

## Mixing time limits and zombies makes 'Rising' a difficult run-through

By Martin Chang  
Reporter

Dead Rising 2 offers an enthralling gaming experience that often times is very fun. Unfortunately the game is also marred by many problems that often makes the game a more frustrating, hard to play experience than it should.

### VIDEO GAME REVIEW

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Dead Rising 2 follows the story of Chuck Greene who finds himself in a zombie-infested Fortune City, a fictionalized version of Las Vegas; he must get his daughter medicine to prevent her from becoming a zombie. He also finds himself framed for causing the zombie outbreak.

Chuck Greene is a very strong character. He has action movie strength, while his bond with his daughter shows his softer side.

Some of the best moments are when you see Chuck smile after making a weapon, and the cut scenes with his daughter. This care he has for her runs through the entire game, and it gives the game suspense it would not otherwise have.

But the one-dimensional nature of the rest of the characters wears thin, and the villains over-the-top nature, while a little entertaining, also wears thin. The plot against Chuck starts out interesting, but soon is revealed in a predictable fashion.

The game's time limit is a driving force of the game play and gives the game a frantic feeling. All the objectives including plot objectives have a time limit. If you do not complete the plot objectives in time, your game will end.

Because of this, you must skip many side objectives in order to continue the plot of the game. This is really too bad, since the characters you meet in these side

objectives have a lot of personality.

Dead Rising 2 has a very high difficulty level. Some aspects of this difficulty make this game a truly exhilarating experience. Between the time limit and the number of zombies (an impressive number), you often make it with little life and time to spare. This gives the game a teeth-grinding, suspenseful quality that is engaging.

The game captures the impossible and desperate nature of a zombie attack really well. This creates a feeling that is unique and special in video games. It is almost enough to overlook the game's other problems.

Yet there are other moments, such as, but not limited to, the boss encounters, where the difficulty seems to ramp up at random, and you are given no guidance on how to continue. These parts are not fun and will be frustrating for many.

The game's weapons designs

are a ton of fun. You can combine weapons like bats and nails to turn them into creative and entertaining weapons. It is clear that the designers of the game had a great time creating the weapons and it comes through in their design.

Yet the combat system, general controls, and the way the weapons are implemented are lacking. All of the attacks are controlled on one button. You often do the strong attack when you meant to do the weak attack. Picking up weapons and closing doors are also more difficult than it should be. The attack animations are slow and deliberate. While they are fun to watch, they become tiresome, especially when zombies surround you and you meant to do the faster attack.

The slow nature of the attacks means you will often miss your intended target. The whole game has a slow nature that takes a long time to get used to, and it seems at odds with the frantic



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mood of the game. The game's long cut scenes and load times also interrupt the flow of the game. The weapons also run out

quickly, and, while this adds suspense, you often find yourself without any useful weapons, and you end up stuck.

## Fried chicken plus Chinese equals terrible time

By Michael Wafford  
Opinions Editor

Louisiana Fried Chicken Chinese Food provides a wide selection of dishes for a fast food restaurant. There's only one problem - none of it is very good.

Joined by several companions were headed to the restaurant,

### FOOD REVIEW

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located at 1301 Union avenue, Louisiana Famous Fried Chicken has two locations in Bakersfield with the other being on Ming.

The menu delivered what the name had advertised. From fried chicken and seafood yumbo to orange chicken and egg rolls, the restaurant's menu had a good amount of variety, even offering horchata, rice milk most often served in Mexican restaurants.

My meal consisted of fried chicken with a side of fried rice, beef and broccoli and a dinner roll with an Orange Bang as my drink for under \$7. There was however an additional \$.50 charge added to me as I used a debit card to pay for my meal.

The food was pretty cheap but in this case I got what I paid for.

The chicken was good. The skin was crisp and the meat tender and moist. It was well seasoned with just the right amount of spices and salt.

Everything else was greasy yet somehow incredibly dry at the same time.

The combination of blandness, greasy, dryness and mouth-tiring chewiness made for one of the



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Michael Wafford prepares for his meal on Sept. 25.

least pleasurable meals I've had in recent times.

The fried rice, beef and broccoli and roll were all incredibly bland.

The common factors among these were how they all shimmered from their layers of grease and how much chewing was required making the meal feel

more like chewing bubblegum than eating actual food.

One of my companions ordered orange chicken and chow mein with a cup of horchata to wash it down.

The orange chicken sauce had formed into a gravy of gelatin-like consistency and some of the pieces of chicken were more

skin than meat, making the dish extremely chewy.

The chow mein, while greasy, was described as "OK" and he said, "The horchata's actually really good. But they got it from a machine."

The atmosphere was that of a hole in the wall. While the restaurant received an A from the health inspector, the tables felt sticky with some of them having visible food debris.

While dining around 15 other people walked in to buy meals. They ranged from shirtless men with rough looking tattoos to working mothers who appeared to have just gotten off of work from the nearby FoodMaxx to working women of another kind who were dressed in short-shorts and mini-skirts.

Service was quick but unfriendly.

I couldn't help but notice that a worker occasionally wiped his forehead before handling food and that no one who worked there ate the food prepared on site during their break.

Overall the experience wasn't very pleasant.

At the end of the meal the stomachs of my companions and I were upset, and the feeling of disgust after a large, salty, greasy meal had overcome my companions and I.

I wouldn't recommend Louisiana Fried Chicken Chinese Food to anyone. As far as fast food style fried chicken goes, the place is nothing special, the Chinese food was bad and everything else looked unappetizing.

While the prices were low and the scenery interesting, the lack of flavor and feeling of disgust aren't worth it.

## Lil Wayne's 'I Am Not a Human Being' is an average experience

By Vincent Perez  
Features Editor

Upon first hearing Lil Wayne's first track off of his eighth album, "I Am Not a Human Being," one thing comes to mind: Lil Wayne is back.

### ALBUM REVIEW

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Vocoder.

Instead, his "raw rap" is heard, according to fellow Cash Money Millionaire member Birdman.

Wayne's beats return to traditional hip-hop rather than rock like his highly criticized February release "Rebirth" was.

Three tracks featuring actor-turned-rapper Drake stand out the most ("Gonorrhea," "With You" and "Right Above It").

With appearances by Nicki Minaj, Lil Twist and Jay Sean help accompany Wayne's flowing lyrics throughout the album.

Yet the album lacks great songs near the end and Lil Wayne's lyrics seemed rushed.

Possibly due to him currently serving time in prison when he turned himself in earlier this year.

The album takes a slow turn when "With You" plays with a woman harmonizing with Drake singing.

Wayne's uber-confident title track, "I Am Not a Human Being," has an unapologetic chorus: "I am the Rhyming Oasis / I got a cup of ya time, I won't waste it / I got my foot on the line, I'm not racin' / I thank God that I am not basic / I am not a human being."

The digital release by Lil Wayne (physical release reportedly will be out Oct. 12) shows off his lyrical skills, but the last three songs on the album seemed rushed and incomplete for such an influential hip-hop artist.

I hope that Lil Wayne's next album will be better.



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## Docudrama 'Social Network' follows Facebook's storied rise to the top

By Carissa Edwards  
Photographer

As far as docudramas go, "The Social Network" was good.

### MOVIE REVIEW

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I went in to the movie not expecting much and came out surprised. Seeing as the story is how Facebook came to be, I did not think that it would be much of a plot. The story of Facebook is interesting, and it could have carried the movie, but I didn't think it could for two hours.

But it actually did.

The movie was also about the two lawsuits that surrounded Facebook within the first few years of its creation. This means that the movie told

the story of Facebook, and it also told the story of the lawsuits.

The first creation of Facebook happened a few years before the lawsuits, but the movie tells the stories at the same time using flashbacks.

When the movie first did a time jump, it was a bit confusing.

It took me awhile to understand what was going on. Especially since, when the movie did the time jump, it showed both the lawsuits at the same time. When this happens, you have to listen to the dialogue to understand what just happened.

The main character, Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg), was a jerk. The reason he appears to be a jerk is that he is very smart and he thinks faster than most people.

At first that is why I thought he acted like a bored child most of the time. He

also only seemed to care about what he was doing and nothing else that was going on around him.

To him, he had the best ideas and no one else's were better. I, for the life of me, cannot understand why his friend was even his friend.

His friend, Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield), puts up with him for no reason except he is his friend. Zuckerberg treats him badly and, it seems, uses him only for his money.

Finally, around the late middle of the movie, Saverin starts to try to get Zuckerberg to pay attention to him.

He does not fully obtain Zuckerberg's attention until he sues him, which started one of the lawsuits surrounding Facebook.

The movie was good and worth seeing. I would only give a word of caution if you do not like docudramas.



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### BC BRAINS "What is a calorie?"

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



Glynell Costello, Psychology: "Measure of energy."



Jessica Cobian, Criminal Justice: "You need 2000 a day."



Chris Muland, Engineering: "A measure of energy."



Cynthia Miranda, X-Ray Technician: "Percentage of fat in food."



Donna East, Child Development: "A measurement of energy you take from food."

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# Chudy family bonds on more than just sports

By Zak Cowan  
Reporter

As Jeff Chudy, the head coach of the Bakersfield College football team, is preparing his team for the next opponent, his daughter, Hannah Chudy, will be helping the BC volleyball team compete against College of the Canyons in a Western State Conference South match up.

Hannah enjoyed being brought up around BC athletics through her father.

"It's exciting [having a head coach as a dad], because I've been around this stuff my whole life," she said. "He's been coaching here since I was born, so it's really cool that I get to grow up around [athletics], and experience it."

Hannah said that the best thing about both of them being at the same college is that she gets to see her dad a lot more often than before.

Some people might think that having a parent in the faculty might put pressure on the student, but Hannah doesn't agree.

"No, not at all," she said. "I mean, I guess I could see how people might think that I would have higher standards, that I have to live up to the standards my dad has set and stuff but it's not. I don't feel any pressure at all. He's just really supportive of

[everything I do]."

Hannah said that her dad has influenced her in a lot of ways, and that she wouldn't be where she is without him.

"He has had a strong impact on my family, and he's really hard working in everything he does," she said. "His side of the family is really athletic, so I guess that is where I got a lot of my athletic ability from."

Jeff Chudy encouraged Hannah to start at a community college because of its benefits.

"It's a great place and time in your life to try and figure out what you really want to do," said Coach Chudy. "She didn't really know what she wanted to focus in on academically, and it will give her a chance to kind of define who she wants to be and where she wants to go."

Chudy said that all of his sons have started at BC and thinks it's a great place for local athletes to start a college education.

Coach Chudy said that Hannah had the freedom to choose what she wanted to do but was probably influenced by the rest of the family.

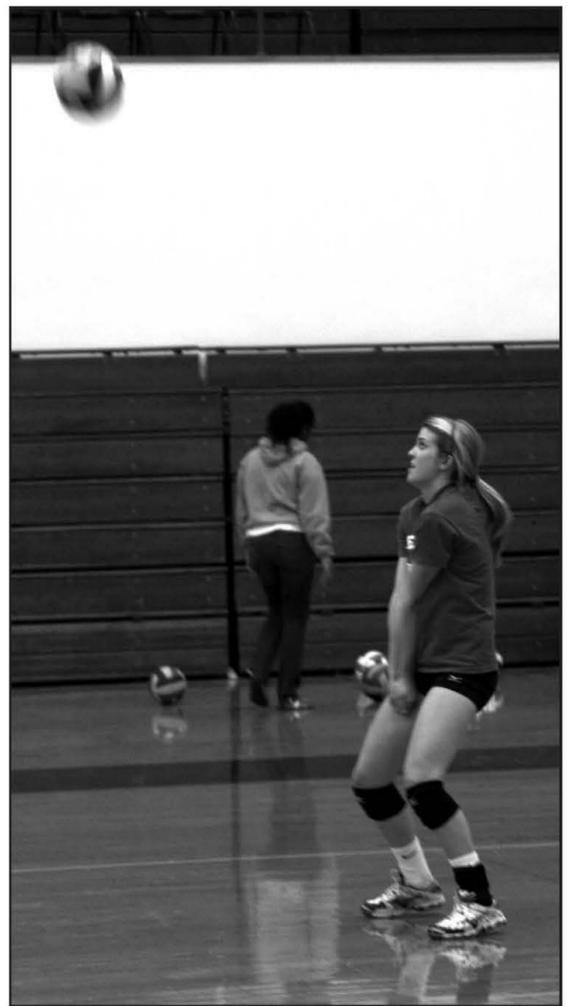
"She had been involved in [athletics] her whole life. We're an active family, so it probably just kind of filtered down," he said. "I'm not the type of guy who is going to force anybody to do anything. She has kind of



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Above: Jeff Chudy has been the head coach at Bakersfield College since the 2004 season. Here he diagrams a play during a game against Mt. San Antonio College on Oct. 2.

Right: Jeff Chudy's daughter, Hannah Chudy, sets up for a bump on a return in the BC gym on Oct. 4.



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been able to pick and choose what she wanted to do, and she has always liked volleyball."

Chudy said that he hasn't had a chance to watch one of Hannah's games, mostly because he is busy with the football season, but that he was able to watch her in club volleyball in the spring.

Even though Chudy is proud of Hannah's athletic achievements, he holds her education in

higher regards.

"Without a doubt [I'm proud of her]," he said. "I'm excited that she likes school and that she really enjoys her classes and that part is obviously something as a parent you want your kid to do."

"You hope that your kids walk into education and see it of value and they enjoy it, she enjoys it, and I'm glad that she's involved in extracurricular activities."

"It's exciting, because I've been around this stuff my whole life. He's been coaching here since I was born, so it's really cool that I get to grow up around, and experience it."

Hannah Chudy, BC freshman volleyball player

# BC looks to end long road trip in positive fashion

By Julian Moore  
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College volleyball team has played in two tournaments, six matches, and had to deal with the postponement of a game against Cuesta College, all of which have come on the road for over a three-week period.

During the span of eight games, the Renegades have a 3-5 record.

Their most recent game was a loss to the number 10 team in the state, Santa Barbara City College, which came 3-0 by the scores of 25-11, 25-18, 25-19.

Of the extended road trip, head coach Carl Ferreira felt the team gained some experience from the games.

"I felt as a team we played awesome. We've had an outstanding learning curve," he said.

"I think we came out of those two tournaments not even close to being the same team we went in as. We learned a lot about ourselves, and it affects how we prepare, how we change our behavior and even how we approach certain things."

The Renegades have an upcoming home game on Oct. 8, against the 4-6 College of the Canyons Cougars.

Ferreira was looking

forward to finally being back at home.

"It's always fun to play at home, it's always better to play at home," he said.

"It tends to be better because it's your gym, your fans, so it will be exciting when that happens."

During the extended time away, sophomore transfer student Mary Maiocco suffered a sprained ankle. Ferreira was frustrated to have lost a key player on the team.

"Sports, I hate to say, is kind of the same. Injuries are apart of it," he said.

"You don't prepare for them but when it happens you've got to focus on what you have, not what you don't have. Any time you lose a good player it will affect you but that's the mentality you have to have."

As she is slated to return by the home game, Ferreira was glad that Maiocco has been teaching the younger players in the mean time.

"Thankfully, the doctors cleared her but she will get limited time, but Mary has really helped some of the other setters prepare in her absence."

"But the team's got to keep going because the schedule keeps moving."

"So hopefully people are ready when the opportunity presents itself," he said.



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Taylor Tafarella returns a volley over the net during practice at the BC gym on Oct. 4.



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Bakersfield College libero Mikinzi DeMarco digs for a return in practice on Oct. 4.

## Scorecard

### Football

Sept. 4 BC 54, L.A. Pierce 41  
Sept. 11 BC 41, Saddleback 24  
Sept. 18 BC 63, Antelope Valley 7  
Sept. 25 BC 54, Citrus 6  
Oct. 2 Mt. SAC 34, BC 20  
Oct. 9 Bye  
Oct. 16 at Allan Hancock  
Oct. 23 Ventura

### Volleyball

Sept. 8 BC 3, Antelope Valley 0  
Sept. 17-18 8th place at San Diego Mesa  
Tournament  
Sept. 22 Cuesta (postponed)  
Sept. 24-25 2-1 record at LA Pierce  
Tournament  
Sept. 28 Santa Barbara 3, BC 0  
Oct. 1 Bye  
Oct. 5 at Glendale  
Oct. 8 Canyons

### Soccer

Sept. 3 BC 3, Los Medanos 1  
Sept. 4 BC 0, Evergreen Valley 0  
Sept. 10 Solano 2, BC 0  
Sept. 14 Moorpark 2, BC 0  
Sept. 17 BC 6, West Hills 3  
Sept. 21 Ventura 3, BC 2  
Sept. 28 BC 3, Glendale 0  
Oct. 1 Santa Monica 3, BC 0  
Oct. 5 LA Mission  
Oct. 8 LA Valley  
Oct. 12 at Citrus

### Wrestling

Sept. 26 Bakersfield Duals  
Oct. 2 Santa Ana Tournament  
Oct. 9 Modesto Tournament  
Oct. 16 South Duals  
Oct. 23 Cal-Baptist Open  
Oct. 23 North/South All-Stars

### Women's Golf

Sept. 3-4 1st place finish at Desert  
Classic  
Sept. 13 2nd place finish WSC Santa  
Barbara  
Sept. 20 2nd place finish at Oakmont  
Sept. 27 WSC Citrus  
Oct. 3-4 North South Invitational  
Oct. 11 WSC Glendale

## RIP NATION

"Who is going to win the Major League Baseball World Series? And why?"

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



Tracy Lewis, volleyball:  
"The Philadelphia Phillies, because I like their name."



Marshall Lange, basketball:  
"New York Yankees, because that's my favorite baseball team."



Bill Kalivas, head wrestling coach:  
"The San Francisco Giants, only because Chicago isn't in it."

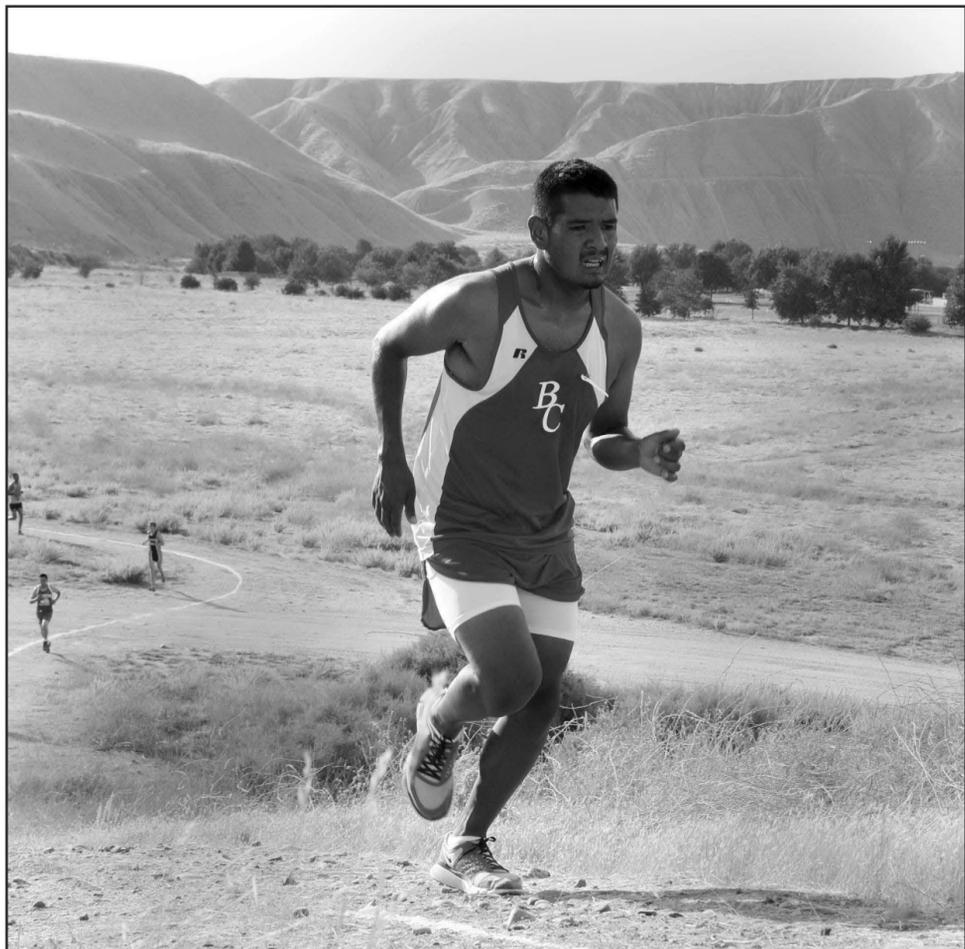


Lyle Negron, football:  
"The Philadelphia Phillies, because I want someone to beat the Yankees."



Aaron Chavez, assistant basketball coach:  
"The New York Yankees, because the payroll they have helps."

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Bakersfield College cross country runner Santiago Lazarit works his way up a hill during the Bakersfield Invitational on Oct. 1. Lazarit finished thirteenth overall on the meet.



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Renegade Jason Troust climbs a hill during the Bakersfield Invitational held near Hart Park on Oct. 1. The Renegades placed third overall in the meet.

# Men and women finish third

By Zak Cowan  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College men's and women's cross country teams competed in their only home invitational on Oct. 1.

The women's cross country team finished third as a team in the 5k run, with a total score of 52 behind Ventura College and College of the Canyons.

Dennise Mercado, 18, was the first BC runner for the women to come in, and she finished fourth overall with a time of 21:26.

"I think the girls overall worked really hard at practices," said Mercado. "And I know they give it their all at the meet, so I'm satisfied with the outcome."

Mercado said that her goal for the day was to run a 20:30, and she was disappointed with her final time.

"I felt like the weather didn't help at all, but all the runners are feeling the same way, so I had to just deal with it," she said. "It was good overall considering all the things that were going on and stuff. The course wasn't tough at all, but just the weather, and there were bugs."

Blanca Perez, 18, finished sixth overall with a time of 21:56, and was the second woman for BC to cross the finish line.

"I think it was my best race so far this season. I was definitely focused," said Perez. "[The coaches] are really good at get-

ting us ready for our races.

"I felt like I did negative splits, you know, as I ran the course," she said. "I just kept getting better and toughing it out more."

Perez is hoping the women can improve as a team overall going forward.

"I hope our girls can have better races for the rest of the year like we did today, where, you know, we ran together and did better as a team," said Perez.

Margaret Martinez had higher expectations than her 19th overall finish, but she said that her asthma contributed to her 23:38 time.

"I've been having trouble breathing lately," said Martinez. "It's not that it's a hard course. I mean it's an easy course, it's pretty fast, it's just [that] I can't speak for others, but for me it wasn't the best."

Pam Kelley, the coach for the BC women's cross-country team, thought her team performed very well.

"I think we are working toward getting a little bit better," said Kelley. "We need to move our four, five, and six up a little bit, but I thought in all we did very well today."

She said that she was proud. "You know the conditions aren't great," she said. "It's hard to compete at home because [the coaches] aren't with them as much because we're running the meet, so it's hard.



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Runners in the men's cross country race leave the starting line at the Kern County Soccer Park on Oct. 1. The Renegades finished third overall and will travel to Mount San Antonio College for an invitational on Oct. 15.

"I think the team did really good, but I don't think we're quite there yet. We need to work on our regiments a little more and just go out there and run."

Santiago Lazarit, men's cross country runner

"I thought it was a good [performance]. We had a chance to compete, we didn't have to leave at five in the morning, and it's our only home meet of the year so I'm happy about it."

Kelley is looking forward to the team's next invitational, which will take place on Oct. 15 at Mt. San Antonio College.

"You got to keep going. You just have to keep running and see where we go from there," she said.

The men's cross country team

finished third, with a total score of 82.

Jorge Perez was the first of the men's team to cross the finish line with a time of 23:21, and he finished sixth overall.

Perez said that he didn't meet his expectations for the race but that he was well prepared by his coaches in the weeks leading up to the invitational.

Santiago Lazarit, 19, finished 13th overall with a time of 24:26, and was the second BC runner to finish.

"I thought I met my expectations," said Lazarit. "I've been drinking a ton of water the past few days, but today the weather was too hot and humid, but I liked how resilient we were."

"It was tough, the course should be really easy, but it's a tough course when you factor in the weather."

Lazarit doesn't think the team met its full potential at the invitational.

"I think the team did really good, but I don't think we're quite there yet. We need to work on our regiments a little more, and just go out there and run," he said. "The season is almost over, but I've got my hopes up."

Dave Frickel, the men's cross country coach, thinks that his team did the best they could, but there is more they can do to get better.

"Yeah I think they did their best," said Frickel. "I think we need to be a little more aggressive in races, and probably be a little more focused in reference to not letting people go ahead, and stay with them."

Frickel said that he is now starting to see a better image of his top five runners, and he likes where they are in that perspective.

"We're starting to see a pecking order developing a little bit," he said. "Some of the places are interchangeable though, and I think it's good that they don't have a pecking order in that respect, that way they're all hungry, and they'll run a little harder."

Frickel said that he thinks the men's team met expectations, and that he thinks the women's team had their best day of the season as a team.

# Soccer team hangs on while gaining an identity

By Vincent Perez  
Features Editor

The Bakersfield College women's soccer team lost 3-0 on the road at Santa Monica on Oct. 1.

"They outplayed us in the first half," said BC coach Scott Dameron.

He added, "We didn't have a lot of scoring chances."

"They did better than us in the first half as far as getting forward and turning those into chances, so it was fair that

they were up 1-0 at halftime," he said.

The Renegades are 1-1 in the Western State Conference and 3-3-1 overall.

Dameron said that BC played better in the second half despite giving up two goals.

"We came out and played well [in the second half], but we gave up a goal right after kickoff and another one shortly after that. We spent most of the second half being the pressuring team — we only faced one or two shots. We were the team that controlled the game, but we gave up goals."

He added, "The spirit and fighting for the game was there."

"We didn't stop competing — we just need to find that finishing touch," he said.

"We created chances to score — we just didn't finish them, and they did."

The BC women won their conference opener 3-0 over Glendale on Sept. 28 with a hat trick by sophomore Brittany Hunt.

"That's just the way we needed to start out, and a shutout is good. It's just our second shutout, and that's got to give

them more confidence," said Dameron.

With BC and Glendale receiving yellow cards to various players at the end of the game, Dameron explained why and how BC responded.

"This was a pretty physical game — I thought we battled well."

However, he added, "There are still times in the game where we fail for a little while and we pick it back up, so we're still trying to find that complete 90-minute effort, but we're getting closer to it."

BC lost to Ventura 3-2 on Sept. 24 in

their last non-conference match.

Dameron noted the losses of freshmen Erica Wilcox and Chelsea Cable due to serious concussions earlier in September.

Both players are out indefinitely for the season.

"We're going with who is healthy," said Dameron, who saw the challenges the women faced and is pleased with how the players are responding.

"We need to stay patient and not get frustrated if we don't score," added Dameron.

## FOOTBALL: Renegades lose first game of the year



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The Bakersfield College cheer team pumps up the crowd during a game at Memorial Stadium on Oct. 2.

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to avoid a penalty for delay of game at the 9:50 mark, but they would turn the ball over three plays later on a Campbell interception.

Chudy talked about the miscues the Renegades were having.

"There's enough inconsistency to go around for everybody, and I'll be the first guy to take the blame. I'm not going to point fingers at anybody else. We didn't get ready to play at the level that we needed to play at, and at the end of the day, that's on me," he said.

Mt. SAC would add another field goal on its next possession, while BC couldn't put up another score. The Mounties would run the clock down and walk away with the win. Mt. SAC improves to 5-0, while BC drops to 4-1 overall.

After the game, Chudy talked about what his team struggled with early and often.

"They converted on third down and a bunch twice a couple times. The quarterback scrambles and we missed tackles. It's indicative

of how the game went. I think our effort was outstanding, we just didn't execute well enough to get it done at the end of the day," he said. "I have to look in the mirror and say, 'Why didn't we do that?' And we're going to have to right the ship."

"I think we have a group of kids that are capable of playing at a high level, but we didn't play at our highest level. We knew going into this game, that we would have to execute at a high level and we just couldn't get it done."

Lamaison threw for 398 yards and one touchdown on 22-for-38 passing, and Mt. SAC running back Bryce McBride ran the ball 27 times for 92 yards and one touchdown.

"[Lamaison] made good choices. We rushed six and a half guys and they did a good job of protecting him. You have to give them credit. They did a good job of scheming us, and they did a nice job of getting their guys prepared to play. We struggled and their coaches and players got it done when they had to," said Chudy.



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Mt. San Antonio College defensive back Deshawn Gaisie (20) moves to intercept a pass intended for Brandon Hobby in the third quarter of BC's game in Memorial Stadium on Oct. 2. Gaisie returned the interception to BC's 1-yard line.

The Renegades get a bye week before traveling to Hancock on Oct. 16 for their first conference matchup of the season.

"We struggled with everything that we tried to do. Defensively, we have to tackle better and offensively we have to block people. We're inconsistent with our snaps, and that's a lot of our issues too. Collectively as a group we have to get better," said Chudy.



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Renegades receiver George Robbins comes down with a third-quarter pass Oct. 2.



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Renegades quarterback Byron Campbell attempts to evade Mounties defensive lineman Vaikalafi Lutui in Memorial Stadium on Oct. 2. The Renegades lost the game 34-20.

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## ZOMBIE WALK

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It was a normal Saturday night on the corner of Stockdale Highway and California Avenue. Families chomped down on hamburgers, mothers looked for upgrades in home décor at the Bed, Bath and Beyond, and young professionals sipped on specialty coffee while they surfed the Internet inside Borders.

All was ordinary at the Stockdale Fashion Plaza Shopping Center on the night of Sept. 25 – then the zombies arrived.

Massing in the parking lot outside of In-N-Out Burger, the living dead limped around as flesh fell from their faces and blood dripped from their teeth.

Zombies of all shapes, sizes, colors and stages of decomposition could be seen, including a former carhop that milled about aimlessly in a deteriorated state, a little girl whose ill fate had enlisted her among the ranks of zombies and even a small lap dog drenched in the blood of its victims.

As curious onlookers passed by, they were greeted with groans of hunger by the dead, but unlike the helpless victims seen in the films of George R. Romero, the living were in no risk of being eaten alive. The zombies were not actually the cannibal monsters portrayed in films and video games, just local enthusiasts and performance artists dressed up to participate in Bakersfield's first-ever Zombie Walk.

Organizer Jennifer Sorkin, a local theater performer and longtime participant in Halloween haunted house attractions, said, "It's just something that I've wanted to do for a really long time."

Garbed in a wedding dress drenched with fake blood, Sorkin explained the purpose and goal of the event.

"This walk is specifically going to benefit the Alpha Canine Society and the OKRA, Orphan Kitten Rescue and Adoption Agency," said Sorkin, "and basically what we do is we all come dressed as zombies and we each bring an item to donate, and then we walk as representatives to raise awareness for the event itself."

Aside from raising contributions to the animal societies, the event was also intended as an alternative form of self-expression within the community.

Heading out from the In-N-Out burger parking lot at 6 p.m., the horde of flesh eating fans consisted of about 150 participants who interacted with the traffic as they shouted out their mimics of zombie groans to cars that whizzed by.

As they wobbled, ran and lurked their way along Stockdale Highway, the zombies made sure to follow the traffic rules and not harass any onlookers of the event.

Sorkin was pleased with the outcome of the undead walk and said, "We got great donations for dogs and cats. We got collars and leashes and food – everything we were asking for on the Facebook page," said Sorkin.



**Bakersfield's first-ever  
Zombie Walk takes over  
the night to benefit  
local charities**