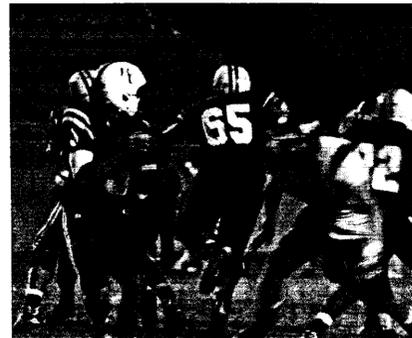


# SPORTS

## BC records second losing season in 22 years



BC quarterback Joe Maldonado attempts a pass against Canyons Nov. 15. BC ended their season with a record of 4-6.

Golden Empire Bowl will be Cerritos College against Palomar College and will be the first time since the bowl's inception that BC will not play in.

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For the Bakersfield College football team, this season has been one of disappointment.

The Renegades ended the season with a record of 4-6 overall and 3-3 in the Northern National Conference, which is only the second losing season in 22 years for the Renegades.

"Certainly we're pretty frustrated and disappointed that we're not playing anymore," offensive coordinator Carl Dean said. "At the same time, we're proud of our kids because even though they knew they weren't going to have a chance to move on and play in the state playoffs, they competed and practiced hard."

Dean explained how the Renegades failed to make the plays that they needed to make this season.

"We struggled at times to make plays when we needed to. We turned the ball over a few too many times. When we have a chance to make a big play, we have to make it," Dean said. "When you've got a chance to keep a drive alive, you can't turn the ball over."

Dean felt that the strengths of the team this season were the offensive line and the running game.

Head coach Jeff Chudy feels that this year wasn't necessarily considered an "off year" for his team.

"Off years happen when there is a talent shortage. I don't think we had a lack of talent. It was a lack of execution at critical times that cost us," Chudy said.

The Renegades ended their season Nov. 15 by losing 22-8 to College of the Canyons, a team that averaged 48 points a game.

"The last game is very indicative of how our season went. We had a couple of opportunities. I thought we played better defensively," Chudy said. "We missed a couple of passes where, if we connect on them, they are touchdowns."

In the season ending loss to Canyons, sophomore running back Bruce Frieson, who finished his BC career ranked third on BC's career rushing list, had 18 carries for 109 yards and a touchdown.

Chudy felt that his team was competitive for most of the season, but he echoed what Dean said about the team not making enough plays to be successful.

"We didn't make plays at the times we need to make plays. That's why we ended up where we ended up," said Chudy.

The playoffs aren't the only thing that the Renegades will be missing. The Renegades also won't be in their own bowl game partially because they don't have at least a 500 record. The Golden Empire Bowl is a bowl game that the Renegades have been in every year since the game's inception.

Cerritos College and Palomar College have been selected to participate in this year's Golden Empire Bowl.

Dean said the Renegades are disappointed not to be in the Golden Empire Bowl.

"It's disappointing that we're not there. We want to be there. Wes Bradford does a great job of putting that bowl game on," said Dean. "I think Cerritos and Palomar will have a great experience. I hope the community comes out and supports it."

The Golden Empire Bowl will be held at Bakersfield College's Memorial Stadium on Nov. 22 at 3 p.m.

## Men begin season with 4-0 record

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The Bakersfield College men's basketball team has started off the season with a 4-0 record, which included winning the Ventura Tournament.

The Renegades won the Ventura Tournament for the first time since Rich Hughes was hired as head coach four years ago.

"It's exciting that we were finally able to start off with a tournament win. Hopefully, we can keep contending for conference championships," Hughes said.

The Renegades won the tournament championship by defeating Pasadena College 78-72, Nov. 9.

In the victory over Pasadena, tournament MVP Darrin Dorsey had 21 points and 8 rebounds, while Jamar Harrison added 12 points and three rebounds.

In other tournament action, the Renegades forced 33 turnovers to beat Orange Coast College 103-81 on Nov. 7.

In the victory against Orange Coast, Harrison had 19 points four rebounds and 2 steals while tournament MVP Darrin Dorsey added 16 points with 3 rebounds and 3 steals.

The Renegades used 18 points and 1 rebound by sophomore Luis Gomez to defeat Ventura College 102-95 on Nov. 8.

Also in the victory over Ventura, Harrison added 17 points and 5 rebounds, while Dorsey had 15 points and 8 rebounds.

Harrison had a game high of 25 points and 4 rebounds to lead the Renegades to an 85-48 over Hancock on Nov. 12.

Rich Hughes said that while his team played well in the victory against Hancock, they could have done better.

"We played hard in spurts tonight, the second half we really got after it. We have to learn to play 40 minutes of intense pressure," Hughes said.

"We definitely didn't show that



Eion Lewis of BC blocks a shot by an Allan Hancock player Nov. 12. The Renegades have started their season 4-0.

we are the No. 5 team in the state tonight. We'll take the win any way we can get it," said Hughes.

Also in victory, Gomez had 11 points and one rebound, while Nick Young had 8 points and two rebounds.

In the Hancock game, the Renegades had a total of 35 rebounds, 18 assists and forced 26 turnovers.

The Renegades next action will be Nov. 21-23 in the Fresno City Tournament.

Women's basketball  
Women's Basketball scores:

San Diego Mesa Tournament Nov. 7-9

Nov. 7 Fullerton 69-53 L

Nov. 8 San Diego Mesa 108-81 W

Nov. 9 Cerritos 74-45 L

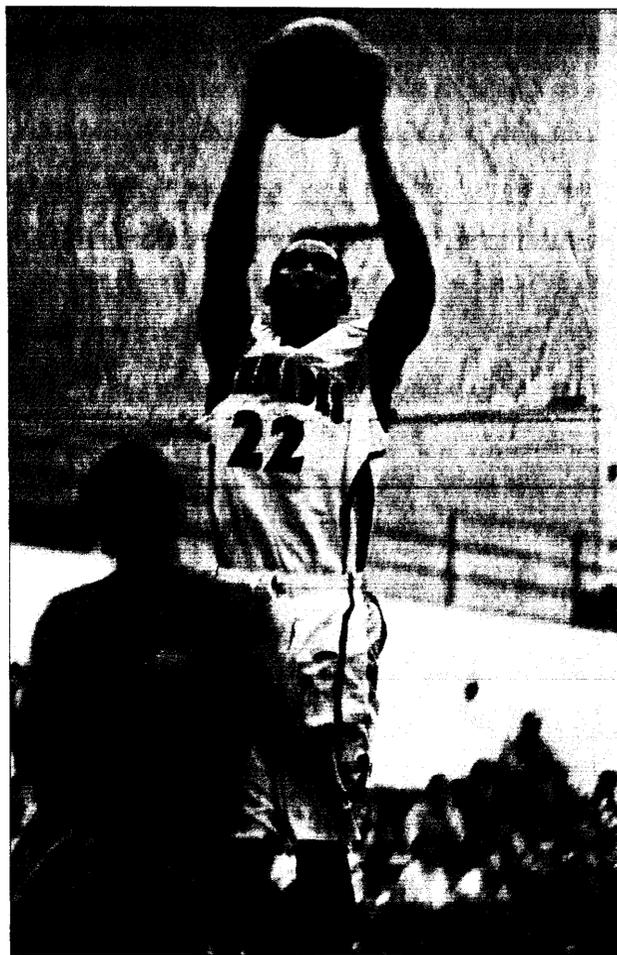
Nov. 12 at Reedley 63-57 L

Allan Hancock Cross over Nov. 14 Cuesta 62-57 W

Nov. 15 Allan Hancock 86-72 W

Overall record: 3-3, next game at Santa Barbara Nov. 19.

Next game at home against Rio Hondo on Nov. 21 at 5 p.m.



BC's Jamar Harrison attempts to drive to the basket against Hancock's Jonathan Ramirez on Nov. 12. Harrison had 25 points and four rebounds as the Renegades beat Hancock 85-48.

## Volleyball team wins 2 out of 3

BC Volleyball loses to No. 1 ranked L.A. Pierce but fights to keep playoff hopes alive by defeating Santa Monica and Glendale.

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The Bakersfield College volleyball team has gone 2-1 over the last two weeks, which included a loss to the state's No. 1 ranked team L.A. Pierce.

Reisa Fessler had 10 kills and Heather Liles added 15 digs as the Renegades defeated 3 games to zero 25-15, 25-20, 25-21 by LA Pierce Nov. 7.

"In our Nov. 7 match it was the first time this year that we actually got better in adversity. In games two and three we played very well. We put ourselves in a position to win," head coach Carl Ferreira said.

On Nov. 11, the Renegades beat Santa Monica College 3 games to zero 25-18, 25-22, 25-19. Despite the victory against Santa Monica, Ferreira didn't appear to be satisfied.

"I have certain standards that I expect. At this point in the year, you don't like taking steps backward," Ferreira said following the

match against Santa Monica.

"We're fighting for a playoff spot tonight. We looked like a program that was just hanging in there."

In the win over Santa Monica, Fessler had 9 kills and two digs while Liles added eight kills and 11 digs.

On Nov. 14, the Renegades beat Glendale College 3 games to 1 28-26, 25-21, 25-25, 25-16.

Ferreira said that the difference in the game was leadership and mental and emotional toughness.

"It's (Glendale) is kind of a tough place to play. They always play very, very well at home.

I liked our preparations going in; I thought we were very prepared. We were mentally resilient, and that was very good," Ferreira said.

Against Glendale, Fessler had 14 kills while Liles 10 kills and 16 digs. Brookey Holmes also added 7 kills and 9 digs.

Not counting their game Nov. 18, the Renegades' record is 17-6 overall and 7-3 in the Western State Conference.

The Renegades next match will be Nov. 20 at home against West LA at 7 p.m. The Regional playoffs start Nov. 25. Round 2 of the playoffs will be Nov. 29. The CCCWCA State Tournament will be Dec. 7. All playoff times are to be announced.



BC's Katie Cronk sets the ball while Chelsea Rose gets ready to hit the ball over the net on Nov. 11. The Renegades have a record of 17-6 overall.

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## Thirty-day delay in BC remodeling project

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The construction and remodeling of the Bakersfield College baseball and softball fields has been delayed 30 days.

The fields, to be named the Dean and Adah Gay Sports Complex, are anticipated by some to become one of the best facilities the state would have to offer.

There were a number of issues that resulted in the delay. According to BC Assistant Athletic Director and softball coach Sandi Taylor, "One was rising costs, the other was some errors in details of the plans."

BC president Greg Chamberlain said that the cause for the delay is that "the backstops were too high and needed to be sent back, there were issues with the bleachers and there were some utilities that had been hit underground and that needed to be re-routed."

The delay of the approximately \$17 million dollar project, \$250,000 of which was donated by the late Dean and Adah Gay, has had its effects on the baseball and softball teams.

"It's definitely limiting us in our preparation," Taylor said. "And it could possibly force us to have to travel to play all of our games instead of being able to play at home, which would cost us a tremendous amount of money."

BC baseball coach Tim Panton had "nothing positive to say on the matter."

With the projected finishing day of Dec. 19 less than a month away and the ribbon-cutting first game of the baseball and softball season being on Jan. 27, the athletic department is hoping for the best and making do at the time.

"The work will not be done by the Dec. 19 deadline," Chamberlain said. "And they will not be done in time for the opening game of the season." According to BC

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Above: BC softball player Hanna Grisham practices pitching in BC's softball field that is under construction. Below: Large metal poles tower above the BC baseball field which has been under construction.



## BC student rejects gangs

In and out of prison, a former Crip embraces the straight life and a future

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Bakersfield College student James White, 38, wants to combine his personal experience and a good education to help kids stay away from drugs and gangs.

"I know what is to be out there, and I want kids to know the truth about the whole thing," said White.

In 1984, at age 14, White joined one of the biggest gangs in the Los Angeles area: Crips. At the boom of cocaine use, he decided to sell drugs to make money.

"Everyone in the neighborhood was doing it," said White.

He admitted that it was not poverty or the lack of guidance that led him into gangs. "I lived with both parents and they both had good jobs," said White. "It was the peer pressure that got me involved."

When he was 16 years old, he moved to Louisiana and then to Colorado where he continued selling drugs, and in 1988 he moved back to California. White said he was mak-

ing lots of money from drugs.

"When I moved back to California, I sold drugs until 1993 when I got arrested and was convicted for attempted murder. During my 23rd birthday party, my friend got into a fight, and I shot the other guy," said White.

White served six years in prison and after his release, he stayed out for 45 days just to be sent to prison again.

"After I got out, I was arrested three more times for probation violations and for selling dope," said White.

White explained that it was the money that kept him in the gang world. "I sold drugs just for the money. I never did any kind of drug, not even marijuana," said White.

As Marjuna said, everyone needs a motivation to change direction in life.

"In 2001, I was arrested by the FBI. Luckily, they got me before I got the drugs," said White. This time in prison after a physical examination, White discovered he was suffering renal failure. "I found out about my



At one time hopelessly entangled in street life, current BC student James White looks forward to a better life.

kidney failure, and also that I was going to be a father," White said. "Then I had to think about my treatment and raising my daughter."

After he got out this time, White tried to make some changes to his way of living.

"I got enrolled in BC in 2002, but, to be honest, I was just thinking about the check from financial aid," said White. "I was not ready to make a significant change."

During 2002, he was put in dialysis and suffered depression for the next couple of years. "At this time I was watching the news, watching how the younger generation was on the wrong track. I got calls from friends that were in prison. They told me to



Kindergarten students from Horace Mann Elementary School salute veterans during Bakersfield's annual Veterans Day Parade wearing uniform costumes from past wars Nov. 11.

## Veterans Day patriotism

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Lisa Chidester and her three children haven't missed a Veterans Day Parade in the six years they've lived in Bakersfield. "We would not miss this for anything," Chidester said during this year's parade, as she held up a banner her children made for the veterans.

Along with the banner, her children write a personal letter to one of the veterans every year thanking them for their service to our country. The Chidesters' gratitude doesn't end there. "Anytime we hear there's a soldier coming home, I take my children out of school and we go to the airport to welcome them home," said Chidester, whose family gathered in downtown Bakersfield where the parade began on the corner of 22nd and L Street.

Hundreds of people lined 2.2 street with American flags and cheering as they watched over 130 different organizations demonstrating in the parade, 26 of which were junior high and high school marching bands.

Vietnam veteran Bill Curtis called it the best parade of the year. "The reason is, there's so much feeling behind it, because in this town there's so many people who have a family member who's served or is serving the country right now," he said.

"Anytime we hear there's a soldier coming home, I take my children out of school, and we go to the airport to welcome them home."

— Lisa Chidester,  
Veterans Day Parade attendant

When asked about the highlight of this year's parade, Virginia Rose answered with ease. "The jets flying over were just wonderful."

After 89 years, the Veterans Parade saw its first fly-over of Air Force jets. "It took me over four months to get them," said Pat Carter, a ninth-year coordinator of the parade. Carter had to go through the military, Pentagon and the Air National Guard to get approval for the two Cobra F-15s, from Edwards Air Force Base, that flew over the parade.

Carter said it was worth the wait. "Lieutenant Clay Garrison called me [the night before the parade] and said 'What direction do you want them to fly?'" Carter remembered excitedly. "I'm hoping we're qualified for this annually."

## KCCD angers staff

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Roughly 50 classified employees working for the Kern Community College District picketed in front of the Weill Institute where the KCCD Board of Trustees meeting was being held on Nov. 6.

Circling around in front of the east entrance to the building with signs, some of the picketers chanted in response to one another, "What do you want?" "Fair contracts." "When do you want it?" "Now."

Others stood with signs, some which read, "KCCD targets the lowest paid," and "Health care shouldn't burn."

The demonstration was organized by the California School Employees Association in response to having to work a year and a half without a contract. All the while having health fees deducted from their paychecks.

Classified workers include janitors, secretaries and campus security, as well as myriad other workers at BC. They are the lowest paid workers on campus and are the only ones, thus far, receiving the health fee cut from their paychecks.

"We want to negotiate for a fair contract for all," said Marco Si-

fuentez, the Bakersfield College chapter president for the CSEA. "The district hasn't given us a contract in over a year."

The vice president for the BC chapter of the CSEA, Patti Rapp, was also present.

"There are parts of the contract that we might want to update or revise, but the administration hasn't come forward to negotiate yet," Rapp said. "And now they're taking more health fees in addition to the ones they were already deducting. We haven't moved forward in a year and a half."

Classified employees have shown their dismay on campus with signs displayed in their cars or on the door of their offices that read: Kern County College District KCCD Board of Trustees Members Dennis Boebe, John Corkins, John Rodgers, Rose Marie Bans, Kay Meek, Stu Wilt, Pauline Larwood; Shame on You! Classified employees deserve a fair contract NOW!

When asked for the district's side in the matter, KCCD Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Abe Ali, responded on Nov. 12 with "I am about to send an update to all classified staff today. That will be the district's factual involvement attempting resolve on CSEA negotiations."

"A copy of the update was not made available to The Rip.

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# FEATURES

## Graffiti artist against vandalism finds alternatives

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It's a vandalism and is often seen on rail cars, dumpsters, billboards and walls across America. Graffiti, however, is evolving and is no longer a form of vandalism, but a freedom of expression.

"Graffiti isn't just what gang members use to define their territory anymore. It's moved on and become so much more than that," graffiti artist Tai Wilson said. According to Wilson, graffiti is just like any other art. "We're artists, not thugs. We aren't the ones who 'run' cities with vandalism. We paint on canvases just as a painter would. Our canvases may vary, though, from a wall in our house to an 8 1/2 sheet of paper."

Wilson, now 19, has been tagging and drawing since he was 13. He feels that the art has taught him a lot and are not just colors and shapes drawn, but an entire lifestyle.

"Most of us are in the hip-hop underground alternative movement. And just as with country music comes rodeos, with us it's our tagging. The majority of us are laid back and are interested in helping out each other and the things that we stand for."

When asked what his art personally meant to him, he responded, "Regardless of the tools I'm using, my art, and all graffiti art, tells a story. Just like some paintings do. The difference is I believe that graffiti art is more personal because it usually tells a story of our lives or how we are feeling at the time." Wilson said that through this art he can tell others his story and things that he could

not say verbally. While Wilson draws on canvases and legal walls, he knows people who are still tagging graffiti illegally. "Some artists aren't into the whole drawing on the canvas thing and displaying your work for money at shows, they're in it for the adrenaline rush. They don't want to 'sell out' so they're still drawing on illegal walls and on freight trains and stuff. It's cool but not for me. The vandalism laws in California keep on getting more strict and just like a drug, it's not worth the time you're going to pay if you get caught."

Wilson, an amateur, hopes one day to entirely make a living off of tagging and to go school to further better his skills in the art. "Right now I'm taking it slow. I have the rest of my life to do whatever I want. Why rush?"

According to Wilson, the industry is expanding, though he hopes it does not become a sell-out art. "There are a lot of professional taggers; it's cool because people are becoming more open to a different style of art and not just the usual things seen every day. There are taggers getting hired to paint murals in cities, businesses and people's homes."

If anyone is interested at all, Wilson urges them to check out www.graffiti.org and look up a listing of graffiti shows they could attend and expose themselves to the art.

"While most people want graffiti to stay very underground, I say the more exposure to graffiti people can get, the more they are educating themselves in a different type of American culture, they might even find out something about themselves they didn't realize through this tagging."

## Oildale citizens meet to discuss future renovations

Many attended a workshop to help think of ways to improve Oildale's reputation.

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Oildalians are sick and tired of having their town being considered a stigma by many of the Bakersfield community. This frustration led to a great turnout at the Oildale Visioning Workshop at Bardsley Junior High Nov. 7-8.

Since Oildale is an unincorporated suburb, it falls under the jurisdiction of Mike Maggard, the Kern County Third District supervisor. The Third District includes Oildale, Rosedale and a large section of east Bakersfield.

Maggard, having grown up in east Bakersfield near Edison Highway, feels a connection with Oildale.

"I didn't know it when I ran for office, but this is where I came from," said Maggard.

He believes both communities strive to improve their part of town but are not sure how to go about it. "The idea is to give them the gift of opportunity," said Maggard.

Along with the Kern County Planning Department, Maggard believed that having members of the community create a 20-year vision would be the best way to find what is best for Oildale.

To make sure a vision was formed, Maggard's office brought in PMC, a community planning and design company. "Our biggest fear is that people wouldn't dream big," said Cheryl Casdorff, a PMC representative.

The two-day event started by having the attendees creating a "Vision" wall, putting a few words on a piece of paper describing what they see for Oildale's future. Then, the attendees



Oildale resident Melissa McCormick expresses her attitude toward the present state of Oildale at the Oildale Visioning Workshop on Nov. 7 at Bardsley Junior High School. McCormick hopes to see more of a child-friendly community.

"Our biggest fear is that people wouldn't dream big."

—Cheryl Casdorff, PMC representative

remotes and voted yes or no on a series of project goals. The workshop was held in honor of Oildale's 100th year, 2009. There is a demographic of Oildale that has great pride in the uniqueness and history of their town.

This being the case, there was a large backing for the idea of creating an Oildale museum, focusing on the history of Oildale's early days and the famous names, such as country artist Merle Haggard, that have come from "the 08."

Results from the live polling as well as a vision plan will be released in January 2009. Along with the release of these results, Maggard hopes to hold another workshop pertaining to more short-term goals for Oildale.



Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard hosts the workshop.

## CSUB presents Native American cultural event

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California State University, Bakersfield's third bi-annual cultural event, Red Bear Circle Native Gathering, was held on the university's campus on Nov. 8.

Many booths were present at the event that was presented by CSUB's Indigenous Native American Club. While most offered jewelry, incense, dream catchers and colorful clothing with a Native American slant, there was also a booth for Bakersfield American Indian Health Project as well as a Pampered Chef booth.

Carrie Smith, a representative at the booth for the Bakersfield American Indian Health Project, said that the organization was there to help Native Americans who don't have insurance and acts as "a payer of last resort in obtaining necessary health needs." They had free items such as water bottles, t-shirts and several pamphlets for anyone interested in the services provided by the organization.

The tribal arts class (provided by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, or OLLI) helped in making a Tule reed boat that was on display in between a small hut and much larger tipi.

Traditional Native American clothing was displayed on the outside of the tipi. Austin Walters, who is part of the club as well as the arts class, helped in making the boat and said that the entire class had a hand in it.

He also said that "it actually floats," as many of the class members had tried it out.

The class, according to Walters, includes myriad kinds of people of a wide age group.

Walters volunteered to help out with the event and was running the archery tournament.

This was the first year the event had three games where people competed for medals. Aside from archery, there were also double ball and stickball

other novelty items. "This event was put together as a cultural event," Silva said. "We wanted to include everyone who was interested in Native American culture — although the event isn't limited to just that."

As a means to make attendees more comfortable, the club decided to stray from holding a more "ceremonial event."

In doing so, they figured people would not feel as though they were intruding upon an event that didn't include them if they aren't Native American. Overall, Silva said that the event was "more mellow and relaxed" than previous years which was mostly due to, according to Silva, another similar event that was taking place on the same day elsewhere.

"We wanted to include everyone who was interested in Native American culture — although the event isn't limited to just that."

—Erica Silva, President of the Indigenous Native American Club



Vietnam veteran Juan Flores, 65, who earned a Purple Heart, sits with his son Roberto Flores, 35, (left) at the reception held in the Huddle at the Gil Bishop Sports Center on Nov. 15.

## BC alumni honors veterans at football game and reception

Veterans were invited to a football game and reception where they were recognized in honor of Veterans Day.

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Veterans from all branches of the US military were recognized at the Bakersfield College football game during halftime on Saturday, Nov. 15.

A reception followed in the Huddle at the Gil Bishop Sports Center. Fifteen veterans and members of their families came out and supported the BC Alumni Association, which sponsored this event.

BC Alumni Association President Becki Whitson was a little disappointed with the turnout. She was looking forward to having hundreds

in attendance at the reception, but only about 26 people went.

"I think the change in game time hurt us," Whitson explained. "I don't know that people really understood what was going on."

The game was originally scheduled to start at 1 p.m. but was rescheduled to 3 p.m. because the fires in Southern California caused transportation issues for the College of Canyons football team.

Although it was publicized and announced at the game, some veterans did not make it to the halftime recognition ceremony.

For the veterans who attended, Whitson thinks they were very pleased with the recognition and were thrilled to be recognized.

"I think the change in game time hurt us."

—Becki Whitson, BC Alumni Association President

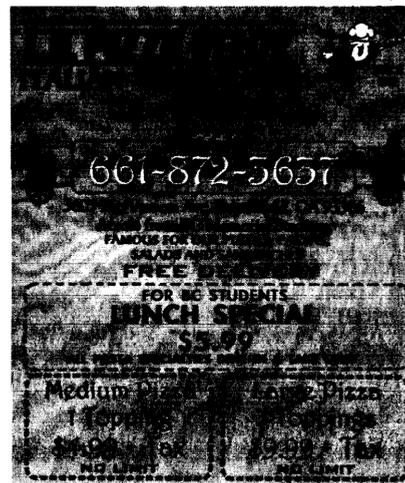
Juan Flores, Army Vietnam veteran from 1965 to 1971, attended the halftime ceremony as well as the reception.

He said that he felt proud to be appreciated.

"It's better [now] than it was for us, and I like that."

Flores explained that he feels like the veterans who came home from the Vietnam War felt the negative side of serving in the military.

"We don't want that to happen to others coming home. We welcome them with open arms. It's an honor to defend your country."



# THE PLUG

## Treasure in the Ricochet

Grammy nominated band Shiny Toy Guns makes their premiere appearance in Bakersfield

Photos by John Ornelas/The Rip

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Electronic rock band Shiny Toy Guns performed for the first time ever in Bakersfield in the basement of Jerry's Pizza on Nov. 10. Shiny Toy Guns had to wait all night to see the L.A.-based band at the pizzeria.

"[Bakersfield] has its own little unique vibe, and small towns are great to play because they are not flooded with a show every night," said keyboardist/bassist Jeremy Dawson.

The opening bands were Bakersfield band, Shilo and UK bands, The Delta Fiasco and Your Vegas. Shiny Toy Guns took the stage after 10:30 p.m. to a large crowd. Shiny Toy Guns consists of Dawson, co-lead vocalist/guitarist Gregori Chad Petree, drummer Mike Martin and newest member their first tour with the band, co-lead vocalist/bassist/keyboardist Sisely Treasure.

Treasure jumped on stage when her part in the song "When Did This Storm Begin?" started. The song is the first track from their latest album, Season of Poison.

Treasure explained what the title of the band's latest album means when she said, "Season of Poison is about alcohol [abuse], depression or anything else that can become a season of poison and what it does to your mind, body and soul."

A few songs through their set, Petree began interacting more with the crowd as fans were yelling out song requests that matched what they were going to play. Petree reacted by shouting, "No fair, you can see the set list!" Jerry's basement is known for being very small and not for the claustrophobic, as there are no barricades to separate the crowd and bands.

The eight songs after "Storm," were a mix of new songs, "Ghost Town," "I Owe You a Love Song," and "Blown Away" from Season of Poison and older songs off the band's 2005 debut album, We Are Pilots: "Starts With One," "Shaken," "Waiting," and the popular favorites "Le Disco" and "Rainy Monday."

The band also took fans by surprise (the ones that could not see the song set list) when they played an old fan favorite, "Rocketship." "Stripped," a 1986 Depeche Mode song (Shiny Toy Guns recorded the cover in 2005), was played by the band on this night and pleased fans as they sang along. Shiny Toy Guns ended the night with two more fan favorites off of the album We Are Pilots: "Don't Cry Out" and "You Are the One."

Treasure said about the infamous small basement at Jerry's Pizza, "It's really weird, like Santa Clause trying to fit into a chimney."

Dawson and co-writer, Gregori Chad Petree have been playing music together since they were teenagers in Shawnee, Oklahoma, which led to the formation of Shiny Toy Guns in Los Angeles in the early 2000s. Dawson decided to move to L.A. with Petree.

"It was very cliché, but we moved to California to make it in the music business," said Dawson.

Since signing with Universal in mid-2006, the members' lives have changed "kind of dramatically," said Dawson. "They [the record labels] will stretch your mind musically," added Dawson about the recording



Left: Sisely Treasure, the newest member of Shiny Toy Guns, sings at Jerry's Pizza on Nov. 10. The Grammy nominated band is touring with Your Vegas and The Delta Fiasco, two bands from England. Shiny Toy Guns are touring in support of their latest album, Season of Poison.

"It feels right...I just wanted to be myself, wanted to be in a band."

—Sisely Treasure, Co-lead vocalist/bassist/keyboardist

process. Dawson and the Petree produce their own music and have had some help, but kept to a minimum. Newest addition, Treasure, 28, is originally from Long Beach, California. She comes from a strong musical background with many dance music oriented bands, such as Cooler Kids, Boygirl (a side project of Cooler Kids), Sisely and the Safety Pin-ups and her own solo work.

Treasure was added to the band in August 2008 after a lengthy and controversial process involving their second female vocalist (the first being Ursula Vari, who was out of the band by 2004), Carah Faye Charnow. Charnow spent about four years singing for the band, but was not involved in the process of making albums, as Petree said, "Carah was never part of the writing process, as Sisely is now."

Petree added, "Treasure is a blessing to have in the writing process." Petree expressed his feelings further about Charnow.

"She just wasn't there...she's a leader, but if she's not in complete control, then she's not happy." Petree admitted something peculiar.

"I've talked to her more recently than I did in the last few months she was in the band," due to Charnow's reluctance to talk with the band in the last months, Petree also said, "Carah was outspokenly unhappy for months. I've heard her say several times, 'I'm going to quit this band.'"

Petree said to band members about Charnow's lack of communication before completing their latest album,

"we're eighty percent done with this album. Let's finish this," he said.

The band grew tired of waiting to hear from Charnow and called up an old friend, Treasure. Treasure was in England preparing for a showcase with UK artist Frankmusik (Vincent Frank) and was about to sign an album deal when she got the call from Dawson and changed her mind, to fly to the states and join Shiny Toy Guns.

Dawson and Treasure originally met in Hollywood in 2002 when the band was on their first search. "I met Jeremy when he was looking for a new singer," said Treasure.

"Sisely was already signed to a deal with DreamWorks [records], so she could not be with us," said Dawson. Treasure was currently under contract with Cooler Kids.

"Jump to 2008, and Treasure said after joining the band, 'It feels right.' She added, 'I just wanted to be myself, wanted to be in a band.'"

Treasure added about her bandmate and co-vocalist, "Chad [Petree] a really great writer, singer and performer."

Shiny Toy Guns plan to tour for a while, "maybe two years," said Petree.

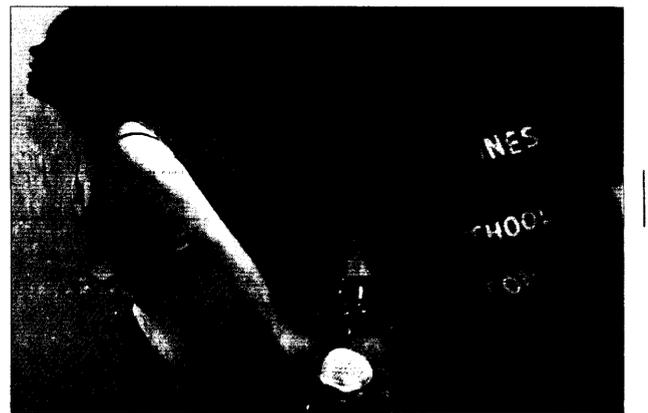
"Maybe more if these songs don't jump over the edge." Petree jokingly said that the band's current tour and their last is "extremely similar, we only play three new songs."

Petree said about writing on the road that "I'm thinking about the next record."

I just plan to write as soon as possible," said Petree. Dawson added, "We're gently writing."

Dawson said that the band has contributed to an upcoming Martin Scorsese film that is untitled.

Shiny Toy Guns' current tour, Season One: The Intimate Fall, ends Dec. 7 at Tampa Bay's 97X. Next Big Thing concert that also includes Avenged Sevenfold, Shinedown and more.



Above: Sisely Treasure and Jeremy Dawson of the Shiny Toy Guns perform.



Left: Gregori Chad Petree of Shiny Toy Guns sings in Bakersfield.



Above: Mark Heaton of Your Vegas plays guitar at Jerry's Pizza in Bakersfield on Nov. 10. The band is based out of Leeds, England.



Above: Nathan Walczak of The Delta Fiasco sings during his opening performance.

Left: Coyle Girelli, lead singer for England-based band Your Vegas performs at Jerry's Pizza.

# NEWS



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Mayor Harvey Hall receives a ring on Nov. 13 during the BC Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

## Three inducted into BC's 19th annual hall of fame

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The 19th anniversary of the Herb Loken Hall of Fame dinner sponsored by the Bakersfield College Alumni Association took place on Thursday, Nov. 13 in the Huddle at the Gil Bishop Sports Center.

Hall of Fame inductees were Mayor Harvey Hall, Sally Hill and John Turner. 13 of the 45 previous recipients of the award also came out to support the new inductees. The program included a full dinner, bar and dessert table catered by BC Food Services. BC President Greg Chamberlain kicked the night off congratulating the three individuals.

"We have the best and the most support," Chamberlain said. "BC has a proud history."

These three BC Alumni and supporters were nominated for the Hall of Fame because they are active in supporting BC through the association. BC Alumni Association President Becki Whitson thinks it's very important to recognize people who have worked hard for the Alumni Association.

"They are actively supporting students of BC whether it's time or money, but it's what keeps this alumni association active," Whitson explained.

John Rous, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999, introduced Hill. As the founder and current president of Hall Ambulance Service, Inc., he was also a student at Bakersfield College and wrote for The Renegade Rip in 1955.

"BC is an important part of my life. I love to give back," Rous said. Hall was dedicated his mayor's salary to the Mayor's Scholarship, which is awarded to local high school seniors. BC and Cal State Bakersfield students. Hall encourages the community to keep supporting the students attending college.

"I'll continue to give back to BC as much as I can," Hill said.

Whitson, who was also inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999, introduced Hill. As a BC student from 1965 to 1967, Hill was an honor student and a song leader for the Renegades. She began her teaching career as professor of psychology in 1969 at BC.

"I'd like to say a poetic phrase that many a BC supporter has uttered," Hill

announced. "Ugh, ungow. BC's got the power!"

This poetic phrase is a cheer from her time as a song leader and is still cheered today.

Hill is currently serving on the BC Alumni Association board as secretary and is the chairperson for the annual BC Alumni Barbecue.

Herb Loken, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988, introduced John Turner.

Turner was also a student at BC and swam for the Renegades. After BC, he transferred to the University of Texas in Austin and graduated with a bachelors degree in science for education. Turner expressed his feelings for education and supporting the community college system.

"I will continue to support BC," Turner said. "I want people to continue this kind of education and continue funding the community college system."

Hill and Turner received hall of fame rings while Hill received a pendant. All three felt very honored.

Hill expressed her gratitude. "I love BC! I loved it as a student, a professor and an alumni."

## SGA meets objectives, replaces three officers

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Bakersfield College's Student Government Association is moving forward and meeting objectives, said Angela M. Guadian-Mendez, interim dean of students.

SGA said that it is going forward with the dismissal of three student officers and has assigned new people to take up the duties of vice president, legislative liaison and treasurer.

The ousted officers were Karl Estill, who served as vice president; Belen Ortiz, who served as legislative liaison; and Omead Poure, who served as treasurer. These officers were removed because of a violation of the student code of conduct committed during a trip to the ASGA National Student Government Summit, which took place in Washington, D.C.

The replacements are Justin Salters, vice president; James Hancock, legislative liaison; and Shawn Newsum, treasurer.

"We're very glad to have them on board. They all have unique qualities," said Guadian-Mendez.

Newsom admitted that he is very excited to be treasurer.

"I enjoy being a team player. I want to make the student body proud," Newsom said. SGA President Lyne Muegema said she is looking forward to working with Salters, Hancock and Newsom.

"They all have lots of strengths. They're good people," she said.

SGA said that it is going forward with two campus-wide competitions. One is a canned-food drive. The department that gathers the most cans will win \$500.

The other competition is a toy drive; the department that collects the most toys will win \$500. One department could win both cash prizes.

The competitions run from Nov. 12-Dec. 2. The canned foods must have original labels on them with no dents anywhere. Toys must be contained in the original package and must be age appropriate for children 4-17.

Toys should not be wrapped. SGA will wrap the gifts. These donating toys must make sure the toys are safe.

Those wishing to enter the competition, e-mail Kenneth Whitford, committee chair at gsaen10@bakersfieldcollege.edu



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Left: Kern County Supervisor Michael Rubio speaks at the Future Leaders Conference. Right: Mayor Harvey Hall speaks of the importance of leadership.

## SGA held Future Leaders Conference in BC Forum

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The Bakersfield College Student Government Association hosted the first Future Leaders Conference in the Forum.

This conference was created to help local high school and BC students to develop leadership skills and get information on local, state and national government issues.

Kern County Supervisor Michael Rubio, Mayor Harvey Hall, Dolores Huerta and Cal State Bakersfield University president Dr. Horace Mitchell all spoke to students about their experience in leadership.

Rubio thinks that bringing young people together is important.

"Challenges of the future community, county and nation require us to come together to find solutions and answers...in the end, people here today are ready for change," he said.

As the first to graduate from college in his family from the University of New Haven in Connecticut, Rubio became the community or-

ganizer for kids and farm workers in Shafter. He then went up to Sacramento to work at the Capitol Building and later was the youngest director in the Capitol.

Although he was always told that he was too young to accomplish his goals, Rubio became Kern County Supervisor by an overwhelming win of 2 to 1. He then was the youngest supervisor elected to his position.

Hall spoke about his time serving Bakersfield. He said that being mayor is the "best job in America," because all of his work is local, and it is all positive. Hall hopes to spread the message of community service to young students.

Dolores Huerta spoke about the Farmworkers Union she created with Cesar Chavez in 1962.

"Being a leader is to go against the grain," she said.

The conference had nine workshops that students could attend.

From faith-based community activities to local and national government, attendees were able to listen to speakers in these workshops.

## Earthquake awareness event

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To promote awareness of earthquakes, the newly formed Geology Club celebrated the statewide "Great Southern California ShakeOut," an earthquake safety, preparedness and awareness event. The weeklong event came to a climax Nov. 13 when the club set up a booth in the student free speech area at Bakersfield College.

"The shakeout is going on today, and there are nearly 5.3 million people just in Southern California participating," said Kylie Garza, the Geology Club president. "We're just hoping to raise awareness of earthquakes. We're helping people realize what they need to do to protect themselves."

According to Garza, a lot of people came by the booth. "They like the preparedness guide," she said. The earthquake emergency kits included a reusable tote, first aid kit, sling, emergency blanket, dust mask, flashlight, can opener, refillable water bottle and a water purification tablet, things that the club

felt would be important to have if a severe earthquake hit.

"We need to be prepared for an earthquake when one hits," said adviser and professor of geology, earth science and engineering Natalie Burszty. "Even though we live in California, we're not aware of the damage one could do."

The club also organized a seismic scavenger hunt, a series of 14 questions regarding earthquakes were posted around campus to get students involved.

The club was fundraising to pay for previous expenses including the event and to go on a planned field trip many of the members were anticipating.

"World recycling week was also ironically going on, so they made and sold reusable totes," said Burszty. "So the sale of reusable totes was all part of recycling."

The Geology Club has eight active members and what Burszty described as "floaters" who are in and out of meetings. Garza feels that the event went well, and that they are prepared for an earthquake if one were to hit.

"Students had fun," said Burszty. "They were able to recruit more people for the club, so I'd call it a success."

## BC international week educates students about different ethnic cultures

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International Week 2008 has been brought to Bakersfield College to enlighten students about other ethnic groups from the world. In the nation, other schools will

also bring global awareness for this weeklong event. The events are being presented by the Intercultural Student Association club, which started on Nov. 17 at the Fire-

side Room and will end with a dinner on Nov. 20.

"The dinner is going to be a thanksgiving function," said Shohreh Rahman international counselor and advisor of the Intercultural club. "We are inviting instructors and basically thanking them in that night of appreciation."

On Nov. 17, the day started with a speech by BC president Greg Chamberlain about this national celebration. According to Rahman, Chamberlain would like to establish an international program. Sending students to

different countries in order to learn other cultures and languages.

Cultural music, art, films and beverages will be some of the events for students to interact with each other about different ethnic backgrounds. "The cup of culture is when students drink coffee or tea from a different country and casually share ideas," said Rahman. "This is

to share information, learn and exchange different experiences." This event provided drinks from countries like India, Ethiopia and Colombia.

Each day has a specific group theme. Nov. 17 was Africa, Nov. 18 was Asia, and Nov. 19 will be Latin America.

For students and professors to interact with each other, there was a banner sign up on the 18th, which is to have participants write about their home countries.

On Nov. 20, students will have an opportunity to learn how to dance an Indian traditional slow dance, which starts at 11 a.m. "They will use a non-verbal communication slow dance," said Rahman.

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# FEATURES



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Bakersfield College journalism students watch one of several wildfires visible atop the California State Fullerton parking structure on Nov. 15.

## Rip honored by JACC

For the second year in a row, Bakersfield College's student newspaper, the Renegade Rip, was awarded general excellence in Southern California with the highest score of any other community college.

That news culminated an award-winning and productive trip to the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Southern California Conference at Cal State-Fullerton on Nov. 14-15. Not only did members of the Rip participate in on-the-spot conferences, workshops and take home 23 awards, but they did it with various fires surrounding the area that sent smoke and ashes through the Fullerton campus.

The general excellence award is part of the mail-in competition, in which schools turn in entries from newspapers published in spring 2008. General excellence is only awarded to community college newspapers that meet certain benchmarks for news categories, such as content, presentation, journalism, editing, etc. The winners are judged by journalism professionals from Southern California. In 2007, the Rip tied with Mt. San Antonio College for the highest score.

This year, the Rip totaled 101 points, the highest among the other nearly 40 participating schools. Only one other school, El Camino, which scored 100, reached the 100-point mark. The other schools awarded general excellence were Santa Ana (97), Pierce (97), Moorpark (90), Southwestern (88), Citrus (85) and San Diego City (84). A school must achieve a score of 84 to qualify for general excellence.

Last April, the Rip was awarded general excellence in the state and was ranked among the top four community colleges in the state.

At the Southern California conference, surrounding fires on Nov. 15 caused several schools to leave the conference before the awards ceremony that evening. The Rip staff elected to stay for the ceremony, and then was able to drive straight home afterward because In-

terstate 5 had opened.

The Rip staff won several other awards at the conference.

In mail-in competition, the Rip also won general excellence for its online edition, which can be accessed at therip.com.

In individual mail-in awards, Rip photo editor Ally Armstrong won first place and second place in the sports feature photo competition. Lisa Vargas, a former Rip photo editor, placed first in sports action photo.

Joel Paramo, the current Rip editor in chief, placed second, along with Maricinda Coil (who graduated last spring), in front-page layout for a broadsheet news layout for a broadsheet and an honorable mention for information graphic.

Katherine J. White, a reporter and copy editor on the Rip, earned third place for news feature story and an honorable mention in the news story category.

Earl Parsons, a former editor on the Rip and now a junior at Chico, earned third place for critical review, fourth place for news feature story, and took honorable mentions for opinion writing and editorial writing.

Staff members also competed in on-the-spot competition at the conference, which involves covering live events and producing content immediately after.

The events simulate a daily newspaper operation, and the content must be produced in one hour, usually just after the event finishes.

In on-the-spot competition, Rip photographers earned four awards. Armstrong placed fourth for sports photo and an honorable mention for news photo. She also placed second in bring-in feature photo. Rip photographer John Ornelas earned honorable mentions in news photo and feature photo. Paramo placed second in front-page layout. Rip reporter Andrew Ansolabehere placed second in broadcast news writing, and Rip reporter Kelly Lindis took third in critical review.

## Monsters and society

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Professor Patrick N. Allitt gave a lecture titled, "Monsters Have Feelings Too: Frankenstein and the Early History of Bioethical Disputes" at Bakersfield College on Thursday, Nov. 8 in the Fireside Room.

Allitt, a professor of history at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, was born and raised in England and attended the University of Oxford and later UC Berkeley, where he earned his Ph.D. in U.S. History. Allitt was the first to point out the humor of a British U.S. History teacher.

Allitt lectured about Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" and how it related to past and current bioethical controversies like abortion, stem cells and prosthetic limbs.

"Machinery and humanity have come together," he said.

About issues like abortion and new technology to live longer, he posed the question, "When does life really begin? When does it really begin?"

Before answering, he told the audience more about the book's author. Shelley was the daughter of feminist Mary Wollstonecraft and political philosopher and novelist William Godwin. She married poet Percy Bysshe Shelley when she was a teenager.

"Frankenstein," a story about a man who creates a monster, was the product of a contest held between Shelley, her husband and their poet friend Lord Byron to see who could write the scariest story. Shelley was the only one to finish. Allitt joked that the poets couldn't stand to write something so terrible.

"It's actually a terrible book," Allitt said with a laugh. "The plot is absolutely ludicrous. The characters are unloveable. The couples are so in love, it's like a Hallmark greeting card."

He did allow that it was an "astounding achievement" for a 19 year old, saying that the characters are well developed, and the plot is ingenious. He then asked who at the lecture was 19.

"I've read a lot of papers written by 19 year olds," he said. "And none are as good as 'Frankenstein.'"

He went on to tell how Dr. Victor Frankenstein thought he was like God, another bioethical issue, and how he fantasizes about being the creator of a new kind of life. In the



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Professor Patrick N. Allitt gives his lecture titled 'Monsters and Society' at Bakersfield College.

novel, the doctor creates a man from parts of dead bodies, which did not make for a very aesthetically pleasing creature.

"He is simultaneously pulled forward by what he's doing and repulsed by how he has to do it," said Allitt. "No sooner does the Creature open his eyes does he (the doctor) go 'Blgh!'"

Dr. Frankenstein abandons the Creature, who becomes violent because nobody treats him well because of his looks. Allitt told about how the Creature is a "more refined being" and "more adult" than Dr. Frankenstein.

"But on the other hand, he's hideous," he told how the Creature learned English another unlikely howd of the book, he said. He tells his creator later in the book and meets his story.

"Dr. Frankenstein realizes upon hearing his story that monsters have feelings too," Allitt said.

Allitt spoke in depth about the novel, which he called the first science fiction story, before moving on to other bioethical issues, particularly those that arose in the Victorian era.

"It's the great question that confronts us. What makes us the way we are?" he said. "Is it nature or nurture?"

He said that Shelley argues that it's nature, and that the Creature could have been good with proper care.

"Frankenstein" was written during the time that Christianity was new and controversial. Christians did not believe in life because they thought their bodies should be whole upon death.

Allitt wrapped up the lecture by saying that these controversies are similar to those in "Frankenstein" and asked, "Is science going to be our salvation or condemn us?"

Though many students attended the lecture for extra credit for various classes, many seemed to actually enjoy the lecture. Among these students was Daniel Sagun, architecture major.

"I ended up having a lot more interest in it than what it was advertised to be," he said.

Because of this, the only people who could be dissected for research were those who were condemned to death. He also talked about how anesthetics used to be controversial, especially in childbirth because it was a "violation of God's will," as childbirth pain was Eve's punishment for disobeying God.

"There were all sorts of medical disputes at the time, which strike us as odd now," Allitt said. He also told about how people used to not believe in extinction. Although we now have proof of certain animals becoming extinct, Allitt said it was hard to believe back then because it was incomprehensible to them to think an animal would cease to exist.

He also talked about Thomas Jefferson's "Notes on the State of Virginia," and how Jefferson thought mammoths existed in Virginia, something most of the crowd laughed at. But Allitt was quick to say that these people were just as intelligent as we are today, and that they worked with what they had.

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## Indoor sports now in Northwest

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As the days get shorter and the air gets colder, playing a pickup game at the park becomes a little more difficult. For those who aren't die-hard players and would prefer to be guaranteed from the elements, the Vision Zone, located near Haggen Road and Fruitvale Avenue, is the place to be.

Vision Zone, an indoor sports facility, has only been in business since April but has already had a large outpouring of support from the community. Tony Fox, president and adult sports coordinator, believes that once players use the facility, they realize how nice it can be to be able to play on a sheltered, well lit field. Pickup games can be played at Vision Zone for a small fee of five dollars an

hour.

Currently, Vision Zone is sanctioned by the United States Indoor Soccer Association as an official facility. Volleyball and indoor soccer are the two main sports played at Vision Zone.

Starting in December, a futsal league will begin playing at the facility. Futsal, although very similar to soccer, has one distinct difference. Players use a much heavier ball that does not bounce, making passing a more key point of the game.

"Players come into contact with the ball 250 percent more playing futsal than in soccer," says Fox. "A team really has to work on moving the ball down the field."

One project that Fox is especially excited about is starting a dodgeball league by early 2009. He has already found multiple teams interested in joining. These teams currently play

in parks in the northwest and would like to move to an indoor facility. Fox also plans on getting Vision Zone sanctioned by the International Dodgeball Federation.

Teams of all ages would compete in games at Vision Zone during the season. At the end of the season, Fox said there would be post-season playoffs for the top four teams.

Vision Zone had planned to hold the Dodge the Badge tournament, a two day local law enforcement dodgeball competition. Teams would play for a portion of the proceeds to donate to their favorite charity.

However, after two months of planning, the teams who had voiced interest ended up not registering for the event. "We had a few teams from the Sheriff's, Fire Department, and few other agencies saying they were very interested," said Fox, "but no body signed up."

### CALENDAR

NOV. 20	The Faceless, Abigail Williams Decrepit Birth, Veil of Maya, Neuraix, and local bands will perform at Jerry's Pizza. The doors open at 6 p.m.	Golden Empire Bowl at BC Memorial Stadium.
	"Museum" performance at BC Indoor Theater.	NOV. 23
	Old School Dance Party held at the Dome. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a \$10 fee with no flyer.	Portugal the Man, Earl of Greyhound, and Wintersleep at the Dome at 6 p.m.
NOV. 21	"Black Holes" show at the BC Planetarium.	NOV. 24
	FLICs presents: Caramel at 7:30 p.m. at the Fox Theater. This film is rated PG with English subtitles and a cost of \$5.	Riders of the Purple Sage at the Rabobank Theatre & Convention Center at 7:30 p.m.
		NOV. 29
		Condors vs. Idaho at the Rabobank Arena at 7 p.m. This game will have the Teddy Bear Toss.
		DEC. 3
NOV. 22	Condors vs. Phoenix at the Rabobank Arena at 7 p.m.	Virtual Trade Fair at the Rabobank Theatre & Convention Center. Hosted by the California Network of Visual Enterprise.

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# OPINION

## Barack Obama: A change for better or worse?

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It would be great if we could all just drop the hate against our 44th president-elect, Barack Obama. No, this election was not rigged, and there was no mastermind who electronically changed your vote to Obama at the polls.

After watching all the attacks from the Republican Party during the final run for the White House, it was a relief to finally be done with all the negative chatter Republicans would participate in. Unfortunately, they are not done with their negativity as they have taken on the roles of sore losers, and if you are not one of those Republicans, congratulations.

Just to remind everyone, George Bush is still our president until Obama is sworn in to office in 2009. Furthermore, Obama continually reminded us throughout his campaign that the change he offered to bring would not and could not happen overnight, and he said it again on Nov. 4 as he accepted this nomination, "The road ahead will be long; our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year, even one term." He continued, "There will be setbacks and false starts."

People who expect everything to change as soon as he is in office are in over their heads. The fact is this: Obama has a lot to fix. Problems that have been ongoing for four to eight years cannot be fixed overnight.

Right now, Obama is currently trying to fill 5,000 positions in the White House by Jan. 20 but has already changed the transition of president by having 100 national security positions filled so they are better prepared and informed to take on those areas as soon as day one comes.

Now on to policy issues that most GOP members are avidly still talking about even though this conversation should be over, and you can't still choose McCain's equally screwed policy. With McCain's budget plan, it was estimated that by 2013 we would have faced a \$662 billion deficit while Obama's proposed budget could increase the deficit in 2013 by \$281 billion. However, to get into an even larger deficit is inevitable as we transition to implement any new policy or change in government.

Andrew Kohut, president of Pew (research center), said many countries seem to be hoping the U.S. role in the world will improve with the departure of Bush, who remains unpopular almost everywhere throughout the world. The United States was the only country in the world where most people expressed confidence in McCain, which says a lot about what Americans think and what the rest of the world thinks. Not only did more African-Americans come out and vote this election, but so did tons of students, educators and women: **Intelligent people voted for Obama. I will refrain from stating who voted for McCain.** But you can guess by looking at the maps electoral counts.

By the end of the race, McCain was trying to be the older, whiter, more conservative Obama. Speaking of himself, McCain once said, "Change you can believe in." Later, he altered his self-describing phrase to "a leader you can believe in." McCain would not have taken any change to the White House other than Sarah Palin. Talk about no experience, she seems to lack an education; her claim to foreign policy, seeing Russia from her back yard. She doesn't even believe global warming is a problem.

It's time everyone just dropped it: No, he is not a social-

ist, a terrorist or a Muslim, and even if he were Muslim, we have the freedom of religion in this country. McCain instilled fear into the hearts of so many people against Obama. Now we are feeling the aftershock: Racists and bigots someday will no longer have a place in this country.

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The cry for change by the American people has been answered by electing Barack Obama as our 44th presi-

dent to be. However, the country is in for a shock when the only change Obama brings is that a black person can get elected with little experience in politics, the United States goes from a democratic country to that of a socialist country and welfare recipients continue to get a free ride on the coattails of hard-working people such as myself.

The fundamental ideas between Obama and John McCain are literally black and white. No, this election was not rigged, but it was won for one reason only, and that is race. Obama's mission was not to educate unregistered voters; it was to register black voters. Hey, I'm all for equal opportunity, but not for the sake of our country and the safety surrounding it.

Obama campaigned for change and hope, yet in his acceptance speech, he immediately began his disclaimer of "change might not happen in one year or even in one term." Ha. He's a typical politician: He screams what people want to hear, and then once elected says, well, don't expect it to really happen.

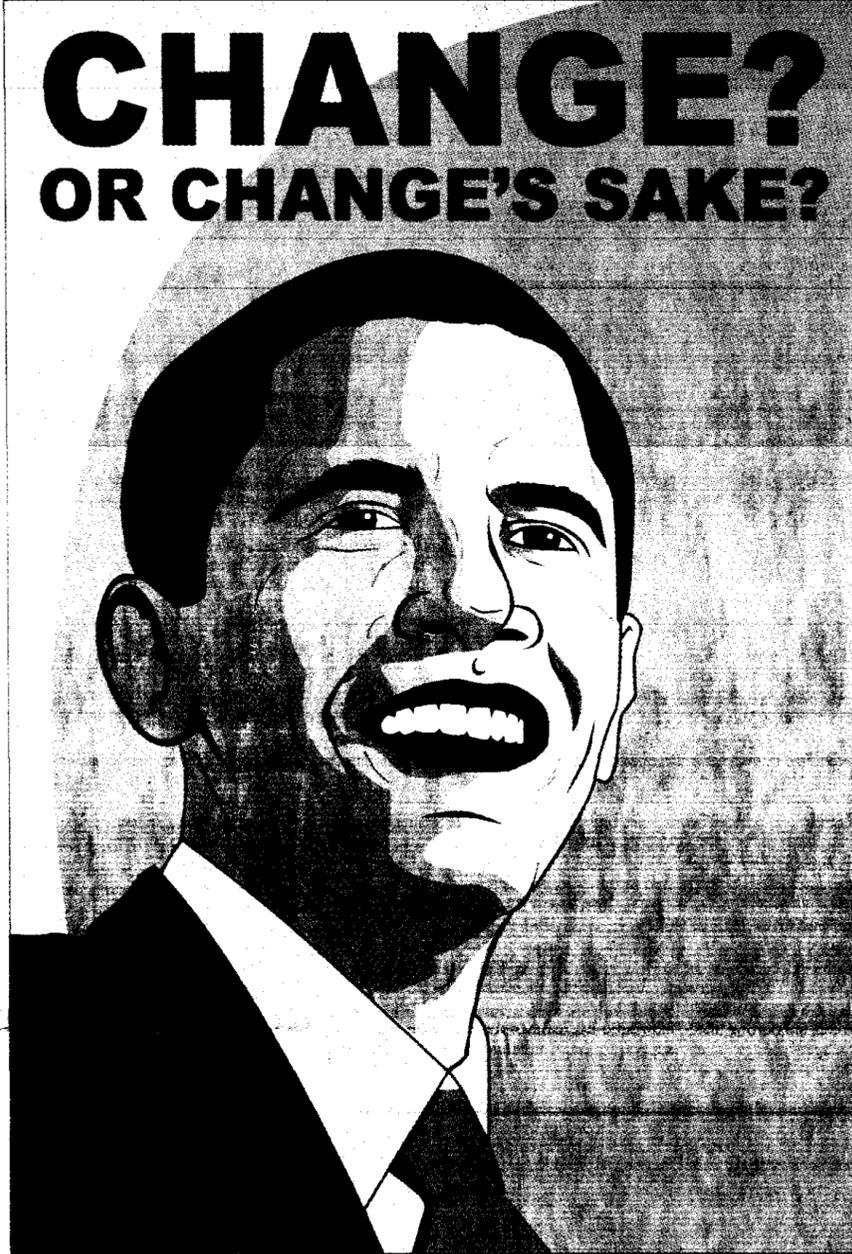
Obama's idea of free health care is, at best, a nice thought. But it will cost working people more in the long run. Have people not learned that nothing is free in this world? Everything costs money. If Obama's plan of free health care, and a re-distribution of wealth were to succeed, we would cease being a free democratic society and become a socialist country. It will be one that has big government taking care of the people and therefore creating little incentive to work hard in order to set ourselves apart from others.

It is not the government's job to ensure health care or rescue the housing community because Democrats voted to deregulate housing authorities. This results in giving unqualified people the privilege to buy houses they cannot afford. Due to this, the housing market has tanked, and people are screaming, "Negligence!" to the Bush administration. The Bush administration favors people who can afford homes. It is a privilege to own a home, not a right.

Obama says he will not raise taxes. Wow, that is original. Or wait, he will only tax the rich and redistribute those funds to the poor. Ladies and gentlemen, we have our 21st century Robin Hood. Who says fairy tales don't come true?

Perhaps these great unrealistic views simply come from the lack of political experience. Let's take a look at the president-elect's political resume. Two years in the U.S. Senate, seven years in the Illinois senate, a loss in the primaries for U.S. Representatives and two best-selling books. McCain was held captive, a POW, almost as long as Obama has been involved in politics. Does Obama really have enough experience to lead our country in a time of crisis? I'm not convinced. Obama says he will end the war on terrorism and bring our troops home. There is nothing I would love to see more than the men and women fighting for our country brought home, but it is not going to happen in the near future, and the war on terrorism will never end. There will always be an extremist out there who feels violence is the answer. Bringing our troops home now only gives victory to the terrorists and still leaves justice for 911 unresolved. If Obama pulls back now, all the efforts and the lives lost are in vain, and, as an American, I am disgusted by the thought.

As of 2009, the country will have a new president. He is a president who was elected because of race, charismatic public speaking skills and a flashy smile. Unfortunately, those reasons do not make for a qualified leader.



STAFF EDITORIAL

## Bad economy may lead to light Christmas stockings

The holiday season is about to come into full swing and people are still doubtful about the economy, which could mean that people may not be confident enough to spend their money on lots of gifts. The problem with not spending money is that with the economy like it is, the only way to make it better is for Americans to put money in it through buying a lot of gifts this holiday season. How can consumers be confident enough to put money into the economy when many people still aren't sure if they'll have a home at the end of the year, or even a job?

Admittedly, if the economic problem had been dealt with earlier than when the stock market started going down we might not be in this situation, but nothing can be done to change that now. Now people have to watch as the news stations repeatedly lament the state of the na-

tion's economy, and prophesize that it can only get worse before getting better. With pessimistic views like these making the top stories every night it is no wonder that many do not want to put their money into a sinking ship.

According to the headlines this will be the first holiday season that profits will decrease instead of increase. Companies, in an attempt to reverse this prediction, have started bombarding TV viewers with commercials urging them to buy the newest products.

Ads like this may have worked in the past, but this year things may be different. Instead of trying to take advantage of American consumers materialism the companies might have saved some money but not running such aggressive (and annoying) ad campaigns.

A sad side effect of the poor economy is that children

brought up believing they were entitled to whatever they wanted will now have to have a rude awakening. Parents might also feel the guilt of not being able to buy the gifts their children want when on Christmas morning the kids don't look as excited as they have in the past. It isn't sad that children won't be getting all the toys they want, it's sad that children have come to expect so much.

Of course, there are families all over the world that go without buying gifts every year. The one benefit of the state of the economy this year may be that people have a greater appreciation for what they have. Instead of whining about how because of other people's actions they won't be able to afford that shiny new toy this year people should focus on what they have. As sappy and cliché as it may sound, the holidays are not about gifts, but about

family and friends, and being thankful for what people have.

If the only thing Americans can focus on this holiday season is the fact that their stockings aren't as full as they were in previous years then there's a serious problem. People should look around and realize that this extreme materialism isn't healthy. The way the economy works is through people spending money, but if people have to choose between appeasing their children's idea of what the holidays are about and their house payment, there's a problem.

Instead of being negative we should instead look to the positive. We don't know for sure what will happen to the economy. It could get worse, or it could get better. Either way we'll have to deal with the situation when it comes.

### 'GADE FEEDBACK

What was your reaction to the 2008 presidential election?



**Andrew Champagne,** graphic design: "Great change for America."



**Marshaun White,** film studies: "It's an inspiration for me to pursue anything I want to do."



**Kyle Mitchell,** psychology: "Encourage me to accomplish my goals in life."



**Chalese McCabe,** sociology: "There will be different changes that people won't expect."



**Jordan Hong,** biology: "Happy with it. I think Obama will make a good president. He has the change that we need."



**Ox Mulanax,** marine biology: "It's about time."

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# REVIEWS

## B-52s take Bako back

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On Nov. 15, the Fox Theater in downtown Bakersfield had the setting for perhaps the most colorful concert I have ever attended: The B-52s.

Evoking the spirit of the whimsical band, some concertgoers showed up in colorful wigs, flamboyant clothing and '60s-inspired makeup.

### CONCERT REVIEW

★★★★☆

Casey Hibbard, who attended the concert with her husband Barry, wore a pink wig and pink false eyelashes.

"I wanted to have fun and show the B-52s that Bakersfield loves the B-52s and knows how to have fun," said Hibbard.

Age was no limit as old and young alike mingled in the lobby of the historic theater before the concert began.

The 88 started the show. With their unique blend of rock, jazz, R&B, funk and a little punk thrown in, these guys rocked the stage.

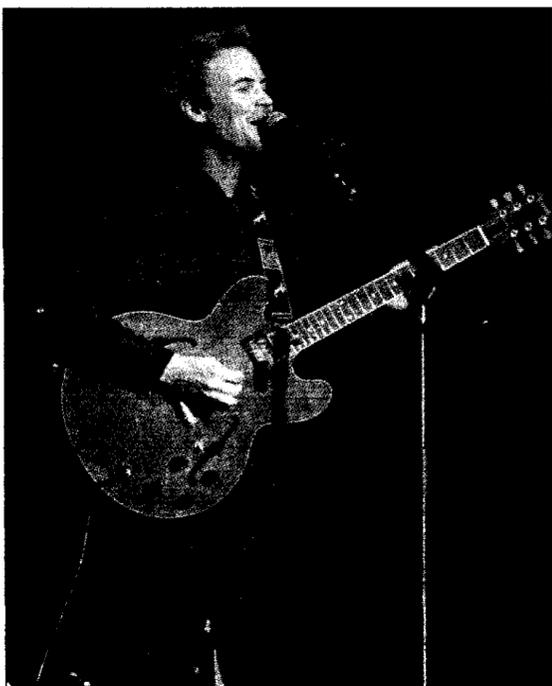
Boyfriend and girlfriend Gabe, 21, and Liz, 20, drove all the way from L.A. just to see The 88. They danced through the entire set while everyone else sat.

"We have been fans of the 88 for a few years now," said Gabe. During intermission, a long line formed at The 88's merchandise table.

A very pleasant and approachable group of guys, they were available for autographs later on in the evening.

The B-52s, famous for hits such as "Rock Lobster" and "Love Shack" then took the stage starting with "Pump" a song from their current album "Funplex."

Along with the music was a fabulous light show that really made you feel like you were watching a band from the '60s.



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Keith Slettedahl, of the B-52s, sings the six-featured songs. They opened for the B-52s at the Fox Theatre on Nov. 15.

They played old favorites like, "Mesopotamia," "Private Idaho," and "Planet Claire."

Many songs performed were from their new album such as "Keep This Party Going" and "Ultraviolet."

After leaving the stage and getting a standing ovation, they ran back out and began another short set starting with "Keep This Party Going."

When the opening chords to "Rock Lobster" were played, the audience cheered loudly and another spectacular light show began. Lights were made to look like waves in the ocean and another, like the sun shining brightly above the water.

One fan, Wendy, 43, wore a long red/orange wig, a brightly patterned dress and go-go boots.

"My husband loves the B-52s,

and I thought, "Why not go all out and have some fun with it?" said Wendy.

Brittany Amos, 24, a hairstylist, was lucky enough to spend the day backstage styling singer Cindy Wilson's hair.

She said that they were all very nice.

"I had a great time," said Amos. "It was a blast," added her friend and co-worker, Jessica Day, 22.

At the end of the evening, people gathered, taking pictures with the guests who were garbed in their wacky getups. I overheard one woman say "We have to do this more often." I looked at her and saw that her hair was teased high into a beehive.

I had just been thinking the same thing.



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Kate Pierson and Cindy Wilson of the B-52s perform at the Fox Theatre on Nov. 15 for an audience that gave the band a standing ovation.

## New vegetarian option

Elaine's Cafe and Market will delight vegetarians and even meat-eaters alike will enjoy vegan ice cream in downtown Bakersfield.

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As a vegetarian, I find it difficult to find a good place to eat that makes decent food without meat. I recently discovered a place called Elaine's Café and Market located on the corner of 20th and G in downtown Bakersfield.

### RESTAURANT REVIEW

★★★★☆

never seen before.

The lady behind the counter was friendly and explained the menu once she realized we had never been there before. Though the menu wasn't large, it still offered some variety.

I ordered The Mediterranean, which consisted of hummus, creamy tzatziki sauce, sliced tomato and avocado and came with a tortilla made at the location. The hummus was wonderful. I suspect it was made there because it didn't have the dry, processed taste that most commercial hummus has. The tzatziki sauce really complemented the hummus too. I used pieces of the tortilla to scoop up the hummus and tzatziki sauce. Though it was slightly messy that way, it was more enjoyable than using the fork. The meal was simple, but it was good, filling and relatively

cheap.

We drank cold rose tea that had some apple juice added to it. I had never had rose tea before, but I'll definitely have it again. I liked that it wasn't syrupy like most iced teas I've had at restaurants. A drink can still be good without having such an overpowering taste.

My friend, who ordered the taco salad, also enjoyed his meal. The taco salad consisted of beans, rice, tomatoes, lettuce, cilantro, a ranch dressing, and avocado. The only problem he had was that he didn't like dressing on his food, but that was the only problem. He just scooped it off.

The main employee was very attentive and came back many times to ask if we needed anything else. Toward the end of the meal, she brought us two complementary samples of a vegan ice cream she has developed. I had the mint, and my friend had the chocolate. I thought the meal was good, but the ice cream really made the meal fantastic.

As a vegetarian, I've tried pretty much every ice cream alternative out there. Nothing comes close to the real thing. Usually I'm left with a horrible aftertaste or a scoop of something that doesn't taste like ice cream or anything occurring in nature.

This ice cream is the one exception I have found. Not only did my mint ice cream taste like peppermint, it had actual bits of peppermint in it. It also had a nice smooth consistency very similar to real ice cream. It didn't leave any weird aftertaste, either.

Before we left, the main employee informed us that soon they would be expanding to include a little ice cream parlor next door. I'll definitely be doing a mind there. I recommend this place to anyone who doesn't mind having a meal that consists of something other than processed food. To the carnivores out there who can't fathom a meal without meat, I suggest trying the ice cream.

## Role Models not for young

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A crude comedy with sentiments about helping kids may seem uncomfortable inappropriate, but in "Role Models," something so wrong went right.

As far as raunchy comedies go, "Role Models" was off to a solid start when Wheeler (Seann William Scott)

### MOVIE REVIEW

★★★★☆

"Guess what I did last night?"

Barely friends, this duo tours schools on a "say-no-to-drugs" campaign as spokesmen for Minotaur energy drinks, while ironically marketing the unhealthy alternative.

"Role Models" follows these two coworkers who are anything but model citizens.

Wheeler is party guy who's too stupid to understand that his dead-end job sucks. Danny is miserable, uptight and unapologetically takes his anger out on baristas.

After a pathetic and desperate proposal to his girlfriend, Danny was dumped, drank a little too much Minotaur and got himself and Wheeler into trouble with the law.

With the choice between jail or community service, they chose community service. Their sentence is this: serving 150 hours at Sturdy Wings, a mentor program for children.

Like most films in the genre, "Role Models" has the expected vulgar language and, of course, boobies, but where's the shock value in that these days? We're immune, so give us a

potty-mouthed kid who draws perverse pictures, and we'll gasp, "Oh, my God!"

Don't get me wrong; this is my kind of humor. Intellectual humor is pretty much nonexistent in contemporary comedy, anyway. But that's no issue. Crude humor can still be quality humor. Case proven by the nonstop laughs delivered by Danny and Wheeler.

As amusing as they are, however, they couldn't have carried the movie without young actors Bobb'e J. Thompson and Christopher Mintz-Plasse.

The movie really kicks off when Danny and Wheeler are introduced to their "Littles" at Sturdy Wings. At this point, things are already bad. However, this is where things get really bad. And by really bad, I mean really good.

Wheeler was paired with 10-year-old potty-mouthed Ronnie (Thompson), who within seconds shouted false accusations of molestation among a string of curses. Meanwhile, Danny was paired with Augie Farks (Mintz-Plasse), an awkward teenage outcast consumed by the fantasy realm of medieval roleplay.

All Danny and Wheeler wanted to do was complete their hours without screwing up and ending up in jail. It wasn't exactly super happy fun time for the kids either as they were forced into Sturdy Wings by their parents, which made 150 hours seem impossible. After one day with Ronnie and Augie, jail began to look like the soft option.

Although vulgarities and sexual innuendo galore are quite hilarious, that's not what carried this film. The real quality came from the interaction between Augie and Ronnie with their "Bigs" Danny and Wheeler.

Through boob watching lessons

à la Wheeler given to Ronnie, and Danny's participation in medieval roleplay with Augie, what began as a get together partnership and a rush to get 150 hours complete, unfolds into true friendship. Language aside, the movie is quite touching.

Entertaining characters played by solid actors kept this movie fast-paced and exciting.

Scott gets top billing playing, once again, a variation of Stiffler from "American Pie." Wheeler is the same young, dopey and horny character we've seen throughout Scott's filmography. When done right, however, the character is hilarious. Scott pulled it off.

His juvenile humor paired with Rudd's deadpan sarcasm created quite the humorous duo. Both were immature and selfish, but, in their own hilarious way, were a nice offset to each other.

Scott and Rudd wisely let the kids shine as well. Mintz-Plasse makes a convincingly awkward nerd, and while you may be disturbed to hear such language come from Thompson's mouth, the character will equally charm you.

The movie's low points were few. Danny's tacky love song to win back his girlfriend should have been omitted, and the KISS cosplay wasn't working for me since only two of the four connected through the band. Although it's amusing, KISS cosplay would be more appropriate if Danny and Wheeler were mentoring the stoner teens from Detroit Rock City.

The most frustrating aspect about "Role Models" is, despite a heartwarming message about adults bonding with kids and becoming better people, the gratuitous vulgarities and nudity: it's inappropriate for kids. It's a good film, but, unfortunately, it has a limited audience.

## Dog training kit helps make training your dog or puppy a 'walk in the park'

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Three months ago my family acquired Weezy, a three-month-old Alaskan malamute.

### PRODUCT REVIEW

★★★★☆

While being quite possibly the most beautiful dog I have ever seen, she had a few puppy problems.

No matter how many times she was told "no," she still jumped up on the couches, on us, gnawed our hands and clothes with her

razor sharp puppy teeth, got into the garbage, and would never come, sit or stay when told.

After reading into Alaskan malamutes, I learned that if one does not establish dominance quickly (as I did not), then chances are the dog will not see you as the "alpha dog" and will never listen to you. And now that she was six months, she seemed too unruly to be trained.

I decided to take a whack at it anyway and ordered her The Perfect Dog Training Kit. Created by Don Sullivan, "The Dog Father," the training kit cost about \$60 and includes two training DVD's, three freedom-training lines, a command collar, and organizer bag

and quick-start guide.

Three weeks ago, Weezy was a typical out-of-control puppy. She had no manners and didn't listen to a thing she was told. But after getting The Perfect Dog, and spending some time with Weezy, I instantly began to see results. I watched the DVD's, paying extra attention to Weezy's problem areas then decided to give it a try.

At first, I just tried walking Weezy on the leash. Never having been controlled before, she fought miserably with me. When trying to walk her, she would roll on her back on the ground. After trying to pick her up to walk again, she would just bite the leash, which

led to her losing a tooth and cracking another one.

To protect her, I purchased a muzzle, which she quickly learned was not fun. After training her for forty-five minutes (the maximum recommended amount at a time), I noticed that her manner towards me on the leash was much better. She was no longer fighting me and learned that it was in her favor to listen to me. The next time I walked her, I was able to walk with her, both muzzle and problem free.

Over the next couple of weeks, I was able to teach Weezy to sit, stay, lie down and to not jump on people, counters, couches or dig

into the garbage. It surprised me how quickly she learned. Every session I trained her, I saw results. Just as Sullivan said, not only was she happier, but I was too now that she was obeying and listening to me.

The Perfect Dog training kit is for anyone who has an untamed dog and wants, well, the perfect dog. Our results were achieved fairly quickly. Now that she listens to everyone in the family, everyone is happier because they don't have to worry about her being the "terrorist" dog or leaving her all alone. I was given tips and tricks to train dogs that I had no idea could work and with a little bit of time a day, I now own Weezy, the perfect dog.

### BC BRAINS

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

What was the invention that caused agricultural growth in 1794?



Brandon Jones, computer science: "The cotton gin. Eli Whitney."



Ivan Hernandez, undeclared: "Pesticides."



Ricky Nunez, fire science: "Better weapons."



Lauren Bronson, biology: "Cotton gin."



Sara Mcgaha, nursing: "Fertilizer."



Katrina Granillo, psychology: "The tractor."

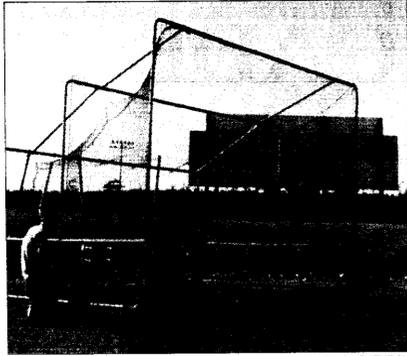
Correct answer: The cotton gin.

# CAMPUS

## FACILITIES: Project suffers delays but not at a standstill

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Athletic Director Jan Stuebke. "The project is sort of at a standstill." "The work is not at a standstill, but there was absolutely a delay," Chamberlain said. "But the project is moving forward now." "Currently, we are trying to do the best with what we have in our off-season training," Taylor said. Messages were left for Kim Crews of the Kern Community College Districts Construction and Facilities Planning Department, but as of publication have not been returned.



The softball team practices despite an unfinished facility.

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## WHITE: Former drug seller doing well at BC and looking ahead to getting bachelor's at Cal State

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dent development class that White is currently taking. She is convinced that White will accomplish his goal as a student. "He is focused on succeeding in his education primarily because he wants to encourage others to make different choices in their lives so that they do not suffer like he has," said Granger-Dickson. "James would be a great counselor because of his effective communication skills and sense of humor. He is an effective listener, speaker and writer. He bonds quickly and well with almost everyone he meets," Granger-Dickson said. White is changing his major to sociology and hopes that he can help

kids to prevent them from living the kind of life he lived. "I want to get my A.A. in sociology and then transfer to CSUB to get my bachelor's degree. I'm not trying to be a role model, but if I can help one person, then I'll feel that my time is not wasted," said White. White finished last semester with a 3.4 GPA and is currently passing all his classes this semester. "I sat in prison for years doing nothing. Going to college, and doing something is over. The hard part of my life is over," White said. He admitted it is still tempting to go back to selling drugs, but his daughter, his girlfriend, school and his condition help him focus on what he wants.

"Of course I'm tempted to sell drugs especially when I see all the bills piling up, but that is not going to happen," said White. "I feel less stressed. After every class, I feel accomplished, and it feels good." White's dream is to open a group home to help gang members straighten out their lives. Also he wants to start a non-profit organization to help at-risk youth. "I can't tell a person what to do, but I can tell a kid what not to do," said White. White has been in dialysis for almost six years. He is on the transplant list waiting for a kidney. "My kidney failure is a blessing that gave me time to think and turn my life around," he said.

## Paper thefts still unsolved

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No leads at this time. That's what Sgt. Chris Counts of Bakersfield College's Department of Public Safety said about the Oct. 9 theft of about 1,600 Renegade Rip newspapers from numerous stands around BC's main campus. In an official report filed by security, on Oct. 9, the Renegade Rip informed Counts of the theft, which occurred within an hour of distribution. After observing the complete removal from campus stands so quickly after distribution, a member of the staff restocked the stand in the Humanities area and watched at a distance as an individual began removing several papers. The staff member, a photographer, then began snapping photos of the paper taker who was speaking on a cell phone. The photographer reported hearing the individual on the phone saying, "I got these over here, man." The paper taker noticed the photographer snapping photos, dropped the papers and confronted the photographer. He demanded that the photographer state the reason for the shoot. The photographer asked the other why he was taking papers, and the person angrily denied doing that.

"It's childish, really."

— Anthony Perez, BC auto mechanics student

The individual who confronted the photographer was interviewed by Counts Oct. 16. Counts asked him if he got some papers off the Humanities-area stands. The interviewee didn't deny getting about 10 to 20 papers but said that he intended to put them all back after finishing with them. The officer then asked why so many papers were needed all at once especially since the papers were all the same. The suspect replied that he didn't know and restated that it was his intention to put them all back. The suspect was then asked if he was using a cell phone at the time he got the papers. He replied that he couldn't remember if he was using one or not. Counts then repeated what the photographer reported was spoken into the phone. The interviewee denied saying anything over a phone. Counts asked why the photographer was accused. The suspect replied that he did not want his picture to appear in the Rip.

In another Oct. 16 interview by Counts, another potential suspect was asked about the missing papers. The

interviewee said that he had heard of the incident but swore he knew little else than that. In another interview on the same day, Counts asked an individual if he knew anything about the papers. The interviewee claimed that he wasn't on campus at the time the papers vanished. Counts asked the individual where he was at the time, and the individual replied that he showed up on the campus only for classes and then promptly left the campus at the conclusion of each class.

The reason why the report was drawn up and filed is because there may be either disciplinary or criminal action taken, the official report states.

Many BC students decried the theft. "It's childish, really," said Anthony Perez, 20, BC auto mechanics student. Cyndy Jimenez, 19, liberal studies major, disapproves of the theft and acknowledges that many BC students read the Rip on their free time and appreciate being informed of campus events. "It's useless and inconsequential stealing those newspapers," said Mathias Macias, 21, art major. "These people were stealing from the school. It's pretty petty of whoever did this."

## Loop nears completion

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The days of rain have slowed down the chiller loop project but not enough to cause serious delays in Bakersfield College.

To increase efficiency, the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library, the Language Arts building and the BC bookstore will be connected via pipe system with one chiller cool loop to accommodate all three. The chiller loop project has its trenches complete and the polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes inserted. However, according to Keith Keevil, manager of maintenance and operations, that was just the easy part. "Connecting the pipes to the actual building is more complicated," he said. "We have to add valves and need steel pipes to connect to the chiller."

The project is predicted to be complete by Dec. 12, but unless there is rain during that period of time, the project will not be slowed down. The cement for the sidewalk was started on Nov. 14, and the pavement for the parking lot will start on Nov. 21.

"Again, the rain can slow us down because we cannot add the pavement if the dirt is wet," said Keevil.

Another issue that has been going on is the weather in Bakersfield. According to Keevil, the weather has been in the 80s for the last couple of days. The chillers are usually shut off by early November, so no real pipe insertion has started.



A tractor at the Chiller construction site sits next to the library Nov. 17.

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## Environmental biology to be introduced in Spring

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Bakersfield College students will have a new biology class with an optional lab to choose from for the spring 2009 semester.

Environmental biology B7 will be offered to students and will satisfy the general education requirement for science class, except for liberal studies majors.

The new class will cover a variety of issues concerning the environment. These issues include air and water quality, conservation and recycling, ways to go green, global warming and learning about alternative energy.

Kim Hurd, BC professor of biology, will be teaching the course and hopes to include as part of the lab field trips to various alternative energy facilities in Kern County. The field trips will coincide with the lecture material.

Hurd also feels this course is a wonderful opportunity for students to understand how important environmental issues are. "We have a lot of environmental issues especially in Kern County. Things can't change unless students know what is going on," said Hurd.

Hurd created all new curriculum for the upcoming class that will be held Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. with the lab meeting Tuesday 9:35 a.m. - 12:45 a.m. The lab will satisfy one unit, and the lecture portion will satisfy three units.

Another incentive for students to register for this class is the issue of books. Biology textbooks usually cost upwards of \$100. However, because of the donation of several thousands of dollars by the Sierra Club, textbooks will be available to students on loan for the semester. The textbooks must be returned when class is completed.

Students are strongly encouraged to contact Hurd with any questions involving the class. Hurd may be reached via e-mail, khurd@bakersfieldcollege.edu.

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# SPORTS

## BC teams did not qualify

BC cross country runners Mireles, Maki and Leming qualify for state championship individually.

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Bakersfield College cross-country runner Cesar Mireles finished 43rd overall and first for BC in the men's four-mile race at Kern County Soccer Park for the Southern California Regional Championships on Nov. 7. Mireles finished with a time of 21 minutes, 5 seconds.

BC men finished 21st out of 28 teams and failed to qualify as a team for the state championships as only the top 14 teams qualify.

Mireles was the only male BC runner to qualify for the state championships. El Camino's Steven Calise finished first overall and first for his team, with a time of 20:04. San Bernardino Valley won the men's team score, with a 52.

BC women finished 18th out of 27 teams and also did not qualify for state championships. BC's Emiley Leming and Lorin Maki finished the race in the top 80 in the 5-kilometer race and were the only BC women to qualify for state championships. Orange Coast College's Cassie Mitchell finished first overall and first for her team as she finished with a time of 17:48. Glendale won the women's team score with a 68.

"I'm happy with the way we finished the season, but I still wish we could have done better at regional championships," said cross country coach Dave Frickel.

Frickel added how Melina Magee's shin splint injury at the Western State Conference championships on Oct. 28 affected the Southern Cal regional for BC. "Injuries are common to happen in sports, but Magee's injury was a blow to the women's team performance."

BC's Mireles will compete for the men individually, and Leming and Maki will do the same for the women at Woodward Park in Fresno on Nov. 22 at the community college cross country state championships.



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Above: BC wrestler Jaime Rodriguez (2-2 on the day) competes with a West Hills wrestler on Nov. 15. Below: BC wrestler Mike Cavanaugh, who went 4-0 in the Western State Conference tournament, competes against a member of West Hills College.

## BC wrestling team places third in WSC

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On Nov. 15, Bakersfield College hosted the Western State Conference duals in the BC gym and took third place, yet BC wrestling coach Bill Kalivas said that the places were based on margin of victory.

West Hills won first and Rio Hondo College finished second. BC wrestlers Brad Carls, Alex Alcalá, Christian Hernandez and Mike Cavanaugh went 4-0 at the tournament. BC teammates Jaime Rodriguez, Alvaro Zermeno and Vincent Rivera went 2-2, while Frank Castillo went 3-1.

Two unnamed BC wrestlers from the 125- and 165-pound weight classes decided to quit the team before the duals at BC for unknown reasons.

"It's been a little difficult... if we had one of the two wrestlers that were not there, we would have won," Kalivas said. "It's not what we wanted, but there's always next year."

Kalivas said, "We're going to do what we have to do," for the remainder of the season. Christian Hernandez, Mike Cavanaugh, Alex Alcalá, and Brad Carls were named to the first team all WSC. The team travels to the Cal State Fullerton Open on Nov. 22.



## Women's golf beats the desert winds

BC's Katherine James and Ellen Krausse qualify for the state championship individually, which will be on Nov. 17-18 in Ventura.

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Bakersfield College women golfers Katherine James (170) and Ellen Krausse (181) qualified for state championships, despite 40 mph winds in Palm Springs, Nov. 10-11 on the par-72 Desert Dunes golf course.

James finished fifth overall as she shot an 80 on the first day and a 90 on the second day. James received a medal as she is a member of the first team all So Cal Region in which the top six golfers qualify for the team.

Krausse tied for eleventh as she shot an 89 on the first day and a 92 on the second day.

Palomar's Cora Busby (164) finished first overall, with an 83 and 81 on both days.

BC golf coach Larry Cook said, "It was a massacre. That would be the word I would use." He added, "It was an endurance type of golf tournament."

The scores might have been higher than usual due to the storm, but Cook was proud of his golfers making it to the state championship as the top 12 individuals and top two teams qualify.

Santa Barbara City College took first place as a team, and Palomar finished second.

The women's community college state championships are Nov. 17-18 at the Olivias Park golf course in Ventura.

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