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DEMOCRATS

Parra wins close one

By NICK STOCKTON
News editor

The bar was stocked, the room was full, but there were only light murmurs in the ballroom of the DoubleTree Hotel as Nicole Parra's supporters anxiously waited for their candidate to emerge for her victory party on the night of Nov. 7.

"I hope it gets a little crazy in here," said Noe G, DJ for the event, who works at local radio station Hot 94.1. He said he came prepared to party, with "everything from hip-hop to country."

It was at around midnight when Parra joined her supporters after the final vote tally had been counted showing Parra winning by a spread of 1,500 votes.

"I was prepared for a tight race," Parra said in a speech after she was announced as winner. "I have the most competitive seat in the state of California."

"A win is a win!" shouted one of her supporters, and she concurred as she talked about the closeness of the race and her feelings about it not being a landslide victory for her.

However, while Parra waited in the presidential suite of the hotel for the election results, her many supporters had been drinking cocktails and eating hor d'ouvres since 8 p.m. The mood was quiet, but upbeat, and there was only light cheering from time to time as television news crews went from booth to booth of the dining area, interviewing attendees.

When asked about the mellow mood, Andrew Hoag, a staffer for Parra, said, "The staff worked for so hard, for so long. The staff just has no energy to party." He was assured that the quiet mood had nothing to do with the tight margin of victory that opponent Danny Gilmore held over her for most of the night.

"It's not big news if she wins, we just expect it," Hoag said.

Hoag also had some insight about the national elections and their consequences. "I think we will finally see a slowdown in what gets passed, less earmarked bills," he

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Democrat Nicole Parra addresses supporters at the DoubleTree Hotel Ballroom after her close victory against Republican Danny Gilmore on election night Nov. 7.

REPUBLICANS

Kern still in the red

BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

A western background and the colors red, white and blue were the theme at the Republican Party at the old Rockin' Rodeo on election night, Nov. 7.

The building was surrounded by huge red, white and blue signs promoting Republican runners such as: Poochigan, Ashburn, McCarthy and Gilmore. Photos of Bush, Cheney, Ashburn, Fuller and McCarthy also were in the building.

Three plasma screens were set on Fox News with the complete coverage of the elections.

The vibe inside the building was comfortable and pleasing.

Young people, older people as well as children gathered to support and rally their Republican Party candidates. And in most cases it seemed like the entire group knew each other and had known each other for years.

It was like the show Cheers (everyone knows your name). It was a friendly atmosphere filled with numerous greetings, kisses and hugs. Everyone socialized and visited with each other before and after dinner. Free dinner and drinks were provided.

Overall, it was a quite quaint environment even though Republican candidates nationwide hadn't done as well as anticipated. Republican candidates were still optimistic and happy about the results because in Bakersfield they defeated Democratic candidates.

But most impressive was the fact that most of the candidates were born and raised in Bakersfield and had even attended Bakersfield College.

Jean Fuller, who won the 32nd District Senate graduated from BC with honors and she won a departmental speech award. Fuller said the best thing she learned at BC was to go to the top person and talk about your needs and wants.

During the time she attended BC she had the opportunity of speaking and getting to know the president of the college.

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Election results

Governor
Arnold Schwarzenegger
Republican

Lieutenant Governor
John Garamendi
Democrat

Secretary of State
Debra Brown
Democrat

Controller
John Chiang
Democrat

Treasurer
Bill Lockyer
Democrat

Attorney General
Jerry Brown
Democrat

U.S. Senate
Dianne Feinstein
Democrat

1st Congressional District
Pamela Linnwood
John A. Rodgers
Republican

22nd Congressional District
Kevin McCarthy
Republican

18th District, State Senate
Ray Ashburn
Republican

30th State Assembly District
Nicole Parra
Democrat

32nd State Assembly District
Jean Fuller
Republican

There's a new sheriff in town: Youngblood

By JOEL P. PARAMO
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield has spoken: on Tuesday night Donny Youngblood, 56, won the sheriff's race for Bakersfield with a 60 percent lead over incumbent Mack Wimbish, 63. His headquarters for the night was Buck Owen's Crystal Palace, and many of his supporters gathered to welcome the new sheriff with music, laughter, and cheers.

"We conducted our campaign the way we wanted. We gave 100 percent its all we could do," said Youngblood. "I'm content with the decision."

Youngblood already has plans for his first line of action. There are currently 60 vacant deputy positions. All sheriff deputies are on mandatory overtime.

"We're asking for trouble when this sort of

thing happens," said Youngblood. "I'm going to fill in vacancies and put together a comprehensive plan to stop gang violence. The public has told me and made it clear that gang violence should be the number one priority."

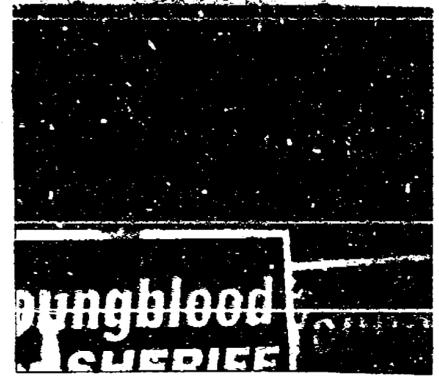
Although Wimbish has already started the process of eliminating vacancies, he plans on working with Youngblood to set him in the right direction.

"I'm fine," said Wimbish. "Four years ago I retired to run my campaign. Now I'm trying to run the county and this campaign; it's been trying mentally, physically, and on my family. I'll get my life back."

According to Wimbish, he made changes and said that it was his nature for it to be uncomfortable for people to get used to.

On the other hand Youngblood, who became the people's choice this race, felt as though it

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ALEXANDER GAY / THE RIP

Sammi Allen, Donny Youngblood and Nikki Allen all smiles after Youngblood's victory.

Accreditation keeps classes transferable for students

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Editor in chief

So far, so good.

The Bakersfield College observer might infer this attitude of Dr. Jerome Hunter, Ed. D, head chair of the accreditation team, which came to BC Oct. 25-26 to evaluate the Kern Community College District, including BC.

Hunter is the chairman for the North Orange County Community College District. Every six years an accreditation team must assemble to reaffirm the accreditation of each California community college.

"This is not a process that can be taken lightly," Hunter said, speaking in BC's Forum West Oct. 26 at 1-2 p.m. Colleges can and do lose accreditation, Hunter said. If BC lost its accreditation, students would not be able to transfer BC course credit to four-year institutions, BC officials say.

Hunter and his team examined, among other things, how BC and other Kern colleges fulfilled their mission statements. According to Hunter, the district should be commended for its adherence to "broad-based learning" as well as for properly "implementing" their

budget. Hunter also said the District should be commended for "making its education master plan a living document." Hunter also found the district's communication network had been vastly improved.

However, Hunter and his team found many areas in which the district could improve.

Hunter reported that the district needs to develop a self-evaluation procedure as well as an ethics policy procedure.

He stated that there needs to be a written code of ethics for all district employees. The district needs to develop a training program for

self-evaluation as well as develop a procedural response to any future demographics change.

Hunter suggested that the district examine how it allocates its resources. "There should be more policy direction as a whole," Hunter said.

Hunter's team examined the district's handling of student learning programs and services, as well as human and physical resources. Lastly, leadership and governance branches are examined.

In BC's Collins Conference Room Oct. 25 at 11 a.m., Tim Karas, a representative of the evaluation team, invited BC professors and

students in attendance to comment on issues pertinent to the running of the college.

Karas, of Santa Clara County, remarked that BC appeared to be very much "embedded in the (Bakersfield) community."

"This is your hour," said Karas who has served twice on accreditation teams.

Sue Vaughn, director of BC's admissions and records, spoke up, and, as she said, "crowded."

BC, Vaughn said, is the only "lunker" college in the state where students can go online and get information on whether they can be cer-

tified for IGETC, GEC, or general education.

Kathleen Loomis-Tubbesing, coordinator for distance learning, marveled at the improvement in BC's communication network.

"Everybody (employees on the BC campus) used to be in their own little silos," Loomis-Tubbesing said. That is no longer the case, she noted.

"I feel very connected with district," Vaughn commented.

William Andrews, BC president, said the accreditation process would continue until approximately June 2007.

Planetarium dedicated to Congressman Bill Thomas

■ Bill Thomas came to Bakersfield College to accept the honor of having the newly renovated planetarium dedicated in his name.

By ALFREDO B. ADKINS
Rip staff writer

Former Bakersfield College professor and current congressman Bill Thomas accepted the honors of having the newly renovated Bakersfield College Planetarium dedicated in his honor on Nov. 2. Over 200 members of his family, friends and local dignitaries joined the festivities.

The dedication included the presence of his daughter Amelia Minabergian, son-in-law Dominick and his grandchildren Sebastian and William.

Thomas, who is a very strong force on the floor of Congress and is normally a very outspoken man at any event, blended in with the crowd as he sat quietly in an outdoor canopy set up for the event. His speech, one of his shortest in decades, ended by him accepting the dedication of William M. Thomas Planetarium saying, "I don't deserve the honor, but I'm certainly not going to turn it down."

While Thomas ended the event on a low-key note, BC President William Andrews started the dedication with a lot of excitement talking about how the 43-year-old planetarium was long overdue for remodeling and an upgrade of equipment. Andrews said, "It is a different world, re-



Bill Thomas stands by the plaque that will bear his name and be placed on the new planetarium at BC.

ferred to how the new technology will open up new worlds to those who will use it.

Andrews went on to refresh everyone's memory of how Thomas was once Professor Thomas and how he did not forget Bakersfield College. Thomas went to Washington, D.C., in 1979 keeping his district at heart by securing government grants. Thomas also secured \$1 million for the remodeling of the planetarium thru bill HR3061.

The entire remodeling and equipment upgrade was nearly \$4 million, making it one of the best college planetariums.

BC astronomy Professor Nick Strobel said, "We have bragging rights" during his introduction of Thomas. Other introduction speakers included Kern County Board of Trustees President Dennis Beebe

and Kern Community College District Chancellor Sandra Serrano. Serrano, while talking about Thomas' accomplishments as a professor and congressman, said, "He has remained solidly rooted in his community" and was quick to point out how he was a very deep concern and interest in the faculty unit. Thomas was born in Wallace, Idaho, and then moved to Southern California with his parents where he got his associate's degree in Santa Ana College. He transferred to San Francisco State University to get his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science. Once, as he drove to Bakersfield, he noticed that the city of then-75,000 had a community college with a stadium of 21,000. As Thomas put it, "There is something right about this place."

These partnerships include the Construction Technology Path coordinated with HUD, the City of Bakersfield and local building contractors; the Kern Economic Development Corporation, which works with the Logistics and Manufac-

Knudson chosen as vice president for BC

By JOEL R. PARAMO
Rip staff writer

On Nov. 3, Bakersfield College announced that Ed Knudson had become the new vice president of student learning.

The decision came down to two candidates: Dr. Reza Azamisa, who is currently the dean of academic affairs and dean of business and education at American International University, Los Angeles; and Knudson, who was the dean of economic and workforce development at BC. "I was looking for the best candidate and academic leader for the position," said William Andrews, president of BC.

According to Andrews the vice president would have to have a college-wide perspective.

In an interview before Knudson was put in office, Andrews said that he was looking for someone who can work well with students, faculty and staff. A person that could "juggle at least 10 balls at a time."

Knudson, who already works at BC, is one of those people and will make the transition into his new position with ease with the help of faculty members, said Andrews said.

"It will be a lot of work, but I'm working with people that are very talented," said Knudson. "They will help me set my priorities and will keep me on track. It's a good team."

He is a very busy person who manages a wide range of partnerships, which he developed and implemented, that directly benefit students.

Knudson's duties will include everything from planning, developing, and implementing innovative programs and articulation of institutional interests, achievements, and needs both within the college and to the community at large.

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— Ed Knudson,
vice president of student learning

ing, value added Agriculture, and construction industry clusters, and participates with the Education Taskforce of the Vision 2020 Project.

He plans on manipulating his time with the help of the faculty.

"A lot of folks are willing to assist me and help rearrange schedules," said Knudson. "There's a lot of positive energy and great people."

Knudson will now have to report to the President and is the chief instructional officer.

"When I'm not on campus he'll be in charge," said Andrews. "Responsibilities always go to the vice president first."

Knudson has been at BC since 2002. Prior to working at Lane Community College from 1992 to 2000; he was the business and computer systems division director. He was also the business management department chair.

He was faculty at University of Georgia from 1992 to 1993.

He also worked at Oregon State University from 1989 to 1992.

Knudson's first job was at Lane Community College from 1990 to 2001.

Knudson's duties will include everything from planning, developing, and implementing innovative programs and articulation of institutional interests, achievements, and needs both within the college and to the community at large.

He will focus on outreach to and recruitment of high school students and encourage them to attend BC. He will also work to strengthen the line of communication with the faculty at BC.

"It's a matter of making sure that I'm open and transparent for people," said Knudson.

"I will pass on information as quickly as I can, making sure people know that they can chat with me. We will focus on things geared towards parents so that they understand and know what's available for students and answer questions."

Knudson plans on improving student enrollment through Bakersfield's high schools and other cities near Bakersfield BC tries to serve.

"We have tech prep facilities, and we hold events where sophomores and juniors can come and learn more about what BC has to offer," said Knudson. "It's a whole package. We're working on making ourselves more available to students."

According to Andrews, the candidacy is a seemingly long process. Trust, candidates were chosen, and then they were reviewed.

Open forums were held to question the candidates, and then they had to wait until the answer from Andrews, whose decision was approved by the chancellor and the board of trustees who are the only ones that can legally employ, according to Andrews.

"It's a good process," said Knudson.

"It allowed lots of people to get to know me."

Since July the position had been open while interim Jack Hernandez filled the position.

Hernandez will now lay the foundation as the first director of the Norman Levin Center for humanities and medicine at BC.



JOSE M. VEGA / THE RIP

Winner of Best in Field, a Pharaoh hound named Stinky with owner Joseph Taylor.

■ Dogs of all kinds compete in the Inland Wilderness Hunt Club Test and Trial at BC.

By MICHAEL PLAZA
Rip staff writer

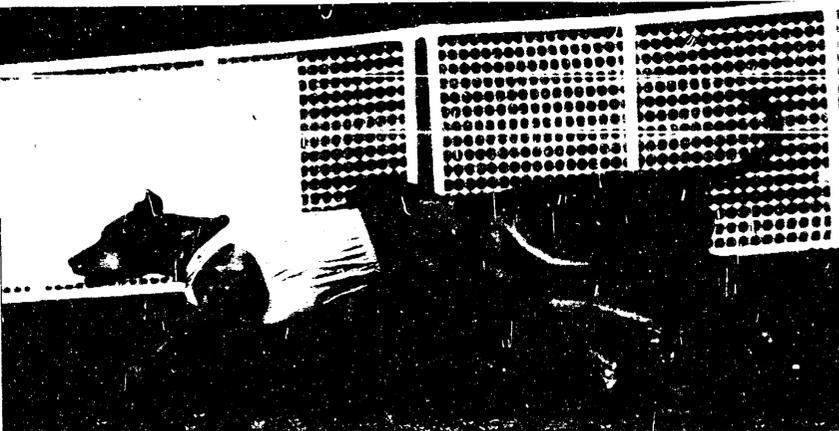
There were over 50 running dogs competing in the Inland Wilderness Hunt Club Test and Trial at BC. IWHC is regulated and sanctioned by the American Kennel Club. The competition is called Lure Coursing.

According to Field Secretary Renee Davis, 46, of San Diego, these sight hounds are bred to hunt with their eyes.

The dogs see in groups of three, along a track which consists of a lure attached to a continuous line that can vary from 600 to 1,000 yards long. The line is a big loop that is held taut around numerous stakes that make it turn sharply at every corner.

The lure is made of plastic, and how fast it moves is controlled by the lure operator. The lure operator uses a remote that controls a wheel that turns the line around the track.

Dogs use eyes not nose to win the race



JOSE M. VEGA / THE RIP

Female Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Hermani in front and Gucci in back, race their way to the finish line at the BC soccer field Oct. 29.

Tummy Carver, 41, lure operator on Saturday, said her job was to get the dogs around the track and to simulate hunting a rabbit, "which can be difficult."

Carver explained one of the biggest challenges was keeping the lure ahead of the fastest dog, because some dogs cheat and cut the track.

Sebastian Franzen, 39, from Garden Grove, was a judge and lure operator on the second day.

Franzen is originally from Sweden, where his parents raised show dogs, which he explained started his love for dogs.

Franzen, along with his wife Tess, 36, had five greyhounds at the competition, which consisted of Star and Phantom and their three offspring.

The dogs are almost all dual champions, which means they have placed in dog shows and coursing. "I have

a full-time job, but dogs are our passion," said Franzen.

Field Secretary Renee Davis said, "My job is to make sure everyone else is doing their job basically."

Davis said her main goal was to make sure the dogs were safe and handle any complaints.

Davis owns a Scottish deerhound, which competed in the event.

Like Davis, most of the people competing had a job to make the lure coursing trials run.

There are 14 breeds of dogs including Afghan hounds, greyhounds, Rhodesian ridgebacks and whippets

that are allowed to compete.

The dogs must be at least one year old, and they have to pass an examination to make sure they are fit to compete.

These specific breeds are known for their sight because that is how they have historically hunted.

The dogs first race in their particular breeds.

Judging is split into five categories worth ten points each.

The first is the overall ability of the dog. Next is Follow, which is how well the dogs can follow the lure and the course.

Third is Speed, how fast they can finish the course.

Fourth is Agility, which is the dog's dexterity reflexes.

Last is Endurance. This is how well the dogs can keep a competitive pace while running the course.

The dog that finishes best in each breed is eligible to compete in the Best in Field competition, except Italian greyhounds.

Although the dogs run with different breeds and sizes, they are judged by how their particular breed is supposed to run the course.

For example, according to Davis, greyhounds chase with their heads close to the ground, and are expected to be fast, but they often cut the course. Therefore, if a slower dog races a greyhound, and finishes behind it, as long as the dog performs as its breed is expected to, it can score better in the five categories and

actually win.

On Saturday, a Pharaoh hound named Stinky won Best in Field. Jennifer Benus, 35, and Joseph Taylor, 50, own the hound and transported him to BC to compete.

According to Benus, the hound is a rookie to the competition and has only competed a handful of times, but Benus said that "he loves to chase squirrels and lizards."

Benus said she didn't choose the breed for its competition, but after getting the hound, the breeder recommended Coursing.

According to Benus, there was no special training to prepare the dog other than regular exercise. "He knows it all himself. We just let him go and he knows it."

A Pharaoh hound also won Sunday's competition. The hound was named Killian.

Although winning is always a plus, dog owners agreed that it is all for fun.

Lisa and Mike Patterson, 42, of Norco own Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs, which compete.

"They (the dogs) don't care what their score is; they love it," said Mike.

The couple has been entering competitions for about 13 years, and, according to Mike, "it's what we work for." Lisa added, "our dogs are our kids... we are the canine (owners') equivalent of soccer moms."

The IWHC is held at BC two times a year, on the soccer field in the fall and in the stadium in the spring.

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Kevin McCarthy, who won the 22nd District Congress, speaks to a crowd of Republicans at the site of the former Rockin' Rodeo on election night.

REPUBLICANS: Festive mood at party despite loss of House; GOP looks on the brighter side

This in particular is what has helped her all along in meeting with the right people and the right connections.

Fuller was born in Bakersfield and raised in Shafter. She also has served as an educator for 34 years.

Kevin McCarthy, who won the 22nd District Congress also was born and raised in Bakersfield. He also attended Bakersfield College but did not graduate. However, he later became a BC Trustee.

McCarthy said it was fantastic growing up here and that he was very excited for the opportunity of serving in Washington.

Congressman Bill Thomas was formerly an employee at BC and taught political science. Fuller was a former student and some point Thomas denied McCarthy an internship.

Despite the results nation wide Thomas was optimistic about the next two years.

Thomas said there's no better time than now to send someone [McCarthy] new to Washington.

He also said that "tonight wasn't a (funeral) wake, we still are controlling the gubernatorial seat."

The local candidates seemed to be extremely happy with the results in Kern County.

Roy Ashburn, who won the 18th District Senate, said he liked working with Gov. Schwarzenegger and President Bush, but his primary responsibility was supporting the positions that people here in [Bakersfield] believe in.

Zack Schriver, who won the City of Bakersfield Council Member Ward 7, said the election results nationwide were unfortunate, but it gives Republicans nationwide a chance to regroup. "They [Republicans] lost sight of leading."

The Republican Party was energized and looking forward for the next two years.

take they made Tuesday night.

Ken Weir, who also won the City of Bakersfield Council Member Ward 3, also said the results were disappointing but two years from now we have the chance to rectify it.

Overall, all of the candidates and their supporters were content with the results in Kern County. In Bakersfield especially, the Republican Party candidates were very successful in defeating the Democratic Party.

As the night came to a close, supporters rallied and were sociable. They [supporters] wine and dined while watching the election results on plasma screens. A laptop and projector was also set up with the results.

The candidates were also incredibly welcoming and had intimate conversations with fellow colleagues and supporters.

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Ballot Measures

Proposition 1A - Transportation Funds: Yes
Ensure gas sales tax funds are used for transportation.

Proposition 1B - Transportation Bonds: Yes
Allow state gov. to sell 19.9b in bonds to fund various transportation improvements.

Proposition 1C - Housing Bonds: Yes
Allow state gov. to sell 2.85b in bonds for housing projects, rental and housing assistance.

Proposition 1D - Bonds for School and College Buildings: Yes
Allow state gov. to sell 10.4b in bonds to build and upgrade educational facilities.

Proposition 1E - Flood Control Bonds: Yes
Allow state gov. to sell 4.1b in bonds for flood control projects.

Proposition 83 - Punishment for sex crimes: Yes
Increase penalties and restrictions for convicted sex offenders.

Proposition 84 - Bonds for Wells and Natural Resources: Yes
Allow state gov. to sell 5.4b in bonds for safe drinking water en-

vironmental protection and flood control, and park improvements and planning.

Proposition 85 - Parental notification about Abortion: No
Require a doctor to notify a parent or guardian prior to a minor's abortion.

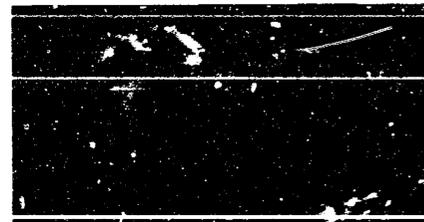
Proposition 86 - Cigarette Tax: No
Add \$2.60 sales tax on cigarettes to be spent on health programs.

Proposition 87 - Oil Tax for Clean Energy: No
Set up \$48 program to reduce use of oil and create a clean energy program.

Proposition 88 - Property Tax for Education: No
Create new state tax of \$30 on each property for specific K-12 education programs.

Proposition 89 - Public Funding of Political Funds: No
Set up a system of public funding for political campaigns by raising state income tax on corporations by 0.2 percent.

Proposition 90 - Property Rights: No
Take away the public's inalienable right to force sale of private property for public use.



BECKY JIMENEZ / THE RIP

Dr. Will Flickinger and his wife Joan watch the election results on a plasma TV at the Republican headquarters.

SHERIFF: Wimbish gracious

was time to get someone in this role who can lead the department.

"I have 30 years of experience, the overall package makes me qualified," said Youngblood.

He continued, "Mack Wimbish's on-the-job training was a complete failure."

Youngblood has high qualifications for the position; he has an A.A. from Bakersfield College, a B.A. and a M.P.A. from the Golden Gate University, and has a lifetime teaching credential from UCLA. Youngblood's background stands in

contrast to Wimbish, who only has a 1961 diploma from Arvin High School.

According to Don Langdon, a supporter, people feel that Youngblood will bring the sheriff's department to where it needs to be.

"He's well qualified," said Langdon. "Ever since his late teens he's worked his way up to commander."

Youngblood's professional experience includes the U.S. Army, Vietnam veteran, unit sergeant, and was out of the day rallying up her base voters. Kane Barbero, a Parra staffer

said of a Democrat-controlled House. "Valley members in Congress will have more of a voice, but on the flip side, [Rep. Bill] Thomas won't have the Appropriations Committee chair, so that might be a hit for the valley."

When asked about Thomas' successor, Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Youngblood said he was disappointed in him being very frustrated in Washington, D.C., because of his freshman status in a now Democratic House of Representatives.

The attendees also seemed cautiously celebratory over the wins the Democratic Party had been experiencing across the country, which included control of the House of Representatives.

"I think that we need to find a solution to Iraq, negotiate peace, and have a clear plan," said real estate broker Bernard Walker, talking in low tones.

"People are looking for they need a solution to problems we have. I hope we can address them now." If Langue was the reason for the atmosphere at the party, then it was well-warranted. Parra's staff and supporters had been out all of the day rallying up her base voters. Kane Barbero, a Parra staffer



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BC BRAINS

Compiled by Jose M. Vega / The Rip

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

What is genocide?



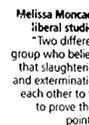
Chris Sides, computer programming: "Kill a nation or religion."



Christian Vallejo, undeclared: "Something to do with gender?"



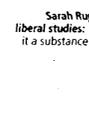
Emmanuel Aroyo, undeclared: "When killing a group of people."



Melissa Moncada, liberal studies: "Two different groups who believe that slaughtering and exterminating each other to try to prove their point."



Michelle Franzen, undeclared: "Mass murder."



Sarah Rupe, liberal studies: "Is it a substance?"



Correct answer: The systematic planned extermination of an entire national, racial, political, or ethnic group.

Rules changing with probation

Students beware: the policy for academic probation is changing for Bakersfield College.

By ARNETHA PIERCE
Rip staff writer

There will be a new Academic Probation/Disqualification Procedure implemented immediately.

This is a districtwide policy for all Kern Community College District campuses, Bakersfield College, Porterville College and Cerro Coso College.

According to Sue Vaughn, director of admissions at BC, "There have been 2,400 letters sent to students who are considered being in bad status when cumulative grade point averages have fallen below 2.0."

"They will be placed on academic probation," Vaughn continued to state that, "The district insisted on being consistent with the statewide policy and procedures because the legislature can't keep paying for students who are not qualified."

Hoolyse Davajian, department chair counseling, said, "It is urgent

that you see your counselor immediately so that you can continue your education."

"We have been generous in the past; that will no longer apply."

"The rules have always been there, so don't be surprised of the strict new policies being implemented."

Davajian said students should find out what they need to continue their education because the computer could delete them if corrections are not made.

According to Vaughn, when a student's GPA falls below 2.0, "You (the student) are put on probation, you need to meet with a counselor to improve your GPA, which entails tutoring, meeting with professors, study groups, improving basic skills and study skills, and limiting units to 12."

Vaughn said if a GPA improves, a student can add more units if the student doesn't have a limit of 12.

Vaughn said, "A second-time probation entails seven units."

"If there is an improvement you can move up to 12 units. If the GPA drops to 1.0-1.99, the student is disqualified. There is an appeal process, of circumstances, of sickness or death. The circumstances must be documented."

— Sue Vaughn, Director of admissions



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AN-124 Condor was on display at Meadows Field Oct. 26.

Largest aircraft lands in Bakersfield

By MARILYN WHIPKEY
Rip staff writer

At dusk on Oct. 26, the world's largest certified aircraft touched down in Bakersfield.

According to Teresa Hitchcock, analysis and marketing manager for the airport, the aircraft originated from Honolulu, then resettled in San Diego, and then from San Diego, the aircraft came to Bakersfield. It arrived in Bakersfield to pick up two firefighter helicopters.

The Russian-built AN-124 Condor is the highest-flying cargo aircraft in production, Hitchcock said. Hitchcock explained that the dimensions of the aircraft are 226 feet, 8 inches in length, 240 feet, 6 inches wingspan, and 68 feet, 2 inches in height.

Hitchcock further elaborated that the speed of the aircraft is 537 mph and can go up to 10,250 miles with maximum fuel.

The aircraft is made for long-range delivery. It is designed for air dropping of heavy cargo including



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equipment, machines and troops, Hitchcock said. The maximum weight the aircraft can carry is 892,872 pounds, said Hitchcock.

"There are other aircrafts larger than the AN-124, such as, the A380 but they are not certified to fly yet," Hitchcock said. "The AN-124 is the largest operating certified aircraft there is."

After spending a night in Bakersfield, the Condor took off from Meadows Field Airport heading back to Honolulu.

CRIME BEAT

Oct. 23 Time unknown

In Bakersfield College's southwest parking lot, an act of vehicle burglary occurred involving a Hispanic male who reportedly reached into the car and pilfered a medical kit and a black backpack.

Oct. 25 between 7:30 and 11:30 p.m.

Grand theft auto was reported to have occurred off the BC campus around Church and Noel streets.

Oct. 31 Time unknown

An unknown perpetrator vandalized a BC student's car in BC's south-east parking lot by scratching several derogatory words on the car.

Oct. 24 at 1:30 p.m.

\$130 was removed from a car in BC's southwest lot by unknown perpetrators.

Oct. 26 Time unknown

BC's Financial Aid department reported an act of peace disturbance by an upset BC student concerned about his check. The report was forwarded to the dean of students.

Nov. 2 Time unknown

At BC's Weill Institute, an individual walked into a classroom and began an argument with a student who had taken out a restraining order against the individual. The instructor in the classroom notified BC's Public Safety department.

Oct. 25 Time unknown

On the 4,000 block of Dana Street, unidentified perpetrators smashed the passenger window of a car and removed two wallets from underneath.

Oct. 27-Oct. 30

A BC golf cart was stolen from

around BC's Outdoor Theater area.

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CAMPUS

Litterbug problem at BC

By DONNY VAN SLO滕
Rip staff writer



A littered corner of BC on the north side of the counseling offices.

Campus trash has been an ongoing problem, according to Bakersfield College janitors. "Think of all the pieces of trash littered around campus; it deteriorates the school's image, BC janitors say.

"I litter because no one ever gets caught. It's like those signs on the side of the road that say \$1,000 dollar fine for littering. I've never heard of anyone getting fined," said a student who declined to give a name. "Security needs to step up, and fine those who litter. Junior high and high school are over with. It's time to be adults," said custodian James Hendrix.

Five students were asked why they littered. Two said they littered because they don't care.

The remaining three said it was because they are too lazy. "I'm too lazy to get up, but I try to make it to the trashcan," said another student who declined to give a name. Raquel Dominguez, an administrative assistance major, said, "I've noticed a lot of trash on

campus; it seems like the students don't care about BC's appearance."

The cafeteria and the Campus Center are often covered in trash. "The other day I noticed two members of the [Student Government Association] sweeping trash off the table into trashcans because the tables were so littered," said Patty Golembefskie, liberal studies major.

The problem with trash isn't just isolated to one area of campus. "Trash can be found in the parking lots, around the quad, and every other area on campus, BC janitors said. Some areas aren't as bad as others, they admit.

"I've seen people littering on campus everyday. Some places are pretty bad; it could be better," said Daniel Newman, a business major. The trash littered on BC doesn't just affect the campus appearance. It means janitors will have to work that much harder, he said. "We all need to work together to maintain the problem with trash on campus. This is 156 acres of beautiful property. Trash is affecting that," said Tim Carroll, BC grounds and custodial director.

Indecisive students can't pick a major according to census

By JEFFREY MENDOZA
Rip staff writer

A census taken in 2005 on majors by their popularity proves that at Bakersfield College, the most popular major isn't really a major at all.

It is actually "undeclared" for most of these college students who can't seem to decide what they want to be when they grow up. Undeclared made the top of the list with 17.9 percent of 14,548 students surveyed on campus.

Following on the list was registered nursing with 9.1 percent. However, it appears as though students may be coming to college with more direction.

Previous surveys taken in 2003 and 2004 show that Bakersfield College's most popular major has become slightly less popular than the years before.

Undeclared dropped about 10 percent from 2003. (Approximately 9.89 percent)

The list is varied from major to major, but the fact still remains that not everyone on campus is completely sure what purpose they want to serve. "Ever since I was a little kid I liked to design houses," said architecture major Kamie Fernando, "I want my own company, and to have my own employees, people who work for me, so that way we could build more houses."

When asked about his opinion on the fact that most of BC's students are undeclared, BC president William Andrews was not surprised. "Students first coming to BC need to explore their careers," said Andrews.

"On the other hand, it would be ideal if every student coming to BC knew what they wanted to major in and stayed with it until the completion of their degree."

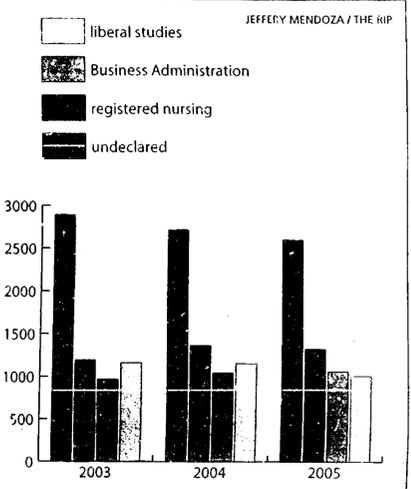
Fabian Vega, 18, who is currently undeclared says, "I'm thinking about doing architecture."

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Educational advisor Lakesha Ray has been at BC for two years and said that the reason for so many undeclared students may be the school's online registration system.

"They might be unfamiliar with all the majors we have to offer," said Ray. "I believe that when they do their update form in the system they never change the undeclared status to the major they have selected."

As an adviser, Lakesha would like to let students know, "the best way to determine a major is to utilize the counseling services on campus, and/or our career center to assist them in declaring a major."



Being sad does not have to be the end

Brian Wetzel speaks to BC students about his journey with depression, and teaches how to use humor as a tool.

By MARCINDA COIL
Rip staff writer

"Side by Side: A Journey With Depression" visited the Bakersfield College campus Monday and Tuesday. Brian Wetzel, a comedian, performed the one-man monologue that reconstructed his battle with depression.

"If I had a gun that night, I might not be here tonight," said Wetzel talking about a night that should have been great.

Wetzel's show contained reenactments of his obstacles he had gone through, analogies to help the audience understand depression, and humor.

Dramatic lights and sounds added to the stage's backdrop, which pictured a translucent man climbing a spider web with a set of scales and a question mark hanging above his head.

"Depression is like a spider web," said Wetzel. According to Wetzel, depression is a very difficult ailment to live with, and the only way to deal with it is to face it head on.

Wetzel not only told his audience how he came to face his depression, he showed them through his humor.

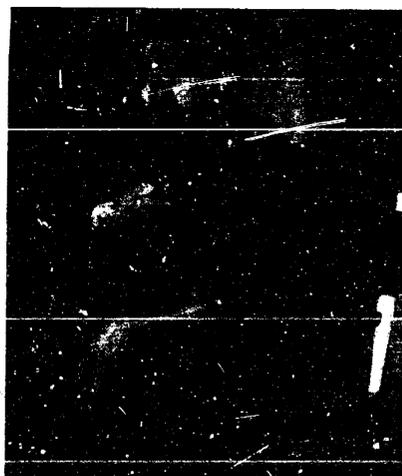
"Press 6 if you're getting annoyed," mocked Wetzel about his phone conversation with the operator of a 24-hour emergency psychiatric hotline.

According to Wetzel, there are five phrases that friends and family should never say to a person battling depression such as "I know just how you feel" and "just shake it off," which he claims is impossible to shake off.

"There is no we in depression," said Wetzel. "there is only you."

Even though Sammy, Frankie, and Dean (voices in his head) deterred him from being happy, Wetzel said that he hid behind a comic.

Although Wetzel did not care any-



Comedian, Brian Wetzel, presented "Side by Side: A Journey With Depression."

more, he tried to deal with the depression by trying out jobs that fit his mood.

"Camp Low Serotonin," according to Wetzel, would have fit this description.

Wetzel also explained how he tried to see himself through PCP (Prozac, coffee, and pot).

"I can make a bong (smoking device) out of anything," according to Wetzel, he can make one out of an apple. "That is how I got fruit in my diet."

After Wetzel had battled depression for 20 years, he finally came to the conclusion that one must not fight depression but live alongside it.

He claimed that he came to this conclusion after his encounter with a psychiatrist who had a very thick French accent.

He saw humor in it. Wetzel then concluded the show not only with a question and answer session, but with some advice to those who are suffering with depression.

"Turn around, make eye contact," said Wetzel, "and begin the journey."

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Hair gone wild on campus

By DONNY VAN SLO滕
Rip staff writer

You may waste time, or you may dress up to go somewhere important, in any event, your hair plays a big role in your personality, according to Bacus.

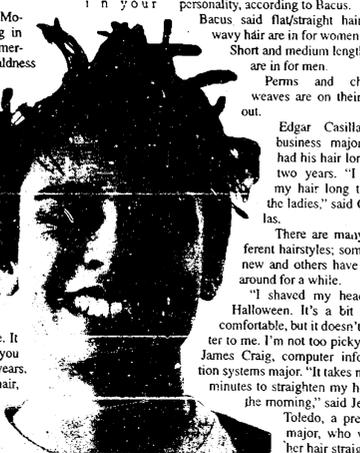
Bacus said flat/straight hair and wavy hair are in for women. Short and medium length hair are in for men.

Perms and chunky waves are on their way out.

Edgar Casillas, a business major has had his hair long for two years. "I keep my hair long to get the ladies," said Casillas.

There are many different hairstyles; some are new and others have been around for a while.

"I shaved my head for Halloween. It's a bit more comfortable, but it doesn't matter to me. I'm not too picky," said James Craig, computer information systems major. "It takes me 15 minutes to straighten my hair in the morning," said Jessica Toledo, a pre-med major, who wears her hair straight.



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OPINION

Trendy Madonna adopts

Superstar Madonna, is baffled by overwhelming attention by the press regarding her adoption of a Malawian boy.

By LISA VARGAS
Online editor

The general public loves to hear about celebrities in the news. Lately, the big trend is celebrities adopting babies from third-world countries.

Recently, Madonna adopted a baby boy from Africa.

This is all fine and dandy, but when the media started covering this, and making a big spectacle out of it, Madonna played dumb.

On the Oprah Winfrey show, she said that she had no idea that it was going to turn into such a big news story.

I guess she doesn't remember Angelina Jolie's adoption of two children.

There were so many stories about that there could have been whole magazines dedicated to each adoption.

Madonna is by a far bigger celebrity than Angelina Jolie, and for her to think the press would not go nuts over her adoption is just ridiculous.

Yes, the tabloids were making a big deal out of this and swarming her with cameras, but these tabloids knew that getting stories and pictures about that is what is going to sell papers.

I'm not trying to defend these tabloids just because I am a part of the media, I just feel these celebrities need to accept the fact that this is going to happen when they do something so drastic.

The press is a part of a celebrity's life.

Madonna is one of the many celebrities who know how to work the press.

If she really didn't want the media to find out about her adoption, I'm sure she could have hidden it somehow with all of her money.

I also find it funny that she has been complaining about the media so much and the first thing she does is uses the media to complain about it.

She goes on talk shows to talk about the media and how terrible they are.

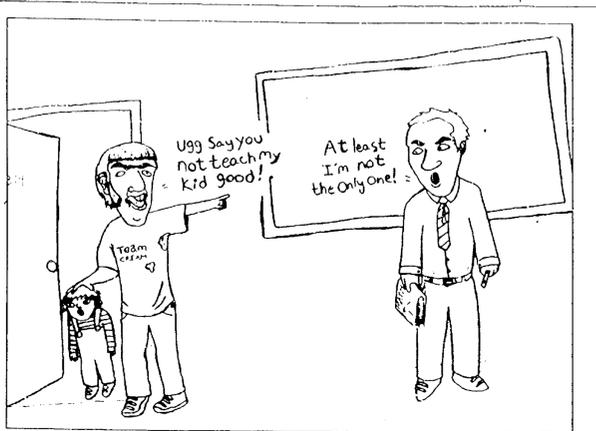
First off, she should be at home taking care of her new baby.

Secondly, if she hates the media so much, why is she talking to any of them?

If it were not for the media, Madonna would have never been such a big pop star.

She needs to shut up and accept the fact that overwhelming attention to her adoption of that Malawi baby was bound to happen, or she could at least act less shocked about it.

Madonna should be thankful that, after all these years, the public still cares about her, because if it were not for all of her publicity stunts, she would be completely washed up.



JEFFREY MENDOZA / THE RIP

Parents should own up to responsibility

By ARNETHA PIERCE
Rip staff writer

It is a bit disingenuous for parents to blame the failure of their children's education, and the conditions of the schools, on the teacher.

Many parents do not prepare their children for school. It is up to the parents to take time to educate their children, beginning with teaching them their ABC's, name, address, telephone number, and most importantly, manners, respect for authority, and respect for others.

Teachers are at a disadvantage when parents send to school potentially disruptive children who are not prepared to learn. The teacher will be spending the majority of his or her time disciplining children who have no home training or discipline. Teachers should be paid just as much as doctors. Our children's care and welfare is entrusted to teachers around eight hours a day and for five days a week.

Teachers should also be carefully selected to deserve top pay. We can't have a physical education major teaching our children science or mathematics.

When my daughter was 3 years old, I enrolled her into the Mickey Mouse Book Club, and I also ordered the monthly Highlights Magazines. My daughter began reading at the age of three. Receiving books in the mail stimulated her desire to want to learn how to read.

Reading is the key. Once a child learns how to read, it will open up many opportunities for self-motivation to learn, and everything comes easy for that child who knows how to read.

When that child begins his or her first year of school, the preparation, and foundation is already there because of his or her knowledge of reading.

Knowing how to read builds confidence, and a hunger to learn more, when you are a child. You can't wait until you get a letter from the child's teacher telling you that your child is failing before you intervene.

You need to prepare that child as early as possible for school.

Don't blame the teacher; the blame lies within you. If you are not satisfied with the school that your child attends, get involved, find out if you can make a difference, or do as I did: enroll your child in a private school.

Just don't be an absentee parent, and let your child suffer the consequences of not being educated. Education is important. Education means knowledge, and knowledge equals empowerment. Once children are well educated, that is something that no one can ever take away from them.

There is only one machine, located in the

Writer wary of futuristic coke dispenser robot

Writer marvels at advances in nanotechnology, but still thinks that robotic coke machine is a bit too slow.

By NICK STOCKTON
News editor

The new Coke machines in the campus center are powered by robots.

And while I applaud the SGA and their support of the future, I am wary.

Wary of a future that is coming too fast, and wary of a soda that comes to my mouth too slow.

Because despite the awesome advances in nanotechnology that were used to bring the future to BC, it takes the AI in the coke machine one

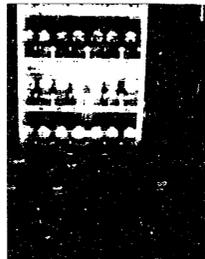
minute to give me my soda, timed from the moment I push the button for the soda I desire until the airlock chamber opens, presenting it to me.

In a way, I did appreciate this, because it allowed me to marvel at the awesome advances that have taken place and reflect on how much more superior we are than a wild pack animals without thumbs.

But then I thought more about these wild pack animals, let's assume they are cougars.

If we were to channel our abilities in future science reconnaissance and use them to harness the might of the natural world, wouldn't we be able to instead make a Coke machine that is powered by a tsunami, made from oak, that has baby cougars inside ferreting my coke to the vine that swings the beverage into my hand?

So why have we focused our science on robots instead of cougars? Are robots really that much cooler



ALEXANDER GAY / THE RIP

Futuristic robotic Coke machines on campus fuel BC student paranoia.

looking?

Sure, we can replicate all the best parts of a cougar (claws, fangs) in a robot and do away with the bad (tails) and have it all in an awesome, blinking metal package, but does this

come at the expense of the natural biological functions and catlike reflexes needed to wield these weapons?

What good are a pair of fangs when they aren't dripping with saliva?

And perhaps razor sharp claws (made from real razors) aren't so hot when they fail to pounce on a robot zebra due to the hydraulic pumps powering the hind legs being low on fluid.

I am a simple man, and I have a simple request in light of all this introspection: I only ask that the SGA and the governing body of Bakersfield College take facts like these into consideration before any upcoming, important decision regarding robots.

In a way, I did appreciate this time, because it allowed me to marvel at the awesome advances that have taken place...

Energy drinks a vital part of student survival

More energy drink machines needed on campus to provide zombie like students with energy to get through classes.

By MARCINDA COIL
Rip staff writer

Energy drinks are a necessary resource on college campuses.

Although Bakersfield College offers some vending machines containing this resource, there are not enough energy drink machines to accommodate students.

There is only one machine, located in the

Humanities Building, devoted solely to providing student zombies with life.

However, students are often seen depositing money only to find out their special elixir is sold out.

It will be days before red diesel the life-saver campuses tribute students need includ-

drinks. energy However, drinks are being replaced by coke, which the Campus Center used to provide to the many students who wander through the center in

search for vending machines.

Thirsty students want to quench their thirst while obtaining the energy needed to race them through the day.

According to many nutritionists' Web sites, the drinks offer this energy because it contains enough caffeine comparable to a cup of coffee or a single-serving size of No-Doz (an over the counter medicine that helps keep people awake).

Although nutritionists' criticize its caffeine content, it is not likely that students are going to drop dead of an overdose. Compare the prices. Energy drinks cost more than soda, so as a result, students only drink ROCKSTAR when it is absolutely necessary to get them through the day.

Not only do energy drinks provide students

with energy, the drinks provide nutrients that make it a necessary resource.

According to FactExpert.com, "[I]n energy drinks, each calorie is loaded with something essential and important."

Although nutritionists say that the B vitamins, contained in energy drinks, are useless because people receive their recommended values through food, students do not eat enough food.

Many students are stranded in classes all day long, and that makes getting the time to replenish themselves with nutritious food difficult, so students are lacking in nutrition; energy drinks can supply the nutrients busy students need.

When soda nutritional values are compared with the values of energy drinks, soda nutritional values are nil.

GRADE FEEDBACK

What do you think about the hanging verdict given to Saddam Hussein?



Jonathan Nunez, fire technology. "Deserved it for what he did."



Jeff Burke, radiology. "Appropriate. Maybe a little harsh, but appropriate."



James Duque, automotive. "It's fair that he's going to be hung cause he killed a lot of people and children."



Joshua Aquino, general engineering. "Totally fair."



Samantha Wilson, American sign language. "Awesome."



Crystal Arroyo, early childhood development. "That's what he gets."

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FEATURES



Borat learns how to tell a "NOTI" joke from an American humor coach.

Cohen's 'Borat': A Kazakhstan native's humorous U.S. road trip

By MICHAEL PLAZA
Rip staff writer

If you are a fan of "Da Ali G Show" or anything Sacha Baron Cohen has done, "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," will not disappoint you.

Cohen has appeared frequently on "Da Ali G Show," as Borat with his oftentimes offensive, always funny scenes, but this is an entire 84 minutes of his act. The film is about Borat coming to America from Kazakhstan, where he is a television reporter. His company sends him to America to learn from their success. While in New York, Borat catches an episode of "Baywatch," and falls in love with Pamela Anderson. Most of the film is about his journey alongside his producer, Azamat Bagatov, to find Pamela.

Borat travels from New York to California in an old ice cream truck. Along the way he mingles with different people meant to teach him how to act like an American. Cohen is fearless in the things he says and does in the film, as usual.



MARK SCHWARTZBARD

Borat's furry friend scares other motorists.

This film, along with most of the other things Cohen has done, is raising questions. People are wondering if Cohen is racist, or if the film is a parody of racist attitudes. There is no doubt that "Borat" is racist. There is also no question that he makes fun of everything he possibly can. However, that is what Cohen's works are about. This film is meant to make you laugh and should be taken that way.

The film has strong language, nudity and a lot of crude humor, but it is one of the funniest films I have seen in a while. I strongly recommend you respect the "R" rating. If you are looking to laugh and have a good time, go watch this movie.

Tripline's CD 'Right There' fails to make listener reel

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Editor in chief

You will never reel over Tripline. Nor will you swoon over this local band's lurching instrumental ability, nor their nebulous vocal ability, nor their banal lyrics.

However, the one thing distinguishing Tripline's CD "Right There" is that the bland lyrics do not preach anarchy although the CD features the standard operational guitar and drum distortion that typifies a lot of other ho-hum bands; the lumbering chaos in Tripline's instrumentation does not permeate its lyrics. However, that is not saying much for them. I'll say this much for Tripline: when Tripline played live Oct. 26 at Bakersfield College during Homecoming Week, they sounded about the way they do on their CD; however, that is not much of a compliment. Often there

is a discrepancy between the way a band sounds on a CD and the way they sound live.

However, that still is not saying much for this band; the cynical twang of Tripline's guitars coupled with their almost cloying, trite lyrics seems almost oxymoronic. At times, Tripline tries for the chthonic appeal that dates back to Jim Morrison, but they basically fail in such songs as "By My Side" and "Right There."

When Tripline's lyrics occasionally surface from deep underneath the slashing rain torrent of drum work, they are clichés, such as "fight 'til the end," "time is the enemy," "you can run to me," "I'll be right there for you," etc. Perhaps Tripline can be forgiven for that, since usually rock music lyrics are often hackneyed and not at all impressive. At least Tripline's lyrics are not obnoxious.

However, you'll never fall for Tripline's lines. You should not. Tripline's "balls out" tottering instrumentation is slightly better than singer and guitarist Spencer Walker's vocal ability; however, nothing about their instrumental attempts at affecting primordial chaos is unique. Walker appears to struggle weakly to keep up with the pace set by the guitar and drums. The slogging pace of his voice stays pretty much the same throughout all of Tripline's songs (on stage and on the CD "Right There").

Walker and the two other members seem to be in a musical neck-to-neck race to beat the other to their anti-climactic punch, which is the way all of their songs seem to end. It almost seems like Tripline wants to speed through their songs just in case the listeners get bored, and they seem to assume that that is an ominous possibility.

Ani Difranco: Guitar virtuoso reminds reviewer of the 'Boss'

By NICK STOCKTON
News editor

When I told my friend that we at the newspaper had received Ani Difranco's new live CD, "Carnegie Hill 4.6.02" for review, some pseudo-math equation is what she tells me as a reply, "Five then seven, then six or eight."

So I asked her to elaborate. Instead, she smiled graciously and let me grasp what she was talking about in my own time. What she was talking about were, of course, track numbers, her favorites to be exact.

Originally, I intended to listen to the CD in the order that she had suggested. However, since I had had only the faintest of exposure to Ani Difranco, I decided to go about it the old-fashioned way.

So, I slide the disc in, and my first impression is that Ani is a very underrated guitar player. The way she picks and strums her chords is simply ferocious. She exaggerates all the staple strengths of the acoustic guitar, while at the same time making the pitch and tone dance around her rapid poetry-jam lyric style.

But, however impressive this shirking of volume control is, it also happens to be my main complaint of the CD. I've already explained that I have very little experience listening to Ani Difranco.

What I did not admit is that she completely out of proportion with the enormous amount of Ani Difranco jokes I've told.

Ani is pretty much my fallback scapegoat I use to heckle any girl whenever she wants to change the CD at a party.

Well, with the help of this CD, karma bit my self-consciousness right in the face.

I tried to keep Ani at a safe volume (I had forgotten my headphones) on the computer, so that I could hear only her.

Then Ani would whisper low, and just as I had turned the volume up to hear what she was playing, she would blast me in the face with an angry lyric about being sexually abused by some guy in London.

Ani and I tangoed back and forth like this for the entire CD, which is actually pretty good. Am I an Ani fan now, though? I doubt it.

Despite how great of a guitarist she is, and despite her incredibly personal lyrics, her music continues to have way too much in common with one of my sister's dresses; it doesn't fit me right and makes me feel kind of uncomfortable.

As for my friend and her assessment, she was right. Track five has that amazing guitar work that so enamored me, while seven displays both Ani's storytelling ability and her connection with the audience.

I would listen to track eight directly after seven, since it is a continuation of her story.

Track six is the only track she chose that I disagreed with. If I were to pick, I would go with track one because it kind of reminds me of some old Bruce Springsteen, and Bruce Springsteen is the Boss.

NEWS BRIEFS

AmeriCorps food drive

Bakersfield College's AmeriCorps is holding its Canned Food Battle that began Nov. 1 and ends Dec. 1. AmeriCorps is inviting teams of 5-10 people to collect cans and deliver them to Isabel Castaneda in Campus Center 3.

The team with the most can select a prize of a catered lunch or tickets to Disneyland. Winners will be announced at the AmeriCorps graduation Dec. 8.

For information, contact Castaneda at 395-4839 or icastane@bakersfieldcollege.edu

Club plant sale

The Holiday Plant Sale and Bazaar by Horticulture Club will be held at BC on Nov. 18 and will act as a fundraiser for school clubs.

Any clubs or staff interested can contact instructor Lindsay Ono at 935-4938.

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Jesse Ibarra attends the HACU 20th anniversary

By TYRONE BARNER
Rip staff writer

Jesse Ibarra, the Bakersfield College ambassador for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, just returned from HACU's 20th anniversary get together in San Antonio.

Ibarra, 34, has been the ambassador for about four months and has attended BC for four years. He's majoring in liberal studies and history.

Ibarra said he heard about the program from a professor on the campus who was aware of the program and suggested that Ibarra apply.

Applicants have to have a letter of recommendation from an instructor and submit the application along with about 9,000 others from all over the country. Only 150 are picked to attend and Ibarra was one of the ones selected.

Ibarra went on to say that he is the only ambassador here at BC with Cal State Bakersfield having four. These gatherings take place once a year with the next one being in Chicago, and HACU has also finalized a commitment with Spain to have one there.

Some of the workshops offered at the event were leadership, discussion on the college drop-out rate of not only Hispanics but other minorities as well.

Ibarra said that he was surprised to see the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency with their own recruitment



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Jesse Ibarra is the ambassador of the HACU.

booths. The Coast Guard was also involved, bringing in students of a higher caliber.

When asked about what he got from his trip, Ibarra was quick to say "cultural enrichment, networking, and being a minority in the same struggle with other minorities; we see eye-to-eye on a lot of things."

Ibarra added that he was surprised also to see a large number of African Americans in attendance.

HACU offers a lot of programs and has become a political force in Washington, D.C., and HACU is able to lobby on a lot of issues.

'Family' finds home under tree

The students that gather in the Campus Center almost every day are close friends who share the same interests and ideas.

By ARNETHA PIERCE
Rip staff writer

There are many inquiries as to the people who occupy the three stone tables under the tree in Bakersfield College's Campus Center quad.

The group seemed reluctant to welcome someone else at first, but then the conversation began to flow. They began talking about who they were and why they occupy those three tables.

We have the same personalities, dress, language, and ideas. We are considered being the outcasts and have been kicked out of groups who are deemed to be the norm, according to James Reese, culinary arts student and spokesperson of "the family."

The people under that tree are students at BC. Many of the students feel that they are being singled out, ostracized and pigeonholed. "We are sometimes loud, dress gothic, and love certain types of music, and love life



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The same group of students can regularly be found socializing in the Campus Center.

as it minus the stress and aggravation it can bring. We are being judged, and criticized by people who have no knowledge of who we are," said Reese. Many of the students mentioned their majors.

According to Amy Smith, "I have a triple major of forestry, animal science and agriculture business. I'll be transferring to CSU, Northridge." Jason O'totto and Emily Davenport "have chosen criminal justice." In the medical field, the group boasted Jessica

Prescott in nursing, Nita Martin in pediatrics, and Samantha Wheeler in sign language.

For a possible stage act of the future, Sara Tielch has chosen theater arts, and Loren Miller said she is a physics major.

There are two "family" members, Nathan Wilson "without a major," and Noemi Angel "taking general studies." The last "family" members are Josh Gorman and Wayne White, who stated that, "They were visiting friends of the family," and Heather

Barnes, who said she came to BC to "check out a few classes." Other students have certain perceptions of the "family."

According to Stephanie Medina, "I talk to them. They are a little different. They hang out here all day. I don't have time to hang out. I have a job." Samantha Coson said, "Only high school kids would think like that. Most people are individuals who prefer not to be in a clique or group. I have no problem talking to them one on one, when I see them in my class. Their group is too large to approach. It is a little intimidating."

"There are cliques all over this campus, small and large. There is no need for cliques. Cliques are for the needy. I think their group is a carryover from high school. I think that they just like that tree," said Josh Hicks.

"I talk to them all the time. I think that they are nice. Every one is different, and prefer their own group," said Jasmine Blue.

Regardless of all the complaints, the consensus is that this is a public place. According to Don Turney, BC dean of students, "There has only been one or two times a semester that I had to ask the group under the tree to quiet down."

As far as anyone wanting to occupy those tables under that tree, it is first come, first served. There are other places and trees on this campus."

'Dead' display is tradition

By BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

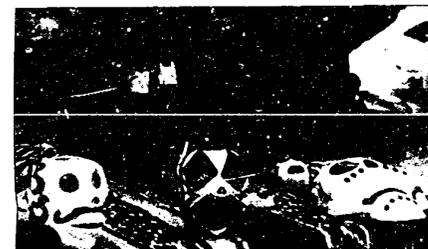
Bakersfield College's Maize club celebrated the annual cultural tradition, Day of the Dead, on Oct. 31 - Nov. 2.

Maize set up an altar displaying photos, Mexican lottery cards, colorful painted skulls, flowers, sugar skulls, cigarettes, glasses of water and bread in BC's Campus Center stage.

The photos displayed consisted of different Mexican and Cuban icons that have died such as Che Guevara (Cuban revolutionist), Emiliano Zapata (Mexican Revolutionist), and Diego Rivera.

A lot of the heroes are not just political, but were people who stood up for the poor. They were true icons, real heroes, said Carlos Gomez, Maize club member. The altar also displayed relatives of club members who have died.

The Day of the Dead is often misunderstood. Jesse Ibarra, Maize club president, said many think it is a way



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Jesse Ibarra, member of Maize, celebrates the life of his brother (right) who was shot to death at age 17.

of worshipping the dead. But in reality, death is a beautiful thing. It is a way of honoring our loved ones, Ibarra said.

The pre-Columbian festival is an indigenous festival, and it is not just celebrated in Mexico. It is also celebrated in Central America and South America.

In Mexico, Day of the Dead is a mixture of pre-Hispanic and Christian traditions and beliefs. Many believe that the spirits of the dead return on the day of the holiday.

Some places celebrate the festival for a day or an entire week, said Ibarra. In traditional Mexico, families gather and visit graves at cemeteries of dead loved ones said Gomez.

The altar includes four main elements of nature - earth, wind, water and fire. Earth is represented by

flowers. The Mexicans believe that the aroma of food frees the souls. A moving object represents wind. Tissue paper is commonly used to represent wind. A wax candle represents fire. Each lit candle represents a soul, and an extra one is placed for the forgotten soul.



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An altar, which includes a variety of rituals, is displayed at BC from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, hosted by Maize.

SGA gives free food to students

By TYRONE BARNER
Rip staff writer

"Free food, come and eat because it's free," stated the signs for Western Day on Oct. 25 in celebration of Homecoming Week.

The Student Government Association decided to offer free food several days during the week.

"Students like it when they can get something for free and save a little money," said Sharon Lindsey, 55, whose professional goal is to be a domestic violence counselor.

"This is such a great honor that they could feed the students like this," said Lindsey.

"I think it's very cool," said Michelle Thompson, 18, biology major. Ben Bailey, 19, a graphic design major, said, "I thought it was really good of them to take time out of their busy schedule to pass out free food."

Many students gathered in the long lines for the tri-tip, dinner rolls and a soda.

Christian Vallejo, 18, undecided on a major, said that she really enjoyed the tri-tip and was thankful because she was hungry.

Andrew Stice, 19, an automotive major, thought it was a pretty good idea for them to do the tri-tip feed.

"Diversity through unity is what we are reaching for," said Sarah Cuellar, activities liaison for the SGA.

She also said that these activities were made possible by monies raised through the sale of students' discount cards.

In the afternoon there was a mechanical bull-riding contest, which



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BC student Tonya Farris takes advantage of a free tri-tip lunch offered to students by the SGA.

those who participated seemed to enjoy.

Sam Bautista, 35, sociology and Chicano studies major, thought the bull riding was "cool."

He was the only one not tossed from the bull.

Casey Lopez, 19, criminal justice major, thought it was cool being on a mechanical bull and sliv it as something different.

Ana Vega, 20, nursing major, never did anything like it before and said it was fun.

BC Renegades rack, sack Pirates and Raiders

By LEANNE CAVE
Special to the Rip

The Bakersfield College football team will travel to Santa Maria on Saturday for its regular season finale against conference rival, Allan Hancock College.

Currently, the Renegades (7-1, 6-0) are ranked fourth in the Commission on Athletic Southern California Regional poll and are in first place in the Western State Conference North Division.

The Renegades will need a win against Hancock to secure a home playoff berth in the Golden Empire Bowl, at Memorial Stadium on Nov. 18.

As usual, getting the win won't be easy for the 'Gades, as the Hancock Bulldogs (7-2, 4-1) will present a tough challenge, especially on their home field.

"We will have our hands full against Allan Hancock," Jeff Chudy, BC head coach, said. "They are No. 1 in the conference offensively, they run the ball well. We will need a good week of practice and a strong defensive effort on Saturday to beat them. They need a win just like we do."

Playing on the opposition's field certainly hasn't been a problem for BC this season, as the impressive road warriors have won all but one game on the road that being a 48-21 loss to highly ranked Saddleback College on Sept. 9.

Saddleback, not Moorpark College, is the No. 1 ranked team in the Southern California region according to the Commission on Athletic poll. Moorpark was designated as the No. 1 team in the state and nation in the Oct. 23 edition of the Renegade Rip.

Even though the 'Gades started slow in the Nov. 4 contest against the Pirates of Ventura, managing a lowly, 7-0 halftime lead, they weren't going to be derailed post production in the second half, as they pounded the Pirates in every phase of the game and notched a 44-13 victory in the record books.

Running back J.R. Rogers scored midway through the second quarter on a 7-yard run and kicker Will Johnson added the extra point for the seven point edge in the half.

It was a much different story in the second half as both teams combined for 50 points, the 'Gades scoring 23 in the third quarter and 14 in the fourth.

Ventura lit up the home side of the scoreboard early in the third quarter as the Pirates scored on a 20-yard pass from quarterback Annie Fontana to wide receiver Andre Ingram, the extra point was good by kicker Mack Pennington and the game was all tied up at seven a piece.

The Renegades took control of things from that point on, especially on the defensive side of the ball where they set up numerous scoring opportunities for the offense.

"The way the defense has played, creating turnovers and giving us good position makes our job easier on offense," Cody Stone, BC quarterback, said.

After the Pirates were stopped on downs by the "Renegade D," Stone connected on a 67-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver T.J. Lee to give the 'Gades the lead, Johnson added the extra point and the score was 14-7.

The BC defense once again did its job on the next series as they caused the Pirates to fumble the ball away deep in their own territory at the 25-yard line. The 'Gades advanced the ball down to the Ventura 11-yard line where running back Patrick Patterson bulled his way into the end zone taking the middle of the Pirate defense with him. Johnson kicked his third PAT through the uprights and the 'Gades led 21-7.

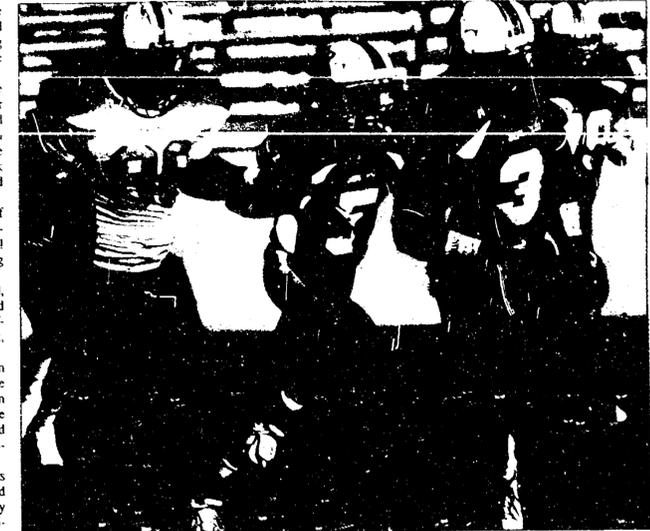
Ventura scored its final six points of the contest on their next possession as Toikou hit Ingram on a 47-yard touchdown pass to make the score 21-13.

Enter the Bakersfield special teams!

On the Pirates extra point attempt, BC outside linebacker, Cedric Rainey blocked the kick, defensive back Kenny Graham picked up the ball and raced 83 yards to the end zone making the score, 23-7.

On BC's next offensive possession, a hole trickery by the special teams paid off.

The Pirates forced the 'Gades to



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Bakersfield College Gades' running back (3) JR Rogers and Moorpark College Raiders' wide receiver (88) Tony Washington.

punt after a good defensive stand. However, BC was not ready to give up the ball. Punter Teddy Lellaganna faked the punt passing the ball to defensive back Brian Putnam. Putnam added six more points to the board as he scampered 62-yards on the play, Johnson kicked the extra point and the 'Gades were up 30-7.

The last 14 points were scored by the BC offense, the BC defense and Johnson. Patterson scored on a 4-yard run for his second touchdown of the game, inside linebacker Daron Mackey picked up a Ventura fumble and returned it 24 yards for a score and Johnson nailed two extra points, making the final score 44-13.

It was the second week in a row that the Renegade offense scored 40

points or more. In the Homecoming game against Moorpark College on Oct. 28, the 'Gades destroyed the Raiders, 41-10.

J.R. Rogers got things rolling for BC offensively in the first quarter against Moorpark as he shredded the Raider defense for a 61-yard touchdown run. Will Johnson added the extra point and the 'Gades were up, 7-0.

In the second quarter it was all BC.

Stone assaulted the Moorpark offense with two touchdown passes, one a 53-yard strike to T.J. Lee and the second a toss to J.R. Rogers who then sprinted 58 yards to the end zone. Will Johnson added the extra points on both occasions and the

'Gades led 21-0. Stone finished the scoring in the first half with a 2-yard run and BC led highly ranked Moorpark 27-0 at the half.

Stone completed 12-of-20 for 192 yards and two touchdown passes and rushed for one.

Rogers was a major force for the Renegade offense in this game as well as he rushed for 166 yards and caught a touchdown pass of 58 yards.

"The offensive line has made the adjustments and they are blocking very well for us," Rogers said.

When asked if the defensive effort has helped the offense, Rogers stated, "absolutely!"

In the third quarter, Stone connected on a 29-yard touchdown pass to



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BC Gades' quarterback, Cody Stone escapes a tackle from Moorpark College players.

wide receiver Attrial Snipes, Johnson kicked the extra point and the 'Gades were in total command with a 34 point lead.

All that the visiting Raiders could muster before the fourth quarter was a 39-yard field goal by place-kicker Felipe Macias.

Rogers capped the scoring for the 'Gades in the fourth quarter with a 39-yard run and Johnson added 41-point for BC.

Moorpark finally scored a consolation touchdown in the final 10 minutes making the final score 41-10.

Besides big plays and offensive production, the BC defense played tough pounding the Raiders in the trenches. The Raider quarterbacks were intercepted 5 times. Two picks by defensive back Kenny Graham and three by free safety Brian Putman.

"It feels great to make the plays," Putman said.

"It's all about team defense. The defensive line applies the pressure up front and we are able to make the plays in the secondary."

The 'Gades will have to make the plays on Saturday as they will face a tough Allan Hancock team in Santa Maria on Saturday.

A loss could hurt their chances of a berth in the Golden Empire Bowl, while a victory would secure the playoff berth. Game time is at 7 p.m.

BC basketball gets under way

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Editor in chief

According to assistant basketball coach Aaron Chavez, there are no basket cases this season in Bakersfield College's men's basketball team.

"We're very athletic. We're better than we were last year, we have a lot of return players, but we also have a lot of quality freshmen who will help the sophomores out," Chavez said.

This year the team has 12 players, according to Chavez, most teams usually have only nine.

The team, Chavez said, is looking forward to strengthening its defense.

"We press 40 minutes a game," Chavez said.

Chavez admitted he is eager to see the new freshmen "add a one-two punch" to future games.

Head coach Rich Hughes believes that the team can profit from the experience of the sophomores; Hughes says there are five returning players, including Terrence Johns who won all state last year and Steve Alford who was all-conference last year.

Hughes said that not only is experience a team strength, but speed also has proven to be a great team asset. However, Hughes conceded that the team's rebounding efforts need improvement.

"We are a smaller team this year, so we need to do a better job of rebounding," Hughes said.

BC opened the season Nov. 7 by beating Hancock 132-91.

Nov. 9-11, the team will engage Ventura at Ventura's Tournament. Nov. 16-18, the team will challenge Fresno/Reedley at the Fresno/Reedley Tournament. Nov. 24-26 is when the team will have its own tournament at Bakersfield.

Volleyball

BC's game against College of the Canyons Oct. 31 was not abysmal. The Renegades won 3-0.

However, their game against Citrus College Nov. 3 was a loss for the team losing 3-1.

Nevertheless, as Coach Carl Ferreira says, the team's strengths continue to be an "ability to manage the game." "I really enjoy this about this team," he said.

With an overall record of 7-5 and 5-4 for WSC, the team continues, as Ferreira says, to try to "minimize unforced errors."

Defensive Specialist Jennifer Britte, 18, believes the team has "improved dramatically."



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BC's Dana Arneson concentrates on her game.

er, and the coach is awesome."

"There's communication in and out of the court," Roach said.

Natalie Hierlmeier, outside hitter, 19, believes the team is developing and improving rapidly as a team.

"We're doing awesome," Hierlmeier said. "We're all friends, and we're all committed to each other."

The team will play an away game at Santa Monica Nov. 10, will host Glendale Nov. 14, and will travel to Canyons on Nov. 17.

Golf

BC sophomore Sara Ansolabehere is this season's standout player for BC's Women's Golf team. Ansolabehere played Nov. 6 at Los Serranos Golfing Course in Chino Hills and shot seven over par, according to BC Women's Golfing coach Larry Cook. Nov. 7 at Chino Hills was the first round for the Southern California Regional playoffs, said Cook.

"Sara shot 81; par is 74," said Cook.

Ansolabehere tied for eighth, said Cook. Cook said that Ansolabehere was the only player who qualified to advance to the next playoff level Nov. 7, which is the state championship at Belmont Country Club at Fresno.

Only the top 12 players make it to the state championship. "We're looking to see Sara keep up her good play," Cook said.

Cook also coaches BC's Men's Golfing team. Men's Golf will start Jan. 15. Cook said last year was the best year for BC's men's golf because the team qualified for the state final championship in northern California during the team's southern California regional championship.

Thirty teams from around the state competed in SoCal, and only four teams go to the state championship, according to Cook.

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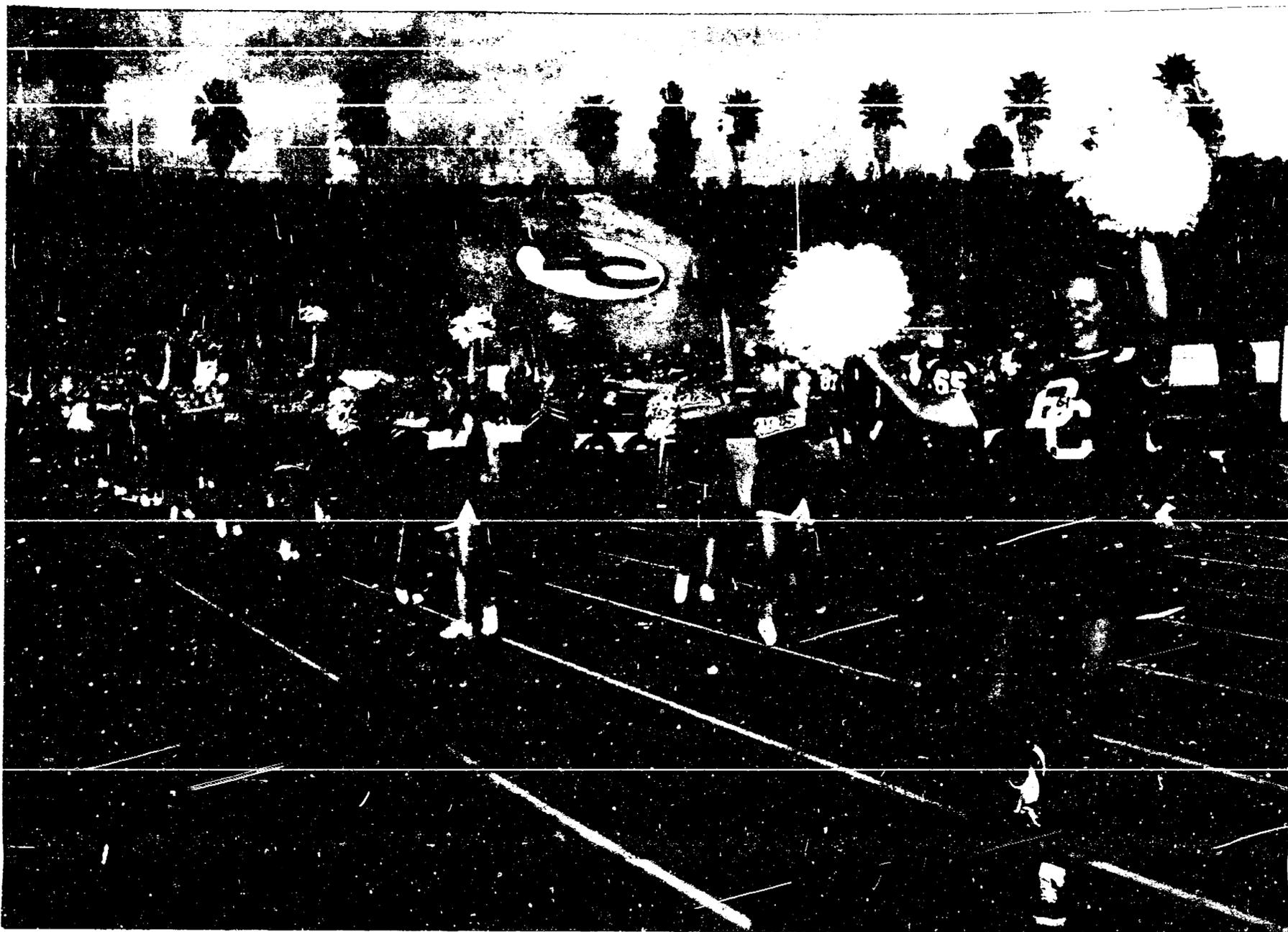
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Homecoming reflects on the past



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The Homecoming game on Oct. 28 against Moorpark had past and present cheerleaders, cheering together for the Bakersfield College Renegades.

By **LEANNE CAVE**
Special to the Rip

Homecoming is the traditional game of the year for alumni, students, football players, cheerleaders and families to "come home" and reflect on past experiences as well as celebrate with current students the one thing we all have in common, "Our Alma Mater."

The 2006 Bakersfield College Homecoming presented a tasty theme from all around the world as we served the 2,812 alumni and fans in attendance, a "Cultural Cocktail."

As always, the Homecoming Procession was led by district chancellor Sandra Serrano. Serrano was followed by BC president William Andrews.

The 2006 Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Festivities, Jack Brigham, was not in attendance.

Even though Brigham was not in attendance, he is worthy of mention. Brigham's "motto" while serving students in the community has always been "What's Best for the Students."

The dignitaries were followed by the alumni and current cheerleaders. The cheerleaders play an important

part in promoting school spirit and are always a special part of Homecoming activities.

This year there were approximately 25 in attendance, some traveled to cheer the 'Gades on to a 41-10 victory over Moorpark College.

Those who cheer on the 'Gades at every opportunity are Bunny Habberfeld, class of 1945, Deanna Jensen Bower, class of 1962 and Sally Payne Hill, class of 1966.

Bower makes her "pom" every year.

Jerry Caneta, Renegade alumni cheerleader led the cheers for the

crowd this year.

There are family ties within the cheerleading core as well.

Becki Whitson and daughter Nichole Scanlon coach the current BC cheerleaders.

Besides the mother and daughter team, there are sisters, Debbie Buehrer Shannon and Becky Buehrer Starback that cheer the 'Gades on and a father-son team.

The father-son/mascot-cheerleader team that participated this year is Blake and Clark Goehring. Blake is the mascot.

"The BC cheerleaders past and

present are like a family," Becky Whitson, BC coach said. "The cheerleaders are a hard working group."

Whitson said she enjoyed getting to cheer with her current squad at Homecoming this year.

The club floats followed the cheerleaders.

First, in procession was the Engineers Float, decorated like a globe with interesting sites from around the world, including the Tehachapi Loop and Eiffel Tower. The Engineers placed first in the competition.

The second in line was the Pre-Med float which had a spicy South

American flavor. The Pre-Med club placed second in the competition. Third and last, but not least, was the Spanish Club, it represented the Spanish Community and carried a Texas Flag across the front.

The cars carrying the king and queen winners followed the floats.

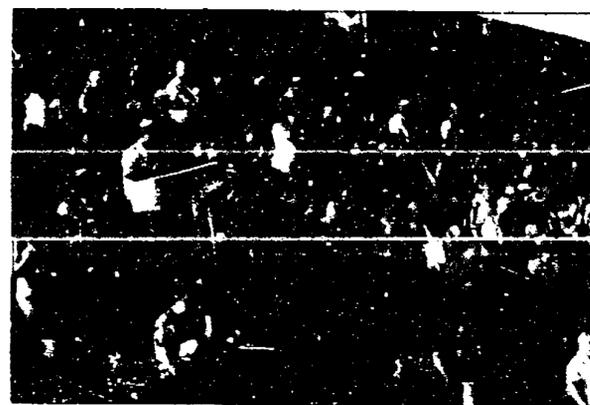
The 2006 Homecoming King is Samuel Bautista and the 2006 Homecoming Queen is Ana Vega. Both represent the Mecha Club.

The last of the Homecoming Procession was the Highway 99 Classic Car Club featuring classic models of sports cars.



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Homecoming King and Queen, Ana Vega and Samuel Bautista, blows kisses at the audience at the half time.



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The BC crowd cheers at homecoming Oct. 28.



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The Engineering Club wins the float competition against the Spanish and Pre-med clubs.



Class shows off

BC modern dance class demonstrates for students.

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BC fashion police

Students beware: The fashion police are now on patrol.

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Fast times at BC

BC's cross-country team places third at state championship.

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Renegades defeat Citrus to advance

By LEANNE CAVE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College Renegades advanced to the second round of the state playoffs by defeating the testy Citrus College Owls 36-12 in the third annual Golden Empire Bowl on Nov. 18.

"It was a great day for Bakersfield College and the community," said Jan Stuebbe, BC athletic director. "It was a very festive environment for all the fans who attended."

It was also great for the 'Gades to win the game."

The 'Gades (10-1) will play the Grossmont Griffins, also 10-1, on Saturday at Memorial Stadium at 4 p.m. BC is the No. 2 seed in the Southern California region while Grossmont is No. 3.

The Griffins, the top rated defensive team in the state, hope to slow down BC, one of the most explosive offensive teams in the state.

BC has won nine straight games since going down to defeat against the No. 1 ranked team in the Southern California region, Saddleback College, on Sept. 9.

With a young 'Gades team playing championship caliber football, a re-



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Renegades linebacker Curtis Cornelison tackles Citrus quarterback Bryan Waggoner.

match with the Gauchos, could produce a much different outcome.

"We are extremely pleased with the way the football team is playing, it gets tough at this level," Stuebbe said. "We've got to take care of business against a very good Grossmont team."

If BC wins the semifinal against Grossmont and Saddleback wins its

semifinal against El Camino College, the regional championship game and rematch between the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in the SoCal region will take place at Saddleback College on Dec. 2. If El Camino beats Saddleback and BC wins, the SoCal regional championship game will be at Memorial Stadium.

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Smoking will not be passed for the spring

By MARCINDA COIL
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College students will not see signs saying "Designated Smoking Area" in the spring; however, the idea did not vanish.

"It is still being considered," said Dean of Students Don Turney. "We haven't let this thing die."

According to Turney, the Student Government Association is in the process of conducting more research on how to enforce the current smoking policy.

The current smoking policy states that there is to be no smoking or any kind of tobacco use inside BC buildings, and smoking within 20 feet of a door or open window is also prohibited.

"I didn't even know that until we started researching those things,"

"It is still being considered. We haven't let this thing die."

—Don Turney,
dean of students

said SGA President Micah Card. "What we want to do is create more visibility of the rules and do it in a non-threatening way."

According to Card, the smoking policy, which involves the banning of smoking on campus, has been an issue for a couple of years.

"Initially they [SGA] passed it," said Card. "It was a thing that was brought to us [current SGA] to finish for them, but we really had to step

back and look at it."

According to Nsuele M. Nsuangani, project director of the Tobacco Education Program for the Kern County Department of Public Health, "we've been working on this thing since 2004. It took me a lot of time."

Although the delay was a disappointment, according to Nsuangani, he and his partners remain optimistic.

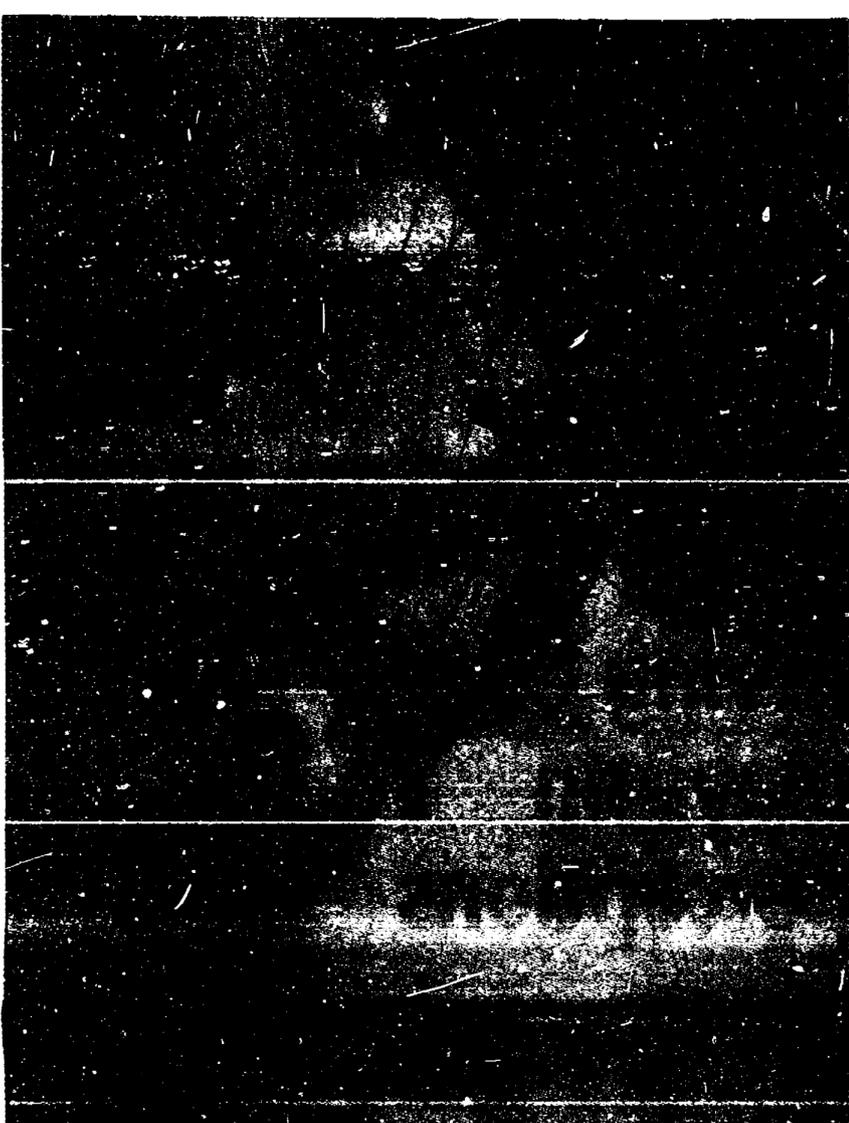
"We're hoping for a full adoption," said Nsuangani.

According to Card, the reason for the delay was because the original policy brought up questions of concern. "There was really heated controversy," stated Card.

"We really had to look at it from an objective standpoint."

"Bringing another set of laws to the campus," said Turney, "is not a

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JOSE M. VEGA / THE RIP

Soaring over BC

Above: Sgt. 1st class James Davis (left) and Master Sgt. Cecil Powell (right) of the Black Daggers, which is part of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Parachute Demonstration Team, jump out of an airplane during the halftime show at the Golden Empire Bowl game on Nov. 18 at Memorial Stadium.



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Right: Sgt. Mischa Stahlberg lands on the football field with a California state flag. The Black Daggers are comprised of volunteers from throughout the Army special operations community.

Old roads get work done around BC campus

By JOEL R. PARAMO
Rip staff writer

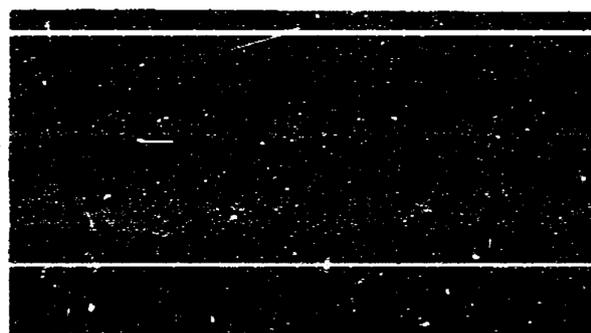
The road construction that is under way and nearly completed on Mount Vernon has caused noticeable changes in the availability of parking spaces as well as various traffic problems with the detours and lane closures.

Despite the proximity of the school, the school did not have any official say in the road work.

"The school didn't have a play in the decision of when the construction would be done," said Amber Chiang, BC director of marketing and public affairs. "The road construction was needed; the road was old."

The federally funded state project occurred at such a time for many reasons.

"Our original goal was to have construction scheduled to happen in June," said Arnold Ramming, Bakersfield's design technician. "But because of delays from the funding



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A turn lane into the Panorama parking lot is closed for work.

source, paper work was not filed for us to go into construction."

According to Ramming, there is a process that the city goes through to have roadwork completed every year and there's no way to delay projects once they've been approved.

"Because it's a federally funded project, if we were to delay the project it would have cost us thousands

of dollars," said Rick Millwee, Bakersfield's construction supervisor. "We have paving seasons, it has to be warmer than 50 degrees to pave roads. Currently our windows are closing. It all depends on the weather." According to Millwee, there are only certain times that road construction such as the construction on Mount Vernon can occur. Sometimes they can begin

paving as early as March or April and can end in November or December.

"For paving projects like this one, it's a very hot mix that they make a plant here in Bakersfield that they then have to ship to the location of construction," said Ramming. "If the mix is too cold by the time it reached the site it can't be used."

According to Ramming, not only does paper work have to be completed, but also once everything is ready to go, they have to award the contract to a contractor that will complete the project. They would also have to make sure that Millwee's department had sufficient staffing.

The construction has caused traffic delays and congestion for the school, even though it had nothing to do with the planning.

"It is an inconvenience for noon access of the east side of the school. We had to close the northeast lot because in the event of an emergency, there's no way we can move cars out safely enough. We had no choice," said Chiang.

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Minimum wage increase criticized

The minimum wage rate is sparking concerns about unemployment and causing other problems.

By JOEL R. PARAMO
Rip staff writer

Raising the federal minimum wage would be a "band-aid" approach, according to Stephen Smith, department chair of Social Science and economics professor at Bakersfield College.

Smith has voiced concerns about the possible increase, saying, "It's good for those that keep their jobs." He added, "When minimum wage goes up, there seems to be an increase in teenage unemployment."

When minimum wage is not raised more people are able to be hired, and then have the chance to work their way up. Industries that pay minimum wage cannot pass on the cost to the consumer. So, according to Smith, they have

to make up with it by cutting down on services.

BC student Mary Buron, psychology major, said the rise of the minimum wage "will be good at first, but even out in the end, unfortunately."

Nicholas Filoteo, radiology major, said, "I don't really care." Filoteo said a rise in minimum wage will not affect him because

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CAMPUS



Dancing freely

Members of Eve-Lyne Thomas's modern dance class frolic in the grass under the fall sunshine in front of the free speech area, on Nov. 15. Thomas stages this modern dance exposition every semester to showcase the talents and personalities of her students. Top: Mildred Hernandez travels over the rolling bodies of her classmates. Right: Alex Rivas bicycle kicks into the air. Left: Alex Rivas performs at the BC's modern dance class.

Photos by Erik Aguilar / The Rip



ALEXANDER GAY / THE RIP
Stephanie Hankinson (left) and Ciara Guernon (right) at rehearsal for "Living Out."

'Living Out' plays on perceptions

Cultural differences used for drama and comedy in BC's new play

By MARGONDA COIL
Rip staff writer

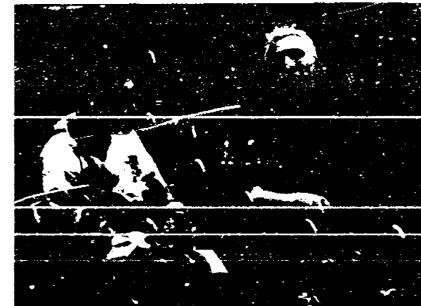
"Living Out," according to Bakersfield College student actors, is a humorous and tragic play that will have its debut Nov. 30 at Bakersfield College's Indoor Theater. According to Theater Arts Adviser Kimberly Chin, the play portrays two women, an El Salvadoran nanny and an entertainment lawyer, who make sacrifices for their families. "Some of the themes are perceptions of people, our misunderstandings of people, [and] sacrifices we make for our family," said Chin. Lisa Loomer who has written other plays such as "Birds" and "The Waiting Room" wrote "Living Out." Loomer has also won the American Theater Critics Association award twice and The Kennedy Center Fund for New Plays Award.

According to Loomer, in an interview with Joel Hirschhorn, reporter for The Dramatist, "Living Out" was inspired by her own life experience. "Comedy and drama exist equally here," said Loomer, "and I know for some that's a controversial idea." Stephanie Hankinson, BC English major and actress in "Living Out," said that her "character seeks to be the comic relief [...] and relieve some of the tension."

"It's a really good story," said BC student Ciara Guernon, leading actress in the play. "I'm glad to be a part of it." Although Guernon plays the leading El Salvadoran nanny, she has never acted before. "I think some people will be amazed by the performance that she'll give," said Chin, "because of the natural talent she has." According to Chin, there are also experienced actors in the production that Guernon "emulate[s]."

Not only do the actors rehearse three hours a day, four days a week, for six weeks, they also have homework. "I require that they write character studies," said Chin. "I believe heavily that students need to research their characters."

The actors took a field trip to Los Angeles to experience the Latina culture that included El Salva joran food and Day of the Dead festivities, according to Chin. "It [the play] certainly deals with a lot of cultural things that people from Bakersfield deal with," said Harkinson. "There are some misunderstandings because of the cultural gap," said Chin about the two women in the play. "I think that those things we will all learn from." "Living Out" is scheduled to run Nov. 30-Dec. 2 and Dec. 7-9 at 8 p.m. in BC's Indoor Theater. Admission is 30 for general area and 10 for seniors, students, faculty and staff.



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Ciara Guernon (left) and Anthony Doser (right) practiced at a rehearsal for the new BC play "Living Out," which attempts to convey real-life themes on the stage.

BC FASHION DO'S AND DON'TS

Compiled by Becky Jimenez / The Rip

Don'ts



Try to steer clear from buying the "art project gone wrong" pair of jeans.



It's almost scary that jogging suits became a fashion trend. And by the way, there is no need to display text on your butt, pink, yeah we can see that.

Do's



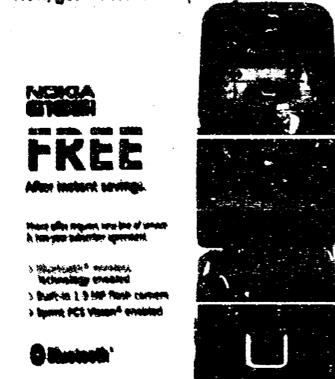
There's just something about camo pants tucked into sexy boots that just shows the terrorist how much we don't care about their cause.

"Comedy and drama exist equally here."

—Lisa Loomer, Playwright

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NEWS

Staying warm on a cold day



BECKY JIMENEZ / THE RIP
A couple cuddles in the Campus Center with a blanket trying to stay warm on a cold, foggy November day. The weather is estimated to be in the mid-60s for the rest of the week.

Conflicting views on strength of trustee voice

SGA's state student representative provides information to the general student population.

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Editor in chief

The Kern Community College District's student trustee is considered by Bakersfield College's SGA and faculty to be a trusted interpreter and emissary between KCCD board members and the student population. However, some in BC's Student Government Association feel that the student trustee position is simply a token and not really an influential voice at board meetings.

The student trustee, said Dean of Students Don Turney, is a valued presence at board meetings because the trustee serves as an "interpreter" or "translator" who conveys information to the general student population. Board meetings are held at different times at BC's Weill Institute, as well as at BC's Executive Board Room, and Ridgecrest or at Mammoth, where Cerro Coso College has a satellite campus, said Turney.

BC happy with election

By ARNETHA PIERCE
Rip staff writer

There are many ranges of Bakersfield College students' reactions to the election. There are ranges of emotions concerning voter machine malfunction, calling politicians frauds, bond measures being passed or not passed, and fear of one political party overwhelming the other.

After the last election of voter machine irregularities, it seems that people are still experiencing problems. According to BC student Nicole Haubi, "The lines were very long. The new machines made me repeat my selections over and over again. However, I am happy that Arnold won; I think he is doing a good job." The environmentalists are upset that people don't understand what it meant to have the bond measure 87 defeated. "I'm disappointed. Measure 87 would have made the oil industry pay for the mess they are making of our environment. However, I am excited about the Democrats taking over," said BC student Julia Baracough.

Although Kern County seems to be a red county, many of the students were not pleased with the re-election of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Although four of the students interviewed didn't vote, they complained about Schwarzenegger's re-election. According to BC student Laina Hughes, "I'm happy with everything except Schwarzenegger winning; he's a liar. Agreeing with Hughes, BC student Enrique Martinez said, "I'm glad that Parra won. She is good for our community."

The Democrats taking over is a good thing, I'm sorry that Arnold got back in." There was a sense of the need to turn the country into a new direction, according to many of the interviewed students.

BC student Andrea Duran said, "Everyone I voted for won. Our nation could use a change. It was a pretty good idea, Pelosi being Speaker of the House." "If we had some real serious candidates, there would be more people voting. Get rid of the fraud and corruption and get some real people."

There is a mood that many of the issues addressed made a lot of the female students very happy. According to BC student Renee Wilson, "I'm very happy that measure 85 was defeated. We don't need to see women going into the back alleys seeking abortions. I'm happy about the first woman Speaker of the House, and I'm happy the Democrats are back in control." However, BC student Theresa Story's focus was on how well her generation did in turning out to vote. "There were 10 million voters under the age of 30. A great turnout for the younger population. I'm glad that the governor was re-elected; it will be good for the economy."

There was only one person interviewed who expressed fear and anxiety of the takeover of the House and the Senate. "It's scary that the Democrats have taken over. I believe in homeland security. People have forgotten about 9/11. I lost my husband in Vietnam, and I have also lost my son in Kuwait. I hate to think that they have fought in vain. People have no idea what it takes to keep us secure."

The Democrats will do everything they can to go against Bush's wishes to stay in Iraq. I would rather that we fight them there than fight them here," said BC student Christine Effinger.

Assault at local cemetery

By ARNETHA PIERCE
Rip staff writer



A computer composite of the suspect released by the Bakersfield Police Department.

On an early Wednesday morning, when Bakersfield College students are walking up and down Haley Street to school, a woman was pulled into a man's car and was transported to Greenlawn Cemetery and allegedly raped.

According to the Bakersfield Police Department, the victim reported that she was walking to work Oct. 25, at about 11:30 a.m., on the 1300 block of Haley Street. A man with a knife pulled her into his car and drove her to the cemetery on Panorama Drive and sexually assaulted her.

After the alleged assault, the alleged rapist robbed her of an unknown amount of money. He then drove her to the downtown Bakersfield area.

SMOKING: Ban proposal not passed but SGA is still considering designated areas

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good idea." According to Turney, a non-smoking campus does not mean there is no smoking on campus. "There is still smoking on campus," said Turney, "just in designated areas only." Even though there will be no designated areas next semester, the SGA plans to invoke these authorized areas by the end of next year. According to Turney, student smokers will be involved in the selection of the designated smoking areas. Maria Leon, 19, a non-smoking BC student, believes that the designated areas should be in "an isolated place where there's not a lot of people."

"By the dumpsters," Leon added, "at least they will be surrounded by other smells." "I don't really care," said another non-smoking student, Mariela Cuevas, "because I can always move away."

However, she agreed that there should be plenty of designated areas for smokers. Although, according to Nsuangani, "it's about the 30 percent of students who do not smoke," the SGA is considering all BC students' needs. "So, that may involve making things more comfortable on campus," said Card, "for smokers and non-smokers alike."

WAGE: California raises minimum wage

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he never works for minimum wage. According to Smith, the problem is really with the working poor in America. "If you want people to have more money, don't raise wages, raise government benefits," said Smith. According to Smith, the immediate effects of a rise in minimum wage would be unemployment, but in the

long term there would probably be no significant effects. Smith doesn't believe raising the minimum wage can fix anything, especially locally. California minimum wage is \$6.75 per hour, while federal is presently at \$5.15. The rise in minimum wage is proposed to be integrated gradually, ending up at \$7.25 on the federal level.

Smith predicts that over time California will adjust and stay 50 cents to \$1 above the federal minimum wage but added, "it depends on the proposed law, it's hard to predict." Over time, Smith says, inflation would probably rise and the purchasing power of the minimum wage would fall back to what it was before the rise of minimum wage.



ALEXANDER GAY / THE RIP
Road closed signs and orange cones posted at the BC north parking lot on Mount Vernon redirect traffic due to major construction.

ROAD WORK: Major construction causes delays

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According to Chiang what people don't realize is that it's required by law to have sufficient parking for students, but people don't like to walk. There is plenty of parking in the stadium parking lot. "Avoid Panorama at all costs," said Chiang. "Allow extra time to park in southwest parking lot. It's important for students to know there is enough parking for 16,000 students in the stadium parking lot. They may have to walk a little bit more, but it's the law to have sufficient parking. Allow time to park in the lot, and you'll be safer."

It is not only across from BC that construction like this is occurring. Currently there is construction on Cottee and Ashe. The construction that's affecting BC moved from Columbus and Mount Vernon. "Each year we resurface roads depending on the condition of the road, so that the road is safe for drivers," said Mitwee. Currently the race to finish construction near BC is under way. Directly after the work on Mount Vernon is completed construction will move to Haley. "It shouldn't be a big problem for students," said Chiang. "The lots are accessible from Panorama."

Legacy burned out

Grandson of tobacco baron speaks to BC students, faculty and local teens in Forum East.

By NICK STOCKTON
News editor

In an ironic turn of history, the grandson of cigarette tycoon R.J. Reynolds spoke against the use of the drug in Forum East on the 30th anniversary of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-out.

Patrick Reynolds, who is the founder of the Foundation for a Smokefree America and was the first tobacco industry insider to testify against the drug before Congress, told of how seeing his hard-partying, absentee father die of emphysema initially caused him to devote his life to the abolition of tobacco use.

"Here is my dad," he gestures to the large photograph of a man hooked up to a respirator.

"He looked like this when I asked him if it was the cigarettes that were killing him, and he denied it. He said it was asthma."

Reynolds tailored his presentation to the mostly high-school age audience, with a theme built around the coming of age rituals of past civilizations.

"This is the bridge you cross from childhood to adulthood," he said, while dramatically crossing the floor in broad steps. "This is when you

become responsible for your choices and make them consciously, without being swayed by outside influences."

Reynolds also faced his many facts and ideas about tobacco use with these themes of self-empowerment and confrontation of feelings, and told that this was a part of being an adult, making adult decisions, and building a network of positive support.

"People who succeeded best in life got help," he said.

As he showed pictures of the various types of advertisements the cigarette companies used, he asked the audience to say aloud their feelings about the type of advertising used.

It was this type of advertising and marketing, he explained, that the tobacco companies used to get young people addicted to smoking.

The examples he showed were of candy, fruit, and tobacco flavored cigarettes, and cigarettes marketed toward African-American smokers.

The methods of his message were his flamboyant theatrics, which included voice-inflected anecdotes, sweeping arm gestures, and near-shouting in anger about the dangers of drugs.

"Face your pain," he raised his voice and stepped into the audience.

He presented many facts, which were mostly provided by the American Cancer Society, in this style.

Among these were the California annual spending on tobacco prevention, which is \$79.7 million, compared to



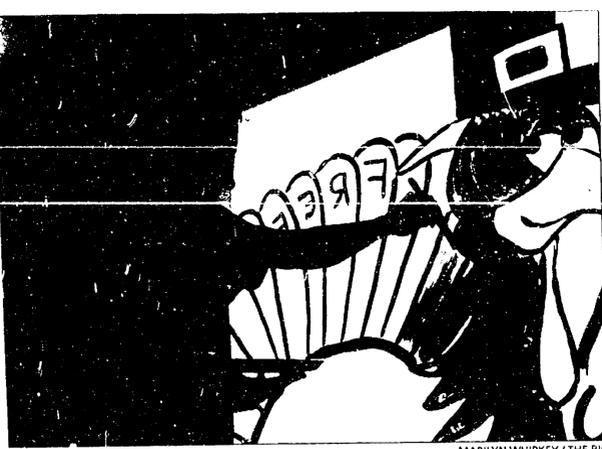
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Patrick Reynolds was the guest speaker at Bakersfield College promoting a smoke-free environment.

The Center for Disease Control recommended spending: \$165.1 million.

Reynolds added here that getting Proposition 85 passed in California would have made the state the leader of tobacco prevention in the United States.

The Great American Smokeout is held every year, nationwide on the third Thursday of November.



MARILYN WHIPKEY / THE RIP

Bakersfield College student Joshua Manion, majoring in art, paints a turkey on BC's Tutoring Center window to help in celebrating Thanksgiving.

Painter of holiday scenes a BC tutor

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Editor in chief

"Eat Tofu," the turkey's sign reads.

The laidback, far-from-desperate-looking painted turkey could be seen in the window located upstairs in Bakersfield College's Tutoring Center in the Student Services building.

A muscular, black t-shirt wearing piano tutor painted the sleepy-eyed, Pilgrim hat-wearing turkey holding the "Eat Tofu" sign.

A small group of fellow tutors collected around the goateed artist at the window and good-naturedly heckled the artist/tutor's progress.

"That's a pretty relaxed turkey considering it's gonna be on someone's plate, Josh," one tutor remarked. "I'd say it's a stoned turkey," corrected another tutor.

"It's a hippy turkey," another tutor said.

"It just needs to flash a peace sign along with that sign that says, 'Eat tofu,'" concluded another.

BC music tutor and art major Josh Manion took the quips in

"realist" when comes to drawing and painting.

For the paintings on the Tutoring Center's window, Manion draws the figure or scene on paper first, and then, on the window itself, Manion makes an outline with a dry-erase marker. This particular marker makes potential corrections easy, Manion says.

Often, Manion admits, he will "cruise" the Internet for various images to use for drawing. For the image Manion used for Valentine's Day, he found a representation of a Raphael cherub, which he used as a frame of reference.

For St. Patrick's Day, Manion found on the Internet a photo of a mural on an Irish pub that depicted a leprechaun. Manion favors using acrylic paints for the window because the artist, as Manion says, "can layer them and then scrape it right off with a ruler or a razor afterwards."

As both an artist and as a musician, Manion draws a lot of inspiration from jazz artists. His reason is that jazz focuses on the uniqueness of the individual artist.

"The main emphasis of jazz is individual soloing," Manion said.

Duke Ellington is one of Manion's favorite jazz artists. Manion said that Ellington was originally a painter.

"Ellington once said he painted canvases with sound and not color," Manion said.

BC BRAINS

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



Scott Harris, physical therapy: "A disease."



Eren Lara, undeclared: "A phrase to insult someone."



Nancy Osorio, business administration: "Sounds like a weapon."



Amy Richardson, American sign language: "Historical term used to describe a specific type of soldier."



Ramiro Gonzalez, fire technology: "No idea."



Angelica Balderas, education: "Something to do with the Civil War."

Correct answer: An archaic term for a heavily armed soldier.

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Booths gather at Holiday Plant Sale to raise funds for clubs

By MARCINDA COIL
Rip staff writer

Businesses and campus clubs gathered for the Holiday Plant Sale and Bazaar Saturday at the Horticulture Lab.

The event, which was hosted by the Horticulture Club, consisted of booths decorated with holiday items and more, to raise money for campus clubs.

"This is the first one," said staff member Robin Johnson, "they're hoping to have this annually."

Not only were there Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, Bakersfield College Tutoring Center, and Agriculture Ambassadors booths, Earth and Sky Studio and Kern County Cattle Women were also in attendance.

According to BC student Tina C-

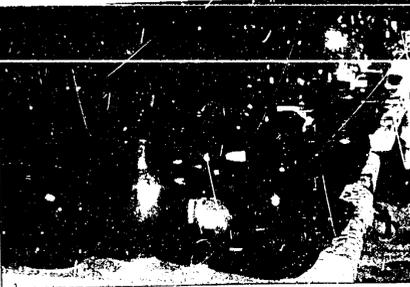
sias, the money raised at the EOP&S booth, which held decorated cupcakes and cookies, will go toward CARE students.

"Some of them [students] bought it [food]," said Csisas, "and some made it."

The BC Ag Ambassador Program had a booth that sold plants and seeds to raise money for representatives who are attending the National Agriculture Ambassadors Conference, which is going to be held in January at the University of Arizona in Tempe.

Even though onlookers found plants, gifts, ceramics and glass made by students' hands for sale, goodies such as chocolate candies, coffee and barbecue food were also offered.

Special seats were also available to eat at while watching a waterfall pouring into a pond.



MARILYN WHIPKEY / THE RIP

All the pottery and hand-blown glass pieces displayed at the Holiday Plants and Bazaar were hand made by BC students in the Fine Arts Department.



MARILYN WHIPKEY / THE RIP

Heather Zaratoqa, an animal science major, sells "Bread in a Jar" to help fund the BC Ag Ambassador Program.

Awareness of diabetes a task for November

Many students are unaware of diabetes and possible serious complications the disorder can cause.

By BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

The month of November is National Diabetes Awareness month. In a poll conducted of 10 BC students, only four knew what diabetes was.

According to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, diabetes (medically known as diabetes mellitus) is the name given to disorders in which the body has trouble regulating its blood glucose, or blood sugar, levels.

In Webster's New World Dictionary, insulin is defined as a protein hormone secreted by the islets of Langerhans, in the pancreas, which helps the body use sugar and other carbohydrates.

There are two types of diabetes: Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults, and was previously known as juvenile diabetes. In Type 1 diabetes, the body does not produce insulin.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes. In Type 2 diabetes, either the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin.

Insulin is necessary for the body to be able to use sugar. Sugar is the basic fuel for the cells in the body, and insulin takes the sugar from the blood into cells.

According to an American Diabetes Association Web site there are 20.8 million children and adults in the United States, or 7 percent of

the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million have been diagnosed with diabetes, unfortunately, 6.2 million people (or nearly one-third) are unaware that they have the disease.

In order to determine if a patient has pre-diabetes or diabetes, health care providers conduct a Fasting Plasma Glucose Test (FPG) or an Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT). In the FPG test, a fasting blood glucose level between 100 and 125 mg/dl signals pre-diabetes.

A person with a fasting blood glucose level of 126 mg/dl or higher has diabetes.

In the OGTT, a person's blood glucose level is measured after a fast and two hours after drinking a glucose-rich beverage.

If the two-hour blood glucose level is between 140 and 199 mg/dl, the person tested has pre-diabetes.

If the two-hour blood glucose level is at 200 mg/dl or higher, the person tested has diabetes.

The American Diabetes Association recommends the FPG because it is easier, faster, and less expensive to perform.

The following symptoms are warning signs of diabetes and can occur suddenly: extreme thirst, frequent urination, sudden vision changes, sugar in urine, fruity, sweet or wine-like odor on breath, increased appetite, sudden weight



loss, drowsiness, lethargy, heavy, labored breathing, stupor and unconsciousness.

Diabetes can also cause other complications such as heart disease (increased risk for heart attack, stroke and poor circulation), kidney disease (loss of ability to filter out waste products), eye complications (eye problems and blindness), diabetic neuropathy and nerve damage (damage to the nerves that connect the spinal cord to muscles, skin, blood vessels and other organs), foot complications (nerve damage in the feet or low blood flow).

Diabetes, if not taken care of, can become very problematic, say experts. However, people with diabetes can live, long, healthy, happy lives if the pre steps are taken to manage their disease.

Students and faculty compete to make a difference in hunger

By TYRONE BARNER
Rip staff writer

The posters are all over the BC campus promoting the AmeriCorps first annual canned food battle.

The event began Nov. 1 and ends Dec. 1.

The battle pits the students against the faculty along with the administration and staff in what will be an interesting situation in AmeriCorps effort to make a difference in the community.

The idea was put forth by student volunteer coordinator Ray Vargas, who along with the rest of staff and AmeriCorps members got together for a lot of meetings on how to do about what they hope will be an annual event.

So far there are seven teams competing. These teams are Counseling, Food Service, Renegade Rip, Outreach Ambassadors, Admissions and Records, Graphics Department and

the MECHA Club.

There is hope that this will bring awareness to the fact that a lot of people will not have enough to eat this holiday season and that a lot of people are not prepared for a disaster should one occur.

Theresa Rodriguez, team leader for food service, said, "all of the cans and other foods come from their homes." They think they have a good chance of winning and they understand that it's for a good cause.

Food Service is going to be hard to beat judging from what they have already collected.

The rules of involvement meant there had to be a prize, or prizes, that would appeal to all who might participate. And the prizes are a catered lunch, meeting, or tickets to Disneyland.

For Counseling, the team leader is June Charles, who said, "between now and Dec. 1 the team is going to go all out and they are going to win

because the tickets to Disneyland are what they hope to get."

Isabel Castaneda, AmeriCorps Alen program assistant, said, "We are not trying to end hunger but help people to be more aware of hunger in the community and disaster preparedness."

She also stated that, "one half of the proceeds go the Salvation Army and the other half will go to help seniors start their disaster kits."

There's still time to get into the battle. Information is available at the AmeriCorps office in Campus Center 3 or by calling Castaneda at (661) 395-4839 or e-mailing her at icastan@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

Interested groups will be supplied with a box for the cans, and teams consist of five to 10 people to donate canned food for the group.

"The canned food battle is going to be just that, a battle." This is from June Charles, team leader for the group at counseling.

Volunteer and get a free bike

By DONNY VAN SLOTTEN
Rip staff writer

Recycle-A-Bike and get one in return. For just 10 volunteer hours, Bike Bakersfield will take your old bike and replace it with a new one.

Volunteer work includes working on your bike, working on other bikes, cleaning the bike path, and cleaning or painting the office.

"Our goal at Bike Bakersfield is to create a cycling culture in Bakersfield," said Mat Barton, communications director.

They hope to do so by making biking more accessible and safe.

Bike Bakersfield wants to provide transportation to those who can't afford it, or to those just looking for an alternative way of getting around.

"Recycle-A-Bike was started in January of this year. We used Billboards, flyers, radio ads and the Internet to get the word out," said Barton. Recycle-A-Bike was started by Barton and Austin Smith of Bike Bakersfield.

"Bike Bakersfield is working on a number of programs," said Barton. Bike Bakersfield offers free valet bike parking at some events, a trend that is popular in San Francisco, according to Barton. The first valet bike parking

in Bakersfield took place at the River Walk Park's grand opening.

A few of the other programs include bicycle education and awareness, which creates bicycle awareness in Bakersfield and teaches safety and road courses.

The group also offers presentation and informative booths that give presentations to organizations and bike rack installation, which gets businesses to put bike racks in front of their business.

Bike Bakersfield can be found in real life at 1708 Chester Ave. in real life and at www.BikeBakersfield.org in the digital world.

NEWS BRIEFS

Essay winners announced
The Bakersfield College Social Science Department announced its second annual U.S. Constitutional Essay Contest winners.
Jeff Davis won first place, Kevin Lively took second and Micah Card third.

Runners sale candy
The Bakersfield College women's cross country track and field team is having its annual See's Candy sale. The candy is the same price as it is in the store, but the team will deliver the candy to customers on Dec. 5-6. The candy sale will last until Nov. 28. If you are interested in ordering candy, call 395-4759. You can also place orders with a team member.

Turkeys needed at Salvation Army
The Salvation Army is asking for fresh or frozen turkey donations for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkeys can be dropped off at the Salvation Army at 4417 Wilson Road between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., before Nov. 23.
Funds are also welcomed to purchase turkeys and other food supplies.
If you are interested in making donations or obtaining more information, call 836-8487.

CRIME BEAT

Nov. 13 between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
A Bakersfield College student reported that her vehicle had been stolen. The vehicle was parked on Timmons Ave.

Nov. 15 Time unknown
At BC's Delano campus, around Randolph Street, a staff member noticed and reported that a student was carrying a bag of marijuana. The Delano Police Department was notified.

Compiled from BC Public Safety reports by Katherine J. White

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OPINION

Republican stereotype great myth

By BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

Before this year's elections, I used to complain and fuss about the coverage and attention everyone put forth toward elections, but this year I stopped complaining and started to see behind the scenes.

I was asked to cover the Republican Party on election night, Nov. 7, at the old Rockin' Rodeo and to tell you the truth I was not looking forward to it.

I always thought of Republicans as white, conservative, racist, rich, old people. However, after experiencing what I did on election night, my views and opinions about Republicans have drastically changed.

Republican and supporters as well as candidates are genuine people. I was especially amazed at how I was welcomed and how everyone who I talked to was exceptionally nice.

I really felt like I belonged even though I was the only Mexican there. I also patiently waited for someone to come up to me and ask me to refill their drink or be his or her gardener, but to my surprise that did not happen.

On the contrary, everyone I met there was talkative and very respectful. Among many of the supporters were Filipinos, African Americans and Native Americans.

There also were young and old people found among the party. Much like America, it was indeed a melting pot.

So, naturally my stereotype of Republicans was completely incorrect. I also was surprised that they were proud of me because I was a BC student. It was very surreal.

When was the last time that you've heard a positive comment about going to BC? Automatically, CSUB is the best, but on this particular night I was mistaken.

Being a BC student was my ticket for unlimited candidate access.

I got to interview Rey Ashburn, Jean Fuller, Kevin McCarthy, Congressman Bill Thomas and they didn't hesitate to answer my questions.

But most of all, I really got the sense that Bakersfield residents treasure their small community-based morals and values.

Republicans interests are education, children, senior citizens, parks and nice communities, and that seems to be the consensus all through the city of Bakersfield.

This clearly was depicted in the recent elections.

Almost all of the Republicans running for office in Bakersfield won their campaigns. McCarthy, Fuller, Ashburn, and Youngblood were among some of the candidates who were successful on Nov. 7.

The city of Bakersfield is also becoming more and more populated with Republicans, and this in the long run is what will keep Republican candidates successful in Bakersfield. If you can't beat them, join them! I know I will.



ALEXANDER GAY / THE RIP

Major road construction on Panorama Drive has closed entrances to student parking lots on the BC campus.



JEFFREY MENDOZA / THE RIP

Minimum wage a joke

By ANNA ROBLEDO
Features/opinions editor

I think that the minimum wage increase in California is absurd. The minimum wage level is supposed to reach \$7.50 by 2007 and \$8 an hour in 2008.

Wage increases should be given based on one's work ethic, not just because it is mandatory.

I believe that increasing the minimum wage will cause a lack in employee motivation to improve work habits, and possibly it could discourage people from trying to get a higher education which could land them better jobs.

Yeah, the cost of living is increasing, but that affects everyone, not just the minimum wages.

It is also affecting small businesses that often hire people at minimum wage. Employers already pay enough on insurance, benefits, and taxes; the increase may force small business owners to hire only part-time workers, which would be bad for our economy.

Perhaps a higher minimum wage should be set for larger corporations that can afford it, or per industry, not just down the line.

I think that businesses should be able to increase their workers' pay when they have the means to do it and when the employee deserves it.

I can understand where in a city like Los Angeles, San Diego, or San Francisco, a higher minimum wage would make a significant difference

on poverty because the cost of living in those areas is so ridiculously high. However, in Bakersfield the cost of living is still reasonable.

You can still get a one- or two-bedroom apartment anywhere in Bakersfield from \$520 - \$750.

I think, however, that the biggest misconception regarding the increase is that it will help some get off federal assistance; that is complete crap.

What motivation is it going to give people already on assistance to get off of it? "Here's more money for doing nothing."

What a terribly brilliant idea: Let's increase pay so that businesses will be forced to raise the cost of goods and services even more just to stay in business, ultimately causing these people to need an even bigger raise.

Major road work a pain

By JOEL R. PARAMO
Rip staff writer

The construction on Mount Vernon has become a huge inconvenience for all 16,000 people who work or go to school at Bakersfield College.

It's absurd for there to be such major construction done on the main street people use to get to school, while school is in session. Not only is it not smart, but the public's safety is at stake. The city should have paid more attention to the fact that over a thousand students use that road every day.

Sure the administration had no say in the construction dates, but the timing was horrible.

Driving to school has been a hassle every day since early October when construction was under way at Mount Vernon and Columbus. But who would have known the chaos would move north, right on to the college's turf?

The traffic was bad enough before the construction started and the fact that that people are easily irritated; Add heavy traffic, the fact that you're running late, and the fact that there are no parking spots where

you normally park, and it pretty much equals road rage. Disaster.

Some students have resorted to driving aggressively to get out of parking lots, nearly hitting incoming traffic.

The traffic delays and the blockage of certain parking areas are currently constantly changing. Can you go this way, or do you have to go around? The school should put the huge red scrolling marquee at the corner of Mount Vernon and University to use and let nonbound traffic know what lanes and parking lot entrances are open that particular day.

The students who park across the street from BC near Kern Schools Federal Credit Union walk through dirt and heavy one-way traffic right in front of huge tractors throwing rubble into the air, just to get to class.

This construction is inconvenient for everyone, but there's nothing anyone can do about it.

The road construction should be completed by Nov. 30, so students only have a few more weeks of insanity ahead of them, but if you can think, plan and make good choices, everyone will get through this madness alive and well.



OPINION

Decisive or divisive?

STAFF EDITORIAL

The 2006 midterm elections earned a plethora of media clichés: riveting, edge-of-your-seat, highly anticipated, tie-tugging, decisive, etc. However, most of this over-used punditry was warranted. This election was at least as important as a presidential election.

In the majority of voting districts, the American public rejected the direction that the Republican revolution was taking the nation.

This rejection was primarily a reaction to the tactics that the Bush administration (as the most visible representatives of the Republican party) has stuck unerringly to over the tumultuous past year.

And although they have been mostly tasteful about their nose-rubbing, Democrats have regarded the conservative defeat as their victory.

But this interpretation can be misleading considering the actual vast diversity of the American people and the fact that most force themselves to choose between one of two parties in order to express themselves politically.

In this perspective, one group's failure does not decisively entitle the other group to consider themselves a success.

The Democrats' victories are tentative, at least for the next two years. The American public is ready for a change, although it is not ready to decide exactly what that change will be. The Democrats, in order to hold on to the majority and make a push for actual liberal agenda items, will need to make an earnest effort at bipartisanship.

The one aspect of this conundrum in the Democrat's favor, ironically enough, is the fact that there is a Republican president in office. This power split has the potential to benefit both parties, for it may create sympathies on both sides of the party lines.

Another benefit of the ideological split between the legislative and the executive branches of our government will be the reacquisition of perspective for the executive the people will gain.

George W. Bush has, for the majority of his time in office, been a very powerful president. Already evident is the now humble attitude he has displayed since the redistribution of power.

This new humility the president has been showing will hopefully reawaken the American public to the fact that our country is not run by one man.

That there is no single savior for our country's problems; no single set of ideological answers to the questions asked by our bureaucracy.

The election also made firm changes in California as well. Over the course of his term in office, Gov. Schwarzenegger has transformed his image through the initial novelty to become a fully realized legislative force and respected bipartisan negotiator.

His successful bond measures were not marketed as perfect, they were marketed as the most effective and decisive measures the California government could take to confront the infrastructure needs of the state.

It was this honesty and frankness that re-established Schwarzenegger's reputation as a competent leader for this state.

The lesson from this election is that in order for productive progress to be made, majority groups (no matter who they be) need to take into account the views and concerns of the minority, while the minority needs to realize that the majority is in their position for a reason.

Only through this balance will progressive government continue to reinvent and reaffirm itself.

Celebrity-style divorces

By BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

Recently, there has been an increase in celebrity divorces. It seems like getting a divorce is the latest trend in the celebrity world.

Christie Brinkley, Reese Witherspoon, Britney Spears and Chris Rock are just some of the celebrities caught up in ugly divorce battles.

All of a sudden it seems like divorce is not only affecting the average household but celebrities as well.

However, the most interesting divorces ever is between Britney Spears and Kevin Federline.

This divorce in particular is extremely hilarious.

Naturally, we all like to find something to criticize celebrities about, and there isn't a better celebrity to ridicule than Britney Spears.

I've been demeaning Spears every since "Oops, I did it again."

Ever since they got married, the media was constantly trying to get Spears and Federline caught up in a scandal and were unsuccessful.

Spears always made it a point to look on the brighter side despite her husband's bad habits, drinking and



COURTESY OF YAHOO NEWS

Pop star Britney Spears divorces husband Kevin Federline after two years of marriage.

Time after time Spears tried to fool everyone into thinking that she had a happy marriage.

For two years, Spears was in denial about her relationship, and she tried to solve her marital problems by having a child.

Having a baby was the biggest mistake Spears ever made. Having a

second baby was even dumber. Why in the world would you have a baby if you knew your marriage was a disaster?

Conceiving a child only complicates the situation much more.

From now on, you have to care and make reasonable decisions that will affect not only your own life but also the lives of your children.

Giving birth to a child is not, and should never be, your answer to an irreconcilable marriage.

But most importantly, why in the hell would you even consider marrying Federline? Federline is a loser.

He's had two children from a previous relationship before Spears and not to mention he's ugly.

He has the sleaziest face and not to mention he thinks he's a superstar rapper. If anything, Federline is, and forever will be, a nobody.

Federline makes me feel ashamed of being from a small town because now everyone assumes anyone from the central valley is ghetto.

Hopefully, Spears will learn her lesson. I mean scratch that, I don't mean that.

I love the fact that Spears is currently in the spotlight, because, quite frankly, it's easier to be an outsider looking in someone else's tragic love life.

Not to mention it is quite entertaining. I love it when society is reminded that celebrities are like real people and not gods or goddesses like we make them out to be.

They too will marry, divorce, cheat, lie, steal, and eventually die.

Love, hate relationship with music

There is even a Web site dedicated to bad music. What music can come from any of the number of genres and styles out there today. Taste in music varies. Someone's least favorite song can be another's favorite.

Some have had reservations in what makes music fun or great. It's a matter of taste, and every listener has their own opinion of listeners stay up their heads and shake their heads at the music out today, while a younger generation may sleep away the sounds of an older generation.

Some people I know dislike certain rap artists because their favorite rapper has a beef with that certain artist. That's stupid!

People should love or hate a song based on their own views of that song, not anyone else's. Personally it's all about the love or the hate for the sound, and how that song makes you feel. Who cares what anyone else thinks?

Music would suck if everyone liked every song.

There has to be music we hate as well as music we love to keep the balance.

'GADE FEEDBACK

Compiled by Jose M. Vega / The Rip

How do you feel about a woman being third in line for the presidency?

Ann Michalski, professor for allied health: "It depends on if she's talking to do with gender. It's political party and qualification."	Ann Del Papa, psychology: "It depends on if it's women. I think women are more emotional."	Chris Clark, biology: "They can do just as well as a guy can."	Eric Pratt, business: "Men rule, and there shouldn't be a woman president."	Nancy Clifton, criminal justice: "There should be a woman president. We should try something new."	Stefan Miller, undeclared: "I think 4 or 5 in line. They think about their feelings too much."
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FEATURES

Rip staff awarded at JACC

Bakersfield College's student newspaper, the Renegade Rip, collected 12 awards at the Southern California Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference Nov. 3-4 at Cal State-Fullerton.

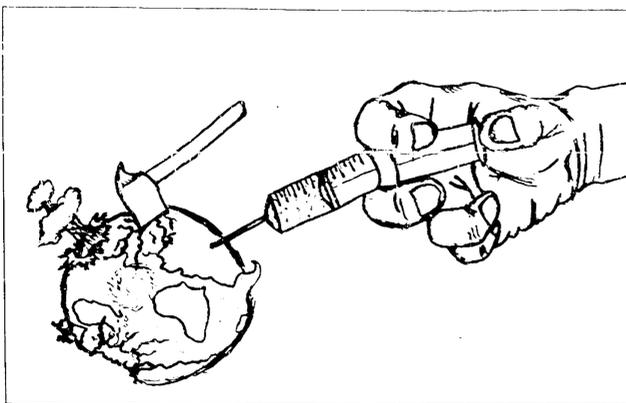
Rip reporter Joel Paramo, in his first semester on the student newspaper, won two on-the-spot awards in competition against journalism students from dozens of other community colleges.

Paramo, a graduate of East High, placed first in page design/news judgment and first for sports writing, in which students covered a college volleyball game.

In the mail-in competition, based on work published during the spring 2006 semester, Joshua Ayers and Julie Salguero placed second in front-page layout. Ayers, a graduate of Stockdale High, also took fourth for inside page design-broadsheet and earned an honorable mention for editorial writing. Ayers was the Rip's editor in chief last spring and transferred to Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo this fall. Salguero, another East High graduate, was the Rip's news editor last spring and currently attends Cal State-Northridge.

In other mail-in categories, the Rip's current news editor, Nick Stockton, earned an honorable mention for sports game story; Joe Whipkey received an honorable mention for feature photo; Daniela Garcia had an honorable mention for news photo; and the Rip staff received an honorable mention for best photos and graphics. The staff also achieved general excellence for its online edition.

The Rip's Katherine J. White was awarded a certificate of achievement for her current role as the newspaper's editor in chief.

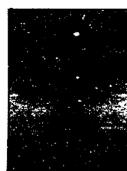


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Earth not destructible

By MICHAEL PLAZA
Rip staff writer

If you have ever worried about a gamma ray burst destroying the earth, rest assured. It cannot happen.



According to Sam Hughes' Web site, "Destroying Earth is harder than you may have been led to believe."

Hughes' Web site titled, "How to Destroy the Earth," exposes how durable the earth actually is.

"This is not a guide for wusses whose aim is merely to wipe out humanity... This is a guide for those who do not want the earth to be there anymore" the Web site states.

"The idea came as I was browsing 'http://everything2.com,'" said Hughes via e-mail. "I realized that the site had an awful lot of how-to

on it, so I suddenly started wondering what the ultimate how-to would be. 'How To Destroy The Earth,' hit me like a lightning bolt."

According to Hughes, the Web site is a combination of his writings, along with contributions and corrections that people have sent in and "it's all real, checked-out science."

The site includes 11 ways the Earth could actually be destroyed. The list is in order by how feasible the events are according to Hughes. Although he calls them feasible, Hughes admits that we don't have the technology to perform any of the events right now.

Wayne Cooper, professor of physical science at BC, said, "They are possible, but as far as feasible... I don't think so." He went on to say, "I think someone is trying to yank your ankle. All these include technology we don't have."

The instructions for one event say you will need to place a microscopic black hole on the surface of the Earth.

Next, according to the site, you just wait. The black hole will begin to pass through the earth, absorbing its matter until eventually there is no more Earth.

The least feasible way to destroy the earth, according to Hughes, is to build an earth-size body of antimatter, and make it collide with the Earth. When the two collide they would destroy each other, leaving only a flash of light from the explosion.

According to Cooper, "A positive and negative electron can annihilate each other. It is a possibility, but I don't know where you would get that much antimatter."

The most feasible way, according to the site, includes moving the entire planet of Jupiter into earth. The theory describes building a huge rocket through Jupiter and propelling it from its orbit and into Earth.

The Web site states this is, "impossible at present," because we don't have the technology. Cooper agreed that in theory it is a possibility, but it is not probable to happen. "Some of the things he says are possible," Cooper explained after reviewing the site, "but we don't have the technology, and probably won't."

Hughes says he is in the process of writing a book with completely new information on how to destroy Earth, but has not spoken to any publishers as of yet.

Fiction collides with reality

BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

If reading is one of your pastimes, then "Stranger than Fiction" is the perfect movie for you to watch.

MOVIE REVIEW

Harold Crick with the real world. Will Ferrell is the main character throughout most of the movie. As you watch Ferrell's character, Crick, you hear narration read by a woman.

Crick is an IRS auditor who has no life. He is lonely and solely relies on his wristwatch to remind him of his every move. Living life is a routine and done in a schuade.

Crick is a very meticulous, clean, compulsive and neurotic person who absolutely takes no risks. He is a man of infinite numbers and endless calculations. Every morning he counts his brush strokes while brushing his teeth. He always catches his bus at the same time, and he never takes his full 15-minute break at work.

Although this particular role is a more serious role for Ferrell, at times he is very entertaining with facial expressions. He doesn't even have to say anything; his facial expressions alone are extremely hilarious.

Crick's simple life is suddenly interrupted by a woman's voice narrating his every move to the most precise detail. Crick thinks he's going crazy because he's the only one who can hear the woman's voice. He becomes obsessed and paranoid after learning that his life will end in his imminent death. Crick tries to figure out who the woman's voice is and seeks help from a literary theorist, Jules Kiewit (Justin Hightman). As the story unfolds, Crick realizes that he is the main character in a fiction story by author Karen Eiffel (Emma Thompson), who eventually realizes

that Crick is not only fictional but a real life person living in society.

Eiffel is a novelist who is writing her latest fiction novel called "Death & Taxes," which features Crick as the main character.

Eiffel is really good at acting like a writer. She has an incredible imagination, drinks and smokes, which naturally constitutes a typical writer.

However, Eiffel's biggest problem is writer's block. She hasn't figured out a way of killing off her main character, Crick.

As Crick tries to change his destiny he makes drastic changes to his simple lifestyle. Crick begins to fully live life everyday. Crick buys an electric guitar and he takes time off of work.

He also pursues an unlikely romance with a free-spirited baker named Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal). I say unlikely because it is one of those relationships that you look at and think what the hell is she doing with that dorky guy?

As Crick experiences love and life, he is certain that his fate has changed. But it hasn't, and he is out of time because Eiffel has just figured out how she will kill Crick.

Eiffel's ending is so good that Crick accepts his destiny and waits for his imminent death gracefully.

This in particular made me think of death hypothetically. I mean, how would I react to knowing that I was about to die?

Much like Crick I'd try to live my life happily enjoying those little moments that you treasure for a life time.

Finally, his day comes, but Eiffel changes the ending and keeps Crick alive. Instead of dying instantly, Crick gets hit by a bus and saves a young boy's life. He becomes a hero and lives happily ever after with the love of his life Ana (Gyllenhaal).

The moral of the story, "Stranger than Fiction," is we must live life every day to the fullest.

SPORTS

Women run to get third place in state meet

■ The women's cross-country team places third overall at the state championship meet at Woodward Park in Fresno.

By JOEL R. PARAMO
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College women's cross-country team took third overall at Woodward Park in Fresno on Saturday, tying a school record set in 1999 for best finish by BC women at that meet.

The Renegades were only six points away from placing second overall.

"They ran very well," said coach Dave Frickel. "This has been a very hardworking group. They worked as a unit and were very focused. They tied the school record. It leaves room for improvement later on down the road."

They competed in a three-mile run against 173 women from 24 different schools.

Top placer for the Renegades was sophomore Clarissa Rivera, who finished 15th at 19 minutes 16 seconds. Freshman Sharvna Rountree followed closely behind, placing 17th at 19:21.

"Sharvna had an awesome race. She was a monster. She wanted blood," said Coach Dave Frickel.

Sophomore Terri Mitchell finished 22nd overall at 19:47, and freshman Jill Uarrh finished 37th at

19:47. Sophomore Andrea Jackson, who had to recover from a fall during the race, finished 64th at 20:22. Finally, Brianna Smith came in 109th at 21:11 and Whitney Leming 126th at 21:43.

"They're all super hard-working," said Frickel. "All seven of them added to the success. They work hard and pull for each other."

Smith's mother, Terri Smith, who is a teacher at Norris Middle School, has followed the girls throughout their season. She commented on how much the women have grown as a team.

"All seven of them added to the success. They work hard and pull for each other."

— Dave Frickel,
Men's cross-country coach



ERIK AGUIAR / THE RIP

BC's Clarissa Rivera (24) runs with the pack at the first mile mark. Tiresha Mitchell (23) closely follows the runners.

BC basketball steals opponents' season

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Editor in chief

The Bakersfield College basketball teams are off to good starts this season.

In fact, BC's women's team is so far having a proverbial slamdunk season with seven wins and no losses.

Head Coach Paula Dahl said that thanks to the team's depth of "unity and athleticism," the team won the Nov. 10-12 San Diego Mesa Tournament 3-0.

On Nov. 7 at BC, the team beat Allan Hancock 64-60. Nov. 15, the team beat Porterville College in Porterville 72-61. Lastly, the team won two games Nov. 17-18 to win the Hancock Crossover Tournament.

However, Dahl says that there is still a lot more work ahead for the team in terms of building up strengths and decreasing weaknesses. Nevertheless, Dahl said that "what's exciting" about this season.

"It's early on in the season," Dahl said. Dahl concedes that the team needs to achieve a higher execution level. "We need to play our game instead of our opponent's game," Dahl said.

Dahl said everyone on her team is a standout including point guard and freshman Amber Williams, who won the All-Area distinction.

Guard Taylor Abernethie, a sophomore, possesses "balls of speed," Dahl said. Notable, according to Dahl, is post player Laszay Babsby, a sophomore who was named All-Conference last year and won state-level honors in the high jump.

The entire team, Dahl said, has consistently demonstrated speed, skill and brains. Guard Forward Neha Joshi, said Dahl, has an impressive personality, attitude and a "great spin move."

Guard Jackie Clare, a sophomore, brings "amazing defensive intensity," Dahl said.

Freshman and post player Elise Rice, according to Dahl, "brings valuable minutes" to the games.

Babsby said she wants the team to place an emphasis on improving rebounding.

Babsby also said the team should never "give up."

The team faced Rio Hondo at BC Nov. 21 and will face Reedley at Reedley Nov. 28. The team will also battle San Bernardino at BC Dec. 2 and Santa Barbara at Santa Barbara Dec. 7.

Coaches for BC's men's basketball say the team has stolen the season away from most of its opponents.

Head coach Rich Hughes is encouraged by the season so far; the team has won six games and lost only one. The team placed third, winning two out of three games, in the Ventura Tournament at Hartnell College in Salinas Nov. 9-11. On Nov. 7 the team beat Allan Hancock 132-91. Nov. 16-18, the team beat three teams at the Reedley-Fresno Tournament.

Hughes said the team knows they can do much better than their current record.

"We made too many mental mistakes in the second half of the semifinal game," Hughes admitted.

Nevertheless, Hughes says that the team has often in the past been able to win games despite making mental mistakes. However, a team goal, Hughes says, is to avoid those mistakes.

According to Hughes, a notable player continues to be shooting guard Terrence Johns, who was named All-Tournament at the Ventura Tournament.

Ass. start Coach Aaron Chavez says the team hopes to coerce future opponents into "turning the ball over." In fact, Chavez admits the team wants to decrease turnovers and "build up on possessions." "Good defense adjustments must be made to be at the level we want to be at," Chavez says.

Chavez says he continues to be impressed by Johns and point guard Johnny Machado, who played at North High.

Nov. 24-26, the team will host the Bakersfield Tournament at BC.

New band director starts drum line

■ Liberty High School music teacher, Mark McGuire, is hired as BC's new band director; hopes to reinvigorate struggling program.

By LISA VARGAS
Online editor

This fall Bakersfield College hired a new band director, Mark McGuire, who has some interesting plans for the music department.

McGuire has been a band director for over 27 years and has taught at local high schools for over 17 years.

He is currently teaching at Liberty High School in cooperation with working at BC and also conducts the Bakersfield Winds, a semi-professional group.

McGuire is part time at BC but is building up the music program in order to have it ready to be offered to someone for a full-time position.

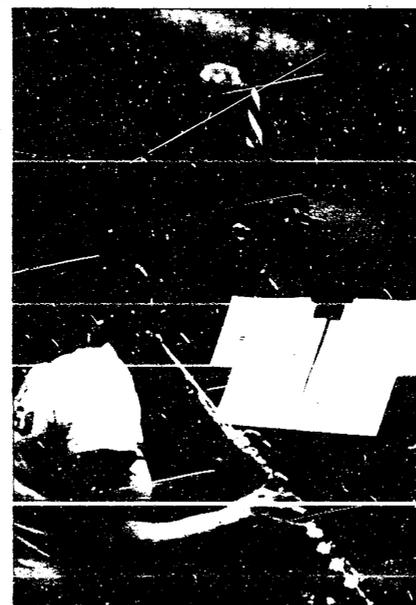
He said he took the job at BC because he had a really positive experience at the community college he went to. Two weeks ago he started a new drum line at BC.

The first day 11 people showed up, but by word of mouth 17 showed at the following practice.

McGuire hopes to get the drum line up to par so that they can be playing at BC football games and other school events by next year's fall semester.

Right now the drum line is preparing to appear in the Bakersfield Christmas parade.

In Bakersfield there are not many options for students just graduating from high school who are in band.



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BC band director, Mark McGuire, instructs flute player Kendra Oldershaw how to play "Sleigh Ride" at band practice.

With shaping up the program at BC, McGuire hopes to change that.

"I want to offer a place for my students at Liberty High School to go to."

He also hopes to do this for students in high functions, such as color guard. The only option for students in color guard is a few independent guards around Bakersfield.

McGuire said he already has a staff lined up for these new fields but needs to figure out a way to fund them.

The BC concert band is getting ready for a performance at the indoor theater on Dec. 14. McGuire is hoping to get the concert band "back up on its feet, so to speak."

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Volleyball team awarded spot in So. Cal. playoffs

By KATHERINE J. WHITE
Editor in chief

The Bakersfield College women's volleyball team has a record of 9-6 and was awarded a spot in the Southern California playoffs. The Renegades faced Orange Coast on Tuesday night in the first round.

The team beat Glendale 3-0 Nov. 14, but they lost to College of the Canyons 3-0 Nov. 17.

As the team faced Canyons in its last regular season game, the team displayed an even greater "level of maturity" than before, said coach Carl Ferreira said.

The team's strengths have continued to be attacking efficiency, Ferreira said.

"We have had a low attack error percentage," Ferreira said. "In seven matches, our kill percentage was very good."

Ferreira says the team's weakness lies in its failure to quickly overcome high "momentum situations."

The team has made some serving errors, Ferreira said. Good serving takes away some of the stress of the moment, he said.

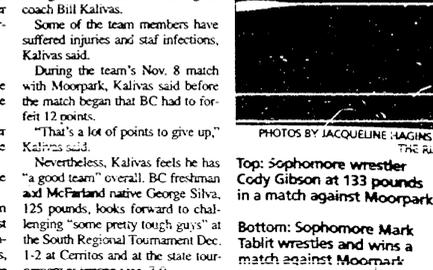
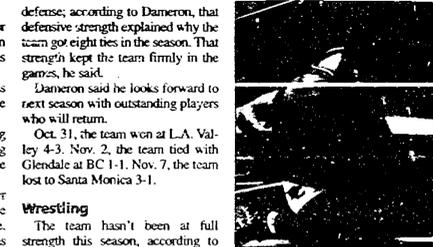
Ferreira said that middle blocker Samantha Geissel was one of the top hitters with a 43% percentage. Outside hitter Kara McKeenan has routinely led the team in points per game and in kills, aces and digs, Ferreira said.

Soccer Coach Scott Dameron said the women's team needs to increase the number of players on its roster.

This season the women's soccer team was "a little short-handed," he said.

"We just need more weapons," he remarked.

The team's record this season was 6-9-8. Nov. 10, the team lost its last game with College of Canyons at Canyons 2-0. Nevertheless, the team's strengths continued to be



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Top: Sophomore wrestler Cody Gibson at 133 pounds in a match against Moorpark.

Bottom: Sophomore Mark Tablit wrestles and wins a match against Moorpark.

SPORTS

FOOTBALL: Kenny Graham named defensive MVP of game

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The thing the Grossmont offense will find out when it faces BC is that the Griffins aren't the only team in this region that has a powerful defense.

The 'Gades are playing extremely tough, applying the pressure up front and creating timely turnovers which have enabled the BC offense to put a lot of points on the board. The stingy BC defense, meanwhile, has allowed only one touchdown in the last eight quarters against high-powered offenses.

Defensive pressure was once again responsible for turning around a sluggish first half performance into a rout for the 'Gades against Citrus in the Golden Empire Bowl, as they created five turnovers, three in the second half, which set up scoring opportunities for BC.

Two of those turnovers were interceptions by defensive back Kenny Graham. Graham's interceptions led to two touchdown runs of 3 and 8 yards by J.R. Rogers in the second quarter and the 'Gades never looked back. Because of his game-changing performance, Graham was named defensive MVP of the game.

"The pressure up front by Daniel Calvin, Crispin Fernandez, Ron Jones, Aaron King, Daron Mackey and Curtis Cornelison caused the Citrus offense to force the ball," Graham said. "I just made the reads and made the plays."

Rogers also scored on a 45-yard run in the third quarter after Citrus return specialist Anthony Sutton fumbled the punt and Aaron King recovered for BC. The fumble recovery was one of two by the BC defense, the other recovered by inside linebacker Daron Mackey.

Rogers was named the Most Valuable Player of the Golden Empire Bowl. The explosive back had 20 carries for 132 yards and three touchdowns.

"We had a great performance by the O-line," Rogers said. "They came out hard in the second half and opened it up for me to run."

For the 2006 season, Rogers rushed for 1,039 total yards and 2,022 in his career while at BC.

Even though Rogers hopes to play at the next level, he is focused on winning a state championship at the community college level.

"My coaches will help me get to the next level, right now I'm focused on winning a state championship," he said.

Also impressive for BC in the contest was Brandon Banks. Banks returned a punt 63 yards for a touchdown and caught a key pass setting up a score for the 'Gades.

The Owls took an early 3-0 lead on a 25-yard field goal by kicker Kirk Cabena and dipped into their bag of tricks throughout the contest, but they could only manage six points, the 25-yarder and a 39-yard field goal in the first half. The only other score the Owls could muster in the game was a 37-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Bryan Waggener to wide receiver Mark Castaneda late in the fourth quarter.

Citrus running back Leonard Mason was named offensive MVP of the contest as he amassed 158 yards on 19 carries.

Very uncharacteristic for BC

was the kicking game as kicker Will Johnson missed two extra point attempts (one blocked) in the first half. Johnson, however, redeemed the missed conversions by nailing a 32-yard field goal late in the second quarter, giving BC a 15-6 halftime lead.

A 12-yard run by Patrick Patterson with 7:23 left in the fourth quarter capped the scoring for the 'Gades in the first round state playoff bowl game.

BC earned the right to play in its second straight Golden Empire Bowl by traveling to Allan Hancock on Nov. 11 and defeating the tough Bulldogs 17-3 in Santa Maria.

The victory over Hancock captured the second straight Western State Conference North title for the 'Gades. Hancock finished the season with a record of (7-3 5-2 WSC North).

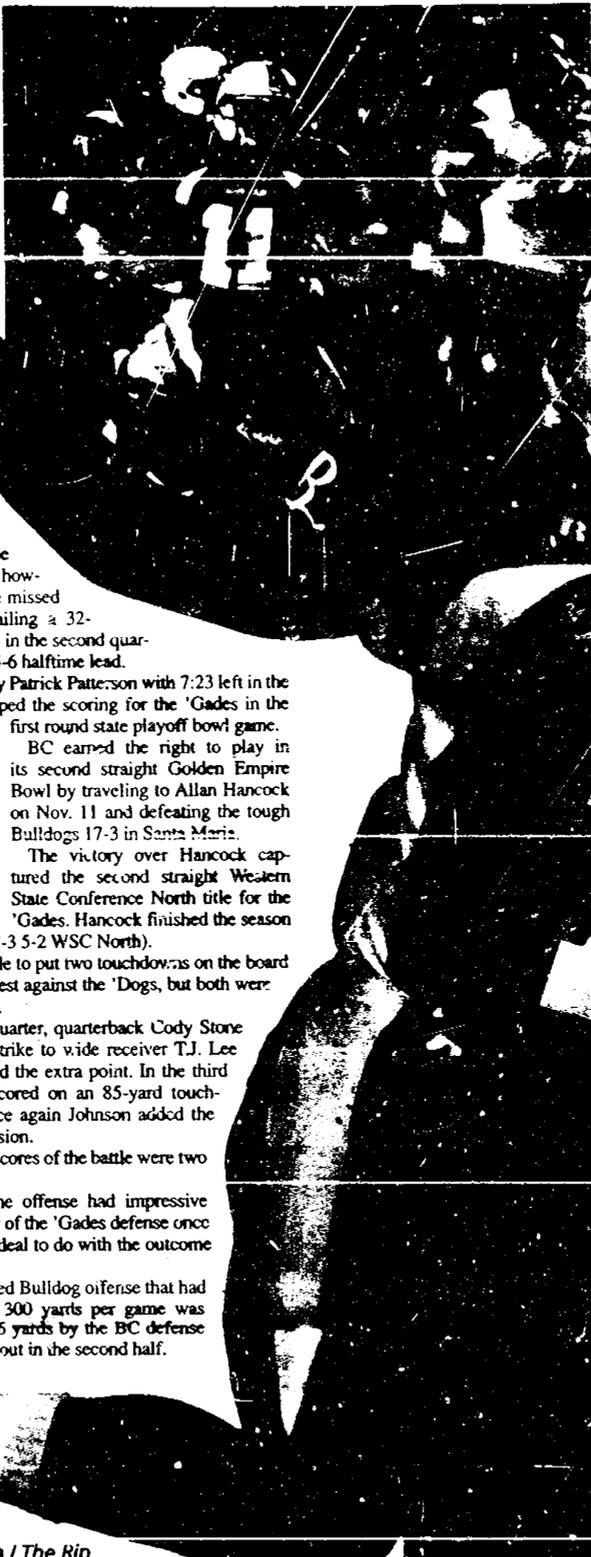
BC was only able to put two touchdowns on the board in the rugged contest against the 'Dogs, but both were of big play caliber.

In the second quarter, quarterback Cody Stone threw a 68-yard strike to wide receiver T.J. Lee and Johnson added the extra point. In the third quarter, Rogers scored on an 85-yard touchdown run and once again Johnson added the extra point conversion.

The only other scores of the battle were two field goals.

Even though the offense had impressive moments, the play of the 'Gades defense once again had a great deal to do with the outcome of the game.

The highly touted Bulldog offense that had averaged almost 300 yards per game was held to 116 yards by the BC defense and shut out in the second half.



Left: Wide receiver Brandon Banks evades a Citrus tackle. Right: Running back J.R. Rogers was named Golden Empire Bowl MVP. Below: Wide receiver T.J. Lee on a punt return



Golden Empire Bowl score: Renegades win 36-12 over Citrus Owls. 'Gades advance to second round of state playoffs

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Team receives new jackets from donor

BECKY JIMENEZ
Rip staff writer

In a media gathering at the BC football field house, president Wes Bradford of Clifford & Bradford Insurance Agency donated windbreaker jackets to the BC Renegades football team on Nov. 14.

Bradford congratulated Bakersfield College and Citrus College for a great season. Jackets were donated to both football teams to wear at the Golden Empire Bowl on Nov. 18.

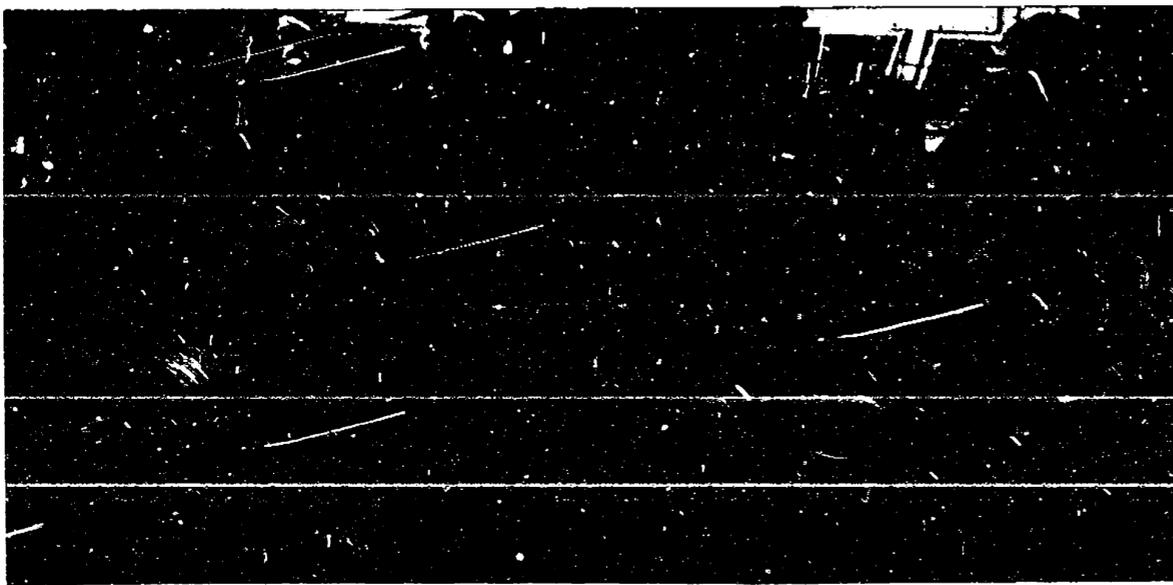
Bradford also said that the 'Gades have been exciting to watch all year long.

Athletic director Jan Stuebbe also congratulated the BC coaching staff for a great year.

Stuebbe also said BC head football coach Jeff Chudy is the best coach in the state.

BC president William Andrews expressed the college's most sincere thanks. He also said he wants to do this [Golden Empire Bowl] every year.

BC football coach Chudy said the football team has really progressed as a team. He also said that Citrus College is a quality opponent.



Fans and veterans of the Renegades' football team snack on potluck food at the tailgate party in the southeast parking lot before Saturday's bowl game.



Shirley Taylor and Ray Herder two-step to the groove of Ray McDonald of the Ray McDonald Band.



Brian Calande, lead guitarist of the Ray McDonald Band, plucks out a few tasty licks at the tailgate party.

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Football fans band together for team spirit

By JOEL R. PARAMO
Rip staff writer

Their cheers could be heard from on top of the stands while they held up a sign that read, "SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU GOT RENEGADES #45", which is Linebacker Daron Mackey's number.

"We go to every game; I don't miss a game," said Karon Mackey, Daron Mackey's mother. "There were less people before playoffs. Today there is a good support group. There are more people here today than there's ever been."

Families like those of Daron Mackey are great examples of true fans. Not only have they been to every game at home and away, but they also go to support all of the players.

"I'm here to support Daron, ever since he was at West High I've been going to his games. We're here for the other boys, too. They're all my babies," said Karon Mackey, laughing in excitement.

The Bakersfield College Renegades football team has won 10 consecutive games, and the crowd numbers have increased. There were 3,348 people in attendance at Saturday's game against Citrus College.

"The team has had its ups and downs, but I don't think people

were expecting them to make it into the playoffs," said Mackey. "With my babies they're going all the way!"

This wasn't the only family out there, but they were definitely one of the most vibrant. The crowd was full of people. Every time a touchdown was made, the air became a little hazy on account of the large amounts of confetti falling from above.

"More people started showing up when they realized they were actually good," said Andrea Jackson,

a criminal justice major at BC. "That's why more people started coming out."

The game was

so exciting that people couldn't even bring themselves to go to the bathroom. Every person was scared they'd miss something. They were running back and forth inquiring about the cheers they had missed.

The third quarter was by far the most exciting when J.R. Rogers made a 45-yard run for a touchdown. And just about a minute later Brandon Banks had a 63-yard punt return for another touchdown.

Cannons boomed and foghorns went off during the game, and it will all happen again this Saturday when BC hosts Grossmont in a second round playoff game.

"With my babies they're going all the way!"

— Karon Mackey, Mother of player Daron Mackey