

BC ensemble plays classics

By Tyler McGinty
Opinions Editor

It may not have been filled with people in black turtlenecks, and hardly anyone was snapping their fingers, but the recital hall in the Fine Arts building turned into a jazz club that night.

On Nov. 5, Bakersfield College's Jazz Ensemble performed some classics from jazz history including Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk and Duke Ellington.

These artists were the staples of the show.

Director Kris Tiner, who conducted the ensemble, was trying to showcase some of the traditional sounds for this particular show, but it wasn't his main concern.

"When I put it all together, I try to think of making a concert that flows well," said Tiner.

Some pieces were designed for big bands, such as Mary Lou Williams' "Walkin' and Swingin'."

Others, such as the Monk composed "Monk's Dream," were intended for groups smaller than BC's jazz ensemble.

The songs originally designed for small groups seemed to allow more freedom for the ensemble, and had more solos, which gave students an opportunity to show



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Jorge Santos plays a trumpet solo in "Song For My Father" by Horace Silver during Bakersfield College's Jazz Ensemble performance in the Fine Arts building Nov. 4.

their talent and the work they have put in over the semester.

Pianist Brian Lee, soloist on "Monk's Dream," moving along with the music as he played was

a physical representation of how the music can affect the performers.

"I don't even realize half the time that I'm doing it," said Bri-

an Lee about his animated performance.

"I just feel the music, and that's something I've always tried to do."



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Spencer Bateman plays a tenor saxophone solo during a BC Jazz Ensemble performance of "All Blues."

A discussion of elderly care at Levan Center

By Monica Bolger
Reporter

"We're all people. We're all humans," stated Dr. David A. Goldstein at a panel discussion on Nov. 8 inside the Bakersfield College Norman Levan Center.

The "physical scholar of medicine" was the main speaker in an in-depth discussion of health care policies and medical-ethics issues in society.

Goldstein's lecture was composed of personal endeavors and the experiences he faced while working as chief of general internal medicine and vice-chair for clinical affairs at the Keck School of Medicine.

Goldstein's speech addressed several ethical verities, such as non-maleficence, distributive justice, and integrity, but focused mainly on the three models of distributive justice known as, eq-

uity, equality, and need.

"A good physician must be able to use the humanities to reflect on the horrors that we see, the tragedies we see, and the good things that we see," said Goldstein.

"But it's a very difficult job and I think I only appreciate how difficult it really is, as I've gotten older and older as I've worried about 'rationing' myself.

Its one of the reasons I write: so that I can reflect and read myself the stories of the lives that I intersect with."

Along with key terms, Goldstein addressed criteria of ex-

penses and money wasted caused by unnecessary greed and want.

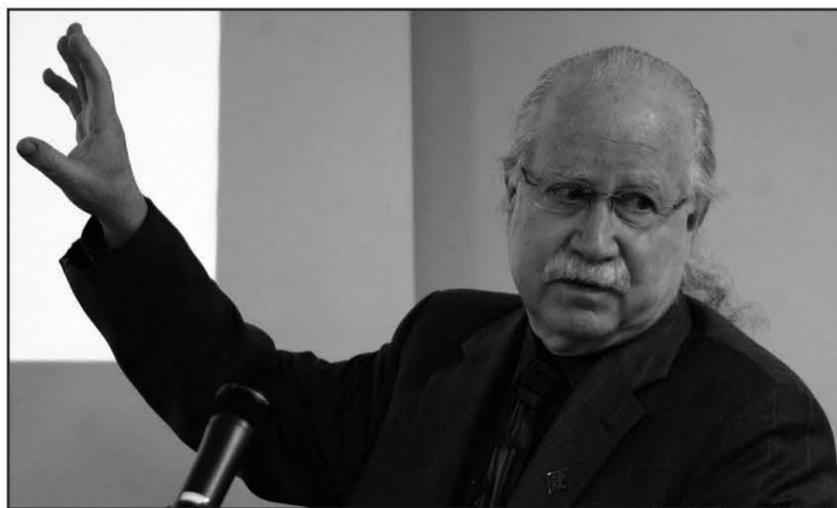
"I can't even listen to the radio or watch a TV show without hearing a commercial that's advertising a certain medication," said Goldstein.

Goldstein's suggestion of a different rationing technique is to use generic medication instead of name-brand medicine to feed less into marketing.

Norman Levan and BC President Greg Chamberlain, along with numerous on and off students attended the seminar, some of which supported Goldstein's ideas of health care reform.

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Dr. David A. Goldstein, the chief of general internal medicine at the Keck School of Medicine, speaks to the crowd inside the Norman Levan Center on Nov. 8.

BC and Cal State Bakersfield student, Nadia Salem, attended the event in hopes of supporting the issue of Healthcare Reform.

"I read on the BC Web site about Dr. Goldstein being on campus, and I knew I had to come," said Salem.

"I always support any function that is for Health Care Reform and by being here I feel like I'm

contributing."

Goldstein discusses money spent on chemotherapy, dialysis procedures and the idea of existentialism.

"The challenge to us is to create a system where medical technology doesn't help; where society can afford the expense of someone's last six months," he said.

Goldstein believes that it is possible to change the existing culture of waste and greed.

"There should be a rational approach to health care, not an approach to rationing," Goldstein said.

"The idea of rationing health care unto the elderly and to those in need is currently a controversial topic under debate."

Nguyen speaks on defending clients

By Meisha McMurray
Reporter

The Gay Straight Association brought in Jimmy Nguyen, a prominent entertainment, new media, and intellectual Property Lawyer, and a media commentator from Saigon, Vietnam, on Nov. 7 in the Fireside Room.

Nguyen became known after defending a client against Miss California USA, Carrie Prejean.

Nguyen has had a life history of excelling early. He graduated college from UCLA at age 19, and Law School from USC at age 22.

"At the time I liked being the overachieving kid," he said. "I couldn't legally drink until my second year of law school, so it makes you feel a little bit more socially awkward."

Another thing that added to Nguyen's uncomfortable experience in law school was his immigrant status, as well as his orientation.

"That aggravated my feelings of feeling different," he said. "Then, on top of it, I'm a good number of years younger than my peers, so I thought, 'oh gosh, I'm really totally the nerdy social outcast here.'"

"I liked the attention of it and the knowledge that I was achieving at a faster rate than other people, but at the same time it presented a lot of social challenges," said Nguyen.

Nguyen has made his impact felt in a number of mediums as a partner for the national law firm, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in areas such as entertainment, new media, intellectual property, technology, advertising and sports matters.

He has also represented big-name clients including Major League Baseball, LEGO Systems and Sony Computer Entertainment America.

Nguyen's accolades include IP Lawyer of the year and being named one of Lawdragon's 500 leading lawyers in America.

Aside from his legal ambitions and accomplishments, Nguyen uses his position to speak out for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community's rights.

"There's a lot more to be done," he said. "But I think our community and our equal rights movement has come much farther than I thought I'd see in our lifetime."

At his Web site www.jimmy-



ELEONOR SEGURA / THE RIP

Jimmy Nguyen gives his presentation at "Shine, Speak, Win" in the Fireside Room on Nov. 7.

win.com, he comments on issues in law, politics, media and culture where people can find their voices. His mantra and hope is that everyone can learn to shine, speak and win.

"Shine factor, it is the real power in life," he said. "You have to shine what is unique about you. Be authentic, and be happy with who you are. And always be distinctive."

Politician Grove speaks about business at BC

By Cassandra McGowan
Reporter

Bakersfield College's Students in Free Enterprise club held a workshop Nov. 2 with Assemblywoman Shannon Grove as the guest speaker.

SIFE is a program designed to help students who want to open their own business become business savvy.

Grove greeted everyone with a handshake and introduction.

Throughout the presentation she managed to remember everyone's name and their specific reason for attending the workshop.

Grove says she never attended college but still managed to build a successful business now worth millions.

She worked random jobs at Kmart, JCPenny, and even in the fields of Arvin in her younger years.

"I tried to make sure everything I did, I did the best," said

Grove.

In May of 1993 she opened Continental Labor Resources in Bakersfield and has since opened in Visalia, Ridgecrest, Paso Robles and has even expanded into Colorado.

She's even getting ready to open in Wyoming.

She never missed a day of work and has always put a 100% into anything she's ever done.

Grove said the key to building a good business is "Integrity, a good name, and honesty."

She said she made a real effort to build a good repertoire with her clients.

"You never go back on your word. You never bounce checks."

Having a good relationship with business partners and employees was something she also stressed.

"I surrounded myself with good people who were like-minded in business and ethics," said Grove.

Honoring those who have served

By Cassandra McGowan
Reporter

Hundreds of people lined the streets of downtown Bakersfield on Nov. 11 with flags and roses to kick off the 92nd annual Bakersfield Veterans Day parade, and to show their appreciation for the service military personnel have provided throughout the years. Veterans old and young were in the parade and among the crowd.

Wesley Barrientos, a veteran of the Iraq War who lost both of his legs, was the grand marshal of this year's parade.

Barrientos served in both Iraq and Afghanistan before being injured and returning home in 2008.

The parade featured many local schools, clubs and people

who just wanted to make their respect for our military known.

Outlawz Car Club was one of those clubs and has members that are veterans as well as a few members who have children currently serving.

"My son is in the military so I'm here to support the vets," said Victor Rodriguez. Other members were just there to support their friends and show their respect.

"[I'm here] supporting the veterans and the car club has vets in it, too," said Bill Araujo.

Many of the local Reserve Officers' Training Corps or ROTC were marching in the parade to honor the vets.

Quinn Miller, 14, is part of Bakersfield High School's ROTC program.

He wants to follow in the footsteps of his father by fight-

ing for his country when he turns 18.

"I actually joined because of my dad. He really inspired me. He was in the Navy and is now SWAT," he said.

Quinn was joined at the parade by his mother Misty Miller and father Ryan Miller, and both said they are proud of their son, but concerned for his safety at the same time.

"You want them to be protected," said Misty Miller.

Misty and Ryan Miller said they couldn't take any credit for their son's decision.

"We didn't push him at all, he did it on his own," said Misty Miller.

In attendance were many people associated with Bakersfield College. Former BC athletic director Herb Loken, who served in WWII, was one of them.

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The South High School JROTC marches down 21st street carrying a large American Flag while more members carry flags from all 50 states during the Bakersfield Veterans Day parade Nov. 11.

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A parade-goer holds up an American Flag during the Bakersfield Veterans Day parade.



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A replica of the caissons used to carry the nations fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery carries a flag-draped coffin down the parade route at the Bakersfield Veterans Day parade on Nov. 11.



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Former Bakersfield College athletic director Herb Loken (Center) applauds as a float dedicated to wounded veterans passes. SSgt Loken served with the 101st Airborne in WWII, where he jumped into Normandy in support of the D-day invasions, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and in his words, "Walked to Berlin with Ike."



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The Stonecreek Jr. High Stampede Marching Band is reflected in the bell of one of their sousaphones as they march in the Bakersfield Veterans Day parade held downtown Nov. 11.



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Former defensive end for the Pittsburgh Steelers and veteran Jeremy Staat rides an armored personnel carrier past the Fox Theater. Staat, a Bakersfield College alumnus, gave up his professional football career to join the military and is now active in education.



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Students from Horace Mann Elementary school's Pre-K program pay tribute to the Navy Seals and US Army Special Forces with their costumes.