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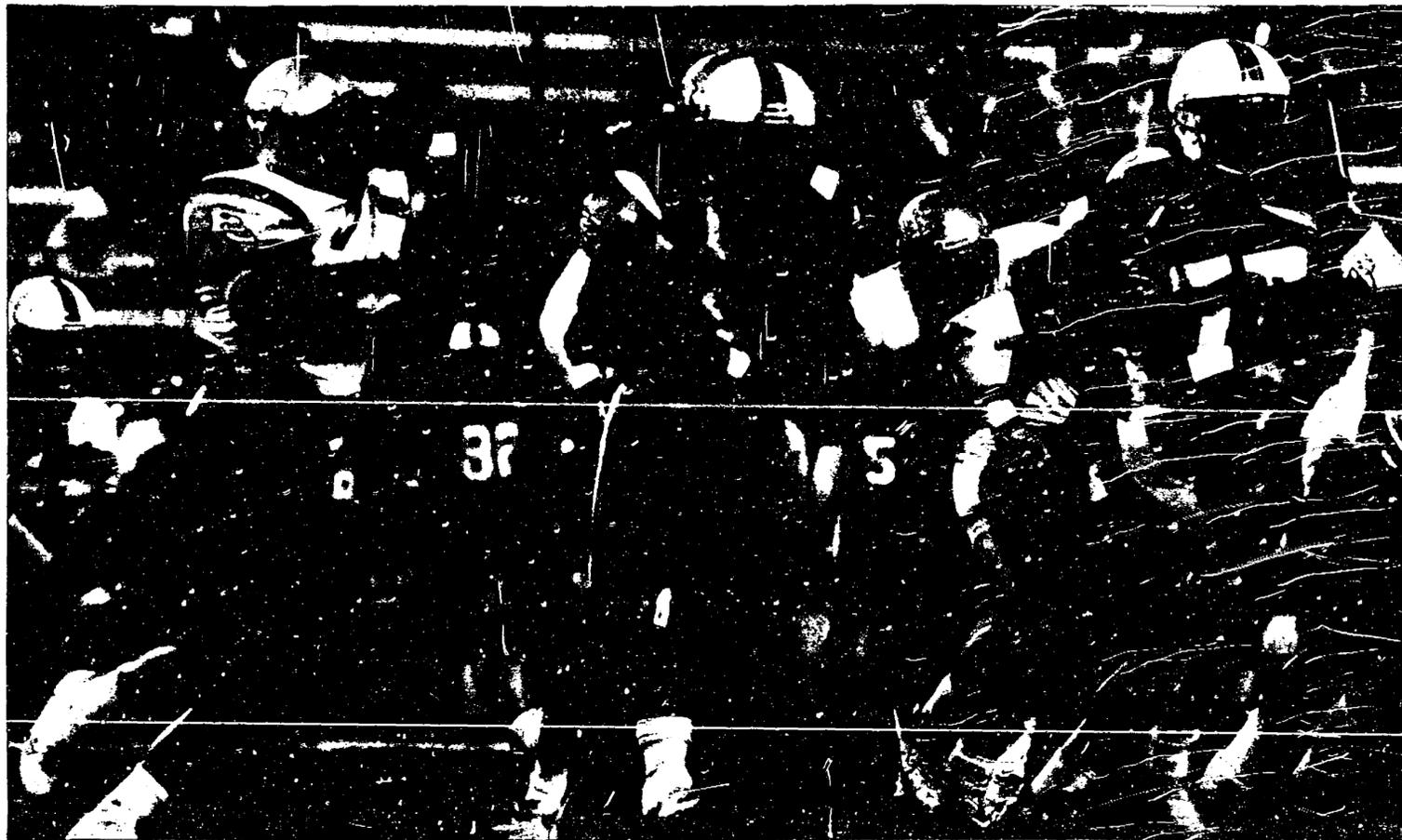
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## Renegades lose chance in playoffs



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Defensive back Dustin Bell is held back despite his efforts to defend against El Camino in the Southern California championship game at Memorial Stadium.

BC's championship hopes are dashed in a 23-20 overtime loss to El Camino in the SoCal Regional Championship.

By LEANNE CAVE  
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College football season came to a bittersweet end after a 23-20 overtime loss to the El Camino Warriors before 5,452 screaming fans in the Southern California Regional Championship game on Dec. 2 at Memorial Stadium.

It was a sweet season for the Renegades as they enjoyed an impressive 11-2 season and won the Western State Conference North Division outright with a 7-0 record.

"We did some amazing things this year," said Kenny Graham, BC defensive back. "We became stronger and stronger as a team every week, and we developed a lot of team chemistry."

Graham, a sophomore, has been a stellar part of the defensive scheme for the 'Gades and in the last two years has made key interceptions that have helped to turn the momentum of a game back into the favor of BC. This season, Graham has accounted for seven picks and was chosen WSC first team.

The bitter part is the reality that the state championship game was in reach and the 'Gades let it slip away. "It just left a bad taste in our mouths," said Carl Dean, BC offensive coordinator. See FOOTBALL, Page 8

## Unity prevails in student council

By JOEL R. PARAMO  
Rip staff writer

The Student Government Association of Bakersfield College is on its way to continue its year of unity, and SGA plans to continue working on creating an exciting, fun, cooperative feeling within the school and the association.

"I think we have certainly started the process. It's really the beginning; we're going to improve next semester," said Micah Card, president of the SGA. "We're just going to keep improving. We tried new things that helped us work toward unity not divi-

sion. It was a groundbreaking semester. Next semester will be refined."

According to Dean of Students Don Turney and Card, the most defining moment this year was Homecoming Week.

"Homecoming Week was done well, and it was the best Homecoming we've had in years," said Turney. "The fact that they have brought back a student body rooting zone is phenomenal. These guys are bringing it back. The things they are doing will last for 10 years."

With creative events planned by SGA, Homecoming Week had one of the biggest student responses in



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SGA President, Micah Card (far right), discusses issues with SGA legislators from across the nation on Dec. 2 at the SGA National Leadership Conference.

years.

"Homecoming Week had a lot of events; we did so many things that surprised even me," said Card. "The bureaucratic push, like the creative idea of the mechanical bull, we owe to Sarah Cuellar."

This academic year's SGA is really pushing their slogan and working to be the best this campus has ever seen.

"This is 'The Year of Unity.' The thing is, it's not just a slogan, it's a

reality," said Turney. "We push everything through that paradigm. Is it going to hurt or improve unity?"

The SGA was the highest-rated host college for the West Coast and was chosen to host the Community College Student Government Training Conference on Dec. 2.

"We have some really dedicated people," said Tamara Langdon, SGA's treasurer. "We build off of the things our predecessors have done."

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## Registration pains

By ARNETHA PIERCE  
Rip staff writer

Many Bakersfield College students, currently in the process of registering for the spring semester, say that some general education sections are not available.

The selection and the amount of sections are a main concern. What are the criteria?

"The sections are based on history and demand," said Ed Knudson, vice president of student learning at BC. "The number of enrollment and the availability of adjuncts (part-time instructors) is the criteria. We are in the process of advertising and recruiting help to meet the needs of our students. We are more than happy to look into and meeting any need or

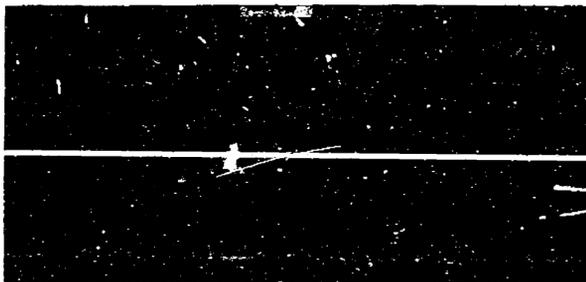
concern that our students bring to our attention."

There is a need for students to do their homework, school officials say. There are counselors, advisors, planning and research that they can use to alleviate their concerns.

"There is no college that can meet and accommodate all scheduling demands," said Sue Vaughn, director of admissions and records. "There is not enough tax money to ensure high demands of preference or favorites. We have many sections available. Our students need to be a little creative and not try to cram all of their units on a Monday and Wednesday morning, or a Tuesday and Thursday morning. We do have evening classes."

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## BC archives a treasure trove of memorabilia



Above: A book collection that has books about Grace Van Dyke Bird is kept on display in the archive room.

Right: The Olympic jacket and torch carried by Chuck Wall is on display.

PHOTOS BY LISA VARGAS / THE RIP

BC students can learn about the history of their school by visiting the archive room located in the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library.

By ANNA ROBLEDO  
Features/opinions editor

The Bakersfield College Archives is located on the southeast wall on the second floor of the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library. It is a door many have walked by but have seldom acknowledged.

The archives is filled with photos, letters, books and many other memorabilia, which has been found or donated to the BC Archives.

One of the items that can be found in the archive room is an Olympic Torch that was carried in the 2002 Olympics by retired BC professor, Chuck Wall, along with the coat that he wore.

There is also a folder filled with letters that were written by Grace Van Dyke Bird, who was president of the college at the time, to all of the soldiers that were from BC that were fighting at Pearl Harbor. "The very first officer killed at Pearl Harbor was from Bakersfield, and his older brother was a BC student," said Jerry

Ludeke, who is the acting director and part of the executive committee of the Bakersfield College Archives.

The move to the hill in the spring of 1956 was a big step for Bakersfield College. "We have a folder with notes and documents discussing the move and how they were going to go about doing it," said Ludeke.

There are also several boxes filled with old BC school catalogs. One, dating back to 1929, was only a few pages long and listed only the very basic classes such as English and math.

Between 1931 and 1931, BC also had a yearbook called the R raconteur. "It is fun to see what your old professors looked like back then," said Ludeke.

"Those who can't imagine the past, can't envision the future," are words on an envelope found on a desk in the archive room.

"That pretty much sums it all up for me," said Christian Torres, archives assistant, in regard to the archive room. "This college has been here for almost 100 years, and we want to try to keep that rich history alive."

Besides learning about the history of BC and its people, the archive room can also prove helpful when doing research, said Juliet Fox, archives student assistant. "A lot of instructors, especially history professors, like you to write about local history, and doing it about BC is a great way to fulfill that."

While being interviewed, the staff of the BC Archives was busy mailing out a few thousand solicitation letters and newsletters, according to Torres.

The letter was requesting the support of patrons and alumni to help fund the work of the BC Archives, which is trying to hire additional staff to help with cataloging and to supervise the student helpers to make sure that the "collections are professionally cataloged, secured and stored."

Although they currently have no concrete plans to move the archive room to a larger area, they do hope to plan for it in the future. "We are going to be getting some rather large items soon that we will need to make room for," said Ludeke. "We would like to encourage anyone that has old stuff from BC not to just throw it out; we'd love to get it. That is how our collection grows."

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# NEWS

## BC hosts national student conference

Student government legislators from across the country come to BC for national leadership conference; workshops and speakers help young leaders to cope with common issues.

By MARCINDA COIL  
Rip staff writer

The American Student Government Association's Community College Student Government Training Conference visited the Bakersfield College campus Saturday on Dec. 2.

Not only was breakfast, lunch and snacks provided for students who attended the conference, workshops designed to teach student government representatives how to improve their student governments were also available. According to a brochure, "Training focused on" community college needs.

According to Dean of Students Don Turney, it was a national conference with approximately 180 students from all over the nation including BC's SGA.

"There were about five different speakers," said Turney. "They all had areas in which they were regarded as national experts."

ASGA's founder and Executive Director Butch Oxendine was one of the five speakers who taught "13 Steps to Dramatically Improve Your Student Government" as well as other workshops.

ASGA's Communications Director Steve Wymer also was a speaker of "Taking Control: Setting Priorities and Getting Results" and "Talk Until Somebody Listens: Be Heard Above the Fray" workshops.

"I gained lots of information from them [Wymer's workshops]," said Maryland's Higher Education Commissions Student Advisory Council member Jane Carey. "They were very detailed."

"I liked the workshops on how to do advertising and getting the word out," said Scott Gilmore, vice president of the student body at Cerro Coso Community College.

There was also Nick Tarrant, author of "Young Leader: Lessons Learned from a Student President," who spoke about media relations.

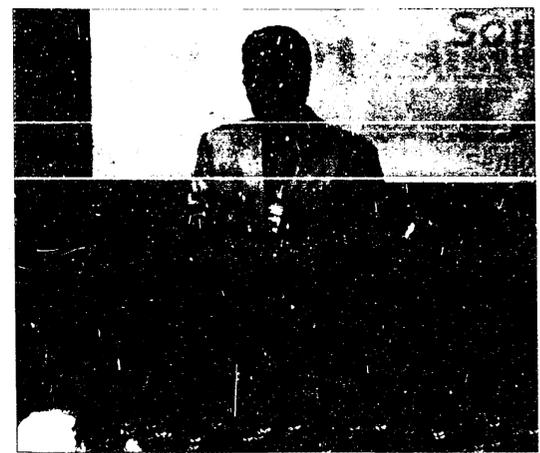
According to Turney, "There are always those [workshops] on parliamentary procedure," which Susan Leahy instructed.

The workshops, according to Turney, "[range] from real basic nuts and bolts to real interesting things."

Aline Bennett, SGA's adviser at Atlantic Cape Community College in New Jersey, hopes that students will gain "more knowledge on how to be a more efficient Student Government Association."

According to student interviews, the workshops have been a great success in empowering future leaders.

"I'm learning a lot of new facts and keys on



ASGA Communications Director Steve Wymer discusses issues with students at the ASGA National Conference on Saturday.

how to better myself," said Daniel Poellintz, an officer in Atlantic Cape College's SGA, "and to bring a lot of information to the table and to make SGA more effective."

"I had gained some insight into how to represent better for my group and what we could try to do," said CARE representative Carolyn Reece of Cerro Coso College.

Not only was the conference an opportunity for students to learn more about how to be

a leader, it was also an opportunity for BC's SGA to host the event while invoking leadership skills.

"I want Bakersfield College to be known as the place to go for student government leadership information," said Turney.

According to Turney, he hopes that BC will continue to host the "Community College Student Government Training Conference" for years to come.

## Students sound off on finals

By DONNY VAN SLOTEN  
Rip staff writer

It's that time of year again, and for most students, that means finals are getting closer.

Finals, in most classes, are a good percentage of the grade. "My final is 20% of the student's grade; it's all the material learned after the midterm," said philosophy professor Rene Trujillo.

"I give an essay exam. I try to structure the questions on where the students are at and how much they know," said Trujillo.

Some finals are harder than others; nevertheless, students all around BC are studying hard for them. "I think I'm ready for the finals. I've been looking over my study guides and my notes," said physical education major Iga Hazdovic.

There are different ways to prepare for the final. Some students study with a buddy, and others would rather study by themselves.

"I usually study with my buddy from class," Hazdovic said.

It's easy to let other stuff get in the way; many students find that studying just isn't their fun.

BC student Lauren Puschel said, "I have three books to study for. I like to study alone, but half the time I study, other stuff gets in my way."

While some students have heard their studying, others already have gotten their studying out of the way. "I've studied my notes enough; I'm ready for my final," said Kerry Bell, an education major.

A final is usually a comprehensive test of all the knowledge learned over the course of a semester.

Whether you're ready or not, finals are all a part of your college experience, so do whatever it takes to get prepared.

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## California university application deadline woes

Application headaches continue as some myths debunked, others perpetuated.

By ARNETHA PIERCE  
Rip staff writer

Many Bakersfield College students want to know why there is a deadline for filing a transfer application. The consensus on campus is that the deadline is too early, there may be a failing grade, and there may be a change of mind for the college selected.

According to Barbara Braid, coun-

selor at Bakersfield College, "For decades it has been a requirement to file your application by the deadline of November 30. At most universities, there is a chance that you may have to sit out for a year because you did not meet the deadline."

Some of the students are saying that California is the only state with a transferring deadline. "California, by population, has more students than other states," Braid said. "The University of California Los Angeles might have as many as 40,000 transfer applications to process. If you are filing your application later

than the deadline, they will never get through all of the applications. The process will only take you around 50 minutes."

Many of Bakersfield College student procrastinators are concerned about what will happen if they miss the deadline.

Use the online California State University mentor, select the college. All the information is there for your use," said Samanta Costen. There is a misinterpretation of the deadline transfer application, which sounds scary to most students. "I wouldn't call it a deadline. I would call it a priority. Most universities will continue to accept applications after November 30 but reserve the right not to accept applications when deemed necessary. That's not to say that early is not good; early is better," said Kendyl Magnuson, director of admissions and records at Cal State Bakersfield.

Your chances are highly limited if transfer applications are filed late. "Many of the universities have what is called an impact status, which means that there are too many students for the university or too many for a certain program."

At CSUB there is no impact except for the nursing program. You can go online and use the California State University mentor, which will give you information of which universities are in impacted status. You then can consider your options of filing early or late. It is better to be safe than sorry," said Magnuson.

# FEATURES

## High school students fought for their rights

By JOEL R. PARAMO  
Rip staff writer

It's funny how some students will grasp their education better than others. People tend to treat kids like they don't matter and figure they're inexperienced.

### FIRST PERSON

Almost two years ago now, I recall when my high school administrators treated my newspaper staff and me just like that at East Bakersfield High School. They put us into a position that forced us not to print a section of the newspaper that we as a staff very much believed in.

It was the April edition of The Kernal, our high school newspaper. I was on the staff for four years by this time, and we had won first place for general excellence in Bakersfield for three years consecutively. I was editor in chief that year. It was my passion and usually the only reason I'd wake up in the morning to endure the long school day and the counterfeit friends.

I understood my rights as a student journalist thanks to my extensive journalism journey with my adviser Randy Hamm. I would attend workshops, read from stylebooks, and read the online Student Press Law Center's page that always had great stories on censorship in other states and laws being passed.

I had always heard and read about censorship, but when it finally happened to me, I was shocked. It was a Tuesday morning, first period journalism, second day of our page layout process. Mr. Hamm greeted me as he usually did and then informed me that the principal and dean were going to be in the classroom to read a few of our stories.

The administration had gotten wind of our feature focus for that month on homosexuality. I became concerned and I began to look through my notes and I met with the editor of that department making sure that all of our bases were covered. The stories were objective, well written and had both sides to every story. We had the facts right and had permission from the students and the parents to write about them being homosexual. They read the stories, said they were fine and left the classroom.

The next night, day three of our



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On April 29, 2005 LGBTQ and straight students protest against the censorship of The Kernal.

layout process at approximately nine o'clock, the principal walks in and asks to speak with our adviser. The next thing I know, my adviser tells me that he was just informed by the principal that if we printed our focus on homosexuality that the edition would be locked away before distribution. Our hearts fell to the floor, and everyone felt that sad little inside of them. Many of us began to cry.

After the principal left, the editors and I were all called to a meeting with the dean of students and a few other administrators. They bought us pizza and tried to address the problem. They pretty much told us to take out the names and pictures of the LGBTQ students.

We were ordered to do this even though we also interviewed a priest from the community and several straight students. We were in that meeting for over five hours; we missed our lunch and sat in a conference room debating whether we'd take out the names and pictures that we felt made the articles pertinent and more personal.

We decided to be sensible and take out the names and pictures. We went to class and started rebuilding the pages that were already laid out and ready to go.

At ten o'clock that night, Principal Gibson walked into the room and again asked to speak to Mr. Hamm. Mr. Hamm came back into the newsroom with a bitter face. He told the managing editor and myself that we were not to print the articles at all because a LGBTQ student was harassed that day. We didn't know what to do but take out the articles and deal with the censorship until we could figure out a way to fight it. The whole paper was not to be sacrificed.

The next day the features editor and I took action; we called

the Student Press Law Center, and we were given valuable information on how to keep records. We also planned a protest and a day of silence that Friday the paper was distributed. We made T-shirts that read, "Talk is Cheap. Free Speech Isn't!" Students that were interviewed made newsletters and distributed them to all the teachers, and we passed out fliers to create awareness. At luncheon that Friday, there was a march through the school and student center by all of our supporters.

By Saturday that week, we found out what student had been harassed and met with him. It turned out that he had gotten a piece of paper thrown at him in one of his classes. He laughed, and said he didn't feel as though he was in any sort of harm. It was just teenagers acting like kids.

By Monday the next week, one of our writers got in touch with the American Civil Liberties Union, and the agreement to fight in the court of law was set. We were fighting for justice and freedom of the press. We were fighting against the administrators' blatant discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and suppression of protected speech; it was an injury caused by ignorance and intolerance.

What preceded was a lot of paper work and press releases. The requests for interviews were never ending. The administrators' attempt to silence us created awareness of our campus all over the United States and overseas. After nearly two years of depositions and much litigation, the board of education finally came to an agreement, and the case was settled.

What I hope students will realize is that they have rights, and they're not just kids. We should always stand up for what we believe in. And that's what we did.

## BC singers end the year

By NICK STOCKTON  
News editor

The Bakersfield College Choral and Chamber Singers performed their year-end concert Dec. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church on 17th Street in downtown Bakersfield.

The show opened with a brass quartet playing recognizable Christmas songs while the pews filled with guests who murmured greetings to each other.

The evening started with the Chamber Singers, which contains members of the Choral group, but it is smaller and "attracts more serious musicians," according to BC music professor Ron Kean.

The sophisticated Kean expects from his Chamber Singers is reflected in the way he presents each song.

Before the hymnal "Mary Had a Baby," he apologized to the audience

that they would not be able to see the soloist, Marie Guzman, during the song. The logistics of how the singers are arranged can radically change the overall sound, according to Kean.

"[Guzman] is such a strong singer, if I put her up front, she would have to back off," he said. "If I put her in the back, in the middle, she does not have to back off and will blend with the group."

Another piece performed in the spirit of Kean's creativity was Judah's Macabees, a Hanukkah gospel song written by Los Angeles composer and friend of Kean's, Karen Hart. This song featured Kean on Djembe drum and soloist Ingrid Borja.

There was also a medley of popular Christmas songs sung to the tune of famous classical music pieces such as Bach's "1812 Overture," where the singers played various percussion instruments and occasionally paraded around the stage in hats.

The second part of the performance featured the full Choral group, which Kean describes as having "larger voices, larger forces." This part of the concert began with the men of the group leaving the stage and moving up to the lofted pews overlooking the main church hall.

The men then sang a 14th century Gregorian Chant. Kean explained that by placing in this area, it allowed them to take advantage of the full acoustic capabilities of the expansive fellowship area. This, he said, would allow the audience to "fully experience the sound of the 1,600-year-old tradition."

In addition to diversity of holiday worship songs performed for the audience, Kean also involved them in the show, by selecting two hymns from the hymnal "A Worshipping Church." This was the final performance of the vocal group for the year.

## Student nurses work up a daily sweat with heavy workload

By TYRONE BARNER  
Rip staff writer

BC nursing students carry only 10 1/2 units, but the work they do is just as difficult as the work of full-time students: 6 hours in the classroom, 16 and half hours in the clinic, 4 hours in the skills lab, and the time spent studying every night for 2 to 3 hours.

According to Cindy Collier, nursing director, there are two types of nurses, the Registered Nurse and the License Vocational Nurse with the RNs being the backbone of the health-care system and LVNs being the caregivers in acute and extended care facilities.

Collier has been nursing director for six years with a total of 15 years in the instructional profession. Collier also said, "that with a severe shortage of nurses, there is no need

for a job placement program."

Right now the nursing students are working at Kern Medical Center and Memorial Hospital, learning everything from geriatrics, medical, surgical, labor and delivery to psychiatric and pediatrics.

The majority of students do internships during the summer taking on total care, changing bedpans to doing I.V.'s to following doctor's orders. Collier went on to say that "You don't need any type of degree to get into the nursing program; you just need to complete the prerequisites."

She also said that the average size of the nursing program is about 90 students with a dropout rate of about 25% to 30%. The students spend about 75% to 80% of their time in the hospital. Bakersfield is at only 25% capacity for nursing staff, so there is no problem for the graduates of the program finding a job locally.

Calvin Williams is attending Bakersfield College studying to be an RN and is in his second semester. The RN program at BC is, in itself, a two-year course, and Williams is in his second semester.

There are four semesters on campus and distance education with eight different classes going on at one time. The lowest grade for passing is 78%.

Williams went on to say that they do a lot of group studying, and the students are in class from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday 12:30-2:30 p.m., along with spending 8 1/2 hours at the hospital.

According to Williams, most of the nursing students work part-time or full-time jobs and many have kids.

They must pass the state board with 42 units, and some may go to Cal State to get their bachelor's degree, which takes about a year.

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# FEATURES

## Brand New after three long years

Brand New returns with mellow tunes and sweet acoustics.

By **DONNY VAN SLOTEN**  
Rip staff writer

"The Devil and God are Raging Inside Me" is Brand New's third and latest album.

The lyrics to all of their songs are poetic and sharp. The album is pretty mellow the whole way through but still catches that upbeat sound in some songs.

### CD REVIEW

It has been three years since Brand New released its last album, "Deja Entendu" in 2003.

The first time I listened to it, I was a little skeptical of how good it would be. However, after a few listens, it turned out to be pretty good. No wonder it took three years.

Their lyrics and the meaning of their songs have changed some since then. Their older stuff was more focused on love and ex-girlfriends with both mellow and upbeat rhythms.

The songs on "The Devil and God are Raging Inside Me" are more focused on life, death, and paranoia. They still touch on the old stuff, but they really step into a more mature sound with "Devil." There are 12 songs on this album.

The guitar is perfect and the drums roll through each of the songs.

I think the best song on this album is "Jesus." The lyrics are deep, and the beat just sucks you in. Jesse Lacey, Brand New's lead singer, puts his heart in this song.

There are two acoustic songs on the album: "Welcome to Bangkok" and "Untitled." "Welcome to Bangkok" starts off fairly mellow and continues the whole way through but toward the end picks up a little.

"Untitled" is mellow the whole way through. "The Archer's Bows are Broken," the song after "Untitled," jumps away from the mellow sounds into a punky upbeat sound.

The album finishes with the song "Handcuffs," which falls right back to the mellow sound.

Overall, the album was good. The sounds of Brand New are there along with some brand new ones, so to speak.

## Hey, bud, you got beat by a girl

By **JOEL R. PARAMO**  
Rip staff writer

Walking into the dim, warm and musky Sandtrap bar on a Sunday afternoon, the first thing you'll see is lit up pool tables across the room. Perhaps you'll see scorekeepers running back and forth inquiring scores from the opposing team. This is a place where the pool player is at ease. There is a world of pool players in Bakersfield. Most people wouldn't know that a pool team probably claims every bar in town that has a pool table.

"I love the game; it's challenging and fun. I love to beat the men," said Brandi Perrault, a member of the You Got Beat by a Girl Team. "I'm good at the game, and it gives me some self confidence."

The Sandtrap's home team on a Sunday is the all-women's nine-ball team, You Got Beat by a Girl. This team is part of the APA, American Pool Players Association.

"Teams come out for a social drink and have fun," said Linsi Luckett, the coach of You Got Beat by a Girl.

APA teams compete weekly in eight-ball or nine-ball tournaments with a division consisting of 6 to 16 teams. In the game of nine-ball, each ball is worth one point.

They must be hit in numerical order. The nine ball is worth two points, and eight-ball is played like everyone would think. There are three sessions of APA league that they play: spring, summer and fall.

Teams that compete in APA weekly league play can advance to their Local Team Championships and then to Las Vegas for the APA National Team Championships in August.

"When you play pool in leagues, you are given a ranking based on your skill level and a certain number of points," said Luckett. "An average player is rated a four, better players are rated a five or six, and there are even some that have been rated nines here in Bakersfield." The formation of these teams is spontaneous.

"Barbara Medina and I decided to create an all-women's league team, so we found a place and recruited our players," said Luckett. "Right now we have a full roster. We recruit and work off of handicaps."

When there are too many high-rated players on a team, the team must split, and that's when recruiting is done.

Or if you want to be recruited, a person may get lucky and a spot may open because of player's personal reasons.

"I am constantly scouting. I'm always on the lookout," said Luckett. "I worked at the Corner Pocket for three years. I know what to look for. That's how Brandi got recruited for this team."

Even after playing pool for 13 years, Perrault still puts on her game face before every game.

"I still get nervous every time I play," said Perrault. "I concentrate and try to tune everything out. You have to. No matter what your rating is, you can always get beat on a bad day. You have to give it your all. If the best person on the league has one bad shot, you can lose the whole game."

The nine-ball style that is played helps players work on their "English" because in nine-ball you have to shoot in order.

"It leaves less room for mistakes," said Perrault. "English is using left or right on the ball so that it helps you get better control of the cue ball."

Pool tournaments are held every day of the week. Tuesdays and Fridays are women's eight-ball league days. Mondays and Thursdays are coed eight-ball and Wednesdays and Sundays are nine-ball coed. You can go to particular tournaments and play for money without being on a team.



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### Cathie Jackson plays an eight ball game at the ladies division tournament

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Adrian Maser, physical education: "A movie about horses."

Desmond Early, psychology: "Rep the horseback rider."

Endee Blanton, nursing and human biology: "What I remember it's something related to horse riding."

Ethel Rincon, art: "Horseman."

Lisa Mungara, nursing: "Competitive horseman."

Luis Almanza, business: "Horses we see on the race track."

Correct answer of horses, horseman, horseback riding or horsemanship.

# OPINION

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Crazy Kramer resurrects controversy

Racial tension has been the most consistently defining feature throughout the decades in American history.

Most famous is the tension that exists between whites and blacks.

Our country has come a long way in eliminating this rift between the two races, but it made a mistake in thinking the civil rights struggle was over: after the confrontations of the 1960s through the confusion of the 1980s.

In the 1990s, America grew tired of equality and instead rested its laurels on the comfort of political correctness.

When Michael Richards exploded into a racial tirade in a New York comedy club earlier this month, he at one point exclaimed, "Does it disturb you, to see what's buried beneath?"

In this aggravated moment, Richards summed up the whole feeling of mainstream American culture toward racial tension. There are pent-up feelings on both sides, and instead of confrontations, appeals, and attempts to solve these tensions, we bury them beneath a façade of political correctness, half-serious jokes, and so-called color-blindness.

Black comedians like Chris Rock, Dave Chapelle, and others have been socially conscious enough to try to use their humor to point out differences between the races, as well as make public the hidden prejudices we all still harbor.

Using humor has always been an effective way to confront difficult issues.

However, this may have been taken too far. The racial differences between blacks and whites have been the subject of so many jokes, that it has become almost impossible to take them seriously.

It has become perfectly appropriate to laugh off these "buried beneath" feelings that are difficult to confront and talk about seriously.

Rev. Jesse Jackson claimed that Richards pushed back race relations with his remark. Jackson is completely wrong: race relations haven't moved forward in years.

The word "nigger" has a lot of power and a lot of history. However, having white people say this word out loud is not what is wrong with black/white race relations in this country.

The importance of this word is held up like a third-world tyrant by a confused maze of deception that no one wants to confront.

It is only the expression of a problem, not the definition of it.

We should not be wasting our time debating whether it is okay for certain people to use the word, or what circumstances they can use it under.

We should be spending time analyzing and confronting what it is that gives this word so much power.

But instead of examining and dismantling the structure that holds this word up, in a sense deposing the tyranny of this word, we choose to make it taboo.

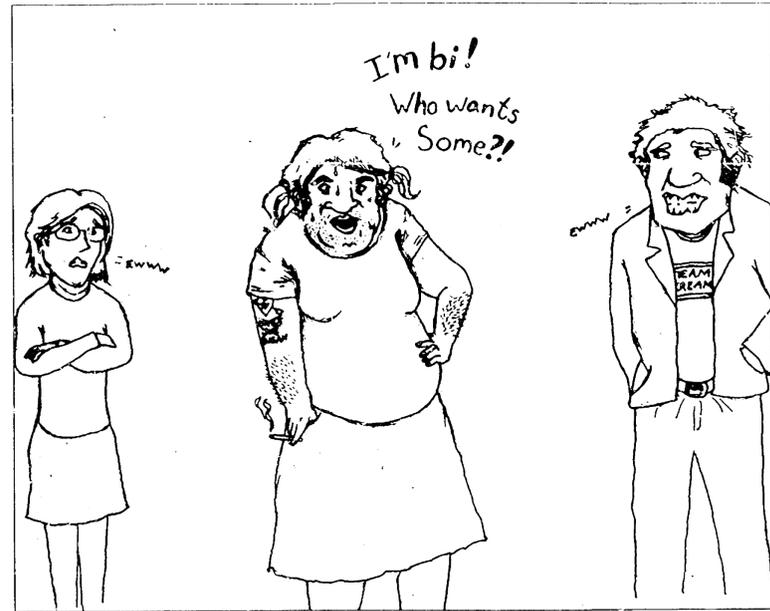
We can't just confront a single instance and expect that to be a definition of a problem such as the black/white racial tension in America.

There is a whole catalog of feelings that are either not being talked about or not being listened to.

In this way, Richards may have moved race relations forward. His outburst brought to light feelings that he had buried within himself.

At this moment, he has to confront and examine these feelings. On a personal level, he is taking this issue out of the realm of comedy and into a more real, uncomfortable place to analyze his own true feelings on it.

In order for the real inter-racial mending to take place, the rest of the nation needs to bring their own buried feelings somewhere uncomfortable.



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## Just admit it, you're gay

By **LISA VARGAS**  
Online Editor

I'm not here to judge, bash, or tell anyone how to live their life. I just don't believe it when people say they are "bisexual." That term is a complete sham.

It's just an excuse for people to have sex with more than just the sex they are attracted to. People need to acquire more self-esteem and know who and what they want. People shouldn't just take what they can get. They should know what they want and go for it.

There are plenty of people out there who sleep with both sexes, but I know there is one sex they prefer more no matter how many times they claim to be bisexual.

I am a full believer that everyone is born either homosexual or heterosexual. There may be times of confusion and experimentation, but both of those result in being one or the other.

Calling oneself either homosexual or het-

erosexual means knowing who one is; however, claiming to be "bisexual" means one is just confused.

People have every right to sleep with as many sexes as they want to, but claiming to be bisexual is just the easy way out.

With many girls who go out and party, claiming to be bisexual is a way to impress men. These supposedly "bisexual" girls may not want to sleep with other girls, but they will do it because they know men like it.

Some girls will even just tell guys they are bisexual. What most of them really mean is that they will sleep with other girls when they are at a party and drunk.

If girls want to do that, fine. However, these girls should not list their sexual preference on MySpace.com as "bisexual" just so tons of guys will add them as a friend.

Then there are the people who don't claim to be bisexual but will make out with the same sex. There are those who aren't getting enough attention from their boyfriend/girl-

friend, so they turn to the same sex.

I've seen it happen before when the girlfriend isn't getting enough attention at home from the boyfriend, but a girl is giving her way more, and then the girl who feels neglected by the boyfriend chooses to cheat on the boyfriend with the girl. From that point on, when that person wants the feeling of impressing someone, she might claim to be bisexual because she's kissed a girl.

However, in my twisted world that makes this so-called "bisexual" a homosexual. There's nothing wrong with that, being homosexual just means a person finally knows who she/he really is. No more throwing around that dreadful term.

I really do think that claiming to be bisexual is outrageous. Just be either heterosexual or homosexual. There is absolutely nothing wrong with either.

If you are out there sleeping with both sexes, that's fine. However, just don't run around claiming to be bisexual.

As for spending the night there, that was a different story. I was scared half out of my mind. Once again I was wrong. The people there were really nice, they made me feel very much at home; I was no longer afraid, and I even made a few good friends.

So all in all, people who are committed to helping the homeless are also very nice people. It's nice to know that if you are homeless, you will have places to go rather than sleeping in a park or under a bridge.

## Domino effects of game stations' competitions

Playstation 3, XBOX 360, and Nintendo Wii compete for consumers' attention, causing competition among game-hungry consumers.

By **MICHAEL PLAZA**  
Rip staff writer

This year "Black Friday" didn't seem to be as big of a deal as usual. The reason was the release of the Playstation 3 (PS3). Locally people camped out in front of stores for more than four nights to have a chance to get the new gaming console. If you haven't been paying attention to gaming, it has grown rapidly. It is now a lifestyle, and

for some even a profession.

When I was a kid, if anyone would have told me I could play video games professionally for a living, I would have never believed it.

Can you imagine kids looking up to game-playing teenagers as role models? I know these guys could probably kill me in about five seconds playing Halo, but it is really worthy of a league and endorsement opportunities?

There are three consoles that are competing for the loyalty of gamers. The newly released PS3 and Nintendo Wii, along with the XBOX 360, which beat the Sony and Nintendo by releasing about a year before the other consoles.

The XBOX has a strong following. It has very clean graphics and can run High Definition DVDs. You can connect to the

Internet and play against others worldwide. You can also play some XBOX games on the new console.

The PS3 is meant to bring Sony back with a vengeance. Sony sided with Blu-ray instead of High Definition DVD.

The quality is supposed to be slightly weaker, but Blu-ray is supposed to carry more movie titles. The system can only be played on an HDTV because of its high resolution. Both consoles are like computers, and most games are aimed toward older people.

The Nintendo Wii is, like most Nintendo systems, aimed toward all audiences. It is the system that a grandfather can play with his grandson.

It can play Gamecube games and connect to the DS, along with the Internet. The company has developed a new control style,

which is what people are excited about.

With so much popularity and competition, it is only natural for humans to start competition. It isn't about you and your friends or siblings anymore.

Major League Gaming (MLG) is an organized, international league for professional gamers. These pros meet in various cities, mostly in the United States to compete and see who can play video games better.

I love video games, but it is scary to think that more kids may want to play Madden 2007 than to actually play football.

MLG is growing in popularity by the day, and Sony, Microsoft and Nintendo know this.

They are pushing the limits on what games can do. With so much competition between them, who knows what will be next.

## GAME FEEDBACK

What has been your best or worst class this semester?

Anna Rincon, medical assistant: "Math has to be the worst subject. Math don't like me and I don't like it."

Jeff Grace, computer engineering: "(Best) My forestry class... my professor explains everything."

Jimmy Seroggins, business major: "(Best) I would say business. It has all my attention. Ms. Robinson is a fun professor."

Louie Gonzales, business administration: "I've enjoyed all my classes due to having great professors."

Maria Lopez, undeclared: "Math 8D. The teacher was an excellent teacher."

Maria Valencia, business administration: "My best class is computers because it's easy and the teacher is great."

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# BC students get disaster prepared

Students gather at booths set up around the Campus Center to learn about disaster preparedness.

By **TYRONE BARNER**  
Rip staff writer

All of the vendors showed up on a chilly morning Nov. 30 for what turned out to be a pretty good day for finding out about disaster preparedness.

They included AmeriCorp Alert, S.B. Cert, Kern County Fire Department, PG&E, Emergency Medical Services, Allstate Insurance, Community Action Partnership, The Salvation Army, F.E.M.A., Bakotopia.com, MAIZE, and the Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance Inc.

Paola Soto an AmeriCorp member, 21, majoring in human services, said, "It was very informative and



Students gather in the Campus Center around the PG&E booth to get information on disaster day Nov. 30.

awesome to see all the different organizations come together and teach the students about disaster preparedness."

Many BC students interviewed said they were really impressed by the PG&E demonstration showing

the do's and don'ts in dealing with electricity.

Jessica Lang, 20, psychology major, thought the PG&E presentation was interesting and went on to say that "a disaster could happen at anytime, anywhere, and so there is a

need for disaster preparedness."

Juan Zabala, 19, undecided, thought the PG&E presentation was good to learn about electricity. Electricity and its uses are often taken for granted he felt.

Bob Miller of Allstate Insurance attends lots of these types of rallies when invited.

He knows a lot of the other vendors, and even though he has been involved in insurance, he does not always get to see what is available in the community as far as resources go.

Miller has been with Allstate seven years and recommends to BC students who are just starting out to get renters' insurance.

Deborah Meza, facilitating coordinator for Community Action Partnership, said that AmeriCorp got in touch with her and invited her to the rally.

She went on to say that this was one of the better rallies that she has been to, and that the students are

more educated. She added, "Yes, I'll come back."

Enrique Martinez, president of the Mecha Club, was present with information on earthquakes and floods.

He said that it was their first disaster rally, and they were grateful to be able to inform people that the possibility of an earthquake and or a flood.

According to Isabel Castaneda, program overseer, or the "go to person if you needed anything," said, "Overall, the rally went well; there was a lot of support from the community with all of the vendors coming out and representing. The students that did come out benefited from the information that the vendors had to offer."

"Being this is the first rally, we did have a good student turnout, with the hope to make this an annual event. We wanted students to get info on being prepared and fill out medical contact cards and hope that students will get prepared at home."

# Student smoking riles BC professors

By **JEFFREY MENDOZA**  
Rip staff writer

Smoking around campus, which is not a bother for the students who commit the act, is an obvious issue for the professors.

When asked about her opinion on the topic of smoking in the Humanities area, Bakersfield College English professor

Kerrie Buis immediately responded, "What? About the fact that we hate it, and how smoke floats down the hallways and into the classrooms?"

So, right off the bat, there was an issue.

"I think it should be 20 feet out from the doors, just like any other federal building, but not banned," said philosophy professor Reggie Williams who, despite his belief toward smoking at BC not being banned, quickly explained, "I don't smoke."

BC English instructor Mary Braun agrees, "There should be no smoking where it could float into the offices and classrooms."

Instructors in the Allied Health area also had something to say about the pollution contributed by smokers in the area.

"My main concern is that they (the students) just obey the laws," said Radiology Technology Program Director Nancy Perkins. "I would prefer they just obey the laws and smoke 20 feet from the buildings."

Many other members of the Bakersfield College faculty have things to say as well.

"It doesn't bother me," said Daymon Johnson, history professor, "As long as people are courteous of others."

I think more of an issue is how we're understaffed."

"Floors are not getting mopped, and desks are not getting cleaned," he said, "It's not the fault of the custodial staff. They're just way understaffed."

Speaking further on the campus cleanliness issue was Office of Humanities Department Assistant Josie Sarullo said, "They (the students) have a trash can every five feet and still can't make it in."

"It needs to stop," said BC custodian James Hendrix. "It's nasty."

Hendrix seemed more concerned with students' littering behavior, rather than with their smoking behavior.

"When students come to campus, they need to grow up," said Hendrix, who owns an Olympus camera filled with photos of trash, graffiti, and other vandalism from all around BC.

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## NEWS BRIEF

### Tree-planting ceremony

Bakersfield College's Maize Club has scheduled a salute to BC professor Jack Brigham, who is due to retire at the end of the 2007 spring semester, and also Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers organization, with a special tree-planting ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The ceremony will be located behind BC's Business Building. Several speakers will be on hand to help honor Brigham and Huerta, including Kim Salas who will represent Supervisor Michael Rubio.

For more information, contact Maize Club President Jesse Ibarra at 661-565-0358.

## CLASSES: Not offered at convenient days, times

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According to student Barry Cadena, "I have tried over and over again to register in the jewelry-making class, and it is always full."

Vaughn went to her computer and found that as of Nov. 30 there were only two people registered. "Are the students doing their research or asking the chair about some of their issues they are having with some of the favorites?" she asked.

According to Christina Anthony and Will Chandler, biology class is hard to get into. "I need the 9 a.m. class," Anthony said. "If I take a later lab class, it will interfere with my other classes."

However, Chandler preferred the late class that was full but settled for the 9 a.m. class.

Not all students are bothered by not getting the section they want. "I'm on campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It doesn't matter if one section is not available; I'll just choose another," said Amber Miller, veterinarian technician student.

However, there are no alternatives for a class of only one section. According to Sandra Cheryholmes, "In business law there is only one section, 8 a.m. If the class is full, you have to wait for the next semester."

Depending on which subjects you are taking, some students are complaining that sections are overlapping or they all have the same times. "I will have to wait until next semester," said Erica Banks. "Many of the sections are overlapping or the same time. There are no other time slots."

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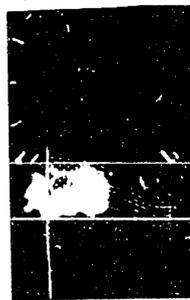
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The gates are open at 5:30 p.m. and close at 9 p.m.

# Holiday lights brighten the night



The American flag sits small beneath the Ferris wheel at CALM's event.

By **MARCINDA COIL**  
Rip staff writer

While driving along Alfred Harrell Highway, two million multi-colored lights lit the way to the California Living Museum.

Yes, it is that time of the year where spectators can be found gazing at various different displays that spark the Christmas season: HolidayLights@CALM.

"We have over 60 displays throughout the facility," said CALM's program supervisor Lana Fain.

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The lighted tiger cub graces the view of those who eat at HolidayLights, an annual event held by the California Living Museum. The event will go on every night through Dec. 30.

However, Maynard and others were met with another familiar symbol of the Christmas season.

"It's cold," said Maynard as she jiggled herself lightly.

"They need little heaters," said Ray Gutierrez, another spectator of the annual event.

Although it was cold, the chilled breeze did not deter more guests who came with their families to share in the delight.

According to Fain, 44,000 guests of the museum viewed the lighted frogs on lily pads, an alligator sporting an umbrella, and the winter wonderland along with Santa last year.

"Awesome," said Bakersfield native Ricardo Dealb, "It's getting better every year."

"My family is enjoying it," Dealb added while his young son nodded his head in agreement.

Not only was there a Ferris wheel available to those who wanted a bird's eye view and picnic tables

for those eating snacks provided by Teen Challenge, a train was also available to those who wanted to rest their feet while still enjoying the scenery.

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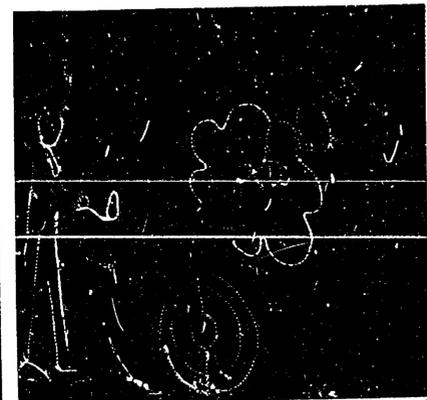
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The BC Jazz Ensemble plays "Pussycat Dues" at a concert on Saturday night, Dec. 2.

# BC Jazz Ensemble snazzy

By **NICK STOCKTON**  
News editor

Kris Tiner's business card reads, "Trumpeter Composer Improviser."

It could not be more succinct and understated. Tiner led the BC Jazz Ensemble

through three sets of music that were rehearsed as well as free.

Tiner blended in with the students, who wore solid-colored collared shirts and dress pants with some accenting their outfits with fedora hats or ties. The wardrobes matched the music in a way; they were both casually classy pieces with just enough individual flair.

This personal twist to the standards of jazz is what makes this style of music great, and it is exactly the students who pulled it off with the ability of seasoned jazz artists. The mood and the style of the tunes played made me feel like it was 1974, and something down and dirty was happening.

It was the swankiness of the muted trumpet during "Pussycat Dues," Winston Crite's close-eyed sway during his bass grooves, and the back-to-back solos throughout that

made this evening much more than a simple student recital. The students performed with a professional coolness that elevated the event to a true concert flowing through multiple styles.

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Highland High student and member of BC Jazz Ensemble, Chris Craig, plays at the Saturday night concert on campus.

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## BC's basketball teams off to fast starts

Men's basketball team starts out the season with a win at BC tournament.

By KATHERINE J. WHITE  
Editor in chief

Bakersfield College's men's basketball team beat Cuesta 103-92 for the championship of the BC Tournament held Nov. 24-26. The Renegades won all three games they played in the tournament.

Speaking of the game against Cuesta, Coach Rich Hughes said that the team "played solid for three days and played as a team."

Hughes credits sophomore Steve Alford for helping the team win against Cuesta with his excellent drives to the basket. Alford scored 31 points in the final game.

Assistant Coach Aaron Chavez said guard Alford is a "tweener and does a lot of good things. He is not a vocal leader, but he has always worked hard for us." Hughes also commended sophomore Terrence Johns for his driving abilities. Johns scored 21 points against Cuesta.

So far, Cuesta has been the BC team's most formidable opponent this season, Hughes said. Hughes conceded Cuesta had a size advantage over BC.

"Cuesta had 6'8" and 6'10" kids," Hughes said. "They were bigger than us."

The game against Porterville College Dec. 1 proved to be tough battle as well. Nevertheless, BC won 101-75.

The team's overall record is 10-1. Although this successful record is due in part to a few standout role players, all of the team players play "unselfishly," Hughes said.

In fact, Hughes said that not only does his team possess great intensity, the team's other strength is its ability to pass the ball.

Hughes commended the team's unselfish play.

Chavez agreed, saying that the team "does a tremendous job of passing the ball. The team wants to win the game. With this group, it's not



MARILYN WHIPKEY/THE RIP

BC's Catie Mueller (bottom right) fights for the ball against San Bernardino Valley. The Renegades won the Dec. 2 game 65-60.

about individuals, it's all being Renegades; it's all about one team, one goal. Hopefully, this will continue."

Chavez said that the team plays defensively although it often gives up a lot of points. The team typically wins by 19 points a game, Chavez said.

He also pointed out that there are

guys to fill positions and that there is "not that much of a drop off this year as there was last year." Chavez said that the team has more depth than it did last year. Chavez expressed gratitude for the presence of the sophomores who are well acquainted with the game.

Their knowledge and experience helps in the freshman training, Chavez said. The men's team will play the San Bernardino Tournament at San Diego Mesa Dec. 8-9. The team will face Cuesta again Dec. 12 at Cuesta and will have the College of the Sequoias Tournament at

the COS Dec. 15-17. The team plays in the Allan Hancock Tournament in Santa Maria Dec. 28-30.

The BC women's team has an overall record of 9-1.

The team's one loss to Reedley Nov. 28 with a score of 75-87 was overshadowed by their wins includ-

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men's assistant coach

ing victories over San Bernardino Valley Dec. 2 with a score of 65-60, Rio Hondo Nov. 21 with a score of 74-49 and winning two games in the Allan Hancock Crossover Nov. 17-18. The BC women also beat Porterville 72-61 Nov. 15.

According to Assistant BC Women's Basketball Coach Susan Pinza, the Women's team is a "quick team with good height inside."

Pinza also said that the returning sophomores are great assets to the team because they work well with the freshmen.

The team overall, Pinza said, "gels well and everyone looks out for each other." Fellow Assistant Coach Jenny Dahl said the women's team has impressive shooting skills.

Dahl also said that the team "has height, which helps on defense and makes the team a solid rebounding team."

Nevertheless, Dahl said that the team should improve its intensity "especially on defense." The team also needs to minimize its turnovers, Dahl said. Pinza said the team was highly competent at demonstrating the skills learned.

Pinza remarked that the team must work harder dealing with an opposing team's good defense.

Freshman and guard Amber Williams said the team should play "our game at our tempo."

The women's team played a home game with San Bernardino Dec. 2. The team will challenge Santa Barbara at Santa Barbara Dec. 7.

On Dec. 9, the team faces El Camino at BC.

Dec. 12 is when BC will battle the College of the Sequoias at BC. Dec. 14-16 is when the team will play in the Antelope Valley Tournament in Lancaster.

## FOOTBALL: El Camino keeps BC from state game

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sive coach. "We missed our opportunities to win the game. We were so close to playing for a state championship, and we let it slip by us."

It was obvious that El Camino came to play in the first quarter as they took an early 7-0 lead when running back Jamiah Bass scored on a 1-yard run and kicker Joe Houston kicked the extra point. BC tied the score 7-7 in the second quarter when running back J.R. Rogers dashed into the end zone from 2 yards out and kicker Will Johnson added the extra point.

El Camino, however, notched the next 10 points on a 47-yard field goal by Houston, a 5-yard fumble return for six points by defensive back James Wheeler and another extra point by Houston.

With the Warriors ahead 17-7, it looked as though the SoCal championship game was going to be a blowout in favor of the visitors from Torrance.

But as the Renegade defense has done so many times this season, they took control not allowing another point by the Warriors offense until overtime.

In fact, the only other score that either team could muster until the fourth quarter was a 38-yard field goal by BC's Johnson just before the end of the first half that brought the 'Gades to within 17-10.

With less than two minutes remaining in the contest, BC had one last chance to tie the score and take its state championship hopes into overtime.

In the final drive, Stone methodically marched the 'Gades down the field mixing the run with the pass and never lost his cool. Tight end Mitchell Horack, who had only made three catches this season, caught a 20-yard pass to set up the winning score.

With 19 seconds left on the clock and title hopes hanging in the balance, Stone fired an 8-yard dart to wide receiver J.P. Masuda, Johnson kicked the extra point and the final regulation score was 17-17.

"He (Stone) did an awesome job in leading the offense," said Curtis Comelson, BC inside linebacker.

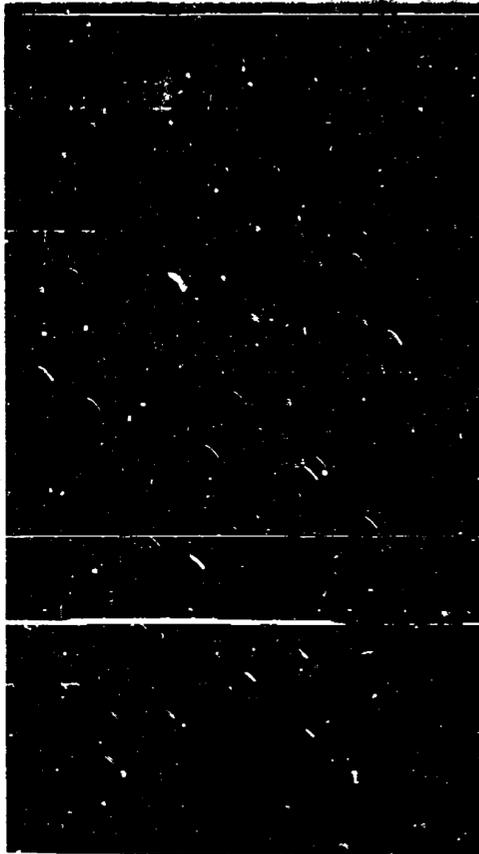
In the overtime period, BC had the ball first and 25 yards to put some kind of a score on the scoreboard. The tough Warrior defense held the 'Gades out of the end zone and forced the 'Gades to settle for a 38-yard field goal by Johnson. That made the score 20-17.

Then it was El Camino's turn: 25 yards and at least a field goal to tie and keep playing. Unfortunately for the 'Gades, the Warriors made their biggest play of the year. On a third and 11 from the 26-yard line, quarterback Boo Jackson threw a strike to wide receiver Corey Surrency for a touchdown and a 23-20 victory.

"It was a game we could have won," Comelson said. "We had our chances, we didn't get it done. It was a good season, and I had a lot of fun. Playing for BC has been a good experience."

Comelson has received some prestigious awards this year. He was named first-team All-America by the JC Grid-Wire as well as selected as defensive player of the year by the WSC.

The 'Gades were more fortunate in the outcome of the So-Cal regional semifinals as they defeated the Grossmont Griffins 13-6.



JOSE M. VEGA/THE RIP

BC wide receiver TJ Lee gets tackled by Grossmont defensive back Howard Geoffery on Nov. 25.

This was defensive struggle from start to finish as the highly touted Griffin offense could only manage two 20-yard field goals by kicker Jared Ballman against the tough BC defense. As for the 'Gades, the passing game was intact as Stone threw an 89-yard touchdown strike to Brandon Banks and back-up quarterback Dustin Powell connected on a 40-yard touchdown pass.

Twenty Renegades earned All-WSC honors. Some of the players not yet mentioned are:

First-team: Ron Jones, sophomore defensive lineman; Aaron King, freshman defensive lineman; Mark Johnson, freshman linebacker.

Second-team: Daron Mackey, freshman linebacker; Brian Putman, sophomore defensive back; Jose Gonzales, freshman defensive back.

Honorable mention: Will Johnson, sophomore kicker; Teddy Dellaganna, freshman punter and Crispin Fernandez, freshman defensive lineman.

"I am proud of this team," said BC coach Jeff Chudy. "We became stronger and stronger every week as a team. If you looked at the game film from week to week, you could see how well this team progressed and came together."

## Volleyball loses in playoffs

By KATHERINE J. WHITE  
Editor in chief

Bakersfield College's volleyball team has served BC with a great season, according to Coach Carl Ferreira said.

The last season match for the team was both a loss and a gain in the Southern California playoffs at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.

It was a learning experience for the team, Ferreira said.

The team lost 3-1 by scores of 30-16, 30-25, 25-30 and 30-16.

Ferreira said the team has constantly sought ways to increase their kill percentage and reduce their attack error percentage. In this last game, according to Ferreira, the team was especially alert to control the serving and passing in the game.

"When we passed well, we got into a great rhythm. When we did not pass well, we got out of that rhythm," Ferreira said.

Ferreira looks forward to next season with 10 returning players.

Reflecting on this recently concluded season, Ferreira said, "Every season is a separate entity."

Ferreira conceded that he was very pleased with this season because his players were easy to work with and

teach. "The ball has no personality, but people do," he said.

### Wrestling

Nine members of the BC wrestling team pinned down spots in the Community College Championships during the Southern California Regionals Dec. 2.

Freshman George Silva nailed sixth place at 125 pounds, sophomore Cody Gibson won fourth place at 133, Brice Wasserman got second at 141, and freshman Eric Timson landed fourth at 149.

Zach Johnson fifth at 157, Orlando Landois placed sixth at 165, freshman and Shafter native Jason Carrasco gained second at 184.

Sophomore Ramon Perez sixth at 197, and sophomore Josh Marquez got second at heavyweight.

This qualifications came despite a few difficulties this season, including commitment and academic problems, according to Coach Bill Kalivas.

At the team's match with Cal State Fullerton, they had to relinquish 18 points to forfeits, according to Kalivas.

"It was very difficult for us to recover," Kalivas said.

Because of various complications, the team only took a few players to the bout at Cal State Fullerton, according to Kalivas. The team finished 10th at the

tournament, he said.

Nevertheless, the BC wrestlers participated at the Southern California challenge Dec. 2 at Cerritos to qualify for the state championships at Fresno City College Dec. 8-9.

The team still had some individual wrestlers who shined at the Fullerton challenge. Marquez, according to Kalivas, performed well as a heavyweight, and Landois stood out for his 165 weight class.

Also notable were Johnson at 157 and George Silva at 125.

In fact, Kalivas said that Marquez, Landois and Johnson all achieved top "A" in their respective weight classes at Fullerton.

Kalivas remarked that his team members were in much better physical condition than many other members of opposing community college wrestling teams. The BC wrestling team has a superior competitive spirit, said Kalivas.

Kalivas said that the team focused on improving mechanics, positioning and scoring off of others' mistakes. Kalivas said he looks forward to more individual successes and also wants the team to finish in the top 10 in the state.

Marquez, who ranks second in the state for heavyweights, said he "feels pretty good" about the season despite the team's conflicts. Marquez said he lost to only one opponent this season.

"The team will surprise some people at the end," Marquez said, speaking of the state championships.

Marquez said his greatest strength is the way he deploys his legs in matches. Usually opponents use upper body strength tactics, Marquez explained. Marquez also said his other strength is speed.

"I'm the smallest heavyweight, but I'm a lot faster than other heavyweights," Marquez said.

Marquez said his specialty maneuver is the low single-leg takedown.

### Golf

BC women's team member Sara Ansolabehere won third place in the Southern California Regional Championship in Fresno.

Playing at Belmont Country Club in November, Ansolabehere shot 76 the first day of the tournament and shot 77 the second day.

The total was 153. Ansolabehere and another contender tied for third after the regular tournament and then engaged in a sudden-death playoff. Ansolabehere secured third place.

With her high finish in the state finals, Ansolabehere was then selected to be part of the California all-state team, which consists of only six women from all over the state.

BC coach Larry Cook said Ansolabehere is a "hot item" to many colleges, including Chico State, and is very likely to earn a scholarship to four-year institution.