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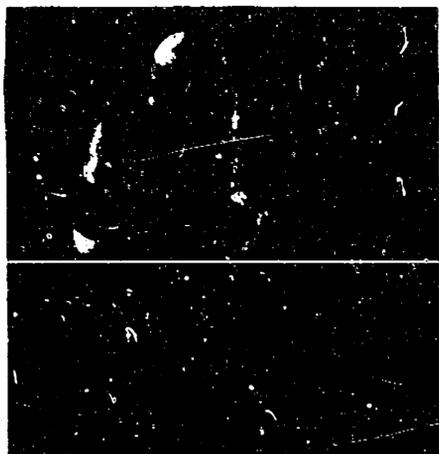
Mt. SAC picks off Renegades

BC's season ends with a 47-42 loss against Mt. San Antonio College in championship game at Memorial Stadium



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Above: Players from both teams skirmish following the game on Dec. 1.
Right: Steven Holquin (17) is pulled away from the fight by coach Brent Paul.
Below: BC tight end Seth Damron (84) scores the winning touchdown against College of the Canyons in a Nov. 24 playoff game.



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By LEANNE CAVE
Special to the Rip

The 2007 Bakersfield College football team had high hopes of playing for a state crown and possibly a national title.

For the second straight year, the Renegades were denied those prizes as the Mount San Antonio College Mounties rode into town Dec. 1 and edged the 'Gades 47-42 in the Southern California Championship game before a season high crowd of 12,315.

The loss also ended BC's undefeated season. The Renegades finished 12-1.

"It's disappointing for our coaches and players, but we had a great year. We were 12-1 for the first time in our history," said Jeff Chudy, BC head coach. "We had great community support, and it is a season to remember."

Even though Mt. SAC scored the first points of the contest on a 2-yard run by running back Craig Williams and an extra point by kicker Jeremy Gener, the BC offense would catch on fire as usual, as quarterback Jacob Bower tossed four touchdown passes and running back Bruce Frieson ran over the big Mt. SAC defense for a 55-yard touchdown score, giving the 'Gades a 35-24 halftime lead.

Bower, who threw for 295 yards, completed two first quarter touchdown passes to wide receiver Brandon Banks, and kicker Arturo Villa added two extra points to make the score, 14-7.

The second quarter was action-packed as BC scored 21 points, while the Mounties posted 17. Bower completed two of the four touchdown passes as he connected with wide receiver Artur Snipes for a 28-yard touchdown and Banks for a 45-yard touchdown.

The Mounties' second quarter scores came on a 6-yard touchdown pass from All-American quarterback Kevin Craft to wide receiver Matt Austin, a 6-yard run by Craft and a 25-yard field goal by Gener, with 0:00 showing on the clock.

"Our offense played really well in the first half," Carl Dean offensive coach said. "For whatever reason, we didn't execute in the second half, and when you turn over the ball that many times in the second half you're going to lose."

"But we are certainly proud of our kids and what they accomplished this season."

Uncharacteristic mistakes, rescues and five

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Cafeteria grade changed to an 'A'

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Bakersfield College students and faculty can begin to feel better about taking a moment to grab their favorite cheeseburger, chicken strips, or egg salad sandwich. Following a re-inspection on Nov. 20, BC moved from the B list to the A list in terms of health rating and overall food safety and sanitation.

According to Alex Gomez, director of Food Services, the BC cafeteria received an 87 during the first inspection (out of a possible 100),

and a 95 during the second round of inspections.

During the first inspection, student employees were docked points for being out of compliance on a number of issues. Violations included not wearing their hairnets, a broken refrigerator and numerous holes throughout the ceiling and a deteriorating building.

"It's pretty much building issues and has nothing at all to do with the safety and sanitation of the food we serve," said Gomez.

Additionally, Gomez explained that the health department conducts

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Students entering the front of the cafeteria can notice that the cafeteria grade has changed to an 'A.'

ASGA legislates during BC conference

■ Bakersfield College hosts the American Student Government Association conference.

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The American Student Government Association held the nationwide conference at Bakersfield College for the second time in two years. Students and advisers, dressed in profes-

sional suits and formal attire, were walking around the Bakersfield College campus Dec. 1.

"We (BC) have a strong relationship with the ASGA," said Don Turney, the dean of students. "It took a lot of work to host this event, but so far so good."

ASGA has been active for seven years in holding nationwide conferences for community colleges. It also provides information for the officers, senate, presidents and advisers with resources that teaches the individual to become more ethical, affirmative and more influential at their respective

campuses.

"I came here to get more knowledge in how to improve our student government," said Joshua Paul from Palestine College, "and of course to meet the fellow SGAs."

"We came out to see what the other student leaders do in their SGA," said Shaun Marshall, from Long Beach City College. "The ASGA has also provided us with informational workshops." Long Beach City College brought along about 16 students and two advisers to the nationwide conference.

Other states like Ohio, Maryland,

Florida, Arizona, and Missouri had a combined total of approximately 140 students.

Throughout the day, several of the workshops gave ideas and facts about improving student governments. According to the workshops' descriptions, the number one fear for people is public speaking. A workshop called "Driving the Language of Your Voice: Powerful Public Speaking," by Susan Leahy, had some tips on how to improve when it comes to the public.

These one hour workshops had a

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BC clubs give books to Africa

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Bakersfield College students may not be heading for Africa on Christmas break, but their old textbooks can go there.

Instead of selling or discarding unneeded textbooks, BC students can donate their textbooks to BC's Pre-Med club, or to either BC's Engineering Club or HOPE club. These clubs will send the donated books to the Better World Books organization, which will then ship the materials to three or four different African countries, according to Emmet Habebo, 18, BC biology major and member of the Pre-Med Club.

The preferred target age group is college-age, but Pre-Med would also like books to get to lower-division students, said Habebo. The BC clubs chose to work with Better World Books although there are other non-profit literacy organizations the club could have chosen to work with who collect educational materials for impoverished areas of the world, according to Habebo.

Books for Africa and Room to Read are other similar organizations who will take old texts, said Habebo. Worldfund is another similar organization, which sends materials to Latin America. Another organization, National Center for Family Literacy, raises awareness for the need for in-

creased literacy in the United States.

Habebo said Pre-Med wants to make these donations at the end of every semester for as long as possible. Habebo would like the idea of sending educational materials to underdeveloped areas to spread throughout Bakersfield.

"I want to duplicate this idea over at Cal State Bakersfield," Habebo said. "No where else in Bakersfield is this drive being done; it's only being done at BC."

Next year, Pre-Med and the other clubs will work in conjunction with an organization to send textbooks to parts of Asia.

Habebo said that the clubs will also accept some novels with high educational potential as well as textbooks. BC biology professor Joe Saldivar, adviser for Pre-Med, said all academic subjects will be accepted including texts for psychology, communication, theater, sociology, and literature as well as texts for science and math.

Boxes students can place texts in will be in place in or near the BC bookstore, the tutoring center, the Grace Van Dylte Bird Library as well as SE 40 and the financial aid office, said Habebo.

Habebo said she met a representative of Better World Books at a September conference in Sacramento that the Pre-Med Club attended who encouraged the club to join in the

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Muzio weathers the storm at BC

■ KBAK meteorologist Miles Muzio was at BC Nov. 27 to share his experiences about chasing storms.

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Tornadoes ravage the American Midwest every year, killing hundreds of people and displacing hundreds more from their homes, but they can be so beautiful.

That sentiment was echoed by local meteorologist Miles Muzio when he visited Bakersfield College professor Natalie Burstin's earth science class Nov. 27 to talk about storm chasing.

Muzio, the weather forecaster for CBS affiliate KBAK Channel 29 and FOX affiliate KBFX Channel 58, travels to Tornado Alley with his wife Debra to videotape footage of tornadoes. Debra videotapes the storms while Muzio narrates with meteorological information.

According to Muzio, his love of weather motivates him to go on his storm chasing adventures. "I'm passionate about weather. That's why I chase tornadoes," said Muzio.

Muzio explained the system that measures tornado strength, called the Fujita Scale. The Fujita Scale ranks tornadoes based on their wind speed. A zero on the Fujita scale, la-

beled F0, travels between 40 and 72 mph and is the lowest storm considered a tornado. In contrast, an F5 travels between 261 and 318 mph and can lift a house off of its foundation.

The Expanded Fujita scale was put into place in February of this year. An F3, which travels between 158 and 206 mph, is considered an EF5 in the Expanded Fujita scale.

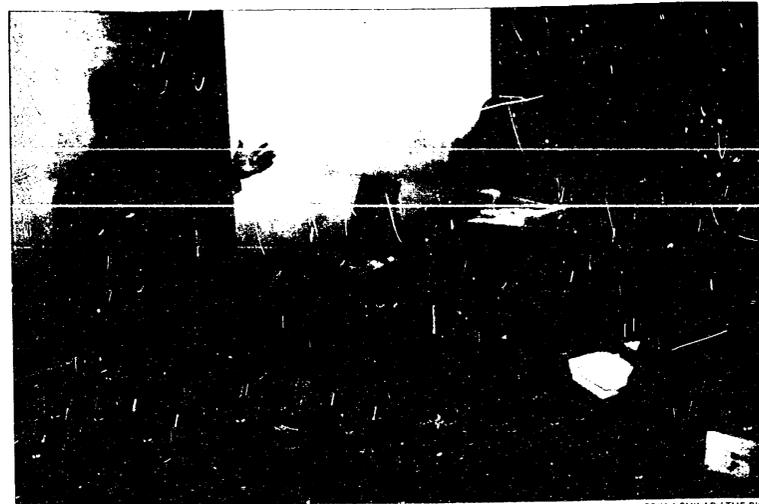
Muzio showed the class two videos of storm chases. The first video he showed was from a 1999 storm 80 miles north of Amarillo, Texas. In the video, the tornado, an F0, touched the ground briefly.

The second video Muzio showed was of a report done while he was working at KERO Channel 23 in 1993. In Amherst, Nebraska, Muzio and KERO got footage of an F3 tornado in the area that barely avoided colliding into a banyan.

After the storm, Muzio went into the city of Amherst to survey the damage. Large divots, described by Muzio as "hail craters," were scattered on the ground where baseball-sized hail had dropped. Tornadoes often cause hail storms.

In a previous scene, the windshield of Muzio's car showed visible signs of damage from hail. As Muzio explained, "That's when I starting using rental cars" for storm chasing.

According to Muzio, tornadoes are common in parts of the Midwest due to its mid-latitude, moisture coming from the Southeast Atlantic and dry air coming in from deserts



Local meteorologist Miles Muzio speaks to the students of Bakersfield College professor Natalie Burstin's earth science class Nov. 27.

in the Southwest. Also, stronger jet streams during El Niño years tend to influence tornado activity.

Muzio also answered a number of weather-related questions that students in the class had.

He explained how low-pressure systems in the Northern Hemisphere move counterclockwise around the Earth, and move

clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere, how lithium is used to directly measure dew point and that the highest recorded temperature in Bakersfield was 118 degrees Fahrenheit.

Muzio briefly discussed how he, along with other meteorologists, wants to open up the first national weather museum that would likely be in St. Louis.

Planned exhibits include a wind tunnel

where patrons could experience 100 mph winds and a lab that would create rain indoors.

Muzio graduated from Texas A&M and was a weather analyst for the U.S. Air Force for 12 years before deciding to become a meteorology broadcaster, working at television stations around various parts of the country for the past 30 years.

ERIK AGUILAR / THE RIP

BC to offer new weather class in the fall of '08

■ New BC weather class to give students a chance to learn all about the weather.

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Bakersfield College might add a class on weather and climate to its current class schedule.

Current geography professor John Menzies will offer the expected class.

BC student Jessica Carrillo, who has taken a geography class with Menzies, said he is an excellent professor and predicts the class will have a great environment because Menzies' lectures are very interesting.

"If this class is approved, I am pretty sure this class will be better than expected," said Carrillo. "Mr. Menzies is by far one of the best professors I've had since I started here.

He really knows what he is talking about when he's teaching."

The weather and climate class is expected to begin in the fall of 2008.

Menzies is "really looking forward for the class to begin," according to Menzies. The class is awaiting final approval by the school curriculum committee.

The class has an expectancy of a maximum of 45 students, which according to Menzies, could be fair enough for its first time offered

on campus.

"This class will basically be the continuation or the second unit of physical geography," said Menzies. "It will be covered like geography, but with more depth of topics such as the atmosphere, cyclones... and many other interesting topics covered in physical geography."

If approved, this class will be the first one offered on campus, but that does not mean that it is also the first or new to Menzies.

"I have a really good knowledge of this material," he mentioned that he had previously taught it in a lab.

So far there are a variety of expectations from students.

"Wow, hopefully they approve this class earlier than fall. I would really love to take this weather class with Mr. Menzies," said Juan Gomez, 23, business administration major, who has also previously taken geography with Menzies.



The secret is out!

There is a new creative outlet for Bakersfield College students, faculty and anyone else who needs to release emotion or a message to the public. English major Danielle Elliott started a new BC literary magazine called Lemur; however, anyone can send anything including art, photos, prose and poetry.

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Magazine to give students a new forum for expression

By MARCINDA COIL
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Features editor

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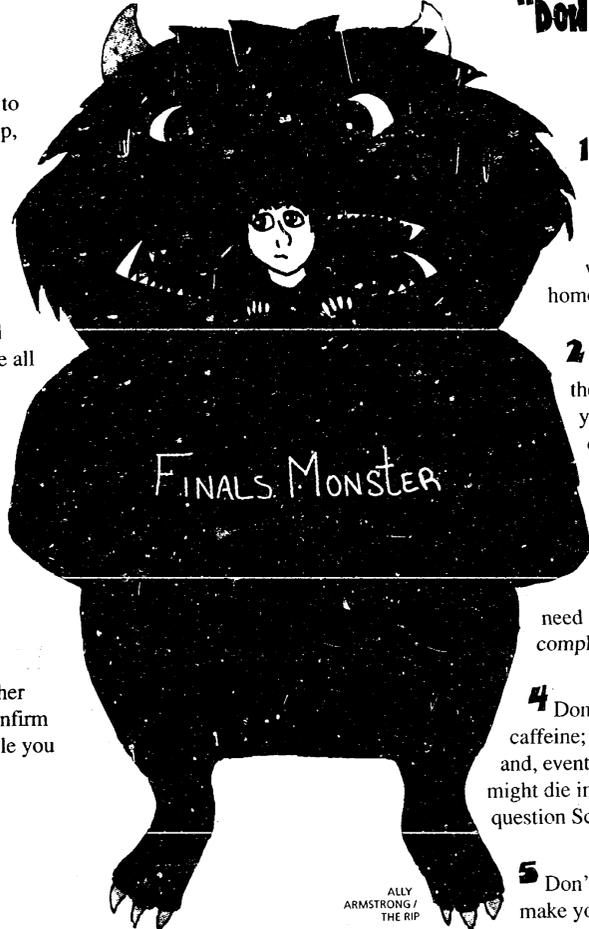
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FINALS: AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

As Dec. 10 gets closer, make sure the dreaded finals monster doesn't eat you alive. Finals will prevent you from enjoying festivities, but don't let it stop you from getting through the week.

"DO" BEFORE FINALS

- 1 Sleep at least 6-8 hours before a test. According to Dr. William C. Dement, a leading authority on sleep, students should try to sleep eight hours a night or they could fall into what he calls, "sleep debt."
- 2 Eat foods to stimulate your brain cells. It's recommended that you have fish for dinner the night before and a nutritious carbohydrate in the morning. Fruits or freshly made juices, cereals and grains, vegetables and beans and dairy products are all good brain foods.
- 3 We recommend you finally study the whole three hours for every hour you spend in class, at least while preparing for your final.
- 4 Make sure you're asking questions in class. If you don't ask questions, you don't get answers. Maybe you'll get a cheat sheet.
- 5 Form a study group, or at least study with another person. Positive reinforcement and someone to confirm what you're doing right or wrong really helps while you crunch in all the information.



"DON'T" BEFORE FINALS

- 1 Don't go out and drink your frustrations away. Finals are supposed to be a stressful time, if you want to get out of BC, stay home and stay focused.
- 2 Don't have a house party, the last thing you need in your house is a bunch of drunken people and a mess to clean up the next day.
- 3 Don't stay up all night, and don't be late to your final. Students need all available time to complete the final.
- 4 Don't have chocolate or caffeine; they will make you jittery, and, eventually, your caffeine high might die in the middle of your 1,000 question Scan-Tron.
- 5 Don't eat anything that will make you gassy; it's just rude.

Final Exam Schedule

Final examinations of 110 minutes are scheduled for all courses. Final examination days are included in the 175 instructional days required by law. Final examinations are to be held in the regularly scheduled classrooms on the dates and times listed below in order to comply with college policy.

For classes meeting MW, MWF, MTWR, MTWRF, M, W, or F	YOUR FINAL IS ON:
7 am and 7:40 am	Mon., Dec. 10 from 8-9:50 am
7:50 am and 9:10am	Wed., Dec. 12 from 8-9:50 am
9:20 am and 10:20 am	Mon., Dec. 10 from 10-11:50 am
10:30 am and 11:30am	Wed., Dec. 12 from 10-11:50 am
11:40 am and 12:10am	Mon., Dec. 10 from noon-1:50 pm
12:50 pm and 1:50 pm	Wed., Dec. 12 from noon-1:50 pm
2 pm and 3 pm	Mon., Dec. 10 from 2-3:50 pm
3:10 pm and 3:50 pm	Wed., Dec. 12 from 2-3:50 pm
4 pm and 4:50 pm	Mon., Dec. 10 from 4-5:50 pm
5 pm and 6 pm	Mon., Dec. 10 from 6-7:50 pm
Only on Mon. between 5:30 pm and 6:20 pm	Mon., Dec. 10 from 6-7:50 pm
Only on Wed. between 5:30 pm and 6:20 pm	Wed., Dec. 12 from 6-7:50 pm
6:35pm and 7:45 pm	Wed., Dec. 12 from 6:30-8:20 pm

For classes meeting TR, T, or R	YOUR FINAL IS ON:
7 am and 7:40 am	Tues., Dec. 11 from 8 to 9:50 am
7:50am and 9:10 am	Thurs., Dec. 13 from 8-9:50 am
9:20 am and 10:20 am	Tues., Dec. 11 from 10:00-11:50am
10:30 am and 11:30 am	Thurs., Dec. 13 from 10-11:50am
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2 pm and 3 pm	Tues., Dec. 11 from 2-3:50 pm
3:10 pm and 4:50 pm	Thurs., Dec. 13 from 2-3:50 pm
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Only on Thurs. between 5:30 pm and 6:20 pm	Thurs., Dec. 13 from 6-7:50 pm
6:35 pm and 7:45 pm	Thurs., Dec. 13 from 6:30-8:20 pm

* Friday, Dec. 14 from 8-9:50 or 10-11:15 will be reserved for one day per week classes that conflict with the above schedule.

** Saturday classes will have finals on Saturday Dec. 8.

COURTESY OF THE BC CATALOG

Professors prepare for finals

Students aren't the only ones preparing for finals. Professors have to prepare as well to make sure everything goes well during the week.

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Finals week is always a busy and hectic time for many college students, but college professors also have to adapt to the new schedule of finals week, and also have to make certain preparations to make sure their final turns out successful.

Unlike many college students, history professor Ishmael Kimbrough does not dread finals or final week. In fact, professor Kimbrough explained that he actually likes finals week. "I like the focus that

All-nighters not the answer to pass a class

Notes, flash cards, books and night-before cram sessions. Bakersfield College students are getting ready to take their finals.

"I have five finals; I'm going to cram my studying in last minute," said Mario Guzman, undeclared major.

When taking finals everyone has two goals, passing the finals and doing so with the least stress possible.

"I made note cards to study; I'm going to pull an all-nighter the night before," said Tessa Jennings.

For those students who prefer all-nighters the night before, there are some negatives you should consider.

According to the American Academy of Sleep

It clarifies what you've taught and also clarifies what's really going to help students long after they leave the class," said Larkin.

Professor Larkin's regimen for finals week does not involve a whole lot. "I have review activities for students and set aside time to meet with students," she said.

Professor Larkin also explained the different criteria she has for her classes in a typical semester. Most of the time, study guides are given to the students. "If a class stacks off the entire semester, doesn't come in on time, leaves early and has no class participation as a class, I won't allow notes during the final," said Larkin. Professor Larkin explained that if a class does have good participation and shows a real interest in the class itself, she will allow notes during the final.

Many Bakersfield College professors also take time out to prepare for finals, but don't absolutely dread finals.

medicine (AASM), the best way to maximize performance on final exams is to both study and get a good night of sleep. "New research highlights the importance of sleep in learning and memory," said Dr. Lawrence Epstein, member of the AASM board of directors. "Students getting adequate amounts of sleep performed better on memory and motor tasks than did students deprived of sleep."

All-nighters doesn't affect BC student Omar Renteria. "We go over the material in class every week. I have a cram session the night before; it works great for me," he said.

Not everyone is pulling all-nighters.

"I have two finals and a project. I attend class, study the notes and look over the syllabus," said Paul Lopez, science and business major.

The majority of students interviewed said that they prefer study groups, but tend to study by themselves because their schedules prevented them from making it to the study group.

"I have four finals. I read over the material and notes. Study groups are always a plus when they are available," said Elisea Wolley, a BC student.

BC student Joaquin Vasquez said, "When I study, I try to study with someone smarter than myself. As for the upcoming finals, I'm going to wing it."

— Dr. Lawrence Epstein, AASM board of directors

CAMPUS

Small groups jazz it up playing original music

Bakersfield College students work together to make a jazz performance featuring new music.

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Bakersfield College's Jazz Small Groups concert in the Fireside Room Nov. 30 had a mixture of original music written by students, jazz standards and traditional African rhythms being performed.

Some members of the first group included Jo-El Patterson on bass, Chris Borbon on drums, Paula Shankle on electric guitar and Joshua Lange on alto saxophone, and they performed three standards, or jazz covers. The first was by John Coltrane, the second was a bossa nova

song from Freddy Hubbard titled "Little Sunflower," and the last was "Watermelon Man" by Herbie Hancock, for which trombone player Walt Wortendykke was brought in.

The second group, composed of Travis Embree on trumpet, Bobby Graves on baritone saxophone, Jonathan Martinez on drums, Nathan Martinez sitting in on bass, George Santos on trumpet and piano and Johnny Mendez on electric and acoustic guitar, wrote and performed four original songs never performed in front of a live audience. First, they played a composition titled "Firehawk," then another called "Autumn Leaves," which had a very Latin sound. The next song was entitled, had a funk-styled polyrhythm, and only included the rhythm section.

According to Embree, the final song, "Beautiful Chaos," was the most difficult to write, as the group

was requested to write the piece. "Anytime you're told to write a song, you don't know where to start," said Embree.

The last group performed two original songs written by piano player, percussionist and composer Jordan Herbst. "Walk on Pioneer Drive" was named after a street in Bakersfield, while Herbst emphasized that the rhythm in his "Mellow D" was "the most important thing in this tune."

At the end, performers in the first and third groups came together to perform two songs accompanied by BC jazz instructor Kris Tiner. The first was a mixture of two traditional African songs: "Miatto Able Mal," originally a vocal arrangement, and "Afa," an ancient African rhythm, played by Borbon on the drum set and a bell called a gankogui, Anthony Rodriguez on a drum called a kidi and Herbst on a shaker-type in-

strument called an axatse. All of the African percussion instruments hail from Ghana.

The final song at the performance was called "A Call for All Demons" by Sun-Ra, a jazz musician who believed he was an alien from outer space. For this, Herbst moved to piano while Rodriguez continued performing on the kidi. The song consisted with the horn section performing solos all at once.

Originally, the concert was going to be a Christmas recital, but when students came in with original music, the night's format was retooled.

In the end, Tiner felt that the original music "carried the show." "I like playing original music," said Tiner. "When people are playing other people's music, they have to live up to it." With original music, explained Tiner, "you're inventing it as you're performing."



Jo-El Patterson (left) and Chris Borbon (right) play during Bakersfield College's Jazz Small Group on Nov. 30.

German young professional to study and survey in town

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An exchange student from Braunschweig, Germany Eike Bamefske joined the students of Bakersfield College at the beginning of the fall semester to study and eventually find a job practicing land surveying. "Every day's a challenge," said Bamefske. "It's like learning everything new. The small things make a difference. There's more positive thinking here."

Bamefske is here as a participant of a one-year exchange program called the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals.

He saw an ad in the local news-

paper and decided that it was something that he wanted to do.

"I like traveling. My family and I traveled in Europe and Africa," he said. "It's interesting to be here and improving my English."

Bamefske only took English in high school from the fifth to 10th grade and had to adjust to speaking in English while learning what it's like to live in another country.

According to Bamefske, there are major differences in the way Americans do things.

"It's easier here. In Germany there are more roads. Here, it's easygoing you enjoy life more," he said. "Buildings in Germany are bigger and older. They're closer together. Here, everything is spread out."

The youth exchange states that

Bamefske is one of 75 German scholarship recipients who will study at a select group of 63 colleges in 34 states and complete a six-month internship in a career field. Bamefske is nearly done at BC and is currently looking for somewhere to intern for the next six months.

He is currently taking a full load of classes that include sociology, English and math.

Besides being busy with school, he has made friends with students on campus and hasn't got stuck in the city. He likes traveling with his new friends.

"I've been to Denver, Los Angeles. I visited the beach," said Bamefske. "Bakersfield is a little boring. It's not very interesting, but there are interesting parts."

Student billiard room shuts down due to high maintenance

Rumors of illegal behavior are not the only reasons why Carla Reyes has chosen to shut down the activity room.

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Sex, gambling and illegal substances are a few of the rumors that have been made as to the reason why the student billiards room has been closed.

According to student worker Kyle Mendee, the poolroom has been closed since Oct. 29. He said he thinks it closed because the loud music that was always playing became a distraction to other students. Mendee also pointed out some items in the poolroom had been broken, including the pool table and some video games.

"The rumor is a janitor walked in, and people were having sex on the table," said a student who asked to

remain anonymous. "People were gambling and doing drugs."

Student Government Association treasurer Kristin Traylor said the room was shut down mainly because of vandalism. "It's been shut down a few times in the past," she said.

Traylor explained that SGA has some ideas on renovating the game room, but nothing official has been set in stone. "We want to update it, make it more of a lounge than an arcade," said Traylor.

Student Activities Department Assistant Carla Reyes said she made the decision to shut the poolroom down because it was hard to keep maintained. "I hire student workers, but they can only enforce the rules so much," said Reyes.

Reyes explained that items in the poolroom were often broken and the equipment was not respected. She said that "last semester, someone broke into the jukebox, at the risk of being electrocuted, and stole money." Reyes said she heard the rumors about gambling and sex, but nothing

about drugs. "If we don't catch people, it's all hearsay."

Reyes went on to say that they may install a surveillance camera in the room to make sure students are following the rules and eliminate further problems.

"It sucks, because I play pool," said student Josh Santos, who explained that he had no idea why the poolroom closed except for the rumors of drugs being present.

BC student Justin Merschmidt explained that the poolroom closing didn't really affect him. "I don't really care. I don't go in there, [the loud music] was obnoxious, but I don't really care."

Some BC student chess players agreed that closing the poolroom was a positive thing for them. "It's a lot more peaceful now and not loud," said Mendee.

Students are still allowed in the game room, which consists of chess tables, arcade-style video games and computers. The poolroom will remain closed until further notice.

OPINION

Saudi civil rights progress not very progressive

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A Saudi woman was in the news recently because she was brutally raped by seven men. Unfortunately for the woman, not only was she raped, she was then convicted for not being escorted by a man who was not her guardian under Saudi law, as adult women in Saudi Arabia must be escorted by a man to whom she is married or related to.

This unfortunate woman, who was only 18 at the time, suffers from anemia, several blood disorders and

asthma, and the courts treat her as a violent criminal who has committed some sort of terrible crime.

This woman's only apparent crime was being gang raped in the wrong country. Her husband claims that he lives in a country that treats its women well and with respect, but apparently he lives in a country that is completely backwards when it comes to justice.

The men who were involved in actually gang raping the Saudi woman were convicted to two years in prison. This was in 2006, so these men may be out, and they would probably do it again since they know now that

they can get off easy, as long as they rape a woman who is unescorted by a man of relation.

The Saudi woman, however, was sentenced to six months in prison and 200 lashes (yes, this country still uses lashes from a whip to enforce its laws). At least she wasn't caught holding hands with her friend because they may have chopped off her hands and then beaten her with them.

This story seems like something I would read in the Bible, not something I would expect to read about in a news story in 2007. What kind of country convicts a rape victim and

then beats her? Saudi Arabia needs some serious help when violent criminals can walk the street, kidnap women from a mall, then brutally gang rape them. But that's not the most disgusting part of this story.

The thing that I find most disgusting is the extreme lack of compassion for a fellow human being who is clearly suffering, a human being who is sick already and now apparently suffers from severe depression and stress.

Several human rights groups have gotten involved in the case and asked the king of Saudi Arabia to drop the

charges against the woman, but so far there has been no luck.

When the woman tried to appeal her case she again suffered injustice when she doubled her sentence. People have speculated that her sentence was doubled because she spoke to the media. The court maintains that they had found more evidence against her, evidence that shows she was committing the horrible crime of walking through the mall with a man of no relation and then getting brutally gang raped by seven large Saudi men, shame on her.

I find it's hard not to be disgusted by this case, but the way women are

treated in that country I am not surprised. Women have no rights, they must adhere to a strict dress code, they are not allowed to drive, they cannot leave the home unless escorted by a man (who is related to them) and they cannot even have surgery unless a man gives them permission.

Saudi Arabia's government has been taking baby steps in improving the rights of their women. They have made special courts to handle domestic abuse and made new labor laws.

That's not exactly what I call progress, especially when a woman gets raped and convicted for it.

U.S. torture not justified

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The United States might as well reintroduce the medieval thumbscrew.

The U.S.-approved form of medieval torture known as waterboarding is currently being endorsed by Michael Mukasey, recently nominated to be attorney general, and many of the Republican candidates including Fred Thompson and Mitt Romney.

The procedure entails forcing a detainee to lie on a wooden slab, covering his face with cloth, and then pouring water over the covered face. Ideally, the individual begins to believe that he is being drowned. This tactic supposedly helps interrogators extract information out of the detainee.

It has been rumored that this tactic has been used on captured Al-Qaida operatives and the like. Mukasey and the Republican candidates mentioned have publicly said that this procedure is not a form of torture.

Bull. Maybe the U.S. could reintroduce the Iron Maiden, or maybe Chinese water torture, which waterboarding seems familiar to. If nothing else, at least the U.S. could give this form of torture a more appropriate name so it would not be confused with snowboarding or surfboarding, or something innocuous like that.

To call it waterboarding puts the U.S. on the same level as Singapore, which became famous for its form of torture known as "caning." To use the term "caning," I always felt, was thoroughly misleading.

I recall that when I first heard the term, I became confused as to what punishment tool they were referring to.

Obviously, the term refers to an object striking flesh as a form of punishment. However, I wondered about the degree of severity. The term itself caused me to think that the punishment was not particularly severe. Soon, it was publicized that this form of punishment entailed splitting flesh



open, which would lead to scarring. The term itself was not very informative, and it seemed to be a very sly, deliberating confusing choice of a word. I'm betting that the Singaporean government deliberately calls the practice "caning" to make the practice seem like it is not as bad as it really is.

In a similar fashion, the U.S. terms its form of detainee torture with an innocuous word to fool people into thinking the form of torture is not really what it is. Granted, waterboarding is being used upon Middle

Eastern Al-Qaida personnel trying to target American establishments, and Middle Eastern countries are not exactly well known for high human rights standards.

However, endorsement of waterboarding brings America close to committing human rights violations. In fact, the use of waterboarding is a violation of human rights. The American government probably knows that waterboarding is a violation of human rights, but the government figures that the ends justify the means. As long as information about

terrorist hits is being extracted from the detainee, then anything goes.

Our government has never seemed to be high on ethical standards. The U.S. government does not seem to have a problem with lowering itself down to the terrorists' own level. Does the American government think it should start videotaping beatings to get its own agenda across to the public the way Al Qaida does?

Furthermore, endorsing and implementing waterboarding torture just gives the Middle East another reason to hate and attack the U.S.

MEChA wrongly blamed for fires

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The MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/Chicana de Aztlan) organization was blamed for the California wildfires that occurred in late October. A fake CNN webpage was posted on Oct. 25 saying that MEChA students from San Diego got bottles of gasoline with a fire cloth and ignited the fires that have caused a loss of more than 350,240 acres.

This was truly irresponsible of the person or people involved with this fake webpage, especially on CNN. Because of this story, people began posting this website on blogs and it read the apology, so there are CHA organizations.

I am a MEChA member and to hear that we were blamed for those fires is truly unbelievable. The article went on to say that "we don't know who did it but one thing is for sure, they are brown."

Our organization would never do anything so chaotic. Why did these people do this? Either they thought

it would be funny or they were out to destroy our reputation, which they kind of did.

We as a peaceful organization and if we are accused of extreme matters we will defend our reputation.

I did not care that they called us "brown" or "separatist," but to do it on CNN without using a fake page on other Web sites. If you have a problem or concern with us, let us know so we could settle this like adults, rather than getting the public against us.

CNN almost immediately caught the hoax website and publicly announced and apologized for the site. This was great for them, but a lot of people who read the fake story did read the apology, so there are CHA organizations.

In extreme situations like fires, terrorist attacks and homicides, libelously creating scapegoats is irresponsible. People die and things are lost during these situations. I don't think me saying that NAFTA is to blame for the 9/11 attacks would be very fair.

STAFF EDITORIAL

BC times changing

The overriding theme for the fall 2007 semester at Bakersfield College seems to be one of change.

The most obvious change lies in the administrative turnover, culminating in President William Andrews' decision to retire at the end of the school year.

Dean of Students Don Turney will be returning to the classroom next semester, and Rich McCrow was hired to replace John Jaramillo as president of the Delano Center after Jaramillo earned a position as the dean at College of the Desert.

These administrations, who have contributed to BC's success, leave behind a sense of concern about the performance their replacements can bring, as well as a number of ongoing projects that may not be completed with the precision they intended.

The places, as well as the people, also seem to be changing.

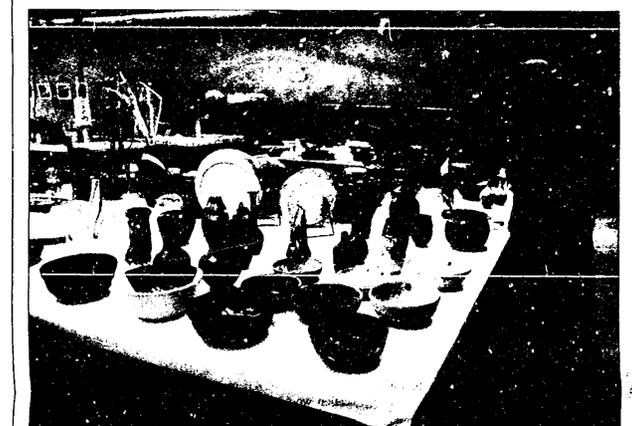
The Arts Center and the Speech, Carps and Music buildings are slated to be renovated at the end of the spring semester, and growth continues at the Delano Center.

While not a change that will likely affect students attending BC now, the college has purchased a plot of land with Bolthouse Farms, which is meant to become a new satellite campus.

These initiatives indicate that BC is keeping up with the evolution of the growing Bakersfield community and of the college experience.

The college is able to react to events going on at the local and national levels with effective decisions. All of the change puts the future of BC up in the air, but if the new members of administration can be as proactive as the ones they are replacing, this campus is bound to have continued success.

Original student artwork sold



Computer studies professor Phil Whitney grabs a ceramic item at the Ceramic Glass Sale on Dec 3. The semi-annual sale allowed the public to purchase student-made pottery and blown glass objects Dec. 3 and 4.

BC students prepare to transfer

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The time to transfer is just right around the corner for many Bakersfield College students. For some students, transferring sounds very complicated, while for others it is a huge change they have always waited for.

"Being at BC is one of the best decisions I have made in my life, but it is time for me to move on to a higher level, and I am really happy about it," said Debbie Koch, 22, a current BC student. "I am transferring to Cal State (Bakersfield) because it will be easier for me because I cannot afford moving out, and the school is right by my house."

One of the BC student counselors, Barbara Braid, who is in charge of guiding students at BC who plan to

transfer, said that an average of 1,500 students transfer each year from BC. "Transferring could be very simple; students must have their general classes done, and it just depends on the school and if the major is competitive," said Braid.

Many BC students, according to Braid, prefer to transfer to places that are out of town and those close to the beach.

However, she does not think there is a most desirable place for students in general to transfer because the requirements and personal choices are different for each person.

"I am going to Cal Poly because I heard it's a good school for engineering, and I heard that school really helps people out," stated Daniel Figueroa, who is in his third semester at BC, majoring in engineering.

It can also be very complicated for some students to move on by trans-

ferring out of BC.

"The transferring process is very exhausting. I am very stressed out with all this situation. I'd rather stay here, but I know I have to leave. The school that I consider to be best to transfer to is the one I am going to, San Diego State," said Nora Brener, 22, BC student majoring in chemistry.

As Braid mentioned, "there are always opportunities for students everywhere, they just have to really focus on what they want to do. I don't think there is really a best place to transfer, but a lot of students who transfer from here go to CSUB, UC Berkeley, Davis and Cal Poly, it just depends on how impacted the school is."

Overall, according to Braid, out of all the students transferring, most of them might be going to Cal State Bakersfield because it is close.

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Dec. 5: Communication Showcase, BC Forum, 6 p.m.

Dec. 6-8: BC wrestling at Fresno, all day

Dec. 6: Downtown Bakersfield Christmas Parade, 22nd and L streets, 6 p.m.

Dec. 7-9: Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra: Nutcracker Ballet, Rabobank Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 7 and 8: BC men's basketball at San Diego, THA

Sounds of the Season, First Presbyterian Church

Dec. 8

Dec. 5: Football's State Championships, TBA

Dec. 16: A Nightmare Before Christmas Tour 2007, The Dome

Dec. 10-14: Finals week

Dec. 11: BC men's basketball at Cuesta, 7 p.m.

Dec. 13-15: Bakersfield Symphony Holiday Pops Concert, Rabobank Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 13-15: BC women's basketball at Lancaster, TBA

Dec. 14-16: BC men's basketball at Allan Hancock, TBA

Dec. 27-29: BC women's basketball at El Cajon, TBA

Dec. 28-30: BC men's basketball at Allan Hancock, TBA

Dec. 14-16: BC men's basketball at COS, TBA

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GADE FEEDBACK

Which of your classes has the hardest final?

Andrew Timmerman, undecided: "Geology, personally don't have any interest in it."

MJ Smith, religious studies: "World religion. There's a lot of information you need to remember."

Kathy Burgos, communication: "Music history. I'm not doing too well in that class."

Letty Ugues, physical education: "Biology, because you study, then the test is totally different."

Iris Morales, sociology: "There are a lot of terms, people and theories to remember."

Oryanne Dyalles, broadcast journalism: "Media and Society. A lot of it is based on opinion."

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REVIEWS

Movie based on King novel has a cloudy plot



David Drayton (Thomas Jane) and his son Billy (Nathan Gamble) lead the way in Stephen King's "The Mist."

Thomas Jane and Marcia Gay Harden star in "The Mist," about a mysterious fog that kills people as it rolls through.

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Though "The Mist" provides plenty of action wrought on by mystical nature, "The Mist" is a plot unraveled by human nature. The movie conjures up feelings of sadness, anxiety, even a little humor, and leaves you wondering, "What would you do?" With all the detailed character

sketches, "The Mist" is no doubt a movie long overdue. Finally, people can watch a new movie and feel every feeling possible. It all begins with David Drayton (Thomas Jane), a husband and a father. Though he seems tough and confident, his relationships show that he is levelheaded and kind. After an overnight storm that destroyed his art studio, boat house and his annoying neighbor's car, Drayton, his son and his neighbor head over to the local grocery store to grab some supplies. Though the storm was an inconvenience to all who were in the store, the mist's mystical killing ingredient causes panic. As the mist rolls in, and people mysteriously die, the townspeople get terrified. At first, I thought "The Mist"

would be a terrifying bad "The Fog Part II," but Stephen King knew better than to make this movie anything like "The Fog." Together with writer and director Frank Darabont, Stephen King put together a masterpiece far surpassing "The Fog." They put together every character one would find in a small New England town and put their traits to the test. Would they clash, or would they band together in order to survive? There is the outsider neighbor who is stubborn enough to believe that even during a crisis, there are locals who would still pinpoint him as the guilty one. There is the high school dropout who is dumb, the only thing bringing in the paycheck is his mechanical skills. There are the two young lovers, the military men, the protective mommy, the cowboy and the biker. There is the secretly brave geek, the teacher, the old couple who are set in their ways (a good thing) and the religious nut ball, trapped within Puritan ideologies, played by Marcia Gay Harden. All of these characters play an important role in their survival, or lack thereof. After many have lost hope, they turn to the religious nut ball for answers and those that remain hopeful have an even bigger obstacle than the mist. The main battle is over human nature and human emotions. The battle over what is in the mist is only secondary. The idea sets this movie apart from "The Fog," and it sets it apart from mainstream entertainment. This movie is worthwhile to watch.

Gas station sandwiches tasty, but bad service

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The sandwich I ordered at the Brookside Deli at 4700 Coffee Road was excellent, but unfortunately, the pleasantness of my dining experience ended there.

For a deli located inside a gas station, I must admit that I found my work cut out for me, in trying to compare this gas station deli to other legitimate dining facilities. I decided to judge them on a similar scale to other dining establishments, while taking into account that the majority of their patrons aren't expecting a restaurant atmosphere.

Perusing the menu and paying for my order was an ordeal in itself.

First, I had to ask the attendant (for lack of a better term) about many of the items on the menu because I found the menu difficult to read; the side salads weren't labeled and didn't have prices on them.

I had to go through them one by one, asking what each item was and how much it cost.

Sadly, I couldn't tell the tuna salad from the chicken salad, and the attendant wasn't familiar with the menu, saying that it was new to her. I decided to order the ham and pepper jack cheese croissant with a half pint of chicken salad on the side.

I was given a hand-written ticket, which I was to take to the gas station cashier on the other side of the store.

And, after waiting behind an elderly lady, who was counting her pennies and nickels in order to pay for her two packs of Winston cigarettes, I was



Brookside Deli at 4700 Coffee Road has great sandwiches, but it also has a grungy atmosphere and bad service.

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finally able to pay for my order. By the time I paid for the food, it was ready. I grabbed my plastic bag containing my sandwich and chicken salad, and then I picked up some plastic utensils and looked for a place to sit. This was an inconvenience to me: The three inside tables were a mess and covered in crumbs. I didn't really want to sit at the bar, so I decided to face the chill weather at their outside tables rather than listen to the incessant swoosh of the sliding glass door, the constant ka-ching of the cash register and the shrill pop music that was blaring inside. I opened the Styrofoam container and lifted the sandwich to my mouth, and I was delighted by the exquisite taste, and felt the warmth of the hot ham and melted pepper jack cheese flow through me. The fresh tomato slices melded with the sandwich and enhanced the flavor.

I suddenly understood why there were so many crumbs on the tables inside, as I kept flicking them from my lap between bites. Unfortunately, the chicken salad rated well below par because the chicken was hard, dry and tasteless. I am not certain if the condition of the tables inside are an indication of how well they maintain and keep the dining area, but I have to wonder how they manage during a lunch rush. Furthermore, the difficulty I had in placing my order and paying for it when it wasn't busy would make me hesitate to stop there if they were. Overall, I did not enjoy my dining experience, but I am looking forward to trying some more of their sandwiches. I would recommend the Brookside Deli for take-out or catering only, unless you're simply hungry and driving by, and have nowhere else to go.

New 'Guitar Hero' installment lets you slash it up with Slash

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The obsession started almost a year ago at my best friend's sister's house on New Year's Eve. What began as a way to spend time with friends,

shortly became a full-fledged addiction, one that was passed on to even more friends.

I'm speaking, of course, about Guitar Hero, and I know I'm not alone.

The addition lives on with the game's third full installment, "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock." The new game has features the previous two did not, including multiplayer

career mode and guitar battle, which can be played against a teammate or animated versions of rock guitarists like Slash and Tom Morello. The game even has many master tracks, as opposed to the cover songs on the previous games. My first complaint is one I noticed right away that I knew would annoy me throughout the entire play. The loading period between songs seems to go on forever and is much longer than in the other games. I kept worrying that something was wrong with my game, when really it was just taking its sweet time to load the next song. The game's graphics confused me. The guitar, fret and note graphics all seemed tighter and more vibrant. But as far as the characters go, they

seem to have downgraded. Those on Guitar Heroes I and II are way more lifelike than the new ones. Plus, the singer is downright frightening, with a disturbing frown and a very intense jaw. In both career modes there are short cartoon scenes that follow the band through their journey from venue to venue. Hopefully the creators didn't spend too much time working on those, though, because I know I skipped through them the first time around. But for as skip-worthy as they were, they were at least a little entertaining, for at least one time. But what matters most is the songs and their playability. The songs as a whole are much better. Most of them are good songs that people actually

know, instead of the more obscure songs of the previous games. Among them are "The Killers" "When You Were Young," "The Sex Pistols" "Anarchy in the U.K.," and "The Smashing Pumpkins" "Cherub Rock." All of the songs are a lot more fun to play than those in the previous games and the difficulties seem more consistent as well. There are no super-easy medium level songs and no way-too-intense hard level songs. Songs do get progressively harder as the player goes further into career mode, but they seem to be more gradual and introduced. An obvious exception to this is in the guitar battles. In these, the players will duel the likes of Slash and Tom Morello and "star power" is replaced with "battle power," disadvantages to throw at the opponent. To win, one must not only play more correct notes, but also force the other person to fail. As hard as I tried, I could not beat Morello even though I played the notes almost perfectly. When I was about to give up and search for a cheat code, the game finally realized I was a lost cause and let me skip it. When I lost my first battle against Slash, I thought, "Well, of course they're going to win, they're freaking Tom Morello and Slash!" Convinced it was an impossible task, I prepared myself to have to fail numerous times before I could give up, only to beat Slash after the first few tries. So, I discovered, it is not impossible to beat rock legends, just really, really hard. It's difficult to pick favorites among

BC BRAINS

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



Rolyn Lotino, nursing: "Knowing many languages."



Adam Firo, agriculture: "Knowing at least five languages."



Anastasia Jones, English: "Knowing something, but I don't know what."



Davon Sanchez, criminal justice: "Lots of reinders."



Isaac Alcazar, liberal studies: "A lot of blood clot."



Nikki Chahal, psychology: "A cat."

What is a polyglot?

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REVIEWS

Wine tasting may lead to porcelain worship

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It was Thanksgiving and the biggest shopping day of the year, something retail workers call Black Friday, and I was tending 21. Indeed, my birthday landed yet again on Thanksgiving.

Most people who turn 21 look forward to going bar hopping and eventually meeting that white porcelain god, which they will place.

I like wine, but I'm no connoisseur, not even after the trip, so after tasting my first wine all I had to say about the flavor was that it tasted like a chardonnay.

And it was here that I learned while tasting or drinking you move from white wines to red wines and then you have dessert or a port. It was also at Roche where I tried the most expensive and delicious wine I had that day, a Cabernet Roche Family Reserve, going for \$118 a bottle, but it was amazing and tasted like velvet across the tongue.

I had to settle for a bottle of Tempranillo, a red wine that was also delicious, part cabernet, part merlot, going for \$36 a bottle. I felt pretty rotten, knowing that I didn't have to pay for anything that day.

We then made our way to V. Sattui, voted winery of the year 2006-07. It was so busy, I felt like I was at a tourist hot spot, something I didn't really enjoy. Inside, it was a madhouse of people tasting cheeses, sauces, sausage and of course wine.

The final visit we made was to Sterling Winery, a pretty unique place due to the fact that it was about 200 feet up a hill overlooking the Napa Valley, and the only way to get up there is to take a lift. We paid \$25 dollars for a ride up the lift, which included a tour that they force you to take to taste the four different wines they were offering that day. It had gotten late and cold, so the outdoor wine tasting of Sauvignon Blanc was rather refreshing.

As the sun set we finally made our way back to the limo where I slept the whole way back to my uncle's, peacefully undisturbed by the party that apparently happened in the limo.

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Stefan Lambert, left, and Dashawn Anton Robert Clark, right, answer audience questions in an actor "talk back" after the showing of their play "Topdog/Underdog" on Dec. 1.

Two brothers struggle to survive in BC production

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Bakersfield College's play "Topdog/Underdog," put on by the school's Performing Arts students, tells the story of two African-American brothers, Lincoln and Booth, played by Stefan Lambert and Dashawn Anton Robert Clark.

When their parents left them as children, they had to struggle to make a living.

At the start of the play, Booth is practicing "throwing cards," a skill that his older brother perfected but previously gave up.

Lincoln works at an arcade and his brother encourages him to throw

cards again. Throughout the story, the brothers' status over each other varies. One minute one is the "topdog," and the next minute the other is. So, the play is aptly named.

Both Lambert and Clark did an excellent job portraying the two brothers. Lambert played a cool, calm, and slightly melancholic Lincoln, which fit well as the character is getting over a divorce and in a bad job that he is about to lose. He's the older, wiser brother and Lambert performed the part well.

Booth is edgier and the more troubled of the two brothers, and thanks to Clark that was evident right away.

From the beginning, when Booth is practicing throwing cards and imagining a crowd, audience members could tell that he might end up being a little unstable.

Booth is going to break, and it's

just a matter of when, and knowing that from the start of the play made it more interesting.

Overall the play was great, but it was a bit long, especially considering the play only has two characters, something I wouldn't have guessed by looking at the program. I was given seven other names all of whom were definitely not on stage during the play. Maybe they were crewmembers or maybe I saw the play on an off night, but I have no idea what their relationships to the play are.

A "talk back" followed the performance, where the two actors answered any of the audience members' questions. This was a great opportunity to gain further insight into the play and all of the work that the cast put into the performance and production.

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CAFETERIA: BC cafeteria fixes problems with fixtures and receives an upgrade to an 'A'

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inspections on a random basis, with little to no notice given to those being inspected.

He explained that a number of factors determine what health rating an establishment receives, including food temperature and overall cleanliness.

"It depends on how you look at it... even if food is safe to consume, the health department may see it differently," said Gomez.

According to Gomez, the lack of an A rating at an eatery does not necessarily imply that food is unsafe to consume or the facilities are unclean.

He mentioned Café Med and Tahoe Joes, two Bakersfield eateries that received a B rating during their first inspections earlier this month.

"The health grading system is a new thing for Kern County; the

rules haven't changed, just the way they are presented to the public," said Gomez.

Gomez added that an establishment is required to maintain specific temperatures for prepared and prepackaged products at all times.

For example, according to Gomez, prepared food is required to remain at a constant temperature of 46 degrees over a 4-hour period of time.

If the health department finds that prepared food under or over required temperatures is being sold, the establishment is found to be out of compliance.

According to Gomez, the failing refrigerator contributed to the inability of the cafeteria to keep food at a constant temperature, resulting in a loss of three points.

The appliance problems have been fixed and employees have

been reminded to always wear their hairnets to ensure optimal sanitary conditions.

"Basically, we fixed the problems that kept us from receiving an A during the first round of inspections. We haven't had any reports of students getting sick from eating our food - it's safe to eat here," said Gomez.

Gomez further emphasized that food in the BC cafeteria is safe to consume and that food below health code would not be served to students and faculty.

The Kern County Health Department will re-inspect the BC cafeteria in 90 days and yearly thereafter.

"It is not our goal to serve products that are not safe to consume. We are not going to serve something to the public that I would not eat myself," said Gomez.

Bakersfield has talent for children fundraiser

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A variety of talent that stretched from a young ballerina to a politically conscious rapper showcased their skills at the first ever "Bakersfield's Got Talent" event, that was hosted and developed by DJNentertainment.

The event was part of fundraising to collect money for the Children's Christmas Program that is annually held at the Elks Lodge located at 1616 30th St.

Nick Hill III was the organizer of the event as well as owner of DJNentertainment. Hill plays a variety of roles, as he is the Esteemed Loyal Knight of the Elks and is also the Chair of the Children's Christmas Program.

"We usually have a barbecue," said Hill. "But this year I thought we would do something bigger."

Overall, the night raised \$230 for the cause, as a table was stationed for donations and Hill periodically asked the audience to visit the table whenever they found a suitable time.

The show started around 6:30 p.m., and over 25 contestants were corralled in an area next to the stage inside of the Dome on V Street awaiting their turn to perform.

"I'm scared," said Johnny Solorio who was going to do a pop-locking rendition of a Debbie Deb song. "Everyone's putting the pressure on me."

This wasn't the only time Solorio had performed in front of a large quantity of people.

He used to dance at rallies for Centennial and West, but this crowd was a bit different and tinged his

stage with a different energy. "I'm nervous to be a teacher and I'm nervous to be a parent," said Solorio. "The families mostly, not mine, but other people's."

Family seemed to be the unspoken theme of the night. Family support was a major contribution to the crowd of people that circled the stage.

"My son's performing tonight," said the mother of rapper Russell Carter aka "Bonz" who performed his song "Everybody knows Bonz" towards the later half of the night. "He made a clean version especially for the family and tonight," she said.

All performances had to maintain a quality that would be accessible to the ears of families that were in attendance. Two-year-olds could be seen holding onto the hand of an older individual as well as herds of adolescents running amuck as they allowed the energy from the music to flow out of their bodies into ran-



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Nick Macumba of Backyard Shack Records performs at Bakersfield's Got Talent while he hands out a free CD.

dom spurts of dance movement.

"Some of the people we dismissed still showed up wanting to perform," said Hill. "But we didn't let them due to something wrong in their performance involving cuss words or things like that."

"Not all rap is negative," said Lisa Payne aka the "MRS". The MRS is an acronym for Many Restless Sisters. Payne stressed the importance of a positive outlook, when coming from a negative background in the lyrics of her conscious songs.

"I'm moving to be a teacher and I'm moving to be a parent," said Payne. "I've learned something in order to teach someone."

Payne heard about the competition from one of her aunts, Margie Davenport. Davenport also performed with her sister Bernice Boyd. They performed an original gospel ballad titled "One on One." Davenport was on keyboard as Boyd let her tonils vibrate gospel goodness.

"We write and perform our own songs," said Davenport.

Singing, rapping and pop-locking were not the only types of entertainment available that night at the Dome.

There was also a little old man playing guitar as well as an 11-year-old ballerina.

Miguel Gutierrez is a 59-year-old man who sings in casinos in Reno. He performed "Cielito Lindo" with the help of an acoustic guitar. It swayed the night onto a different track of pace.

The performance was very different from the crowd-pleasing shenanigans of Midnite Records, featuring Macumba of Backyard Shack Records.

The group performed their original song "We Can Ride" at the beginning of the show and was able to get the crowd involved early by demanding they lift up their bottoms from the seats and head to the front of the stage. Free CDs were included for those who followed Macumba's words.

"We just want to have fun," said Jose Maldonado, aka Silence of Midnite Records.

Tatyana Pryor did not have to speak a word for the crowd to be moved by her actions. This 11-year-old performed a ballerina routine as she pranced and twirled in front of judges for roughly three minutes.

"I thought I did really good and I tried really hard," said Pryor.

All the contestants tried really hard, but three judges were to determine the fate of the grandest of prizes, a six demo record deal compliments of Urban Tracks, a local recording studio located on Niles Street. The prize was not awarded that night, but will be given out at a special ceremony to be held at a later date.

Everybody received something for performing that night though, whether it was recording time, a free chicken wing meal courtesy of Wings to Go, or getting to see what kind of talent Bakersfield has. No one left without something.

BOOKS: Clubs help African children with books

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quest to accommodate needy students in Africa.

According to statistics provided by www.whitehouse.gov and www.portal.unesco.org, 42 million sub-Saharan African children do not attend school chiefly because they cannot afford the expense of going to school.

Schooling is often a luxury more easily afforded for the children of the more affluent in countries

such as Africa. According to www.usaid.gov and www.unicef.org, 24 million sub-Saharan African girls did not attend school in 2002, and www.unicef.org reports that 40 percent of Africans over 15 are illiterate, and 50 percent of African women over 25 are illiterate.

Tuan Nguyen, 21, BC biology student interested in dentistry and a Pre-Med member, believes the U.S. has an obligation to assist disadvantaged countries like Africa.

"Many people in Africa have no educational support," Nguyen said.

Saldivar agreed that educational aid to many parts of the world is a moral obligation for the more advanced countries like the U.S., which takes its educational opportunities for granted.

"We don't have an appreciation for the advantages in the U.S.," said Saldivar. "Over there, pen and paper are huge commodities."

CONFERENCE: BC hosts the ASGA conference

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variety of topics, like making students interested in SGA, ways to improve elections, creating signature programs, and how to make a successful student government.

"A lot of people had never in their lives attended a conference like this," said Mitchell from Long Beach City College.

Experts for the workshops were

Susan Leahy, Andrew Ortiz, W.H. Oxendine, Bob Bernatz, and Dave Linzey.

"I have to say, the BC SG was really welcoming and very nice," said Paul. "During breakfast the speakers were very helpful and

During the event breakfast was

served with muffins and coffee. For lunch a New York style steak was served topped off with juice. Throughout the day, snacks were provided during the socializing breaks.

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Lead leads to recall of toys

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Several recalls on toys with dangerous levels of lead have been issued recently, and the Kern County Department of Public Health has some tips and precautions to bear in mind when holiday shopping this year.

Fortia Choi, deputy public health officer and director of Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health, provided a simple suggestion to help keep children safe.

"One simple step caretakers can teach children is to always wash their hands before eating and going to bed," said Dr. Choi. "This will help minimize the risk a child will introduce lead into their bodies."

"Because a child may not have obvious symptoms from lead exposure, caretakers who suspect a child under the age of 6 years old has been exposed to lead should have the child's blood lead level tested," said Choi.

According to the article "Lead Poisoning and Kids" by Daniel J. DeNoon on www.webmd.com, symptoms of lead poisoning are generally not sudden or acute, and the most harm is done to a child under the age of 2 and can lead to harmful long-term effects, like memory problems and loss of IQ points.

Mothers attending Bakersfield College are mostly aware of the recalls and what they entail, and some

take different approaches to their holiday shopping as a result.

"I am not buying anything new that was made in China by any company other than Mattel," began mother and BC student Janet Litrell. "I was planning on buying Aqua Dots until that issue happened. I am buying more clothes and music to avoid trouble with toy recalls."

Litrell also stated that she has also taken to searching for "more unique American-made toys" to help avoid any potential problems.

Other mothers at BC, like Randi Luster-Delgado, aren't as concerned. "The recalls haven't affected me and my holiday shopping too much," said Luster-Delgado. "My five-year-old son, Evan, had a Toys R Us catalog that he was using to circle everything he wanted for Christmas. After seeing the Aqua Dots recall on the news, he asked me to scratch them out of the catalog so no one would accidentally poison him."

Luster-Delgado also said that she and her son watched the warnings on the news and looked further into it online together. As far as how safe she feels about buying toys for Christmas, while laughing, she said, "I guess I am just counting on the government to protect us."

The Kern County Department of Public Health cautions against the following products, which are all subject to the current recall notice: Curious George dolls (themes include the birthday, fireman, sweet dreams, tool

"One simple step caretakers can teach children is to always wash their hands before eating and going to bed."

—Fortia Choi, deputy public health officer

time, and tool time with the soft face dolls), "Big Red" Wagons, Dragster and Fully Car Toy, Full-Back Action Toy Cars, Duck Family Collectible Wind-Up Toy, Winnie-the-Pooh Spinning Top, Dizzy Ducks Music Box and "Robot 2000" Collectable Tin Robot.

The agency also warns against "contaminated lead dust from chipping and peeling paint in homes built before 1978; lead-glazed pottery or dishes; Mexican seasonings used in imported candy; ingesting home remedies like Azarcon and Greta; imported products like Bala Goli, Kandu, Kohl, Pay-loo-ah; and other Ayurvedic medicines; use of imported products like litargiro; hobby materials such as stained glass and fishing weights; and certain toys and jewelry from other countries."

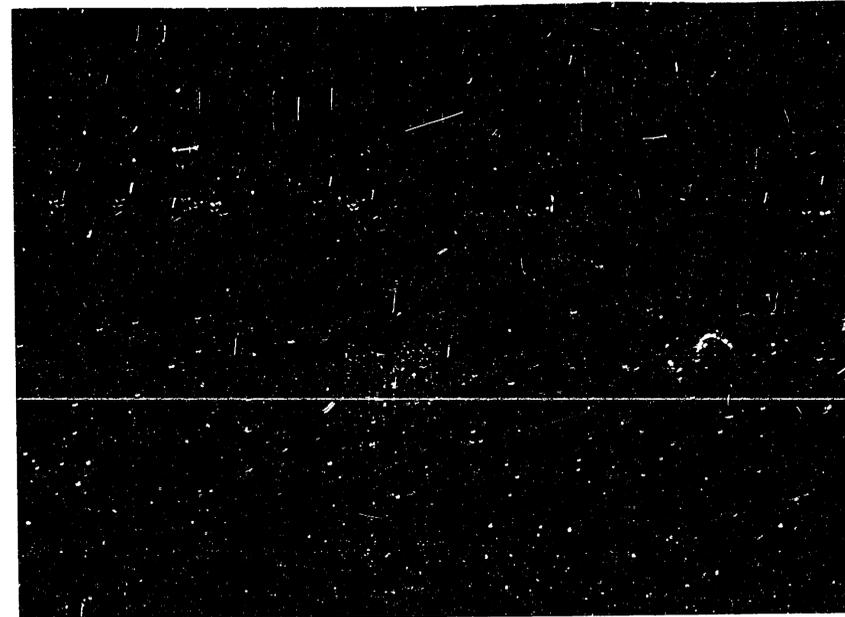
Anyone concerned that a child may be suffering from lead poisoning is encouraged to see their physician or call the Kern County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (661) 868-0360.

Christmas comes to town

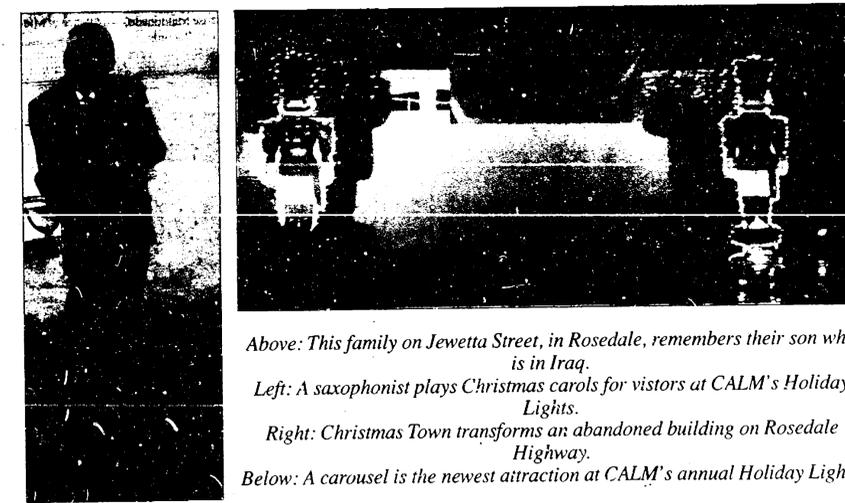


Top: The family on Judy Street, in Rosedale, began decorating on Nov. 23. Below: A pirate ship at CALM reflects off the water on Dec. 1.

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Above: The tree is traditionally decorated every year at CALM's annual Holiday Lights located at 10500 Alfred Harrell Highway. Holiday Lights will run through Dec. 30 at 5:30 p.m.



Above: This family on Jewetta Street, in Rosedale, remembers their son who is in Iraq.

Left: A saxophonist plays Christmas carols for visitors at CALM's Holiday Lights.

Right: Christmas Town transforms an abandoned building on Rosedale Highway.

Below: A carousel is the newest attraction at CALM's annual Holiday Lights.

BC students budget around Christmas

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As stressful as they already are, the holidays can be especially taxing for students who may already be struggling financially during the rest of the year. Luckily, some forethought and ingenuity can go a long way.

"Instead of just doing things only on Christmas and the holidays, I do little things for my family and friends all year round," said Bakersfield College student Courtney Aycox.

"I don't want it to seem that I care about them only on Christmas. I love them all year round, so I am not just going to spend all of my money on Christmas and forget about them the rest of the year."

BC student Afa Hauvoh admits, "While I do celebrate Christmas, I don't have the means to buy anyone presents. Usually, around Christmas, I clean the house up after everybody leaves."

Hauvoh said that it is unusual for the men to clean the house in his family, unless the women get mad enough about it, so stepping

outside of what is conventional helps him to spread the holiday cheer and show his appreciation.

While being inventive is generally the key for students during the holidays, some are more so than others.

"I owe my dad every month for car insurance," stated Marco Correa. "So, I asked him if I could make it up to him in smaller payments so I could spend that money on gifts."

Correa's plan also includes purchasing a Nintendo Wii and selling it on Ebay and coming up a hundred dollars richer for it.

"It's evil, I know, but it's a hundred dollars, and I did it last year," said Correa.

There is a flip side to all of the giving in a student's life, however. "I am going to dump all of my girlfriends, so I can save money for the holidays," said student Cornelius Pratt, who said that he doesn't care about the holidays.

Whether it's by auctioning merchandise or cutting people out of their lives, students seem to manage to find some way to extend holiday blessings to those around them, not just to themselves, regardless of their situations.

SPORTS

Dameron wins Coach of the Year for the WSC

By **DONNY VAN SLOTEN** and **TAYLOR M. GOMBOS**
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Bakersfield College women's soccer coach Scott Dameron was awarded Coach of the Year for the Western State Conference.

He was given the award during an end of the season meeting with all of the coaches in his conference.

"It's always nice to be recognized. It's really a reflection of the players on the team. They worked really hard," said Dameron.

Dameron has been coaching the BC women's soccer team for eight

years. He has won this award twice before, in 2000 and 2004.

Dameron said that he felt very fortunate to have a great group of players to work with this year.

"As soon as they showed up they were very committed and hard working. From the first week of practice we knew that this was going to be a group that would have the chance to do something special," said Dameron.

He was proven correct as the Renegades set team records this season with 15 wins and 14 shutouts but ended the season by losing to Mt. San Antonio 1-0 in the first round of

the playoffs.

Dameron said that the Mt. SAC game came down to two good teams bashing each others' heads in. "It was just one goal. Anything can happen. You make a mistake, sometimes that's the difference in a close game like that," said Dameron.

Dameron mentioned that he has heard positive feedback about his team from their opponents.

"All season we were complimented by our opponents, we played well with great sportsmanship," said Dameron. "We had a good combo with our sophomore leadership and the freshman's winning attitude."

Dameron mentioned that most of the goals that the team set going into the season were achieved, but that the team could have done better. "You always want to go a little further, win one more game and make it a little further. I don't think you can ever be completely satisfied, that is what makes you keep pushing to do better," he said.

The Renegades finished the season with an overall record of 15-5-3 (10-3-1 in the Western State Conference). This season was also the first time that the BC soccer team has been nationally ranked, said Dameron.

Nine players from this year's team

"It's always nice to be recognized."

— **Scott Dameron**,
women's soccer coach

made the All-WSC team.

Sophomore Lisa Smart, freshmen Candice Schlecht, Ere Bolerjack and Amanda Duran made the first team.

Sophomores Erika Garza, Alicia Crawford and Michelle Stergios made the second team. Erin Kootstra and Lisa Boothe are both honorable mentions.



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Soccer coach Scott Dameron.

Women fall short to Reedley

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Despite some team injuries, Bakersfield College's women's basketball team put up a good fight against Reedley Nov. 27 although BC lost 85-82.

The game showed the team making numerous competent passes with the team's coaches constantly commending the team members on defense during the game. However, many team members felt the team's performance could have been better.

"We were a little light on defense," said Tiffany Jones, 29, center.

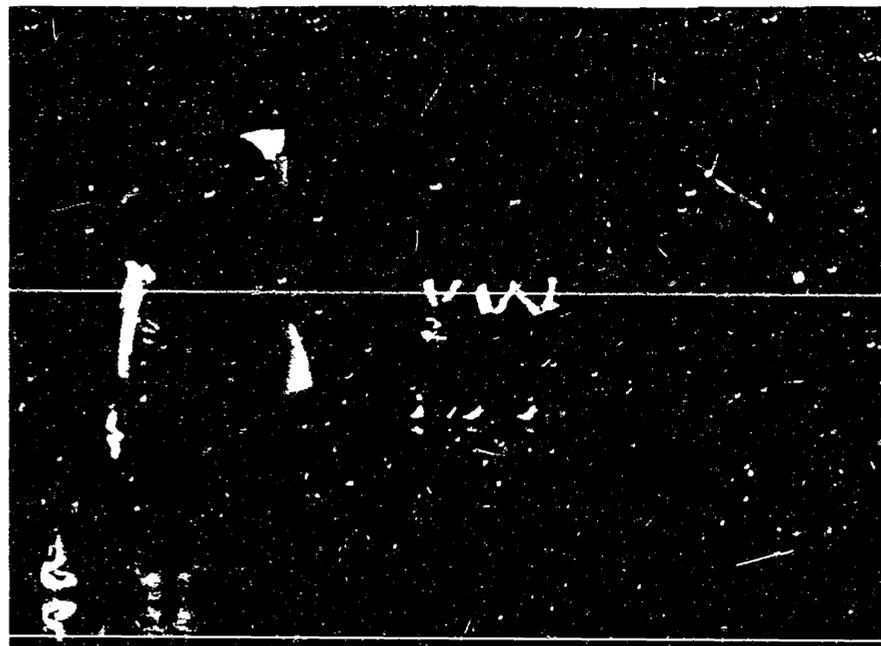
Chrysta Pera, 19, guard, felt that the team performed very well at the beginning but not during the overtime period.

"We were a little tentative in overtime," Pera said. "We were safe and sorry."

Cristen Perry, 20, point guard, believes the team played aggressively during the game, but she feels that the team needs to develop and mature.

"We didn't have any composure or patience during the whole game," remarked Ashley Hiriata, 18, guard.

Assistant coach Jenny Dahl said that the team suffered many frustrating injuries. Cristen Perry suffered a turned ankle during the game with Cuesta Nov. 17. Katie Mueller also suffered a turned ankle this season. Kapresha Davis endured a torn liga-



Jacquelyn Rodriguez, left, attempts to dribble past a Reedley player on Nov. 27.

ment. Mueller and Davis did not play in the Reedley game. During the Reedley game, Ashley Van Zandt sustained an injury to her face near her eye. Tiffany Jones turned an ankle during the Reedley game. However, both Van Zandt and Jones returned to the game after receiving brief treatment. The coaches were glad to see Van Zandt go back into the game.

"Ashley Van Zandt is our leader right now," said Jenny Dahl.

Perry made six baskets in the game; four were made in the first half. Hiriata made two free throw baskets near the end of the game, when the score was 84-82 in Reedley's favor.

Jenny Dahl cited some player inexperience and some lack of consistency in the Reedley game. She said the team hopes to limit turnovers in future games.

The women's team suffered a 77-33 loss to San Bernardino Nov. 30. The women will go to Lancaster for

the Antelope Valley Tournament Dec. 13-15. Their record stands at 2-7.

BC men's basketball suffered their own losses as well despite many team strengths.

Men's basketball head coach Rich Hughes believed his team's loss to Fresno City during the tournament held at BC Nov. 23-25 was due to "turning the ball late in the game" as well as missing three free throws. Hughes said his men's team will practice free throws more often.

In the tournament, the men beat Reedley 96-88 and beat Cuesta 81-59 but lost to Fresno City 96-93.

"We could've executed plays more and better," said guard Jimmy Scroggins, 19, about the loss to Fresno.

Scroggins said in the future, the team will reduce turnovers and make crucial free throws. Scroggins said the loss to Fresno City was not a truly bad loss, and that BC will face that team again with a "different out-

come."

"Fresno executed better than we did at the end," said Daniel Thomas, 19, guard. "Fresno won state last year, and they are used to playing big games."

Thomas emphasized that during the tournament, BC played three teams and won against Reedley and Cuesta.

"Fresno outworked and outshouted us," said Alex Alcott, 18, center. "They executed better at crucial times."

Alcott said Fresno's free throws were better than BC's. Nevertheless, looking at the team's total season so far, Alcott believes the men's team's strengths are toughness, willingness to work hard, and overall athleticism.

The men's team later lost 95-90 Nov. 30 to Allan Hancock. The men's record stands at 4-6. The men will play in the San Diego Mesa Tournament Dec. 7-9.

Volleyball coach satisfied with team's season

Coach defines success as more than just winning and losing.

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For the Bakersfield College volleyball team, this season has been about more than just focusing on their wins and losses to determine success.

Head coach Carl Ferreira has a different opinion than most coaches on how he defines success.

"Volleyball is not the real reason that we are going to be successful, it's more life related skills that get inner woven," Ferreira said.

"Anytime you have an entire group of people working together for four months in a concentrated manner and you commit to a common goal, you work and put out effort, and work toward the common goal," said Ferreira.

Ferreira said that the key to reaching that goal is for teammates to communicate, to listen to each other, to trust each other and be honest with each other.

Ferreira said that being successful is a significantly higher standard and priority than winning. "If you are able to be successful you are going to win more often. Winning is a by-product. We were able to win on the volleyball court, but it's the end result of all the other things we put into place," he said.

Ferreira mentioned some of his team's high points this season. "We performed very, very consistently at a high level for a long time. We fin-

ished second in our conference. We qualified for the state playoffs two years in a row. The fact that fifteen people show up, and there are no major problems in terms of how you get along and how you communicate, that is the big highlight. You're transforming relationships through volleyball," he said.

"There is no greater highlight for me than to see athletes who didn't know each other before it started (the season) collectively work together on a daily basis," said Ferreira.

Ferreira added that there were things that his team wanted to achieve but did not. "We wanted to win the conference championship. We wanted to win the state championship, but when you don't do those things that does not mean you are not successful. That is something I consistently convey to the players."

The Renegades lost a match in the first round of the regional playoffs to Cuesta College. They lost all three games in the match, with scores of 30-25, 30-18, 30-24.

The Renegades finished this season 19-7 overall (7-3 in the Western State Conference South).

Players who received All-WSC southern division honors were sophomores Rachel Cox and Haylee Vamer. Others who received second team All-WSC honors were: Jamiee Humphrey, Katie Cronk, Emily Ernigarat, Heather Liles and Tricia McGowan.

Ferreira said that he could not think of a single lowlight from the season. "We didn't have any major injuries. We didn't have any bad losses. We had nothing that interfered with our daily goals," he said.

RENEGADES: Bakersfield College plagued by quarterback Bower's interceptions in loss to Mt. SAC

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Bower interceptions cost BC in the second half as Mt. SAC eventually took the lead, 37-35, in the third quarter on a 34-yard field goal by Gener, and an 18-yard touchdown pass from Craft to Aiona Key.

Unfortunately, for the 'Gades, the Mounties never looked back.

"We didn't execute like we should have," Chudy said. "But you have to give Mt. SAC credit. They played better in the second, they played hard."

With the exception of a beautiful but desperate 96-yard touchdown play from Bower to Banks and an extra point by Villa that brought the 'Gades to within five points, the fourth quarter was all Mt. SAC. The Mounties scored 17 more points off of consecutive interceptions by Bower to take a 47-35 lead with less than four minutes showing on the clock.

"They kept coming and were determined," said Mike Papac, BC offensive lineman.

The 96-yard touchdown strike, with 3:58 left in the contest, made the score 47-42 and gave the 'Gades one last opportunity.

It looked as if this might be one more fantastic finish for BC as Banks recovered the onside kick, which gave Bower some more tries at the end zone and a last second win. The last second attempt by Bower would fall just short of Frieson and the Mounties (10-2) celebrated their hard-fought victory.

"Even though we had execution problems in the second half, we still had a chance to win," Chudy said.

Coach's triplets return in time for Thanksgiving

Carl and Christy Dear received a special blessing during the Thanksgiving holiday as all three babies, Sophie, Gracie and Mia, were able to come home by Thanksgiving Day.

Christy, the wife of Bakersfield College assistant football coach Carl, had triplets at UCLA Medical Center on Oct. 26.

Sophie and Gracie were able to come home a few days before and Mia, who struggled a bit, came home on Thanksgiving Day.

Before the parents could bring home their triplets, they had to wait for the babies to be born. Carl and Christy were able to bring home their triplets, Sophie, Gracie and Mia, on Thanksgiving Day.

Carl and Christy are excited and happy to have their triplets home. They were able to bring home their triplets, Sophie, Gracie and Mia, on Thanksgiving Day.

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Important to note in this game was the effort by the BC defense, which held Mt. SAC to field goals when they were backed up in their own territory.

It was definitely a fantastic finish for BC in the semifinals of the Southern California Championship, as BC defeated College of the Canyons in double overtime, 48-45, on Nov. 24.

You've probably heard it said that the team that wants it more usually wins. This was one contest that proved that "old adage" to be true. For the first two quarters BC and COC traded scores.

In the first quarter, the 'Gades put up 14 points when Bower connected on two touchdown passes, one a 16-yard pass to Banks and the other a 6-yard pass to tight end Zack Lewis, and Villa added the extra points. Canyons answered with a 4-yard run from Fred Winborn, and Paul Weinstein kicked the extra point to make the score 14-7.

COC took the lead over the 'Gades in the second quarter, 21-14, when Winborn caught a 10-yard pass from quarterback Brad McClellan and scored on a 2-yard run, and Weinstein notched the two extra points.

However, BC answered when Bower hit wide receiver Daslan Miller on a 13-yard touchdown strike, Villa added the extra point and the score was all tied 21-21 at halftime.

Canyons took the lead once again in the fourth quarter, 28-21, on a nice 39-yard run by Winborn and a Weinstein extra point. But back came BC with a beautifully thrown 26-yard touchdown pass from Bower to Snipes, and Villa added the point to make the score 28-28.

McClellan wasn't to be outdone as he tossed a 38-yard touchdown pass to Hayo Carpenter and Weinstein made the score 35-28.

Down by seven, the BC offense got busy. Mixing the run and the pass, the 'Gades moved the ball 85-yards and scored on a 14-yard run by Frieson.

Villa kicked the ball through the uprights and the scoreboard read, 35-35, at the end of regulation.

Then the excitement and a fight to the finish began.

In the first overtime, BC played offense first and scored on an 8-yard run by Frieson. Villa added the extra point and the 'Gades were back on top, 42-35. Then Canyons' Winborn scored from 4 yards out; Weinstein nailed the extra point to make the score 42-42.

Second overtime: Cougars first.

The BC defense, who has stepped up in key situations throughout the season, did it one more time forcing the Cougars to settle for a 37-yard field goal that made the score, 45-42.

Then it was BC's turn to settle the

score with 25 yards to go, and they did.

The 'Gades made every play count, down to the COC 5-yard line. On a well-executed play, Bower found tight end Seth Damron in the end zone and connected on a 5-yard

pass for six.

Final score: 48-45, BC.

Coach Chudy summed up the 2007 season perfectly for all Renegade fans.

"It was a team and community effort and a season to remember."

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