

Delicious food found at Greek Festival

By Samantha Garrett
Copy Editor

It may come as little surprise that essentially the whole point of the Greek Food Festival is the food. There were plenty of things to eat there, as well as plenty of things to drink, but – what with a budget and all – I had

FOOD REVIEW

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I also ordered a side of salad, which added an extra \$3. Add that to the \$5 I paid to get in and the additional \$2 I paid for my coffee, and you have a moderately pricey meal. But, then, it does only come once a year.

The sausage was probably the best part of the meal. It was surprisingly spicy, but that was balanced out with the moderately bland rice that it was served atop. Although the composition of the sausage was a little questionable, it certainly tasted fantastically.

My serving of rice and sausage seemed to be a bit bigger than that of my friend, so I guess, if you want to get more bang for your buck, get the salad. Or, at least, it looked like more when spread out on a plate instead of the bowl that the saladless order is served in.

And, speaking of, it was a good salad. I mean, it was a Greek salad. If you don't like Greek salad, you probably wouldn't like it, but if you don't like Greek food you probably wouldn't go to the Greek Food Festival. It was basically your average iceberg lettuce, carrots and onions affair, but the difference between salad and Greek salad is the addition of feta cheese and olives. Suffice to say, it was good.

And, of course, I had to have something to drink. There was a stand advertising Greek coffee, so, as a coffee lover, I had to give that a shot. The first time I went up to the booth, the coffee wasn't ready. The second time I went over, the woman behind the booth exclaimed, "Oh, the Greek coffee!" She asked me if I had tried it before, and I told



Samantha Garrett eats her salad at the Greek Food Festival Sept. 10.

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her that I hadn't. "It's very thick – you'll be dancing all night," she assured me. I have to say, this got my expectations up just a little bit.

It wasn't amazing, but it wasn't bad. I was expecting it to be an amazing pick-me-up, but it really just tasted like strong instant coffee. There was something a little powdery about it. The most interesting thing is that, by the time I finished it, some sort

of muddy concoction had collected on the bottom. I spent the rest of the evening picking at it with my straw and wondering just what it was. By the way, it was probably the least price-worthy thing I ordered while at the festival, being \$2 and less than six ounces.

It took us a while to figure out where the baklava was. Eventually my friend went off in the direction of the Greek Pastries

booth, and when she came back she had two pieces – one for me, her treat.

It wasn't the best baklava I had ever had, but it rounded out the meal nicely and made the experience even more worth it.

Adding to the whole event was the live music in the background. I wasn't about to get up on the dance floor and dance, but it did make the food seem just a little bit more Greek.

'Reach' aims for the stars

By Zak Cowan
Reporter

The perfect blend of old and new makes Halo: Reach, Bungie Studio's swan song to the series, the best installment so far.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW

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The story mode to the game is a very dark and somber story of sacrifice and resilience, and it seemed you had your back against the wall almost the entire campaign, which gave my territorial instinct a boost throughout.

Playing the game on release night, just shortly after midnight with three other avid Halo fans, on the recommended difficulty for your first run-through of the campaign left us in awe all night as we pushed through wave after wave of a relentless alien horde.

The overall campaign was flat-out magnificent, with great graphics, game play, voiceovers and scenarios.

After the final credits roll,

you feel like family with Noble Team, the squad of Spartans you fight alongside. Every member has their own special characteristic that will make him or her unforgettable.

As good as the campaign was, the multiplayer is what makes this game one of the best video games I've played in years.

There are a plethora of game modes and game types, with old classics such as Team Slayer and Capture the Flag, complemented with new modes like Invasion and Headhunter, all of which are fully customizable, which makes the possibilities endless.

The weapon set is big and bold, but every weapon is thought through and designed very well, providing a balance that other first person shooters such as Call of Duty fail to provide.

All of this, paired with the newly revamped map editor called Forge 2.0 and and return of Firefight, will make this game playable a thousand times over.

'Devil' a waste of time

By Kimberlyn Yvonne Macias
Reporter

The movie "Devil" was more of a storytelling than an actual movie. As I was watching this movie, I was bored. If I didn't have to review this movie I probably would of left and demanded a refund.

MOVIE REVIEW

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The movie involves five strangers: a mechanic (Logan Marshall-Green), an old woman (Jenny O'Hara), Sarah Caraway (Bogana Novakovic), a security guard (Bokcenn Woodbine) and a salesman (Geoffrey Arend). They were stuck in an elevator by accident, but throughout the whole movie they explain how bad things happen for a reason.

Ramirez, a security guard (Jacob Vargas), says that his grandmother told him a story, and that in the story one of them was the devil and they were all there for

a reason.

A detective (Chris Messina) investigates their background, and we find out that they're all bad people in some way. Throughout the movie some of the characters die, but you don't see how they die. The power goes out every time someone is going to get killed and when the power comes back again someone is dead.

One of the few good things about the movie is that it's unpredictable. The ending actually has a moral about the decisions people make in life. The ending teaches that people can repent and the importance of forgiveness. The ending was nice but not as good as it could have been because the character had strong feelings but no strong reactions.

Overall this movie was not thrilling as expected. It was something you tell around a campfire to teach little kids a lesson about life. That would be a good campfire story but not a good movie.

Rock duo explore new sound

By Martin Chang
Reporter

This is the music that makes being a music fan worth it. This is the music that I love.

The Vaselines are Eugene Kelly and Frances McKee. They recorded about an album and a half worth of material in 1987 to

1989, and broke up in 1989 shortly after the release of their first full-length record "Dum Dum." The Vaselines play a mix of stripped down rock and roll, and their version of bubbly pop.

Since their original breakup their music has found a small following among certain music fans and musicians with whom their music strongly resonates. The most famous of these being Kurt Cobain, whose band Nirvana covered their music three times.

As one of these fans, I find a sublime joy in their music that I do not find on any other band. No other makes me want to sing along more, and when I listen to their music I can escape from my troubles and everything in the world feels OK.

This power their music has comes from the pure way that both Kelly and McKee approach and express their music. Kelly's low baritone intertwines with McKee high soprano in a unique way that gives the songs a vibrant pulse. It's this interplay of vocals that gives

their songs their sing-along quality.

Both play the guitar with an airy ease that lets their melodies glide in a nice, flowing way. Their original technique as musicians is brought to the forefront by the direct composition and lyrics of their songs.

Whether the song is a fast rock song or a pop ditty, this music comes at you in a pure way because of the simplicity of the songs and the personality of the playing.

The songs lyrics have a simple, almost innocent feeling that is a great counterpoint to the more adult theme of sex that has always been present in their music.

After playing a smattering of reunion shows throughout the last decade, the Vaselines have released their second album "Sex with an X," their first in 20 years.

There could be a worry that, after 20 years, the magic of their sound could be lost.

This has not happened. Many times on the album I feel the same feeling of joy and escapism that I had felt from their earlier material. All the things that made them great in the late 80s are still there.

Yet the songs on this new record show a craft and depth that is not on their earlier records. The Vaselines really took the time to make every song perfect.

The harmonies are tight. In their time away from the studio, the Vaselines have become better singers and

songwriters. Each song is composed to have the best impact. Compared to their earlier material, the album is produced in a much clearer and more listenable fashion.

This more professional approach may not sound attractive to the fans of the low fidelity nature of their earlier work. Yet it gives the music a punch that they have not had before.

On songs, such as the title track and "Mouth to Mouth," the songs have the same joyful bounce that is their signature. Yet these new songs have a potency that is not on their earlier material.

The entire album has this. These songs here are better and more complete.

They explore musical ideas they have not yet explored. On "The Devil Inside Me" they explore the darker side of human attraction.

Their usually bubbly and high-energy sound turns into a creepy, strange sound. On "White Chapel," "Exit the Vaselines," and "Such a Fool," they explore what they can express when they slow down their sound while keeping what makes them great. These songs work, and it's great to see them explore something not on their previous records.

The Vaselines' "Sex with an X" contains music that makes me glad that I am a music fan. Many times listening to the record, I felt a great feeling

I know I would not have without music. In the end this is the power of music.



COURTESY OF SUB POP RECORDS

BC BRAINS "What is Amaxophobia?"

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



Andrew Mercadel, Physical Education: "A fear of people."



Clayton Evans, Computer Technology: "Scared of your family?"



Isabella Jones, Philosophy: "The fear of large areas."

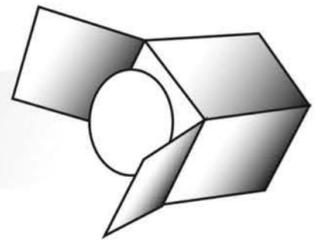
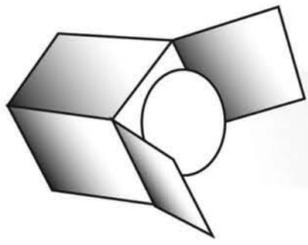


Joe Benyon, Engineering: "A fear of heights."



Matt Nelson, Undeclared: "A fear of maxims."

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BC student restarts life

By Mateo M. Melero
Magazine Editor

For those that have ever tried to give up an addiction, they know that it is not an easy task to undertake. It takes time, determination and strength to overcome, and the risk of falling back into addiction always shadows the recovering.

Bakersfield College student David Kennedy, 28, understands this having lived as an addict for years. But Kennedy has not only been able to gain control over his addictions and maintain his sobriety, he has been able to reclaim his love for playing basketball and staying focused through the hardship and trials.

"[With] everything I've been through, I think I've learned more about myself and life in general."

Falling into drugs and crime at an early age, Kennedy became addicted to methamphetamines and alcohol.

"I was curious. I was really curious to find out what it would do to me. I've seen people being able to just do everything hours on end," said Kennedy.

"When I first started using it was because I was drinking and I wanted to use it to stay up [so] I could drink longer, and it became to where I quit drinking and I used more. Then it became 24/7," said Kennedy.

"I started getting into criminal activity where I would go out and steal whatever I could to get high, or sell my stuff," said Kennedy. "It became a real problem for me that I didn't even realize that it was a problem. I lost a lot."

Coming from a rough home of convicts and addict parents who made the life seem great, Kennedy was passed back and forth between family members as a young boy.

"The way I was raised was around convicts to where they made prison seem like the life. When you hear that over and over again you start to believe it."

It was after a series of stints in jail and run-ins with the law that Kennedy began to rethink the way that he was living his life.

"I was just tired," said Kennedy. "I was tired of going back and forth to prison, to a place that wasn't like what everyone made it seem like."

Moving back to Bakersfield from Texas, Kennedy enrolled himself in a six-month drug treatment facility and is about to graduate from the program, clean and sober.

"It's a program of love and faith," said Kennedy. "It's a good program."

"I understand why I don't need to use again," said Kennedy.

"It wouldn't be the same if I went back out and started using again. I always got people and all this recovery in my head. It talks to me, I guess you can say, in everything I do; whatever choices I make it seems that I'm making it based off those values and those morals."

Kennedy is attending his first semester at BC and is in school for the first time since high school.

"I love BC. I like the teachers here," said Kennedy. "People here are real helpful."

Trying out for the basketball team, Kennedy found that he was not properly conditioned and has enrolled himself in weightlifting classes with the intention of getting in proper shape so he can play again.

"My conditioning was way off. I went out there and tried to play with those guys, and they were just all over me."

Kennedy now runs the steps of Memorial Stadium everyday, intent on getting himself fit enough to play.

"I'm trying to get into good shape so I can go out there and play my game," said Kennedy.

Kennedy's overall goal with BC is to become a drug treatment counselor so that he can run his own rehabilitation center one day. With where he's been and from what he experienced in life, Kennedy feels that he can benefit and help others who are in the situation he was once in.

"When I speak, people listen because they know that I've been where they've been, if not further down the ladder, and they understand where I'm coming from."

When asked what he would say to someone who was in his previous condition, Kennedy said, "I would tell them that I love them [and to] just keep coming back. Because most of the time I'll meet those people at my meetings, and really the newcomer is the most important person in the room. It reminds us of where we came from."

Remaining hopeful and determined, Kennedy is adjusting to his new life, keeping his goals and ambitions close.



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Bakersfield College agriculture student next to her lamb Hurlly on Sept. 18, 2010.

Student dedicates life to agriculture

By Kristen Blue
Reporter

The Kern County Fair is a huge part of Bakersfield College freshman Lauren Taylor's life. Taylor, 18, has been raising lambs her entire life.

"We have pictures of me as a baby washing lambs. I grew up like this. It was kind of meant to be," said Taylor.

Taylor's father has been raising lambs for over 30 years, so growing up around lambs is normal to her. Taylor can always be found in the backyard working with her lambs. She began showing lambs in the fair at nine years old.

Showing at the fair takes year round preparation, according to Taylor.

"We spend all year round in that backyard. I'm really, really excited to participate in the fair again this year," Taylor dedicates at least an hour and a half each day working with her lambs.

She discussed how her only worries about the fair do not have to do with showing or the competition, but with the people attending the fair.

"Sometimes people don't understand how to behave around animals," she said. "They just don't know. I've had people try to feed my lambs a corn dog before. People have mistaken my lambs for goats or llamas."

Taylor believes attending the animal exhibits at the fair is a good educational experience for people.

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"Most people don't understand or even know what agriculture is and what a huge part of the United States it is," she said.

Her family raises lambs for livestock purposes. Taylor's father visits breeders across the U.S., purchases the lambs as babies, and raises the lambs until it's time to sell them as livestock.

"I don't get attached to the animals. They're market animals. They get better attention than most humans do, trust me! We raise them for livestock purpose, not as pets," she said.

According to Taylor, lambs are graded on various criteria such as how well they're groomed, how much fat they have, and how they're presented.

"I love going into the ring and showing. Just being a part of it is such a rush," said Taylor. "I can't wait for the fair this year. I wait all year for it to come around. I'm really sad; I have one year left until I'm too old to show."

Taylor anticipates helping her younger relatives show in the fair and hopes someday, when she has kids, they will show lambs, too.

"My kids someday will definitely show in the fair. It's such a great experience and such a huge part of my life."

She plans to purchase land and raise lambs as a hobby in the future.

"It's my passion; it's what I love to do."

Students work on health goals

By Nick Flores
Reporter

Good health is important to people, and losing weight and staying in shape are key to maintaining good health.

Two Bakersfield College students, Jobe Espinoza and Eric Saldana, have given the Renegade Rip their weight loss goals for this year.

Espinoza, a third-year student attending BC, was a former basketball player for Bakersfield Christian High School and has decided to get back into shape and get his high school body back.

He has been running over the summer and enrolled in the fitness center class in order to get more workout time. Espinoza has been doing a lot of running on the treadmill and on his own on the bluffs Mondays through Thursdays and does weight training on Fridays.

With the exercise also comes dieting. He has been cutting down on how much junk food he eats, and he watches his daily caloric intake.

He has decided he wants to drop from 175 pounds to 160 pounds in

order to get ready for the BC track season, where he plans on doing long distance events.

"I want to get back into shape like I was in high school and live a healthier lifestyle, so I may live longer and excel in sports."

Eric Saldana, a second-year student attending BC, has been training over the summer for his second year of track and field and wants to be ahead of the game. Saldana graduated from Bakersfield High School and played a variety of sports including football, wrestling, soccer and track and field.

Saldana has started conditioning training for track and field.

His practice varies from sprints, long distance, and weight lifting.

He wants to drop from 238 pounds to 215 pounds in order to prepare for the 2011 track season.

"I want to be healthier, look better, and get a high metabolism so I can eat whatever I want."

The Rip will be doing a follow-up on these two students and will update on how their weight loss goals went in the last issue of The Rip, which comes out Dec 1, 2010.



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Jobe Espinoza works out his pectorals in the Bakersfield College fitness center Sept. 15, 2010.

Former faculty member's art displayed

By Brian N. Willhite
Editor in Chief

An artist's lifetime search to understand the meaning of life has been compiled by his family and friends and put on display for the students of Bakersfield College.

Former BC art professor Frederick Coon's paintings can now be viewed in the Wylie and May Louise Jones Gallery in an exhibit titled, "A Search for Meaning." The gallery is located inside the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library.

Coon, who passed away in 2007, was influenced and drawn to the spiritual and mystical natures of religion and philosophy, as well as draw inspiration from locations like the American Southwest and Western Europe, according to his son, Ken Coon, and his life-partner, Michael L. Miller who organized the exhibit.

According to Coon, the art show

was an idea presented by Miller as a way to honor the memory and the lifetime of achievements by Coon through his work.

"Since Fred taught here for almost 40 years, I thought that this would be a place that would be great to honor his art career," said Miller.

Miller knew Coon for about 25 years and observed his explorations and attempts to interpret his findings through his artwork.

"It seemed, in my mind, that the progression of his artwork was that he was really searching for meaning in life, and spirituality and that sort of thing," he said.

Miller described how Coon's earlier paintings of Christ and stained glass imageries depicted his interests in religion and spirituality. Miller also discussed how later on in Coon's life, he and his wife, Joann, would travel to the Southwest canyons and ruins, spe-

cifically Taos and Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, to search for meaning and inspiration, which led to him painting those images based on his perceptions.

In the 90s, according to Miller, Coon sought for meaning and understanding through Buddhist philosophies and imagery, which inspired another chapter of Coon's paintings.

Miller also noted how the color palette choices shifted as Coon sought inspiration in other spiritual philosophies. The exhibit's design is also meant to illustrate this in the layout of the showroom floor, chronicling his work, beginning with his early pieces.

Miller recalls how Coon generally kept his artwork private, rarely holding public showings.

"He never really showed his work publicly, it was sort of, more or less, his exploration, I think, into the meaning of things and spirituality and basically

shared it with his family. He wasn't necessarily interested or had that ego about exhibiting his work in the gallery scene, or anything like that.

"It was really, more or less, his investigation into the meaning of life and spirituality," said Miller.

Miller also offered a suggestion for anyone that will be viewing the exhibit.

"If I were to tell someone how to experience this exhibit, I would say just let yourself feel it and not necessarily get too intellectual about the content of it, but just sort of experience it. And I think the color is very strong and powerful in that way too, to give you a feeling of what he was exploring."

The exhibit's opening reception was Sept. 9, and will continue to run through Sept. 30.

The gallery's hours and days of operation are Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

It's a family affair on the golf greens

By Michael Wafford
Opinions Editor

Stacie Netzer, 45, and Lauren Netzer, 19, are players on the Bakersfield College women's golf team. They're also mother and daughter.

The mother and daughter began golfing together four years ago but began golfing together for BC this golf season. Stacie, who is a sophomore, played for the BC women's golf team last fall and was joined by Lauren, who is a freshman history major this year.

"For me it's good. I get to spend time with her. And later in life I think we'll get to look back and say it was a great experience to have together," said Stacie. "We have our moments, but we get over it."

"I make her mad at me, on the golf course," said Lauren. "I'll hit a bad shot, and she'll say it was my head, and then we'll argue."

"I'll try to tell her what she did wrong so she'll do better, and she thinks that I'm telling her that she's bad," said Stacie. The two said that the arguments never last for long.

Although the pair gets into arguments, they enjoy the experience.

"I like golfing with her," said Lauren. "I played for my high school, but other than that we [Lauren and her mother] played together once or twice a week."

To play golf for BC and with her mother, Lauren transferred from Cal State-Bakersfield to



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Stacie (left) and Lauren Netzer, mother and daughter, take a moment out of practice to pose for a photo at River Lakes Golf Course on Sept. 17.

BC.

To make the team, the Netzers believe Lauren had to prove herself even more than others to earn a spot on the team.

"It could have been a little harder at the beginning because of that. I think the coach didn't want to make her think she was going to step in there and get a spot because her mom was on the team," said Stacie.

The two practice together four days a week with Lauren practicing five to six days a week. "My body can't take it. After we play on Mondays I don't play on

Tuesdays," said Stacie.

The two admit that Stacie is the superior player out of the two.

"I'm catching her, though," said Lauren.

"We just had a tournament on Monday, and I shot an 81, and she shot an 85," said Stacie.

The mother and daughter also admit that they need to work on aspects of their game.

"I putt well, but I just need to chip better," said Stacie.

"Mine's my head. I pull my head. I don't keep my head down, focused on the ball. So when I push my head I push it or

pull it, I send the ball the wrong direction," said Lauren.

The two are looking forward to the season and believe they'll do well.

"We just had our first league match, and we got second. We had a tournament in Palm Springs the week before that, so we're off to a good start," said Stacie.

This is the final season for sophomore Stacie with Lauren planning to return to BC next fall.

Lauren Netzer said, "It's going to be sad. I like playing with my mom."

A second-place finish for BC at SBCC match

By Julian Moore
Sports Editor

Two weeks after winning the Desert Classic, Bakersfield College's women's golf team placed second in the conference match in Santa Barbara.

BC shot a 326, nine strokes behind first place College of the Canyons. The host team, Santa Barbara, placed third with a 336.

Sophomore Dee Ray led BC along with a two-day score of 79. Stacie Netzer and Malea Miller both shot an 81. Lauren Netzer had an 85 and Paula Robinson rounded out BC's five scores with an 87.

Head coach Robert Paillet was pleased with the play of his golfers.

"I am always impressed [with] how steadily Dee Ray plays. Her scores are so consistent. She battles all day and gives 100 percent every shot," he said.

"Malea Miller is learning quickly how to adjust to courses she hasn't seen before."

The Renegades were looking to keep momentum going after their first place win and came up short.

"Well, we won our last tournament, so I guess we didn't really improve. The greens were very different than the ones we practice on,

plus we didn't get a practice round. Playing a course sight unseen is very difficult."

Paillet spoke about moving the focus on to the upcoming week.

"I worked a lot with our four, five and six players," he said. "We need them to have a good week for us to win. Malea, Stacie, and Dee will all post good rounds. We need the other ladies to play well also to win."

Coach Paillet also spoke about how good it felt to finish above Santa Barbara.

"Beating Santa Barbara on their home course was big, real big. They have a fine player, Nicole Bullemer, who shot a 75, best conference so far," he said.

"But we were able to put up consistent scores, I'm pleased with that."

The Renegades who have a conference match at Citrus and an invitational to play in the coming weeks are focused on moving forward and improving.

"We play to win. I give everyone, including myself, five minutes to be angry when we don't. Then it's time to put whatever happened behind us," Paillet said.

"We shake hands, congratulate our opponent, and promise ourselves to try as hard as we can to beat them the next week."

RIP NATION

"What should be done with Reggie Bush's 2005 Heisman trophy? And why?"

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



Derrick Jenkins, football: "I think they should let him keep it. The stuff they gave him didn't make him play harder."



Jeffrey Lanier, wrestling: "I think they should let him keep it because he's the best."



Mary Maiocco, volleyball: "It should be vacated, because if they found out he did something dirty, why should he get a prize?"



Bill Kalivas, wrestling coach: "I thought it was appropriate to surrender it. It's a disappointment but that's the way it goes."



Rich Hughes, basketball coach: "They should strip him of it, for one. But I would give it to the second place vote getter [Vince Young]."

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Bakersfield College sophomore Baleigh Biter fights for the ball during a game at BC's home field Sept. 10 against the Solano College Falcons. Solano won the game 2-0.

Soccer puts in six goals at home

By Vincent Perez
Features Editor

It took three home matches for the Bakersfield College women's soccer team to score at home, but against West Hills College on Sept. 17, the Renegades scored six goals to defeat the Golden Eagles 6-3.

BC (2-2-1) showed offensive power behind goals from sophomores Ceci Amador, Brittany Hunt and Amber Beckham, and each had an assist. BC freshmen Jessica Hernandez and Sam Callagy each scored two goals.

"We did a better job of relaxing today," said BC coach Scott Dameron. "We weren't trying to do too much too fast, and we stayed with our strengths, which was moving the ball well, and when we did that we started getting better chances to score."

Dameron said about the improved offense, "We have not scored in three games, so it's good to get some goals at home."

Amador's goal was the first of the season.

"It was my first goal of the season. It was exciting," she said. "It was amazing because we lost our last two games so we came out strong to win this game," she said.

Dameron talked about the matches ahead and the challenges they face.

"We have one more game, and then conference starts, so we got one more game to prepare."

In non-conference matches, BC lost to Moorpark College 2-0 on Sept. 14, and they lost their home opener 2-0 on Sept. 10 against Solano College.

Dameron talked about the first loss and its benefits for the fu-



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Bakersfield College forward Terryn Soleberg lets the ball drop in front of her during a game against Solano College.

ture.

"It's never fun to take the first loss. You find out more after that loss [by] what they do the next game."

He continued with the team's highs and lows so far this season.

"We started off well, but when we discussed it, they realized that they got away from what they were doing," he said. "They were good in recognizing where they went wrong."

"Instead of playing as 11 work-

ing together, we were 11 players working alone," said Dameron on their first loss to Solano.

Dameron continued. "We're a young team. It's one of those things that you want to put behind you and get back on the field and see if they learned it."

Dameron noted that the women's team lost co-captain Torree Soelberg in an early scrimmage due to an ACL injury. Dameron added that Soelberg is still very vocal and supports her team.

Ferreira's inexperienced team has early struggle

By Julian Moore
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College volleyball team defeated Antelope Valley before dropping three-of-four in the San Diego Mesa tournament.

The Renegades beat AVC in a one-sided match, 3-0, by the scores of 25-7, 25-18, 25-15.

After that game, BC had about 10 days off before traveling to San Diego.

The Renegades went 1-3 in the tournament placing eighth out of the 16 teams there.

Their first match there was against Grossmont College from El Cajon. They wound up beating GC 3-0 with the scores of 25-16, 25-23, and 25-23.

BC lost their first match to Cypress College, the eventual winners of the tournament. The Renegades lost by the scores of 15-25, 20-25, and 10-25.

They went on to lose the next two to San Diego Mesa 0-3 (14-25, 19-25, 20-25) and Moorpark 1-3 (21-25, 16-25, 25-18, 20-25).

Coach Carl Ferreira spoke about how the youth of his team was something they struggle with.

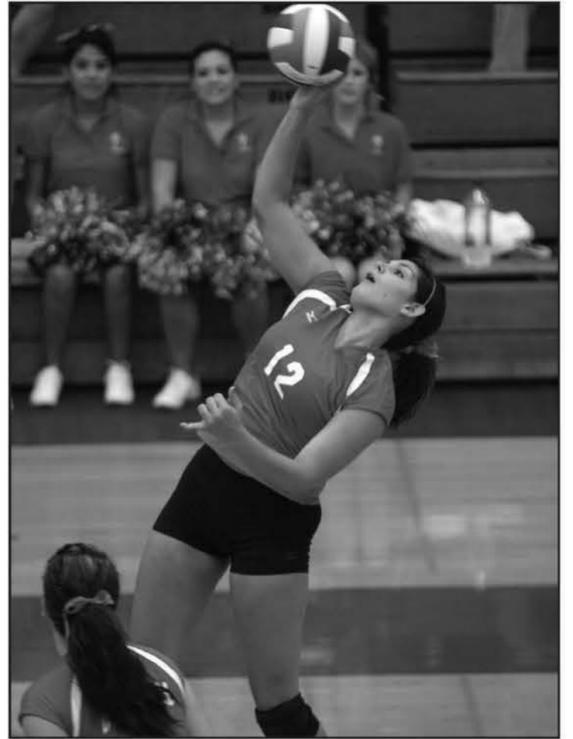
"I really wasn't that surprised at that result, I mean I would say with a very, very young team, we have a ways to go before we're elite. But I absolutely believe its possible, we have to understand the steps that we've got to take to get there," he said.

"Also, numbers don't lie. We try to play to a standard every single day. We've been able to play to that standard against lesser competition but you've got to play to that standard against elite competition."

He went on to discuss improvements that could be made and how his role as the coach comes into play.

"The team relies on me to give a thorough evaluation on what transpired and what new action we're going to take in order for that to happen," said Ferreira. "We've got to attack and serve, our two critical areas, we've got to focus and improve on. And we just have to understand what we need to work on and take the appropriate action to work on."

"You've got to be a better



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Renegades right-side hitter Taylor Tafarella keeps the play alive in a match against Antelope Valley on Sept. 8.



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Bakersfield College libero Minkinzi DeMarco digs for a return against Antelope Valley on Sept. 8 in the BC gym.

athlete day in and day out, you have to have a full engagement in knowing you have an opportunity every single day to train," said Ferreira. "I think our players are still learning how to train every day."

The team played as well as Ferreira felt they could, but he was glad to see some of the young talent step up to the level of competition and those that are learning to do so with every match.

"I have a lot of players who have no idea what it takes at the highest level so we've come back with awareness," he said.

"But I was real pleased with Mary Maiocco's setting ability and Samayah Wilkins's ability to attack and we passed the ball well."

"Ashley Simpson has done a great job for us, she's leading us in attacking, and Rachel Christian has done a great job passing."

Renegades preparing for home duals

By Zak Cowan
Reporter

The wrestling team is preparing for their first meet with the support of their coach and mentor Bill Kalivas.

Kalivas, the wrestling head coach for Bakersfield College, said that the team is young, with only three sophomores, but he thinks they will catch up to speed and be successful.

"We have a really good group of athletes," said Kalivas. "They have a good work ethic, and I think what they don't have in technical ability they make up in determination and hard work."

Kalivas is looking forward to the team's first meet on Sept. 24-25, and he says that they will compete against the one, four, and seven overall teams from last year.

"It will be a good test for them to see where we're at and prepare for the tournament season," he said. "Hopefully we'll find our 10 best athletes per weight class and see what we can do."

Kalivas is preparing the wrestlers physically and mentally.

"Right now it is a matter of some physical conditioning," said Kalivas. "We're getting their body prepared, trying to get their fast twitch muscles and getting them to learn and make some adjustments."

"You may only get one or two opportunities to score," he said. "And you have to maximize those opportunities, otherwise you're not going to be very successful."

"We have a good nucleus of athletes, and we're pleased with the kids that we have," he said.

Kalivas said that the speed of the matches gets faster at every level, from high school to Division I, and that is something he is pushing his athletes to get used to.

Kalivas is confident in the depth and balance throughout the weight classes.

"I think we're fairly balanced," said Kalivas. "We're probably deeper at certain weight classes than others. It just depends."

"We had some high hopes for some other individuals and we had some people that, for personal reasons, had to withdraw from the team," Kalivas said. "And we were disappointed because we felt that they would make good additions and make some good strides, but this sport's not for everybody, and the only fun thing about wrestling is winning."

Kalivas said that they are fairly balanced around the weight classes, and that A.J. Smith and Brad Carls are their top two wrestlers. Barring injury, he said, they have the potential to be the tops in their weight classes.

Wrestling

Sept. 26	Bakersfield Duals
Oct. 2	at Santa Ana Tournament
Oct. 9	at Modesto Tournament
Oct. 16	at South Duals
Oct. 23	at Cal-Baptist Open
Oct. 23	at North/South All-Stars
Oct. 30	at Cuesta Tournament
Nov. 6	at Menlo Open
Nov. 13	WSC Conference Tourney
Nov. 20	at Fullerton State Open
Dec. 4	Southern Regional
Dec. 12	Cal. Community College Champ.

Kalivas talked about the future potential of the team and the academic expectations of the athletes.

"The future looks good if they can all maintain their academic standing and put in the extra time," he said. "One of the things that makes teams successful is to have committed individuals that want to improve, so if this group can stay together cohesively and learn the skills that our coaching staff is trying to teach them, we'll be successful."

"The winning and losing takes care of itself. Our concern is that they prepare themselves physically and that they try and do the things that we ask them to do like working on getting an education and having a good experience," Kalivas said.

"Athletics can end at any time so we look for the positive and make sure that they are going to class and they're focused on working toward their associates degree and getting something out of college, not just competing and taking units just to take units."

Scorecard

Football

Sept. 4	BC 52, L.A. Pierce 41
Sept. 11	BC 41, Saddleback 24
Sept. 18	BC 63, Antelope Valley 7
Sept. 25	at Citrus
Oct. 2	Mt. SAC

Volleyball

Sept. 1	BC 3, Ventura 0
Sept. 3	BC 3, Porterville 1
Sept. 8	BC 3, Antelope Valley 0
Sept. 18	8th place at San Diego Mesa Tournament
Sept. 22	at Cuesta
Sept. 24	at L.A. Pierce Tournament

Soccer

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. 24	at Ventura
Sept. 28	Glendale

Women's Golf

Aug. 30	4th Place Finish
Sept. 3	1st Place Finish
Sept. 13	2nd Place Finish
Sept. 20	at Oakmont GC
Sept. 27	at WSC Citrus

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Renegades keep pouring it on against AVC

By Michael Morrow
Video Production Editor

Both the Bakersfield College Renegades and the Antelope Valley College Marauders used multiple quarterbacks in their third game of the season at Memorial Stadium on Sept. 18, but for very different reasons.

The Renegades defeated AVC 63-7 behind a 42-0 halftime lead.

BC, now 3-0 on the season, started Lyle Negrón at quarterback as usual, but, by the end of the second quarter, the game was well in hand for the Renegades.

They put up 42 points by the time the quarterback change was made for Byron Campbell with 2:57 left in the half. Negrón went 5-for-8 with 53 yards and two touchdowns, while Campbell went 8-for-11 with 92 yards.

The Marauders, now 0-3 on the season, had serious problems at quarterback. Usual starter Josh Firm started the opening drive by throwing an interception to Dillon Meadows in the first minute of the game. On the next possession, Firm dropped back to pass and threw another pick, this time to Zach Vasquez.

During the third possession, Firm threw back-to-back passes into the hands of BC defensive back Tyler Dogins, but Dogins dropped both chances for the interception.

After the wild string of plays, AVC called a timeout and made the quarterback switch. But the change made no difference to the state-ranked No. 5 Renegades.

The Renegades forced turnover after turnover and three-and-out after three-and-out while BC scored on 7 out of 15 posses-

sions. Two of those possessions came at the end of the half and the end of the game as BC just ran the clock away.

Special teams and turnovers helped the Renegades blow by AVC with rotating halfbacks, and punt returner Leandre West was doing most of the damage.

West returned five punts for 234 yards and one score. His largest two returns came at the end of the first quarter when he went 66 yards to the four-yard line, setting up Julian Dean-Johnson for the score. The next was an 86-yard scamper for a touchdown with 11:54 left in the second quarter.

After the game, head coach Jeff Chudy spoke about how well his team performed, and West's big day.

"Obviously we created a lot of turnovers, and we made some things happen in the kicking game," said Chudy. "Lee West was kind of just what we thought he was going to be, so it was a great team win. I'm really proud of our guys."

The 63 points are the most given up by AVC since 2002 when they were defeated by Grossmont College 66-7. It was also the third largest margin of defeat for the Marauders. Chudy mentioned how practice is making perfect for the Renegades.

"At the end of the day, you're going to play how you prepare, and our guys have been preparing extremely hard all week," said Chudy. "The challenge that we had was [sustaining] momentum, and to develop some consistency, and I think we did that."

"We capitalized on the energy that we built up from the Saddleback win. We played a really

good fourth quarter and I was proud of the way our guys came out this week and last."

The Renegades had six running backs and three quarterbacks rush for 182 yards and four touchdowns. Andre Smith and Dean-Johnson led the first half with 55 yards and a touchdown each.

Smith is nine yards away from becoming the 25th player in Renegade football history to have 1,000 yards on the ground, but Smith, along with Dean-Johnson, did not play after the first quarterback change at the end of the first half.

West, Derrick Jenkins and Jawuan Caldwell carried the load the rest of the game gaining 99 yards, with West and Caldwell getting a touchdown each.

On Sept. 11, the Renegades defeated Saddleback College 41-24 and were led by Negrón, who threw for 170 yards, one touchdown on 15-for-32 pass attempts and 21 runs with 80 yards and one touchdown.

The next two games for the Renegades have them traveling to Citrus College on Sept. 25, and then back home to face off against state-ranked No. 1 Mount San Antonio College on Oct. 2.

"We have Citrus and that's a tough game usually for us, because it's hard to play down there at their place. They were 1-0 going into this thing and they play Canyons tonight, so it's going to be a challenge for us," said Chudy.

"We're going to have to stack it up, and we talked about being consistent. It's all about consistency, and our guys have to come back and practice their tails off," said Chudy.



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Bakersfield College running back and punt returner Leandre West breaks tackles for a 5-yard touchdown in the third quarter of 63-7 blowout at Memorial Stadium on Sept. 18.



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Left: Bakersfield College quarterback Lyle Negrón steps into the pocket while trying to deliver a pass down field. Right: Running back Andre Smith cuts up field for a short gain.

Former players move onto the next level

By Michael Morrow
Video Production Editor

Former Bakersfield College quarterback Logan Kilgore was named the starter at Middle Tennessee State and played in two of the three opening games against Division I opponents.

Kilgore missed the second game of the season against Austin Peay.

"Austin Peay I was held out because of a foot injury in order to make sure I was healthy for Memphis," said Kilgore.

The Blue Raiders played the Minnesota Golden Gophers to open their season at home. Kilgore passed for 172 yards on 13 of 18 pass attempts, with one touchdown and one interception.

He missed the next game, then came back to start against Memphis throwing 16-for-26 and 161 yards, with one touchdown and three interceptions.

Kilgore went out to Middle Tennessee in January and said he was working hard to just earn his spot on the depth chart.

Former starting quarterback Dwight Dasher was suspended indefinitely by Middle Tennessee for accepting a loan, giving Kilgore his chance to start.

"Once we kind of knew he was going down, I was the clear-cut backup, and now the clear-cut starter," said Kilgore. "My head coach just brought me in and said 'I know you already know this, but you're our starter, and the whole team believes in you, and the whole coaching staff believes in you. Now you have to believe in yourself.'"

"Nothing is going to change, everyone is just as confident with me in there as they were with him."

Kilgore said he sought advice from former quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator Carl Dean.

"I called Coach Dean because I'm pretty close with Coach Dean, and I talked to him a little bit, and he just gave me advice and said take care of the football, and he thought I was ready, so it was no big deal," Kilgore said.

Dean spoke about the nerves Kilgore might experience in his first game.

"I expect him to have a few nerves, and, playing in a little bit of a different atmosphere, you expect him to be nervous," said



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Logan Kilgore (10) starts in the first game of the season for Middle Tennessee State against University of Minnesota.

Dean. "He's playing a Big Ten opponent, and it is going to be a little surreal for him. He's definitely earned the position that he's in."

"Hopefully he'll run the offense he's been taught, and I expect him to be a little bit more of a polished player, and I think he's going to do well. He's smart with the ball, and, if he takes care of the football, he should do well."

Kilgore's first game with Middle Tennessee was televised on ESPNU, and Kilgore talked about the excitement of it all.

"It was cool. It was nice to be on national TV. I know that I had a lot of support back in California and around the country, my family and friends and stuff. It was nice to jump right into it, playing against a Big Ten team, in front of 30,000 and it was a fun experience," said Kilgore.

Kilgore talked about dealing with nerves before the game.

"I felt completely prepared, being a quarterback my whole life," he said. "It's just another day you have to execute your game plan, and I wasn't really nervous."

Dean described the BC coaching staff's reaction after hearing Kilgore would start.

"Well, we're obviously proud and excited about it and a lot of the players from last year are looking forward to watching him on TV, and we're just hoping for the best," said Dean. "He got there in January, and is excited about being there and had a really good spring. The coaches like him and we've heard a lot of good feedback from them."

"I think going into the season they initially thought he was go-

ing to be a redshirt guy, he has a redshirt to use. I don't know all the situations and details about how he ended up being the starter, but the fact that coaches have confidence in him and that he's proven himself within the coaching staff and the players is good for him."

Middle Tennessee lost the opener to Minnesota 24-17 and Kilgore talked about how the game went.

"Offensively it was an interesting game. We only had the ball

for 14 minutes, they had the ball for 46. It's pretty tough to win games like that. We would have loved to get the ball back in the fourth quarter, but fumbles didn't go our way and we have a lot of good things to build on," said Kilgore. "We were still in position to beat that team, and there's no doubt that we're a good team. We just weren't able to put it together on all sides of the ball."

"I think it just gives us a lot of confidence knowing that if we can compete with any team in the Big Ten, it feels like. I just feel like going into the rest of our schedule, [we have] some big games—at Georgia Tech, Troy, at home—it just gives us a lot of confidence knowing that if we just play our game we're going to be tough to beat."

Former BC receiver Vincent Van Home also went to Middle Tennessee, and Kilgore talked about having a familiar face around.

"I was pretty excited, I definitely enjoy having a friend out here, but once I got here and I started practicing, I've met so many people. The whole community's behind me, I have so many friends and stuff out here that the

Former BC football players move on:

Corey Wright	DL	Angelo State
Tyrone Crawford	DE	Boise State
Cameron Shelton	DE	Fort Hayes State
Casey Sorrell	OL	Fort Hayes State
Mitchell Panceno	OL	Fort Hayes State
Nathan Stevens	TE	Humboldt State
Tanner Webb	FS/SS	Humboldt State
Logan Kilgore	QB	Middle Tennessee State
Vincent Van Home	WR	Middle Tennessee State
Gareth Brown	RB	Missouri Valley
Chikadibia Madu	CB	Nicholls State
Maurice Hayes	DT	University of Alabama at Birm.
Jordan Mudge	OL	University of Nevada at Reno
Rishard Matthews	WR	University of Nevada at Reno
William Randle	WR	University of Texas at El Paso
Joel Turrubiates	OL	Weber State
Jacob Cross	LB	Western New Mexico
Joseph Bertrand	LB	Western New Mexico
Mitchel Knoy	DT	Western New Mexico

transition hasn't been that tough other than being away from my family and my girlfriend, [who] lives there in Bakersfield. It's just a matter of being out here playing and there are certain things that give me an advantage with having Vince here. Just because he's someone that we could talk about old war stories and stuff like that together."

BC transferred several football players on to the next level to play, and Kilgore talked about some of the guys he keeps in touch with.

"I talked to Tyrone [Crawford] a couple of times. He called me before and after my game, and then I called him before and after his game last night. I have talked to the other guys, not about football, but I've talked to them throughout different times in the season. I'm not sure how some of the other guys are doing, basically Tyrone, Tanner Webb, Nick Stevens, those guys are up at Humboldt and my sister goes to there, so I talk to them. It's definitely exciting to see these guys playing around the country."

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Kathy Exachoulakos dances the Ikariotikos, a traditional Greek dance at the Greek Food Festival at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Sept. 11.



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Alina Rita Holanday gets her food at the Greek Food Festival on Sept. 10.



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10-year-old Jake Kleeper plays in the children's play area at the Greek Food Festival on Sept. 11.



GREGORY COOK / THE RIP

Danny Papakalos, of the group Synthesi, plays a traditional Greek melody on an eight-string Bouzouki during the Greek Food Festival on Sept. 11.



CARISSA EDWARDS / THE RIP

People wait in line for gyros at the Greek Food festival Sept. 10.

By Michael Wafford
Opinions Editor

Bakersfield citizens filled the yard of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church for the 38th annual Greek Food Festival.

Attendees were treated to the scent of Greek food, traditional folk music and fresh air on Sept. 10 and 11.

The crowd enjoyed the atmosphere at the annual fundraiser. "You have some good food, some good music and you can relax. It's about having a nice time," said Cecil Parson who was joined by his wife Sadia and son Joe Parson.

"Most people say there's nothing to do in this town, but there are things to do. There are a lot of fun events and activities. A lot of people don't look around and

take all this stuff in," said Parson. "We've come for the past couple of years. We're originally from New York; we have a festival like this one back there. It brings a little culture and diversity to this town."

The festival has become a tradition for many of the attendees, including Bakersfield College professor David Koeth and his family. "My family and I have been coming here for about 20 years now. We love the food," said Koeth.

BC students were also in attendance. "We came here last year. It was really fun. We like dancing, the food, and it gives me an opportunity to socialize with my friends," said nursing major Raquel Johnson, 19, who was joined by friends and fellow BC students Olivia Juarez and Indiana Adame.

Attendees were entertained by traditional Greek music and dance. Music was performed by the group Syn-

thesi, comprised of Danny Papakalos and Peter Daneff, the pair played traditional Greek folk music.

The members working the various food and beverage booths were pleased by the interest Bakersfield citizens have shown for the Greek food Festival over the years. "I like that the people support us," said Margaret Papadimitrakis. "We're raising money to keep our church going. This is our main fundraiser to pay for our church. Usually the churches in Greece, the government supports them. They're government funded. Us—we're independent."

Entrance to the festival cost \$5 per day. Although the St. George's has not completed counting the number of people who attended the festival or the amount of money raised Genevieve Christensen, of St. George's Greek Orthodox Church said, "It was a very successful year, it was a nice surprise."



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