

Local post-punkers prevail with pride

By Vincent Perez
News editor

Post-punk rock: three words that are not commonly heard in Bakersfield. Local four-piece band Black Sails Western Shores wants to change that.

The band described its sound as "catchy punk," "a slowed-down version of pop-punk music," and "down tempo punk rock."

However, Black Sails guitarist and vocalist Matt Salkeld said the band has been labeled before. "It's a silly term: beard rock. A lot of it is punk bands that were from back in the day that weren't straight punk music, like Fugazi and Jawbox. Taking whatever that is and putting your own twist on it."

Black Sails members Stephen Castro (lead vocals/guitar), Salkeld (guitar/vocals), Wes Walker (bass/backing vocals) and Brett Otterness (drums) have had their own local bands that ranged from fast punk to experimental.

Castro, however, points out that "None of the bands we used to play in are relevant to the music we play today. It was the demise of those bands that eventually made what we have now, which is awesome."

Castro added about one of his past bands and how Black Sails started in 2009.

"The last bigger one [I was in] was a band called A Long Walk Home. We put out a record on a label. That went for about three years, then that broke up," Castro said.

"I concentrated on working and put music to the side. I ended up getting laid off last year. I said, 'I haven't messed with music at all, so maybe I should.' And that's how our band started."

Castro finds inspiration for

writing and playing music from many sources. "As far as the inspiration goes—everything, from personal experiences to stuff we make up as far as stories. A lot of our songs are usually about something that happened to us," Castro added about their music, "We're just trying to give people a positive outlook on what's going on, especially right now [with the economy]."

Salkeld said, "As a band, our big influences are Hot Water [Music], Jawbreaker and Nothington, more post-punk-type stuff."

While Salkeld was influenced by heavier music, Castro talks about a similar Bakersfield sound. "Right now, all I am listening to is old country songs: Jerry Reed, Conway Twitty, Willy Nelson and stuff like that because it just seems honest. As long as you can tell a story, good or bad, if you can paint something someone can see that they can really connect to, that's what matters."

When asked what he is listening to currently, Castro responded, "Right now, I've been listening to more country, but bands like Lucero, Drag the River, Nothington (which headlined a show with Black Sails on Jan. 21 at Sandrini's Italian & Basque restaurant and bar), and the Anchor (a Texas punk band that opened for Black Sails on Feb. 4 at Sandrini's). I've got into bands like Cavett, Minus the Bear, John Moreland and the Black Gold Band is something I've been listening to non-stop. Gaslight Anthem, [too], I've been listening to them for years."

The band's roots are deeply engulfed in Bakersfield culture.

"It's a town that's built off the oil industry and of a lot of working class people who don't necessarily make grips of money but

are happy with what they do. For us, when we play or write songs we want people to just really be into it and like what's going on. Not necessarily like the music but just know that there's people out there that feel the same things that they do, that we have the same problems that they do and can put a voice to it," said Castro.

"I'd like to say that our band is a working band. We're all people who have jobs, who work their asses off in order to pay for whatever it is we need to pay for. That's who we appeal to, that's what we are as a whole," Salkeld said, "I say we're proud to be from here. If we weren't from here, we all would have never met and Black Sails would never have started. We were here for a reason."

"We respect all the bands. There are tons of bands in this town, not all of them appeal to us and we may not like all of them but we respect other artists. This town really is thriving with a lot of bands but nobody, besides Buck Owens or Korn, has taken the name for Bakersfield, especially in the independent music world, which is where we're at."

Despite their pride of Bakersfield, Black Sails' Castro and Salkeld talked about their struggles in Bakersfield.

Castro talked about the local music scene, "It's not musically a great town because not a lot of bands do diverse stuff."

"A lot of bands sound the same, which is fine, it's just one of those things [of] when you go to a show, [and] you want to see something different."

Castro added, "We're concentrating on just trying to play music and just have fun doing it."

"Show people that there are other styles of music that you might not necessarily know."



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Black Sails Western Shores members Matt Salkeld (front), Stephen Castro (middle) and Wes Walker (back) play at Sandrini's Bar on Jan. 19.

Salkeld said, "Bakersfield isn't exactly the hotspot for D.I.Y. punk rock bands. It's hard in this town for what we're doing. The people that we appeal to genuinely like our music, it isn't fake."

Salkeld added about the band's efforts, "We're D.I.Y. Everything we've ever done, we've all [done] it ourselves. No help, no hand-outs, nothing like that. Working hard to get where we are and we're nowhere yet. It's only been a year so there's still a lot of hard work ahead."

The band's first album, "Halfway Home," is tentatively set for release this year.

"Our first record that we're putting out is totally positive and driven. It's easier to sit there and be sad, but it takes a certain type

of person to say 'shit happens, but it'll be all right.' That's what we write music for," said Castro.

Castro talked about the band's plans after their first full-length release.

"After the record comes out, we're just going to concentrate on touring. We actually have another record ready to go. Depending on what happens either waiting until next year or doing it this year. We're going to do a 7-inch with Anchor and we'll see what happens."

Castro reflected on what their reasons are to play, "Really to just play music and do that as a living. Just to see the world and have fun with it in what we're doing. Like, going to play a show somewhere and have kids singing

what we're playing. That's something that means more to us than making millions of dollars."

On giving advice to local younger bands, Castro said, "If you're wanting to do music, and it's important to you and it matters, forget about trying to dress a certain way or look, just do what it is that makes you happy and that's the only advice I could give. What's most important is the music."

"If it makes you happy and it makes sense to you, then do it. If it doesn't, and it's a chore, then don't waste your time."

Castro revealed what their true sound is.

"Someone said that our music is like a night of drinking with your friends."

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Local comedy group led by BC student looking for participants

By Brian N. Willhite
Reporter

The cameras are rolling for another dark, absurd comedy sketch by Bakersfield College student John Spitzer, 19, and the members of local comedy group Pregnantville.

Spitzer and company write, direct, film and act in their own brand of comedy sketches designed to entertain audiences by transporting them to an alternate reality where anything can happen. A place called Pregnantville.

Together since the summer of 2009, Spitzer, along with co-founder Andrew Price and company have created an act that Spitzer describes as "A cross between Monty Python and the Twilight Zone, just witty, absurdist comedy with dark undertones."

Aside from doing live shows, the group is also working on shooting a sitcom for online media outlets like YouTube titled, "Roommates."

The show, which is intended by Spitzer to be outrageous and ridiculous, stars three politically incorrect fictional characters named Jim, Steve and Guttenberg, who even have a time-traveling refrigerator.

Also, to put a little of themselves into the role, each of the characters' personalities were based on their actor's own "weird little niches," according to Spitzer.

Pregnantville is also writing for a feature film they will self-produce titled, "Attack of the Zombies."

"It'll have time travelers, zombies and a sadistic empire," said Spitzer.

"It's a cross between 'Terminator,' 'Back to the Future' and 'Dawn of the Dead.'"

Having filmed eight sketches already and "dozens more on the backburner," Pregnantville has no intentions of slowing down, Spitzer said, and issues a call to any actors interested in participating.

Pregnantville has previously performed live on stage at the Empty Space Theatre in Bakersfield, and will be performing there again May 28, 29 and June 4, 5, at 706 Oak St. The admission will be \$5 and begin at 11 p.m.

"We really like the format with having the audience up close and personal," said Spitzer. "But we're not liable for blowing your mind, so watch out."

Information on Pregnantville and what they're doing can be found at myspace.com/Pregnantville.

Renegades move on to Division 1 on Signing Day

By Vincent Perez
News editor

Logan Kilgore, former Bakersfield College quarterback, has signed with Division 1 football program Middle Tennessee State University, and other notable BC names have signed with four-year universities such as Boise State and the University of Nevada.

"All of these guys were given an opportunity. They're held accountable for doing the little things that will get them over the top," said BC coach Jeff Chudy.

"They took advantage of everything that was afforded to them."

Chudy had realistic words about Kilgore.

"Logan, he's not going to be offered a scholarship unless those guys think that he's prepared to play. So he's going into a good situation," he said. "The offense that they run is predicated around the quarterback making a lot of the same reads and checks he ran here."

Kilgore, according to Chudy, will be entering a university that will offer opportunities.

"He's going to a program that won their bowl game, and he's put himself in a good situation. He'll probably end up with a master's degree when it's all said and done. Academically, he's done a great job here. At the end of the day, I know he wants to major in business. He's probably going to end up with an MBA."

Chudy had spoken to Kilgore before he left for Tennessee.

"There's an outside chance he might red shirt, which he has a year to do that," Chudy said. "I'm sure he's excited. I spoke with him before he left, and he

was really optimistic."

Rishard Matthews, former BC standout all-purpose offensive player, has signed with the University of Nevada. Jordan Mudge, former BC center, also signed with Nevada.

"Both those guys are in their spring workouts right now," Chudy said. "I'm sure they're getting their eyes opened to what Division 1 college football is all about. I talked to one of the Nevada coaches, and they're extremely high on those guys. I would expect those guys to have an opportunity to go in and play

right away and compete for a starting [position]. That's the benefit of being there for spring practice."

Former BC defensive end Tyrone Crawford, who was a Junior College All-American and the National Northern Conference defensive most valuable player last season, has signed with Boise State. Crawford led the team with 12 sacks in 10 games last season.

Despite National Signing Day (Feb. 3) having already passed, Chudy noted that more signings are to come.

"I'd expect quite a few of our guys between now and May to continue playing and end up at some schools on the way," said Chudy. "We feel that there's going to be opportunities for these guys to continue their education and at the same time, keep playing football."

Maurice Hays, former BC defensive lineman, has signed with University of Alabama-Birmingham, and Joel Turriabiates, former offensive lineman, has signed with Weber State, both announced on National Signing Day.

"We still feel that we have work to do, but we think we can go far if we just start clicking right now."

-Skyler Vaden, BC guard, shown right

Skyler Vaden uses inspiration to excel

By Michael Morrow
Sports editor

Skyler Vaden of the Bakersfield College men's basketball team didn't play organized basketball until his high school years, but according to head coach Rich Hughes, Vaden is a major contributor to the Renegades this season.

Vaden is a 6-foot-2-inch sophomore guard from Los Angeles.

Vaden got his start in basketball on the streets of Los Angeles with some of his neighborhood friends and his brother. They would get together during the summer and choose a sport to play and spend the rest of the day playing.

Vaden found that, even in these street games, he always had a competitive drive.

"It all started as fun for everyone else, while for me I just wanted to win," said Vaden. "It wasn't fun for me unless I was winning."

Vaden then took his game to the parks and started challenging older, more experienced players. "I just wanted to play ball, and the park had the best competition," said Vaden.

Vaden talked about how basketball gave him a new focus, something besides the rough environment Los Angeles can provide.

"When I was little, my family was all involved in gangs and gang-related stuff, and when I was younger, I did the same type of stuff," said Vaden. "It was just natural to be involved in those things."

"When my brother died, I knew I had to do something different. I mean, I did some pretty bad stuff. I was doing all the wrong things. I mean I didn't kill anyone or anything like that, but I did my share of bad stuff," said Vaden.

Vaden was 10 years old when his brother was killed due to gang violence. Vaden said of his brother, "It was just a situation where it was wrong place at the wrong time for him."

Vaden talked about how he wasn't into playing sports for a while because it was his brother who introduced him to the sports he loved.

"I had to cool it for a while. Lemar was the one who took me out to ball, and it was just different without him," said Vaden.

Vaden eventually got back into playing basketball but was intimidated to play in front of crowds. Because of that, Vaden continued

to play at the area parks and occasionally around the neighborhood with friends. He didn't play any organized junior high basketball, but when high school came, Vaden came around to playing for the Generals of Washington Prep. Vaden played his first year on the freshman team in order to break his fear, and for his last three years he played on the varsity team.

In his senior year, Vaden averaged 16.8 points per game on 44 percent field goal shooting and 41 percent on 3-point field goal shooting. He also averaged 6.5 rebounds, 3.4 assists, and 2.8 steals per game. Vaden was also a 75 percent free throw shooter.

Vaden also started on the boys' volleyball team where he played four years on the varsity squad. His junior and senior season he made first team all conference and first team all city.

Vaden talked about how exciting that was for him.

"I loved it because we went to the second round of the playoffs and usually our school wasn't any good at volleyball," said Vaden.

When asked what his greatest memory of playing in any game was, Vaden talked about a game against King-Drew Medical Magnet High School.

"I didn't just score crazy, but it was just fun. I believe basketball was about having fun at that time," said Vaden. "Basketball now is more about working hard, and it's not that we don't have fun, it's just that we have more on the line here."

"Some people here only worry about working hard and forget to have fun, and that game just takes me back to when it was all fun," said Vaden. "Plus I hit a game winner. It was a buzzer-beater."

That game was on Feb. 1, 2008, when Washington beat King-Drew 63-60 on Vaden's shot. Vaden had 17 points, seven assists and five rebounds.

After high school, Vaden was approached by several Division 1 schools, but when it was time to make a move, no one offered up any scholarships. Vaden was in contact with Hughes throughout his decision-making period, and when CSUB head coach Keith Brown told Vaden that BC and Hughes had a great program, Vaden went with the advice, and went with one of the coaches he had grown to trust.

Hughes talked about what Vaden brings to the Renegades team.



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Renegades Skyler Vaden (with ball) and E.J. Kirby fight a crowd of L.A. Valley players.

"He can play at the top level," Hughes said. "He's one of those players that is not one dimensional, he can do a lot of different things. He can defend, he rebounds very well for a guard, he can score, he can pass, he can handle the ball very well, and he's one of our leaders in steals. He just does a lot of things very well. I wouldn't say he's great at any of them, but he's really good at all of them, which is very rare

for most basketball players."

Vaden averages 11.9 points, 6.9 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 2.4 steals per game for the Renegades.

Vaden has aspirations of playing at the next level but doesn't quite know where he will go from here.

As for the season at hand, Vaden is hoping good things are still to come for a team that is 21-5 and 7-3 in the Western State

Conference.

"We still feel that we have work to do, but we think we can go far if we just start clicking right now," said Vaden.

The team has hopes of playing Citrus again, and Vaden talked about the possibility of playing them in the playoffs.

"We feel like we can beat them if we get them in the playoffs. We just need to get it together quickly," said Vaden.

Ladies hoops take one of three

By Natalie Rodriguez
Reporter

The Bakersfield College women's basketball team played West Los Angeles on Feb. 3 and came out on top with a 20-point win of 71-51.

Lakai Banks-Dean, sophomore forward, talked after the game about the win.

"We feel great. It's the biggest win of the season. And we thought we put our best effort into it, and we got to see the results of it," said Banks-Dean.

Banks-Dean continued saying, "We knew coming into the game we couldn't take them lightly and they wouldn't take us lightly either. We just have to put it out there and hope for the best."

BC took the lead early and kept it in the first half of the game. At halftime BC lead 28-22 over L.A. West.

Coach Paula Dahl talked about how she thought the team was playing in the first half.

"I was frustrated at halftime because I didn't think we were putting enough energy in. We are not at a point in our season for any game to be just practice," said Dahl.

Sophomore guard Ashlee Taira talked about the degree of difficulty against L.A. West and said, "Right now, I don't think they have won a game in conference, so I wouldn't rate it above a five. I think it's a good win, but it's not something to be overly proud about."

Taira also talked about her performance against L.A. West after the game.

"I feel pretty good. I've been working on it in practice and looking for my open shots and keeping everyone else involved to have good teamwork. I feel pretty good about the win because we have been working on playing together and staying calm," said Taira.

Dahl commented on Taira's game against L.A. West and said, "Ashlee had a great game tonight and against them last time. Before the game, I told her to go out and have fun and she did and took advantage of the openings."

BC lost to Canyons College 93-50 on Feb. 3 and Los Angeles Valley 62-50 on Feb. 15. BC is 8-15 overall and 3-7 in Western State Conference.

BC's last game of the season is at home on Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. against Glendale College.

RIP NATION What is your favorite Winter Olympic sport and why?

Editor's note: Rip Nation is a feature that highlights Bakersfield College's athletes' opinions.



Julie Thomas, women's basketball: "Snowboarding, because I do it myself and I enjoy watching it."



Rickey Wofford, men's basketball: "Bobsledding, Cool Runnings."



Brittany Williams, track and field: "Skiing. I like watching it. It looks hard to do. You could appreciate it."



Rich Hughes, men's basketball head coach: "Bobsledding. I like to see the crashes."



Madison Tarver, women's basketball: "Figure skating, because my mom watches it."

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Team finds ways to win

BASEBALL | Renegades begin season with a loss, but rebound with a win against Hartnell College 22-3 led by solid pitching and hitting.

By Julian Moore
Reporter

The Bakersfield College baseball team is sitting at a 4-2 record after a weekend of getting caught up.

After dropping its home opener to Irvine Valley by a score of 4-1, BC played a home double-header on Feb. 14 to make up games that were rained out the week before.

In game one, Golden West took an early lead, which left the Renegades looking up at an 8-0 hole through three innings.

The Renegades brought in former South high pitcher Joseph Neilson in relief for Art Charles in the fourth inning. Neilson went on to give up six hits and allowed two unearned runs, which kept the Renegades' chances alive.

First baseman Nick Fox helped BC get its offense rolling, by going 3-for-4, including a two-run home run in the fourth.

The Renegades went into the eighth inning trailing 10-9.

With just one out and runners on first and third, left fielder Imaad Nuriddin hit a go-ahead three-run home run that proved to be the game winner.

Nuriddin said of the home run, "He left me a fastball, belt high right over the plate. I was just proud to come through for the team."

Closer Anthony Ramirez came in and picked up the save to finish out the game for BC.

Neilson, who coach Painton called the key to the victory, said, "I wanted to just come in and throw strikes and mainly pound the inside corner."

Neilson went on to say, "Art was having a little trouble, it looked like pounding the zone.



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The Renegades celebrate after Imaad Nuriddin (center) hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the eighth inning, putting the Renegades in the lead at BC on Feb. 14.

Mainly, [I threw] inside fastballs and [tried] getting ahead with my fastball, and then I wanted to come back with a breaking ball and some off speed [pitches]."

Painton was happy with the team being able to battle back the way it did. "I was very pleased," Painton said. "You get down 8-0 the way we were and to be able to scramble back and win a ballgame 12-10, your offense has done a very good job."

In the second game, the Renegades lost 7-3 in a game shortened to seven innings to allow Golden West to get home earlier. The Rustlers' pitcher Chris Devenski threw a complete game, in which he allowed four hits and struck out 13 batters.

In the third, Charles doubled and reached third on an error and was singled home by Fox, who also hit a solo home run in the in the fourth.

"We didn't make early adjustments as we should have been," Nuriddin said. "We kind of stayed on the same path throughout the game. He had

some velocity and a live arm, but we should have adjusted sooner."

Painton wasn't happy about the split but was happy with his team afterwards.

"I think we did a good job the first two ball games. The level of competition jumped up today. I think Golden West is very similar to our ballclub. You saw two very good JC baseball teams today," he said. "You're not happy with it, but I feel like we did a very good job coming back and winning that first one and, overall, that tournament was a very good measuring stick for us."

The Renegades played two games in Visalia for the College of Sequoias tournament, where they faced Hartnell on Feb. 12 and College of Marin on Feb. 13.

Bryan Maxwell picked up the win for BC when it beat Marin 9-6. He gave up five hits over seven innings and 93 pitches.

Centerfielder Andrew Letourneau went 2-for-4 with an RBI and three stolen bases in

the game.

This was the second straight day Charles homered and the second straight win for the Renegades at the time.

The following day, BC's offense was too much for Hartnell, as it won 22-3. Sophomore Charles was a strong 4-for-4 with six RBI.

"Really, just staying focused during the game and letting the ball come to me [as the key]," Charles said. "I kept my body loose instead of being so tight, and it worked out. I was able to hit the ball and hit the ball hard."

BC won its Feb. 16 make-up game against Allan Hancock, 5-2.

Pitcher Danny Armstrong threw six shutout innings to give them the win.

The Renegades play three more home games before heading on the road, starting with San Diego Mesa at home on Feb. 18, followed by a double-header with Moorpark and Oxnard on Feb. 20.

Softball loses costly games

By Natalie Rodriguez
Reporter

the expectation, and the players responded."

The 2010 Bakersfield College softball team traveled to Cerritos on Feb. 14 to play five innings against Cerritos and Antelope Valley College and lost 12-1 and 10-0.

On Feb. 11, BC played College of the Sequoias, a rescheduled game because of weather from Feb. 9, and lost 8-1.

The softball team later played against Saddleback College on Feb. 13 and lost 11-3.

Coach Sandi Taylor talked about the past five games. "We are 0-5 and four of the teams we played were in the final eight in the South or North," said Taylor.

"Cerritos was in the final eight of the state the last four out of five years," said Taylor. She said the main problem when facing the other teams is they are out-hitting BC.

Taylor explained her point and said, "Cerritos had six runs in the first inning on three home runs, but you only get better by playing the harder teams."

BC played a close game Feb. 4 against Fresno City College, but came up short 8-6. In the fourth inning, sophomore catcher Jamie Dumatrait caught a throw by left fielder Jessica Newton-Smith to tag out a runner at home that kept the game scoreless.

Taylor talked about Dumatrait's save. "Left-fielder Jessica Newton-Smith made a great play and then Jamie to hold the ball at home plate. That might be one of the plays I'll remember for a lifetime simply because it was in front of a big crowd and opening night and the crowd kind of erupted," said Taylor. "It was pretty exciting. It was a good play on both parts. But that's what we are supposed to do, that shouldn't be the exception, but

In the top of the fifth inning, Fresno City scored four runs to make the score 5-1.

In the bottom of the fifth, BC freshman Brittney Morrison was up to bat when freshman third baseman Laura Fox came in to score on a wild pitch.

Morrison went on to hit a single to bring in two runs.

"Amanda Roberts gave me an awesome pep talk, and I just went up, and I don't think I was thinking, but it was still pretty cool to come through for my team," said Morrison.

Up next was Dumatrait, who brought in another run with a sacrifice fly to give BC the lead with 6-5 at the end of the fifth inning. "I just knew there were runners on base, and we needed to get some runs in so I did what I knew what to do and got in there," said Dumatrait. In the sixth inning, Fresno City's Kathleen Hernandez hit a home run to bring in two runs and make the score 7-6. Taylor talked about the first loss of the season and what went wrong in the game.

"There was a lot of back and forth. It was a great softball game, but I think we just ran out of time to come back. That's what we needed to see out of the team, the fight and the tenacity to never give up and especially now at 0-5," said Taylor.

Starting pitcher Taylor Ward pitched 5 2/3 innings against Fresno City.

According to the Commission On Athletics sports website, the team's ERA is 11.55, and the team's batting average is .222.

The Feb. 5 game against El Camino is rescheduled for Feb. 26 at Bakersfield College.

The next home games are Feb. 18 against Santa Barbara and Taft on Feb. 20.

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The Renegade Pantry is committed to serving the student body by providing food for students in need.

About the Pantry

In 2009, with massive budget cuts to California Community College special-needs programs, the Student Government Association at Bakersfield College saw a growing need among students on campus. To quote a student, "If you're worried about what you're gonna eat for dinner, then you can't think about the math test you're gonna take the next day." SGA determined that a food bank was needed to serve the needs of the students. Over the winter break, SGA organized The Renegade Pantry. The Pantry's main goal is to help maintain the health and welfare of Bakersfield College students through organized college and community sponsorships and donations of nonperishable food items.

What is provided?

Students have a choice of canned vegetables, fruits, soup, pasta, rice, and cereal. In addition, other items will be provided as they become available such as: macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned tuna, pre-packaged meals, and hygiene products. Food offerings depend on budget restrictions and availability of products.

How does it work?

Students are asked to come to the Student Activities Office (Campus Center 4) with their Bakersfield College IDs to sign up for services. At that time students will choose from a list of available goods and be given a designated pick-up date.

What is the procedure for getting the food?

Students in need must come to the Student Government Office, located in Campus Center 4, to sign up prior to any of the distribution dates. This will ensure that the student receives the appropriate amount of self-selected food. Family size will be taken into consideration

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What is the procedure for connecting with the Renegade Pantry?

You can connect with the Renegade Pantry on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/BakersfieldCollege or in the SGA office, located in Campus Center 4.

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Who is eligible?

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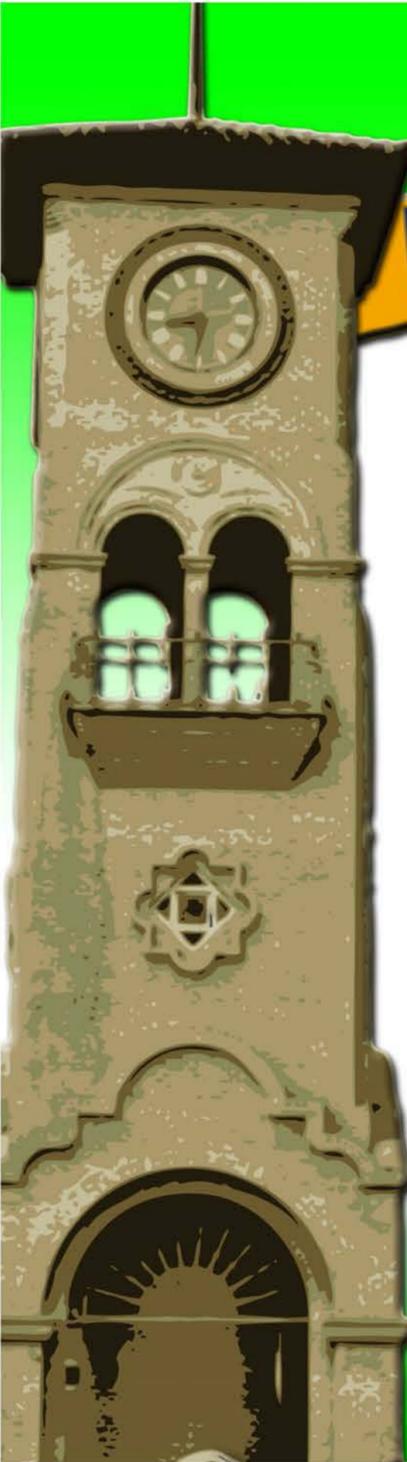


Above: While waiting for jazz band practice, BC music major Chris Ruiz plays guitar.

Left: History major Austin Wooldrige fills the air with beats from his African djembe hand drum on the BC campus Feb. 16.

Below: For the Record guitarist and Bakersfield College culinary arts major Joe Kisselburg plays along with fellow band member and computer science major Ian Fitzpatrick in the free speech area of the BC campus Feb. 16.

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Upcoming Events around Bakersfield

"Ice Worlds" Planetarium Show
February 18 @ BC Planetarium, 7:30 p.m.

Nile Belly Dance Festival - Primal Infusion
February 19 @ The Nile Theatre, 6 p.m.

Bakersfield Art Association Mardi Gras Gala
February 19 @ 7 p.m.

Kern River Blues Society Jam
February 20 @ Trout's, 2 p.m.

Kern County Honor Music Festival
February 25 @ Rabobank Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

George Thorogood and The Destroyers
February 26 @ Fox Theater, 7 p.m.

Unlocked - Singles Mixer
February 27 @ Surface Gallery, 6 p.m.

Kern County Rose Society - Plant Sale
February 27 @ Hall Letter Shop, 8 a.m.

Family Fun Auto & Bike Show
February 27 @ Loudon School

Camelot - Broadway in Bakersfield
February 28 @ Rabobank Theater, 7 p.m.

Sponsored by Mayor Harvey L. Hall

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Featured Event

Panorama Invitational - Gallery at Bakersfield College
Featuring artists from local Kern County High Schools



Located in the The Wylie and May Louise Jones Gallery on the Bakersfield College campus.

The exhibit will run until March 10 and is open Monday through Thursday, 1 - 7 p.m.

A Message from the Mayor's Desk

Bakersfield College Students,

Please help keep our city clean from litter, trash and debris. Use trash cans, ashtrays and recycling bins. Take pride in Bakersfield.

