

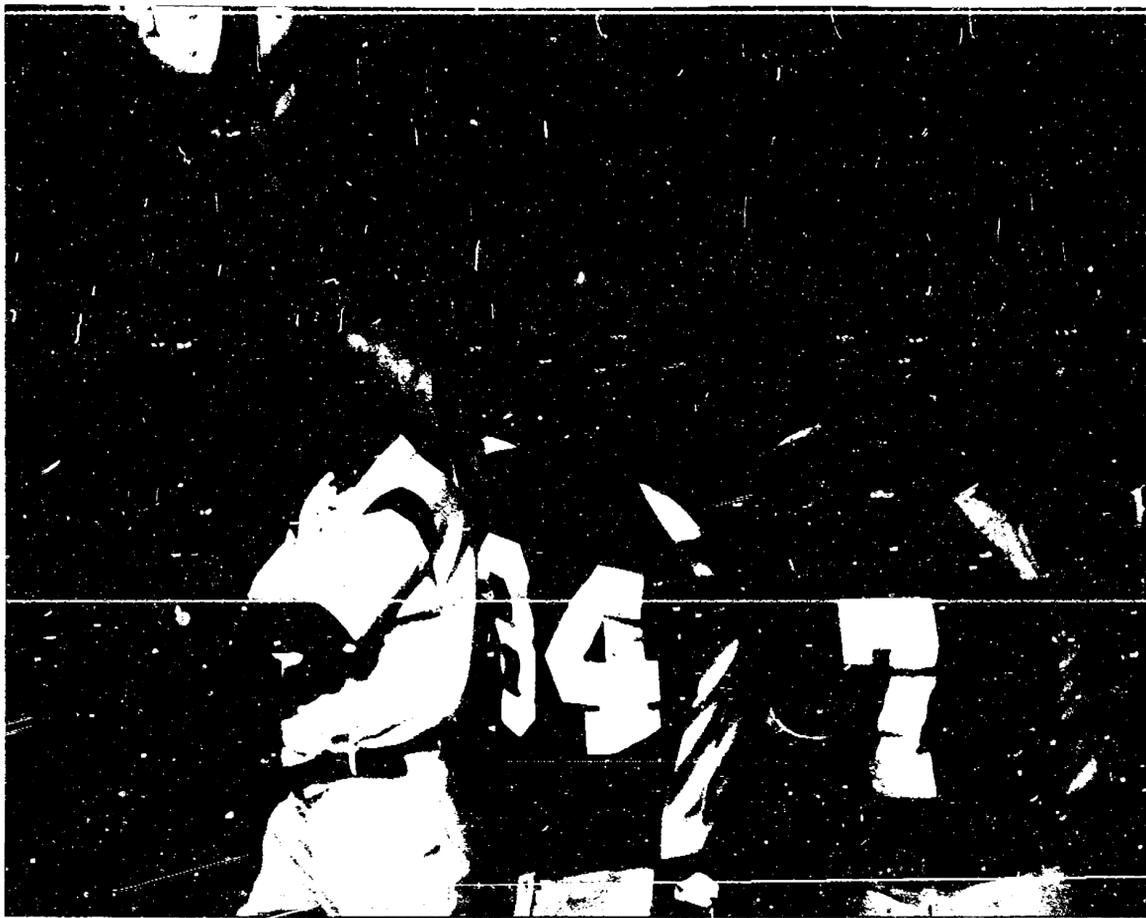
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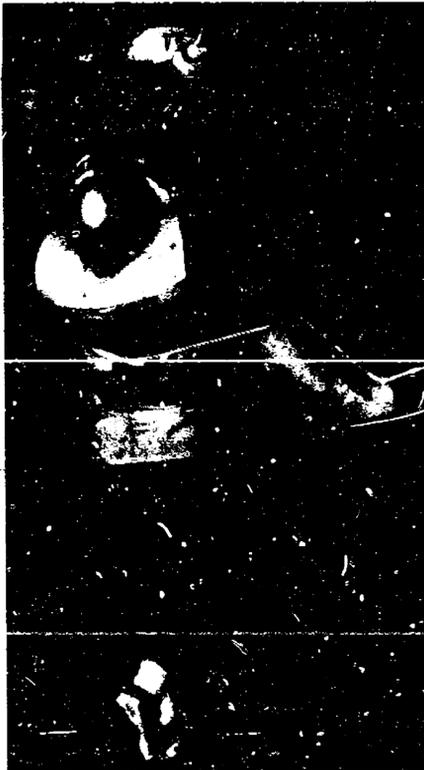
## Dramatic victory for BC

Above: Bakersfield College tight end Seth Damron (84) and wide receiver Dashan Miller (7) celebrate Sept. 8 after Damron caught the game-winning touchdown against El Camino College, considered one of the top teams in the nation.

Right: On the final play of the game, Damron manages to hold on to the ball, despite the defense of El Camino's Tolu Moala (3), to lift the Renegades to a 33-31 victory.

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Sept. 8: Bakersfield 33, El Camino 31  
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## Turney to step down in the spring

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The temperature on Thursday, Aug. 30, peaked at 108 degrees, but that didn't stop Bakersfield College's Dean of Students Don Turney from helping student Rhonda Pierce who had passed out in the student center. Turney was by her side the whole time even after paramedics and the school nurse Debra Strong arrived to help. She had apparently passed out after having to walk down the stairs in language arts instead of using the elevator.

Regardless, Turney the administrator, who lives for students and giving all he can back to BC, will be leaving his position as Dean of Students and will be moving to a teaching position in the psychology department. "Don will be greatly missed," said SGA President John Lopez. "Don has done a wonderful job as our advisor, but in his words, 'we'll still be able to move mountains.'"



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Dean of Students Don Turney comforts Rhonda Pierce, who passed out on campus.

As dean of students, Turney works 12 months a year on average 231 days as opposed to teachers who work 175 days out of the year. According to Turney, he's getting sick from the stress.

"To do this job right, it demands  
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## BC focuses on student skills

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Due to a statewide movement in the requirements of the Basic Skills Initiative, Bakersfield College is in the process of putting together new action plans that will be implemented to increase student learning and in turn increase the student retention and success rate.

Currently, there are two major projects being conducted: the statewide Basic Skills Initiative and a project BC has put together called The Foundations of Excellence. BC also had Dr. Hunter Boylan, director of the National Center for Developmental Education, come in and audit the school last year.

"What we're trying to do is help

students become college prepared," said Vice President of Student Learning Ed Knudson. "If we are going to better prepare students for transferring or the work force, we have to make sure student skills meet those standards. It's important that we get students ready for the fundamental step."

Basic Skills are defined as foundation skills in reading, writing, mathematics, learning skills, study skills, and English as a second language, which are necessary for students to succeed in college level work. Through the Basic Skills Initiative, the school will be addressing the best practices that can be implemented that will benefit developmental students, or students that are not completely prepared to take transfer-level

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## Campus Center, SAM coming down

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The walls will be coming down at Bakersfield College.

The walls of BC's Campus Center as well as BC's SAM building will be coming down, that is. More succinctly, the Campus Center and SAM will be "modernized," which entails walls being torn down.

The interior walls of these areas will be "gated," according to Randy Patterson, interim director of construction for the Kern Community College District. How much different looking these areas will be, is still in the process of being worked out, said Patterson.

"Beautifying the outside walls throughout the campus will be done," Patterson said.

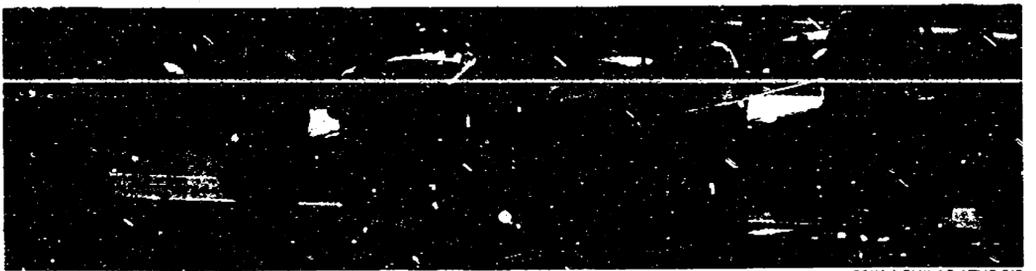
Nevertheless, the layout designs will be made with increased disability access in mind

in accordance with building standards and the ADA, or Americans with Disabilities Act. This means that, in regard to the disabled requirements connected to height, walls must be heeded. For example, toilet paper dispensers must be placed at a certain height for greater accessibility to the disabled.

The SAM building project is known as a "Capital Project," according to Patterson, and it is scheduled for re-roofing and for its interior walls to be torn down. The SAM classrooms will be raised to current standards, and the indoor theater will receive a new overhead projector.

According to Patterson, the Outdoor Theater is not on the current list for scheduled maintenance. The SAM modernizing project will cost a total of \$11.4 to \$12.1 million with a projected occupancy date of August 2011. The cost for the Campus Center moderniza-

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Several protesters convene in front of Nicole Parra's office to voice their opinion with signs and green flags.

## Protesters oppose Parra stance

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Supporters of bill SB 719 gathered in front of Assemblywoman Nicole Parra's office on Thursday to protest her five-year long opposition to the bill, which will increase the Valley Air Board members by four scientific and medical experts.

Representatives from the Center on Race, Poverty, & the Environment (C.R.P.E.), The Dolores Huerta Foundation, and many others came donning signs that read "Too

many have suffered," "Wouldn't it be great to have clean air?" and "Struggling to breathe in Arvin - We want clean air now," among others.

Ingrid Bolstrom, an attorney for the C.R.P.E., said, "Parra has actively fought to defeat this bill for the last five years, even though her district is one of the most polluted districts in the U.S. It doesn't make a lot of sense. We are here to ask her why and also to ask her to change her vote and support the bill SB 719."

There were several speakers at the protest, all of whom were introduced by

Gustavo Aguirre, the assistant director of Organizing for the C.R.P.E.

The first speaker, Salvador Partida of Arvin, explained why passing the bill is so crucial, and urged Parra to side with the people she represents.

"SB 719 will bring more expertise to the board, and professionals that can help us breathe better," Partida stated. "The city of Arvin has the worst air in the nation, and we need all the help we can get. We want Nicole Parra on our side. This is a bill that, we think, will help create a board that

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# NEWS

## Summer brings snafus, celebration

■ Repairs, shortages and Standing Bear Powwow highlight long, hot BC summer.

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Life continued on campus during the summer and newsworthy events still occurred while many people were on vacation. In case you may have missed it, here's the scoop.

The parking-permit dispensers were replaced over the summer with new machines.

Also, all but one of the Code Blue emergency call stations have been repaired. The one that still doesn't work is in front of the Administration building and it is scheduled to be repaired this week.

The water pipes beneath the concrete and grass between the Family and Consumer Education and the Speech Arts and Music buildings were eventually replaced after repair efforts failed.

According to Tim Carroll, custodian and grounds facility coordinator, what was supposed to be a quick and easy fix turned into a job that cost over \$50,000 and took much longer than expected.

While the repairs were underway the effected area was cordoned off with caution tape.

For a week toward the end of the repairs, many of the bathrooms and water fountains were unavailable to summer-school students on the east side of campus.

On June 5, classes were cancelled and the campus closed due to "repeated and lengthy power failures," according to the press release on the BC Web site.

From June 6 to 8, people were dancing to the beat of their own drums at BC during the 11th annual Standing Bear Powwow.

According to one of the head coordinators of the event, Gene Albrite, approximately 7,000 people attended the three-day festival which featured seven-family drums, over 200 dancers, as well as 65 arts and crafts and other demonstration vendors.

Albrite said that people came "from as far as Canada" to attend the event.

"We want to bring the culture to the community," said Albrite.



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## Program funds in peril with governor veto

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California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger passed the state budget on Aug. 24, approving a \$337 million increase in funds to the California community college system. However, parts of the community college budget were vetoed that many community college organizations have deemed integral to the welfare of the community college system.

The Basic Skills Initiative, a \$33.1 million measure that would fund programs created to facilitate the new minimum graduation requirements set down in 2006, which include the state-wide equivalents of English IA and Math D, as well as a \$13.8 million rate increase for Career Development and College Preparation, which were both approved by the California legislature, were among the \$703 million in the budget vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger.

According to John Gerhold, music professor and president of BC's Academic Senate, a statewide organization comprised of community college faculty members that make recommendations on academic and professional community college issues, the Basic Skills Initiative veto in particular strikes a blow to community colleges.

"To not have funding for [Basic Skills Initiative] projects to continue, is undermining" the community college system, said Gerhold.

Also dropped from the budget was a program to provide equity funding for part-time faculty. This funding is important, according to Gerhold, because part-time students teach one-third of classes at community colleges, and none of them receive benefits.

The Community College League

**"To not have funding for [Basic Skills Initiative] projects to continue, is undermining."**

**— John Gerhold, President of BC's Academic Senate**

of California, a non-profit organization representing community colleges in California, said in an Aug. 24 State Budget update that they were "very disappointed" with Gov. Schwarzenegger's decision to veto the Basic Skills Initiative and Career Development and College Preparation rate increase. However, even with Gov. Schwarzenegger's recent vetoes, he has still done a lot to support community colleges in California, according to Gerhold.

Due to the disagreements along party lines in the Sacramento legislature about tax cuts and/or increases, disagreements that forced the budget to be signed 52 days late, "there was a sense the education areas were not going to go through," said Gerhold.

Gov. Schwarzenegger has run a pro-community college agenda throughout the majority of his tenure in office. While tuition rates at California State Universities have continued to rise, tuition at community colleges in California has lowered to \$20 per unit, the lowest of any state in the United States, even though California has the largest community college system in the nation.

According to Gerhold, this is part of a new trend across the nation that community colleges are better represented by their respective legislatures. "Community colleges are more respected now than 10 years ago," said Gerhold.

## Fire caused by a faulty knob

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Due to faulty equipment, an oven caught fire Aug. 21 in the Bakersfield College cafeteria kitchen.

According to the fire department's report, the oven was apparently left on all night in the high position. Due to a broken knob, the kitchen staff didn't know whether they had left it on high or low when they put some deep-pit meat into the oven the night before. "I informed her and the other employees that they were very lucky that the building did not burn down," states the report. "There were two open deep fryers right behind the oven."

According to BC Director of Marketing and Public Relations Amber Chiang, the damage to the kitchen was nominal. "The fire was contained to the oven," said Chiang. "There are no smoke detectors and there is no fire suppression system in the kitchen or the cafeteria. According to BC Vice President of Student Learning Ed Knudson, the cafeteria building meets "the required codes" for a building that old.

Shortly after getting to work, BC custodian James Hendrix called the Public Safety department from the Language Arts building about the smoke. "Other custodians thought the kitchen people were in there cooking and I've worked in the kitchen before and I know that was way too excessive smoke coming out of the stack," said Hendrix.

Public Safety officer Kevin Lastovica responded to the call. Hendrix said, "We went in and saw the oven on fire, the third drawer from the bottom blazing upward. We got the fire extinguisher and tried to put the fire out and it wouldn't go out." According to Hendrix, they turned off the stove and when the fire still didn't go out, officer Lastovica called the fire department.

According to the fire department's report, they responded in less than four minutes. The oven was turned off and two more fire extinguishers were used but the fire still burned. Finally a jump-line (a small hose connected to the fire engine) was used to fully extinguish the fire.

According to Bruce McDaniel of Service Master, BC was billed \$6,893 for Service Master's three day clean up of the damage caused by the fire and its suppression. The kitchen already has a new oven.

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## Summer heat affects students

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Sitting in a car in between classes, air conditioning on full blast, getting a cool feeling during a very hot day is what some BC students did to keep cool during the first week of school.

On Aug. 27, 1933 the record high was 111 degrees in Bakersfield, according to weather.com. Some would argue that it felt the same on the first day of school.

The average high in Bakersfield during the month of August was 95 degrees and according to the National Weather Service, the high during the first day of school was 98 degrees and climbed to 106 degrees by Aug. 31.

Sophomore Frank Tucker explained that he felt the heat during the first week of school. "It was really hot," said Tucker, who took advantage of the free water bottles the Student Government Association gave out in order to keep cool.

"It was really hot. I liked the free water thing. It made it seem like it wasn't that hot."

**— Frank Tucker, student**

"I really liked the free water thing," said Tucker. "It made it seem like it wasn't that hot."

The SGA provided cold water bottles during the first week of school. SGA president John Lopez explained that the SGA wanted to give back to the students and show that SGA cares about BC students.

"We're not here to take dollars and not give back," said Lopez, as he explained that she knew the long lines would make the weather seem even worse than it was, so she bought all of her books early to avoid the long book-store lines. "I didn't want to stand in

## West Nile serious

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When Bakersfield College nursing student Tarah Jimenez had to keep an elderly patient stable, the last thing she expected was for the patient to pass away a week later as a result of contracting the West Nile Virus.

"The patient was admitted for high fever, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and typical flu systems," Jimenez began. "But it went from bad to worse, and then they started to have tremors and seizures. There, basically, was a slow decline from there, so we ran a bunch of tests and couldn't figure out what it was."

When the doctor tested for West Nile, most nurses were laughing it off, according to Jimenez, figuring that the patient had Parkinson's or some seizure disorder. The test results that came back positive, however, seemed to prove the unthinkable to be true.

"Basically, West Nile Virus (WNV) is a seasonal epidemic," BC nursing professor Ray Purcell explained. "Since it's primarily transmitted by mosquito bite, it's an infection primarily confined to the summer and fall months. The 'mosquitoes actually get the virus from infected birds which can directly transmit the virus to humans. In general, all residents in geographic areas of risk share the same probability of contracting the virus. However, persons over fifty seem to have the highest risk of experiencing severe symptoms."

According to the Center for Disease Control Web site, www.cdc.gov, while most people (approximately 80 percent) will not even experience any symptoms, the other 20 percent will experience flu-like symptoms between three to 14 days. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, nausea, headache, and swollen lymph glands.

"Where I realize that WNV experience any symptoms, the is typically," Purcell concludes. "What really worries me for college aged students is what causes most of their illness and deaths, which is violence and traumatic injury, substance abuse, and sexually transmitted disease."

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## Charity De Jesus, Rechelle Alora, and Elwyn Reyes try to cool themselves while selling their used books on Aug. 30.

buying books from the bookstore early in the morning to stay cool.

Freshman Alicia Soltero explained that she knew the long lines would make the weather seem even worse than it was, so she bought all of her books early to avoid the long bookstore lines. "I didn't want to stand in

line in the heat, so I came early," said Soltero.

Though hot weather was expected, the start of this school year proved to be warmer than usual throughout the first week. Temperatures dropped down into the 90s in the first week of September.

BC students took different routes to avoid the hot weather including

buying books from the bookstore early in the morning to stay cool.

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## Retterer named CC president

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On June 14, the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees named Dr. Mary E. Retterer as the new president for Cerro Coso Community College (CCCC). Retterer has served as the interim president since June 2006 and is the seventh president in the CCCC's 35-year history.

Retterer comes to CCCC with 26 years of experience working within the California Community College system. Prior to assuming her role at CCCC, Retterer spent two years as Superintendent/President for the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District in Shasta, California (June 2004-June 2006),

and six additional years as president of Pima Community College's East Campus (August 1998-June 2004).

Prior to her career in administration within the community college system in California, Retterer taught as an adjunct faculty member at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (1980), taught business and accounting courses in the San Bernardino Community College District (1981-1993), and taught business administration courses at the University of Texas at Austin (1992).

Additionally, Retterer has overseen schools in the Minnesota State College and Universities System, which includes being named president of Ridgewater College in Willmar and Hutchinson, and service as the Dean of Students at Rainy River Community College in International Falls.

As a former community college student herself, Retterer attended Crafton Hills College before transferring to California State University San Bernardino, to earn a B.A. in administration, with a concentration in accounting as well as a M.A. in business administration, also with a concentration in accounting.

"Community college helped me to become what I am today because of those who intentionally invested in my goals, dreams, and struggles. I am excited to have the opportunity to instill some of the same values and work ethic into the students at Cerro Coso," said Retterer.

Retterer later went on to earn a doctor of philosophy in educational administration within the community college leadership program at the University of Texas at Austin.

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# NEWS

## BC builds house for family

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Bakersfield College faculty and construction technology students finished a house last June that will benefit a local family.

The house construction began during the 2006 spring semester.

"Ed Knudson got the grant to make it happen and Mark Dommer pulled it off," said Bob Tuttle, dean of career technical education.

"BC applied for a HUD grant in 2003 and partnered with the city redevelopment agency on the project."

"A lot of different trade contractors donated labor and materials to help out in the completion of this project," said Mark Dommer.

The 1,300 square-foot house is lo-



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**This 1,300 square-foot house is one of three houses built by BC students and faculty. It is located on 339 S. Brown St.**

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It has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and an attached two-car garage.

"Mark Dommer lived and breathed that house for over a year," said Tuttle.

The city donated three lots in east Bakersfield for the new low-income homes.

"This was the first of three houses which will be built on three separate

abandoned lots," Dommer said.

The other two houses will be located on Hayes Street and S. Owens Street.

Proceeds from the sale of the house will go to the BC Foundation and will be reinvested in upcoming housing projects.

"Most community colleges don't have a program like this. It's great we got to give something to the community," said Dommer.

## BC professors Gerhold, Beeman, Head saluted

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Bakersfield College recognizes teachers for excellence.

Two awards were given out to BC faculty.

One was the Margaret Levinson College Leadership Award and the other one was the Shirley Trembley's Distinguished Teaching Award.

The Margaret Levinson College Leadership Award recognizes a member of the college faculty or administration with more than 10 years of service. This person would have demonstrated a high quality of leadership.

This award was given to John Gerhold, a music teacher at BC.

Dr. Ron Kean nominated Gerhold. "Winning this award felt great," said Gerhold.

"The best thing really was the day

the award was announced my good friend Dr. Ron Kean, chair of the music department, told the whole college how great he thought I was."

"If there is anything I can do to help BC, I want to do it. I want BC to be the best it can be," Gerhold said.

The Shirley Trembley's Distinguished Teaching Award is given to BC faculty who exemplify outstanding teaching and service to discipline.

These are full-time faculty members who have been teaching at BC for more than 10 years.

The co-recipients of this award were Randal Beeman and Rebecca Head.

Beeman, a history teacher, was nominated by colleague Jack Brigham for his excellence in education and outstanding methods of helping students.

Beeman has been a member of the BC faculty since 1996.

Mike Moretti and Donna Starr nominated Head, a mathematics teacher, for her dedication to students that reminded them of Trembley's attitude toward teaching.

Head has been a member of the BC faculty since 1990 and a full-time member since 1996.

"Winning this award was overwhelming because I was honored by students, administration and colleagues," said Head.

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**Rebecca Head,**  
BC Faculty

## STAFF EDITORIAL Turney a good dean

Administrators come and go. Some of them make an incredible impact in their positions, and some you don't know.

Bakersfield College Dean of Students Don Turney is one of those administrators who has made a positive impact on students and the student government here at BC. He will be switching to a faculty position in psychology in the spring.

It seems strange to us as a staff that an administrator like Turney is making this kind of switch between semesters. We are asking ourselves if there is possible tension between administrators.

He fights for student rights and might have been put into a tough spot, one that might be leaving him in a position of bitterness among fellow faculty members.

Although we know his health is now suffering due to his busy work schedule, the areas that he has supported as dean have flourished and become more fun for students.

Along with many other students, we wish he'd stay, because at the rate he has changed things for students in the past four years, who knows what could happen for these programs in 10 years?

This school could be at the top of its game. Student development starts with the students, and Turney was the beginning to an answer. We have seen him at his best and worst, physically and emotionally, and have been able to see that he loves his current job.

Through all his trials, he always puts the students first. As a staff we understand that it is going to be incredibly hard to find someone to replace this amiable man.

Turney's switch of position will surely be felt on campus and affect the flow of things in the Campus Center. His presence is noticeable throughout the campus, and he has become a beacon of guidance and help to students and fellow faculty members. The thing about Turney is that he actually cares.

Once a BC student, his experience with the student public is profound. He understands what students' needs are and how their freedom to make decisions on their own will eventually affect the way they learn and become better leaders for the future.

Not only did he lead the 2006-2007 Student Government to great success, but they also became one of the models for the American Student Government Association's Web site.

BC is losing one of the best dean of students some faculty members have ever worked with. We hope the administration has done the right thing by letting him retire instead of perhaps working with him to relieve whatever stress has affected his health.

Without a doubt, he will do well as a professor. Turney won the 2002-2003 Professor of the Year award. Many students will be fortunate to get him back in the classroom.

# OPINION

## Steroid use jeopardizes integrity

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As one can imagine, with recent allegations of performance-based steroid use among top athletes such as Barry Bonds, Chris Beckett, and Mark McGwire, the integrity of baseball and other professional sports faces increased scrutiny and their reputations are compromised.

Bonds, who currently plays for the San Francisco Giants, testified before a San Francisco grand jury on June 17, stating that he "unknowingly took steroids" from a BALCO agent in 2005.

If convicted, Bonds is subject to possible jail time and fines.

Benoit, a former performer with World

Westling Entertainment, killed his 7-year-old child and wife before hanging himself from a weight machine cord in the basement of his Georgia home on June 25.

According to official reports issued by WWE on August 30, Benoit had been receiving injections of the performance steroids known as nandrolone and anastrozole on a regular basis.

Typically, these steroids are taken to build muscle mass and increase strength.

Public reaction has been mixed, with many choosing to overlook the unacceptable behavior and actions of these overly glorified athletes.

Instead of receiving the public humiliation and punishment that they are due, these "allegedly" drug-pumped heroes continue to be elevated to role model status while their pay-

checks and packages get fatter.

Although I have never been overly interested in sports or the athletic world, I do believe that the value of integrity and honesty is far more valuable than how far a player can throw or hit the ball or steal bases, or how quickly a popular wrestler can pin his opponent on the mat.

I have come to find that a person, regardless of how popular or "normal" they are, loses everything when they lose the trust of the public.

As a long time fan of WWE and Benoit, I was incredibly disappointed by his actions and how executives at WWE handled the public relations side of the issue.

In order to "save face," WWE issued a press release stating that "they are deeply saddened by the death of Benoit and his family."

This type of response is expected from an organization obsessed with making a profit. They even aired regularly scheduled programming on the day Mexican wrestler Eddie Guerrero died after experiencing cardiac arrest back in November 2005.

Instead of being hell-bent over protecting the image of their company, sports organizations should be concerned with eliminating steroid use among athletes not yet affected, while at the same time educating the public about the deadly effects of their use.

In a time of increased idolization among young people, the sports world should make every effort to protect young fans.

It appears that professional sports organizations and athletes are more concerned about their financial interests than they are about the public image they project.

## SKILLS: Bakersfield College to improve developmental student learning and student retention rates

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classes.

"It's like they say," said BC President William Andrews. "If you don't use it you lose it. It's difficult for students who have been gone for many years to come back and take the assessment test. Our goal is to move them as rapidly as we can to get them ready to transfer."

The Foundations of Excellence was a three-part effort, according to

Dean of Student Learning Patti Ross, in collaboration with the National Center for Developmental Education.

Boylan conducted three separate audits of the school. First reviewing instruction, then supportive services, and administrative support. He will be sharing his findings with the school on Sept. 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Renegade Room.

Though the spring 2007 retention and success rates overall are not any

better or worse than the rest of the state, what the state and the school are trying to do with these programs as a whole is bring the student retention rate up, which in return will improve student success.

Last spring BC had 89.6 percent of students that were retained and 68.8 percent who were successful. Statewide last spring, 82.89 percent of students were retained and 66.42 percent were successful.

Retention rate does not include the number of students who drop a course, but the amount of people who stick a class out with either failing or passing grades.

The student success rate is defined as student retention rates that have passed with a grade of C or better.

"You always strive for 100 percent student retention rates," said Andrews. "Professors teach for success, it's part of our basic skills mission. I

feel it's critical that we do what we can for students to be successful!"

On average, out of every 10 students who join a class, two people drop due to uncontrollable variables and only between six and seven students actually pass and move on.

"Early dropping could deal with the students life events and early enrollment," said Ross. "Freshman that graduated in spring '06 may not be completely ready for the college ex-

perience."

Currently, BC offers academic development courses that help students prepare to take their college courses. But according to Ross, their target is to learn new ways of teaching.

"The academic development program has a lot of pre-collegiate courses that specialize in study skills reading etc.," said Ross. "We're lucky that we at least do what others offered. Some schools don't."

Through all his trials, he always puts the students first. As a staff we understand that it is going to be incredibly hard to find someone to replace this amiable man.

Turney's switch of position will surely be felt on campus and affect the flow of things in the Campus Center. His presence is noticeable throughout the campus, and he has become a beacon of guidance and help to students and fellow faculty members. The thing about Turney is that he actually cares.

Once a BC student, his experience with the student public is profound. He understands what students' needs are and how their freedom to make decisions on their own will eventually affect the way they learn and become better leaders for the future.

Not only did he lead the 2006-2007 Student Government to great success, but they also became one of the models for the American Student Government Association's Web site.

BC is losing one of the best dean of students some faculty members have ever worked with. We hope the administration has done the right thing by letting him retire instead of perhaps working with him to relieve whatever stress has affected his health.

Without a doubt, he will do well as a professor. Turney won the 2002-2003 Professor of the Year award. Many students will be fortunate to get him back in the classroom.

## CALENDAR

**Sept. 13**  
Bakersfield College Alumni Barbecue, Stranler Park, 5:30 p.m.

**Sept. 14-15**  
Gold Rush Days, Mojave, 5 p.m.

**Sept. 14**  
FLICS presents: Avenue Montage, The Fox Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 15**  
BC soccer vs. Cuesta, at Bakersfield College, 4 p.m.

Kids Safety Carnival, CALM's parking lot

Fall Farm Festival, Buttonwillow Co. Park, 11 a.m.

Cruisin' Stallion Springs Car Show, Man O War Park in Tehachapi, 10 a.m.

Tuscany at Twilight 2007, Bakersfield College at the Horticulture Laboratory, 6-10 p.m.

**Sept. 16**  
Fort Tejon Civil War Re-enactment/1863, Fort Tejon State Historical Park in Lebec, 10:30 a.m.

**Sept. 17**  
BC men's cross country at Woodward Park, Fresno, 3:30 a.m.

**Sept. 18**  
BC women's golf WSC #3 at Santa Maria, 10 a.m.

Trisha Yearwood, The Fox Theater, 9 p.m.

**Sept. 19-30**  
82nd Annual Kern County Fair, Kern County Fairgrounds

**Sept. 19**  
BC soccer vs. Hancock at Bakersfield College, 4 p.m.

**Sept. 20**  
Ethics and Leadership Panel Discussion, BC's Fireside Room, 6:30 p.m.; free

**Sept. 21-22**  
BC volleyball at San Diego, TBA

**Sept. 21**  
BC cross country WSC Preview Meet at Cuesta, 3:30 p.m.

FLICS presents: The Lives of Others, The Fox Theater, 7:30 p.m.

38 Special, Buck Owens Crystal Palace, 7 p.m.

News Clues: An Insider's Look at Local Media, Petroleum Club, 5060 California Ave., 9 a.m.-noon

**Sept. 22**  
USA Boxing, The Dome, 2 p.m.

BC football vs. East L.A. at Memorial Stadium, 7 p.m.

BC soccer at Santa Barbara, 4 p.m.

BC wrestling at Sacramento, all day

**Sept. 24**  
Last day to drop from semester length classes without receiving a "W"

**Sept. 25**  
BC women's golf WSC #4 at Bakersfield College, 10 a.m.

BC volleyball at Ventura, 6 p.m.

**Sept. 26**  
BC soccer at L.A. Pierce, 4 p.m.

A Park Downtown Concert and Street Fair, Delano, 5 p.m.

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# 'Halloween': too many screaming girls

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I watched Rob Zombie's version of the classic horror movie, "Halloween."

**MOVIE REVIEW**

The movie started out in Michael Myers' house. His childhood had so

much hate it was pretty disturbing. The kid was constantly insulted and constantly screamed at in his house and in school.

It's no wonder Myers began his killing spree.

For instance, a bully was making fun of his mother in a way that would make me kill him as well.

Myers followed the bully to the woods and brutally beat him to death with a stick.

The effects were awesome because

the blood looked so realistic and the brutality looked really graphic.

Later on that day, Myers ended up killing his family, except for his infant sister and stripper mother.

I liked the story line at the beginning and the introduction of Myers' mask.

It was interesting to see Myers grow up, to be a stone-cold killer.

For 17 years, Michael was locked up in a mental facility.

Myers was going to be transferred from the facility, but when they gave him a little freedom Myers slaughtered the security and escaped.

Basically after this event, the movie got really stupid.

Myers becomes a typical immortal killer stalking one person and who ever got in the way ended up dead.

Ironically, Myers escaped to find his grown up sister, Laurie, and killed off her friends.

Every couple that had an intimate scene was eventually killed off,

which was kind of funny.

The annoying screaming of girls getting killed really ruined the movie.

If you go watch this movie, make sure there isn't a group of immature kids in the audience.

Every boob that the movie showed, some juvenile-minded individual made a stupid remark.

Finally at the end, Laurie had a gun and Myers tackled her off a two-story house.

When Laurie awoke, Myers was lying under her.

She pointed the gun to his head and pulled the trigger, only to realize that there were no bullets left.

On the last fifth or sixth attempt, she blasted Myers' head and the annoying screaming began again.

The ending was a real big disappointment. I give this "remake" a 6 out of 10 because of the annoying screaming and the lack of originality.

# Hairy good restaurant

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Great service, an authentic environment, and possibly a little hair in your food are what you can expect from Cazuelas Mary, a Mexican bar and grill.

**RESTAURANT REVIEW**

I visited the restaurant ready to try the food. I entered the restaurant and was greeted by a smiling hostess who was very energetic and immediately showed me to a booth.

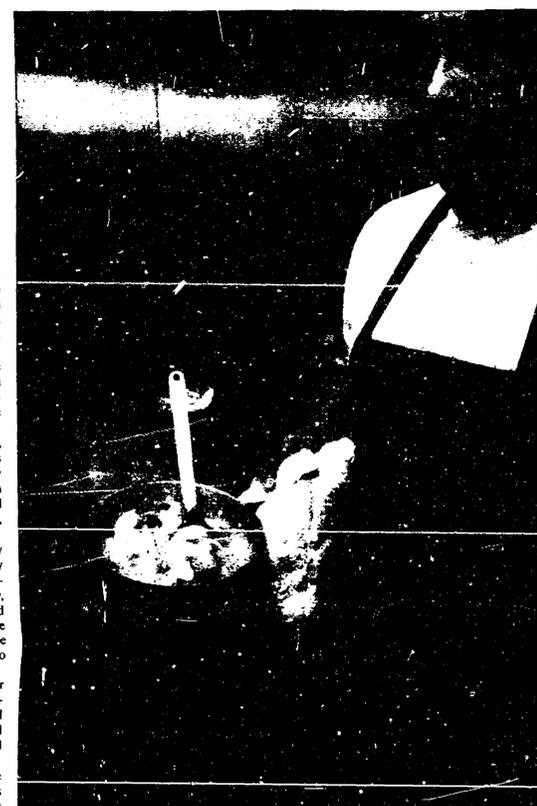
As I sat and looked over the menu, I noticed that the restaurant was decorated with many things that gave it a very southwestern look, complete with barrels and traditional Mexican clothing nailed on the wall that gave the restaurant an authentic atmosphere.

My waitress brought out chips, which were hot, fresh, and very crisp, along with two types of salsas. One was a thin red sauce and the other was made with yellow corn, black beans, and tomatoes. I ordered a chicken taquito combination platter that included marinated vegetables (which I substituted with rice), refried beans, and guacamole.

My food was brought out within 10 minutes after my order was placed. My plate was decorated with greenery and a twisted orange that made the plate even more appealing than it was. The chicken was very fresh, juicy, and hot. The beans were sprinkled with cheese, cooked to perfection, and were not watery or runny. The rice was hot and delicious. The service was excellent; the waitress refilled my drink without being asked and also brought out fresh baskets of chips.

Everything was going well when I discovered a hair in my taquito. I promptly told my waitress and she apologized many times and promised to bring me a brand new plate of food. She brought out the new plate and apologized again. My total for the plate was \$8.95 and did not include gratuity.

Overall, I was satisfied with the customer service the restaurant provided, the enthusiasm that my waitress had, and the dedication to correct accidental hair that was fried into my taquito. I would recommend this restaurant to others. Despite the fact that they made a mistake, they went to great lengths to correct it.



Cazuelas Mary's cook Juan Solis boils shrimp for a cocktail on Sept. 3. Cazuelas Mary is located at 250 Oak St. in Bakersfield.

# Operation Ivy's got some energy

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Peaceful screams plea for peace on Operation Ivy's 1991 album "Energy."

**ALBUM REVIEW**

Ivy played together for a little over two years but has been iconic for the generations that have followed.

The 27-song album originally released in 1989 contained 19 songs, but was then re-released after the demise of the band with eight extra tracks, in 1991.

The skunky rhythm enters the body as it skips across the mind steady enough for the words to be slung-shoo with rapid-fire precision into one's ear.

Picking up the shattered thoughts and scraping them along the brain, the album opens up with a tongue-in-cheek number about knowledge.

Maybe blindly stalking around the crowd is a more painful solution? It might be a solution if all you have is the sound system blaring through your socks.

It might not be, but if you ask the right questions then you wouldn't have to wander so aimlessly.

"Unity" is a standout track that comes to my mind. It starts with the line, "There's a war coming down between my brothers tonight/I don't want no war going down, going down tonight."

Jesse Michaels, one of the singers taking part in gift-giving out phrases, speaks very fast and very aggressively. If you do not keep up with his



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speech pattern, the whole translation might be lost.

This is a very nice technique that can be appreciated by the likes of his kind.

If you tune it on and just think he is yelling and screaming, a conscious thought might be to consider it babbling racket.

A closer look will reveal its true beauty, a beauty that can be appreciated by those in the know and anyone with a little patience, an open mind, and some time to digest it completely.

They even have a song about people who play these lovely sing-alongs for teenagers who have no conscious idea that they are being used as they consume it like fudge.

"He's got a song about a love that's gone away/Sometimes his eyes shed my teardrops when he plays/His touching feelings are just sitting there to buy/They call it music but it seems more like a lie." Just stop it already. Honestly, what are you proving?

I cannot state enough that the great thing about Operation Ivy is that they just play with a ferocity that begs "accept me or leave me."

Whether someone takes a positive or negative outlook on their music, everyone learns something.

# THE PLUG

## BC Student Health Center offers many services

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The Bakersfield College Student Health Center, located on the first floor of the Student Services building, has a variety of health related services for BC students.

According to the BCSHC's mission statement, its goal is "to provide basic quality health care to assist students in attaining and maintaining a state of optimal physical and mental health; to promote wellness and enhance academic success."

The \$13 student health fee required by students after

registration at BC "covers consultations with all health center staff," according to the BCSHC Web site. However, the student health fee alone is not medical insurance coverage and the BCSHC recommends students on their parents' medical insurance know their carrier.

While Section 120360 of the California Health and Safety Code states that "any student(s) seeking entrance" into a community college are not required to be screened for immunizations, many four-year institutions have specific immunization requirements, many of which may or may not have been required or administered for elementary and high schools.

Thus, the Health Center provides a variety of vac-

inations recommended by the American College Health Administration.

Tuberculin skin tests are administered free at the Health Center on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and are required for students who work on campus. Hepatitis B vaccines are \$30 and are administered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., whenever a doctor is available in the Health Center for assistance. In the event of an injury, a vaccine for Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis is to be administered if not already.

The BCSHC, as mandated by the health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, is required by law "to

maintain the privacy of [BC students'] protected health information (PHI), only if granted by the written permission of the student, according to the BCSHC's Privacy Notice to Patients. The disclosure of a student's PHI without the student's written consent only if required by subpoena, by a health oversight agency for oversight activities authorized by law," or any of the other reasons listed in the privacy notice, which can be found on the BCSHC's Web site.

Other services at the BCSHC include pressure monitoring, diabetes screening, first aid, hearing and vision screening, over-the-counter medications, urine tests and physical exams.

# Busy schedule to bad habits

By CRYSTAL ROBERTS  
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From eating fast food to smoking cigarettes, BC students obtain loads of bad habits while attending college.

No matter what the reason, students cannot help but to change some of their ways to fit their new collegiate routine.

The average college student is extremely busy balancing a number of different things while going to school, including children, families, athletics, and work schedules.

As a result of the busy and sometimes hectic job of balancing a combination of these things, students tend to acquire bad habits of different varieties.

Sophomore Roeh Talamera explained that one of the bad habits he has picked up since attending college is not sleeping as much as he used to.

Because Talamera has a job and attends school, he has little time to do much of anything else. "I eat out at fast food places a lot, because I don't have time to sit down and eat," he said.

Talamera also goes to sleep much later than before he began attending college as a result of working late.

BC student Jessica Salinas also admits that she has obtained some bad

habits. "I used to have big breakfasts every morning, like eggs, bacon, and pancakes.

Now, I just have a bagel because I don't have time to have a big breakfast."

Salinas also says that she drinks far more coffee than she ever did because she has to get up earlier to go to her classes. "I want to be up and engaged in the morning," said Salinas who has several morning classes.

But not everyone who attends college will pick up bad habits.

Since starting school this semester, freshman Daniel Gutierrez quit his job so he would have more time for school.

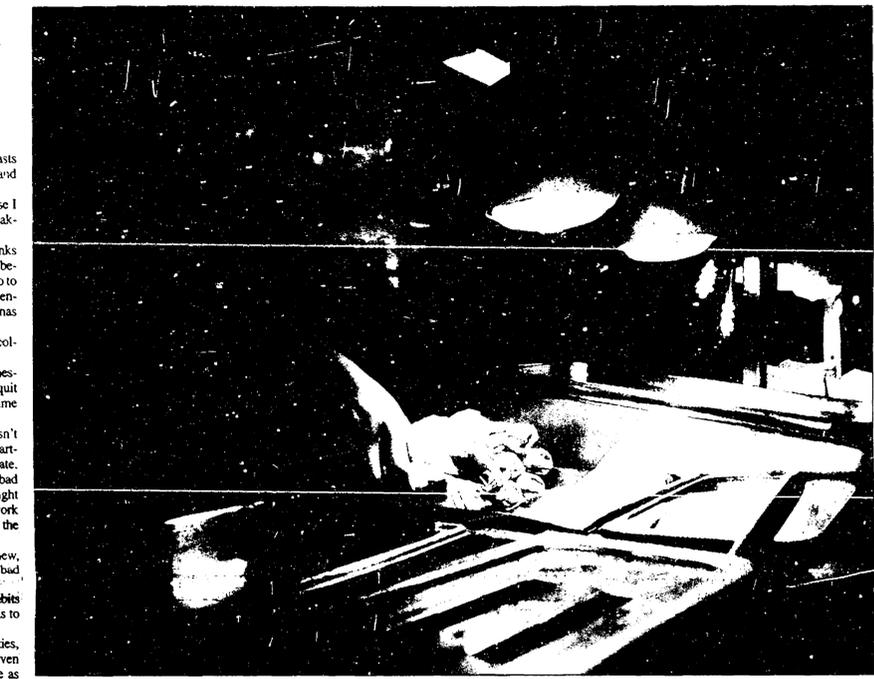
He also explained that he doesn't have many bad habits since starting college except going to bed late.

"I haven't really picked up any bad habits yet," says Gutierrez, "right now I just try to finish my homework in class so I have time to go to the gym later on."

For college students old and new, there is always room to change bad habits.

A great way to get rid of bad habits and change them to good habits is to schedule everything.

Schedule work, classes, activities, study time, social time, and even alone time. Alone time can serve as a resting moment and be used to reflect on the day and week.



A Bakersfield College student in the Panorama Grill grabs a fried burrito from the cafe line.

# Korn, Flyleaf demonstrate Family Values at Rabobank

Bakersfield natives Korn, along with other bands on the Family Values Tour, performed on Aug. 29.

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Family Values Tour came to the Rabobank Arena on Aug. 29, featuring Droid, Neurosonic, Trivium, Hellyeah, Flyleaf, Areyu, Evanescence and Korn.

**CONCERT REVIEW**

I heard the concert was going to start at 5 p.m. When I entered the arena, the band Hellyeah was

ready to play.

Apparently the concert actually began at 4 p.m. with Droid and shortly after Trivium.

My guess is that Neurosonic did not perform.

So the first performance I saw was the band Hellyeah.

The drums were incredible, played by the legendary Vinnie Paul, who

also played with the bands Pantera and Damage Plan.

Guitars were smooth and heavy and went along with the vocals.

The lead singer sounded rusty as if it had been a while since he last sang, even though he was the singer for Mudvayne.

The crowd was enjoying short, hard rock solos and soft vocals. With the arena semi-packed and positive crowd support, I give this performance an 8.5.

The next act had the crowd waiting with suspense, Flyleaf.

When the lights faded, the crowd lost it and began screaming. Their hit single "Fully Alive" sounded exactly like it did on the radio, and the crowd was singing along.

The lead singer had amazing energy, jumping off of the equipment and spinning in circles while keeping her notes.

Simple guitar riffs and drums did not stop this band from being energetic throughout their performance.

The songs sounded creative but not complicated, with some weird but cool guitar solos.

Their last song, though it had an annoying introduction, ended well.

For that, I give this performance a 9. Between the performances of Flyleaf and Areyu, there was a Guitar Hero II competition in the pit area by the sound system.

It was interesting to see two guys get the full attention of the arena and not to mention the winner got to play against Jonathan Davis, the lead singer of Korn.

After the match, Areyu took the stage.

One thing that really bothered me was the drum set. I don't know what the drummer was thinking, but he had three bass drums.

For those of you who don't know, if you have one, you use one leg. If you have two, you use two legs. But if you have three, one of them is not being used. It's a small thing, but it really bugged me.

When the band began to play, their appearance was good.

However, the sound seemed to be messing up. While playing, the bass would come and go. Sometimes it's good to have the bass and keep it like that, but after a while of not feeling it, it seemed very unprofessional.

One of their songs was a cover song by Bon Jovi, the name of which

escapes me. The crowd sang along at a certain point of the song and it seemed to be a good song.

After a song, the lights faded and when the lights went back on, Lee had a piano on center stage ready to play the next song.

Later on during the show, the band performed incredibly. There was a piano and drum solo with great lighting effect, and toward the end a funny "family tale" beat ended the song. The crowd screamed and cheered for that performance and I clapped loudly.

But at certain points, the lights were beginning to get annoying because of the fast flashes, and the brightness was irritating. For some songs, the lighting did not go with the song.

But the show was great and the crowd enjoyed it, which makes me give their performance a 9.

The main event featured Korn and a couple of other people on stage.

The stage had two balconies and some wicked lights on the backstage.

Four unknown members came out before the three members of Korn came out.

"Here to Stay" was the first song they played. The guitar really sounded bad in the introduction and the

members had a good appearance, but it could have been better.

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bass might have been too much.

Throughout the show, members would get on the balcony and play there, which was pretty interesting.

The show had great energy, but in general the concert was not that great.

There was just something about the sound that did not sound right. The drums sounded too heavy, the bass was too much, at some points, the guitar was too high, but the vocals sounded great.

Songs like "Good God" and "Fagot" had the whole crowd on their feet and singing along.

Korn has awesome songs, but they were not played in this show.

Many left the show with about 13 songs on their mind and some left with disappointment because of the band that just played.

Personally, I like Korn's old stuff and if they were to play older stuff, maybe it would have been better.

Since there were very few songs played and the sound equipment kept messing up, I give this performance an 8.

All together I would give the entire show an 8 for awesome energy and some semi-good performances.

# PHIT center improves health

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Bakersfield College has a mission of helping its students improve their physical lifestyle. This campus is offering students fitness classes with new equipment and simple requirements, such as a simple registration and a quick orientation.

The campus offers a wide variety of athletic programs and classes for students this year from a Monday-through-Friday period.

One of the newest athletic programs, PHIT, has been recently adjusted to our college to help students improve to a new and healthier lifestyle, but it is also only dedicated to certain students.

PHIT, which stands for Preventative Health Information and Training, does not require much from students other than being enrolled in campus and paying the student health fees, as well as to be cleared by the BC Health Center for a physical check-up.

"Accessibility is always here... so far, it has only been a couple of weeks since a new semester began and about 180 students have already enrolled in the class," said Rob Slaybaugh, who is sometimes in charge of the gym and orientations. "It is always a good idea to get started in this course, it is very helpful and also inexpensive."

Classes offered at the Fitness Center are not only a step for a healthier life, but they are also an aid to obtain more credits with ease and personal physical improvement.

As Joe Seay, one of the coaches and nutritionists in the Fitness Center, said: "Most Americans are overweight, so this class is perfect for every one who wants to



Bakersfield College part-time student Luis Contreras finishes working out in the PHIT center Sept. 10.

enroll because we work on physical exercises, which is what people need for a better health."

Many students do not believe in working out their physical body, but as Seay said, "Dieting itself is not the best answer. In order to feel good, we need to at least walk."

According to one of the regulations in the Fitness Center, "it is the goal of students and athletes enrolled in any class in the Fitness Center, such as PHED B6FCX, to complete a quick orientation and a completion of 33 visits of an only 40 minute duration each per semester."

On these courses it's also required to maintain a positive com-

pliance environment to make the courses and programs a commitment of excellence of Bakersfield College in every course aspect.

One of the qualities for this course is that students do not necessarily need any type of book. On the contrary, the only required material is a towel for personal care.

"I consider this class as a good thing for myself because I feel more confident because I know I am not only helping myself get physically toned, but also financially because in this course I pay about 20 percent of what I used to pay at a regular gym and I totally do the same thing," said Jessica Ruiz, a student enrolled in the program.

In order to lose weight, people must expend more calories through activity than they take in and by following a balanced diet they can achieve good health.

"There is no magical food out there that has just the right combination of fats, carbohydrates or proteins," said Carter.

# Diet trends a waste of money, time

By MARGINDA COIL  
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Features editor

The Mediterranean Diet, the South Beach Diet, Atkins diet, and waves more have flooded the shelves of stores in recent years.

These diets have enticed scores of people combating obesity. However, many of these people are under a pre-conceived notion that these diets are a safe and fast way to achieve their weight loss goals.

"Diets don't work, period," said Leah Carter, a dietitian and professor at Bakersfield College. "People need to look beyond just the diets, in order to lose weight."

According to Carter, the basic types of diets (high protein and high carbohydrate diets) can lead to deficiencies and disease such as heart disease.

When people are on high protein diets, they take in all the saturated fats and cholesterol while leaving out all the nutrients contained in high carbohydrate foods such as fruits and vegetables, added Carter, when people are on high carbohydrate foods, they tend to leave out all the protein that helps build strong muscles.

"It's all about the calories," said Carter.

In order to lose weight, people must expend more calories through activity than they take in and by following a balanced diet they can achieve good health.

"There is no magical food out there that has just the right combination of fats, carbohydrates or proteins," said Carter.

Not only can some diets leave people desperate for nutrition, they can leave people feeling unsatisfied.

According to Dr. Robert W. Griffith in an article, a study on 160 people divided into four different diets showed that there was over a 50 percent drop-out rate on each of the four diets.

"People need to understand that when they're trying to lose weight

it's not a temporary deal," said Carter. "They have to pick a diet that they can live with forever."

According to Carter, diets are helpful with initial weight loss, but efforts are wasted when people stop and gain the weight back.

People know how to lose weight, said Carter, "but they don't take the steps necessary to make that happen. They don't change their diet. They don't exercise."

Even though 58 percent of Kern County adults are overweight, according to Carter, people are surrounded by too many foods convenient to their busy lifestyle to change the statistics.

"I think people are aware," said Carter, "but being aware does not translate into action."

Because of people's busy lifestyles, they often turn to diet and nutritional supplements as well.

"Supplements, I think are people's easy way out," said Carter, "People want to take pills to cure everything."

According to Carter, people do not realize that supplements can also be dangerous because different supplements can have unhealthy interactions with each other and they do not contain all the nutrients contained in foods.

Instead, people should take only one vitamin or mineral supplement under the assumption that supplements do not substitute food.

"Billions of dollars are spent every year to make us lose weight, feel more better, and have more energy," said Carter, "but there is no substitute for food."

Victor Herbert and Tracy St

**PARRA: Arvin community members urge Parra to change her vote on bill**

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serve us better. We need the experts to tell us what needs to be done to get the air clean before 2024. We can't live with this. We are struggling to breathe in the city of Arvin. We need your help. Please help us."

Nettie Morrison, the mayor for Allensworth, who has to breathe with the help of an oxygen tank strapped to her back, said that she suffers from asthma and hyperventilation of the lungs, and fears that by putting this bill off, she and people like her will only suffer more complications. "That's the reason why SB 719 is so important," she said.

Carolynne Farrell, another representative for the C.R.P.E., pointed out a major flaw with the San Joaquin Valley Air Board as it stands without the bill.

"This is crucially important now in light of recent comments by senior Air District governing board members, Steven Worthley and Jon McQuiston, that the Air District Board is not a public health agency," Farrell began.

"This is in direct contradiction to the mandate admission of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. This is in direct contradiction to their mandate to implement and achieve health based air quality standards."

After the speakers were finished, the group walked into the office, packing the waiting area and beyond, to hand a San Joaquin Valley Air Board Reform fact sheet to Parra's field representative, Nenssa Robinson, who assured them that she would give every bit of information to Parra.

According to the fact sheet provided by the C.R.P.E., a recent poll showed that 8 in 10 Valley residents favor the idea of including professionals of the Valley Air Board with knowledge of health and environmental issues.

It also states that more than 1,200 premature deaths occur every year in the Valley as a result of "particulate matter pollution," and that a considerable amount of Valley residents are suffering from asthma and respiratory ailments.

Lorraine Parida, representing A Better Community for Arvin, said, "We're not going to suffer from bad air anymore. I'm not going to put my health or the health of my child in danger."



Dancers move to the live entertainment at the Greek food festival on Sept. 8.

**Greek Festival unites many in community**

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A Greek Festival was held in Bakersfield, September 7-8. The Orthodox Church located on 401 Truxtun hosted this event.

The festival itself is not just for the Greek, but it also attracts the whole community of Bakersfield.

According to Harry Chicklenis, a runner for the festival, one of the reasons why he enjoys the festival is because, "It brings the church together and it brings the broader community together."

Chicklenis also mentioned the purpose for the festival is to help raise funds for the church and the rest of the proceeds would go to help the victims of the fire in Greece.

The festival was filled with vendors selling satin purses, halos, and other items.

There were also three jump houses for the children to play in. As people entered the event they were welcomed with the sounds of Greek music and the sweet smell of fresh baked pastries. There were many food options and liquor available to satisfy the Greek taste buds.

According to the program given out, some of the food served were gyros that are also known as pita sandwiches, feta fries that are golden fried potatoes topped with feta cheese, and baklava pastries made of filo dough, dipped in honey.

As musicians played their instruments, children danced around and laughed as others sat on benches eating and enjoying the company of family and friends.

The festival has been taking place for 35 years.

**TURNEY: Turney has faith in SGA's abilities**

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a lot of time. I operate EOPS and DSPS as well as the student government, the student health center, financial aid office, and I am in charge of campus discipline," said Turney. "I usually work 60 hour weeks minimum. I didn't have time for a personal life. To get the job done right now, I usually work one if not two days of every weekend. I'll be getting my life back by making this move."

BC allows administrators with ten year contracts to renege their positions if they deem fit. "Everyone has the right to renege," said BC President William Andrews. "My goal is to support their choices. My expectation for all faculty and staff is that they do a good job while they're in that position."

Turney announced on Aug. 28 that he would be leaving after serving as dean of students for four years. "I'm pleased that Don gave us this

much notice, we received ample time to fill his position," said Andrews. "We will be recruiting and looking for someone to fill the position nationwide. Faculty members come from all over the world, we will be going through the chronicle of higher education."

Turney decided to renege at a time that will be in sync with student needs. "I will give the SGA sufficient time to continue to progress and at a time when many of the temporary psychology teacher's contracts will be ending. The psychology department will be ready for him to teach full time."

"I love teaching. I have two master degrees," said Turney. "I get a lot of satisfaction out of teaching. Psychologists call it the Aha Factor, watching students finally understand things is very rewarding."

Students from the SGA will be on a selection committee that will help select the new dean of students for next semester. Turney feels as though this SGA will find someone who believes above all else what's best for the students.

"They know what's really going on, I know they can look and talk to a person and know what's in their heart," he said. "I hope they don't skip a beat. I hope they don't even remember my name. They will move on and do incredible things, they are a gifted and talented group."

Lopez stated he wouldn't forget Turney, but it would not be debilitating to the SGA and that they will be able to work with another advisor just as well.

"He's one of the reasons we're perceived to be one of the best SGAs in a long time," said Lopez. "He inspires you to believe in yourself."

**RENOVATIONS: 'Cool' renovations to hit campus**

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project and will receive a new roof and a new HVAC or heating, ventilation, air conditioning system at a cost of \$620,000. Fine Arts got a new HVAC over this summer as well as what Patterson termed a "cool roof." This environmentally friendly roof deflects sunlight of absorbing it. Patterson claims that with this roof, less energy is needed to cool the building.

"You could touch this roof with it being 130 degrees, and it would feel cool," Patterson said. "We were up on the roof this summer, and we put our hands on this roof, and it was cool."

The Fine Arts "cool roof" alone cost \$210,000. With the new HVAC, the total cost was \$501,000. The Science and Engineering building received additional ventilation in its chemical storage room in the chemical lab at a cost of \$20,000, said Patterson. The Adaptive P.E. room and weight training room received a new HVAC at a cost of \$120,000.

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**Your Dorm Checklist**

Need a Tip? Find or click vacuum (1)  
Dish cloths & sponges (4)  
Cylinder vacuum (1)  
Compact iron (1)  
Drying rack (1)  
Laundry bags (2)  
Lint roller

Student Body Needs  
Travel soap (4)  
Travel jar (1)  
Bath towel (lower) (1)  
Tub mat (1)  
Bath rug (1)  
Shower curtain (1)  
Shower liner (1)  
Shower ring set (1)  
Shower cavity (1)  
Shower brush (1)  
Bath brush and soap  
Electric toothbrush (1)  
Replacement razor  
Over the door hook (1)  
Magnifying mirror (1)  
Blow dryer (1)  
Body wash & lotion  
Cosmetic organizer (1)  
Tweezers  
Curling iron (1)  
Hair straightener (1)  
Electric razor (1)  
Rinse & shampoo (1)  
Hair towel & shower wrap  
Shower rack (1)  
Scale  
Electric fragrance diffuser

Must Have Items  
Bands, pliers, nippers (4)  
Forks, knives, spoons (4)  
Glassware set (1)  
Cookware set (1)  
Set kitchen utensils (1)  
Bottle/can opener (1)  
Water filtration pitcher (1)  
Replacement filters  
Chip electromagnetic clips (4)  
Dorm-size microwave (1)  
Dorm-size refrigerator (1)  
Blender (1)  
Toaster oven (1)  
Coffee maker (1)  
George Foreman grill (1)  
Toaster (1)  
Travel mug

Don't Forget  
Check radio (1)  
Night light  
Fan (1)  
Shower loofah (2)  
Extension cords (2)  
Spinal massager (2)  
Cup of instant noodle  
Batteries  
Dorm adviser (1)  
Wall hooks  
Furniture  
Storage ottoman  
Trash can

Put an All Nighter  
Desk lamp (1)  
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**Season starts off right for BC**

Renegades beat College of the Sequoias and College of the Desert in their first tournament of the season.

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Bakersfield College's volleyball team made a killing.

The team beat both College of Sequoias and the College of the Desert Sat., Sept. 1 by 3-0 and 3-1 during their first tournament of the season.

The Renegades whipped COS 30-21, 30-24, and 30-23, and they beat COD 30-18, 30-22, and 30-18, with COD winning one game 30-24.

During the first hour of the match with COS, coach Carl Ferreira cautioned the team to watch for COS' rotation defense and complimented a player on a fine sidout.

Freshman Maddie Dahl served a ball, which struck the net, but soon sophomore and middle blocker Haylee Vamer and freshman and outside hitter Katie Cronk fiercely spiked balls and helped raise the score 10-6.

In fact, Vamer delivered the most spikes during the COS match.

Sophomore and outside hitter Jaimee Humphrey spiked the ball at 21-13, and freshman and outside hitter Heather Liles spiked the ball 24-15 in the Renegades' favor.

At 24-15, Ferreira, during a timeout, advised the team that COS was still in rotation defense mode.

Jennifer Brite, defense specialist and sophomore, attempted and failed to send the ball over at 27-17 in BC's favor.

However, at 28-18, sophomore Rachel Cox successfully set up the ball for Haylee Vamer who soon spiked the ball again and brought the score to 29-19 in the 'Gades' favor.

At 10:29 a.m., freshman Ashley Parnell sent the ball out of bounds.

During the second game with COS, Liles served at 3-2 COS' favor.

Humphrey served the ball, which hit the net when the game was 4-3 in the opponents' favor.

Freshman Tricia McGowan set up the ball for Liles, who spiked the ball and brought the score to 8-6. Liles spiked again for with the score 8-7 at 10:37 a.m.

"Nice hit," a fellow BC player hollered at Liles.

At 10:38 a.m., Humphrey, Parnell and Liles worked hard to block COS.

At 14-14, sophomore and middle blocker Karlie Thompson tried to set up the ball, but no one spiked it.

Soon after Liles, McGowan and Vamer closed in at the net at 23-23.

Ferreira was advising the players to be wary of COS' attack methods. During the third game with COS, Ferreira was again ordering the team to mind the opponents' rotation defense.

Cox set up the ball for Humphrey to spike, bringing the third game with COS to 2-2. Humphrey spiked at 14-11 during the third game and again at 15-12 in the 'Gades' favor.

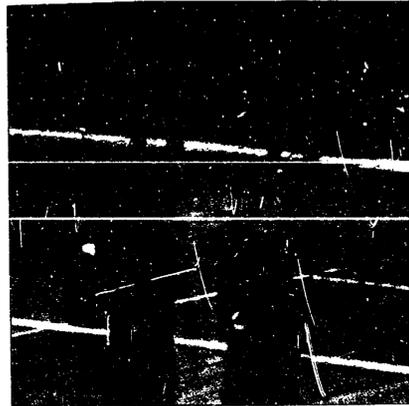
BC player Jennifer Brite, a graduate of Centennial High School, sums up the team's moves this way: "It's one fluid thing," she says. "It's the serves, the kills, the passing."

During the match with COD, Cronk, Cox, and Humphrey assumed positions at the net, and soon Cox set up the ball with Liles spiking. The score was then 4-4.

At 11-11 Humphrey, Vamer and Liles successfully blocked the opponents. Vamer successfully served at 13-12 in the Renegades' favor.

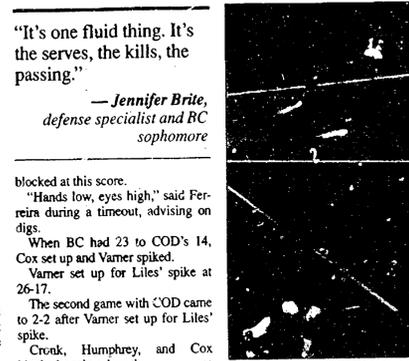
"Maintain positions!" Ferreira yelled. "Communicate well!"

At 15-13 in the 'Gades' favor, Liles served, and the score soon came to 23-22 at the opponents' favor. Cronk, Cox, and Humphrey again



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Jaimee Humphrey and Rachel Cox work at blocking during the BC Tournament on Sept. 1.



KELLY ARDIS / THE RIP

Rachel Cox serves the ball at the BC Tournament. The Renegades won two matches.

**Players return to guide new ones**

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The 2007 Bakersfield College volleyball team will rely on the strength of their returning players.

So far, it seems to be working, as the Renegades have shot out to a 4-0 record.

According to volleyball head coach Carl Ferreira, some of the notable returning players are Emily Ermigant and Haylee Vamer, who Ferreira says does a good job of leading by example.

Other notable returning players are Karlie Thompson, Lindsey Thompson and Jennifer Brite.

This year's team will have two new setters, Rachel Cox and Tricia McGowan.

"All of the first-year players are looking for guidance from people that have been in the program," Ferreira said.

"So I will always say that people I have spent the last 365 days with are always strength in helping you establish the standards of what you want to do within a program."

Some of the first-year players are freshmen Heather Liles and Katie Cronk.

Ferreira says that the goal for this year's team is to be successful, but he adds that success is defined in two different ways. "As an athlete, success can be defined as winning. Athletes want to be successful. A perfect example of this is an Olympic gold medalist," Ferreira said. "As a coach you don't want to wait until the end of the season to determine what success is."

Ferreira says that the team's approach will be to take it one match at a time. "You take your season and divide it up into entities. This is

"This is a player's time of year. You are just trying to manage the year for them."

— Carl Ferreira, volleyball head coach

a player's time of year. You are just trying to manage the year for them. I have a saying: let them go, watch them grow."

Ferreira stated that this year's team will be a lot better defensively and have good point scorers on the court.

"Volleyball is the sport that you have to score points in order to be successful. How you create point scoring opportunities is critical," Ferreira said.

"You have to be able to manage the game by scoring points and staying away from unforced errors. Victory favors the team that makes the fewest mistakes."

The Renegades started their season Aug. 30 with a win against Porterville College.

The Renegades defeated Porterville by winning all three games with scores of 30-21, 30-28, and 30-14.

The Renegades followed their Aug. 30 victory with two wins in the BC tournament.

The first tournament win was against College of the Sequoias, in which the Renegades won in three games by scores of 30-21, 30-24, and 30-23.

Then, BC beat College of the Desert by scores of 30-18, 30-22, 24-30, and 30-18.

The Renegades scored a victory at East Los Angeles, winning all three games by scores of 30-13, 30-14, and 30-12.

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# SPORTS

## BC wins first two games of season

BC defeats El Camino on the last play Sept. 8 and scores big in fourth quarter against Reedley in first game.

By LEANNE CAVE  
Special to the Rip

After a hard-fought 33-31 victory over the No. 1 ranked El Camino College Warriors on Sept. 8, the Bakersfield College football team (2-0) will travel to Serra High School on Saturday to take on the Cougars of L.A. Southwest College.

While this contest may not have the glamour and excitement of the No. 1 and 2 matchup of last Saturday, the Cougars will provide a test for the Renegades.

"They are 1-1, they are talented and they score a lot of points a game," BC head football coach Jeff Chudy said. "It will be the first time we have traveled this season so it will be 'gut check' time for us."

While it may be "gut check" time when the Renegades play the Cougars, it took a lot of heart and courage in the last three seconds for BC to upset the Warriors.

Revenge also may have played a factor in the last two minutes as the Renegades were most likely fighting flashbacks of the overtime loss to El Camino in the 2006 Southern California Championship game.

With three seconds remaining on the game clock, down 31-27 and 10 yards away from the end zone, BC quarterback Jacob Bower threw a pass to BC tight end Seth Damron in the corner of the end zone, resulting in a 33-31 victory.

"I'm a role player, which means I try to get other players open. It is a play that normally doesn't come to me," Damron said.

"This time Bower happened to throw it to me and I made the catch. The defender was trying to take it away, but I just squeezed it and rolled over to the ground. I am just thankful to God to have the opportunity to make the catch."

"We are pretty proud of our kids," BC offensive coordinator Carl Dean said.

"They hung around and made plays. They showed a lot of character and didn't give up."

With so much talent on the field for both teams, there were numerous opportunities to make big plays for a number of players on offense and defense.

"I don't recall a game where there was that much talent on the field at one time," BC Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe said.

"It was such a good game. Our team has so much character."

El Camino, led by sophomore

quarterback Boo Jackson, scored on four touchdowns and a 35-yard field goal by place-kicker James Cullen, who also had four extra points, bringing his game total to seven.

Jackson connected on two touchdown passes, one to running back Jeremy Francis for 16 yards and another to Verran Tucker for 18 yards.

Jackson completed 18 of his 28 passes for 300 yards and rushed for 33 yards. Running back Tavares Pressley had two rushing touchdowns for El Camino as he scored from four and seven yards out.

Led by Bower, the Renegades were successful on key passes that moved the chains and on the four occasions BC scored.

With the Renegades trailing 14-3 in the first quarter, Bower completed a 65-yard TD pass to wide receiver Atrial Snipes right in stride to bring the Renegades within four points.

In the second quarter, after a score by the Warriors, Bower lit up the scoreboard with a 45-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Brandon Banks.

El Camino led at the half 21-17.

In the second half, the BC defense banded together and forced the Warriors to turn the ball over, allowing the Renegades to outscore El Camino 16-10 in the third and fourth quarters.

"It was a great team effort," Chudy said. "We were down 10 to 11 points, and we stuck together as a group. The defense settled down in the second half and played a lot better."

Bower finished a great night of passing as he threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Banks in the third quarter and tossed the winning 10-yard strike to Damron.

Bower had 340 passing yards in 28 attempts and added four touchdowns to his credit. Banks had 127 yards receiving and two touchdowns, while Snipes had 93 yards and a touchdown.

Worthy of mention are the efforts of place-kicker Arturo Villa and wide receiver Dashan Miller.

Villa nailed two field goals for BC from 32 yards and 37 yards out.

On the final drive of the game, Miller made two key catches for 27 and 23 yards. The Warriors committed a personal foul penalty on that drive that set up the 10-yard winning score.

In the season opener at Memorial Stadium on Sept. 1, the Renegades beat the Reedley College Tigers 35-23.

BC amassed 618 yards of offense and the Tigers had 398 yards against the Renegade defense.

BC wide receiver Brandon Banks caught 13 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns and Bower completed 26 passes for 436 yards and three touchdowns.

Wide receiver Atrial Snipes



Renegades running back Greg Williams falls on top of El Camino linebacker Cory Lattimore on Sept. 8 at Memorial Stadium. LISA VARGAS / THE RIP

caught a 56-yard touchdown strike from Bower.

The running game for BC netted 182 yards and sophomore running back Ben Estill escaped defenders to score from 26 yards out.

Running back Pat Patterson also scored for the Renegades on a 2-yard run. Villa converted on all extra points attempted.

Reedley had a safety in the second quarter, which made the score 14-2.

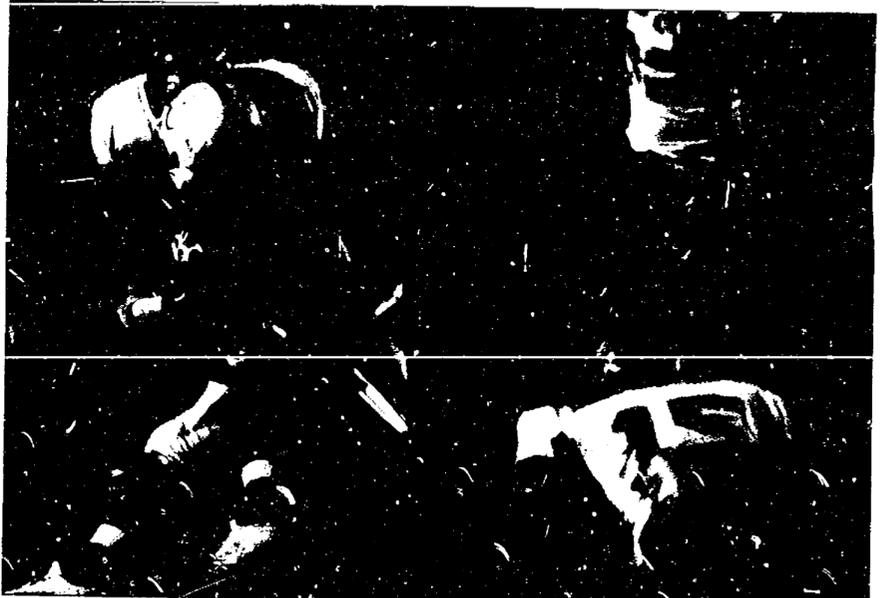
In the second half, the Tigers scored on touchdown passes of 74 and 50 yards from quarterback Darius Reynolds.

On defense, Reedley scored when free safety Maurice Harvey picked off a Bower pass and ran 82 yards into the end zone.

AJ Forestiere made all extra points attempted by Reedley.

The next contest for the Renegades will be Saturday at Los Angeles Southwest Serra High School. Game time is at 1 p.m.

"We have a long way to go," Chudy said. "We have a big bull's eye on our backs now. We have to take one game at a time."



Reedley strong safety Josh Nunes tries to drag Renegade wide receiver Brandon Banks down. LISA VARGAS / THE RIP

## BC ranked in top 25 at preseason

By LEANNE CAVE  
Special to the Rip

The 2007 Bakersfield College football team has the potential to be the No. 1-ranked team in the country, according to several preseason polls. The J.C. Grid-wire/JC-football.com top 25 currently ranks the Renegades in the top three, but BC Athletic Director Jan Stuebbe states at this point of the season the polls don't mean much.

"The publicity and the 1-2 rankings are great, but we will worry about the polls at the end of season," Stuebbe said. "We are playing one game at a time."

Some of the reasons the Renegades may be the No. 1 team in the country are team speed, depth, experience, a good defensive line and a loaded offense.

Jacob Bower will start at the quarterback position. His strong arm, ability to run and quick thinking will make him a valuable weapon. Dustin Powell, a Bakersfield Christian High product, will be second in line at the QB position.

"Bower is a student of the game," Carl Dean, BC offensive coordinator said. "He cares about preparing for a game, and he prepares like a champion."

At the running back position, Pat

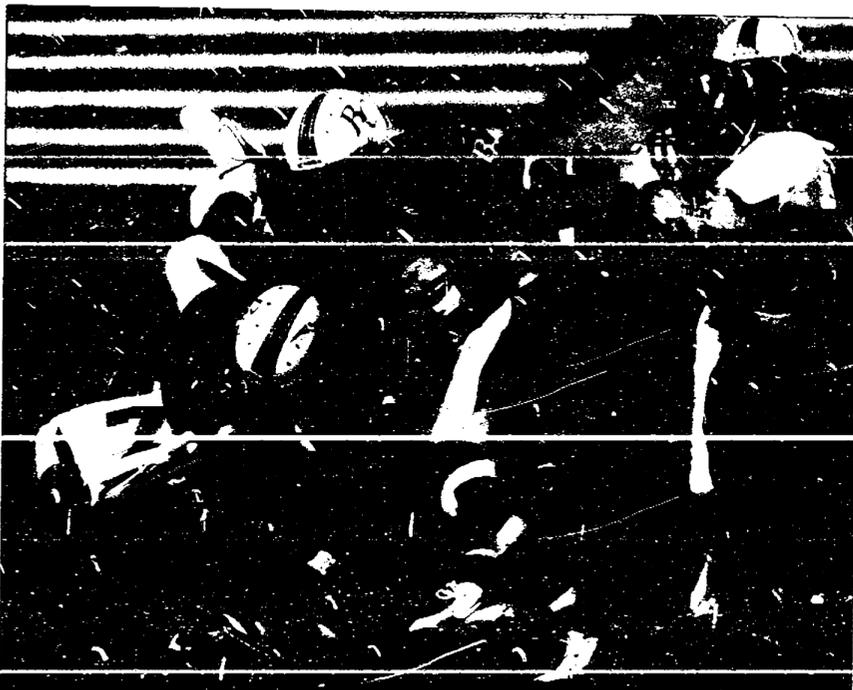
Patterson, a sophomore from Hanford High, will get the nod. Ben Estill, a Taft product is also looking very productive for the Renegades. Matthew Peralta should be a factor in the running game and Bruce Frieson (a recent transfer from the University of Toledo) will be an asset to the team.

Seth Damron will play the tight end position, but as a utility player, he can adjust to wherever the team needs him. Zach Lewis and Tony Rosales from Garces will be valuable at the tight end position as well.

Led by sophomore Mike Papac, a Tehachapi product, the offensive line should be solid. Joining Papac on the line are guards Jorrell Bostrom from Idaho, Brock Mueller and Tyler Ward from Liberty and sophomore Oscar Cuevas who played at Ridgeview. At the tackle position, West High product Gary Sumlin will be joined by Robert Figueroa, a freshman from Golden Valley.

One of the strengths of the 2007 Renegades is the defensive line. Led by sophomores Aaron King, Laniel Calvin, Crispin Fernandez, the line should wreak havoc on opposing offenses. The three will be joined by sophomore Ismail Sadrud-din and freshmen Jerry Lalusa and Junior Sefo from Taft.

The linebacking core will consist



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of sophomore Mark Johnson, and newcomers Michael Smith of East High, Jeremy Ramirez and Soopio Hong of Stockdale and Shawn Norse of Garces.

Rounding out the linebacker core will be West High product, Daron Mackey. Mackey is a talented inside linebacker who will be joined by fellow inside linebacker Cedric Rainey. Also playing at the position will be freshmen David Halopoff, Christian

Mosher and sophomore Wallace Belvin.

The secondary will be a mix of freshmen and sophomores. Sophomore Jose Gonzalez and Devin Pruett will play at safety while sophomores Dustin Bell (a talented kick-off returner) and Keith Thompson will play at the corners. At nickel back in the secondary will be Ryan Ibarra from West High.

Special teams positions have plen-

ty of talent. Will Mahan from Bakersfield High has great potential and a great leg as he nailed a 58-yarder while playing for Bakersfield High School. Arturo Villa from Golden Valley and Kevin Barrett from East High are also very talented candidates for the kicking position.

"We have to take one game at a time," Chudy said. "We play like we practice, so we have to practice well."



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Above: Dashan Miller gains some yards for BC by dodging El Camino's defense.

Left: Running back Pat Patterson gains a few extra feet by diving past a tackle against the Reedley Tigers.

### Schedule

Sept. 12	at LA Southwest	1 p.m.
Sept. 22	East LA	2 p.m.
Sept. 29	LA Harbor	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Rye	
Oct. 16	at Citrus	3 p.m.
Oct. 20	Santa Barbara	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at West LA	1 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Allan Hancock	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	Canyons	4 p.m.
Nov. 17	GE Bowl	3 p.m.



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**BC alumni cook it up**  
53rd annual BC barbecue held at Stramler Park.  
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## KCCD to start on new BC satellite campus

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Kern Community College District and Bolthouse Properties, LLC have entered into an agreement to begin development on a satellite campus on the southeast side of Bakersfield in order to anticipate future growth and meet the needs of the outlying communities.

KCCD and Bolthouse began discussions on Sept. 6 and are currently

in a due diligence period, or time of discussion and review.

"Bolthouse Properties has been very helpful. Their commitment to appropriate community development, and the district's commitment to education just fit together. We now have the opportunity to meet south-county residents' two-year postsecondary educational needs in a convenient and cost-effective manner," said William Andrews, president of Bakersfield College.

Additionally, Andrews emphasizes

that the Panorama campus will be "at its maximum" by 2015, requiring the need for additional facilities and campuses. Currently, the Panorama campus can hold a maximum of 15,000 students; 20,000 total students are enrolled, which includes weekend and night class students.

This master-planned development, which encompasses over 1,600 acres, will include the district's educational facilities, a large residential tract with low- and medium-priced homes, as well as schools, parks, and

retail businesses.

Retail and commercial establishments would be supported by BC's career and technical programs, which would include enterprises through automotive, maintenance and manufacturing. Internship opportunities would also be made available to students through a collective effort between BC's career and technical programs, job placement center, and various commercial and industrial employers.

BC and KCCD personnel have

no intention of duplicating majors or services already offered at other campuses within the district.

"Unless we can't meet the need or demand here (BC), we won't duplicate majors. Our goal, rather, is to create new majors and opportunities for our students," said Andrews.

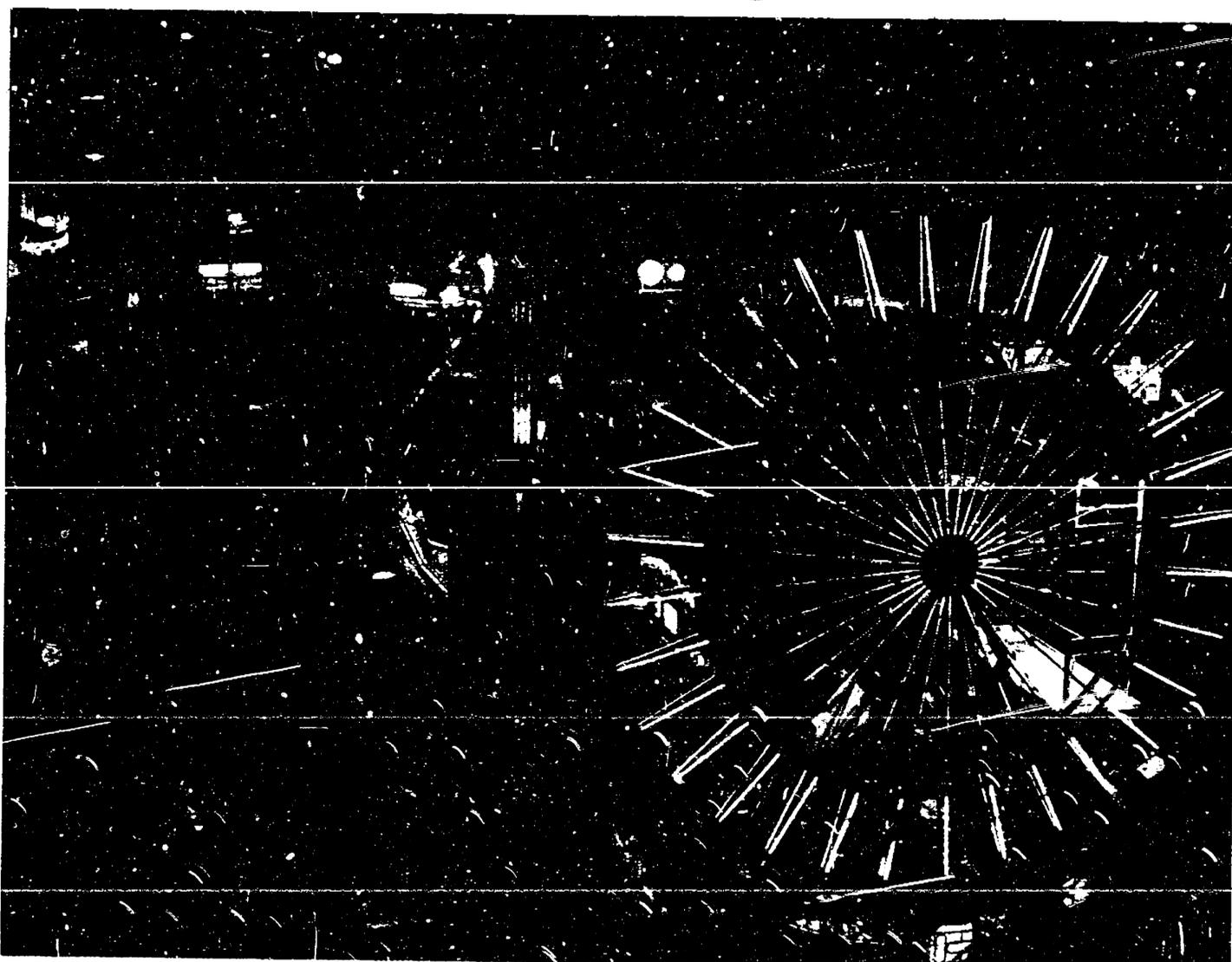
The proposed campus will include a total of 126 acres along Highway 99, south of Bear Mountain Boulevard. Bolthouse Properties donated 66 acres to the project, while KCCD purchased the additional 60 acres at a

cost of \$3.6 million. Funding for the purchase came from the Safety Repair and Improvement District bond approved by Kern County voters in 2002.

This project allows Bolthouse Properties and KCCD to partner together and provide significant benefits and rewards for Kern County residents. Employment, education, and housing will be made available in one central location.

"We are confident that our partner-  
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## Night light magic at fair



An aerial view of The Kern County Fair shows the many activities available. There are rides, booths, games and plenty of food every night. The fair continues through Sept. 30. For more photos and stories, turn to pages 2 and 3.

KELLY ARDIS / THE RIP

## Rotary Club raises money

■ Largest service organization in world hosted Sept. 15 event at BC to benefit needy.

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The Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary Club hosted an annual fundraising event Sept. 15 in the horticulture area at Bakersfield College.

"It is a fundraising event of our Rotary," said BBRC President Ed Knudson, "and we're part of Rotary International, and it is the largest service organization in the world. Over 1.3 million members in over 33,000 clubs in over 120 countries worldwide."

The fundraiser is the largest for the club all year. Many of the proceeds from the event go to benefit students through scholarships and children who are in need.

"Our focus this year is on children's literacy, health and safety," said BBRC President Ed Knudson.

The main cause for the night was to raise funds for the Jamison Center Foundation.

"The Jamison Center is funded by the county, and the foundation provides money that the county cannot," said Knudson.

"Last year we gave \$10,000," continued Knudson. "This year out of net proceeds, approximately 15 to \$20,000 will go to the Jamison (Center Foundation)."

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## Hazardous chemical detected, detonated

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The Delano Campus was doing a routine inventory of chemicals Sept. 18 when a dangerous chemical known as Picric was discovered in the Science and Technology lab on the Timmons campus in Delano, causing an immediate evacuation.

According to the incident report given by the Kern County Fire Department there was approximately six tenths of a gram of the chemical on campus.

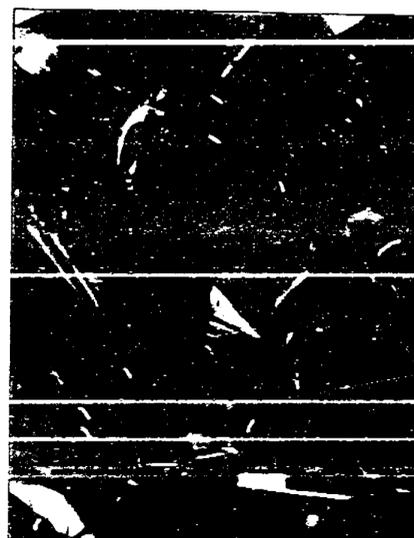
The report also stated that the Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) department, environmental health department and KCSO bomb squad were used for identification, removal and disposal of the chemical.

Bakersfield College Director of Marketing and Public Relations Amber Claing mentioned that the evacuation went smoothly. "Public Safety contacted the Kern County Fire Department who then called the bomb squad and HAZMAT who did a great job of depositing the chemical."

Chiang also stated that the detonation was done across campus underground. "A three-foot hole was dug, and the chemical was placed inside, and they did the detonation."

The removal of the chemical did cause a four-hour interruption while it was being removed from the campus, and two classes were canceled due to finding this chemical.

Night classes at 6 p.m. were back to schedule with no problem. No students, faculty nor personnel were hurt during this evacuation.



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Boy Scout Clayton Green wears ritualistic attire on the BC practice football field.

## The Order of the Arrow sets up tepees at BC

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There are four main principles to uphold when selected for initiation into the Order of the Arrow, and according to scouting.org they are: to recognize those scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, to promote Scout camping and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

The main insignia of an Order member is a white sash with a crimson arrow pointing up from the left hip to the right shoulder. Various bars are added to include and signify the degree of rank.

During a ceremony in which members of a first-degree arrow status are elevated into second-degree rank, these four principles are symbolized by four headdress-clad scouts who stand and operate from the cardinal directions of north, south, east and west.

"It's like any other special event, you want it to be kept special," said Zea Bauer, adviser to the 105 troop out of Los Padres, about the second-degree ceremony.

Ritual, unity and brotherhood were celebrated by the Order of the Arrow as the 2007 W-3B Conclave was hosted on the Bakersfield College campus Sept. 14 through Sept. 16.

There are seven lodges which make up a section, and the W-3B section includes the Orca (Santa Rosa area), the Amangi Nacha  
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# Gluttony okay during fair time

From corn dogs to smoothies the fair offers many fatty but appetizing selections to indulge in but once a year.

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The Kern County Fair's happening, so you know what that means. It's time to quit cutting calories and start shoveling hoards of greasy, gooey and sugary food down your gluttonous faces.

Don't feel guilty about it. We've all been there. We've all been wolfing down a couple hot dogs and recalled halfway through how gross it looks when we watch that Japanese guy do it on the Fourth of July.

And for the sake of informative opinionated journalism (and because I really have no shame) I did it as well.

I started off my voyeur into the reckless disregard for my own health with a KC fair must-have: a good-ole-fashioned corn dog. I decided to buy the foot-long corn dog at the Hot Dog On A Stick booth because I was feeling a little bit Texas that day. In retrospect, I should've just gone with a regular-sized corn dog.

The batter was crispy, yet tender, and blended well with the ketchup and mustard located in giant tubs next to the booth. However, the hot dog inside tasted a little bit chalky, like when you're camping and you're too lazy to start a fire, so you just open the pack of Bar-S chicken/turkey/mystery meat and eat away.

I had heard about the deep-fried Twinkie but thought it was just a myth created by people who put lawn furniture in their deep fryers. To my surprise, it was right there at the funnel cake booth, so I just had to check it out.

Surprisingly, I found it to be alright. Crunchy, creamy, it's all you could ask for with regards to fair food.

Between the Lego architecture exhibits and a free polka band with a geriatric vibe in the audience, I had a hankering for some nachos.

The faux-Mexican villa located near the midway wasn't open yet, so I went to the Progressia booth instead.

The nachos there were great. It had crispy chips that didn't come out of a bag and warm cheese that didn't come out of a pouch. In the words of Forrest Gump, "that's all I have to say about that."

The Boy Scout Troop 188 booth shaped like a hat piqued my interest.

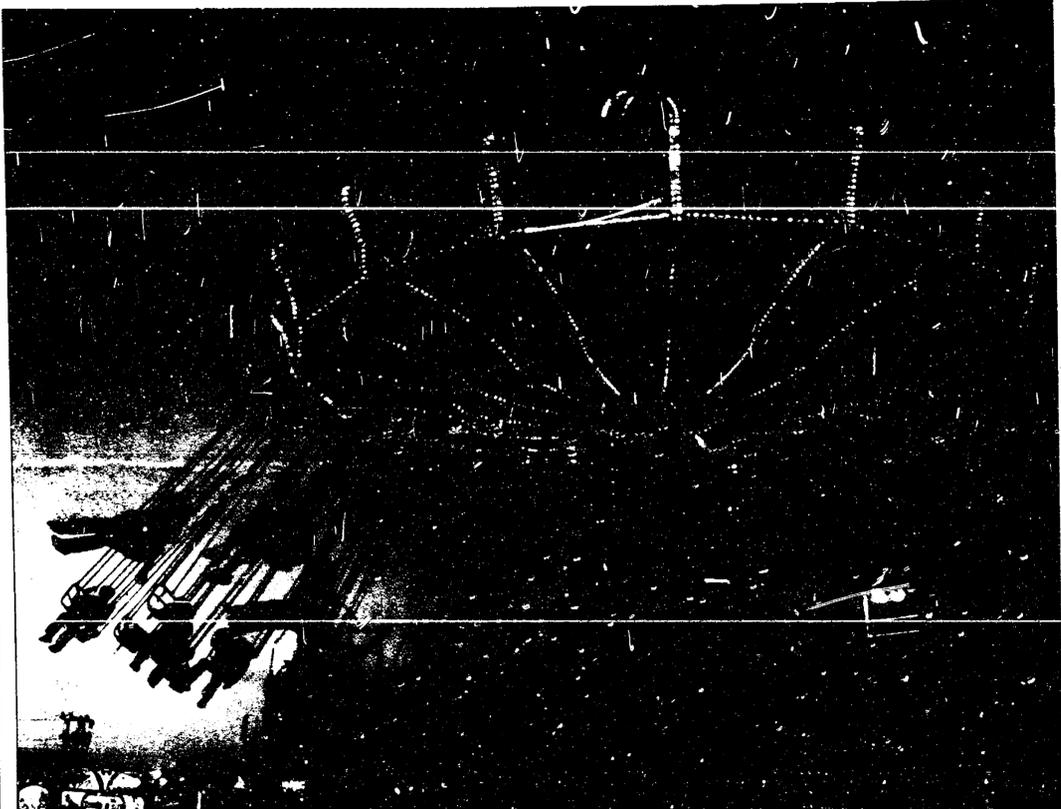
There, I ordered the Scout Burger with cheese and the spuds (which were really just fries) with chili. The vegetables tasted fresh and the bun was warm, but the patty was small and a little gristly. However, the chili fries were satisfying, unlike at some booths that stack their fries with so much seasoning salt it gives you whistling key face.

Unfortunately, I could not finish the chili fries. I could eat no more. Fully satiated, I pondered whether or not I should go on a ride and risk losing all of the food I had spent so much money on devouring.

Since 99.9% of the population knows what soda tastes like, I decided to go with something a little bit different when the time came to wet my whistle.

The Pina Colada smoothie from Daiquiri stand was a good choice. Fruity and cold, it was a welcome change to the mundane carbonated beverages I ingest every day. Being very thirsty, I drank faster than I should have and developed a mild case of brain freeze.

Overall, the food was good and didn't set my pocketbook as far back as I thought it would. If I had a ton more money and a bottomless pit inside my body, I probably would have eaten more.



Community members take flight on the giant swings. The giant swings are a mainstay at the Kern County Fair.

# Rocking around the clock at the Kern County Fair

Rip reporter takes on dare to get on every ride at annual event in Bakersfield

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I have been told I am crazy for agreeing to go on every ride at the Kern County Fair. But when I went on Thursday, Sept. 20, I was on a mission. I had to find the best, most thrilling ride in the park, and to find out which was the best, I had to ride everything.

I started my journey with the infamous Zipper, which is infamous for a reason. I have never been intimidated by a ride in my life, but as I approached this one, I was a bit frightened.

Nevertheless, I jumped on and attempted to prepare myself. I learned the hard way not to bring anything on the ride. There was room in the cage for my bag, so I assumed I could bring it in, only to get punched in the face with it on several occasions. When my phone escaped my pants pocket, I was lucky enough to catch it before it was damaged, but I was not so lucky when

I rode the Zipper a second time. Since I did not learn from my first mistake, I left my phone in my pocket and this time when it fell out, I did not catch it. It flew outside the cage and I can only assume I have good karma, because I managed to get it back. So a word of advice: leave bags and loose items off the ride.

Crazy Train was a ride that lived up to its name. The track is an oval, which spins as the carts are riding along it, doubling the effects of going upside-down. Each cart holds two people, but I would use the word "holds" loosely; despite my attempts to stay in my own seat, I often slid over to the other seat. Regardless of the questionable safety, Crazy Train was fun.

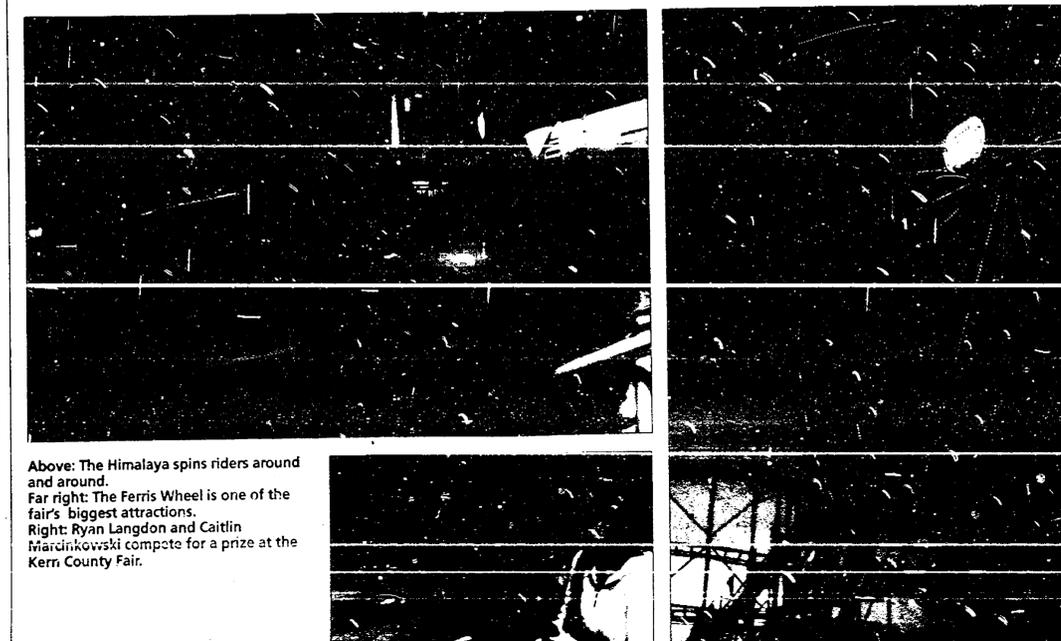
Evolution was an interesting ride. It swings riders back and forth, sometimes going upside-down. It was definitely fun, but I wouldn't recommend it to people who are easily hurt. When the ride was finally over, I had a long list of injuries and bruises to prove it. When held upside-down, I wasn't really in my seat and the only thing keeping me from falling to my death was a bar across my shoulders and chest. Pressing most of my

weight onto that bar was not only uncomfortable but incredibly painful.

Sky Diver is a ride that resembles a typical Ferris wheel, but do not confuse it for such. Each car has a steering wheel in it, allowing riders to twist and turn themselves upside-down if they desire. To anyone considering riding Sky Diver, remember to seat the larger passenger on the left side; getting squished up against the inside of the cart by a body bigger than your own is not fun.

After riding every ride at the fair, I came to a conclusion: the Zipper, despite its craziness, was my favorite ride. Yes, it looks like the oldest, most beat-up ride, and yes, some of the swinging and jerking is probably unintentional, but I think that is what made it fun. There is something exciting about not knowing which way is up, and even when I got off the ride I was still kind of disoriented and couldn't walk straight for a while after.

For those brave enough, I recommend going on your own journey for your favorite fair ride.



Above: The Himalaya spins riders around and around. Far right: The Ferris Wheel is one of the fair's biggest attractions. Right: Ryan Langdon and Caitlin Mardinkowski compete for a prize at the Kern County Fair.

Photos by Kelly Ardis/The Rip

# Smash Mouth opens up free Budweiser series

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The show was only a Wednesday, when we all happily rush to and from work, and it was the opening day of the 2007 Kern County Fair's Rock Around the Clock, Sept. 19.

Upon entering, people could find exhibits, food, a stage of entertainment, and even a wedding.

However, the Budweiser Pavilion's free entertainment lineup is one topic on the lips of spectators.

"I'm really excited," said Kealy, a spectator awaiting the arrival of Smash Mouth with her friends Shannon and Mary and her

mother. "I'm surprised that they came to Bakersfield."

"I think it's awesome," said Shannon. "I love Smash Mouth."

"I think it's neat," said Mary. "I'm glad I was invited by my friend Kealy. I think it's going to be a lot of fun."

Smash Mouth was one of the many entertainers (Steve Lord, Suave Acappella, and Tyghtship at various stages) that performed on opening day.

Smash Mouth, which got its start in San Jose, is known for cover songs such as "Why Can't We Be Friends," "Can't Get Enough Of You Baby," and "I'm a Believer," most of which were performed for the fans.

According to Kealy, she has been a fan for a few years now. "My parents are fans, too,"

she said.

Along with Kealy and her mother were many fans young and old waiting to lay their eyes and ears upon the band, but after a KLLY 95.3 radio personality introduced them, they flooded the stage.

Smash Mouth seemed to move with ease all over the stage, donning their jeans, T-shirts, and dark sunglasses, while pounding Red Bulls in-between songs.

"When Smash Mouth is in town, summer's never over," said vocalist Steve Harwell.

Though winds had already picked up speed, people were not deterred from dancing and singing along to the various old, new, and cover songs that Smash Mouth performed.

"You guys should feel special 'cause this is our last show this year," chimed Harwell

However, the front row center continued to bang their heads to the hard beats of past songs such as "Whiney Neighbor" and "I Want Someone, Anyone."

"I think it's too much rock," said Harwell and then mellowed it out with "Walkin' On the Sun" and "I'm a Believer," which was the last song of the night, until the audience chanted for more.

"All Star, All Star," chanted the audience. "Definitely, All Star," said Kealy along with her friends Mary and Shannon.

Though Smash Mouth did return, they rocked it out more with cover songs.

"He's having a Van Halen moment right now," said Harwell of Greg Camp, the guitarist.

And so it was obvious that he was having

this moment as he was challenging his skill by playing on the ground and while being spun around to songs such as "Runnin' with the Devil" and "You Really Got Me."

However, the audience was soon satisfied as they were able to sing along to "All Star." With that, people were then able to leave.

Though ABBACADABRA, Mary Wilson of The Supremes, Eddie Money, and Any Adams have already daunted the Budweiser Pavilion, the Rock Around the Clock is not over, yet.

From now until Sept. 30, people can expect to see at the fairgrounds Tanya Tucker, The Afters, The Guess Who, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and Yolanda Del Rio with La Academia, along with many others performing at various other stages.

KERN COUNTY FAIR CALENDAR	
<b>Appearing Daily</b>	
Hypnotist, Mark Yuziuk, Three-Way Chevrolet Stage, 7 and 9 p.m., except Sept. 29	Men on the Moon, Three-Way Chevrolet Stage, 8 and 10 p.m.
	Yesenia y su Grupo Lazo, La Villa Festiva, 8:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>Sept. 29</b>
Member Appreciation Day/School Days	PRCA Rodeo, The Grandstand, 7:30 p.m.
Tanya Tucker, Budweiser Pavilion, 8 p.m.	Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Budweiser Pavilion, 8 p.m.
Doo Wah Riders, Three-Way Chevrolet Stage, 8 and 10 p.m.	Gospel Day, Three-Way Chevrolet Stage, noon
Cupido, La Villa Festiva, 8:30 p.m.	Romero Musical, La Villa Festiva, 8:30 p.m.
Pie Contest, Fine Arts, 6 p.m.	Open Jr. Rodeo, Jimmy Rogers Arena, 9 a.m.
<b>Sept. 26-27</b>	<b>Sept. 30</b>
Riding, roping, penning, cutting, and branding, Jimmy Rogers Arena	Dewar's Ice Cream Contest, Fine Arts, 2 p.m.
	BBQ Contest, Fine Arts, 6 p.m.
<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>Sept. 30</b>
Member Appreciation Day/Special Friends Day	Azteca Day
The Afters, Budweiser Pavilion, 8 p.m.	Fiesta Rodeo, The Grandstand, 6 p.m.
Men on the Moon, Three-Way Chevrolet Stage, 8 and 10 p.m.	Yolanda Del Rio with La Academia, Budweiser Pavilion, 8 p.m.
Virus, La Villa Festiva, 8:30 p.m.	AKA, Three-Way Chevrolet Stage, 8 and 10 p.m.
Parade of Champions and Awards Presentation, Livestock Pavilion, 6 p.m.	La Internacional Sonora Show, La Villa Festiva, 8:30 p.m.
Albertsons' Cake Contest, Fine Arts, 6 p.m.	Diaper Derby, Calico Corner, 2 p.m.
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Detailed schedules are available at each entrance into the Kern County Fair.
PRCA Rodeo, The Grandstand, 7:30 p.m.	
The Guess Who, Budweiser Pavilion, 8 p.m.	<b>Compiled by Marcinda Coil/The Rip</b>



## Opening day activities caught on camera

Top: A high diving pirate spins in the air in hopes to successfully land in a pool of water, and he succeeds.

Left: All five high diving pirates attempt to dive into the pool at the same time.

The high diving event, which took place on Sept. 19, was the first high dive of many dives of the Kern County Fair 2007, Rock Around the Clock.

Bottom: A wedding carriage carried by two decorated horses pranced down KC Lane during the opening parade, Sept. 19.

Photos by Marcinda Coil/The Rip



Left: Robert and Shannon Soto won a contest valued at over \$17,000 paid for by the Kern County Bridal Association and were married at the Kern County Fair, where the couple had their first date.

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# CAMPUS

## Shakespeare to be played in Outdoor Theater

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William Shakespeare's plays "Troilus and Cressida" and "Taming of the Shrew" are scheduled to be in the Bakersfield College Outdoor Theater. Both shows are part of the 2007 Kern Shakespeare Festival, which is celebrating its 24th year. The performances are scheduled to play for three weeks. The play "Troilus and Cressida" will be performed Oct. 3, 5, 11, 13, 17, and 19. The

"Taming of the Shrew" will perform on Oct. 4, 6, 10, 12, 18, and 20. All performances will start at 8 p.m. and ticket prices will be \$5 for general admission while students, seniors and groups of 10 or higher, get in for \$3. Children under 6 are not allowed in the theater because they can be a distraction for the audience and the actors. "Troilus and Cressida" will be directed by Randy Messick. This story is based on the days of the Trojan War, which deals with love. This four-hour play will be reduced to two hours and show a variety of special features. Kai Brinkley, 25, the costume technician, said that all of the actors' costumes will be done by hand. There is a class students can take to help design the costumes for the play and get credits for them. According to Brinkley, the process has not been slow because of the hand-made costumes. For "Troilus and Cressida," the costumes will be traditional Greek outfits. "Taming of the Shrew" will be directed by Robert Kempt. This goes back to the 1650s European musketeer era. This story is based more on humor and positive scenery, and is more rated G. Tech director Jarred Clowes, 32, said "the equipment is really old, but I think the biggest problem we got is slope that's in the Outdoor area." When it rains, the water is supposed to get out to the sewer, so there's a slope where the stage is going to be. "It's not a big deal because we are going to build the stage to be even when they perform."

## Sports take stage at BBQ

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The 53rd annual Bakersfield College Barbecue took place Sept. 13 and was held at Stranler Park. The barbecue featured most of BC's fall athletes as well as introduced the coaches for the teams.

BC Alumni Hall of Fame inductee and past Alumni President Bob Parsons explained the main idea of the barbecue.

"The purpose of the BC Barbecue is to start out the year and raise enthusiasm of others associated with the college and raise money to fund scholarships and student body awards," Parsons said.

Parsons also explained that proceeds from the function help to raise money for special student activities and fund different athletic programs.

The barbecue had many different BC athletic teams present, including the football team, women's and men's basketball teams, the women's and men's cross country teams, volleyball team, women's soccer team, and a performance by the BC cheer team.

There were also various vendors at the barbecue, which included Crusty's gourmet ice and Coldstone Creamery.

Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. and included a choice of chicken or steak, complete with chili beans, salad and a bread roll. Bakersfield's Toyota car dealership also took part by exhibiting their new car and sport utility vehicle models.

Parsons explained that the barbecue usually has a good turnout. "In recent years, we have had 800-1,000 people in various capacity attending the barbecue. I've been a strong regular," said Parsons as he sold drinks, ice cream and beer tickets to visitors.

The BC barbecue seemed to be a success as visitors laughed, socialized and danced to the live music of the Tony Ernst Band, a local Bakersfield band comprised of BC Alumni.

Dinner tickets were \$20 and all proceeds benefited the BC Alumni Association and athletic programs.



BC cheerleader Cheri Royal practices her moves before the BBQ on Sept. 13.

## Schools invade BC

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During the morning hours of Sept. 11, the grassy area between the library and student services became the home to nearly 50 four-year schools aiming to draw students and capitalize on their interests.

A wide array of schools throughout California were represented at Bakersfield College, including those within the UC and CSU systems, private Christian universities, and institutions offering non-traditional, career-focused training programs.

Admissions representatives from Cal State Bakersfield, San Jose State, Patten University, UC San Diego and UC Merced, Cornell University, Fresno State, and Loma Linda University were among those available to answer any questions or concerns students had regarding program information, ethnic diversity and social activities. Many of these schools are focusing their energies on students from ethnic backgrounds in an effort to further diversify and strengthen their campus communities.

"A walk across the campus is like a walk across the world. We offer one of the most diverse community of students of any of the CSUs," said Jaclyn Johnson, admissions representative at San Francisco State University. This event gave students an idea about what options are available following their time at BC, as the information was presented in a comfortable and organized manner.

"The setup [at transfer day] is comfortable and well organized,

and I'm learning a lot about what's around at these great schools. My school isn't here. If Cal Poly were here, it would be a simple decision. But UC Davis is here, so it's a close second," said Lori Carter, environmental horticulture and child development major.

Among the plethora of career choices available, it's evident that students are often unsure about their future plans, including which university is best for their major and interests. Students are hesitant to make choices based upon peer pressure and popularity. "I'm just trying to find out what's best for me and my major. I've been able to get more information on where I might like to go. I haven't yet made any decisions, but today definitely helped clarify some insecurities and uncertainties I've had," said Marie Edger, undeclared major.

From schools across the state, like Otis College of the Arts in West Hollywood to local schools like Cal State Bakersfield, students seem confident that they will succeed at any four-year school they choose because of the personal attention they receive by their professors at BC. "It's been great, because here at BC, they [professors] really want you to succeed and will bend over backward to make sure it happens. I totally support BC and have loved being here," said Anika Jackson, a communications major who has also been a student at Ventura College.

For additional information on transfer requirements, articulation agreements, or to discuss any question, contact transfer counselor Barbara Braid at 395-4421, or visit their Web site at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/transfer.

## Panel of four discuss leadership and ethics

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One must become human before becoming a leader.

That is the Confucian take on becoming a leader as expounded by Bakersfield College philosophy instructor Michael McNellis during the panel discussion on ethics and leadership Sept. 20 in BC's Fireside Room. The presentation of four different perspectives on ethics and leadership was provided by the Norman Levan Center for the Humanities. Jack Hernandez, retired BC professor and director for the Levan Center, served as moderator.

"This is a timely and timeless subject," commented Hernandez about ethics and leadership in life and in the work place during his introduction to the speakers. Sheryl Barbach, business consultant and interim executive director of the Bakersfield College Foundation was the first to speak, and her speech delineated the falsification of documents, lying to customers, diverting funds, outrageous CEO compensations, the alteration of documents, and other manifestations of deceit found in the business arena.

Before beginning, Barbach remarked, "I'm used to being in charge; this is a little too egalitarian for me," which was a reference to the panel format. Barbach cited many recent examples of corporate dishonesty including Worldcom, whose executives were accused of falsifying reports. Barbach also mentioned the transgressions of Enron as well as whispering the local company name "Crisp and Cole" into the lectern microphone to general laughter. Barbach cited short-term thinking as the root of company evil. Barbach stated that long-term thinking executives and employees are less likely

to be dishonest, and that long-term thinking is in complete contention with the short-term goal of immediate gratification of self at the expense of the company. Long-term thinking is essential for a business to maintain a respectable reputation, Barbach said.

"The short-term view can create meltdowns," Barbach said. Barbach lamented the past common tendency of businesses to focus upon profits rather than upon ethics as well as the impervious nature of executives at the very top of the corporate ladder who live in an ivory tower and cannot abide by disclosure of information that does not conform to their unrealistic perceptions. Barbach cited a business scholar from USC's Marshall School who said that those in close proximity with a company's customers are privy to all the information that a company needs to succeed. Barbach believes that every company should have an ethics code, and that the behavior of those at the top of their company will dictate the behaviors of their employees.

Leadership begins at the top, concurred Mike Jenner, executive editor of the Bakersfield Californian, who spoke after Barbach concluded. "The unethical behavior of one can undo an entire organization," Jenner said. Jenner cited the 2003 incident involving the New York Times reporter Jayson Blair, whose fabrications scandalized the journalism world. Jenner then mentioned that in 2005, the Californian had its own equivalent to the disgraced Jayson Blair. The Californian, Jenner said, hired a reporter with excellent, verifiable credentials who, at some point during eight months of employment to the Californian, plagiarized quotes in articles from other publications, such as the San Francisco Examiner, as well as inventing sources. When the quotes were discovered stolen from

other publications, and that the reporter's sources could not be found, the reporter was then terminated from employment. "We were unbelievably embarrassed by this," Jenner said.

In the wake of this incident, according to Jenner, an apology was published, and all articles from that time forward have been thoroughly examined for any traces of plagiarism. Jenner mentioned that the journalism world must subject itself to severe self-examination because the media is under current intense scrutiny by the public. "Never before has the credibility of the media been so challenged," Jenner said.

According to Jenner, the sad reality of the media is that sound journalism standards have degenerated over the years in the interest of profits. Jenner said that the journalism world must avoid the reemergence of the "yellow journalism" of the penny press age in which journalism's ethical standards were at an all-time low. Humanity's ability to grasp a sound system of ethical conduct distinguishes humans from animals, according to McNellis, who spoke during the discussion after Jenner. McNellis' speech focused on Confucian philosophy in relation to life, work and work ethics. According to McNellis' speech, Confucius believed that humans are not born with humanity and human dignity, nor are they born with inherent leadership abilities, "tempered by the sense of morality."

McNellis explained that Confucius believed that a personal sense of humanity and a demonstration of their personal sense of humanity must precede becoming a leader. However, humans are born with the potential to become ethical beings although they are not technically born ethical. Humans have what Confucius termed the "xin," which means "heart-mind,"

and the passion of the play, the actor has to first know what he or she is talking about and has to feel what he or she is talking about. "I would expect a phenomenal show because of the good actors and all the hard work we put on the show. It will be awesome."

So far in the rehearsal, there have been no problems among the staff and equipment. "Even though we are here for ridiculous hours, we still enjoy this. And we hope the audience will come and have the same kind of feeling," said Ansolabehere.

## BC Foundation puts new Web site online

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The Bakersfield College Foundation, which is responsible for providing services such as scholarships to BC students, recently launched a new Web site that can be accessed at www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/foundation.

"The foundation raises funds to provide scholarships for BC students. \$544,397 was provided in scholarships for the Fiscal Year 2006-07, impacting over 1,221 students and Bakersfield College," said BC Foundation Treasurer and College Business Manager John Griffith. Griffith also stated that the foundation also helps by sponsoring myriad guest speakers that come to BC, as well as helping to fund projects that directly benefit students, such as construction programs, which "involve BC students building houses and gaining experience in the construction industry."

According to the foundation's annual report, the foundation is defined as a "non-profit corporation whose purpose is to assist and support Bakersfield College by raising, investing, and distributing monies, properties and other assets for the awarding of scholarships, loans and grants, and for construction of buildings, purchase of equipment, and other capital outlay needs." The report also states that, within this past year alone, the foundation received a \$5.7-million contribution from Dr. Nor-

man Levan, a \$250,000 contribution from the Dean and Adah Gay Family, and \$1,926,974 in contributions from the Dolores Cerro Estate.

Some contributions are for specific purposes, like funding for a new softball/baseball complex, while others are more general like enhancing certain buildings on campus and scholarship awards. The need to develop a better Web site came about with the need to make online contributions more accessible.

"Because the information [on the old Web site] was so old and the possibility of offering online donations difficult, the foundation committee decided to work with the template site," said Amber Chiang, director of Marketing and Public Relations at BC.

According to Chiang, the committee consisted of Interim Director Sheryl Barbach, Mary K. Shell, John Griffith and herself. "We added more images, vital information and customized the site in a way that is easy to use and simple to understand to users," Chiang continued. "The foundation is now, definitely, among the top community colleges in California when it comes to Web sites."

Events sponsored by the foundation include a panel discussion on ethics and leadership. Speakers such as Mark Abramson and Dr. Hans Einstein addressed different key issues in BC's Fireside Room as a result of the foundation's efforts, as well.

Those interested in making online donations can visit www.bcfoundation.net.

"Never before has the credibility of the media been so challenged."

— Mike Jenner, executive editor of the Bakersfield Californian

and it contains a knowledge of morals, according to McNellis' speech. An affirmative concern for others comes before becoming a human with morals and before becoming a moral leader.

However, it is still cheaper than funding a war on drugs that is more of a visceral comfort than a true success. "Each one of you can be a leader," McNellis concluded. Sandra Serrano, chancellor for the Kern Community College District, quoted legendary humorist Will Rogers at the beginning of her speech. "A politician is locking to the next election, but a statesman looks to the future," she quoted.

Serrano agreed with McNellis that a leader must lead with humanity, and she also agreed with Sheryl Barbach in her speech that leadership begins at the top. This especially holds true for those entrusted with public funds, she said. Serrano feels that leaders in educational institutions should refrain from accepting special compensations. Importantly, all leaders should be constantly aware of the scrutiny of the public eye, she said. "Leaders live in glass houses; everyone is watching them," Serrano said.

# OPINION

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Shame on 'Shame On'

Many of us have seen the "Shame On" signs around business areas in Bakersfield, but what's odd is that according to reports and a Rip staff member, the people holding these huge white signs with red lettering are being paid by a union.

A Rip staffer was actually offered a job with the Shame On campaign and was told the pay rate was \$10 per hour. Sad but true, these protesters aren't even protesters. They don't care whether or not there is a union for any particular company. They are claiming a labor dispute.

The real irony is that it has been alleged that the union paying these protesters has not set up a union for these workers protesting businesses and contractors that are not affiliated with the union.

According to a report by 29 Eyewitness News, real estate developer Greg Bynum, who was targeted by the "Shame On" campaign, said that he sees these workers as victims, considering they're not provided with facilities and are forced to use parking lot bathrooms.

Most of these people have no idea what they are protesting and when approached by the media to answer questions are quick to say "no comment." For them, it's just a job that is paying the bills. These "Shame On" workers are not even informed of what they are holding protest signs up for. If they are asked, they are told to refer those inquiring to the phone number provided by their employer.

This labor union is presenting themselves as two-faced and is setting forth a contradictory morale. Most organizations, credible or not, like to think of themselves as such, it's unfortunate that the union has already discredited itself and is paying people to protest for them.

The people working for the companies and businesses being targeted go on their daily business even though the "Shame On" campaign makes it appear as though there is a labor dispute, making everyone really angry.

The first amendment may not even apply to this situation. Do they really have the right to peacefully assemble and petition even if they are being paid to protest?

"These workers are probably in a position that could build a pretty legit case with the labor board against the labor union, although protest workers wouldn't even think of filing a lawsuit. They're getting paid to stand for the alleged amount of \$10 per hour. Lots of people would take on this job, especially now, since finding a job is pretty hard and minimum wage is \$7.50.

Instead of the labor union targeting businesses and companies for not being a part of the union, perhaps they should realize that people, regardless of whether or not their employer is affiliated with a union, can make their own personal decisions on whether or not they would like to work for a company or business affiliated with a labor union.

The labor union obviously isn't making an impact on the Bakersfield community by paying these protesters, so they should stop wasting their money.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Marijuana revenue may diminish

With regards to the piece by Bryan Lung on taxing legal marijuana: Though I agree with the position that it should be regulated rather than remain illegal, the tax revenue that would be generated would fall far short of what his reportings would suggest.

The fact is that marijuana's current value rests so high because of the illegal nature of it. The value would diminish, and therefore, the tax revenue would not be as high.

However, it is still cheaper than funding a war on drugs that is more of a visceral comfort than a true success.

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## 'GADE FEEDBACK

Brittney Younger, interior design: "My gas."

Chris Vallejo, undeclared: "My '58 Ford Fairlane."

Florencia Perez, psychology: "I've paid like \$200 for each of my books."

Jeremy Johnson, engineering: "My speeding ticket."

John Reese, music: "My Halflack (guitar)."

Vinessa Vesper, undeclared: "My Verizon Chocolate phone."

## Spanking teaches kids discipline

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In a world where children are running amuck and not grasping any moral values, spanking proves to be a positive part of raising a child.

Spanking some children is a good thing. It is a way to teach discipline to a child, to get them to listen and to get their attention.

Some children can be reprimanded with only words, but most need physical spankings to help them remember the rules they have broken.

Timeouts don't work in many cases.

## Nature's not our enemy

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Man versus nature. Considering that it is the year 2007, you would think that we would have resolved this pseudo-conflict by now, but we haven't.

Recently there was some commotion over cutting down the water supply toiferent agricultural businesses here in Kern County to help save a species of fish in the Kern River.

I am sure that many people think it ridiculous to interfere with "business as usual" for the sake of some little fish, but I disagree.

In this case, I am going to have to take the less popular route and side with the fish.

Before you all start throwing Styrofoam and aerosol cans at me, I would like for everyone to consider three simple questions:

- 1.) Do you enjoy breathing?
- 2.) Do you enjoy eating?
- 3.) Do you enjoy drinking?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, and I know I did, then you might want to take a moment to stop away all of that so-called logic you've accumulated over the years about how mankind is the greatest thing ever. Try to remember that, it's really put, we need nature in order to survive.

Yes, hold on to your hats. We actually need oxygen. Plus, we need places to grow food. Clean water is also a plus, if there is such a thing anymore. So what does that have to do with those

them. It's all in a cycle. I can recall hearing teenage kids cuss their parents out in public with no regard for what may happen to them. They obviously were not taught how to be respectful and probably not spanked.

I'm not saying that every kid needs to be spanked to be productive. I'm sure there are plenty of people out there whose parents never touched them, and they turned out fine.

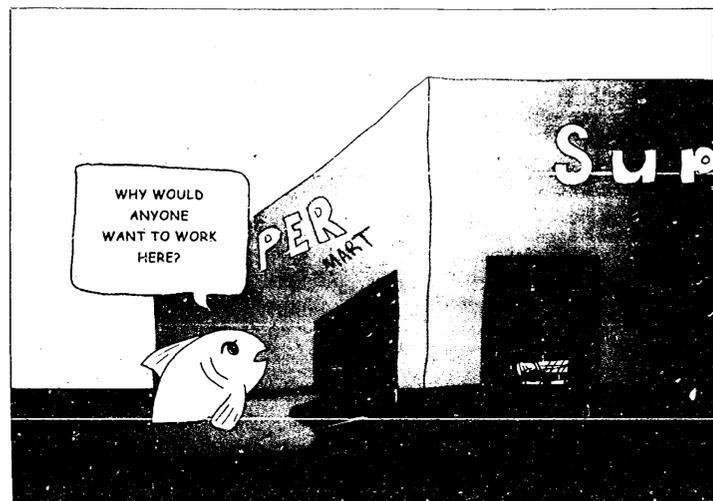
I'm just saying that spanking children can be a positive and beneficial thing to a certain extent.

Spanking is OK if it is done in the right way. Spanking children is not an excuse to

beat, abuse, or take out life frustrations on children. It is important that parents understand the difference. Otherwise, there is no point in spanking a child at all.

Parents should not excessively spank their child, but explain why they are receiving spankings and ask them not to do it again. Spanking should be a last resort after a warning of some sort. The purpose of spanking a child is to help them understand that there are consequences for being disobedient and not listening to parents.

This helps to prepare the child for life, so when they do something wrong, they know that there will be consequences for not following the rules, maybe not a spanking, but a far greater punishment that may affect them in a serious way.



little fish? I think it has a lot to do with those little fish.

I think that it's exemplary of what probably should happen more often, and that is to take into consideration how what we do may affect our surroundings.

And not just for the present moment, as we can be terribly short sighted, but the future as well.

I can hear the yawns from here. We've heard it before. It's all a bunch of free-ging, hippie madness, anyhow.

But think about it: Do you really think we'll turn into some desolate, starved society by cutting off some water to save a species of fish?

What, suddenly we're all going to be raiding stores and homes for what little bit of food is left in the entire world because of this? Is the economy going to collapse

and will buildings burn? Can we manage to put our self importance on hold for a second and realize that by doing seemingly silly things like saving fish will not lead to some catastrophic upheaval in our everyday lives?

This also goes for putting a halt on building more Wal-Marts in certain areas to protect kit foxes, which was an issue in Kern County not very long ago.

I had a discussion about it with someone, who was just outraged that we were depriving so many people of fabulous Wal-Mart jobs in order to protect an endangered species.

Can anyone spot the oxymoron in that last sentence? I can: fabulous Wal-Mart jobs.

Seriously, how many Wal-Marts does one town need? How will fewer Wal-

Marts in Kern hurt hoards of people? I understand that it's not easy to get a decent job in this town, trust me.

But if you're looking toward Wal-Mart to save you, then I all have to say is that you might have more to worry about than not having a job.

Kurt Vonnegut once wrote, "Just because some of us can read and write and do a little math, that doesn't mean we deserve to coquer the universe."

I know this can mean a number of things to different people, but it seems to fit the bill in this case.

We need to get over this whole "us versus them" train of thought when it comes to preserving the world that supports our very lives. Doing otherwise is getting us nowhere fast.

## The library should be for research and homework

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The library computers at Bakersfield College should be used for school purposes only. End of discussion, no questions asked.

I've come to this conclusion because the majority of the time I go to the computer commons needing to write a paper, it's very difficult to find an available computer

due to people using the computers for entertainment purposes.

For example, I walked in the other day hoping to get started on an essay, but the computers were all being occupied.

I looked around to notice how many people were actually doing school work and to no surprise, there were only a small handful, while others were busy checking out the latest music videos on YouTube or trying to log into MySpace.

You might be thinking: "Why didn't you just go upstairs to the library portion where the computers are used for research only?" Well, I did head up there only to find that they were also being occupied by students who were studying and trying to do research.

However, that's really not the point. The point is that if you want to be entertained in between classes don't waste your time on the computers. Go read a book, a magazine or better yet, actually do your work from the classes you're taking.

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We're now in the fifth week of the semester and every class has to have some type of homework assigned.

If you would be so kind to stay off the computer for your own entertainment, I would greatly appreciate it, along with the other students who take advantage of doing their work here at school.

Go and do some homework, enjoy the day outside and drink a latte.

Do as you please, just don't waste your time away from the computer.

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# New live album keeps you Trapt listening to it

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Trapt's new live album is a decent album to own because of its mixed music typifying a greatest hits album.

CD REVIEW

However, the band's attempt to debut two brand new songs ("Stay Alive" and "Everything to Lose") on a live album was unnecessary because the two songs were distinct enough to be

heard and recognized on the radio. Without these songs, the band created a premature greatest hits album, comprising of nine older songs and only three I have ever heard of on the radio.

Although it usually takes a few listens of a song before it is enjoyed, I enjoyed the new songs right away. The interesting musical introductions set up the depth of these songs, while also adding anticipation to the climaxes. "Stay Alive" features Chris Brown's (vocals and guitar) sincere vocals and lyrics that creates feelings of survival. "Everything to Lose"

creates confusion of our own emotion through Aaron "Monty" Montgomery's drum solos and Brown's climatic voice. Though the new songs were not performed live on their live album, the following songs were performed live to a Minneapolis audience.

The first few songs' vocals, which were live, sounds depleted of energy and breath but lifts soon, feeding off the audience's excitement of hearing familiar songs. Most of the songs' introductions leave them distinct from mainstream music. However, there are some songs that blend into the stream with their unchanging

rhythms and typical drum sign-offs. Songs such as "Stay Alive" and "Made of Glass" end with these drum sign-offs, but perhaps it is a tradition. Nonetheless, the sign-offs last only a second, not enough to ruin the songs.

"Hallowman" and "Skin Deep" are not musically distinct from other music, but each contributes some other talent. Lyrically, "Hallowman" deserves some mention. According to Brown, the song is about the passionless floaters of this world. However, "I don't want to be like you," suggests that Brown is denying some parent's characteristics. Besides

thoughtful lyrics, "Skin Deep" is notable for the vocals of Brown. When he is not out of breath, Brown can rip it out with a pleasing sound.

And, of course, "Please help me 'cause I'm breaking down" ("Still-frame") can be heard on this album along with "Stand Up" and "Headstrong," which are songs often heard belting out of radios tuned into 106.1 the KRABs. According to Brown, "Headstrong" is the best song to be related to the band's attitude. It is also the song that broke them free of the limits of expression, leaving people's heads disconnected after "banging" their heads to the beat of it.

Also featured on the album are "Echo," "Disconnected," and "Waiting." All of the above-mentioned songs contribute to the pleasantness of the album.

However, I am still in awe that this album's purpose was to debut two new songs. Why is it that these songs are not playing on the radio? Or perhaps, corporate radio heads believe that Trapt is a one-hit wonder band and refuses to play any new songs. Well, I think, otherwise. As long as they can keep creating, I will keep listening.

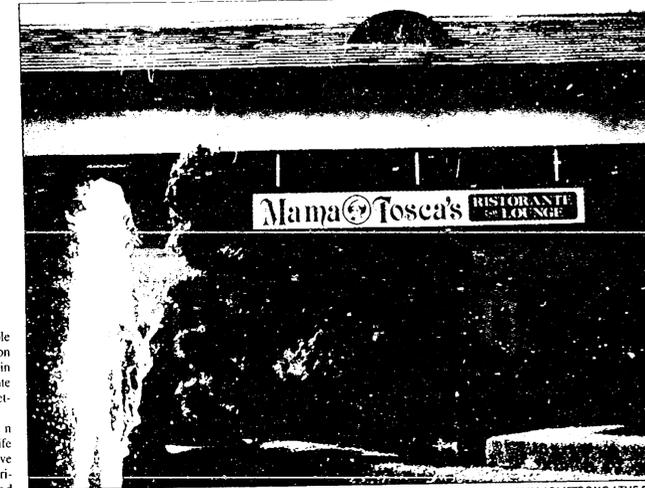
# Mama Tosca's: great Italian

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Not only a good but an incredible experience, with the whole extension of the word, is what I encountered in the visit to Mama Tosca's Ristorante here in Bakersfield in the Marketplace plaza on Ming Avenue.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

I in my life I have experienced in any Italian food restaurants, but, by far, Mama Tosca's gave me one of the best savory experiences that has made me want to return. When I opened the yellow entrance door, I was immediately welcomed by a hostess, who made my visit even better. With enthusiasm, the hostess took me to my table of choice and explained to me a little about the history of the restaurant. As soon as I sat on one of the brown chairs at my table, which was covered with a white cloth, two servers introduced themselves to me, followed by a welcome salutation and a detailed introduction to the daily special.



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Mama Tosca's, located in the Marketplace, provides Italian food for hungry customers.

After making the decision of what to have for dinner, I ordered two plates because my appetite was enormously active. I ordered a very Italian-styled pasta called Fettuccini Alfredo that was based on fresh basil in a rich creamy pesto sauce covered in Parmesan cheese. The other plate was called Lasagna Mama Tosca, which was baked with mozzarella ricotta and Parmesan cheese, parsley and a sort of special house meat sauce. Concerning the drinks, Mama Tosca's has a huge variety of drinks, which are actually included on their

drink menus as well as the lounge. This restaurant has been open since 1982, and, with such great food, it is most likely to stay in service for many more years. This restaurant also includes a variation of prices, starting from their small salads at only \$5.95 to a \$62 dish. My dinner, which included two plates and a drink, cost \$32. Overall, Mama Tosca's Ristorante had such a great atmosphere and a tremendous dedication from everyone who works there, including Mama Tosca who is now in her 80's. Also, Mama Tosca's two sons,

Tony and Luigi, work there. Even her granddaughter works as a server. This restaurant has a great environment, mostly because the recipes appear to be originally from Italy. This, compounded with the fact that some of Mama Tosca's family members work there, and even speak their language while working, makes the visits even more incredible. This restaurant is open from Monday to Friday for lunch starting from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. from Monday to Saturday, and is only open on Sunday for special private parties.

# Tom Waits album is raining dogs, not cats

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A wish-wash of lost characters symbolize Tom Waits' 1985 album "Rain Dogs." The sound is of timeless character and would be hard to place in a specific genre, let alone a time period.

ALBUM REVIEW

Assured mix of tales and instrumentation relay the mix of Rain Dogs-like characters. Waits has described a rain dog as something of a derailed being. A dog that has been out in the rain has lost his sense of scent and cannot find its way home.

Everybody from swashbucklers to vagabonds is discussed inside of the disc. Waits has the ability to take you from the swarthy shores of Singapore to the gritty street corner of "Ninth and Hennepin." "It's Ninth and Hennepin/ All the doughnuts have names that sound like prostitutes/ And the moon's teeth marks are on the sky." This song is unique on the disc because it is read in a straight-forward style. Music accompanies his voice on the song that helps further his concept, but he does not sing. He only tells you in his raw raspy voice the things he has seen. "And the bricks are all scarred with jailhouse tattoos/ And everyone is behaving like dogs/ And the horses are coming down Violin Road/ And Dutch is dead on his feet." The opening journey on the album

is upon a ship out to Singapore, full of bandits, set off into the sea. The new recruit is getting schooled in the ways of a raider as Waits is explaining what to expect. The rhythmic yet staggering guitar play assists inventing the turbulent story.

Waits also leads you into a lazy bar in the early morning hours in the song "Tango 'till They're Sore." With a slurred piano ragtime, he promises that he would tell all of his secrets, yet he lies about the past. Visions of an old black market roustabout are created as he sits at a barstool slowly gulping his liquor as a cloud of smoke appears overhead. "They take apart their nightmares, and they leave 'em by the door."

The tales are fantastic yet the actual music is glorious on its own. There are various types of instruments played on this album that help create his scene of wonder, from the banjo slap of "Gun Street Girl" to the hypnotic marimba play of "Diamonds and Gold." The marimba is somewhat like a big wooden xylophone. Other instruments include trumpets and trombones, and listen for a slight blow of the saxophone on "Tango till They're Sore" as it is capable of movement. Piano, upright bass and guitar finish the list. Out of all of these instruments, the one that adds the most color to all of the songs is Waits' voice. Comparable to that of blues singer Howlin' Wolf, Waits has a unique rasp that is jaw-clenching. A little demonic, yet sweet sounding at times, it commands over the instruments with ease.

# SGA providing incentives for BC students

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Students can earn \$1,000 dollars for designing a new Student Government Association Web page.

It's incentives like these that BC's SGA hopes will get students more involved with BC. SGA has big plans for the 2007 fall semester that include a list of different things. President

John Lopez explained he wanted to get students more involved in campus activities and SGA elections.

Lopez explained that the biggest thing that SGA is working on is homecoming week, beginning the month of October. "We want BC alumni and the Bakersfield community to know how much we care about our athletics," said Lopez, which is why SGA wants to make homecoming better by getting students involved in the

homecoming activities and encouraging them to have school spirit.

As an incentive to get students involved, SGA will be awarding monetary prizes to clubs who have the best homecoming float. "It's important that we give back to students and show them that we care about the culture and campus," said Lopez. SGA wanted to show that they were giving back to the students by giving bottles of water during the

first week of school. "We're not an exclusive or elite organization. We talk to students and are always looking to improve."

Lopez explained that SGA has other plans for BC. "It's also in our intentions to eventually show a TV review of what's going on here on campus," he said. Lopez explained that the show would include informational TV channels, show BC athletic games,

and feature BC professors explaining new and different classes on campus. Lopez explained that the TV program would play in the cafeteria and inform students as to what is new at BC. "The overall goal is to have more students participate in the SGA election and just participate in general," said Lopez.

But it's not only Lopez who has all the ideas. SGA representative Alan Crane also had many ideas. Crane was last year's SGA legislative liaison who returned this year as the chief of staff as appointed by Lopez. "Alan has a lot of great qualities, [including] experience and knowledge of how SGA works, so he is greatly beneficial to the government this year."

Lopez explained that he is looking only to improve the SGA and is excited to continue to help it grow from that of past years.

# Java Mamas in bikini tops

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At first glance, the Java Mama coffee shop on Rosedale Highway looks like other drive-through coffee shops, but there is a difference. The baristas are wearing bikini tops.

The owner of Java Mama, Tim Allen, got the idea for the unusual dress code from businesses up north that have tried the idea with great success. Allen said he had to come up with a new idea to compete with the "corporate giant" Starbucks.

With the success of the original Java Mama in Tehachapi, Allen decided it was time to try in Bakersfield. According to Allen, in the two weeks the baristas have been wearing bikinis, business has tripled. Allen said, "I'm going to be the Hooters of the coffee industry."

The women can be seen early in the morning working in line at the drive-through and even assisting customers waiting in line at the drive-through, chatting them up and making idle conversation with them while they wait.

According to Allen, everyone has enjoyed the new beach-themed atmosphere including the girls, their parents and, of course, the customers. Most of the customers are women and so far no one has complained, although there have been hateful blogs posted about the Java Mama in Tehachapi, they are usually countered by several satisfied customers.

Allen is not the only one who has enjoyed the success. According to Allen, the girls who work there make enough in tips to work only part time and go to school full time and since all the girls who work there are college students, they don't have the time to work full time so the tips are a major help. The girls of Java Mama have the freedom to choose their own attire, usually consisting of a bikini top of their choice and jeans or skirts. Allen said



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Employee Brittany O'Donnell prepares drinks at Java Mama on Rosedale Highway.

that the girls enjoy the laid back atmosphere and have fun with each other and the customers.

The bikini baristas are not the only draw to Java Mama, according to Allen, The Old West Cinnamon Rolls, which are only available to The Java Mama, have been very successful selling a couple hundred a day.

Allen said that he wanted to create a fun and interactive atmosphere and that he wanted to "blow the town away." So far, the attire hasn't been an issue. Allen said that the women are always tastefully dressed and do not wear bikini bottoms and there have been no reports of perverts harassing the girls.

The business has been so successful, Allen said that he is considering opening up new locations including one near Bakersfield College and says that he is still looking for more college women. For those looking for an alternative to the trendy atmosphere of Starbucks, they can look to Java Mama for the morning jump-start.

# Delano finds replacement

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The Delano Center has just found a permanent replacement director for John Jaramillo, who left the position on July 5.

The new director is Rich McCrow and was just announced by Bakersfield College President, William Andrews. McCrow was a recently retired Lieutenant Commander from the U.S. Navy, and had served for 30 years. His last job for the Navy was Academic Dean for the Naval School of Health Sciences at San Diego.

He has a bachelor's degree in Marketing and Management from Fresno Pacific University and a master's in Education from Fresno State University. Jaramillo left his position to take a job as the College of the Desert's new dean of students.

Andrews, along with Human Resources staff for the college, had been trying to fill the vacancy since early June. It was a long process that finally ended a little under a month ago.

"My view on it," said Drow, "was that he was the person who would pursue things. He wasn't afraid to knock on doors, and he was very involved here in Delano."

After Measure G was passed, which was \$180 million allowed to the Kern Community College District for repairs in 2003, Jaramillo took control of the situation and initiated the direction that would be taken for what is now Delano's new Science and Technology Center.

According to Drow, Jaramillo was completely involved in the process of designing the new building. He met with the architects and decided what the various rooms would look like, even the bathrooms.

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"Drow has been working at the Delano Center since 2000 and said that he did not apply for the position and will continue to be the administrative supervisor for the center once the new director has been hired." Mr.

job will be here until they get someone to come in," said Drow. "It's a tough job." McCrow will now get his chance to work as the new Director and get a first hand account of the role.

"He helped do the detailed planning of the center," said Andrews. "Down to the details of the chairs and the construction."

Jaramillo saw the early planning of the S.T.C, but was not there during construction as he was deployed to Kuwait in the spring of 2005.

"The sad part was that right before he left, the construction began," said Site Office Coordinator for the Delano Center Raquel Lopez, "but he was here for the groundbreaking."

According to Drow and Lopez, Jaramillo wanted to see an overall better development of the Delano Center for the community of Delano. He had numerous plans for the school, but left before most of them could be accomplished. "I used to love sitting and hearing him talk about the future plans," said Lopez. "He would say 'Raquel, we are going to get this fixed and get things started.'"

"He started it off," said Drow, "and hopefully [McCrow] will continue his vision."

A new "vision" for the school could include a new multi-purpose center that could be a part of Measure 10, which should be up for vote in 2010, according to Andrews. The school can look forward to the usage of new classrooms provided by Robert F Kennedy High School, which parallels the Science and Technology Center. The high school opens in August 2008.

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# '3:10' remake not always convincing but appealing to males

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James Mangold's remake of the 1957 film "3:10 to Yuma" stays true to the 1950s Western genre.

MOVIE REVIEW

However, because of an overexposure of great digital effects and crazy action, a la "Transformers," "Pirates of the Caribbean" and even the 1993 action packed, genius western classic "Tombstone," "3:10 to Yuma" may leave you scratching your head.

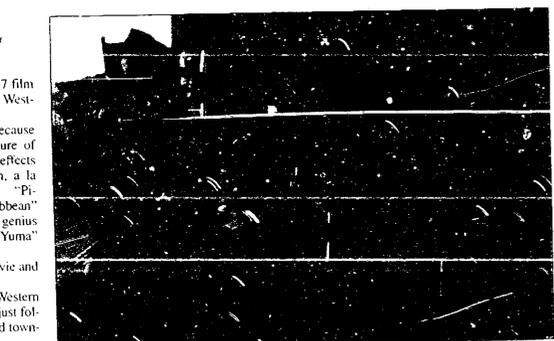
There is very little action in this movie and a lot of character play.

"3:10 to Yuma" is much like most Western classics such as "High Noon," which just follows Gary Cooper on a mission to find town-folk to help him in a fight.

The characters are what drive the movie, not the action, and definitely not the special effects.

Christian Bale plays Dan Evans, a sad, poor rancher left with a wooden leg after the Civil War. He may lose his ranch to the railroad company, along with the respect from his wife and eldest son.

Bale plays the part tremendously. I think he was actually overqualified for the role. He plays the character so well that every time he is on the screen you just become depressed.



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His terrific acting brings the whole movie down.

I thought most of the roles were oddly cast.

Although he plays the role well, Russell Crowe as the eerily charming, murderous outlaw Ben Wade is somehow still unconvincing. It took about an hour into the movie to convince me that Crowe was a cowboy outlaw.

Evans desperately needs money to save his ranch from Grayson Butterfield, played by Dallas Roberts ("Walk the Line") owner of the railroads, who is going to build on Evan's land unless he pays back the money that he borrowed.

To earn some of the money he needs to pay back Butterfield, Evans agrees to help Butterfield capture Wade, who just robbed another stagecoach filled with money, belonging to

the railroad company, and take him to the 3:10 train to Yuma where he is to be transported to prison.

Wade is accompanied by his gang of outlaws, temporarily being led by Charlie Prince (Ben Foster), while their boss is captured.

Foster's role as the young, enamored, crazy sidekick of Wade was also bizarre, and I'm still not sure if that is good or bad.

There was not much character development with him, he was sort of just shoved in our face, and I found him confusing.

Accompanying Evans and Butterfield to capture Wade and bring him to justice are Doc Potter (Alan Tudyk), the light-hearted town vet; Byron McElroy (Peter Fonda), a strong-willed, hard-ass bounty hunter, who you still aren't sure is a good guy or a bad guy; Tucker (Kevin Durand), the loud mouth assistant of Butterfield who torched Evans' barn when he failed to make a payment; and Evans' son William, who has read much about Wade and finds him very interesting.

Throwing William into the picture gave the movie a great extra story line picture gave the relationship with his son and his son's admiration for the criminal Wade.

Capturing Wade was the easy part, keeping him captured and alive is another story. While transporting the criminal to the train, they have a run-in with another group that Wade wronged who want him dead, which included the oddest casting in the movie yet.

Luke Wilson has a small role as one of the

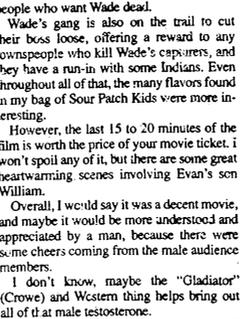
people who want Wade dead.

Wade's gang is also on the trail to cut their boss loose, offering a reward to anyone who kills Wade's capturers, and they have a run-in with some Indians. Even throughout all of that, the many flavors found in my bag of Sour Patch Kids were more interesting.

However, the last 15 to 20 minutes of the film is worth the price of your movie ticket. I won't spoil any of it, but there are some great heartwarming scenes involving Evan's son William.

Overall, I would say it was a decent movie, and maybe it would be more understood and appreciated by a man, because there were some cheers coming from the male audience members.

I don't know, maybe the "Gladiator" (Crowe) and Western thing helps bring out all of that male testosterone.



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BC BRAINS

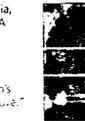
Editor's note: BC Brains is a feature that asks students a question to test their knowledge of all things trivial.



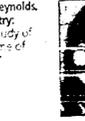
Alkasin Ali, politics: "A religion."



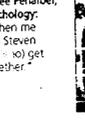
Lizette Tapia, biology: "A chemical reaction of Renee (Freddy) and Steven's (Freddy) relationship."



Mary Reynolds, chemistry: "The study of Jenga."



Renee Penaber, psychology: "When me and Steven (see -) got together."



Roxanne Mulkey, liberal arts: "Extreme patriotism."



Sai Tapia, architecture: "A song."

What is jingoism?

Compiled by Kelly Ardis / The Rip

Photos courtesy of the respective artists.

CALENDAR

<b>Sept. 27</b> Watershed Investigations: the Effect of Land Use on North American Watersheds, BC Trades Room, 6 p.m., free.	cock, 7 p.m.	las, TBA
<b>Sept. 28</b> BC cross country, Bakersfield Invitational in Bakersfield, 3:30 p.m.	Franc D'Ambrosio's Hollywood, Rabobank Theater, 7:30 p.m.	Carlos Mencia, Rabobank Arena, 7 p.m.
<b>Sept. 29-30</b> Kem Valley Turkey Vulture Festival, 18747 Hwy. 178, Weldon, 9 a.m.	Rocktoberfest, Tachi Palace, Lemoore	
<b>Sept. 29</b> BC football vs. LA Harbor at Memorial Stadium, 7 p.m.	<b>Oct. 3-5</b> Troilus and Cressida, BC Outdoor Theater, 8 p.m., \$3 students	<b>Oct. 6-7</b> Frazier Park Festival of Vintage, Pine Mountain Club, Frazier Park, 7 a.m.
<b>Oct. 2</b> BC women's soccer at Birming-ham HS, 4 p.m.	<b>Oct. 3</b> Aaron Lewis of Stained performs, Tachi Palace, Lemoore	<b>Oct. 6</b> BC wrestling at Santa Ana, all day
<b>Oct. 2</b> BC women's soccer at Birming-ham HS, 4 p.m.	<b>Oct. 4-7</b> Delano Harvest Holidays Festival, 110 Lexington, 55	<b>Oct. 6</b> Pioneer Day and Peddlers Faire, 300 Park Dr., Frazier Park, 10 a.n.
<b>Oct. 2</b> BC women's soccer at Birming-ham HS, 4 p.m.	<b>Oct. 4</b> Ray Price, Buck Owen's Crystal Palace, 7 p.m.	<b>Oct. 6</b> Murder at the Museum, 2018 Chester Ave., 6 p.m., \$75 non-members
<b>Oct. 2</b> BC women's soccer at Birming-ham HS, 4 p.m.	<b>Oct. 4</b> How Big? How Far? BC Planetarium, 7:30 p.m., \$5 for adults and \$3 for students	<b>Oct. 6</b> 2007 Artfest, 2800 Oakley St., 6:30 p.m.
<b>Oct. 2</b> BC women's soccer at Birming-ham HS, 4 p.m.	<b>Oct. 4</b> The Chamber Haunted House, 4009 Chester Ave. at Sam Lynn Ballpark, 7 p.m., \$10	<b>Oct. 6</b> Bako to Baja 1000: Poler Road Rally, 2000 24th St., Suite 130, 4 p.m., \$40 per person
<b>Oct. 2</b> BC women's soccer at Birming-ham HS, 4 p.m.	<b>Oct. 5</b> BC women's soccer vs. Citrus at Bakersfield College, 4 p.m.	<b>Oct. 7</b> Wynonna Judd, The Fox Theater, 8 p.m.
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<b>Oct. 2</b> BC women's soccer at Birming-ham HS, 4 p.m.	<b>Oct. 5</b> BC women's volleyball at East Los Ange-	<b>Compiled by Marcinda Coil / The Rip</b>

THE PLUG

Student Finances

12 High wage/demand jobs in Bakersfield

High wage/demand jobs in Bakersfield. Includes list of 12 jobs with descriptions and wages.

In-demand jobs require degree

By EARL PARSONS. Statistics show that there are plenty of job opportunities for people with a degree or preliminary training in a specific field...

inspection as "niche jobs" in the Bakersfield area. It estimates that the number of petroleum engineers will increase by seven percent from 2004 to 2014...

Credit cards and learning to budget

By ANNA ROBLEDO. Sweater at Abercrombie, \$80; rent, \$630; biology book, \$160; a quick burger and fries, \$9; paying for it all on your credit card, disastrous.

for learning how to budget. According to a pamphlet that can be found at Kern Schools Federal Credit Union, "Budgeting doesn't mean having less; it means doing more with what you have."

Budgeting your finances



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The Plug is a new feature section of The Rip and will contain a bi-weekly focus to better inform the BC community on specific topics.

Entrepreneur tells all

By DONNY VAN SLOTEN. Becoming an Entrepreneur takes time and hard work, but the success of running your own business is worth it, Bakersfield College student William Alderete owns Precise Water Treatment.

New men on the mat

By TAYLOR M. GOMBOS. The 2007 Bakersfield College wrestling team is starting fresh with a majority of new wrestlers.



Bakersfield College wrestlers Carlos Hernandez, left, and Jose Carrascal, right, wrestle during practice at the gym Sept. 24.

ERIK AGUILAR / THE RIP. Bakersfield College wrestlers Carlos Hernandez, left, and Jose Carrascal, right, wrestle during practice at the gym Sept. 24.

One is not the loneliest number

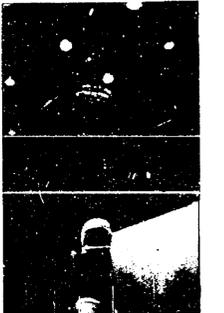
Bakersfield College's women's golf team only has one team member this season because of CSUB's need.

By KATHINE J. WHITE. Bakersfield College's women's golf team is an army of only one this season.

For now, Cook is working in earnest with his only BC student golfer, sophomore Dana Arneson. Arneson made the first team All Conference, but missed the SoCal Regionals by merely one stroke last season.

Freshman setter goal: optimism

By TAYLOR M. GOMBOS. Volleyball is a big part of freshman setter Tricia McGowan's life. McGowan, 18, is attending BC with a major in business and a minor in art.



Tricia McGowan warms up before practice Sept. 19.

ERIK AGUILAR / THE RIP. "She is strong, she has speed, she has great quickness and she is very competitive," he said.

Cross country starts off season

By KELLY ARDIS. Bakersfield College's men's and women's cross-country teams have started their season. On Sept. 21, both teams had a Western State Conference preview meet at Cuesta College.

teams. According to men's coach Dave Frickel, "Shawna Rountree is the top so far. She's probably fourth in the state; she got second in the championship last spring."

and only three members of the women's team are returning sophomores. The next conference meet on Oct. 23 will decide who goes on to the Southern California Finals later this season.

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## SPORTS

## BC football beats LA teams 110-13

■ Bakersfield College, ranked No. 1 in the nation, beats LA Southwest on the road and East LA at home.

By LEANNE CAVE  
Special to the Rip

Bakersfield College is the number-one-ranked junior college football team in the nation and playing like it. In the last two contests the Renegades have outscored their opponents 110-13 and notched a perfect 4-0 start.

"It's really cool to be number one," said Seth Darron, BC wide receiver and tight end.

"Whatever we were ranked in high school as far as the Valley was one thing, but to be recognized as the No. 1 team in the country, well, it's surreal. It will all be meaningless if we lose."

When the 3-1 Seahawks of Los Angeles Harbor come to town on Saturday, it most assuredly will be a tougher test for the Renegades and scoring may not be as easy.

"L.A. Harbor is on a three-game winning streak," said Carl Dean, BC offensive coach.

"It will be a game in which we will need to stay focused."

Against the Huskies of East Los Angeles, the Renegades were focused and "waste any time in proving why they are the best team in the country."

BC scored 17 points in the first quarter and went on to hammer the Huskies 58-7.

Even though the offense did its part in lighting up the scoreboard, it was a punishing defense that forced the Huskies to turn the ball over, which resulted in defensive scores.

"The front guys create a lot of havoc for opposing offenses with a great pass rush," said Jeff Chudy, BC head coach.

"We have about eight guys that we can rotate in and out, which keeps our line fresh and they can keep the pressure on."

The BC secondary dominated the East L.A. offense as Dustin Bell returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown and Keith Thompson returned a pick 34 yards for a touchdown. Jeremy Ramirez also made a huge contribution on defense as he scooped up a fumble and ran 68 yards to the zone for six points.

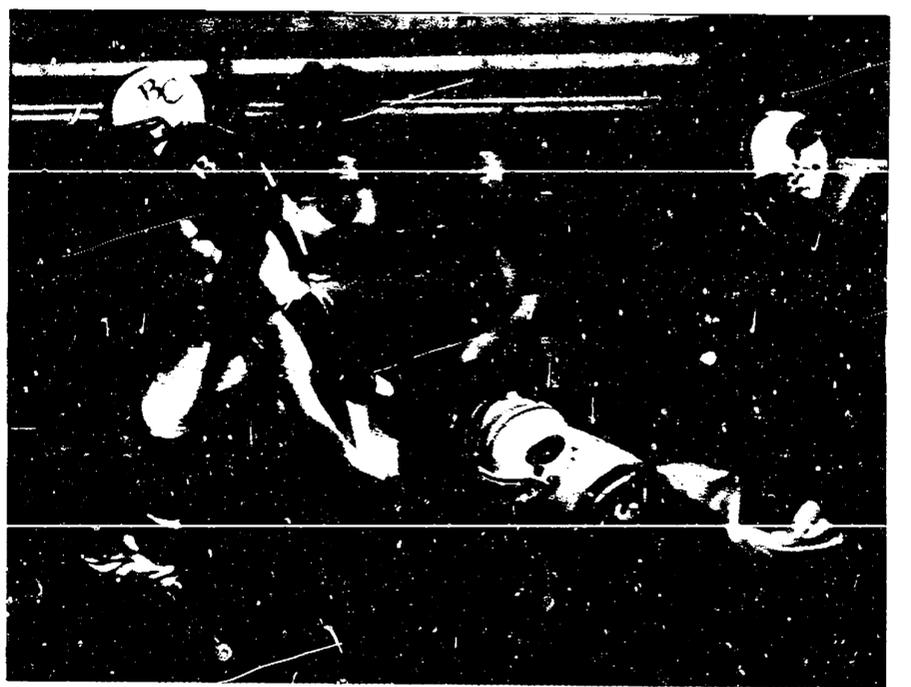
Behind a solid offensive line led by sophomore Mike Papac, the Renegades assaulted the Huskies through the air and on the ground.

The first score against East L.A. was a 61-yard touchdown strike from Jacob Bower to Atrail Snipes. Bower connected with wide receiver Josh Little on a 16-yard pass in the second half for his second touchdown of the game. The running game was productive for BC as the Renegades rushed for 258 yards and scored two



The Renegade kickoff team takes down East Los Angeles cornerback Bernard Williams Sept. 22. The Renegades won 58-7 at Memorial Stadium.

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Above: BC's Greg Williams avoids Tramond Winzor of East Los Angeles on Sept. 22 to score a touchdown in the second quarter.

Above left: Renegade running back Bruce Frieson runs the ball while avoiding East Los Angeles' linebacker Frankie Sou. BC's football team is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, according to JC Grid-Wire.

touchdowns on the ground. Also contributing to the victory was kicker Arturo Villa, who nailed field goals of 21, 34 and 38 yards and made all extra point attempts.

"It has been great as the number-one team," Papac said. "Everything has fallen into place, and we have bonded together as a team. Coach Castro (line coach) has helped the o-line bond as a group."

Snipes stated that it feels good to be number one because the Renegades have worked hard and have come together as a team.

"It's like a family environment; we all stick together and we are always focused. All the young guys have

filled the spots and have done a good job."

The Renegades passed the first road test of the season Sept. 15 with flying colors as they traveled to Gardena and stomped the Southwest L.A. Cougars 52-6.

Once again the Renegades showed great balance as they scored quick and often and allowed the opposition only six points. BC out-rushed the Cougars 288-45 yards, out-passed the Cougars 235-67 yards and made 26 first downs while Southwest L.A. could only muster nine.

The next test for BC will be Sept. 29 against the Seahawks of L.A. Harbor at Memorial Stadium at 7 p.m.

## Transfer from BYU sparks BC

■ Jacob Bower, a transfer from Brigham Young University, feels comfortable playing at No. 1 ranked BC.

By LEANNE CAVE  
Special to the Rip

Jacob Bower feels right at home in his role as starting quarterback for the Bakersfield College football team.

There are several reasons Bower decided to come to Bakersfield to play for the Renegades, but the deciding factor is that he has family close by.

"I was directed by some very good coaches to look at junior colleges in the Southern California area, and there are some really good ones - basically I thought BC was the best fit for me. I really like the Bakersfield area and Coach (Carl) Dean's coaching philosophy," Bower said.

"My brother Greg lives in Porterville, so I have family just up the road," said Bower.

Bower, 22, a transfer from Brigham Young University, grew up on a farm in Boise, Idaho. He prepped at Mountain View High School before attending BYU. He is the youngest of six boys and comes from a very athletic family.

"My dad played football and ran track for BYU," Bower said. "Two of my brothers played basketball for Division I schools, one played for BYU and the other for the University of Wisconsin. I could have played basketball on a scholarship from high school, but I chose to play football for BYU."

The 6-foot-4, 235-pound freshman quarterback said that playing for BC is very comparable to playing for a Division I school like BYU.

"The lifting program at BYU was different with four or five coaches and a full-time lifting system," he said, "but we condition harder at BC with running and workout drills."

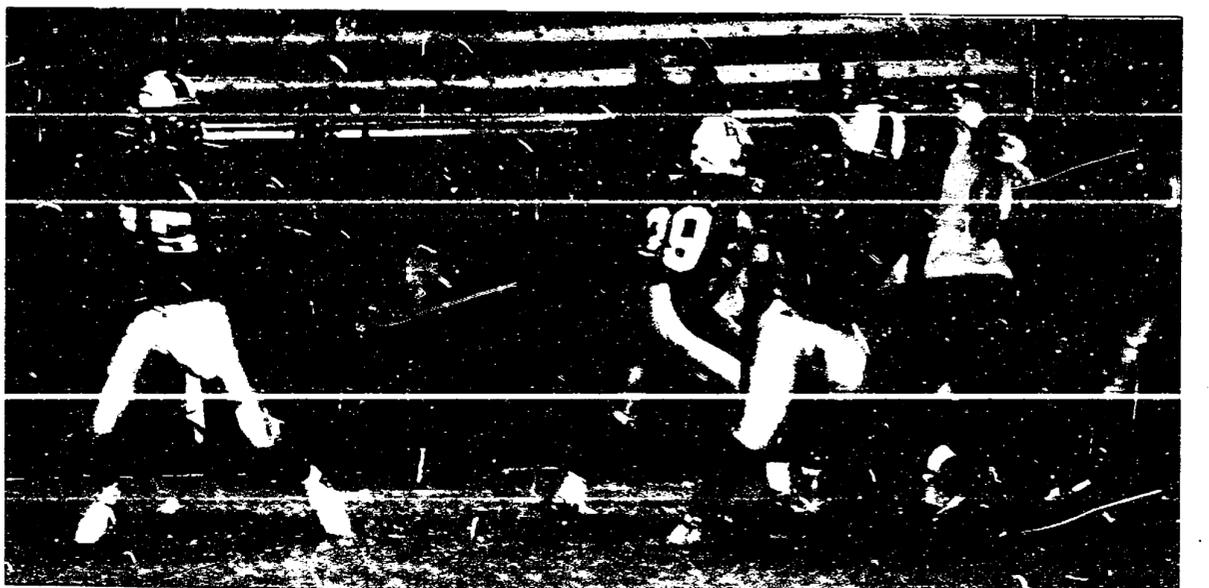
While at BYU, Bower's mentor was first-string quarterback John Beck. Beck was the second-round draft pick of the Miami Dolphins.

"I saw all the things that he did to be successful and I learned a lot from him. I have talked to him since he was drafted and he might get the start for the Dolphins," Bower said.

Bower, his coaches, teammates and family have mutual respect and support for one another.

"My family drives from Idaho every week to watch me play. They are die-hard," he said. "My brother lives close by, so they stay with him."

Bower has impressed teammates



BC quarterback Jacob Bower, a transfer from BYU, gets ready to throw a pass against El Camino on Sept. 8.

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and coaches because he is a student in real life and works hard to prepare for opposing defenses by watching hours of game film.

The hard work has definitely paid off for him as he has helped to lead the No. 1-ranked Renegades to a whopping 110-13 points advantage in the last two weeks.

"Bower is doing well," said Jeff Chudy, BC head coach. "He is very poised and makes good decisions and has great leadership abilities."

Offensive coach Carl Dean echoed

Chudy's sentiments. "Bower has fit in real well with the team and everybody in the community. He is doing a good job of taking care of the football and not turning it over, which is what we ask him to do."

Bower attributes offensive success to BC's core of dynamic receivers.

"They are studs, and they are fast," he said. "Atrail Snipes, Brandon Banks, Dashan Miller and Seth Darron have amazing abilities and each one of them has unbelievable strengths."

Snipes credits offensive chemistry to working hard during the summer. "Bower and I spent our summer working out three times a week."

Bower said he is thinking of majoring in history or liberal arts but hasn't ruled out the agriculture or forestry fields. He is also considering becoming a high school teacher and or coach. His goals should be attainable as he carries a 3.0 GPA.

When Bower isn't in class or involved with football, he enjoys camping or fishing. He has enjoyed

watching a few high school games on Friday nights as well.

"Bakersfield has so many amazing high school athletes. The talent level is about 10 times better than Idaho or Utah," he said.

As far as his football career, Bower's dream is to play football as long as he can.

"I would like to play in the National Football League or Canadian league when I finish college, and I will play until my body can't take it anymore."