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BC hosts 'Garden Fest' green expo

Brian N. Willhite

Reporter

The Environmental Horticulture Department at Bakersfield College held its fifth annual "Garden Fest Green and Clean" event April 24, on the BC campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, which hosted over 140 vendors, was open to the public and included attractions such as free horticulture and landscaping seminars and demonstrations given by local professionals in addition to presentations from the horticulture

department staff.

The event also included laser tag and food prepared by the BC culinary department as well as the "Mean and Green" car show, which featured show-style cars from local car clubs and eco-friendly hybrid vehicles to emphasize the "going green" theme in celebration of Earth Day.

The vendors that were featured throughout the show were from local retailers and independent home-based businesses that offered a wide variety of services and arts and crafts including

paintings, ceramics, jewelry and clothing.

Plants were also sold, as well as landscaping accessories like furniture and gardening tools. There were even live Koi fish for sale.

One of the purposes for the show is to exhibit the horticulture department at BC and the work students have accomplished. The green houses were open for the public to view the different projects that the students are involved in, which included one display that showed their recent work with their new hydroponics

technology.

While some organizations were there as retailers, some were there to create awareness and to get the community involved with their cause.

Shri Knight-Stelzner, president of the Kern Association for the Education of Young Children and BC staff member with the child development center, was on hand to get parents and children involved in a free community project that would entertain and teach young children about horticulture.

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JOSEPH COTA / THE RIP
Orchids on display at the BC Garden Fest on April 24.



JOFEL TOLOSA / THE RIP

Students cheer on the speakers at the "Frame UR Future" event held at the Bakersfield College East Forum on April 29.

Event helps students to 'Frame UR Future'

By Alma N. Martinez
Reporter

The Extreme Entrepreneur Tour was brought to Bakersfield College by the Students in Free Enterprise club (SIFE) on April 29. The event was titled "Frame UR Future."

The event took place at the Forum from 2:30 p.m. to roughly 7 p.m. While people were walking into the forum, outside were tables asking students to register for the event in order to keep track of what age group they were serving, said Tate Larsen, 24, assistant tour manager.

While registering for the event, the audience was given backpacks with pamphlets and goodies inside; also, T-shirts were handed out by the American Free Enterprise Dream Big campaign sponsored by the US Chamber of Commerce. The campaign offers practical advice from top young entrepreneurs.



JOFEL TOLOSA / THE RIP
Robert Nicholson speaks at "Frame UR Future" on April 29.

SIFE is the business club at BC, and the reason why they brought the Extreme Entrepreneur Tour was to "inspire those to have courage and go out and develop their own business and to receive advice to help with the journey to success," said the club adviser, Gail Richardson. "The EET is fairly new and we met them when the SIFE team went to the Chicago Collegiate Entrepreneur Organization Conference."

The EET is a collegiate entrepreneurship speaking tour, and according to Richardson it is known to "help people make their dreams into reality," she said. "One of the problems of starting your own business is that you don't really know what to do and we are hoping that this will aid you."

The event consisted of enthusiastic speakers sharing stories and answering questions. Audience interaction was more than encouraged; in fact it was somewhat

"Step one is to commit to some-

thing. Step two is to find or learn the proper technique. Step three is to find people to use as inspiration. Step four is to face your fears and just jump," he said.

"Our goal is to leave you here with the inspiration and tools for you to start making money and leave you knowing that if opportunity does not knock you need to build the door," said Moodie.

The EET's goal is to demonstrate

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BC student turned Hollywood actor, now YouTube regular

Mateo M. Melero
Reporter

Bakersfield College has a blooming, paid, Hollywood working actor among its student body. The 21-year-old Ben Austin Lejuene, who played a Queen's guard in Tim Burton's "Alice In Wonderland," is now starring in the YouTube action series, "Secret Weapon."

The show revolves around two friends, Robbie and Charlie. Lejuene's

character, Charlie, is jokingly described by the actor as a "womanizer." Lejuene says, "He's just interested in women. He doesn't know if what he is going to do is going to get him in trouble, but he doesn't care. He lives in the moment."

Lejuene's personality and Charlie's character differ and the actor says, "I love playing characters that completely contradict myself. I am a straight edged kid, I've never even cut class, I've never had coffee, never had alcohol, [I] don't

smoke, don't do drugs, never done any of that stuff, and then for me to play this character, I just love it."

Shot from the handheld camera of Robbie, the story follows the misadventures of the duo, which gets into the middle of a warzone while pursuing an XFX graphics solution model.

Robbie, who is the most cautious of the pair, warns Charlie against following the model, but Charlie's curiosity gets the best of him and the two end up

in dire straits.

Working with everything from Humvees, helicopters and gasoline-powered prop machine guns, Lejuene says, "It's very action packed and very intense."

David Sinatra and David Falossi direct the show, and so far a three-part episode has been filmed. The first part of episode one was posted on YouTube on April 18, the second part posted on April 22 with a third part to follow, and

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Fun in the sun: Kern style

By Kelly Ardis
Editor in chief

Summer is upon us, and once we're out of class, the world is our oyster for four months. For those bound to the smaller, Bakersfield-area oyster, don't fret. There is still plenty to do, believe it or not. Here is your guide to summer fun ... Kern County style.

Skydiving

After about 20 minutes of training, guests of Skydive Taft can be in the plane and ready to jump. Skydive Taft offers tandem skydiving for \$180, with special prices for groups and military. They are open from 8 a.m. until sunset daily, but all jumps require a reservation. To make an appointment or for more information, go to www.SkydiveTaft.com.

Bakersfield Blaze

Bakersfield's minor league baseball team plays at Sam Lynn Ballpark (4009 Chester Ave.) throughout the summer. Game day prices range from \$5 to \$9, and groups can receive discounted tickets. There are different promotions every day of the week, including: free hot dog, chips and drink for children 12 and under on Wednesdays; \$1 domestic beer and \$1 fountain drinks on Thursdays; and buy-one-get-one-free ticket offers for military, police, firefighters and paramedics on Fridays.

River Rafting

Kern River Tours, based in Lake Isabella, gives guests the chance to tour and explore the Kern River with experienced guides. Guests can choose from different difficulties, from mild to wild. Prices range from \$36.05 for the three-mile "Lickety Split" trip, to \$868 for the three-day class V difficulty "Forks of the Kern" trip. For more information, please visit www.KernRiverTours.com.

Raceways

Bakersfield car fans have two places to get their fix in the Bakersfield area: Famoso Raceway and Bakersfield Speedway. Both tracks have events planned throughout the summer. Famoso Raceway is located about 25 miles north of Bakersfield in McFarland, and Bakersfield Speedway is located at 5001 N. Chester Ext.



Wildlife

The California Living Museum (CALM) is home to various animals and plants native to California. Currently, CALM is preparing a new mountain lion/bobcat exhibit, which is set to open this summer. The zoo houses more than 80 species of animals that cannot be released back into the wild for medical reasons. CALM is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children (3-12) and free for children under three. CALM is located in Bakersfield at 10500 Alfred Harrell Highway.

Art

Downtown Bakersfield is alive with art. Metro Galleries (1604 19th St.), Surface Gallery (1703 20th St.), the Bakersfield Museum of Art (1930 R St.) and the Bellmoore (2001 Chester Ave.) are all full of art of different mediums. First Friday takes place downtown on the first Friday of each month and is an event that promotes these galleries and more.

Wine

Oenophiles of Bakersfield don't have to travel far for wine hotspots around Kern County. Imbibe Wine and Spirits Merchant sells all kinds of wine from around the state, country and world. Imbibe frequently has new arrivals and also has events throughout the summer. Imbibe is located in Bakersfield at 4140 Truxtun Ave. and is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For those willing to travel a little farther, the Souza Family Vineyard boasts "Tuscany in Tehachapi." The vineyard's tasting room and gift shop is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For directions or more information on the Souza Family Vineyard, visit www.SouzaFamilyVineyard.com.

Bars

For those interested in more than wine, Bakersfield has numerous bars. From the upscale to the grungy, there is bound to be the right bar for anyone. For a dive bar, check out The Mint (1207 19th St.); for a sports bar, try Tailgater's Sports Bar & Grill (900 Truxtun Ave.); and for some food with your drinks, try Lengthwise Brewing Co. (6720 Schirra Court).

Camping and hiking

The Kern Valley is the home of the Sequoia National Forest and many other areas for hiking and camping. One trail to check out is the Trail of a Hundred Giants, a self-guided, half-mile hike. Cedar Creek Campgrounds is about 60 miles outside of Bakersfield and has trails near the campgrounds, including Old Sled Trail and Bull Run Cattle Drive. Check out www.KernValley.com for more camping and hiking in Kern Valley.

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Student Government Association Presents...

Mission

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.

Vision

Eliminating Hunger One Student at a Time.
Food donations can be made at Campus Center 4.

2010 Distribution Dates

The following dates are for pick-up only: May 6 & 27, June 10 & 24. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SGA summer hours are subject to change and will be posted on the Bakersfield College SGA Facebook page and SGA website by May 14, 2010. Please feel free to contact The Renegade Pantry Director for more information on how you can contribute to The Renegade Pantry's mission.

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.

What you can do to help...

Business Partnerships: Organizations that can provide regular needed donations can help improve our services to the students a great deal. We will accept non-perishable food items, personal care items, along with monetary donations. **The Renegade Pantry is a Non-Profit Organization. All monetary donations are tax-deductible.** Checks should be made payable to The Renegade Pantry and mailed or dropped off at: "The Renegade Pantry" c/o Student Activities Office, 1801 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield CA 93305. Individuals can donate using the above described procedures.

Who is eligible?

Any currently registered student in need of food. No student will be turned away.



Above: Artie (Ricky Usher) dips girlfriend Bunny (Catt Lopez) onto a table during the Bakersfield College theater department's play "The House of Blue Leaves" on April 28.

Below: Nuns, (from left) Riki Suzuki, Kathy Hart and Mandie Sopher sing "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" in the play "The House of Blue Leaves" on April 28.

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Dark comedy lights up indoor theater

PLAY | Bakersfield College theater director Jennifer Sampson puts on "wacky, dark comedy."

By Katie Avery
Opinions editor

The new play on campus, "The House of Blue Leaves," opened at Bakersfield College April 29, to a crowd of roughly 80 people.

According to director Jennifer Sampson, "The House of Blue Leaves" is a "wacky, dark comedy about an aging lounge singer with dreams of stardom." The main character, Artie, is 45 years old with a crazy wife, a ditzy girlfriend and a son who went AWOL from the army. "The whole family is obsessed with fame," she said.

The "House of Blue Leaves" was written by John Guare and opened in 1971. It is set in New York in 1965 and the madness ensues when everyone hears that the pope is coming to town.

"It's tough balancing the realism and the surrealism of the play," Sampson said. The actors have to convince the audience that the characters are real, yet they have parts where they speak directly to the audience, which is called "breaking the fourth wall," in theater.

Ricky Usher, who plays Artie, said the biggest challenge in this play for him was having to sing. "I've never sang in my life," and he usually sings to get into character, he said. Prior to opening night, he said he was most looking forward to interacting with the audience, and that feedback from an audience can make or break the performance.

"If I get laughs, it means all the hard work I put in paid off." He added, "The cast is wonderful, everyone here deserves a lot of credit."

"It looks like they had quite a good turnout for an opening night," said computer science major, Philip Scott, 64. Scott, who attends many local shows, said the performance was very good. "It's absurd, with lots of humor in it, I enjoyed it."

Chairs were set up on a hand-made platform directly on the stage in the theater so the audience was just a few feet away from the action and set on opening night. "Seating on stage means more building," said Kevin Ganger, the technical director. The crew had to build a platform that could sit close to 80 people comfortably and safely. "It's a very intimate experience."

Ganger, 25, is in charge of all the technical aspects of the play: primarily lighting sound and set. Though it is only his second play at BC, he has done a number of jobs for a total of about 45 shows. Because nearly all of the cast and crew are

students who have daytime classes, Ganger had to do a lot of work on his own. "It's very hard to put up walls with just myself," he said. One of the best parts about working on a student show like this is seeing how much the actors have grown in the past few weeks. "Seeing how much the play grows from start to finish is pretty amazing," he said.

"I've never had an audience this close before," said actress and student Katy Michelle Lewis about the intimate setting. Lewis plays Artie's crazy wife, Bananas, and said it's fun playing a crazy person but extremely challenging. "I kind of get to play it all."

"The rehearsal process has been fun," Sampson said. Her favorite scenes are "when everyone is onstage and there's total mayhem going on. It's the hardest to block, but it's fun to see everybody."

As director, her job is basically to oversee everything: blocking, characterizations, accents, dancing, singing, costumes, properties, set dressing and "anything that's going on in the show," she said.

"I give total props to her for all her hard work," said assistant director Matt Mizell, 18, about Sampson. He also added, "each and every person is dedicated to it 100 percent, and I just enjoy working with all of them." In addition to being assistant director, Mizell also has a role in the show where he provides a few comedic elements.

"You believe they're acting," said student Kimme Francis, "they're really in character." Francis, who attended the show as part of her drama class, said she really enjoyed the characters and thought the actors made the performance believable.

"I love to see them laugh," said actor Michael Grant, who plays Artie's son Ronnie. "Nothing changes a comedy more than an audience." He said this is his first dark comedy and he enjoys the fact that the jokes may be bad, but it's still OK to laugh. "You laugh at tragedy." In addition to acting, Grant writes plays and is hoping to get one produced soon.

Playing a nun is male actor Riki Suzuki, and he said that playing a woman is the strangest and most challenging role he has had. "I'm trying to not walk like a man."

"I really love when the nuns come in, they burst onto the scene and they're just hilarious," said Lewis about her favorite scene.

The "House of Blue Leaves" will be playing at BC's indoor theater May 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. General admission is \$5.50 and is \$3.50 for students, staff, seniors and military.

Cheap textbook rentals now available online

TEXTBOOKS | Renting textbooks online via Web sites like Chegg.com opens up new resources for students' book needs.

By Anthony B. Ellrott
Copy editor

Several online sources allow students to buy their textbooks at reduced prices including Amazon and eBay. However, what many students don't know is that a site is available that will allow students to rent their textbooks at a significant discount which is saving students hundreds of dollars per semester.

The online site, Chegg.com, offers students various options, which not only include renting their textbooks, but also allows them to purchase the books at fair market value if they so wish.

Chegg was founded in 2005 by Osman Rashid and Ayush Phumbhra in Santa Clara. Rashid and Phumbhra had trouble finding jobs after graduation because they couldn't find employment without experience and couldn't get experience without being on the job.

"The name Chegg was born by asking ourselves, 'Which came first, the chicken or the egg?'" said Rashid. "It explained our post-graduation situation perfectly."

Mark Adams, Cal State Bakersfield student majoring in liberal arts, said he's been using Chegg for over three years and wouldn't use anything else.

"The textbooks for my classes this semester would have cost me about \$750 from the campus bookstore," he said. "To rent my books from Chegg only cost me \$155 and the return shipping will be free."

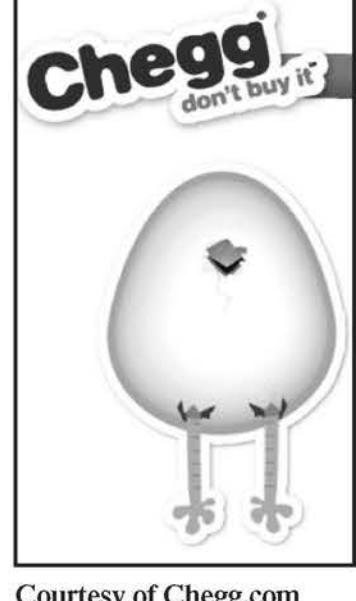
Jane Foreman, Bakersfield College liberal arts major, conveyed that while she had an issue with Chegg, it was taken care of quickly.

"Nothing is ever perfect, especially when you're dealing with a company that deals with as many students as Chegg does," she said. "My issue was that shipping was one day later than they said it would be, and they refunded my shipping immediately. It's definitely a site worth checking out."

As of the end of April, Chegg claimed it has saved students almost \$200 million.

Emily Davenport, BC nursing major, expressed her interest in using Chegg for the first time.

"I've never heard of Chegg before," she said.



Courtesy of Chegg.com

"Wow, planting trees, that is awesome," he said on the Chegg Web site. "I heard about the Web site in Newsweek and decided to go this route instead of the old 'buying from the overpriced bookstore' route."

Chegg also has a program for students who want to promote the site by talking to their friends. The program, called Chegg Champions, assigns students a discount code that they can give their friends and family for an additional five percent off the total price of rental and shipping.

When the discount code is used, the site keeps track of how many times it's applied by various

students and then gives the owner of the discount code \$5 per time the code is used in the form of a Visa debit card.

Janice Horace, Cal State Fresno student, said she made \$200 at the beginning of the fall quarter because the discount code she gave to her friends was used so often.

"This is a killer program, being able to earn money every time someone uses your code," she said. "I end up keeping the Visa card until the next quarter and then, in effect, my books end up being free to me."

Interested students can learn more about Chegg or the Chegg Champions program by visiting www.chegg.com and www.cheggchampions.com.

Program receives nod on BC campus

By Laura Liera
Reporter

Dedication, inspiration, hard work, completion of classes and transfers and jobs were the messages the annual graduation ceremony and 40th Anniversary of EOP&S/CARE/ CalWORKS program held on April 21 in the Bakersfield College cafeteria, presented to its audience.

Students, who are graduating this spring semester and were a part of one of the programs, were enthused at attending the dinner.

"My sister didn't come to this ceremony and she regretted it, so I really don't want to do the same because I am happy to be a part of the EOP ceremony," said Annabel Rangel, 21, child development major.

The ceremony began with Primavera Arvizu, director of EOP&S/CARE/CalWORKS, who said opening thank you's to staff and organizers for the event. She also welcomed BC President Greg Chamberlain onto the stage, who gave the welcoming speech.

"We are going somewhere really exciting with these programs, and I am very proud of the work that is being done by EOP&S/CARE/CalWORKS," said Chamberlain.

Keynote speaker Olivia Garcia, vice president of content for The Bakersfield Californian and BC adjunct journalism professor, spoke about her journey through life and how her involvement in the EOP&S program at BC impacted her.

"It means a lot to me, the 40 years we are celebrating because going through these programs myself has helped me become who I am today," said Garcia.

Garcia shared advice with the students on how to continue to go on with school and give it their all.

"Follow your dreams and understand that anything is possible. Use your past as a source



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Doris Givens speaks during the second half of the EOP&S "Springtime in Paris" awards dinner and ceremony in the Bakersfield College cafeteria April 21.

of strength and have desire. The desire that comes from within that will drive you to accomplish what you want," said Garcia.

Another keynote speaker, Doris Givens, Kern Community College District vice chancellor of educational services, also gave advice to students. "Do not let anybody control your thinking," said Givens.

After the speakers, a 40th anniversary video was shown and it gave a historical story line of when EOP&S began.

The second half of the ceremony was the presentation of awards and each program had nominations for outstanding student, most inspirational, academic excellence outstanding student for professionalism and student for perseverance.

Following these nominations were the announcements of graduation candidates, presented by Vera Diaz, EOP&S counselor; Manuel Gonzales, EOP&S counselor; and Bonita Lopez, adjunct EOP&S counselor. There were a total of 50

graduates that were a part of EOP&S program, but only 26 of those students attended the ceremony.

Not only to celebrate the graduates, this ceremony was also to celebrate Gonzales's years of service, who is retiring after working 36½ years at BC and 21 years as director of EOP&S. He has mentored and affected student and staff lives and EOP&S students have returned to thank him for the support he has provided.

"I have been blessed to have worked here at Bakersfield College. Especially with a program that has allowed me to meet thousands of students," said Gonzales.

Gonzales thanked family, colleagues, administrators and students for making his years at BC memorable.

"I thank everyone and I have to say I am not counting the days to retire, like many may think. It is a bittersweet moment because I have been here for some time," said Gonzales.

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Graduation nearing, students weigh in

Laura Liera
Reporter

Many Bakersfield College graduating students this semester will be participating in the graduation ceremony on May 14 in the Memorial Stadium.

According to a graduation candidate letter, Sue Vaughn from office of Admissions and Records, stated that "approximately 1,200 students will be graduating this year and over 500 are participating in the ceremony."

Sometimes, students don't participate in the graduation ceremony because they are graduating from a community college.

In a survey of 30 BC students who are graduating, though, they all filed to participate in the

ceremony.

Sara Harb, 21, radiology major, said, "students should attend the ceremony because it makes you feel a part of BC and receiving that diploma from the college president is different from receiving it in the mail."

She also mentioned that participating in the ceremony herself was a way of making her feel a part of the BC family atmosphere the college offers for the years a person is at the college.

Andres Ortiz, 20, Spanish major, is the first from his family to graduate from community college.

"It's a privilege for being the first from my family to walk down that stage, but it's also a sense of accomplishment be-

World War II students to be honored

By Alma N. Martinez
Reporter

With graduation approaching, all students that have filed for graduation will celebrate their commencement on May 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This will be Bakersfield College's 96th Commencement ceremony. Also this commencement will have added honors to those students who attended BC before 1945 and were of Japanese descent and sent to the camps when World War II took place.

Sue Vaughn, director of admissions and records, was the person put in charge of finding these individuals or their relatives, since most of them are deceased. Through looking at the BC archives and sorting out old transcripts prior to 1945, some of the students were successfully contacted.

The majority of the students that were asked to relocate are not in the United States and in response to that fact, Vaughn added, "If they cannot come to the commencement, we are sending their honorary diplomas to them."

When the Japanese students were forced to relocate, "Bakersfield College was good to these students," said Vaughn.

"Not only did BC mail them their diploma but also their yearbook."

There are three kinds of people who will be eligible to receive this diploma: those who were supposed to graduate in 1941, those who were going to continue and those who did not finish because of the relocation camps.

Those who will attend commencement and are able to participate will wear red cap and gowns to be distinguished among the rest.

Local veteran honored

By Laura Liera
Reporter

"We are here today because of what you did yesterday," said East Bakersfield High School Principal Lee Vasquez at the Raymond Permenter Memorial Display in the school's Career Center. A dedication ceremony was conducted on April 24 to honor Ray Permenter, who was killed during World War II.

Raymond Permenter was the first student-athlete who became the first Blade athlete to earn 12 athletic letters and was honored by being selected to join the All-County football and basketball teams. "Ray scored East's first ever touchdown against rival Bakersfield High with his 68-yard interception return, and his 'grand slam' home run gave East a win over the Drillers in baseball," according to the memorial display.

Richard Lemocchi, 87, East High School alumnus, played football and basketball with Ray. "I knew Ray since grammar school and having the opportunity to play sports with him in high school was absolutely wonderful and an honor because Ray was fun to be around and always had a smile on his face. You never could have known he was an all-American athlete because he was always humble and a great teammate," said Lemocchi.

Ray enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in April 1943, and was a part of the 485th Bomb Group who flew many strategic missions over Europe, completing numerous bombing strikes that destroyed oil refineries, ammunition and ball-bearing factories that crippled the German war efforts and hastened the end of the war.

Ned Permenter, 72, Ray's second cousin, was involved heavily in doing this memorial for Ray. There was confusion on the East High football field, which was dedicated as Permenter Field in a public ceremony, held on April 7, 1948. "Many people thought the field was named after me," said Permenter. "I coached at Foothill 40 years, and with no first name on the Memorial at the field, people were starting to become confused about



(From left) Memorial designer Denise Avery, Ned Permenter, brother of SSgt. Raymond Permenter and Kevin Keyes of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools office pose in front of a new memorial at East High School on April 24.

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who they named the field after and I wanted to clarify that. I also wanted to educate students about the 485th Bomb Group and WWII, honor all vets and to teach students the sacrifices made for their way of life and freedom," he said.

Finding intensive and thorough research on World War crash sites, lost planes and soldiers is author Jerry W. Whiting's interest. "Once you open the door to uncover something like this, other things just continue to come up and the door is never closed," said Whiting. Whiting writes about the 485th Bomb Group in order to reunite veterans and partisans.

"I was desperate to put all those pictures up at East High and put something together for Ray because he was a great individual who sacrificed his life for our freedom, like many soldiers are doing today," said Permenter.

Ray's last mission was to bomb the heavily fortified Florisdorf Oil Refinery in Vienna, Austria. This refinery provided the German army with much of its oil supply, and was defended by numerous anti-aircraft "flak" guns and Nazi fighter planes. Ray's plane, "Lazy Eight," was shot down by flak and all crew-members aboard died, according to Whiting's discoveries.

Permenter had many photos of Ray and walked into the Kern High School District with a trash bag full of letters, newspaper clippings and photos of Ray.

Denise Avery, graphic artist for the Kern High School District, met with Ned and Kevin Keyes, superintendent of schools representative, to talk about a possible memory shadow box to be displayed in the East High career center.

"I donated my time to get it all together and it took about six months," said Avery. Avery saw the enthusiastic idea Ned had and said it was "an honor and touching experience working on something like this."

Ray's sister, Barbara Permenter Cady, 89, East High and Bakersfield College alumni, attended the ceremony and felt happy to know her brother was being remembered after so many years. "Ned kept me and Norm, my husband, informed about all of the things he was doing, but I never imagined it would look this great," said Permenter Cady. She believes Ray joined the military because it was something everyone was doing during that time and he was determined to give up his life to save the lives of his family and loved ones. "He was a good boy, a good brother, very modest and humble, and I miss him every day," she said.

Bakersfield College veterans gain approval to form new campus club

VETERANS CLUB | New club on campus gains Student Government Association approval.

By Laura Liera
Reporter

The Bakersfield College Student Government Association voted on Friday, April 30 on the official creation of the BC Veterans Club.

The SGA general counsel approved the Veterans Club's constitution and gave the potential club's members the opportunity to talk for approximately two minutes on why the club should

be official before the committee voted.

Michelle Anthony, business major said, "BC veterans need awareness and any possible help from other veterans will help them out throughout school."

J.R. Browning, member of the club, as well as one of the founding members of the club, said at the voting, "I've been working six months to get this club to you because I saw the need to get this across," he said. "I saw lost veterans on campus, myself included, and I knew that by having a club, the veteran and non-veteran students could help

each other out."

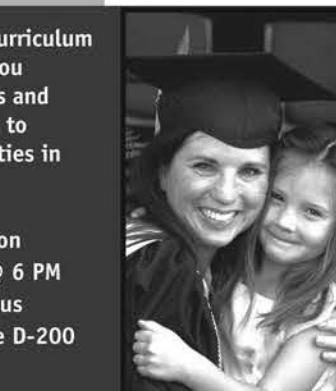
"This club is for ourselves and for anyone who is interested in being a part of a veteran's life," Browning said.

Skip Hill, BC counselor for Disabled Student Programs & Services and a second advisor for the club, talked about the journey of having a veterans club on campus and the fact that it's finally becoming a reality.

"I am very supportive of this club and it has come to this point now for veterans on campus to network, and this club will encourage the veterans of BC to do great things in life," said Hill.

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Bakersfield College Chorale and Chamber Singers Concert

Dr. Ronald M. Kean conducts the Bakersfield College Chorale and Chamber Singers in a spring concert of love songs with classical and popular poetry. The concert is on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. General admission is \$8 and \$5 for students, seniors, active military and staff. Tickets are available at the door.

"Ice Worlds" show at BC planetarium

Bakersfield College's William M. Thomas Planetarium presents "Ice Worlds" on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call the BC Ticket Office at 395-4326 or go to www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/ticketoffice. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Doors open 30 minutes before show time. Shows sell out regularly, so purchase tickets early. Ticket prices are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for seniors and children.

Secret Steps to Successful Gardening presentation

Career Development and Workforce Preparation Community Education Course presents Secret Steps to Successful Gardening with Michael Monji. In addition to classes, Monji will offer a field trip to show the do's and the don'ts of proper landscaping. The event will happen on May 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bakersfield College Horticulture Lab area. Fee is \$35 and no pre-payment is required. Credit cards, check or money order are accepted, no cash. Call Tina at 395-4089 to register.

Memorial Run/Walk 5K Race at Yokuts Park

The Memorial Run/Walk 5K Race will be held on May 29 at Yokuts Park at 7:30 a.m. Registration time is 6:15 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Pre-registration is \$20 for adults, \$15 for minors and is due by May 26. Day of registration is \$25. The race supports the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault. Contact Terri Inda at 322-0931 for more information. T-shirts will be given to the first 200 participants and there will be awards for up to third place in all age groups.

BC program offering internships in five areas

Bakersfield College's Student Internship Program offers five occupational disciplines: Digital Arts, Business, Horticulture, Automotive and Welding. Students interested need to notify an instructor in your major and be referred to Janie Budy in the Office of Career and Technical Education or contact her directly at extension 4089.

GARDEN FEST: Annual BC Garden Festival takes over campus

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The young children and their parents would use a small, specially designed planting cup that they would fill with soil and a few sunflower seeds. The filled cups, which are made out of peat moss, can then be planted as they are once water is added, according to Knight-Stelzner.

However, not all of the vendors were promoting ag related themes and services. One such group, the Bakersfield Historical Costuming Society, was at Garden Fest to introduce their organization and add a new dimension to the festivities.

"We're just trying to bring to Garden Fest a taste of the arts to a venue that usually doesn't see theater and that sort of thing," said Kathryn Clowes, president of the organization.

Clowes, along with her costumed associates, sold various self-crafted items like necklaces, tea cups and pin-cushions to support their group. Their costumes were self-made and designed in the "Steampunk" fashion, which is a Victorian-era style with a sci-fi edge that draws inspiration from steam driven technology and robotic designs derivative of 19th century concepts.

The Student Government Association was also on hand to promote BC and to raise funds for the Renegade Pantry by selling SGA T-shirts for a donation, according to Lisa English, student ambassador for the agriculture department and recent winner of the SGA presidential election.

BC student and business administration major Francisa Ramirez, 26, was excited about Garden Fest and especially liked the Orchid display put on by the Golden Empire Orchid Society in one of the green houses. She also enjoyed shopping at the show with the variety of retailers present at the event.

"I loved it. I came out to support the BC programs and I thought the whole thing was pretty cool," said Ramirez.

Professors Lindsay Ono and



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Garden Fest attendees check out vendors April 24. The Bakersfield Agriculture department hosted the event.

Sally Sterns, both with the environmental horticulture department, were also very pleased with the show and the turnout from the public.

"Well, today, by many of the vendors it was considered a major success. We had a great turn out with the best weather possible in Bakersfield. Everybody enjoyed the atmosphere and enjoyed the sense of community," said Ono.

Ono proceeded to describe how Garden Fest started five years ago as a small gathering with only five participants, four of which were local nurseries and one garden group. The show now begins the day at 4

a.m. with a continuously growing number of vendors participating, including an estimated 75 student volunteers assisting in the success of the event. Last year's event had over 3,000 people in attendance.

Sterns was also excited about the number of participants from BC groups that got involved this year.

"We had more BC groups involved, either individual staff or faculty members, and also a lot of clubs here -- more than ever before," said Sterns. "And, there really isn't another event on campus that invites everyone for one day to be in one spot together."

HILL: DSFS counselor is reassigned

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be involved with assisting DSFS and disabled students with his new job duties.

"As they considered the points that Diana Kelly and I had put forth and the efforts of Angelica, our director, and others, that, 'Well maybe it would be helpful if we left Skip at least part-time in disabled student services.' They decided that I would be 20 percent disabled student services, 80 percent counsel.

"The way that will work out is that I will teach Student Development 1 — four sections of that — which is two units a semester. And, those will be classes that will be closed classes you might say or special classes designed specifically for people in disabled student services. So yes, everybody could enroll in that, but the priority goes to [qualifying disabled students] because we're going to do some things that are going to be helpful for our students. So, they'll have to have a signature from me in order to get in," he said.

Hill feels fortunate that he will be able to stay at BC and continue contributing to disabled student services. He also understands that the economic conditions surrounding California colleges is serious and affecting many other departments, too.

"It works out well for me; as well as it could in light of the



John "Skip" Hill

situation. I don't think any of us felt that, you know, reducing the services to students with disabilities was going to be the right thing to do, but it's not just us, it's happening statewide. Every single college around the state is hit with about a 40 percent reduction or more in their services for students with disabilities. So, it's going to be a challenge," he said.

"The majority of our people right now are coming to us not only for their accommodations and services, like, for extra time on tests and things, but they also come to us for academic counseling, advice and assistance with educational plans and things like that. So, by having me out of here it is going to put the entire load of disabilities related counseling primarily on Diana Kelly."

Hill will still be a full-time employee come the start of the fall semester, and though he stays optimistic for DSFS, he knows that they will be facing tough challenges and is concerned for the students.

"We anticipate it's going to be quite an adjustment for our students."

LEJUENE: BC actor in show

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12 episodes are to be expected if everything works out.

Found by the directors on www.LAcasting.com, a networking site for aspiring actors, LeJuene was called in for an audition. On the way to the audition, LeJuene suffered from a blown radiator on the Grapevine and waited on the side of the road until help arrived. Initially thinking that he was going to miss the audition, he called his mom, who went to the auto parts store, and with the help of a California Highway Patrol officer got his car running again, making it to the audition 10 minutes before the deadline.

"They were happy to see me; [they said], 'the Bakersfield guy is here.' I'm always known as the Bakersfield guy, because I come from farther away than anyone else that auditions," said LeJuene.

During the audition, he performed as both characters, receiving great praise from the directors and was eventually given the part. "It was almost midnight when they called me up. David Felosi called me up at eleven something p.m. and said, 'Hey we thought your audition was outstanding and we want you to play Charlie,'" said LeJuene. "It woke me up, and I was like, 'OK, I can do that.'"

LeJuene is being paid for his work in the miniseries and says, "It's ridiculous how much money they can give people," lightening the seri-

ousness of the statement with his distinctive laugh.

LeJuene has a great love for acting. Influenced by his grandmother and drama teacher, he says, "What I love most about acting ... I don't know how to put that into words; I know how I feel. I love not being me. I love being able to be someone else."

Targeted by bullies in junior high, LeJuene faced much negativity and character challenges during his early teen years. "When I was in middle school, I had the biggest confidence issues because I got made fun of so much and people picked fights with me," said LeJuene.

Motivated by the challenges faced earlier in his life, LeJuene began to focus on acting. "I didn't want to be that anymore, I didn't want to be the kid that people made fun of. I don't know why it turned into acting, but I think acting really made me think that it was going to cure up my timidity, and it's going to allow me to be outgoing and everything," said LeJuene.

"That's why I love acting, because if I couldn't act, who knows, I might still be that same person," said LeJuene. "In which case, I may have developed some kind of disorder."

When not acting in Hollywood, LeJuene attends Bakersfield College and takes small parts for Sheila McClure's plays, and waits for calls from Hollywood.

FUTURE:
Group riles up students

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that anybody, especially young people, can create tremendous innovation, wealth and impact in today's global and rapidly evolving technology world, according to the EET's founders' letter.

The first keynote speaker of the event was Robert Nicholson. He shared the story of his success as well.

"I was the fourth out of six kids and so my dad had a rule that once you turned 18, you had to leave the house. When I turned 18, I felt lost and the future made no sense," he shared.

Nicholson wanted to buy a house and asked his father for advice only to hear him say, "'Son, there's a place called the library, go there. In the library they have these things called books and in those books they teach you how to buy a house,' and so I went." That's how he came across the book that inspired him, "Rich Dad Poor Dad."

Nicholson graduated from Ohio State University in 2009. He advised surrounding yourself with people that you can relate to because those who you associate with will affect your future.

"Having the right people around you is the most important thing to an entrepreneur," Nicholson said.

After the first keynote speaker, Moodie continued talking to the audience and shared more words of wisdom, "The more you do, and the more you fail, the better off you'll be."

When speaking on how to start your own business, Moodie compared it to playing a sport. "When learning how to play a sport, you learn by practicing and the business world is no different. Chances are your first business will fail but you will learn from it," Moodie said. "The key to start a business is doing something you would do for free but doing it so well that people pay you for it."

He also advised to share goals with as many people as possible because most will want to help. "People will not steal your ideas," he joked.

The second keynote speaker, Lauren Berger, also shared her story of success to inspire and prove that it is possible even when others may tell you it's not. She gave a few tips to the audience about landing your first internship. Berger is the creator of Intern Queen Inc., a website with the goals to raise internship awareness. She held 15 internships throughout her four years in college and now offers tips and connects students with internships. According to the tour's pamphlet, Berger has interned at FOX, NBC, MTV and BWR public relations. She shared that all of her internships were obtained by being persistent and taking advantages of the resources available.

The event also held a panelist that answered audience questions and helped with their ideas.

Daryl Dean B. Santos, 20, business administration major and Cal State Bakersfield student, has been part of the SIFE club for about two-and-a-half years. He said that he got valuable information from the event and reassurance on the fact that everything is possible.

"If these entrepreneurs can create businesses and become successful before their thirties, why in the heck can't I do as well or even better," Santos said enthusiastically.

The BC SIFE club has meetings twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and everyone is welcome to join and does not necessarily have to be a business major. Contact them through bcseife@gmail.com for more information. To learn more about the Dream Big campaign, visit www.freecenterprise.com and for more on EET, visit www.extremetour.org.

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