insinuating the time component of the printed schedule's availability makes no difference.

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— Kathy Aiello-Wise, Adjunct faculty

Merry melodies



DANIELA GARCIA / THE RIP

The Bakersfield College Chorale and The Chamber Singers perform at the First Christian Church on Oct. 21.



JOSE VEGA / THE RIP

Left: Adam Welch, a drummer for a local Christian band called The Upper Room, plays at the InterVarsity picnic on Oct. 20 at BC.

Below: Guitarist and lead vocalist Jeremy Vinson is joined by drummer Welch and J.C. Mejia.



ALFREDO ADKINS / THE RIP

TEACHERS: Professors make the move from four-year universities to junior college

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than my Canadian students. Maybe it's the relaxed Californian attitude, but I'm just going to call it laziness," said Burzytny.

She said she likes the science department community. "Making the adjustment from coming so far away has been really easy because everyone has been so great," she said.

One communication professor, Michael Korok, was skeptical at first about teaching at a community college when he saw an advertisement for the job. He had previously taught at Cornell University in New York State. He was looking at Cornell's Department of Teaching Openings that had a "debate component."

He didn't have teaching at a community college in his plans, until his wife told him he should look into it. "I really hadn't been thinking about teaching at a community college, so when I first became aware that there was a teaching spot available here... my first reaction was, no

thanks," said Korok. He was applying to four-year universities, such as George Mason and Utah State.

"Jess, my fiancé at the time, took a look at it and asked, 'why not?'" said Korok. "I thought, well, there are a number of reasons. It's a community college. It's not quite as prestigious of a teaching position. It's unlikely to pay as well as a four-year program."

He said the main reason he chose to come to BC is because the debate program has a very long history.

"I wanted to relax a little bit, take a little easier, with a little bit less stress in debate, so the thinking was here teaching is primary," Menzies said. "I like the very friendly, one-on-one interactions that teachers have with their students."

He also said the administration has been very supportive. BC President Bill Andrews said that a professor who has taught at a four-year school previously is not given priority over anyone else. He said all that matters is that they meet the hiring criteria.

He said after the end of 36 additional hours of discussion with his fiancé, BC had been his top choice and was the only one he actively pursued. "I have been happy here ever since," Korok said.

John Menzies, who is in his first year at BC, previously taught geography at Indiana State University. Menzies said "priorities" influenced his decision to come to BC.

"Teaching is my priority, over the research, academia-type environment. Most four-year universities are into research primarily and not so much the teaching aspect. Teaching is usually sort of secondary, while here teaching is primary," Menzies said. "I like the very friendly, one-on-one interactions that teachers have with their students."

He also said the administration has been very supportive. BC President Bill Andrews said that a professor who has taught at a four-year school previously is not given priority over anyone else. He said all that matters is that they meet the hiring criteria.

"I made inquiries about the position and found out that it actually paid well, as well as the four-year positions did," he said.

Big Red royalty

■ Homecoming week under way as campus gears up for 50th anniversary of stadium.

By **STEVEN C. VOGEL**
and **VICTOR GARCIA**
Rip staff writers

Big Red Week and Homecoming festivities began Oct. 31 and will run through this week, concluding with the Homecoming football game Saturday that will celebrate the 50-year anniversary of Memorial Stadium.

Additionally, the Homecoming king and queen will be unveiled during Saturday's game.

Included in this annual event was a Halloween dress-up day on Monday, a day full of themed games on Tuesday, and a scavenger hunt today. Thursday is Golden Anniversary Day, a day designed to honor Memorial Stadium and its history.

A total of 12 candidates - six couples - are involved in the king/queen competition. All students and faculty can vote for their choices on Thursday. Voting booths will be located in the campus center walkway.



The BC mascot is expected to return at the homecoming game.

Candidates for homecoming king and queen are Diane Patiso, Mark Loewen, Ashley Blande, Sebastian Moeller, Braden Bertrand, Julie Salguero, Navejas, Jonathan Ferguson, Julie Sanchez and Steve Davis.

Reggie the Renegade, BC's mascot, will be receiving parole from his locked cage in the SGA storage room to appear at homecoming.

There hasn't been a mascot in two years.

"There will be a mascot at homecoming," said SGA Activities Director Anthony Doser.

The college has also periodically



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Nominees for homecoming king and queen from the business club, Julie Sanchez and Steve Davis model their outfits for the 1950s costume contest. They took first place in the contest.

had a knight riding a horse. "It was more our symbol," Cheerleading Coach and Psychology Professor Becki Watson. "It wasn't really a mascot." She said a lot of people did not like

the horse being on the track and the mess it would cause.

For further information on Big Red Week or any activity scheduled to take place at BC, you may contact SGA directly at 395-4355.

10,000 expected for game

By **LEANNE CAVE**
and **BECKY JIMENEZ**
Rip staff writers

The 2005 Homecoming game on Saturday between the Bakersfield College Renegades and the Ventura College Pirates will mark the 50th anniversary of Memorial Stadium.

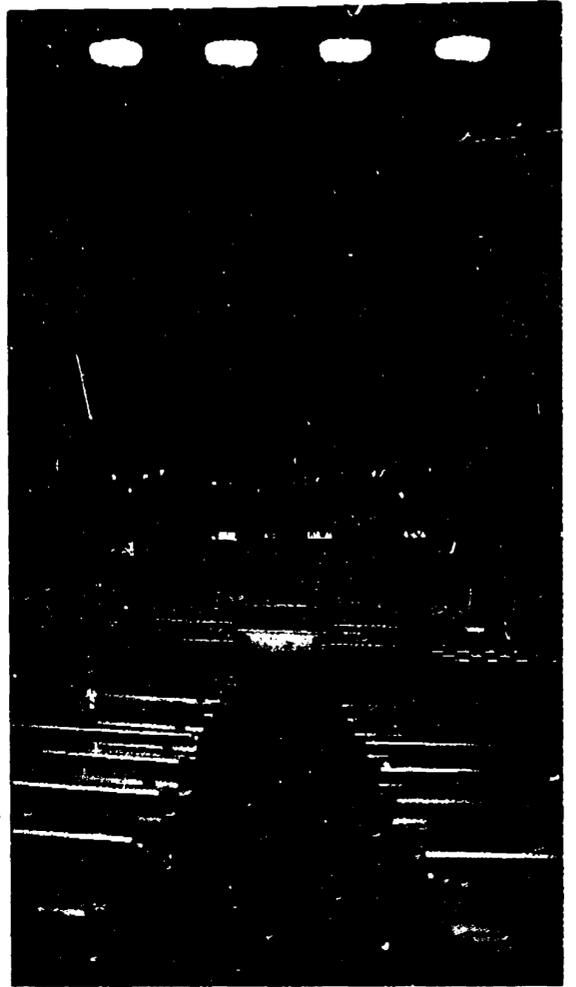
Tickets are free to the game as school officials hope to fill as many seats as possible for the celebration. It's an important game for the 6-2 Renegades as well as a fun birthday celebration, according to Jan Stuebbe, BC athletic director.

There will be a pregame ceremony at 6:30 p.m. before the football game. Former athletic directors, head football coaches and track coaches will be present for the celebration, including members of BC's 1955 football team, Stuebbe said.

"The 1955 football team will be introduced. Claude Gilbert, the first player to touch the ball and Jim Riley the first player to score at Memorial Stadium, will be in attendance at the Homecoming celebration," Stuebbe said. "The first 1,000 kids (12 and under) to enter the gates will receive Big Red nerf footballs, and we will be singing 'Happy Birthday' to Memorial during the game."

Terry Morris, Ventura head coach, is looking forward to a competitive game as well as the country atmosphere that Bakersfield presents.

"It's an honor and always fun to go to Memorial Stadium and play a tradition like Bakersfield," Morris said. "Ventura and Bakersfield used to be a rivalry years ago. We are going to show up to play and hope to give everyone a good game. Our goal is to keep the tradition from sounding off."



IAN HAMILTON / THE RIP

Only 3,293 attended Memorial Stadium for the game on Oct. 22, but it can seat approximately 19,000. In hopes of filling it, tickets are free to the homecoming game.

"I'm just a good ol' boy from Texas, Tennessee and I love the country music scene up there," Morris said. "I hope Merle Haggard and Dwight Yoakum are there. I hope Yoakum sings the national anthem."

Memorial Stadium was completed in 1956. The stadium has an estimated 19,000 seats, said Becky Hawthorne, business ser-

vices ticket office coordinator. It is the largest community college stadium in the state. So far, through giving out tickets and season-ticket holders, approximately 8,000 have tickets for the game, including several groups, such as fire department workers, post office workers and local schools. Stuebbe estimated the crowd will be more than 10,000.

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Tajjiddin Smith, wide receiver, scores the first touchdown of Saturday's game against Allan Hancock. BC won the game 45-10, securing their spot in the Golden Empire Bowl and playoffs. For more on the games, Homecoming, and the Bowl schedule see pages 11 and 12.



IAN HAMILTON / THE RIP

BC to face off against Fullerton

By LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The 2005 Golden Empire Bowl will feature a golden rivalry, as the Bakersfield College Renegades (8-2, 6-1 Western State Conference North Division) will host the Fullerton College Hornets, also 8-2 overall, on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

BC is seeded fourth while Fullerton is fifth in the eight-team Southern California Regional. The winner will advance in the state championship playoffs.

Fullerton has beaten the 'Gades the last two outings, but the next contest may favor the home team.

"They have beaten us the last two times we've played, but we're real hungry for a win against them and the third time may be the charm for us," said BC quarterback Thomas Peregrin. "I won't be surprised if we have a strong week of practice and they haven't seen the best of Bakersfield yet."

Fullerton has one of the best running backs in the state, Joe Chapman, but the Hornet coaching staff knows that Bakersfield will present a challenge in the bowl game, especially defensively.

"I would rather be playing the Chicago Bears," Fullerton head coach Gene Murphy said. "We played BC

last year in the bowl and at the beginning of the 2005 season (Fullerton won 31-26). Now we have to play them again. But it's the best bowl game of all in a great venue and stadium. Jeff Chudy (BC head coach) and Jan Stuebbe (BC athletic director) are first class people."

BC earned the right to play in the bowl against Fullerton by finishing the regular season with a five-game winning streak, which included a 45-10 stomping of their final opponent, the Allan Hancock Bulldogs (7-3), on Nov. 12 before 2,224 fans at Memorial Stadium.

It didn't take the 'Gades long to take control of the game as Peregrin

continued his season passing assault on opponents by tossing a 29-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Tajjiddin Smith with 10:59 left in the first quarter. Jose Martinez kicked the extra point and BC led 7-0.

The next BC score came early in the second quarter as Peregrin mirrored his 29-yard touchdown pass of the first quarter, only this time he had a bit of trouble getting the pass off. Peregrin fumbled the ball but picked it up just before getting sacked, rolled out and threw a perfect strike to tight end Jeff Fielder for the score. Martinez kicked the extra point and the 'Gades were 14 points up.

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Above: While eating sandwiches and waiting for new clothes at Casa Campos de San Miguel, Enrique Aguilar and his sister Maria Aguilar hold on to their mom. Below: Mother Antonia begins her day at 5 a.m. giving advice to inmates.

Recognizing an angel

Mother Antonia, known as 'Prison Angel', to speak at BC on Nov. 22

By ALFREDO ADKINS
Sports Editor

A speaker praised as "extraordinary" and called one of the most humanitarian people alive by President Vicente Fox of Mexico and President Ronald Reagan will come to Bakersfield College on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Known as the "Prison Angel", Mother Antonia Brenner has lived in a Tijuana jail for 29 years. The Irish Catholic nun is twice divorced and as a teenage girl lived in Beverly Hills next to movie stars like

Cary Grant and played tennis at The Beverly Hills Country Club.

On her 50th birthday on Easter Sunday in 1976, she told her family that she was moving to her new home — a cell in La Mesa Prison in Tijuana, Mexico. She would be living with nearly 7,000 inmates.

Mother Antonia left her home in 1976 wearing a hand sewn habit without the Catholic Church's blessing at the time, as encouraged by Father Vetter, who introduced her to La Mesa Prison. She went to Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Ventura and made personal vows.



From there with just a toothbrush, blanket, Spanish dictionary and Bible in hand, she went to the warden and told of her plans to call La Mesa Prison her home.

Since that time, she has started her days at 5 a.m. by receiving 100-200 prisoners and guards regard-

less of race or religion. They seek everything from a hug to blessings to spiritual and personal advice, including help with legal declarations and even help with money. Sometimes they need \$100-\$200 to get out of jail when the only other

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Expect delays for print version of class schedule

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College students may have no complaints about the wait listing system. However, everyone, including students, counselors and professors do not like waiting for the printed class schedule, which, they

practical use. BC officials say that the printed schedule will appear Dec. 12. A pamphlet containing a list of courses that will be offered in the spring semester can be found in BC's Admissions and Records building.

"I don't care about the wait listing system, but the printed schedule always comes out later than they say it will," said BC student Amy Smith, 20, and a forestry and animal science major.

Other students simply express appreciation for the wait listing system.

"It's (the wait list system) been good. This is my first semester, and I've been able to get into all of the classes I needed," said Julia Marin, 18, and an undeclared major.

Speaking of the waitlist system, Rey Abaldonado, 18, and a nursing major, said the waitlist system is "a great idea." However, regarding the printed schedule, Abaldonado said that the "printed schedule comes out too late."

According to Mike Fox, 18, and an undeclared major, "there's nothing wrong with the wait list."

Darcy Brown, a BC counselor, said that the wait list gives students fair and equal chances to get into the courses they want.

"There are little glitches (in the waitlist system) to be worked out, and BC is trying to work them out, but it's a good system," Brown said. "The system is easier for teachers, and not as chaotic as when they were sending out add and drop slips. The wait list is more efficient, and not like the previous lottery system of adding." Speaking of the printed schedule's timing, Brown said simply, "the administration is working to improve that system."

"There are little glitches (in the waitlist system) to be worked out... but it's a good system."

— Darcy Brown,
BC counselor

According to Dan Murillo, counselor and counseling departmental chair, the wait listing system is "pretty good. It prevents students from crashing as in the old days. There's no more of that drawing straws/lottery thing now." However, with a smile, Murillo added that the new system is "rough on procrastinators." In regard to accessing a BC course schedule, Murillo says that having an online schedule is fine, but that having the printed schedule is "necessary, and it needs to be on time. Lots of students have no access to computers." Murillo said it is more convenient for many computer-deprived students to have a printed version of BC's course schedule.

Some BC professors are not happy with the size of the wait list that BC administrators have allowed; according to Moya Arthur, BC philosophy professor, it is completely egregious to allow the list to expand to 25 so-called openings, she said.

"It's deceptive to allow a student who is 25 on the wait list to think he or she has a chance of getting into the class," Arthur said. "A student placed at 25 on the list doesn't have an ice cube's chance in hell of getting in."

According to Arthur, the wait list system should logically "reflect the likelihood or chance of a student getting into the class." In other words, Arthur says, the wait list should not go over a few slots and certainly there should not be as many as 25 to 30 alleged openings.

As for the printed schedule, Arthur said that it is the "best marketing tool BC has." However, Arthur believes that it would be best to go back to giving the printed schedule away for free, as was done in the past. Arthur pointed out the fact that BC's pub-

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Student Government Association unsure how to distribute funds

■ Accumulation of \$300,000 can only be used for projects in Campus Center.

By JOSHUA AYERS
News Editor

Approximately \$300,000 has accumulated into the SGA's Senate Bill 135 account and has left student government wondering how they plan on using it.

SB 135 passed in 1981 and was implemented in 1982. The account acquires money from students at the time of registration. According to Don Turney, dean of students, each student is charged \$1 per unit with a maximum of five units being charged to a student per semester.

Monies generated from the fee go into the SB 135 account and are only to be used on projects that have to do with "financing, constructing, enlarging, remodeling, refurbishing

and operating" the Campus Center.

"In my opinion, they haven't done much with it," said Turney.

Some of the money in the account, according to Turney, went into improving the landscaping in the Campus Center area and also toward the Student Lounge, which is still not open to students.

The approximate cost for those projects, Turney said, were \$6,000 for the game room and \$8,000 for the recent landscaping which leaves a lot

of extra money available.

Turney said that some of the ideas that have come up have been to improve sound and visual equipment in the Executive Board Room and Fire-side Room. Another proposed project, which has been estimated to cost from \$60,000 to \$100,000, is to completely refurbish the cafeteria. Turney said that this idea would bring a French café look to the facility. Cobblestone flooring, awnings, and outside café-style tables were among

some of the effects mentioned.

Turney said that not very much money has been used out of the account in the past few years and that he would like to see that change.

"[You] can't keep taking money from students and not give them anything," Turney said.

Vice President of Student Services Mikirei Lovato echoed the plans of Turney, citing projects such as the Student Lounge and the landscaping. Lovato said that the plan is to

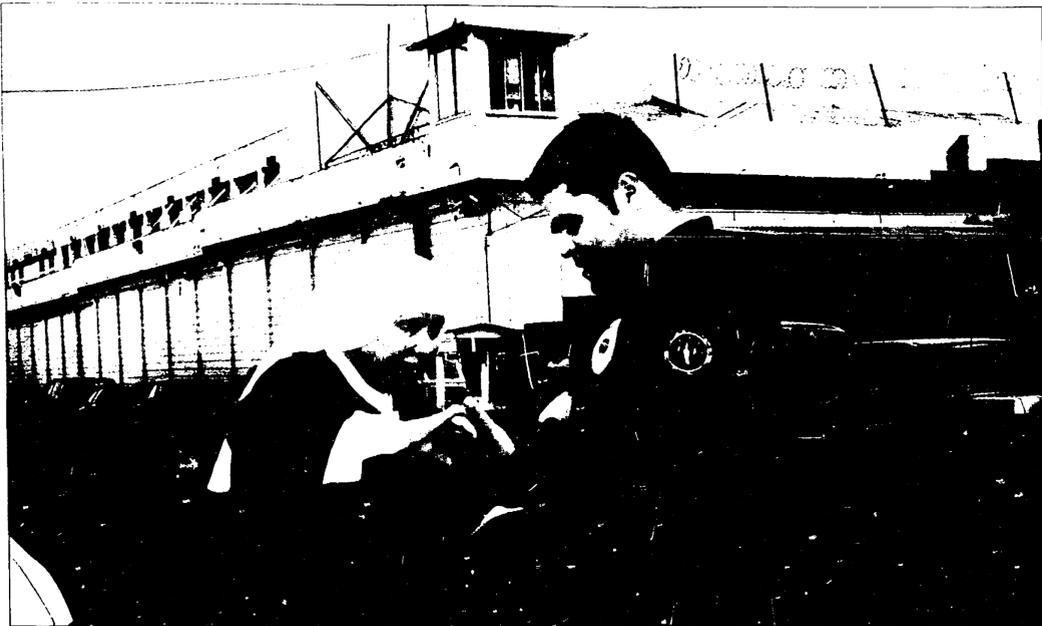
have students working in the Student Lounge area to monitor machines and act as a form of fraud prevention.

Lovato said that the delay in the opening of the Student Lounge and other projects could be pinned on space issues that the campus is dealing with because of the renovation projects on campus.

"Space is an issue," Lovato said. "[We want to] move forward with projects without disruptions to the

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NEWS



Abraham Silva, a Mexican federal soldier, speaks with Mother Antonia outside La Mesa Federal Prison. Living in the prison freely for 29 years, Mother Antonia assists the inmates and provides spiritual advice. She will be speaking at BC on Nov. 22.

ANTONIA: 'Prison Angel' to speak at BC

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option was to stay in jail as long as two years.

In an exclusive interview Nov. 7 in Tijuana, Mother Antonia talked about her love for all and especially her love for the prisoners whom she calls her sons.

"I want to let him (prisoners) to know he is beautiful!" she said. "Let him know that Christ died for him!"

It was 9:43 a.m. outside the 25-foot high prison wall when Mother Antonia appeared with Abraham Silva, a Mexican federal soldier patrolling the area.

With a letter in hand, Mother Antonia greeted this reporter, then went on to tell Carlos Bustamante, our driver for the trip, about a young man needing \$1,400 in pesos (about \$140) to get out of jail.

Our trip took us two blocks away to Casa Campos de San Miguel, a home for the treatment of women with cancer and rehabilitation for female prisoners.

We were greeted by Sister Anne Marie Maxfield, a former Bakersfield resident.

Some other people at the front gate were greeted with food. Others received comfort in getting information they were looking for.

The house was full, friendly and peaceful as we sat in an office at Casa Campos de San Miguel.

"Rehabilitation comes with the love of God ... of a loving God," said Mother Antonia. "It is a terrible thing not to belong, every person has to belong. You are created to belong, because God loves each one of us."

Mother Antonia also touched on her love of the prison chapel, which is the only chapel or church in the world that is named St Paul in Chains.

She also talked about the Mexico and U.S. border.

"We are not ready to take down the borders. Long after me and you are gone, they will still be there. I have one foot in the U.S. and one foot in Mexico, the ground feels the same to me," she said.

"This world belongs to God," she added.

"Pick up the dirt and tell it you own it." Then (referring to death) she said, "the dirt will say 'no,' you belong to me."

The simple fact of lying or speaking ill of someone was compared to murder by Mother Antonia, who said, "Do not speak against anybody, for you are robbing them. You cannot repay the respect you steal. Many people murder the hopes of other people without thinking."

"If God knows you stole something, he knows the reason and forgives you, but there is a victim. What did he feel? What do you feel? You can't treat people badly. As you sow so shall you reap. If you plant onions you are not going to reap trigo (flour). You reap what you sow."

The beginnings of bringing Mother Antonia to Bakersfield can be traced back to a conversation between Sister Anne, a former member of Christ the King Church in Oildale, and her friend Darlene Stewart.

It all started with an invitation to Sister Anne to join the Stewart family for Thanksgiving in Bakersfield. As the conversation went on between Stewart and Sister Anne, the subject of bringing Mother Antonia to Thanksgiving dinner was brought up.

At the time, that didn't seem possible because of Mother Antonia's health concerns and her rarity of leaving La Mesa Prison.

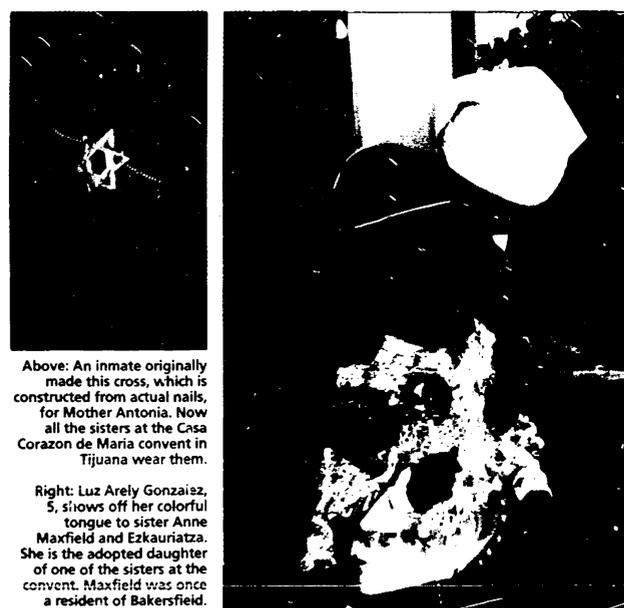
However, Mother Antonia heard of the conversation and was told by Sister Anne that there was an invitation for her to join Sister Anne and the Stewart family for Thanksgiving and to be a guest speaker at BC.

While Thanksgiving dinner may be at her jail cell in Tijuana, Mother Antonia responded to the invitation to speak by saying, "That is a wonderful idea! That will be fun, let's do it!"

For her appearance, Mother Antonia, who will celebrate her 80th birthday 10 days after speaking in Bakersfield, said that the only donations she would ask for are small, wrapped candy for the adult prisoners, who she calls her children.

The BC Eminent Speakers Committee is sponsoring Mother Antonia's speaking engagement at BC. The event begins at 6 p.m. on Nov. 22 in the Indoor Theater.

Large groups are encouraged to contact BC professor Chuck Wall at 872-9555 to ensure adequate seating.



Above: An inmate originally made this cross, which is constructed from actual nails, for Mother Antonia. Now all the sisters at the Casa Corazon de Maria convent in Tijuana wear them.

Right: Luz Arely Gonzales, 5, shows off her colorful tongue to sister Anne Maxfield and Ezkauriatza. She is the adopted daughter of one of the sisters at the convent. Maxfield was once a resident of Bakersfield.



Above: Guadalupe Nunez, a cancer victim, holds onto Sister Aisha Ezkauriatza during lunch. Nunez, who came with her sister-in-law for support, just finished her second treatment for cancer. She expressed sadness that she would be leaving the convent.

Left: Ramon Baltazar unloads bread at Casa Campos de San Miguel in Tijuana. The bread is used as part of a meal to feed 30 to 50 families. People just come from the street and get free sandwiches and water.

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FEATURES



Andrew Hupp as Renfro and Katie Goehring who plays Billie Marie, take a bow during practice.

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Jailbirds nest in BC playhouse

■ 'Criminal Minds' equals criminal chaos in the new Bakersfield College play.

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Rip staff writer

In Robin Swicord's "Criminal Minds," a play currently running at Bakersfield College, two escaped jail "birds" nest in their own private divot in an abandoned miniature golf course in Florida in wintertime, circa 1983. At the end of the

PLAY REVIEW

play, it will be par for the course for the two guys and the girl who come along for the ride. The production is directed by Kimberly Chin.

Since "fortune has pee-peed" on them, as one of the main characters, Billie Marie, so succinctly puts it, the desperadoes, Eddie Ray Renfro and Eddie Ray's girlfriend, Billie Marie, have to find cheap digs to hide out from the law, and they chance upon an abandoned miniature golf course.

Billie Marie is tied off with Eddie Ray for skipping out of prison just nine days before he is to be paroled, and apparently he did it just to keep tabs on the eccentric Renfro, who has a short-term memory. Eddie Ray is planning a heist, and he is especially interested in using Renfro's unique way of processing information; Eddie Ray wants Renfro to be the fall guy who gets arrested for the crime.

He says this to his girlfriend, Billie Marie, who does not seem to have any qualms about it. However, she thinks that Eddie Ray should just ditch Renfro somewhere and not bother with using him for some scheme.

An interesting character and indispensable to the play, Billie Marie is evidently a trailer park casualty who yearns for bourgeois respect-



Katie Goehring, who plays Billie Marie, sprays hairspray as she gets ready for the BC play, "Criminal Minds."

Clark shows that Eddie Ray wants to elude capture, get rich quick and use Renfro to achieve the purpose of getting rich.

Andrew Hupp effectively shows that Renfro does not know what is going on; all that he is periodically cognizant of is the fact that he is in love with Billie Marie.

Fortunately, not once did any of the actors grope or fumble for dialogue. Clark conveys the appropriate air of urgency and is effectively ominous and desperate with his booming voice and his fierce facial expression enhanced by his huge eyes. However, at times he perhaps exaggerates Eddie Ray's bad-ass posture; Clark sometimes almost comes across as a stereotype.

Katie Goehring's performance as Billie Marie misses some depth and breadth of character interpretation. Just from the character's an-drogynous-sounding name alone the viewer gets that the character should combine strength and resilience tempered by compassion. However, the actor comes across

like a pouty, exasperated teenage Barbie doll. Furthermore, she frequently mumbles her lines without much conviction.

At times, Andrew Hupp as Renfro exaggerates the fact that he is an actor in touch with his inner child rather than showing the audience Renfro and what makes Renfro tick.

Of course, the character's short-term memory disability should lend the character a somewhat helpless, childish air, but Hupp sometimes overdoes it.

Nevertheless, one good choice Hupp as the actor makes is to leave it to audience interpretation whether or not Renfro is truly suffering from short-term memory loss; somehow Renfro has the presence of mind to gain the upper hand in the end.

The playwright intended to create some uncertainty as to whether or not Renfro truly has the disability; Renfro could be the true "criminal mind" in the play, the playwright insinuates.

Author speaks on mystery writing craft

■ Mystery novelist John Shannon speaks about his upcoming book and the motives behind his writing.

By DOTTY BURNS
Opinion Editor

Mystery writer John Shannon entered the Bakersfield College Fireside Room on Nov. 9 and was astounded at the large turnout for his speech on the American mystery genre.

Shannon, who would later reveal he is currently working on a mystery novel about Bakersfield, warmed up the crowd with a quote from John Banville, the recent winner of Britain's Man Booker Prize.

"The sports stars and the movie stars are used to having the searchlight trained on them, but when the searchlight is trained on us we tend to wince and utter faint squeaks of distress," quoted Shannon.

Shannon went on to introduce the mystery genre he writes under by first distinguishing it in comparison to other types of mystery fiction.

"It's uniquely American," said Shannon after pointing out that it's not "the English Manor house mystery we all know," and the "police procedural" commonly portrayed on television.

Shannon explained that he didn't want to criticize those types of stories, but he just doesn't think they say anything about America.

In Shannon's work, he explained that he tries to deal with real issues instead of creating intellectual puzzles. His acclaimed book series revolves around main character, Jack Liffey, and social problems indigenous to Southern California.

Shannon, who often thinks of Jack Liffey as a sort of alter-ego, expressed that one of the things that attracted him to this line of genre was the distinctive characters.

"You can create a character that's braver and stronger than you are," said Shannon, "who sets out ... not to save the world, but at best to unearth and acknowledge in some existential way that there are relations of power that should be set right, but can't."

The central purpose of his books and his characters, according to Shannon and others, nearly reanimate the classic Raymond Chandler mysteries of the 1930s and 1940s.

Shannon said his up-and-coming Jack Liffey novel will take place in Bakersfield.

Various audience members asked, when Shannon allowed questions, wanting to know more about the direction of Shannon's work regarding Bakersfield, but Shannon responded that he still had only a vague idea, and that he's hoping that local residents such as the BC college students will approach him with "an issue that is emblematic."

Aside from wanting to know about Shannon's spin on Bakersfield, a majority of the audience members who asked Shannon questions specifically expressed an interest in his profession as a writer.

He said that he regarded his writing as an expensive hobby, and that he keeps a day job as writer for medical education videos.

Shannon gave an assortment of tips on writer's block for those eager to know, and how to approach research, which according to Shannon can involve "making stuff up" at times.

Shannon, however, approached the calling of a writer very seriously in terms of money and purpose.

"Be a writer because there's something inside you that wants to be said. Don't do it for the money," Shannon said.

Shannon, author of the acclaimed Jack Liffey novels, spoke at Bakersfield College Nov. 9.

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Earth, Wind and Fire equals 'AARP gone wild'

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS
Features Editor

CONCERT REVIEW

On Nov. 3, Earth, Wind and Fire came to town. I'm not sure how many people under 40 were aware of that fact, but my family went.

As I walked toward the Fox Theatre, the first thing to come to my attention was boobs. Lots of them. I found myself surrounded by middle-aged women in dresses meant for someone half their age. I'm not saying women who are up in their years aren't sexy, but I was not feeling the AARP Gone Wild vibe. Once I adjusted to having another woman's breasts in my face every other second, I realized that this concert was like every other family gathering I'd ever been to.

There was a lot of beer flowing, laughing and hugging and old school music. Although at \$40 to \$65 for a seat, it was a little pricier than a backyard barbecue. I'm sure many people my age grew up with their parents listening to '70s R&B music, but the only people who seemed close to my 22 years were my cousin, his girlfriend and a 12-year-old boy.

This concert occurred at the tail end of a personally bad week, so my mood was in the toilet so to speak. Sitting in the dark interior of the Fox was all I could do to not roll my eyes and act like a petulant kid while listening to the jazzy acid trip intro of the first song.

Out came three original members of the group - Maurice White, Philip Bailey and Verdine White. All of them should be charged with rhinestone abuse for their fashion choices, but as soon as the up-tempo "Shining Star" came on, my mood began to improve.

A part of me did dig their synchronized struts and Verdine White's black silk and red fringe pants with matching red-heeled boots. The group really looked like they were having fun, enjoying themselves and transferring that energy to the crowd. I finally understood why every seat in the house was sold. By the time "Boogie Wonderland" was playing, I was shaking my ass like an idiot.

Songs like "Let's Groove Tonight" and "Lover's Holiday," complete with several slow hip thrusters by Bailey, turned the mood to getting down, and I don't mean dancing. An audience member gave the hip-hoppy singer a note during a song transition that he looked over briefly before responding. "You want to do what to me? Are you sure?" I'm sure he finishes every show knowing he still has his sexual mojo.

While nothing puts me in a frisky mood quite like a romantic oldie, thinking about my parents and sex at the same time was a little creepy. Fortunately, I was in such a good mood I didn't mind that much. The next time my parents insist something will be fun, I think I'll trust them.

Despite my reservations, Earth, Wind and Fire can definitely still put on a solid show.

Not your typical war movie

"Jarhead" follows the life of a Marine from boot camp to Desert Storm.

By MICHAEL PLAZA
Rip staff writer

"Jarhead" follows the life of a Marine from his beginnings in boot camp through his deployment in Desert Storm. Along the way the motion picture is filled with great directing, picturesque visuals and superb acting. The movie stars Swift (Jake Gyllenhaal) as a Marine sniper or a "Jarhead," trying to survive his time in the Corps until he can go home. Shortly after joining the military he found it was not the place for him. He realizes the things at home, such as his girlfriend, makes him long for home.



Staff Sgt. Sykes (Jamie Foxx) punishes Anthony Swafford (Jake Gyllenhaal).

The movie focuses mainly on Swaff, but it offers other great supporting characters that make the movie feel very genuine. The movie also stars Jamie Foxx as Staff Sgt. Sykes. He seems to be a typical drill sergeant type character, but the part is played very well and Foxx is very convincing. Foxx continues to show he is a real actor and breaking away from his comedy roles seems to be a great decision. Every actor in the film is extremely convincing, and that quality makes the movie seem even more realistic.

Anyone who can stand some crude language would probably enjoy the movie. After entering Desert Storm, ready to fight, the soldiers realize war has changed greatly since the Vietnam War. They do not get to see very much action as ground troops, which drastically changes the direction of the film. I would compare the movie

more to "The Deer Hunter," than a film like "Saving Private Ryan," because of this. It is not a gore-filled war movie, but there is considerable cursing, so anyone who can stand some crude language would probably enjoy the movie. However, Marcus falls back into the way of life that surrounds him every day, drug dealing and being a gangsta in the streets of New York is the only way Marcus knows. He

50 Cent's acting ability is dead in new movie

By BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

Numerous gunshots pierce your body, and there is blood everywhere. You've just been shot and you're left to die. It is uncertain if you will survive.

MOVIE REVIEW

Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson did survive and has now created the movie "Get Rich or Die Tryin'." The movie, inspired by the life of 50 Cent, is told in a flashback fashion about a character named Marcus, who is played by 50 Cent and follows the rapper's life story. In the movie, Marcus, an orphan kid, learns the drug trade at a very young age. He grows up without ever having met his father. His drug dealer mother is killed and as a result his grandmother and grandfather take him into their home.

begins to sell drugs in order to buy sneakers, a gun and finally a car. It was much easier to earn money on the streets than at a part-time or full-time job. The use of graphic scenes, gangster wars, gun battles and especially, the brutal fight with a shank in a prison shower, clearly depict what it must be like to work and live out on the streets. It is extremely dangerous, and any wrong turn can lead to death. After making a name for himself on the streets, Marcus is sent to prison. Prison is probably the reason he survives. He decides to leave his former life behind to pursue a career in the music business. Terrace Dashon Howard, who plays Bama, offers to be Marcus's manager. Marcus begins to write his own lyrics and gains recognition. And as a result, he makes it big and becomes the multi-CD selling rapper we all know as 50 Cent. However, rappers should stick to doing what they do best: rap not act. Granted, the storyline was pretty good, but 50 Cent fails to be able to express any emotion.

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Partisanship helps voters

Parties help citizens to align themselves with the best candidate.

By VICTOR GARCIA
Associate Editor

Political parties in the United States that are not totally complacent with government are one of the main things that separate our government from governments such as the People's Republic of China. The parties give people a choice of voting for the person who best supports their viewpoints. Some will tell you to vote for the person and not the party, which may seem like a good idea. But there is a catch. Voting for a specific individual and not the party may not always be in your best interest.

Let's take the California Recall election as an example. Bush's approval rating was higher than it is now. Republicans were in control of Congress as they are now, and a Democrat Gray Davis was being recalled. The majority of people in the state thought that by electing Arnold Schwarzenegger, the state's financial position would improve. They were obviously wrong, but they followed the prevailing party at that time because of Schwarzenegger's overwhelming popularity, thereby voting for him because of his status as an individual. I do not think another Republican would have gotten elected during that recall election. This shows how when you cross party lines to vote for the person, it doesn't work out in your best interest. A voter needs to vote for the candidate that represents his or her viewpoints best, and most of the time that is a candidate from a certain party. For example, conservative Christians in the middle or lower class will most likely vote for a Republican.

Most Republican candidates are likely to support Christian issues, which is their strongest viewpoint, even though a Democrat candidate may be in their best interest economically. Republicans are more likely to support putting the Ten Commandments in public schools or doing away with Roe v. Wade, whereas Democrats would walk at both of these issues. There are issues that both parties can support, but the main issues are either supported or not supported either by the left side of the spectrum or the right side of the spectrum. In regard to these issues, such as abortion and religion, there is generally no middle ground. People who claim to vote for the person and not the party, are generally voting for the person within a particular party who supports their interest best. The only time it comes down for voting for a particular person is in the primary elections, when you are voting for a person within your same party. One party's platform represents each individual voter better than the other, plain and simple.

System facilitates division

Drifting across the party lines is sometimes for the better interest of voters.

By JULIANNE SALGUERO
Rip staff writer

Political parties have been a part of our nation's history before it became the United States. Our country was young and divided then, and has stayed divided to this day. The first president, George Washington, in his farewell speech, warned the nation about creating factions among ourselves that would divide us. His warning must have gone unheard, for our nation remains divided today. Today our country has become di-

vided, from education to health care to the war in Iraq. Our nation is divided; the Republican and Democrat parties are constantly conflicting with each other instead of working together. They are bickering and fighting, and wasting time and money. In the last California Special Elections, I felt the need to abandon my political label of "Democrat." Now, I haven't joined the Republican Party. Instead I choose the label of "Californian." I voted in the best interest of California rather than voting in the interest of my political party. I think that instead of focusing our energy as Democrat vs. Republican, we should focus on what's best for America and ultimately the world. If we continue to fight each other

as Democrats and Republicans, our country will be lead to chaos. We must put aside our labels and not concentrate on winning or losing elections based on agendas and labels. We should concentrate on working together for a better world. Vote for what's right for America instead of one person's personal wants and beliefs. By voting for a particular person based on labels instead of true American values and what's best for America, we exclude the purpose of democracy, by not allowing the voice of all to be heard. Listen for what's best, not for labels. Allow people to speak freely without labeling them "liberal" or "conservative," and listen freely. Vote American.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Situational, clinical depression are different

Editor: I was slightly disturbed by a quote attributed to Joyce Kirtz, BC learning disabilities specialist, who referred to depression as a "psychological" disability in a story in the Nov. 2 Rip. This is a common misconception. Situational depression is not a disability but a normal response to unfortunate circumstances. Clinical depression and other brain chemical disorders (commonly known as mental illnesses) are conditions that respond to medical treatment provided by an MD. If a person suffers from a severe brain chemical disorder or one not responding to routine treatment, they may decide to see a specialist, known as a psychiatrist. A psychiatrist is trained to identify the physical source of the disorder and treat it accordingly. This is important because brain chemical

disorders can be caused by problems not associated directly with the brain. For example, a serotonin disorder can be caused by tumors (which tend to occur in the intestinal tract) associated with a type of cancer called carcinoid syndrome. Abnormalities in the blood level or use of serotonin in the brain are associated with affective/mood disorders, such as depression, in some people. On the other hand, a psychologist more commonly treats psychological disorders. Some symptoms of certain personality disorders may respond to medication, but most require behavioral, cognitive and/or analytic therapy. Personality disorders can be described as an aberration of normal personality. There is crossover and any one individual may suffer from any combination of disabling psychiatric or psychological disorders requiring medical or therapeutic treatment. For those who are interested in

discovering what is a normal personality for them, along with associated personality disorders, I recommend "The New Personality Self-Portrait" by John M. Oldham, MD, and Lois B. Morris. Dr. Oldham's book is designed to correspond to the "DSM-IV: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders."

DONEL PURCELLA
BC science major

America has been 'Bushnotized'

Editor: People refuse to see the truth. They refuse to address the pain of loved ones of the 2,000 and counting new dead. "They did volunteer," is the usual response from these callous, no-risk or sacrifice morons. They don't want to look at the thousands, without limbs or worse, who will have to struggle in pain the rest

of their lives just to survive, due to this war. The physical injuries are only part of it. There are the mental injuries/nightmares hidden because no one understands but the ones who experience it. How do you retrieve your soul? For them, the war will never be over. How can I stand by silently and allow this inhuman destruction of our young heroes to continue without protest? Those who have been Bushnotized refuse to admit the lie (no WMDs) and refuse to notice the lies perpetrated to cover up the lie. In the meantime, veterans benefits continue to be cut, soldiers are being docked pay for not completing their service due to injury, and the military refers the soldiers unpaid bills to a collection agency while he or she recuperates in the hospital. "For God and country," they tell him.

People refuse to see the Cheney/No-Bid Halliburton accounting fumbles of (oops, what happened to that one-billion of taxpayer money?), while our troops go without supplies and protection. They don't see the parents, of little means, sacrificing to provide their son or daughter with a Kevlar jacket (in hopes of keeping their child alive) because the military neglects to supply and refuses to reimburse. Of course, the sacrifice of our children is not enough. People refuse to see the forgery of milestones of an Iraqi constitution as Condi spouts to the Foreign Affairs Committee that a continued occupation of 10 years is the foreseeable future. People refuse to see the hand-rubbing of the Bush regime as they scheme to fabricate justifications for the invasions of Iran and Syria. People refuse to see the permanent U.S. military bases being built on Iraqi soil while the Pentagon decides which of those to close in the U.S., leaving thousands of our own citizens without jobs and further compromising homeland security. People refuse to

see the rising profits of the oil profiteers as the general public pays \$3 a gallon while Bush flies around in his fuel-hogging Air Force One telling people they need to make sacrifices. The Bushnotized fail to see that our young troops, giving life and limb to protect our country, are in the same breath ignoring the lives of the Bush/Halliburton/life-for-oil connection (hence, the need for permanent U.S. military bases while promoting democracy and freedom for the Iraqi people). Most people fail to see that when the Bush regime's time is over, our young troops, our future, will be left to mourn the dead, support the injured, and pay off billions of dollars of debt for Bush's "stay the course, complete the mission, died for a noble cause" lie. I can no longer be silent. It's time to speak out. It's time to take a stand.

LARITA S. HAENELT
BC accounting major

'GADE FEEDBACK

What do you think of the outcome of the propositions?

Compiled by Victor Garcia / The Rip

- Skye Fern, child development:** "I liked the outcome. I didn't like a lot of the things we had to vote on."
- Breanna Moacham, psychology:** "I think it was a smart decision for the public to vote against them."
- Courtney Warren, theater:** "I thought it went very well. All the propositions had crookedness behind them."
- Miguel Reyeson, architecture:** "I didn't pay attention to it. I have been busy."
- Morgan Nixon, liberal arts:** "I am very happy about it."
- Raziel Cortes, math:** "It was pretty much what I expected."

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Real life drama plays out on the small screen

Reality TV represents vulgar materialism

By KATHERINE J. WHITE

Reality TV is a misnomer; it is often unreal.

Or rather, reality TV's propensity for foisting the false doctrine of arrogant, self-centered materialism is unbelievable.

Check out The Donald on "The Apprentice," who looks sublimely ridiculous wearing his grim pout and making an entrance into his infernally dark inner sanctum...

By the way, the word "trump" is defined in the dictionary as "a suit the cards of which are declared as outranking all other cards for the duration of a hand."

This Trump card is the crème de la crème; you cannot get any better or higher than him.

black mass. Slightly more toned down is Martha Stewart's "Apprentice."

As a reward to the apprentice who can best curry her favor, the winner receives a resplendent breakfast on Martha's spacious estate as well as a job.

It is interesting to note that before Martha became a convicted felon, she had only one daytime TV show.

As a reward to the apprentice who can best curry her favor, the winner receives a resplendent breakfast on Martha's spacious estate as well as a job.

Imagine where she would be if she were poor. You guessed it! She would still be in prison without one hope of starting in a TV show after her release and certainly not two.

But then I should not come down too hard on Martha, should I? After all, Martha probably typifies the average, run-of-the-mill filthy rich media mogul who owns preferred stock.

Nevertheless, should these shows be considered true American? Maybe it is true that capitalistic gain is what America really is all about.

Trump's "Apprentice" is an unintentionally funny, darkly surreal comedy throwback to '80's "me-ism" and materialism that carries an aura of an ersatz pagan ritual or a transmogrified



DOTTY BURNS/THE RIP

"Home Makeover" seems to feature a guy frequently seen screaming into a megaphone and usually running around and gesticulating like a psychotic hyperactive child.

Of course, this show appears to be quite touching; a deprived but deserving family receives needed shelter.

The producers of "Makeover" are making a lot of dough using families such as the one described. Much like "The Apprentice," this reality TV show is all about acquisition.

I have to lay into these drones for glorifying the losers of reality TV, and for trading the events of their banal lives at any cost to the end of the day with chronicles

of sensualized head cases. Even at the risk of losing all credibility, I have been guilty of becoming immersed in the outrageous lives of the "real people" on TV, however, not to the degree as some devoted fans.

As a "Real World" drone, I watched the unfolding broken lives of Lars, Sharon, Mike, Neil, Jacinda, Kat and Jay.

There have been several seasons of this gripping and pointless show, which take place in glamorous metropolitan locations documenting seven strangers living and interacting in an avant-garde estate.

After viewing my first dose of reality TV, I didn't get the enveloping and mesmerizing private lives of ordinary people as I had anticipated, but I continued to watch the show much like the novice I stumble upon today just to be amused by the naive antics of people who exist in their own class of stupidity.

Trashy reality TV is a guilty pleasure

By DOTTY BURNS

I am not an avid watcher of television, or at least my life doesn't revolve around an electromagnetic box, but in the time that I find myself absorbing rasterized flashing images I can often be seduced by the ever-popular reality shows.

In the few hours I tune in to view a few sitcoms and documentaries, the reality TV shows I stumble onto I inadvertently watch for the longest period of time.

It's not that I think that reality shows are examples of stylish and groundbreaking programming, but I've found I'll watch a simple-minded dog-trotting socialite, a fumbling bounty-hunter with a mallet and a female marathon-runner senselessly stuffing hundreds of hissing cockroaches into her mouth.

I watch because, like many young Americans, I find the absurdity of human nature engaging. However, I am aware that there are a percentage of prime-time vegetables who take in reality shows such as Laguna Beach to become absorbed in the real-life characters of feigned reality.

I have to lay into these drones for glorifying the losers of reality TV, and for trading the events of their banal lives at any cost to the end of the day with chronicles

of sensualized head cases. Even at the risk of losing all credibility, I have been guilty of becoming immersed in the outrageous lives of the "real people" on TV, however, not to the degree as some devoted fans.

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Various factors contribute to student failure rates

Statistics show English and math classes hardest to pass at Bakersfield College.

By STEVEN C. VOGEL

Statistics show it is accurate to say that Bakersfield College is filled with intellect, but it would also be accurate to state that a great number of students at BC have difficulty in one or more courses.

The math and English/English Second Language departments, both of which are required to graduate from BC and transfer to a four-year

university, rank as the most difficult and failed courses among all students. Overall, math has a success rate of 51.5 percent (retention rate of 79.9 percent), while English/ESL achieves a score of 58.1 percent (87.4 percent retention).

The retention rate is defined by the percentage of students who return the following semester. For example, if a student attends this fall and returns in the spring semester, they have been "retained" by BC.

Among the most successful courses offered at BC, Public Safety ranks at the top with an overall success rate of 96.3 percent (98.6 percent retention), while Allied Health comes in

at a close second with an overall success rate of 91.1 percent (95.7 percent retention).

When put into an accurate perspective, statistics show that only slightly more than half of all BC students will pass math or English, which would suggest that only 50 percent of all current BC students will graduate.

Administrators and instructors insist that adequate assistance is available to students who choose to take advantage of what has been offered.

If a student takes advantage of everything made available to them and spends at least two hours per day per subject in study time, there is no excuse for failure... if they still are unable to pass their courses, they may not have the intellect to do so," said BC President William Andrews.

In addition, BC counselor Kathy Rosellini adds that "if a student knows they need more help with their studies, they should take the classes (academic development courses) offered at BC that are designed to assist the at-risk student."

Data reveals that BC males tend to succeed at a higher rate than females, with males scoring an overall success rate of 86.9 percent (retention rate of 88.9 percent), while female students have an overall success rate of 68.4 percent (retention rate of 88.1 percent).

BC counselors pointed out that that students have other responsibilities outside of attending school, which often take priority over their studies.

"I think that students in general have other responsibilities they must attend to... they must allocate the necessary time needed to be successful if it is important for them to get their education. They [students] must master the idea of time management in order to realistically obtain success while at BC," said Rosellini.

During discussions with Andrews, Rosellini, and others, it seems that BC differs from the high school experience in the sense that a strong commitment is imperative to success.

"In my experience, they [unsuccessful students] do not succeed at BC because they are unwilling to put significant effort into whatever it is they are doing... either in their studies or elsewhere. They think that by just showing up they can pass the class without any effort whatsoever. I don't think a student's success is all a student thing... it's a two-way street and students must be willing to do what it takes to succeed," said Rosellini.

More complete information on student success and retention rates at BC are available at bakersfieldcollege.com.

Student voters fail to show at polls in latest election

By JULIE SALGUERO

Although voter turnout for the Nov. 8 special election was more than expected, only 20 of 55 Bakersfield College students polled said they voted. All eight of the propositions on the ballot failed.

The voter turnout was "more than expected," said Professor of Communication Helen Acosta, who is also the adviser for the BC Democratic Club. The actual voter turnout, according to the California Secretary of State Web site, was 44.5 percent.

As far as students voting, Political Science Professor Cornelio Rodriguez said the "younger people don't have a voter history; they don't know what to expect or what's expected of them..."

Neumeier also said, in regard to the outcome of the election, "I'm not complaining about the results."

Acosta was pleased with the results of the elections.

"It's what I was hoping for," said Acosta, who worked with the Kern Alliance for a Better California with 33 other organizations whose slogan was "Vote 'NO' on Nov. 8."

In an informal analysis made by Acosta, voter turnout shows that a percentage of registered Republicans voted against some of the propositions. For example, Proposition 76 (third State Spending and School

Funding Limits, Initiative Constitutional Amendment) would allow Gov. Schwarzenegger to set a budget on school spending.

Nearly 20 percent of those who voted against the Proposition 76 were not registered as Democrats.

"A turnout like that has an implied message," said Rodriguez. He said he was not surprised by the outcome of the elections but yet he said, "I was unsure of what to expect."

Rodriguez speculated that the voter turnout was a "boycott" against the special election; that "could've have waited till next year."

Acosta believes that the governor's office lack of promoting in the Kern County area led to the victory against the propositions. Acosta believes that Schwarzenegger was wrong in assuming he had Kern County's support.

Both Acosta and Rodriguez agree in that Schwarzenegger should focus more on working closely with the state legislature rather than "tour the state," said Acosta.



Bakersfield College employees protest proposed cuts to their benefits on Nov. 9. The cuts would include putting caps on how much the school district will pay for health care.

University of La Verne advertisement featuring text about curriculum, scheduling, technology, and accreditation, along with contact information for the Kern County Campus.

Fresno Pacific University advertisement for Business Administration and Management, featuring a logo and contact information for the 1330 Truxtun Ave. campus.

SCHEDULE: Printed schedule not expected at BC until Dec. 12. Includes a detailed table of class times and dates for various courses.

NEWS BRIEFS section containing three short articles: Ron Kean to be honored by California Association for Music Education, Bakersfield College bookstore will be buying back textbooks, and a note about a gala awards banquet.

NEWS

New president selected for Porterville College

By JOSHUA AYERS
News Editor

Porterville College, a member of the Kern Community College District, announced its new president on Nov. 9.

Dr. Rosa Carlson, vice president of Academic Services at College of the Sequoias, was selected as the college's eighth president since the college opened in 1927.

"I'm very excited," Carlson said. "My first order priority is to meet staff, faculty and students. I'm looking forward to starting new."

Carlson is no stranger to California

community colleges. According to a press release from the KCCCD, she started her academic career at Fresno City College before moving on to Fresno State to earn her bachelor's degree in foreign language and classical studies and then her master's degree in educational administration and supervision.

Carlson went on to receive her doctorate in educational leadership from the UC Davis/CSU Fresno joint doctoral program.

Carlson has been involved with the community college system for 21 years. Currently, she is in her seventh year at College of the Sequoias

in Visalia and before that she worked 15 years with the State Center Community College District. She helped the district to turn off-campus classes held at local high schools in Fresno County into independent campuses.

In her six and a half years at COS, she has helped to bring funding to the college's Police Academy and nursing programs.

Carlson says that after she adjusts to her new environment in Porterville she hopes to increase enrollment at the college.

"We have to find ways to recruit new students," Carlson said.

The nine-person committee, re-

sponsible for selecting the president, announced on Oct. 13 that the search had narrowed to three candidates.

"We looked for someone who had good experience in the area of leadership," said Steve Schultz, vice president of learning at PC.

Schultz headed up the committee, which consisted of three college managers, three faculty members, one student, one classified employee and one community member.

According to Schultz, the college received 30 completed applications and from those applications the search committee narrowed the applicants to 11.

Carlson said that two of those 11 candidates pulled out, thinning the field to nine.

"There were quite a few applications," Schultz said.

Schultz added that he was "very, very pleased" with the number of people applying for the position.

The candidates went through a screening process that required them to attend public forums in which candidates could respond to questions from students, campus employees and members of the community.

Candidate finalists held closed session interviews with KCCD Chancellor Sandra Serrano and the District

Board of Trustees in late October and early November.

Following the interviews the Board of Trustees held meetings to decide which candidate they would select to be the next president of Porterville College.

Lincoln Hall, current interim president at Porterville, (previously served as interim president at Bakersfield College last fall until William Andrews was appointed to the position. Following the hiring of Andrews, Hall went up to PC to serve while they selected a new president.

"Link (Hall) helps pave the way for great presidents," Schultz said.

Rosa Parks honored

Golden Empire Transit pays tribute by placing ribbons on the first seat of each of its buses.

By STEVEN C. VOGEL
Rip staff writer

Civil rights leader Rosa Parks, who recently passed away due to old age, has been honored locally.

During the week of Parks' passing, Kern County Supervisor Michael Rubio and Golden Empire Transit teamed up to pay tribute to Parks by placing black and gold ribbons on the first seat of each of their more than 80 bus fleet.

The ribbons remained on the fleet until Nov. 4, ending the week Parks was laid to rest.

This combined effort of GET and Rubio shows the relevancy of Parks and her contributions to society as a whole.

"We (GET) chose to team together with Supervisor Rubio to simply honor this true American hero... the role that she played in the transformation of the public transportation industry and the civil rights movement," said Jill Smith, GET interim manager of Marketing & Service Development.

"Rosa Parks is a role model for our society... she was a courageous woman living in a troubled time, and is truly a hero of our day."

Parks, who refused to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala., during the 1950s. As a result of the death of Parks, or as she has often been referred, "the mother of the civil rights movement," a great deal of memorial and honorary church services as well as community activities have been held in an attempt to pay homage.

"She was a pioneer in what she did for our society... and advocated a peaceful integration of African-Americans into American society," said Dorothy Cole, who was riding the GET bus on Nov. 3.

Parks explains what drove her to



One of the ribbons that were placed on the front seat of each GET bus to honor Rosa Parks.

take a stand for equality in her autobiography, "Quiet Strength," published in 1994.

"Our mistreatment was just not

right, and I was tired of it. I kept thinking about my mother and my grandparents, and how strong they were. I knew there was a possibility of being mistreated, but an opportunity was being given to me to do what I had asked of others," Parks said in the book.

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Controversial stories published in Kernal

By VICTOR GARCIA
Associate Editor

East Bakersfield High School journalism students have won the battle against the Kern High School District, but their war is far from over.

The Kern High School District and East High has allowed publication of the articles dealing with homosexuality on campus in The Kernal's Nov. 4 edition. Their lawsuit filed against East High and the KHSD back in the

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East High Principal John Gibson originally blocked the publication of the Focus section dealing with homosexuality because they would create a danger for the students interviewed.

The articles ranged from interviews with gay students and their parents, to a background piece on homosexuality.

Some of the students interviewed in the stories graduated and are no

longer at East High.

Randy Hamm, East High journalism adviser, said the students now want the trial to go before a jury to see if it was improper for Gibson to block the publication of the stories in May.

Hamm said the students received a letter from Gibson allowing them to publish the stories. "They were very excited," said Hamm.

Calls to the American Civil Liberties Union were not returned.

Renovation to take three years

Modernization will make Student Services building a 'one-stop shop' for BC students.

By JULIE SALGUERO
Rip staff writer

Staff members, faculty, and administrators are currently working together to further improve the Bakersfield College experience by renovating the Student Services building.

The Student Services building is the next renovation project for the BC campus.

Vice President of Student Services Mildred Lavato said the renovations plans are "on schedule, all the Student Services directors have spent time working together."

There are two phases in the renovation process of the Student Services building.

Phase one is "Abatement" which will begin by the end of Summer 2006, when faculty members and staff will be removed from the building and into "new homes," either on campus or at the newly renovated Weill Institute downtown.

Phase one is also the stage for the search and removal of asbestos and lead paint.

Phase two consists of the structural renovation of the building, which is set to begin in Fall 2006.

The whole renovation project is estimated to last anywhere from "two and a half years to three years," said Lavato.

Due to the lack of on campus space available to accommodate all the different departments in the Student Services building, some departments will have to be moved to the Weill Institute. However, the different depart-

ments have a chance to write a proposal for their new location. President Bill Andrews will review the proposals and make his decision by the end of the Spring semester.

With regard to moving departments off campus, Lavato said some would have to be relocated yet, "we're looking for ways to prepare students for one a one spot unit."

The new Student Services building will be a "true student one stop," said Ken Meier, vice president of student learning.

The new building will consist of the student services department, from admissions to supportive services, all located under the same roof.

The first floor will consist of admission and records, students' lounges, and conference rooms.

The second floor will consist of a waiting area, financial aid, Calworks, and EOPS.

Joan Waggoner, director of financial aid, said, "the move is necessary."

She plans to make some adjustments "disrupting students need" during the renovation process.

Another member of the Student Services department, Registered Nurse Debra Strong, said the following in regards to the renovations.

"It's a wonderful idea. Other schools have a one-stop student services building; the greater the sacrifice, the greater the blessing," said Strong.

In regards to the health department Strong said, "We (health department staff) are looking forward to the new building to better serve the students."

Dean of Students Don Turney, who is also adviser to the Student Government Association, said the whole process of renovating the Student Services building is "pro-student."

NEWS

Students, professor to visit east Europe

By KARA BONELLI
Special to the Rip

BC students will be traveling to Romania to minister and help orphan children living in poverty. ASI Professor Dean Sampley will lead the group of 12 on their trek across the country.

"I've gone to Romania several times," Sampley said. "I started an organization called Children to Love (CTL) because in 1993 I adopted Matt, my son, and I felt that we had to assist, support and encourage those children left behind."

CTL is an organization that was formed to help orphans and abandoned children in Romania and to teach the children about Jesus Christ. According to Sampley, students embarking on the Romanian trip had to be interviewed and approved by CTL. The group's trip will run from Dec. 9-21.

"I'm excited to go, and can't wait

to get to minister to all the little children," said BC student Ireen Espejo. "And being able to bring light where there was darkness to the orphans. It'll be an amazing experience."

Students going were expected to raise \$2,100. The Deaf Church at Laurel Glen Bible Church held a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 5, to help fund the trip.

"We did candy sales, wrote support letters and got donations," said student Samantha Jonas. "I'm going to Romania to help the kids in the orphanage, so that they can have a Christmas and learn about Jesus."

According to Sampley, Monica Wall, a BC student who was in the same orphanage as Sampley's son was also adopted and brought to the United States. She will be traveling to Romania as well.

"I knew her (Wall) in '97 because she was in the same orphanage as my son. [She] kept bugging me to take a group of students to Romania," Sam-

pley said. "The rest of the students going heard about the trip through word of mouth and had to go through interviews with CTL to be approved to go."

Wall is excited to go. She was born in a Romanian prison and taken to an orphanage at age 3, from there she went to number seven where she became friends with Sampley's son Matt.

"We are going there to minister to the young children in the orphanage and also to make their Christmas the best ever because they don't celebrate Christmas and don't really know what it is," Wall said. "I'm really looking forward to this trip because I get to go back to my home country, see all my friends and have a life changing experience."

Wall knows firsthand how life in Romania is and wants to help others the way she was helped.

"Being adopted has been a blessing to me," she said. "There is a lot of

poverty and poor people in Romania. The economy is going downhill and that is what kills me. The people are so unhappy."

Since poverty is so high in Romania, Sampley feels it is important to give the children the necessities they need to be healthy.

"There is a lot of poverty in Romania, there's millions of people living in a place the size of Oregon, it's very sad," she said. "We are going to be celebrating Christmas in eight orphanages; we'll be telling stories, doing skits, music, giving them toys, hygiene bags and baby Tylenol."

All the students going can't wait to experience a different way of life.

"I'm excited and feel very privileged to be going to Romania because not very many people get the opportunity to go to another country and help orphans," said student Billy Schaez. "We'll be experiencing another country and seeing things totally different."

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Daniella Esparza, 18 months, and Angie Esparza, 40, walk in downtown Bakersfield during the Veterans Day Parade on Friday, Nov. 11.

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SGA: Strict rules play a key factor in spending decisions

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SGA President Ash West said that the problematic task at hand is figuring out who the target audience is for projects such as the Student Lounge and Internet café. Currently, West said, projects have stemmed from student input primarily from BC clubs and other SGA members.

It's going to be for students who are most involved, West said, referring to the Student Lounge and Internet café.

According to West, homecoming and other recent projects have diverted attention away from the SB 135 money, but now that those events are over SGA plans on devoting more time to completing Campus Center projects.

"We're a lot more focused on it now," West said.

West said that there is a demand

from students to add a couple of pool tables to the Student Lounge. In addition to the pool tables, West said he would like to see four new computers added to the lounge for students to "chat or get on Myspace," as well as add an Internet jukebox so students have the opportunity to listen to music.

"I'd like to get some couches in there," West added.

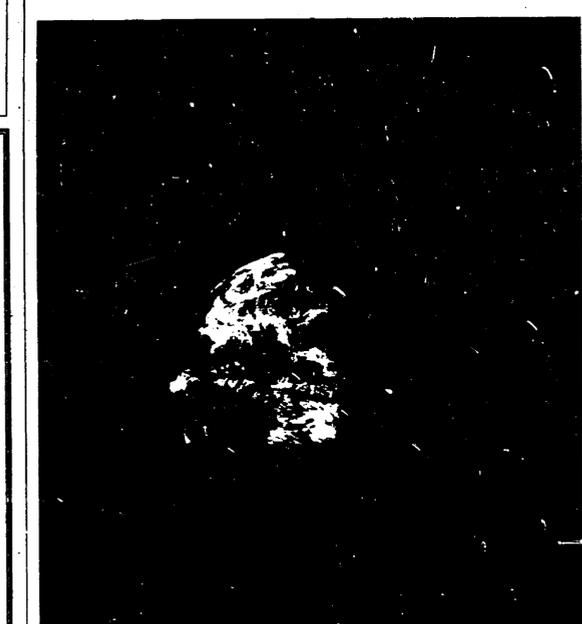
Tight constraints on the money

are the biggest obstacles in deciding how to use it. Having students perform from horticulture classes, helps to cut down some of the costs for the projects. West expressed an interest in projects, such as a mural painted by BC art students to "remodel" the campus center.

"Basically it's money with strings attached, so we don't go crazy with it," West said.

NEWS BRIEFS
CARE program asks for gifts and donations for holiday party
The CARE program currently has 80 low-income children signed up for its annual CARE Holiday party.
The organization depends on donations to help fund the party and purchase gifts for needy children.
The program is in need of financial help and would like to ask for donations of money or unwrapped gifts. Checks can be made payable to "B.C. EOPS/CARE".
All gifts and donations need to be in by 5 p.m. Dec. 7. If you would like to donate money or a gift, please contact Meri Lopez at the EOPS office at 395-4351 or merlopez@bakersfieldcollege.edu.
Phi Theta Kappa elects officers
Phi Theta Kappa has elected its fall 2005 officers for the Bakersfield College Chapter, Beta Alpha Nu.
The officers are Brent West, chapter president; Whitney Calzada, vice president; Monica Andrade, chairman; Margaux DeWaal, treasury secretary; Elyn Hobles, ICC representative; and
Bruce Daniel, FTK historian.
Phi Theta Kappa is a national honor society dating back to 1918 that recognizes the achievements of students who have an initial GPA of 3.5 and maintain at least a 3.3.
Winner of Constitutional Day essay contest selected
The Social Science Department chose its winners in its U.S. Constitutional Day Essay Contest.
Josh Rocha placed first and received \$100, Corinne Omeles placed second and received \$50, and Roshani Patel placed third and received \$25.
Free tutoring offered in Learning Center in a variety of subjects
BC's Learning Center offers free tutoring in a variety of subjects including English, math, ASL, Spanish, history and many others.
The Learning Center is located upstairs in the Student Services building.
Contact Midge Ladd, tutorial coordinator for tutoring appointments.
The Learning Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

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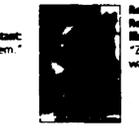
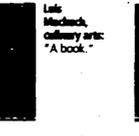
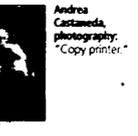
CRIME BEAT

Oct. 26 between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
A male Bakersfield College student reported that his blue 2001 Dodge Intrepid was keyed in BC's northwest parking lot.
The scratch measured approximately one foot and a half on the right side passenger door.
Oct. 27 between 10:35 a.m. -- and 11:30 a.m.
A male BC student reported the theft of his silver Samsung camera flip cell phone, a black wallet and a pair of blue jeans from a locker in BC's men's gym. The wallet contained a Bank of America debit card, a college I.D. card and \$30.
The student left for class at 10:30 a.m. and used a padlock on his locker. Upon returning to the gym at 11:30 a.m., he found his items missing.
The cell phone was valued at \$260, the jeans at \$20, and the wallet at \$12.
Oct. 27 between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
A female BC student reported that her vehicle was broken into in BC's southwest lot. The car's driver side window was smashed.
The perpetrator used an unknown object to gain entrance into the vehicle. BC security checked the rapid eye system for information, but the results were negative.
The student reported his loss to the Bakersfield Police Department. The items missing were a Pioneer brand CD player with a silver detachable face plate, one black CD case with 45 CDs valued at \$11 each, and one yellow plastic bag containing clothes.
The player was valued at \$150, the CD case with 45 CDs amounted to a total of \$495.
Oct. 31 at 10:35 a.m.
A non-injury car accident occurred in BC's northeast lot. The silver Ford Mustang of a 23-year-old female BC student was struck by a red Mitsubishi Edgje driven by a 19-year-old BC female student.
A 23-year-old male BC student witnessed the accident. The owner of the Ford Mustang was behind the owner of the Mitsubishi looking for a parking space.
The Mitsubishi owner stopped and then started backing up.
The Mustang owner attempted to get the Mitsubishi owner's attention by honking her horn, but to no avail.
The Mitsubishi struck the Mustang's front bumper with the Mitsubishi's rear bumper, causing minor scratches. The Mitsubishi owner claimed that she did not see the Mustang and its owner, nor did she hear the Mustang's horn.
— Compiled by Katherine J. White from BC Public Safety reports.

BC BRAINS

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

What is zenith?



Compiled by Jacqueline White / The Rip

SPORTS

Division I schools taking a look at BC lineman

By MICHAEL BUTLER
Special to The Rip

At 6-foot 6-inches tall and 290 pounds, Corey Actis has all the physical characteristics that a Division I football program looks for in an offensive lineman, and a number of them have taken notice.

According to Scout.com, Actis, a second-year starting center for the BC Renegades, is currently being courted by at least nine Division I football programs. Among those vying for Actis' services are Mississippi, Arizona, Nevada, Syracuse, Washington State, Nebraska, Wyoming, Arizona State and UC Berkeley.

Actis was one of the most highly regarded defensive linemen in the Central Section coming out of Liberty High School but soon found that

Division I schools were not showing a lot of interest. Speed was apparently slower than the high standards set for Division I defensive tackles. Due to the lack of interest shown by other schools, he decided to come to BC. It may have been the best thing to happen to him.

BC converted him to an offensive lineman, a position he had played in high school but was not as noted for. An offensive lineman does not require the speed of a defensive lineman but must have quicker feet and reaction times. Actis has both. He began as an offensive tackle but was soon converted to center after an injury sidelined the previous starter. In that move, Actis may have found his niche. Actis has started at the position for two seasons and has won ac-

colades from the league as well as his fellow players and coaches.

Actis was chosen as an all-conference selection in his freshman season. His quarterback, Thomas Peregrin, was quoted in an article on Jucfootball.org, when asked if Actis controls things on the offensive line, as saying "he gets out there and directs those guys around, when he talks they listen."

BC Head Coach Jeff Chudy, in an interview with the Ole Miss Spirit magazine, said of Actis, "He is a football savvy guy. He has great size and quickness. Corey stays on his blocks very well. He is just a very good offensive lineman."

Actis recently visited the Mississippi campus during a bye week for the Renegades. When asked what he thought of the visit, he said, "I liked

it there a lot. It is a smaller town than I thought, but that is OK. I'm laid back, and it is, too.

"Their athletic facilities are brand new, and they are really nice. They have an indoor practice facility that also houses all of their training and weight facilities." When asked about the food, Actis replied, "The food was unbelievable. Everything was amazing." Actis was interviewed by Scout.com about his visit to Mississippi. In that article, Actis was asked if he felt like he fit in at Ole Miss. He is quoted as saying, "Definitely. I like it a lot there. I could definitely see myself playing there."

Actis has been aggressively recruited by Ole Miss since the end of last season when Ole Miss hired USC's defensive line coach Ed Orgeron as their new head coach. Orgeron, who

was also the recruiting coordinator for USC, had been in Bakersfield to look at one of BC's defensive linemen during last season. During his trip he noticed Actis and liked what he saw. According to Chudy in the Ole Miss article, "He came back to one of our practices this spring. He told me back then he had to have Corey, and he has been recruiting him very hard ever since."

"Has Actis committed to Ole Miss?" "No. I want to visit all of the schools that I can before I commit." He is scheduled to visit five schools. When asked about the recruiting process and what he did and didn't like about it, Actis replied, "The attention is nice; feeling that people are really interested in you." The down side? "Not being sure if they really need you or not. It can be a real sales pitch

and then you find out they just need you as a back up."

Actis, an undeclared major with leanings toward mathematics, is a realist. When asked if he pictures himself playing in the NFL someday he said, "I'd like to but I have some things to work on. I need to get my head on straighter. I think I have the ability. It just depends on how things go at the next level." One of the benefits of playing for Ole Miss would be "playing under one of the best offensive line coaches in the nation."

If a career in football doesn't pan out, Actis said, "I think I'd like to teach high school math and coach football."

Actis will try to lead the BC Renegades to victory against Fullerton College at the Golden Empire Bowl on Saturday.



BC volleyball players Chy Banks and Natalie Hiermeier block the ball from Santa Monica's Evelyn Bluthenthal during a game on Nov. 8.

Women's cross country qualifies for state meet

By ALFREDO ADKINS,
Sports Editor

Brittany Grimes became the first Bakersfield College woman's cross country runner to win the Southern California Community Cross Country Championship at UC San Diego on Nov. 4.

BC's women's team finished in eighth place to qualify for the State Meet. BC's Clarissa Rivera finished second in the meet, making Grimes and Rivera the first runners in conference history to finish 1-2 in the SoCal meet.

Grimes won the race with a time of 18 minutes, 43 seconds, and Rivera finished in 19:17. BC's one in with a record time of 18:43 followed by Clarissa Rivera at 17:52. "Bethany Mitchell" also had strong runs.

"We are looking to give Brittany and Clarissa more support by running better to help the team win state," said Bethany Lopez, who finished with a time of 21:47.

The women travel to Fresno for the State Championship this Saturday at Woodward Park.

The men's team finished 16th in the SoCal meet. Jason Lewis led the Renegades by finishing 24th in 22:10 followed by Francisco Mejia at 22:29 and Brian Noonan with a time of 22:52.

Those three runners qualified as individuals for the state meet.

WRESTLING
BC's match scheduled for Nov. 9



Bakersfield College cross country runner Bethany Lopez practices at Memorial Stadium.

with Rio Hondo College was postponed. The Renegades are 2-0 in conference and 3-0 overall.

The wrestlers travel north to Modesto College on Friday, then travel south to the Fullerton tournament on Saturday.

VOLLEYBALL
Natalie Hiermeier and Lilly Banks led BC (9-11 overall) team to victory Friday, outscoring Glendale 30-24, 30-16, 30-20.

Banks had 14 kills while Hiermeier had nine kills and 20 digs to lead the Renegades. BC's Jayna Marota had 21 digs and Shawna Sexton had 25 digs for the Renegades.

Bakersfield College travels to Citrus College this Friday.

GOLF

The BC women's golf made a strong showing as Sara Ansolabehere took 10th place and Megan Fuller placed 19th Southern California Community College Championship at Sierra Lakes Golf Course in Fontana.

Ansolabehere broke a Bakersfield College record with an 81.1 stroke average after shooting a 17-over 161 for two rounds at the tournament. Ansolabehere had rounds of 79 and 82.

Fuller finished with rounds of 81 and 93 for 174.

The state championship will be held in Fresno today.

SOCCER
BC's women's team (13-6-2) finished their season losing 2-0 to conference first place team L.A. Pierce College (21-1).

The lady Renegades held L.A. Pierce scoreless in the second half.

"We had fun we made the best of it" Said Laura Sanchez as the team came in with no subs available and with half the team injured.

Sanchez added "we had a couple nice plays but just could not score"

BASKETBALL
The BC men's team opened the season with a 98-86 non-conference victory over Hancock behind a strong effort from Andrew Ready.

Freshmen Aaron Perez scored 12 points, Maurice Lane scored 11 and sophomore Adolfo Mondaca had 10.

The men travel to Reedley for the Reedley Tournament starting Thursday.

The women's team lost to Irvine Valley College 63-54 in the San Diego Mesa Tip-Off Classic Championship.

The Renegades, 3-1 overall, were led by Sarah Ortiz with 22 points and seven rebounds. Lashay Bagby led the team with 14 rebounds and scored six points.

The women play in Moorpark today and will face Porterville College at 7 p.m. Friday at BC.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
Men's
Nov. 17-18: Reedley Tournament
Nov. 22: vs. Cuesta
Nov. 26-27: Bakersfield Tournament
Women's
Nov. 16: at Moorpark
Nov. 18: vs. Porterville
Nov. 23: vs. Santa Barbara

SPORTS

PLAYOFFS: Renegades crush Bulldogs 45-10

Continued from Page 1

Martinez's kicking game was once again valuable to the 'Gades as he nailed a 47-yard field goal just before the half to put BC up 17-0.

He was perfect on six extra point attempts and forced Hancock to start from its own 20-yard line on every kickoff.

The BC offense scored two more times in the third quarter as Peregrin connected on a 5-yard touchdown pass to tight end John Wise and running back Le'Andre Matthews powered into the end zone on a 5-yard run to make the score 31-3.

Peregrin once again played a stellar game as he completed 15 of 20 for 222 yards and had no interceptions.

BC scored twice more in the fourth quarter and Hancock once.

The running duo of J.R. Rogers and Matthews accounted for 213 yards on the ground while Peregrin was assaulting Hancock through the air. Matthews had one of the fourth quarter scores on a 1-yard run that put the 'Gades up 38-3.

While the BC offense was racking up 534 total yards, the 'Gade defense also did their part against the 'Dogs.

"The defense has stepped up and made the plays and not allowed very much," Chudy said. "They will get their pads full in practice this week in preparation for Fullerton and their rushing game."

The defense squashed almost every scoring opportunity Hancock presented, forcing two fumbles, intercepting a pass and allowing only 10 points. Curtis Cornelison and Michael Faulkner were responsible for making Jonathan Daily miserable most of the afternoon while Kenny Graham was responsible for the intercepted pass. Graham was in the right place at the right time and made one of the plays of the game.

"I took a chance at making the play in changing directions on a cover 2," Graham said. "But as I changed direction I saw a guy cross in front of me and the quarterback threw the ball. I



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Le'Andre Matthews pauses for a moment after scoring a touchdown.

stepped up and made the play!" Hancock's scores came on a Victor Velasco field goal early in the third quarter and a consolation touchdown late in the fourth.

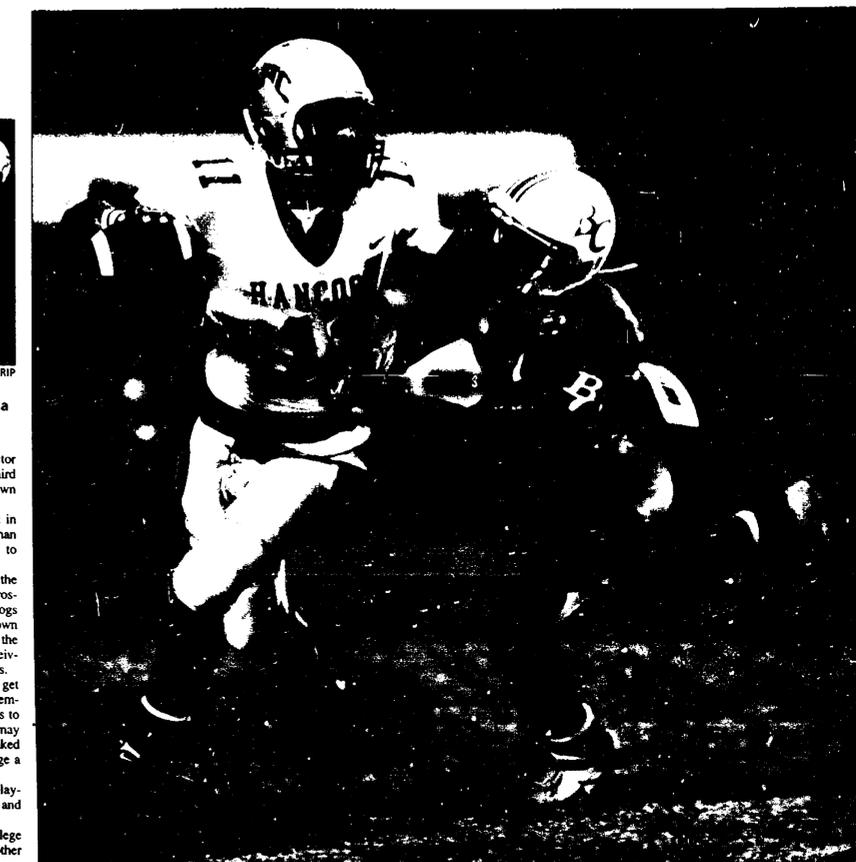
Hancock scored with 2:16 left in the game when quarterback Jonathan Daily completed an 8-yard pass to wide receiver Derek Sedin.

With 18 seconds left to play in the game, reserve quarterback Jeff Crosby came in and burned the Bulldogs defense for an 87-yard touchdown strike to Tyrece Lee Jr., making the final score 45-10. Lee led all receivers with five catches for 126 yards.

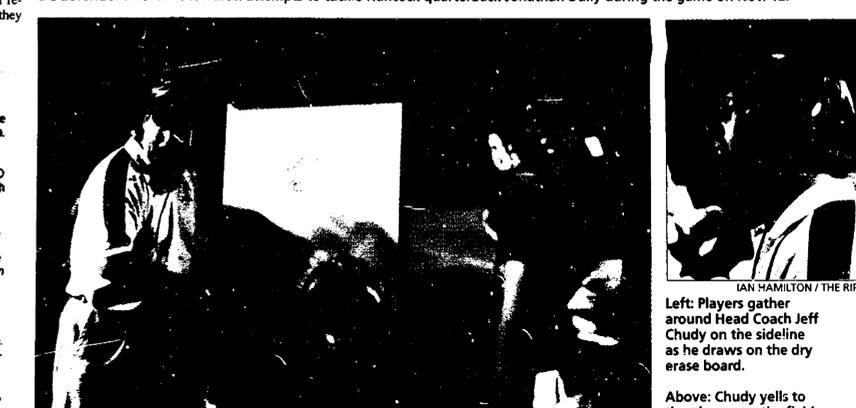
With the victory, the 'Gades get the opportunity to redeem themselves for an opening season loss to Fullerton and if they win they may have the chance to play No. 1 ranked College of the Canyons to avenge a one-point loss.

"We are really excited about playing in the Golden Empire Bowl and the playoffs," Stuebbe said.

"If we win and Chaffey College beats Canyons, we will get another home game. If we win and Canyons wins, we will get another chance to play Canyons, but on the road. I really like this Renegade team, they have a lot of character."



BC defender Michael Stewart II attempts to tackle Hancock quarterback Jonathan Daily during the game on Nov. 12.



Left: Players gather around Head Coach Jeff Chudy on the sideline as he draws on the dry erase board. Above: Chudy yells to the players on the field.

Schedule table listing various sports events, dates, and locations.

Peregrin throws for 287 yards in Homecoming win

By LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College football team made it four victories in a row and took one step closer to the playoffs as they thrashed the Ventura College Pirates 52-24, before a Homecoming crowd of 7,589.

Not only was this a time to win for playoff implications, it was a time to show former greats in attendance, the 1955 team, just what the 2005 team is made of, and do it on Memorial Stadium's 50th birthday.

"The Homecoming celebration was successful," Jan Stuebbe BC athletic director said. "We were very happy with the Homecoming activities and that everyone came out and enjoyed the fun. This is why we play. This time of the year emotions and momentum runs high."

BC sophomore quarterback Thomas Peregrin did his part in making it a winning celebration as he bombed the Pirates with five touchdown passes for 287 yards.

However, Ventura drew first blood 3-0 when Robby Smith kicked a 35-yard field goal with just over 11 minutes left in the first quarter.

The rest of the first half was all BC as Peregrin started distributing passes to different weapons down the field and the defense made its presence felt.

"The o-line is doing great in giving

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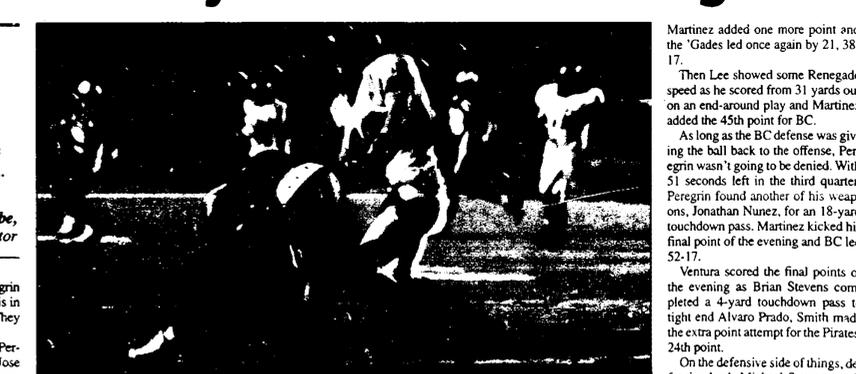
us time to make the plays," Peregrin said. "It's nice to have Corey Actis in the middle leading those guys. They are all doing a great job."

BC took the lead 7-3 on a Peregrin pass to Joel Venegas and Jose Martinez added the extra point. Less than four minutes later Martinez added three more to the BC tally as he drilled a 42-yard field goal to give the 'Gades a 10-3 lead.

Then the BC defense took its turn to score. On the Pirates next possession, BC defensive back Charles Gamble intercepted a pass and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown, Martinez kicked the extra point and the 'Gades were well in front 17-3.

Enter Peregrin.

On BC's next possession Peregrin threw his second touchdown strike,



Fullback Joel Venegas runs in the first BC touchdown during the homecoming game on Nov. 5.

a 46-yard bomb to wide receiver Tyrece Lee Jr. Martinez's kick was good and BC was up 24-3 with 6:06 left in the second quarter.

The next possession for Ventura was productive as wide receiver Andy Morales caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Brandon Bishop-Parise. Smith's extra point was good and the Pirates

traded 24-10.

But a determined BC offense answered every point. With 21 seconds left in the first half, Peregrin found Lee one more time for a 20-yard score, Martinez connected and BC led 31-10 at the half.

In the third quarter Ventura showed some life as it drove the field and scored on a 28-yard touchdown pass

from Bishop Parise to wide receiver Charles Dillon. Smith's kick was good and the Pirates were once again within 14 points of the 'Gades, 31-17.

But Peregrin wasn't finished. The sophomore quarterback showed why he is one of the state's best passers as he threw a 51-yard touchdown strike to Tajiddin Smith,

going in the right direction."

Castle Print & Publication advertisement featuring a large image of a person and the text 'The secret is out!'.

CSUB advertisement for BC's CSUB Satellite Transfer Center, including contact information and services.

SKYDIVE TAFT advertisement offering student discounts on video, tandem, and accelerated freefall jumps.

HQS BARBER SHOP advertisement located at 3735 Columbus Ave., with contact information for Chris Ramos.

Hooray for Homecoming



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BC Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe surveys the audience during the homecoming game, which drew an announced 7,589.

Renegades from the past and present show their school spirit at Memorial Stadium

By JULIANNA CRISALLI and IAN HAMILTON
Rip staff writers

Making his way slowly to Memorial Stadium with his wife Margaret, John Boydston yelled out "anybody need free tickets?"

All tickets were free to the Bakersfield College homecoming game on Nov. 5, so at first it seemed like Boydston's offer was facetious. But a sign displayed on the darkened home team ticket booth revealed that all home team tickets were sold out, and Boydston, a 1939 graduate of BC and season ticket-holder since the creation of the stadium, had extra tickets in his pocket. Other people, too, came from their seats to the home team entrance asking if anyone needed tickets.

In an attempt to fill the stands for the 50th anniversary of Memorial Stadium, Bakersfield College offered free admission to the game. Although the stadium can hold approximately 19,000 people, an approximate total of 8,000 patrons passed through the turnstile at the football game making it the largest crowd all season. According to Pat Coyle, concession manager for the game, the total was slightly lower than he expected, but he was still very pleased with the turnout.

"It is fantastic. It's a great crowd," he said.

BC Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe said he did not have a specific number in his head for the total attendance. His estimate however, is that the crowd was closer to 9,000 or 10,000.

"It wasn't a disappointment, it was a great night for BC," he said. "We were very, very pleased."

Although once inside fans cheered and applauded, before the game some were discouraged by the unavailability of the tickets.

Howard Santillan reserved tickets for himself before the game, but when he got to the entrance nobody could tell him where will call was, so he took Boydston up on his offer and found his tickets.

"It's kind of disorganized right now, but it's really easy to get tickets," Santillan said.

Before the game, BC alumni and fans alike gathered in the parking

lot for the tailgate parties. Industrial Technology Department Chair and 1964 BC graduate Arnold Burr helped organize a tailgate party that juxtaposed historic items from BC's history with current or recent ones. Among the items were seat cushions, helmets, and an old record with BC songs from the early '60s. A BC football hat sat next to an old beanie topped with a large fuzzy ball.

"I think this is fantastic," said Rick Wright, BC President from 1983-1987, referring to the 50th anniversary event. "This stadium is better than most university campus stadiums."

Several alumni from the '50s and '60s agreed that the stadium used to be consistently filled. Mike Komin, who went to BC from '71-73 and played with Stuebbe when he was quarterback for the team, talked about the change in attendance.

"I think there's just so much going on," he said, adding that the BC football games used to be the place people went on dates.

Ron Polk, who played as linebacker for the first BC team at Memorial Stadium in the '50s, said that attendance now is, "bad, bad, bad. Look at it, a free game and no one comes out. Bakersfield stays home and watches the boob tube."

Current student Michael Gutierrez, 19, used to attend games when he was a child and said it is very different now.

"I remember when I was a kid and it (stadium seats) were pretty much filled," he said.

Regardless of the attendance, spirits at the game were high. Smiles were on the faces of everyone from campus employees and current students to football players and alumni cheerleaders.

Alumni cheerleader Michelle Winton said this was her 21st year back to cheer for homecoming. She even made it back to Bakersfield when she lived in Hawaii.

"It feels good to be back, but my skirt keeps getting shorter every year," she said.

Will Chandler and Shalene Altamirano received the titles of king and queen. Nine couples appeared on the homecoming ballot and 452 people voted for king and queen.

BC won their Homecoming game 52-24 against Ventura.



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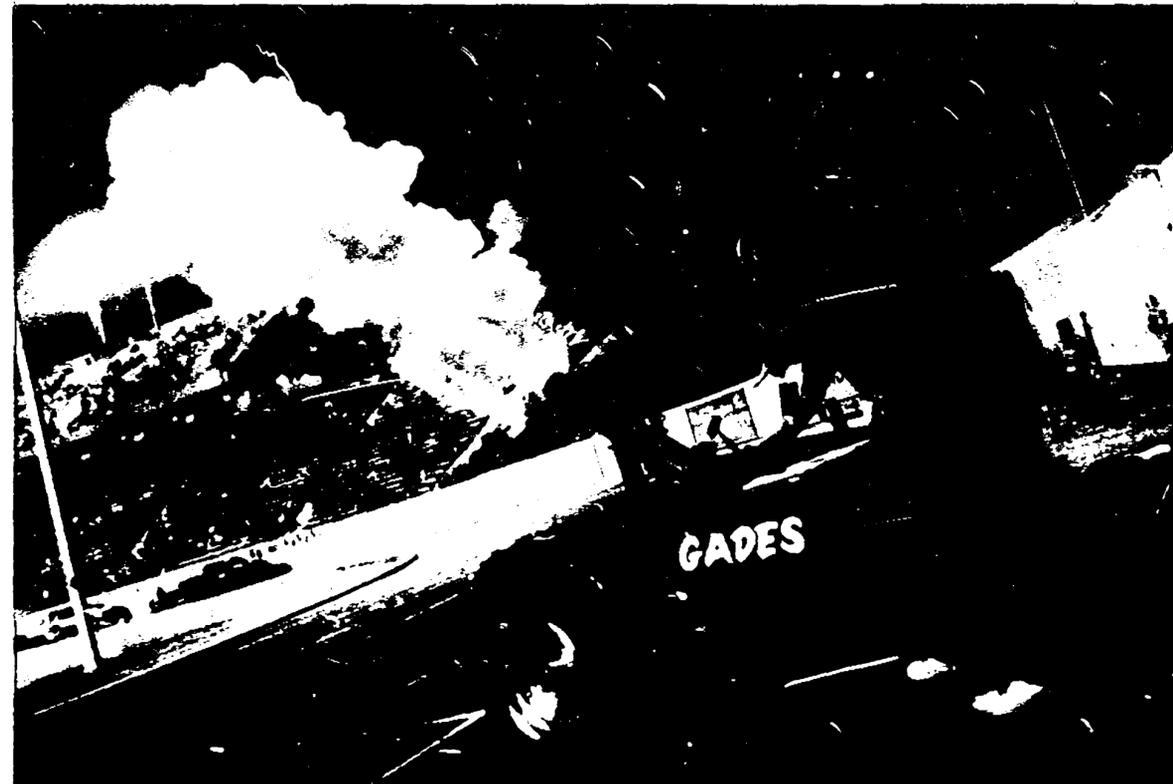
Clockwise from top: Jerry Caneta tests the band's vocal sounds at the homecoming game. Will Chandler and Shalene Altamirano wave from their car during the halftime parade; they won homecoming king and queen. In his second year on the cannon crew, Ernesto Guerrero, structural engineering major, uses a mallet to fire the cannon. As part of the BC band, BaSani Frazier plays the quint tom drums. BC mascot Reggie the Renegade sings along with alumni cheerleaders during the alma mater after the game.



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BC President William Andrews doffs his hat during the halftime parade around the track.



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Grimes takes first

■ BC athlete becomes the first woman and the second person in school history to win the state cross country meet held in Fresno.

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College's cross country standout Brittany Grimes outdistanced the competition and crossed over into history as the first BC woman to place first in the California Community College State Cross Country Championships, which were held at Woodward Park in Fresno on Nov. 19.

Grimes, a BC sophomore, clocked in at 18 minutes and 19 seconds during the women's three-mile run.

The last time a BC student gained a victory of this magnitude was in 1969, and that was a male student, said BC women's cross country and track coach Pam Kelley.

BC Freshman Clarissa Rivera came in 11th. Rivera came in second in the recent Southern California meet, and she also has had "a very good year" as well as Grimes, Kelley said. Rivera clocked in at 19:21 at the state championships.

The BC women's cross country team placed sixth in the state meet.

"The team was just 15 points out of fifth," Kelley said. "We haven't placed like that in a long time."

Grimes felt that the competition at the state meet was formidable; however, she said that the top runners ap-



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Above: Brian Noonan (33), Francisco Mejia (32), and Jason Lewis (31) were the Renegades' only state qualifiers in men's cross country. Lewis finished 28th overall. Below: Brittany Grimes shows her gold medal to her sister, Brooklan (left), following the race. Grimes finished the three-mile course in 18 minutes, 19 seconds to finish first out of 173 runners in the women's race.

peared to "peak" far too early. She said that she came to the meet nervous and expecting the unexpected. According to Grimes, the unexpected did happen.

"Everybody fell back," Grimes said. Early on, she said, "I was already 15 yards ahead of another girl."

However, this did not cause Grimes to relax, she said.

"When I had 400 meters to go, I realized I didn't come to get second place," she said. "I worked too hard for that."

Grimes held on to her lead and did not take any chances. Another com-

petitor might have moved ahead of her, she felt.

"You don't know how people will run until after the first mile," Grimes said. "The race doesn't start until after the first mile."

The BC men's cross country also participated in the statewide competition.

The men did not qualify as a team but had three individuals qualify. BC sophomore Jason Lewis placed 28th in the four-mile run in 21:30. Sophomore Francisco Mejia placed 96th and clocked in at 22:19. Freshman Brian Noonan took 115th with a time of 22:33.



Student 'art' causes panic

■ Misunderstanding over guns used in art project sparked emergency call to police department.

By JULIE SALGUERO
Rip staff writer

What was thought to be a shooting on the BC campus turned out to be an artistic interpretation gone wrong.

On Nov. 16, the atmosphere on the Bakersfield College campus was nothing out of the ordinary. Yet, a large, white male with brown hair was "at large," after a report was made to the BC security office by the Bakersfield Police Department that two armed individuals were seen in the northeast parking lot, and shots had been fired.

According to an e-mail sent out by Vice President of Student Learning Mildred Lovato, one of the suspects was detained by the BPD "within 42 minutes," added Mark Graf, director of public safety.

Both suspects were working on a project for their digital photography class, in which the students were assigned to create a picture depicting a historical myth figure in the past tense and in modern times. One of the suspects was interpreting St. George slaying a dragon. In the modern interpretation of the event the student wore a trench coat and posed holding a replica of a M-16 aimed at the sky. A classmate offered the weapon to the student and served as the photographer for the assignment.

According to the report made by the BC public safety department, a student was in the northeast parking lot around 9:40 a.m. when she saw two males, one of them holding a rifle "pointing towards the college and firing the rifle." The student immediately called 911.

The public safety department was able to identify the suspects with the aid of the BC surveillance system as well as the parking sticker on the suspect's vehicle. The vehicle was identified by the 911 caller, Graf said. The public safety department was able to locate the student in the Fine Arts building where their digital photography class was taking place, taught by Professor Kristopher Stallworth.

Once the suspects were identified, Graf contacted one of the suspects who "admitted to having two guns in his car." The suspect was detained at that moment and taken to his vehicle, where the suspect gave BC See SHOOTING, Page 7

Student smoking may be restricted next year



DANIELA GARCIA / THE RIP
Daniel Acleoye, computer information systems major, smokes outside the library on campus.

■ Student Government will consider proposed changes to the campus smoking policy that would designate smoking areas.

By DANIELA WILLIAMS
Features editor

Bakersfield College may adopt a new smoking policy in the following semester.

The proposed policy would require smokers to use designated areas. This would coincide with a possible new littering policy that would include a fine for dropping cigarette butts and other trash on campus.

The first step in a policy shift is a Student Government Association student senate vote on a proposal. If the proposal passes, it will then be given to college president William Andrews and the Col-

lege Counsel, then the Board of Trustees. If the resolution is approved by all, the changes will be enacted.

Students' reaction to the possible change has been mixed.

"I don't think it would be a big deal. People might appreciate it," said Channon Garcia, psychology major. But Channon is used to respecting the wishes of those around her who do not smoke. "My family doesn't really like smoking. If someone asks me not to smoke around them, I put (the cigarette) out."

Nursing major Leslie Reynolds simply doesn't think the policy will work.

"Students just aren't used to (smoking areas) and there isn't the security to enforce it," she said.

Students will have the opportunity to show how they feel about designated smoking areas in the coming semester. Doser plans to hold a forum to let students voice any concerns they may have

over the policy changes.

"Next year sometime we'll hold a forum and see what students, staff and the faculty think," Doser said.

Tobacco Free Coalition of Kern County, a non-profit organization that operates under the Kern County Health Department, has been working with SGA Activities Liaison Anthony Doser on formulating a proposal regarding a new smoking policy.

Nesek Nourangiani, the project director of the Tobacco Education Program for the Kern County Department of Public Health, recently headed a survey of Bakersfield College students, asking questions on how they felt about a possible policy change. Of the 223 people given the questionnaire, 136 of those surveyed had never smoked, while 44 had quit smoking. Twenty-six people were current smokers and 17 students declined to answer. See SMOKING, Page 7

Time's up for students to receive N.Y. Times

By JULIE SALGUERO
Rip staff reporter

The New York Times will no longer be distributed to the Bakersfield College community.

The Bakersfield College Student Government Association, in affiliation with the New York Times, worked together to distribute the Times to the BC campus for the past month distributing the newspaper five times a week, according to Don Turney, dean of students. The final day of the distribution of the Times was on Nov. 23, said SGA President Ash West. The trial program was set to last five weeks and ended last week.

BC was able to have a trial program with the New York Times because the Kern Community College

District is a dues-paying member of the League of Innovations for Community Colleges. As a bonus, SGA was paid 10 cents for every copy of the paper distributed.

"I'm thinking about maybe giving it (the money) to the clubs (on campus)," West said.

Turney said that the idea of distributing the Times was "well received" by the campus community and SGA. "When the New York Times approached us with the idea we thought 'let's give it a go.'"

Another campus figure who enjoyed the Times on campus was professor of health and physical education, John Liccardo, who in an e-mail to West thanks him for the "setting up" of having the Times distributed on campus. In the e-mail, Liccardo states he uses the articles in

his health classes.

According to Turney, there was only one complaint about the Times. "The newspaper was being delivered to the Administration Building instead of the SGA office," which caused problems when it came to delivery.

"There wasn't enough man power [when it came to delivering], and if there was the manpower 'it [the manpower] got sick after the first week of distribution," said Turney.

One BC student Nicole Crank, undeclared major, said she was aware of the Times being on campus.

"I was killing time before class once, and I picked one up over by the art appreciation building next to a Rip rack," she said. Up to that point Crank didn't even know the Times was being offered. "I didn't know

we had that."

Another student, Chadyce Pearson, psychology major, had no idea the Times was being distributed through out campus. "I didn't know about it," said Pearson regarding the Times.

Turney said that the idea will be revised in the spring and an attempt will take place. "We now know what to do and what not to do," he said.

In regards to not having enough manpower to distribute the newspaper, West said that it was "trial program anyway" and that in the spring, BC now has the chance of having a contract with the Times in order to distribute the newspaper. As far as who would pay for the contract, West mentioned the idea of splitting the cost with the administration or paying out from SGA accounts.

It's beginning to look a lot like finals



Goat Tracey, undecided major, draws in Campus Center on Nov. 22. For more study photos, information about study techniques as well as great study spots on campus and around Bakersfield, turn to page 10.

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FEATURES

Skills for life

Developmentally delayed adults taught through the A.B.L.E. program.

By JULIANNA CRISALLI
Editor in Chief

Students enrolled in the Adult Based Life Experience (A.B.L.E.) program are not limited to the teachings of a classroom. The community serves as their schoolhouse.

A.B.L.E. teaches severely developmentally delayed adults from ages 18-22 vocational skills, how to live independently, social skills, functional academics and community integration. Through group activities and work experience, students are given the chance to expand their knowledge and involvement with society.

"The community itself is our classroom," said team leader Joey Johnson. "We are a classroom without walls, so it is more hands on."

The program began in 1995 with three teachers and 40 students. This year there are 10 teachers and approximately 140 students. According to Johnson, one of the reasons for the growth of the program is the dedication of staff and teachers.

"We (the teachers and staff) are there to mentor and guide. It is more of an influential role, not a dictatorship. They are adults, so we try to treat them as such," Johnson said. "They come every day, so we must be doing something right."

After completing high school, students can join this program. According to Johnson, this college is for this population. They get education in a classroom, working around the community, receiving physical education at Cal State-Bakersfield and



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Students in the A.B.L.E. program rise their rags to wash the tables in BC's Campus Center.

gymn around town, and they go on educational and recreational outings throughout Bakersfield.

The students receive opportunity to work around Bakersfield doing various community service jobs. One of the places they serve is at Bakersfield College. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the students can be seen cleaning the cafeteria area in the mornings.

"They love it," said Lori Tullis, A.B.L.E. teacher. "It gives them a sense of fulfillment. It helps them to see possible jobs in their future. This is their favorite part of the week."

Their duties in the cafeteria include cleaning tables, sweeping floors, emptying trash cans and washing windows. According to Tullis, they receive a lot of positive feedback from employees and students at BC.

"They really enjoy it. The rewards come not only financially, but they are paid through work ability," Johnson said.

As payment the students will receive either money or tokens for their work. Students who receive tokens have a student store where they can purchase various items.

"It is a good tool for behavior development. The work keeps them focused," Johnson said.

Each student is given different goals and objectives that they work for during the four-year program. At the end of the program, when the adults are 22 years of age, they have a graduation ceremony where they receive a certificate of completion. This year, 30 students will be graduating.

In an interview, Johnson recalled one of his favorite memories while involved with the program. One year, Johnson had just begun his speech at graduation when one of the non-verbal students walked up and stood beside him. Johnson said he became his assistant throughout the ceremony.

"Every year at the graduation ceremony something special happens that makes everyone cry or laugh," Johnson said. "Each ceremony, there is something special that makes us happy with what we do."

Although classes are being held at several locations in the Kern High School District, growth of the program has resulted in a need for more teaching space. Johnson said they are currently looking for a larger facility to hold their classes.

"We judge our success on whether or not our students are happy," Johnson said.

The Adult Based Life Experience (A.B.L.E.) School gives severely developmentally delayed adults the chance to learn from and work in society. Matt Silvius, 18, and Jessica Kelley, 22, sweep the floor of BC's cafeteria as part of their work experience for A.B.L.E. The students work at BC every Monday and Tuesday, cleaning tables, washing windows and emptying trash cans. Kelley will be graduating in the spring, and this is Silvius' first year with the program.



FEATURES

Fourth installment of Harry Potter is more grown up

By DOTTY BURNS
Opinion Editor

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," much like the book that the film was adapted from, is a much darker chapter in the series.

In the first few moments of the film, it's evident that the premise no longer resembles a cute children's fable like the previous four films.

MOVIE REVIEW

The mythical world that surrounds Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) has evolved into a more ominous backdrop. It will no doubt please the older Harry Potter addicts who delight in reading about and watching the fantasy world of the

boy-wizard unfold. Ultimately, the PG-13 rating is quite fitting, for the film is not only steeped in a darker setting, but in violence and in hormones. As the film develops, it appears the days of solving the snarler plots that plague Hogwarts School with his magical cohorts seem to have ended for the English orphan. Instead, Harry is beset with more perilous challenges in this darker prison.

The Triwizard Tournament is the obstacle that the now full-blown adolescent must face. The tournament involves conquering a fire-breathing dragon, saving classmates from a murky lagoon, entering an enchanted maze, and just to complicate the life of the overwhelmed teenager, an unexpected visit from Harry's mortal

nemesis, Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) awaits him. This is the first time we see Voldemort in full screen, and he has the ability to scare the 5-year-old, as well as the 20-year-old crowd, for the Dark Lord appears to resemble a very ungrainy Nosferatu.

Like most of the adventures young Harry encounters, Harry becomes a finalist in the tournament. During the selection ceremony, Harry's name unexpectedly erupts scribed on the piece of parchment from the Goblet of Fire as the fourth finalist. This is against the rules of the tournament, since you have to be 17 to enter, and Harry is still only 14. But, the faculty reluctantly decides to let Harry compete as they are unable to ignore the magical binding contract created

when Harry's name flew out of the Goblet.

The other finalists that the Goblet has chosen are seemingly over-prepared, with the exception of Hogwarts' pretty-boy contestant Cedric Diggory (Robert Pattinson) who befriends Harry now and then Viktor Krum (Stanislav Ianevski) is the Aryan finalist from an overseas magic academy that appears as if he is ready to go to war with his fellow contestants. The lovely Fleur Delacour (Clemence Poesy) is the quiet, yet agile Beaubaton siren from France who first appears fierce enough in the first few stages of the tournament, but unravels near the end of the treacherous competition. Aside from the introduction of the bizarre contestants, who are the types

of intriguing new characters that often arise in the Harry Potter series, Alastor "Mad-Eye" Moody (Brendan Gleeson) makes his debut as the new professor of Defense Against the Dark Arts.

The character is a bit unsightly with a ridiculous large glass eye and an ever-present mysterious drinking problem. Alastor, who compares to everyone's degenerate uncle, has a very dubious role in the film, but lends Harry some welcomed aid in the tournament. In Harry's fourth year of Hogwarts, he must face not only a fire-breathing dragon but the seemingly death defying act of asking out a girl. Most of the action Harry and his friends encounter in this picture involves the trials of coming of age. Although Harry himself

never makes any real progress with Cho Chang (Katie Leung), the apple of his eye, other courtships are more successful.

The bookish Hermione Granger (Emma Watson), who is brimming with hormones in this installment, latches onto the arm of the leonidish Aryan lad Viktor much to Ron Weasley's (Rupert Grint) disgust. The film may involve hormonal angst, but it doesn't transform the film into a typical high school teen flick. Although the film is set with teens and is mass-marketed to a dire extent, it doesn't have a heavy degree of superficiality. The film has the same heart and originality as the previous films, and much of that is not owed to the director and producers, but to the work of Joanne Kathleen Rowling.



M.E.Ch.A to host Noche de Cultura

Night of Culture will be held Dec. 2 inside the Bakersfield College Indoor Theater.

By JULIE SALGUERO
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College will host the second annual Noche de Cultura in the BC Indoor Theater at 6 p.m. Dec. 2. The theme is "Embracing the Beauty of Our Cultures," and BC's M.E.Ch.A will be hosting the event. The event was also held last year on campus. This year, the event's Gold Sponsor is H.A. Salla, attorney at law.

BC's M.E.Ch.A president, Jesse Ibarra, a history major, said, "We're excited about putting on this event; it's going to be great."

Ibarra said he has scheduled Peruvian and Aztec dances, both of whom will perform dances that go back hundreds of years, as well as

ballet dancers and Mariachis. Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall will be attending the event as a keynote speaker, who will also be making a proclamation that evening. Also, Ibarra will present discussions regarding the beauty of cultures.

M.E.Ch.A adviser and Chicano studies professor Rosa Garza is happy with the event and hopes for more similar events.

"The students are doing a good job, and events like these are a great way to bring in the community," she said.

Garza said she also offers her students extra credit for attending the gathering.

Tickets are \$10 at the door for general admission (\$7 for pre-sale) and \$5 for seniors and students with proper ID. Those 10 and younger are free. Pre-sale tickets are available from any M.E.Ch.A member. Meetings are held on Tuesdays in the executive boardroom in the Campus Center at 3:15 p.m.

Print & Publication

The secret is out!

Biology professor podcasts lectures

Inez Devlin Kelly utilizes technology to put her speeches on the World Wide Web so students don't have to tape them.

By TRACY YVONNE
Rip staff writer

Professor of biology Inez Devlin Kelly is podcasting her class lectures. She attaches a small microphone to her shirt, hangs an iPod on her belt and records her class sessions. She downloads her recordings onto her computer and uploads them for her Web site.

"Being on the World Wide Web was quite a step," Kelly said.

"After I listened to it, I thought it sounded good. I am more conscious of what I say."

Kelly said that one day she forgot to set up for recording and a student asked her if she was going to podcast.

"The students like it, especially ones who enjoy high tech equipment."

According to Kelly, there hasn't been a change in the student's performance.

"I was worried that students would depend too much on it and not be active in class, but that's not the case," she said.

Kelly said that she is the only one who utilizes podcasting at BC and hopes it catches on.

"If you look up 'biology podcasting' on Google, you can find my lectures there," she said.

This is a service Kelly is providing to replace the old-fashioned method of students taping lectures in class.

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Above: Biology instructor Inez Devlin Kelly explains how she uses podcasting to broadcast her lectures.

Left: Kelly uses Apple's iPod to record lectures.

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FEATURES

A meaningful message

By DANIELLA WILLIAMS
Features Editor

Kindness and forgiveness were the topic of the night Nov. 22, when Mother Antonia Brenner, the "Prison Angel" of Tijuana, spoke to a crowd of about 200 at the Bakersfield College Indoor Theater.

"Not everybody is called to a prison here or in Mexico, everyone is called to be kind. Everybody is called to bring hope to others," she said during her presentation.

The Irish Catholic nun, who recently published a book of her experiences, "The Prison Angel: Mother Antonia's Journey from Beverly Hills to a Life of Service in a Mexican Jail," knew what the audience was interested in.

"I know most people want to know about my life in prison," she said, going on to share stories.

One of the stories Mother Antonia told was that of a woman whose son was dying due to kidney problems. The woman struggled to get the money for her son's medicine each month. She went to various places, the Mexican and U.S. governments, and asked people at church for help.

She was treated with disrespect and rudeness at each place.

After getting one-time funding from the Mexican government, she encountered a bandit on her way to buy her son's medicine. The man grabbed her and demanded her money. In her purse she had the money and a picture of her son. The bandit asked who the young man in the photo was. The woman pleaded her situation, and the bandit offered the woman his sympathy and protection as she walked the dangerous road.

"Isn't it strange that in a church, in two government offices, in a social club, she couldn't find anyone who could say something nice to her," she said. "It doesn't cost you to be kind. It's hard to take an assaulter, a man wanted by the police, a man that robs, and he know how to be kind."

Student Letty Jimenez attended the speech for extra credit in her Chicano history class and was pleased to have been able to hear what Mother Antonia had to say.

"I'm glad I came. You don't think of (your words) as hurting other people," she said. Jimenez had come with her mother Leticia Jimenez, who found a lot of meaning in the night's talk.

"It transports you to the real meaning of life. It's what I believe in: kindness and loving people. I'm leaving this place feeling good," she said.

Mother Antonia came to BC through a chain of events involving Sister Anne Marie Maxfield, a former Bakersfield resident, and an invitation to speak to one of Chuck Wall's classes. Once Mother Antonia agreed to come along, the visit changed to a public appearance. The appearance was part of the Envision Speaker Series, and sponsored by the BC Foundation and the Wylie and May Louise Jones Endowment.

"This is what our education is supposed to be," said BC President William Andrews. "We're supposed to be reaching out into the community. Some people are going to come and take the classes, but the goal is to bring more speakers to the campus. The idea is to put together an entire year series and publicize it in advance so the people in the community can know the dates and put it on their calendar."



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Above: Mother Antonia signs her book after her speech at the BC Indoor Theater on Nov. 22, which drew a crowd of approximately 200 people.

Left: Pamela Giamarra talks to Mother Antonia.

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BC BRAINS

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



Zach Corvantes, sophomore: "A finger bone."



Alyssa Oliver, sophomore: "A fish."



Art Leijn, freshman: "Something in the water. Oh! It's your fingers and toes."



Candice Sanchez, sophomore: "Regina Phalange?"



Robert Paine, sophomore: "I don't know."



Ramon Moran, sophomore: "I already don't know."

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OPINION

Devices breed psychos

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Rip staff writer

New-fangled technology is helping to breed a legion of schizoprosics cut off from each other and their families, friends and foes. Or at least to be that way, people talking into cell phones appear to be talking to themselves, or rather, to disembodied voices such as schizoprosics do.

Obviously, cell phone users are completely detached from their surroundings and from the people in their environment; they appear withdrawn. Strangely, I still have a tendency to turn around and look at what I assume to be a detached person answering to his cell phone. I see him talking to himself, or rather, he is talking to someone or some entity over his cell phone.

Cell phone users appear to be so out of touch with their environment that if the apocalypse struck, they would not notice.

A recent article published in the Sacramento Bee suggested that technology is creating a huge chasm between the generations.

However, the modern technological situation goes even further than that; technology is creating a communication chasm between individuals.

In this era when many people feel that the world needs to be on the alert for a catastrophic nuclear threat, it seems ironic that members of these same people bury their attention into an object that clearly distracts them from matters of greater universal concern.

One irony of the telephone is that it was probably thought to be a device that could bring people, particularly people in rural, agrarian communities closer together; there was a time when the United States consisted mainly of such communities.

It is clear that the adaptation of the cell phone by consumers defies that



DOTTY BURNS / THE RIP

purpose. It mentally and emotionally separates individuals from other individuals.

If the observer goes by the article that says technology separates one generation from the other, then the cell phone would obviously create a rift between parents and children. However, the pervasiveness of technology, i.e., TV signals, modern "businessmen as businessmen," as novelist Theodore Dreiser put it, would have the consumer believe that cell phones bring families closer together.

One consumer featuring the wonders of cell phone use, showed a family in a mall and the one thing

keeping them together, although all the members planned to scatter into different parts of the mall, were the cell phones each member had.

Even the scraping practical use of the cell phone: to keep tabs on the other family members; as they split up to explore the mall should look suspicious to the consumer; physical separation is physical separation, and physical separation equals mental and emotional separation.

The use of the cell phone does not bring families closer together; do not believe that! Material objects do not address family issues; they certainly do not solve family issues and prob-

lems. If there are serious psychological and spiritual problems stewing deep within the psyche of each family member, certainly a mere material object is not going to solve any of those psychological/spiritual problems.

It may sound to the atheist that I'm suggesting that people need God and so much the technological god; however, the cell phone user heading over to speak secretly into his/her cell phone may unconsciously be seeking to engage in a conversation with the "still, small voice" of the conscience/body spirit.

Stereotyping of women wrong

Men should focus on what is on the inside rather than on outer appearance.

By BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

Living in a small town can have its advantages and disadvantages. Advantage: everyone knows everyone. Disadvantage: everyone criticizes everyone by his or her outer appearance.

Why does anyone even give a flying boot about what I am wearing? When you live in a big city nobody gives a crap about what you're wearing. No one even takes a glance at you twice. On the other hand, here in the good ol' Central Valley, we stereotype and discriminate girls who don't measure up to our so-called perfect image.

And by our perfect image, I mean, a nicely-dressed girl with long hair, make-up, shiny skirt and top. If girls don't necessary fit this particular image, we quickly jump to question that particular girl's sexual preference.

I am sick of it! I'm sick of being classified as a lesbian, just because I do not wear make-up, because I choose to wear hats instead of doing my hair, because I'd prefer to wear a T-shirt and a pair of jeans instead of a skirt and a shiny top.

This article is aimed at all of those small-minded rural community people who stand there and criticize girls for what they're wearing, because it doesn't necessary fit the mold of what "girls" are supposed to wear. For example, on a particular incident, I was wearing a hat, pair of jeans, sneakers and a jacket to hang out with my friends.

Immediately, I came across a guy whom I had never met in my life who proceeded to tell me what

his first impression of me was just because of my clothing. Was I shocked? No! I've heard them all. Just because I don't necessary look like the "typical" girl, I instantaneously am classified as a lesbian, and that is exactly what this one guy did. He looked upon himself to stereotype me because of my clothing, and it's absolutely bogus. I wasn't about to get all dolled up to hang out with my pals in Delano. Must I remind you; it's Delano! Why in the world would anyone dress up to go out in Delano? I am dumbfounded! Anyone who can answer that question is an absolute genius.

In my defense, I will be very blunt and tell you exactly why I don't take the time to look nice for a night on the town whether it be Delano or Bakersfield.

I simply do not care, and I am certainly not looking to hook up with anyone from around here. Because honesty, guys around here are so damn immature and absolutely narrow-minded.

I absolutely know that I could get a guy to ask me out if I were dressed nicely, but why should I have to go through all that trouble especially if I am not interested.

Basically, what it all comes down to is charm. It shouldn't matter how you're dressed and if you're make-up is intact. Meeting a guy depends solely on your personality and charm. Believe me, there have been many occasions where I have met a guy wearing a pair of torn jeans, a T-shirt and a baseball cap.

Besides, who gives a flying flip? Worry about your own business. As far as I'm concerned, the last time I checked, I was the person who paid for my wardrobe.

You can criticize my clothing the day you pay for them!

BC should offer certificate ceremony

People who don't get degrees should be able to walk across the stage.

By TRACY YVONNE
Rip staff writer

After attending BC since 1988, I am finally going to complete an area of study. Unfortunately, though, I will not get to walk across the stage for this accomplishment.

Only degrees are recognized at the graduation ceremony as "stage-worthy" endeavors. Many other students like me, who put time and effort into their educational goals, will be receiving their certificate in the mail.

No cap and gown for the firefighters, no trumpet blast for the ones who will assist doctors and lawyers, and no announcement of the names of people who will be

vital parts of administrations.

What a shame. At first I tried to rationalize this situation. I thought: "OK, it's like getting a typing certificate in high school but needing the diploma to actually graduate."

Then I thought, "Hey, wait a minute! One typing class is not equivalent to two or three semesters!"

Apparently, if someone wants the pleasure of pomp and circumstance, they have to take six more units in an area and all the general education to fulfill the graduation requirements. What about people who have been laid off and need to get back to work as soon as possible? What of those who are in the work force and can't be in class at 9 a.m. because they work all day?

The community college system should have some form of recognition for completing a program, even if it is a certificate ceremony.

Technology helps people socialize

By VICTOR GARCIA
Associate Editor

Technology helps build on social interactions.

With more communication devices, such as Web sites like Myspace.com, people are communicating now more than ever. I myself have communicated with many of my friends from years back on Myspace.com and have

made new ones. If Myspace.com did not lead to socialization, I don't think anyone would be using it. It would serve no purpose.

Then there are cellular phones. Right now as I am typing this opinion piece, I see two of my co-workers talking on a cellular phone. Cellular phones have taken over the planet.

If this isn't socialization, I don't know what is.

Most people practically have cellular phones glued to the side of their head at any given time in a day talk-

ing to someone.

One of the things many college students socialize about is music. Some people say MP3 players such as the iPod — which I am utilizing right now — lead to diminished socialization. In reality, the iPod, and its counterparts are just replacements for the portable CD player.

I never recalled anyone complaining about portable CD players. Granted, you cannot hear as well when you have headphones on with blaring music, but sometimes there

are people you just don't want to socialize with or hear.

Then there is the old but drastically improved television set. Like the other devices, I have heard many people say that TV leads to decreased socialization.

They are wrong because the fact is much of what people socialize about comes from the TV.

Technology leads to an increased social life. Without it, there would be much less ways to socialize and fewer things to socialize about.

'GADGET FEEDBACK

Does technology hinder social interaction?



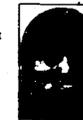
Liz Sautman, sophomore: "I think it does."



Cole Colbreton, freshman: "I don't think so. You're using it to connect with other people."



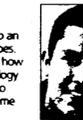
Candice Muller, graphic arts: "It screws up your social life, and it helps your social life."



Michelle Rappaport, sociology: "I think so. I think you lose the personal interaction with people."



Nathan Whiting, history: "To an extent it does. It depends how far technology goes and to what extent it goes."



Zach Zolghazrati, criminal justice: "No."

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Kimberly Tunall signs to another student. Students are asked to attend school events as part of their deaf studies class.



B-GLAD has fun with fundraiser

By JOSHUA AYERS
News Editor

The Bakersfield Organization of the Greater Los Angeles Association on Deafness, also known as B-GLAD, hosted a spaghetti dinner in the BC Fireside room Nov. 19 to raise money for food baskets for local families.

According to BC Professor Cinec Bart, the approximately 80 people at the event were BC ASL students and professors who came to lend support for the organization.

"We have a relationship with them," said B-GLAD Coordinator Raquel Camarena.

Camarena has been with the organization for four years now and has worked her way up to the coordinator position.

"I was a receptionist when I started," Camarena said.

The evening featured entertainment from Michael Davis, who signed a humorous story about a Thanksgiving turkey. Bart interpreted the story for the hearing audience. At the end of the night, organizers held a raffle for various prizes.

According to Camarena, B-GLAD is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on volunteer labor and is funded by the United Way. The organization provides services for the Deaf community such as advocacy, health education services, pregnancy prevention, individual living skills, information and referral services, human services and community education.



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Gene Lockrane, who is deaf, holds his 1-year-old son Liam at the B-GLAD spaghetti dinner, which was held on Saturday, Nov. 19, in the BC Fireside Room.

B-GLAD was started in 1984, according to Camarena. Bart mentioned that BC's Deaf Club will amp up its activities in the coming spring semester. The primary goal of the club will be to

promote deaf culture awareness at the college and in the community. The club will be open to deaf students and hearing students as well and will try to participate in a fundraiser.

Professor's colon cancer struggle

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Rip staff writer

"While Bakersfield College students are struggling to prepare for their upcoming finals, English professor Kevin Klawitter is struggling to survive a bout with colon cancer.

Early this fall semester, Klawitter initially thought he had an especially nasty case of the flu.

He said that he was suffering severe stomach and bowel cramping pains, which kept getting worse.

Klawitter said that he finally contacted a doctor who informed him that his problem might be more serious than previously suspected. Klawitter was quickly referred to a gastroenterologist for a colonoscopy. The specialist discovered many sizeable masses, Klawitter said.

While still recovering from the colonoscopy, Klawitter said he found himself in the emergency room.

The intrusive masses were so large that they extended into his bowel, Klawitter said. This was at the root of much of the pain that he was experiencing. This was causing a total blockage and back up of his colon, Klawitter said.

Klawitter said he soon underwent a colonotomy, a procedure from which he says he is still recovering. Klawitter said that he has a large, surgical cut on his abdomen, and he still experiences a great deal of pain accompanied by hiccups.

These symptoms, he says, have gone on for two weeks now. He says he also endures recurring bouts of insomnia. Once the surgical incision has healed, Klawitter says he will then undergo chemotherapy and radiation treatments for approximately 6 to 8 weeks. When the tumors shrink, Klawitter says, surgeons can then reattach his colon.

In an e-mail, Klawitter writes that "there have been a lot of faculty and

"He is generous and always wants to help students."

— David Moton,
English Chair

staff members at BC who have been helpful and supportive.

The students in my class are still sending me e-mails about how I am in their thoughts and prayers. I've also gotten some very touching phone calls from on-campus cancer survivors with wonderful messages of hope and inspiration."

English Department Chair David Moton says Klawitter is "a great guy. He is generous and always wants to help students." Moton and Klawitter worked together at Cal State Bakersfield in the English Department helping to run the English composition lab there.

Cal State Bakersfield's intensive English language center is where Klawitter showed a partiality for teaching students one on one. In fact, Moton says Klawitter also has a unique preference for teaching lower-level English, which is a preference most English instructors do not have, Moton said.

Around the time Klawitter was starting a job at the Sylvan Learning Center, Moton says that he contacted Klawitter imploring him to teach some BC English classes.

"There were tons of students and not enough instructors, so I tracked him down. He wouldn't have come here unless he was stepping up to help us out," Moton said.

BC English Professor Nancy Edwards said that Professor Klawitter is a "marvelous, witty, delightful person. He always has a positive attitude."

SMOKING: BC looking to restrict smoking areas

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The coalition and survey are funded by Proposition 99, which adds a 25-cent charge to each pack of cigarettes.

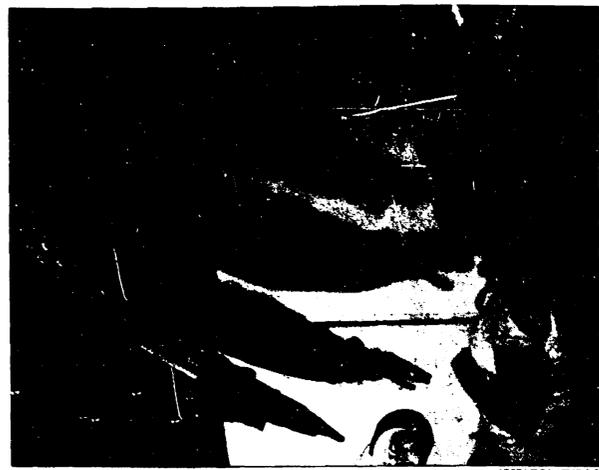
Nasungiani sees BC adopting a new smoking policy as the first step to affecting other campus' stances like Cal State Bakersfield and Taft College.

"This is the largest community college in Kern County," he said. "BC has been at the top of our agenda from the beginning. Once BC adopts this policy, it will be like a chain effect."

BC currently follows state law, which requires people who smoke to stand a certain number of feet from building entrances.

The restructuring of the campus' smoking policy has been in the works for the past two semesters, but due to changes in who was in charge of the project, the plans were stalled, Doer said.

Immortalized in shadows



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Adam Rodriguez holds his mural pose while Kerri Thomas draws his shadow by the Fine Arts building on Nov. 22. Students feel immortalized by an assignment that shows one of the many ways that painting can be used in society.

40 Kern County children adopted

By STEVEN C. VOGEL
Rip staff writer

National Adoption Awareness Month, which is recognized across the nation, concluded its monthlong celebration on Nov. 19. Kern County residents had the chance to take part in an array of activities for the past three years, and 2005 was no different.

The Kern County Department of Human Services teamed up with the Superior Court Juvenile Division and a number of community adoption partners to help finalize the successful adoption of nearly 40 Kern County foster children.

During the celebration, a number of adoption proclamations were provided to KCDHS by local politicians, including Mayor Harvey Hall, who was adopted at the age of 3. These proclamations solidified and promised a commitment to the Kern County adoption system by those represented, regardless of political disagreements.

"What a special feeling it has been to enjoy a solid and structured upbringing by such gracious parents. It has been a great pleasure and joy to have been adopted — I have never once regretted it," said Hall.

In addition to Hall, Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield), Congressman Bill Thomas (R-CA), state Sen. Roy Ashburn (R-Bakersfield), state Sen. Dean Flores (D-Shafter), and the Kern County Board of Supervisors all provided proclamation agreements.

"I believe we as a community need to seriously consider adoption as an alternative to birthing a child. Without adoption, these children will be victims of the foster care system for the rest of their lives," said Hall.

Although adoption is often an option that is chosen, KCDHS social workers and politicians alike insist that it is not the appropriate route for all aspiring parents. They echo that

foster and adoption bound children often carry baggage and hang-ups that will cause a lifetime of pain and sorrow.

"My suggestion to those considering adoption or foster care as an alternative to having their own children would be to begin investigating what's involved in the process... attend a seminar that explains the process in depth, and talk to those who have previously encountered the system," said KCDHS social worker Michelle Humecky.

The first family to complete their adoption during the celebration was Barbara and Jon Hopkins. Both Jon and Barbara are in their early to late 50s, and have raised four children of their own prior to adopting. The Hopkins family adopted their 23-month-old grandson Tyler; his mother was on drugs during the conception and delivery. According to Hopkins, "the home was and is an unsafe environment for my grandson to be exposed."

"I count it a privilege and duty as a human being to take care of a child... it's the right thing to do. Tyler is our number one concern and everything will be done around him... we're not important anymore," said Hopkins.

Hopkins offered advice to those who might be afraid of the foster or adoption system. "You don't have to be perfect. Just because I'm older doesn't mean I can't start over. I've learned a lot, and if there is anyone out there that needs help and an education about adopting, I'd be happy to help," said Hopkins.

For further information on becoming an adoptive or foster parent, you may contact the Kern County Department of Human Services at 633-7237. Additional information is available via their Web site at kcdhs.org.

"Look at what you are fighting for... look at what the goal is — to take care of a child who has no one," Hopkins said.

SHOOTING: Art project scares

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BC public safety. According to Don Turney, dean of students, the two students violated education code 48900 in that, states "... as used in this section 'imitation firearm' means a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm." Turney said that the violation of this educational code is grounds for suspension and expulsion, depending on the situation.

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CRIME BEAT

Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

A Bakersfield College instructor reported a theft committed by one of his male students against another male student from the same class. An 18-year-old male suspect reportedly stole a CD player and headphones belonging to the other student from the class. The CD player was stolen from the student's desk during a 15-minute class break. The perpetrator used a 17-year-old male student from the class as an accomplice. The accomplice allowed the instigator of the crime to hide the pilfered CD player in the accomplice's backpack. The two then hid the backpack in the FACE building. The accomplice later said that the instigator threatened him with bodily harm if he told anyone. The CD player owner eventually found the backpack containing his property in a corner north of the FACE building. The CD player owner's father arrived on the scene and demanded that his son divulge the perpetrator's identity. The son refused, stating that he feared for his safety. The accomplice's name was found in the backpack, and he was pulled out of class after this discovery was made by a BC public safety officer. The instigator was also eventually pulled out of class but was not cooperative. The Bakersfield Police Department was not called due to a lack of evidence. However, the alleged instigator was told by the BC Public Safety officer to leave the premises. The accomplice was allowed to go back to class. The alleged instigator was said to be extremely "hostile," and he deliberately bumped into the BC public safety officer as he walked toward the FACE building's south exit.

— Compiled by Katherine J. White from BC Public Safety reports.

NEWS BRIEFS

Minus accepts dean of counseling position at Chabot College

Daryl Minus, the dean of Matriculation and Support Services at Bakersfield College, has accepted a position as the dean of counseling at Chabot College, located in Hayward in the Bay Area. Minus' last day at BC will be Dec. 16. According to the BC manual, Minus' primary responsibilities at BC include "providing leadership, vision, planning, supervision, and evaluation of the student learning support programs at Bakersfield College." Additionally, under the direct supervision of Vice President of Student Learning Services Ken Meier, Minus is responsible for coordinating and overseeing compliance issues for transfer students. In a campus e-mail, Mildred Lovato, vice president of student services, states, "although his professionalism, expertise, and superb people skills will be sorely missed, we (BC staff and faculty) wish him continued success in his career."

The Rip was unable to contact Minus. A replacement had yet to be found to fill his position.

22nd annual Toy Run set to begin on Dec. 11

The 22nd annual Bakersfield Toy Run begins Dec. 11. The toy run and food drive will begin at Beach Park at 7 a.m. Cost of the event is one new unwrapped toy and one non-perishable canned good with an equal value of at least \$20 or a cash donation of at least \$20 per person. A motorcycle and classic car parade will begin from Beach Park at 10 a.m. and will end at the Kern County Fairgrounds. The event at the fairgrounds is free and open to the public. There will be food, prizes, drawings and live bands.

For more information call Fred at 832-3045, Jim at 397-8735, Bonnie at 837-1825 or go to www.bakersfieldtoyrun.com.

Applications available for trip to Washington D.C.

The Kaiser Family Foundation, in partnership with Howard University, is now accepting applications for the Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program. The program gives African American, Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native and Asian/Pacific Islander college seniors and recent graduates the opportunity to visit Washington D.C. and gain first-hand experience. The recipients will be placed in a Congressional office for nine weeks to experience the federal legislative process. More information and application materials can be found at www.kff.org/about/upload/2006NAC.pdf.

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The new mural being painted at the BC Arts Department Building appears to be flirting with a passerby.

Troops request DVDs

By BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

Troopers always get movies as a click away, but for soldiers serving overseas, watching a good movie or a good television show is quite difficult.

John Jaramillo, former BC Detachment Director, was deployed on an 18-month mission in May of this year. He is currently serving in Kuwait. Since his departure, he has been communicating with fellow colleagues through e-mails. Through e-mail, Jaramillo said that soldiers have access to DVD players but no DVD discs.

As a result, Karen Saltes, BC administrative assistant, and Kathleen Loomis-Tubbsing, BC coordinator for Distance Learning, have coordinated a campus-wide DVD drive.

New and used DVDRs are welcome, however, they must be rated no higher than R. Cash contributions are also being accepted to cover shipping costs. On an average, the cost for shipping ranges from \$40-\$48, Loomis-Tubbsing said.

So far, Saltes and Loomis-Tubbsing have sent one shipment which consisted of 125 DVDRs, Saltes said. The movies donated ranged from action, comedy, old classics, westerns and dramas. However, in another recent e-mail sent by Jaramillo, he indicated that soldiers have showed interest in TV show season editions, such as the "OC," "24," "CSI," "Law and Order" and "Desperate Housewives."

Jaramillo also wrote that the DVDRs have become quite a hit.

Currently, there is another shipment pending. Approximately 150 DVDRs have been collected, Saltes said. The second shipment will be mailed within the next two weeks.

DVDRs can be dropped off with Saltes in the Administration Building, room 16.

Notes to "Army Soldier" are also welcome.

The DVD project is an ongoing project, and we will keep sending the DVDRs as long as people keep donating them, said Saltes and Loomis-Tubbsing.

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All-stars

Aside from winning the Golden Empire Bowl, many Bakersfield College football players and their coach received another honor.

Bakersfield College head football coach Jeff Chudy was voted Coach of the Year.

Center Corey Actis, offensive lineman Larry Norton, wide receiver Taj Smith, running back J.R. Rogers, returner Tyrece Lee Jr. and quarterback Thomas Peregrin were named to the 2005 All Western State Conference Northern Division first-team offense.

BC players named to the second-team offense were offensive lineman Tyler McCann, tight end Jeff Fielder, running back Le'Andre Matthews and kicker Jose Martinez.

Players receiving honorable mentions were offensive lineman Grant Wells, wide receiver Jonathan Nunez and running back Joel Venegas. Players named to the first-team defense were defensive lineman Terry Bilbro, linebacker Curtis Cornelison and defensive back Bryant Matthews.

Defensive lineman Ron Jones and defensive back Omar Hill were named to WSC's second-team defense.

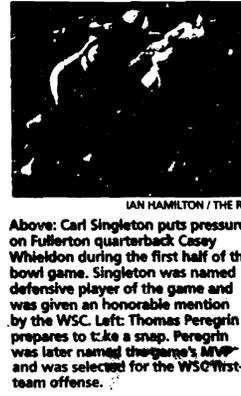
Defensive lineman Carl Singleton and linebacker Charles Gamble received honorable mentions from the WSC.



J.R. Rogers finds a hole on the battlefield of the Golden Empire Bowl. He was selected for WSC first-team offense.



Tajiddin Smith makes a one-handed grab during the second quarter of the bowl game. He scored on the play. Smith was also picked for WSC's first-team offense.



Above: Carl Singleton puts pressure on Fullerton quarterback Casey Whieldon during the first half of the bowl game. Singleton was named defensive player of the game and was given an honorable mention by the WSC. Left: Thomas Peregrin prepares to take a snap. Peregrin was later named the game's MVP and was selected for the WSC first-team offense.

High hopes for basketball

By LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College men's basketball team (4-2) has high expectations for the 2005-06 season.

According to assistant coach Aaron Chavez, the Renegades are young but have potential to do well in conference play and make the playoffs.

"We are young," Chavez said. "We don't have any returning players from last season, but we still expect to do well."

The expectations may not be that far off as the 'Gades won the Thanksgiving Renegade Tournament defeating Porterville College 106-101 on Nov. 26 and Reedley College 90-63 on Nov. 27. Terrence Johns, a freshman from Chicago, has led the way for BC so far this season. Johns has averaged approximately 25 points a game and is a solid 3-point shooter. The freshman leader scored 29 points against Porterville and 21 points against Reedley, including five 3-point shots. He was chosen as Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Garces High standout Christian Martin has also been productive for the 'Gades this season. Martin scored 13 points in the Reedley victory. Other players to watch this season will be Aaron Perez, Maurice Lane and South High graduate Steve Alford. Lane scored 18 points against Porterville.

"Our biggest nightmare right now is turnovers," Chavez said. "If we can cut down on turnovers, we can be successful this season."

The Bakersfield College women's team (3-3) has played a busy pre-season schedule as well.

The 'Gades participated in the San Diego-Mesa tournament and played a good Santa Barbara City team, in which they lost 68-53, on Nov. 24.

In the loss to Santa Barbara, Sarah Ortiz scored 10 points, and had nine rebounds and four steals. Stephanie Roberts also added 10 points.



Fullerton player Nate Jackson tries to hold onto the coattails of BC running back J.R. Rogers as he makes a run in the Golden Empire Bowl on Nov. 19.

BC crushed by Canyons after winning bowl game

'Gades beat Hornets in Golden Empire Bowl but lose 48-26 in semifinals to Cougars.

By LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College football team finished the regular season on a high note with an invitation to play in the 2005 Golden Empire Bowl against the Fullerton College Hornets, and after a victory in that game, a rematch in the state semifinals against College of the Canyons, the No. 1 team in the nation.

For the Renegades and their fans, the postseason presented some redemption as well as some heartbreak and finality.

"We were certainly an exciting team to watch," said BC Head Coach Jeff Chudy. "We worked extremely hard and we're disappointed that we're not still playing, but we are proud of our players both off and on the field. We had a great season."

Against Fullerton in the Golden Empire Bowl on Nov. 20, the 'Gades came out with a vengeance and hammered the Hornets 54-20.

"Our defense played hard," Chudy said. "We flew around and made the plays. We certainly had something to prove, and we wanted a taste of redemption."

The message of redemption was clear right from the start when BC defensive back Michael Stewart picked up a fumble by Fullerton's Joe Chaman on the first play of the game and returned it to the 6-yard line.

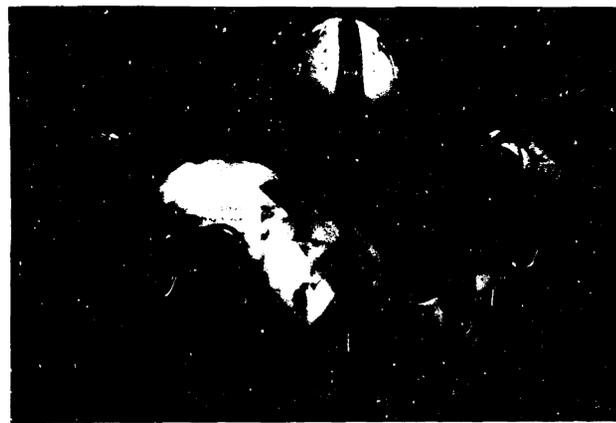
"Against Fullerton in the Golden Empire Bowl, we played hungry," BC linebacker Curtis Cornelison said. "We played up to our potential as a team. We were hungry, and we wanted a little redemption. Especially after the opening loss to Fullerton and the one-point loss to Canyons."

With only 13 seconds elapsed in the first quarter J.R. Rogers scored, giving the 'Gades a six-point lead. Kicker Jose Martinez missed the extra point but it didn't make much difference as BC dominated the rest of the way.

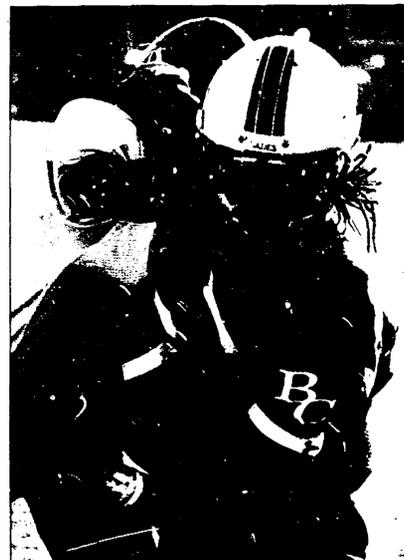
The 'Gades scored two more times in the first quarter. Running back Le'Andre Matthews scored six on a 6-yard run and Most Valuable Player quarterback Thomas Peregrin tossed a 13-yard touchdown to wide receiver Jonathan Nunez. Both extra point attempts were good by Martinez, and the 'Gades led 20-0.

"This was a great win for us," Peregrin said. "We were thinking third time is a charm. The offensive line stepped up and played great. The first time Fullerton ran all over us. This time our defense stepped up and made the plays for us."

The Hornets could not stop the offensive momentum of BC. In the second quarter the 'Gades added 10 more points when Martinez kicked a 32-yard field goal and wide receiver Tajiddin Smith caught a 22-yard pass from Peregrin. Martinez booted two more extra points, and the score was 30-0.



BC linebacker Charles Gamble makes a stop on Fullerton quarterback Rich Amchir.



BC wide receiver Tajiddin Smith tries to break a tackle from Fullerton cornerback Kenny Stiger.

defensive back Brian Putman. Putman intercepted a Fullerton pass and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown. Martinez added the point, and the 'Gades led at the half 37-0.

While the BC offense was lighting up the board, the defense, led by Most Valuable Defensive Player Carl Singleton, stifled the Fullerton offense. The Hornets scored late in the third quarter when special teams player Nate Jackson picked up a blocked punt and ran it in from 9 yards out. Mauricio Garcia kicked the point, the



The Renegade defense takes a rest during an injury timeout in the third quarter of the Golden Empire Bowl.

times for 91 yards.

With the Golden Empire Bowl victory in the record books, the 'Gades had high hopes of going to College of the Canyons and knocking off the No. 1 ranked team in the state this time around. BC lost by only one point, 24-23 last time when the teams played at Memorial Stadium. But that would not happen as the Cougars (12-0) crunched the 'Gades 48-26 in the Southern California semifinals of the state playoffs, which ended the season for BC at 9-3.

Led by quarterback Marcel Marquez, one of the premier players in the state, Canyons methodically did what it has done the last 30 games on their home field — stomp the opponent with the feet and arm of Marquez and a tough defense.

Marquez got things rolling for the Cougars when he tossed a 39-yard touchdown pass to Steve Silva and Jonathan Johnson kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead. BC moved the ball well in the first quarter and looked as though it was going to score. But the No. 1-rated defense in the Western State Conference stiffened and held the 'Gades to a 47-yard field goal by Martinez.

Peregrin would connect on one final touchdown in the fourth as he found Nunez in the end zone for six more points. Martinez's kick made the score 54-13.

Even though the Fullerton passing game netted 74 passing yards, the Hornets managed a 21-yard TD pass from Armchir to wide receiver John Plummer to cap the scoring for the day making the final score 54-20.

The Reregade defense held Chaman, the second leading rusher in the state, in check. He gained less than 100 yards for the day as he carried 21

"I've been wanting to get one of those (an interception for a touchdown)," Camp said. "I've been injured and haven't been able to make the plays like I've wanted to."

Even though the defense was playing hard, Marquez would not be de-

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Cramming for finals

Business administration major Maria Gallardo works on her English homework in the BC library. Students are preparing for finals being held next week.



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By VICTOR GARCIA
Associate Editor

Finals week is right around the corner and many students might be trying to cram in as much information as possible for their tests.

While this may seem like a good idea, counseling chair Dan Murillo said cramming information at the last minute hurts a person's ability to learn. He said many students coming out of high school are not prepared for college-level studying.

"In high school, two-thirds of learning goes on in class, one-third outside of class and not very many high school students do everyday studying," said Murillo. "Since they do a lot of their work in class they do well. Bright people will get A's B's and C's, and get through and graduate just fine."

Students learn more outside of class than inside of class in college, he said.

"The big difference here, is once you start up here at BC you learn sometimes too late that you get one-third of learning in class and two-thirds of learning outside of class, so those who are proceeding as if they're in high school mode are in for serious problems when finals time comes up because then they find out there's too much stuff they don't think they are responsible for," he said.

He said students should start studying for finals the first day of the semester or in other words, be organized from the beginning.

"If you go to class every day, take proper notes, study in groups and

have an organized approach to studying then you don't really need this cram situation," he said.

Murillo said it is possible to do well on tests with cramming but most of the information will be forgotten after the test is over.

"You don't learn very well that way," Murillo said. "Bright people can do that. They'll sit there and do six straight hours of studying for a final and they will do pretty well but if you test them again the second day after that and half of that stuff is gone."

The final usually does not make a difference in a student's grade.

"If you're getting D's and C's on all your tests, there's no way you're going to get an A on the final especially if the final is comprehensive (covers the whole semester)," he said.

Murillo gave some advice for students who are cramming for their finals.

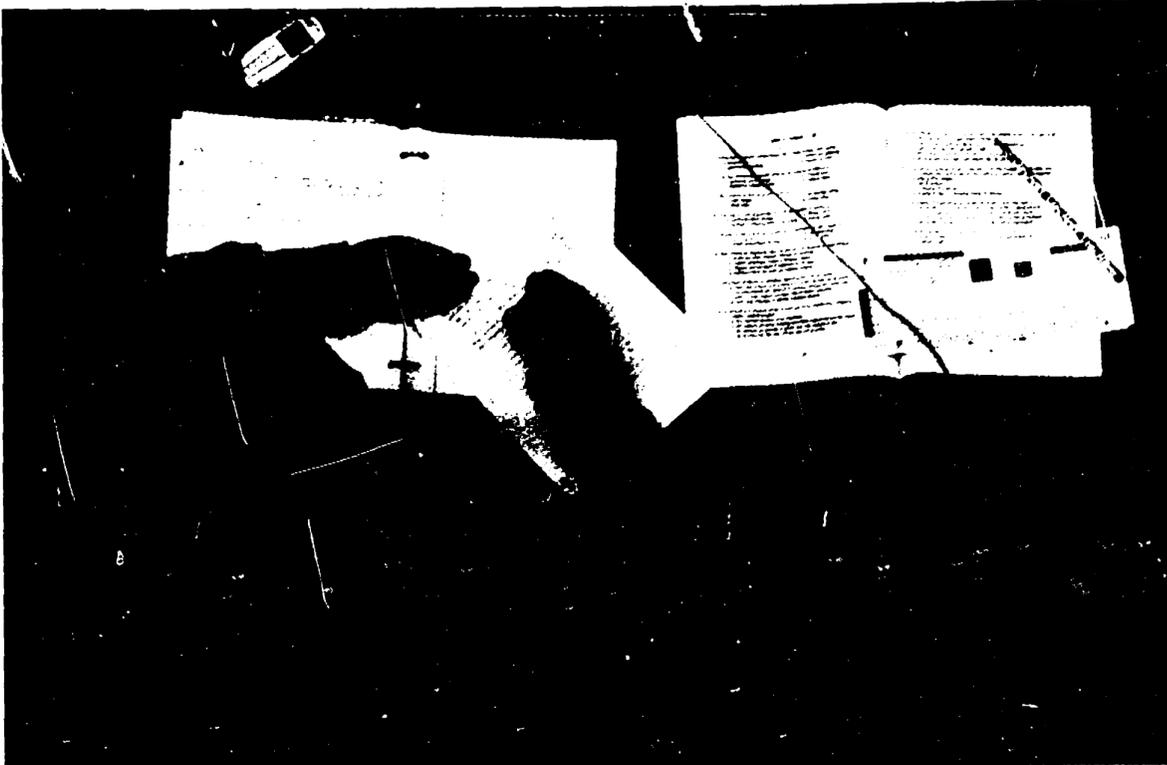
"Be real. Get rest. Don't cram all night before the final. There is still time left," said Murillo.

He said to try to study with someone who has been taking notes down correctly.

"Don't study like you're trying to memorize the whole book," Murillo said. He said to get the main points of what the book is saying.

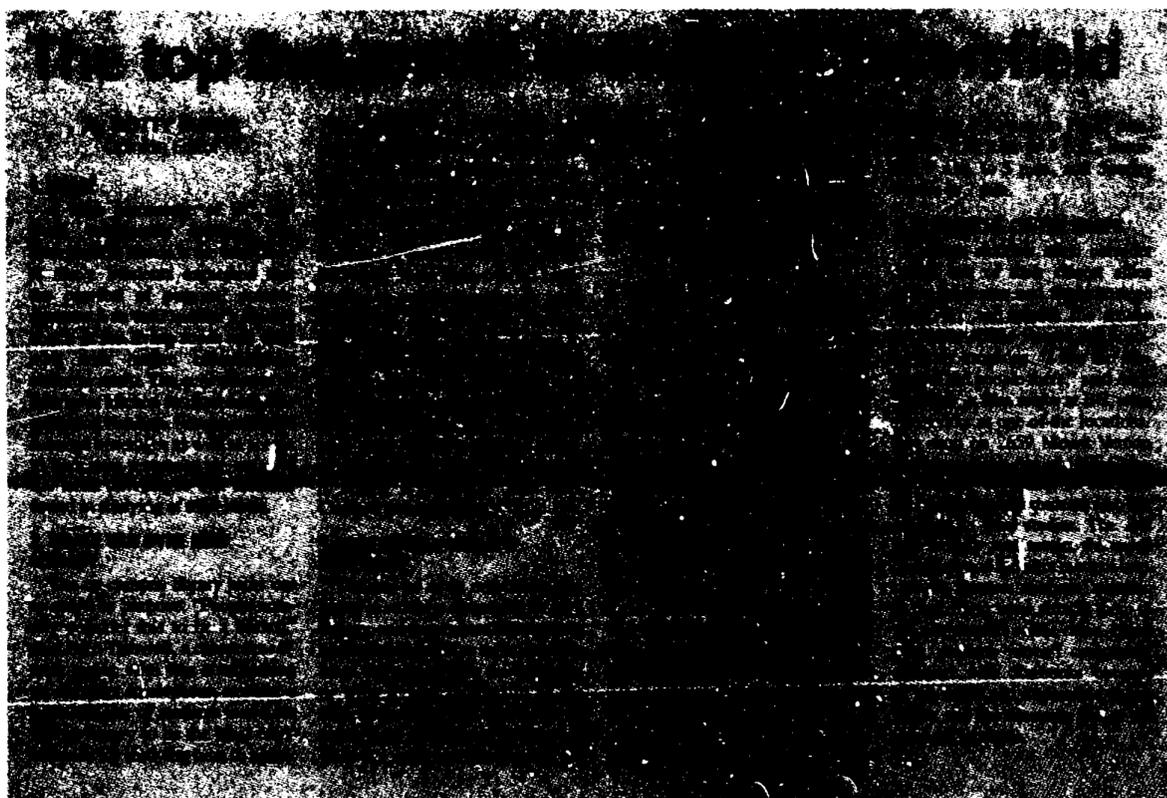
Students interviewed have different ways of studying. Katherine Chaffey, a liberal studies major said she studies by reading the material carefully.

Maria Urunday, a radiology major, said she studies by using flashcards and reading the material.



IAN HAMILTON / THE RIP

Christina Martinez, a registered nursing major, studies in the BC library for her anthropology final.



Seminar caters holiday dinner

Food preparation safety seminar shows students the proper way of cleaning, storing and cooking holiday items.

By STEVEN C. VOGEL
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College students and the community of Bakersfield had the opportunity to take part in a "hands on" holiday food safety demonstration on Nov. 17.

This informational seminar was put on as a collaborative effort between the Kern County Department of Public Health and the Kern County Environmental Health Department. The primary purpose of the event was to offer a forum for questions regarding the proper storage, thorough cooking, and clean-up of holiday cooking items in order to ensure the most enjoyable holiday dining experience.

"It is imperative that families that are preparing food this holiday season employ safe food handling procedures in order to ensure a successful holiday," said Matt Constantine, chief environmental health specialist for the KCEHD. Constantine also teaches food safety at BC on a part-time basis.

According to literature distributed at the seminar, proper cleanup is essential to the success of food safety. The reading material recommends that food be kept fresh and free of bacteria, while raw foods should never be placed next to other foods, in order to prevent the dripping of raw juices onto other foods.

Additionally, for the preparation of meat and poultry dishes, it is recommended that foods be cooked to a safe internal temperature of 170 degrees and eggs should be cooked until the yolks and whites are firm or reach 160 degrees Fahrenheit on a food thermometer.

Experts warn that people should not become complacent when it comes to safe food preparation.

"Students must remember to take necessary steps to prevent a 'food disaster' during the holidays... we want students to have a



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Chef and faculty member Suzanne Davis carves a turkey after the holiday food safety demonstration on Nov. 17.

good time this holiday season... food safety is truly the only way of ensuring a positive experience while around the table," said Constantine. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently implemented a "virtual" representative system named "Ask Karen," which is available 24 hours a day, that has the ability to answer an abundance of simple and complex questions.

During a session with "Ask Karen," an individual asked the following question on the USDA Web site: Several slices of pizza have been left out overnight. Is the pizza still safe to eat?

The answer, in part, according to "Karen": No. Perishable food should never be left out of refrigeration more than two hours. This is true even if there is no meat in the pizza.

Music runs in the blood of college employee

Hutchison spent 15 years playing music on the road before returning to Bakersfield and attending classes at BC.

By MICHAEL PLAZA
Rip staff writer

You may have seen Yvonne Hutchison around Bakersfield College campus or in her Institutional Development office, and assumed she was a normal Jane. You wouldn't assume she knew how to play the violin, and guitar, and actually made her living for years playing gigs.

Hutchison, who is a department assistant, grew up in a musical household. Her father also played country music and knew how to play violin, guitar, bass and up-right bass. Hutchison's mother played piano and her brothers could play the violin and viola. Music was an important part of Hutchison's life, and she was involved in band and orchestra throughout middle school.

The Bakersfield native learned violin at a young age, and after graduating from East High School in 1965, decided music was a career she wanted to pursue. Her father showed her the basics of a guitar, and she began to practice singing and playing country music and gospel songs. Soon after she started playing at fairs from California to Nevada and through Alabama.

"I used to know probably...400 to 500 songs," Hutchison said. She would usually take requests from people, playing country songs she learned by listening to the recording and decoding chords by ear.

Hutchison recalled an experience when a bar owner kept requesting the same song, but she had to play it because, "she was paying me."

For about 15 years, Hutchison made her living traveling and playing music for people. She loved the traveling and playing shows but did not like to stay in a new place for very long because she didn't know anyone. Hutchison said most of the people were very nice and she enjoyed performing for them but recalled a show in Alabama when a man was pounding on her door and threatening her life because she refused to have a drink with him.

Most of her musical career Hutchison worked through Buck Owens' agency and was never signed by a record company. Before working with the agency, she was almost picked up by a record label. While traveling to Visalia to watch Hutchison perform, her manager, who was in the process of getting her a record deal, was tragically killed in an automobile accident. After the accident, hope for being signed dissolved, which led to working for the agency. Hutchison has not played seriously since 1981, when she returned home to get her Associate of Arts degree at BC, and to help her mother who had been diagnosed with cancer. Hutchison was involved in speech, performed in a play and worked for KPMC radio station. In 1984 Hutchison earned an AA in liberal arts and transferred to Cal State Bakersfield, but after a year away returned to BC, this time as an employee.

Hutchison has worked at the college ever since. She never seriously pursued her music career since because she has been busy working. Hutchison has composed music for BC English teacher Nancy Edwards' poems at certain BC events, even outside of the college and in Santa Barbara. Hutchison plans to start playing again and says she has been writing lyrics and creating music. She wants to play contemporary Christian music.