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Above: Kevin Costner, who plays Jim White in "McFarland, USA," speaks to reporters during the red carpet at the movie premiere. The movie was screened at the Bakersfield location of Maya Cinemas.

Right: Jim White, the coach that inspired "McFarland, USA," attends the Bakersfield premiere of the film with his wife Cheryl White.

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## Star comes to town for new movie

By Elizabeth Castillo  
Editor in Chief

The Bakersfield community received the star treatment when Maya Cinemas hosted a red carpet and premiere of "McFarland, USA." Several cast members from the film attended the event including Kevin Costner who portrays cross country coach Jim White.

The film is based on the true story of McFarland High School and its highly successful cross country team. It takes place in 1987, which is the first year the school won a state championship in the sport. Members from the 1987 cross country team attended the event as well and were impressed by how accurately Disney portrayed the story.

"They did a great job, and we're very happy with the film," said Damacio Diaz, one of three Diaz brothers that were on the 1987 team. "This experience has been very overwhelming, and we feel very humbled by it."

Diaz is currently a Bakersfield Police detective and now owns land in McFarland. He said that the three most important values in his household growing up were God, family and school. Sports were way down that list of values, and he's happy that he and his brothers excelled in sports at that time.

In the film, the Diaz brothers' mom is portrayed as a strong leader of the household. David Diaz said that Disney portrayed his mother well.

"We're not ashamed of what our mother did or how she behaved," he said. "She was a dictator. So what?"

David said that the film did not only portray the lives of Hispanics growing up in McFarland but also of Okies who worked the land before them. He said that "McFarland, USA" isn't just a Hispanic story but is a representation of life in the Central Valley. Several actors from the film were present at the event. Johnny Ortiz, an actor who played cross country runner Jose Cardenas in



David Diaz, a runner from the 1987 team, walks the Bakersfield red carpet.

the film, said that he was happy that Hispanics were the protagonists of the story.

"Why can't we be the hero?" he said. "We always have to be the gangbanger so I was really glad to be a part of this film."

Kevin Costner, a lead role in the film, was also in attendance and said that there were several reasons he wanted to be involved with the film. One was that "McFarland, USA" showed that if you give children a goal, and believe they can achieve it, then those kids have a chance to excel just like the cross country runners in McFarland. He also really enjoyed being part of a true story with an inspirational message.

"But sometimes you get a chance to make a story that actually happens in a community and you feel like its worth telling," he said. "I remember reading this story a long time ago and for the story to turn into a movie and to somehow find myself in the middle of all of it, it's just part of the mystery of life."

Costner said that it was interesting for someone as successful as Jim White to stay with his

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## Former state senator speaks at conference

By Javier Valdes  
Reporter

Former democratic state Sen. Dean Florez, 51, introduced The Michelson 20 Million Minds Foundation and spoke about where technology should be heading within the higher education system during the Technology Conference at the Bakersfield College indoor theater Feb. 5.

Florez, who was the keynote speaker, started off the conference speaking about the high cost of schoolbooks, particularly in our community college system, and how the 20 Million Minds Foundation has begun to create an open source system where books of various different subjects are available for free use for any student and faculty who choose to use it.

"Our goal at 20 Million

Minds is to create an open source textbook library and creating savings for the students," Florez said. He encouraged students and faculty to take interest in the money-saving opportunity.

However, Florez's visit to the BC campus was mainly geared toward the innovation of technology in the classroom and the ways that BC faculty and the community college system can incorporate new technologies to create a hybrid learning mechanism that utilizes traditional teaching and the incorporation of technology to attain a more effective way of learning.

Florez expressed his high regard over a competency-based education, and how he sees this as a solution for the skills gap that there is between college graduates and the competing workforce.



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Former state senator Dean Florez explains his 20 Million Minds Foundation at the technology conference at BC.

Florez explained how recent studies suggested that when asking college leaders if their students had the right skills needed for the workforce that about 95 percent said yes. Then they asked CEOs and other business leaders, and only 11 percent felt that col-

lege students were ready to take on the workforce.

"If you really think about it, we have a huge gap in perception," Florez said. "The workforce is saying that our students aren't prepared and then our colleges are saying

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## Burglary at BC; six iMacs stolen

By Elizabeth Castillo and Amber Hayden  
Rip Editors

A burglary took place at the Fine Arts building of Bakersfield College sometime over the weekend of Feb. 6- Feb. 8. At least six iMacs were taken from FA 10. The suspect broke glass doors to get inside of the FA building and used an unknown pry bar type instrument to get inside the locked classroom, according to Christopher Counts, the director of Public Safety at BC.

Counts said that this is not the first burglary to occur at the FA building. On a separate occurrence, a computer and camera were taken from another area within the FA building. Counts said that he'd prefer to keep all dates and times of the

burglaries unavailable at this time because this is an ongoing investigation.

According to Amber Chiang, BC's director of Marketing and Public Relations, BC is working with the Bakersfield Police Department. Chiang said that a report has been made with the BPD. According to Sergeant Joe Grubbs, BPD's media and public relations contact, a case file and report cannot be found as of Feb. 17. Chiang said that BC is aware of when the burglary occurred and it is a key part of the investigation. She said she is unsure if the burglary qualifies as grand theft and did not want to discuss the cost of the stolen items. According to Apple's website, one new 21.5 inch iMac starts

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Column  
When you can't pay for comfort

**Brooke Howard** | It's okay to learn the hard way.

When I moved out, I realized in order to live on my own, you could almost never be home. You had to go to school from morning to evening, go to work from evening till late night and when you sprinkle in homework, laundromats, clubs at school and extra hours at work you have yourself a big no-fun-time pie.

On top of that, I was having a hard time even paying my rent. I went days of collecting my change to eat my meals out of vending machines. The kicker was, I was working full-time as a server at the nicest café in Beverly Hills.

Where was all of my money going? Obviously not in my bank account or I would have been eating real food.

Something they should have taught us in high school was how to make a budget.

I had absolutely no idea how to balance my checkbook, set aside a rainy-day fund, map out the days of the month I had to pay bills or even how to write out a check when I graduated from high school.

Luckily, I was blessed with an amazing family, but when you move to a new city without them, it's really not their responsibility to take care of you anymore.

If you have ever had trouble paying your rent you know the sick-to-your-stomach feeling. In 1943, a man named Abraham Maslow created something called Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, in which he states a basic need, before you need love and belonging or even self-actualization, is the feeling of safety.

These feelings of safety include personal security, financial security, health and well-being.

If you aren't able to pay your rent all of those are compromised.

If you've been in that situation, maybe you're like me and Googled what organ you don't absolutely have to have and can sell on the Black Market. Maybe you even thought about the proximity of the nearest strip club (just kidding mom) and calculated how much the ladies and gentlemen of the night make.

Whatever has briefly crossed your mind, I've been there. And the way I fixed it was simple. I realized I wasn't structured in my spending so I was essentially throwing money away.

The way I set a structured budget for myself was simple. First, calculate your fixed costs. This includes the bills that don't vary much from month to month such as rent, utilities and car payments. Also include subscriptions such as Netflix and gym memberships.

Now take a look at what your take-home pay is. The rule of thumb I made for myself is fixed costs should be no more than 50% of your take-home pay. Now is there anything you can trim out of those subscriptions? I cut out the gym because I knew I could either go on runs or work out at school. 20% of that should go to a savings or shoebox and 30% of it should go to food, gas and extras.

It's easy to think you can live off Top Ramen and only spend \$594.72 on food for a year or get your whole closet from a flea market, but that's just not realistic. When you are structured and stick to a budget, it's easier to pay your bills and rest at ease.

## Whiskey Flat Days is still successful

By Amber Hayden  
Online Editor

With the drought being like it has been, the wonder if Whiskey Flat Days would bring in the revenue it has in past years came in to question this year.

Located just a short drive outside of Bakersfield and up the canyon to the town of Kernville, is where the event takes place every year in the spring.

But with booths and reenactments in full swing there was no question that it would be as successful as it has always been.

Tim Dawson, a physics professor, has played Adam Hamilton for the last two years at Whiskey Flat Days.

During Dawson's first year playing Hamilton, who owned the area of Whiskey Flats, he won best in showmanship, which for a first time reenactor, is unheard of.

"I gave the award, though, to my 7-year-old granddaughter who also dresses up, she has autism though and I wanted her to have it ... excuse me it makes me emotional," he said.

Dawson can be found wandering the encampment area speaking with a lot of the kids that come to the event.

One of the areas that was set up this year was a mine area.

According to Ernie Meeler, it was the first time that they had set it up like this, it was usually located in a different area of the encampment.

"Saturday, we had set off 10 to 12 charges inside the mine, it was pretty awesome," commented Meeler.

One of the reenactors, Ringo, came over to some of the kids that had watched the reenact-



ment and passed out souvenirs to them.

When they asked how he was able to stand up after being shot his response was simple, "I'm like Superman."

During certain times of the day, people can gather at the middle of the encampment in order to hear some music from the band The BillHillyz.

The band was dressed in period clothing of the western area they would sing and play for anyone willing to sit and listen.

Not only did they play for patrons, they also took the time to teach some of the young kids in attendance how to play the wash-

board.

In the encampment area were a few booths set up that you could purchase necklaces and other things that would fit with the period of the time.

Located west of the encampment were several rows of booths and areas to eat.

One vendor that is always there is Marge Powers, the wife of the late Bob Powers.

She makes sure to set up a booth every year and answer questions about the area of the Kern Valley as well as her husband's books that he has written about the area.

Powers' books focus mainly

on the people who have inhabited the Kern River area for generations.

There is also a carnival for the kids to enjoy themselves, as well as having several contests such as frog jumping that was focused on just them.

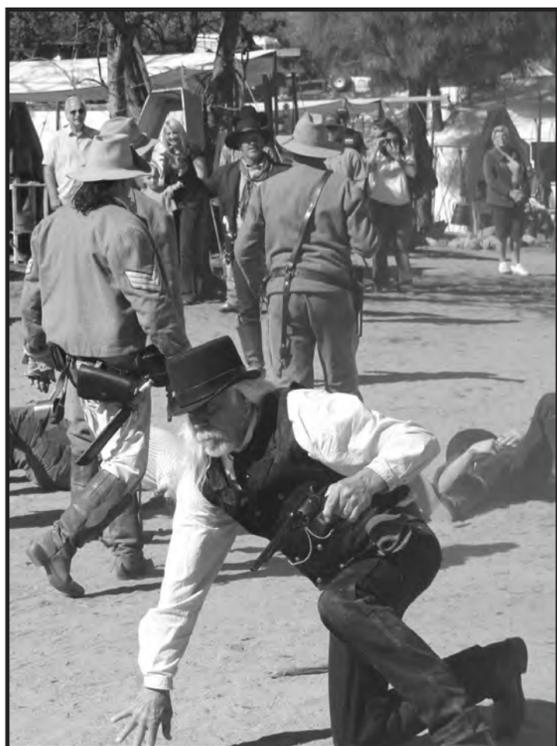
One row of booths that was set up was just for food, from hot dogs to tri-tip.

Several lemonade booths were set up around the event where you could buy a tall glass and be able to refill it all day long the day that you purchased the drink.

The event took place over Feb 13-16.

Above: Ringo passes out souvenirs to kids at the event. Center Left: Ryan, 8, plays with one of the water pumps located in the encampment area. Center Right: The encampment area located at the east end of the event. Below Right: Tom Dawson interacts with some of the kids in attendance. Below Left: A gun fight between the outlaws and the calvary takes place on Feb. 15.

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### This issue's Top Ten Things to do before an interview

1. Research the company.
2. Know who you're meeting with.
3. Practice answers to typical questions.
4. Bring copies of your resume.
5. Have your references handy.
6. Wear a professional outfit.
7. Know where you are going.
8. Arrive 15 minutes early.
9. Give a firm handshake.
10. Smile, but don't fake it!



## Get up & Go

### February 19

"Cosmic Castaway" @ 7:30 p.m. Located at William M. Thomas Planetarium in the Math/Science building room 112. Tickets on sale now at BC ticket office in Business Services. Will not be available at the door. Prices \$8 Adults/ \$6 Seniors & Children ages 5-12 only.

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CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshop. "Basic Math Skills" @ noon-1 p.m. Instructor K. Nickell. Located at SS building in room 151.

### February 23

Federal Work Study Workshop @ 10-11 a.m. SS building room 151. Finding work on campus and how it affects your financial aid eligibility.

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CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshop. "Preventing Plagiarism" @ noon-1 p.m. Instructor T. Meier. Located at SS building in room 151.

### February 24

"Writing the Map: Creating Outlines to Streamline your Writing" @ 2-3 p.m. SS building room 133. Instructor Laraine Rosema.

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Federal Work Study Workshop @ 9-10 a.m. SS building room 151. Finding work on campus and how it affects your financial aid eligibility.

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Allied Health Open House from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Located at the Renegade Park. It's an open house for the nursing and Rad Tech areas. A demonstration will be given to high school students with a health program of the sims lab and radiology labs.

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Anne Beneventui Talks @ 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. Author of "Spirits Unleashed" will be speaking at the Levan Center.

### February 25

CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshop. "Fighting Fragments" @ 11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Instructor A. Townsend. Located at SS building in room 151.

### February 26

"Shun Yun" February 26-27 @ 7:30 p.m. Rabobank arena. Over 5,000 years of Chinese culture. This play is known around the world and is being recognized for its brilliant display of Chinese culture and history that is not even allowed to be seen in China. Ticket prices; \$50, \$60, \$70, \$80, \$100, \$110 and \$120.

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CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshop. "Learn for Life" @ 1-2 p.m. Instructor R. Vickrey. Located at SS building in room 151.

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"Chicago" @ 8 p.m. Fox Theater. Rock band legend "Chicago" will be performing their famous hits in their yearly tour that the band never misses. Ticket prices; \$69.50, \$89.50, \$109.50, & \$136.50. VIP includes first 10 rows, meet & greet, and photo.

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"How to Elect your SGA" @ 4-5 p.m. Located at CC building in the SGA board room. Learn how you as a student can vote for the Student Government officers that represent you and your college.

### March 2

CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshop. "Preventing Plagiarism" @ noon-1 p.m. Instructor T. Meier. Located at SS building in room 151.

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"FAFSA and DREAM ACT Application Workshop" @ 10 a.m.-noon & 3-6 p.m. Located at SS building in room 151. Want to learn how to complete your Fafsa application or just how to file for Financial Aid? This seminar will teach you how.

### March 3

CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshop. "Strive for Excellence & Emphasize Integrity" @ 11 a.m.-noon. Instructor V. Robinson. Located at SS building in room 151.

### March 4

"Retail Corner" @ 9 a.m. Located at the Fireside room in CC building. BC will host a career event for a group of retailers who are hiring.

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CAS (Critical Academic Skills) Workshop. "Stay Involved" @ 1-2 p.m. Instructor J. Davies. Located at SS building in room 151.



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Kevin Gardner's various artwork on display at First Friday. First Friday happens each month in downtown Bakersfield.

## First Friday filled with art

By Rhiannon Stroberg  
Reporter

First Friday is a local event in which every first Friday of the month, Bakersfield artists get the opportunity to showcase and sell their art.

It's free for the public to attend, however the artists have to pay a \$25 fee in order to showcase their work. Bakersfield College students Kevin Gardner, Albert Vargas, and Omar Jacinto team up each month and split the cost of the fee in order for them to all have a chance to display their artwork.

Gardner, 22, who goes by his artistic name KG the Octopus, began painting at a young age and has been featured in magazines such as Rebel Ink and Bakersfield's local art magazine Project Oh!. Gardner also does speed drawings on YouTube and has been recognized by many musicians who appreciate his artwork.

Vargas, 23, whose artistic name is Nimak, started drawing when he was 13, but began doing body paint in 2012 and later moved to canvas. Vargas also has a YouTube channel in which he shows many of his artwork.

Jacinto, 22, whose art name Omarvel was spawned by Marvel comics, claims that his inspiration came from Vargas.

He liked to paint and he decided that he wanted to expand his artistic abilities by attending an art class at BC as well as painting more often.

All three young men would like to start an art club for local artists in hopes of expanding the art community throughout Bakersfield.

Another artist Ester Rodriguez, who makes unique works of art out of VHS tape, states that she started selling her art at First Friday in June of 2014.

"I like to recycle things and I thought it'd be a great idea to use old, unused VHS tapes to make something different," said Rodri-

guez.

She also makes wallets out of cassette tapes and she plans on expanding her business online when she is able to produce more items.

Tessa McQueen, a jewelry maker, has been selling her jewelry at First Friday for the past four months.

"With jewelry, there is a lot of competition. I wanted to make something different, something kind of unique, so I looked online and saw these little interesting anklets that reminded me of gypsy women and I decided that I wanted to make them," said McQueen.

Miranda Whipple and Jessica Ousley were among the many people to stop at McQueen's jewelry table in which Whipple expressed that her favorite thing about First Friday is the handcrafted material. Ousley stated that she loves the atmosphere, the artists, and just being able to see what every artist is capable of doing.

"The cool thing about First Friday is that there is a diverse group of people who group together and that it's also cool meeting new people who appreciate artwork as much as you do," said BC student Rose Marie.

"And it's Friday," Marie's friend Dyanon Webster added.

Former BC student Carlos Fierro said, "First Friday is supposed to be an open art gallery to the public to create artistic culture amongst the Bakersfield community." Fierro, who started selling his artwork at First Friday in 2012, said that he started creating art as a kid but expanded his practices while attending BC because the art classes he attended really opened his mind.

Fierro's friend, Pat Spurlock, who is a band promoter and an artist, said, "Art has always been around, whether it's drawing or painting."

Spurlock states that his main goal is to combine both the Ba-



Albert Vargas, 23, poses next to his portrait of a geisha.



Former BC student Carlos Fierros combines James Earl Jones' characters Darth Vader from "Star Wars" and King Jaffe Joffer from "Coming to America."

kersfield art scene and the music scene.

Spurlock also said that he enjoys First Friday not only because he gets to meet new people who share a mutual interest, but also because, "As a band promoter, it is easier to book a show than to find a place to show and present my art."

The atmosphere at First Fri-

day is comparable to a small carnival without the rides.

Everyone looks to be enjoying him or herself as they walk around looking at various works of art. Whether it is paintings, jewelry, or knitted items, First Friday is a way to show appreciation and support towards the creative minds that make this event possible.

## \$5 dates with comedy

By Darla Mangrum  
Reporter

In continuation to \$5 dates from our first issue, we discovered artsy and comedic adventures for you and a significant other.

The weekend is fast approaching and the anxiousness to do something other than study is inevitable, so why not try these dates that might fit into your budget.

If you or your date are into the arts, a trip to the Bakersfield Museum of Arts on the third Friday of the month is free of charge. To make the date more romantic bring a picnic lunch to share with your date and lounge in the museum's Tejon Sculpture Garden. The museum is open from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 1930 R Street and you can contact them at (661) 323-7219 or www.bmoa.org.

The great thing about this date is there are no reservations needed and putting together a picnic is easy.

Another suggestion is a Saturday night comedy show at the Empty Space Theater. Every Saturday night in February the theater has a family friendly show called Point & Laugh! And Shout a Little.

Major League Improv puts on the shows Saturday nights at 6 p.m. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$10 or \$5 per student and \$5 for seniors. The Empty Space is located at 706 Oak Street and can be contacted at www.esonline.org

## Condors to help choir

By Brooke Howard  
Features Editor

The Bakersfield Condors are teaming up with the Bakersfield College Choral Program for a fundraising event that will help the BC general Choral Activities fund as well as the Chamber Singers fly to Rome, Italy this coming June.

The Chamber Singers were invited to take part in the International Festival Choir that will include an 11-day stay as well as the choir having their own performances in Rome and Venice.

They will perform a mass in the St. Peters Basilica and other classical pieces during the festival.

The BC choir is selling lower

level tickets for \$18 and upper level tickets for \$13.

Their goal is to sell two hundred tickets to receive half of the proceeds.

"If we sell 200 tickets we will receive 50% of the proceeds," Director of Choral Activities fund as well as the Chamber Singers fly to Rome, Italy this coming June.

The game will be held on Feb. 28 at the Rabobank Arena on Truxtun Avenue in downtown Bakersfield.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the first 2,000 fans will receive a bobble-head of a Condors player.

To purchase tickets through the choir call (661) 395-4547 or visit <https://tickets.bakersfieldcondors.com/order/group/BCCfun130/>

## Students think celebrations are lacking

By Brooke Howard  
Features Editor

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration in the month of February of the achievements of black Americans and their roles in history.

Many students on campus have mixed opinions on whether Bakersfield College does enough to celebrate this month.

"Bakersfield College doesn't do enough and it's not just on BC, it's on the students.

"People just don't want to get

involved because of how many hoops you have to jump through to do anything here," BC student Alexandria Thomas said.

Thomas even mentioned an incident where a student felt racially insulted by a professor.

"SGA hasn't done anything about it and the Dean of Students hasn't done anything about it. It's like 1963 here and how long do you have to tell someone there is a problem and they continue to not do anything about it?" Thomas said.

Although the President of the African American Student Union

of Bakersfield College has similar views, she's hopeful that the open mic and chalk walk that included a chalk mural, poetry, musicians and singers showed students how to celebrate Black History Month in a creative way.

A quote by Ralph Martin, "Excellence isn't a skill, it's an attitude" is a main theme Safiyyah Desouza wants to reiterate this month. "And although there is definitely not enough being done, the students should be more involved with student life as well." Desouza continues, "There is what, eighteen

thousand of us at this school? Imagine eighteen thousand of us making a difference.

"Just don't mess around, stay on track because you are the future."

Other students agreed that there are enough resources on campus to put together a better celebration for Black History Month.

"I started college at West Los Angeles College and transferred here last semester. I'm pretty surprised with the lack of Black History stuff.

"I mean West LA had a parade

and talent show," sociology student Lele Smith said.

"I feel like we have enough students to do something. We should have encouraging things for everyone to love their heritage," Smith added.

Others agreed that BC does enough to celebrate.

"The thing is, every day is Black History Month for me. So yeah, BC does enough. I get to come to school and watch my friends play football or pick their majors, that's the beginning of new black history for me," BC student Patrick Williams said.

## BC sports and fallacy

By Marcus Castro  
Reporter

Bakersfield College athletes tend to have superstitions that involve a ritual routine or wearing a certain item.

Some BC athletes will wear an article of clothing every single time they play.

Andrew Tibbetts, pitcher on BC's baseball team, explained that he likes to wear his left sock inside out and his right sock correctly.

He has done this for some time and believes it brings him luck.

Richard Ortiz, athlete on BC's track and field team, explained that he makes sure to always wear a white t-shirt under his track uniform every time he throws.

Some athletes have a routine they do right before or as they perform.

"When I step in the circle, I step exactly how I am going to end," said Ortiz. "I always look outside, and then I go blank in my mind and just do it."

Anthony Avila, first baseman on BC's baseball team, explained that he tapes his hands the same way every single game. He then has secret handshakes that he does with certain teammates.

Jewelry is worn by some athletes to give them good luck. Whether it is because they just like how it looks or if it has meaning to them.

Kyra Saunders, athlete on BC's track and field team, said, "My step-father passed away and he gave me this necklace so I wear it every time I run."

Many athletes listen to music before they play their sport to get them pumped up or in the zone.

Gerardo Castaneyra, athlete on BC's men's club soccer team, said, "I mentally pump myself up by listening to music... I like to listen to Logic."

## Scribes needed for students at BC

By Mason J. Rockfellow  
Reporter

Scribes are in desperate need here at Bakersfield College. Due to the low number of scribes on campus there are some students who are not being accommodated and have had to drop out of classes because of this issue.

A scribe is a paid student worker who takes notes for a student who is disabled and cannot take the notes themselves, and in some cases performs other classroom tasks and test taking situations.

Cynthia Garbett is the scribe coordinator, a new position here at BC. Garbett is given profiles of students who need a scribe and her job is to seek out a scribe for those students.

"My job to me, I look at it in two ways: I am here to find the best possible match for each of my students and I am also here to find the best possible match for my scribe," said Garbett.

A scribe is to attend every class with the student. Some students have different needs that the scribe may need to accommodate. Scribes may be required to record the lectures, get hand-outs, and type the notes in a word document and then email the notes to the student.

In some situations the scribe may have to help out during class activities and labs when the student needs assistance using certain materials and equipment. The student may also have the scribe illustrate to the student the powerpoints, pictures, graphs, and other class activities.

Garbett has been trying to spread the word to BC faculty, staff, and student by sending out what she calls "blast" emails, which is like sending a really big group message to everyone who



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Scribe coordinator Cynthia Garbett is seen discussing the need for more scribes by some students at Bakersfield College.

has a BC email. Since the "blast" emails she has had many people responding, but some aren't qualified. Another issue is their time schedules don't match up with the student's time that they need a scribe.

"It's difficult to find a qualified scribe...not only the qualifications but the times that are specified to fit that need," Gar-

bett said.

She is also getting an ad for scribes on a side of a table tent that are going to be placed out on the tables at the BC cafeteria.

This semester there have been 38 requests for scribes, 23 are actively being helped, 10 students are without a scribe waiting for one to be available to them and five students have dropped out of

classes they needed scribes for.

"There are currently 10 students who need assistance and I would like to see those positions filled," said Garbett.

Garbett wants to make sure that each scribe is able to make money and be able to go to school efficiently at the same time. She also understands sometimes things come up and a

scribe might have to quit.

"Life happens...I try to accommodate the needs of my scribes, as well as the needs of my students," said Garbett.

To be a scribe you must be currently enrolled in at least 6 units, several scribe positions are available with qualifications and descriptions at <http://collegecentral.com/bakersfieldcollege>.

## New education program to help BC students in need of tutor support

By Vanessa A. Munoz  
Opinions Editor

In spring of 2015 Bakersfield College gained a new educational program that takes tutoring to a whole other level.

The Supplemental Instruction program is new to BC, but according to Eileen Pierce, the head director of SI, a graduate student created the program in 1974 at the University of Kansas, Missouri.

Pierce expresses her admiration of the advantages the program has to offer students and the incredible spike in grades the students obtain while attending SI.

Tutors (SI leaders) who instruct for the SI program are everyday students who happen to have either aced the class their tutoring or have received a B in the course themselves with that same professor.

Each SI leader not only goes over the course material with the students but also attends the very class they are taking with these students.

Each professor is aware of the program and the SI leaders since they signed up for the SI program's assistance themselves.

Currently there are 26 SI leaders and over 40 course sessions that make up the SI program.

Each course covered gets a session of 5- 20 students.

Pierce explains how research

shows students who attend the SI program six or more times get a whole grade higher in that course.

SI leaders are able to teach new methods and techniques that they have witnessed as useful to students who are struggling to understand the course material.

All leaders are paid to help tutor students for the time during sessions, also the time used to sit in a class, half an hour that is used to meet with the instructor every week to discuss how the sessions are going, and they're paid for training, leaders are trained four times a semester totaling 11 hours.

The types of courses that are covered vary with a wide selection of academic development, to remedial and even transferable courses such as history, English, biology and chemistry.

SI is not only for students who are doing horribly in a class but also to students who need a higher grade or GPA in order to transfer or join a school club.

An SI course section that is in high demand is the biology session that is led by Benjamin Lindquist who was recommended by professor Newman to tutor students in his biology course.

Lindquist felt that he needed to reach out to more than just the few students that he was tutoring in the one-on-one sessions at the tutoring department.

With the addition of the SI



Above: Benjamin Lindquist is showing his SI tricks and study techniques. Below: Director Eileen Pierce sits in her office.

program to BC, Lindquist feels students are now given extra hours of tutoring and studying that weren't available before.

Lindquist states, "A student has many different opportunities available to them now, they can go to the tutoring center for one hour a week, then to the SI sessions twice a week there's three hours of extra help, plus there's still office hours that the professor offers, so there is up to five

hours of that individual attention that we can give to students."

Pierce also states "SI is sort of imposing that group study structure on students and inviting them to come", she explains her thoughts on how she feels that by offering a group study environment this helps give students a way to build their confidence in class around others but it also helps the students to see that their not the only ones struggling

in the classes.

Pierce and SI leaders feel the program builds relationships between themselves and the students.

So when the students succeed they all succeed.

The Supplemental Instruction program meets in the computer lab area next to media services in the library in room's L-129, 130, and 131.



VANESSA MUNOZ / THE RIP

# BC students discuss their post-grad plans

By K. E. Petersen  
Reporter

While interviewing students on the Bakersfield College campus in regards to graduation plans, it became evident that many BC students have ambition to learn and to further their education in order to succeed in the occupation that they desire.

Edwin Marroquin, 21, a Shafter High School alumnus, is in his second semester as an Industrial Technician major. Cur-

rently, he is taking 17 units and plans to continue taking the same amount of units in each semester and attend summer school until he graduates. He plans to graduate by fall of 2016. As if 17 units weren't hard enough, he also works for a company that has a direct correlation with his major. Once Marroquin graduates he hopes there would be an advancement in position and pay.

Victoria Barajas, 25, Nathalie Hernandez, 18, Stephanie Abrigo, 18, and Hannah Eyraud,

20, are all nursing majors, which seems to be the most popular major at BC. Hernandez, formerly of Wasco High School, is in her third semester and currently taking 13 units. She plans to graduate next spring before transferring to finish her bachelor's degree at the University of California-Davis. Upon graduation at the University of California-Davis, she intends on working as a traveling nurse. Traveling nurses, according to Wikipedia, are those in the nursing profession "...who trav-

el to work in temporary nursing positions, mostly in hospitals..."

Christel Vitela, 18, a graduate of Bakersfield High School, is majoring in criminal justice. She is in her second semester and currently taking 12 units. Although she has no idea when she will graduate, she plans to attend Fresno State University before applying with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Jeff Buehler, 21, a Garces graduate, and John Evans, 37, formerly of Kansas City South-

ern Home Education, are both majoring in Geology. Buehler is taking 15 units while Evans is taking 10 units. Both are planning to attend California State University-Bakersfield before looking for work as a geologist.

Tehachapi High School graduate Sean Jaruis, 20, formerly of Tehachapi High School is majoring in Kinesiology - Physical Fitness. He is currently in his fourth semester, taking eight units and plans on graduating next year. After graduation Jaruis plans to

transfer to California State University-Bakersfield and then work at a gym.

Joel Sangster, 22, formerly of Frontier High School is majoring in Radiology Technician. He is in his second semester and taking eight units. Although he has not determined what year he will graduate in, he knows that he will work at a good hospital after graduation. Many students who were interviewed were not sure on an exact company for employment after graduation.

## THEFT: A burglary in Fine Arts 10 means lost work and more security around the building



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Six iMacs are left missing from the FA 10 classroom, and students on those computers lost their work for the semester. The door of FA 10 had to be replaced because of the theft.

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Chiang said that this theft might be associated with another theft in Bakersfield.

"There was a forcible entry and the suspect entered a locked building," she said. "This occurred not only at BC but at another location."

David Koeth, the art department chair at BC, said that he believes the same suspect is involved in both of the FA building burglaries. He said that he did not want to divulge too much information regarding the case but that he's sure public safety is conducting a thorough investigation. Koeth also said that BC's open campus makes it more susceptible to possible issues.

"The nature of education and our country is that we're open," he said. "When you have such a facility, we can't stop community members from just walking onto campus."

Counts sent out a "bc\_all" email regarding the burglaries. This type of email is sent to faculty, administration and other staff members of BC but not to students. As of Feb. 17, students were completely uninformed that a burglary had occurred on campus. This left students who have classes in FA 10 completely unaware that computers were taken from the classroom.

"I had no idea this happened," said Giovanni Lopez, a student in Multimedia Reporting, a class that takes place in FA 10. "At first I thought they just moved



the computers, but then I found out what happened."

Lopez, 23, sat at one of the computers that was stolen and had work saved to the computer. He said that he sometimes finds BC Alerts annoying. These alerts are emails sent out to students about crimes and other similar occurrences on campus. No alert was sent to students regarding the burglary. Lopez said that he wished BC sent out an email about the theft, so that he would've known about it before coming to class.

"I thought, 'Man that sucks, I lost all of my work,'" he said. "I would've liked to have known [about the burglary] because then I would know that I had to start over in this class without my work."

Lopez said that he was surprised that the suspect was able to get away with so many com-

puters without anybody noticing. Diana Greenlee, another student in the Multimedia class, said that she was shocked there was a theft especially with all of the security present on campus.

"It's disheartening to see these types of incidents go on," she said.

The Multimedia Reporting class takes place from 6-8 p.m. and public safety officers were seen locking the FA building exterior doors after the class ended. An additional security camera can be seen in the FA building near FA 10. Counts said that it's important to ensure all doors and offices are locked. And if someone appears out of place, alert public safety. Because the investigation regarding the theft remains ongoing, Counts said there would be additional patrol checks of the FA building and the surrounding area.

one disbursement last semester and plans on having disbursements will be once every other month.

Due to that, the pantry is currently seeking donations. "It is a main objection," Caraballo went on to mention.

Caraballo also mentioned that if any students, or faculty interested in making donations to the pantry can drop off items in to the office of student life at any time. The office of student life is located in CC-4 in the campus center adjacent from the cafeteria near the Renegade Rip.

"There is BC faculty and staff members that have been donating to the pantry for some time now," mentioned Caraballo. Caraballo would like to publicly thank the BC faculty and staff for their monthly donations.

## FLOREZ: Former state Sen. Florez speaks on education at tech conference held on campus

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that they are." Florez believes that the solution to this skills gap relies on technology and "the new online."

Florez explained how a competency-based education, which is a concept where students can demonstrate attained knowledge, as opposed to earning credentials through seat time based on credit hours, can benefit a student's way of learning by merging education with new online technology.

Florez pointed out that every student works at their own pace and the fact that higher education institutions continue to measure learning through credit hours highly weakens our education system.

"We want to give credit for what you've actually learned and not necessarily credit for how long you spend in class," Florez explained.

Florez's proposed idea would involve a hybrid of education and an online system where students can learn in a self-paced environment. Florez encouraged that faculty uses their own knowledge and incorporates it with technology to create their own system to teach their students and to stop relying on textbook corporations from choosing what they should teach.

Florez went on to state that the federal government

would be closely looking into competency-based education this upcoming year. Florez explains that our education system is a tough and old system and that the fact that both the Republican and Democratic parties agree that there needs to be an update in our education system is a win on its own.

Although a competency-based education relying on an online system seems like a step forward in our education system, there are some that are hesitant to the idea.

Bakersfield College mathematics professor Janet Tarjan expressed her hesitation on competency-based online education.

She also expressed her worries that those in power are focusing more funds and attention to an online-based education instead of the classroom.

"It worries me because you've got the power, I don't, I'm in a classroom with kids that I care about, that I adore, and that I am busting my butt to help become a successful person like you are," Tarjan directed at Florez.

"I want you, the person that is a successful person from our valley, and Rudy Salas and Shannon Grove and everybody who is our representative in the legislature to do their job visiting the classrooms and knowing what's going on in the class-

room and understand that there is a place for online," she said.

"But there is also a place for a classroom teacher, and some of the money that is going to online, needs to hire more faculty to have better experiences so that kids can find out they belong in higher education."

Florez justified his stance on competency-based education by stating that he agrees with Tarjan.

He thinks that more faculty should be hired.

Florez continued to say that the main focus of the "new online" is to find a balance on competency-based online education.

Both online technology and the traditional way of teaching can merge to find a medium.

Florez closed out the conference by continuing the idea of the next generation of education.

"A student can take some course, drop out for a bit, if you will, or go on to whatever they're doing in their work environment," he said. "The student can then come right back to where they left off."

"It's a system made for credential learning."

"The world of content and the world of having closed types of books are really gone," he said.

"It's just a matter of the rest of the world catching up."

## MOVIE: Kevin Costner and several other actors from "McFarland, USA" visit Bakersfield

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the community instead of moving on somewhere else. White retired from coaching in 2003 but still has his roots in McFarland. Costner said that hopefully the film can bring national attention to the community of McFarland. White said that he's happy with the publicity that McFarland is gaining already.

"It's not about what the film is going to do for McFarland but what it's already done," he said. "We just finished building a playground in McFarland and 250 people showed up to help."

Disney partnered with the non-profit organization Ka-BOOM! to build the playground for the McFarland community. The playground was built with the help of volunteers. Carlos Pratts, the actor who portrayed Thomas Valles in the film, said that it was great the film could help bring the playground to McFarland. Pratt also said that he was honored to play Valles in the film and spoke with him on several occasions. He hopes that Valles enjoys the film.

"You don't really think about who you're playing while mak-

ing the film because that would put on too much pressure," Pratts said. "I'm happy with the film and it was awesome to be a part of."

Those involved with the film hope that "McFarland USA" will bring attention to the farming community and help those from McFarland be proud of where they come from. "Some of us at one time or another might have said that we were from Bakersfield. Well now, we can say we're originally from McFarland," said David Diaz. "McFarland's a special place."

## Renegade pantry open on campus

By Trina Goree  
Reporter

Thursday, Feb. 19, will be the first Renegade Pantry food distribution of the semester.

There have been a few changes to the way the Renegade Pantry operates. This includes the sign in process. Bakersfield College students can now register for the pantry at [www.bakersfield-college.edu/campus/pantry](http://www.bakersfield-college.edu/campus/pantry). The sign up time given to students has now been extended as well. BC students are now allowed to sign up a month in advance. In past semesters, BC students were only allowed a few days during the week of distribution. More than 65 students registered for February disbursement and the next distribution date is planned for April.

There are also new pantry co-coordinators Gabby Caraballo and Nannette Gonzalez revamping the pantry here on campus. The two are working together to create a more efficient way to serve the BC students regarding pantry services. The two teamed up with SGA to host a donation drive at a local business in Bakersfield. The event held on Jan. 25 at Sam's Club on Gosford Drive brought in over 150 donated items from the community.

"Due to pantry disbursement being based on supply, the Renegade Pantry is planning on hosting more donation drives at other local businesses in the community," explained Caraballo.

Recently, supply for pantry disbursement has decreased which led to a downsizing of disbursement. There was a total of

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Staff Editorial

## Students unaware of thefts

Bakersfield College was the victim of theft sometime between Feb. 6-8. The theft included thousands of dollars lost because six iMacs were stolen from the Fine Arts building, yet students were completely uninformed of this major breach in security. The last BC Alert students received was on Jan. 30, when a call was made about an individual with a handgun on campus. There was no armed assailant on campus then, but BC still informed the student community of this incident.

The theft over the Feb. 6 weekend was not the first theft that occurred in the FA building, yet students never received an alert. Even if the theft is part of an ongoing investigation, students still have the right to know that several burglaries have occurred on campus. All BC had to do was send out a short email stating that burglaries have occurred on campus and nothing more could be said because it is an ongoing investigation. Instead, BC has left students in the dark. The main way students learned of the theft was by entering FA 10, the classroom where the theft took place, and noticing six computers missing from the classroom.

Students who had work on those computers could not even know that their work was lost until stepping into the classroom. Faculty, staff and administration were not officially informed of the theft until 2:40 p.m. on Feb. 9. Other alerts on different topics were sent the same day of the incident and the entire BC community receives these alerts. Even employees of BC received late notice of the theft and should have been informed about it sooner.

According to the Bakersfield College 2014 Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report, by law BC is required to release "timely warnings to the campus community about crimes that pose an ongoing threat to students and employees, and to post a public crime log."

The suspect of the burglaries has yet to be apprehended, meaning this crime poses an ongoing threat to the BC community. If this remains an ongoing threat, why hasn't BC sent out any alert to students? According to Christopher Counts, director of the Department of Public Safety, a pry bar type instrument was used to break a glass door of the FA building. This type of tool could be used as a potential weapon against others, yet students were not sent any information regarding the suspect and the break-in tool of choice.

Public Safety could defend their actions and say that students did not need to receive an alert because each incident on campus is reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but this is an unsolved crime that has affected the BC community. Some sort of alert should have obviously been sent to students, regardless of how vague the alert would have been. According to the report, burglaries are one of several crimes that are "usually" perceived as crimes that deserve a timely warning notice. Yet, in this instance, none were sent.

Although this crime is still under investigation, a notice should have been sent to students because now, all they can do is speculate. Concerns may be increased because students are left to their imagination to figure out what happened to the computers. Other students may rely on what faculty members tell them, but because the incident becomes a game of "he-said she-said," facts could be missed and ultimately this theft could become exaggerated because there wasn't a complete, reliable alert that informs the public. More information should have been provided to the public by this public institution, and yet, too much information remained private.



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## Step aside men let the women show you how it's done

By Amber Hayden  
Online Editor

When the word gamer is heard in society, most, if not all people automatically think that you are referring to a guy.

But guess what people, 52 percent of the gaming population is actually females, and with each year the percentage increases.

Most of my friends who are girls, I will admit don't exactly play games, but several of my friends and I do.

We personally think we are just as good if not better than a lot of the guys we play against.

Unfortunately though, when you play against a guy and you beat him they tend to have a fit and start threatening you. I just sit there going, "Wait what?"

At times it tends to be a bit funny though with some of the things they say because they think they are scaring us as female gamers, but guess what boys. You are just fueling the fire of the female gamers to work and try harder to beat you every single time.

I'm not saying that guys suck when they play a video game or anything, but what I'm saying is they tend to be sort of whiney if they lose against women.

I won't say that when we win against a guy we don't tend to get a little excited about it.

When you hear a person saying, "Suck it," on the game, 95 percent of the time it is a female saying it.

It's only because we feel like we have to be aggressive against the guys, and our only way to do so is to make the same comments that most guys make.

Be it an explicit word or just telling a guy to grow the hell up and get over his self and that girls are just as good as they are.

The world of gaming is always changing and now some creators are trying to make a game that females are going to like playing.

Like Lollipop Chainsaw, great game as it was, it was far too short of a game. The best part was when the main character was walking around and her boyfriend's head was clipped to her hip. PRICELESS!

But my personal preference happens to be anything that is a role playing game where you're able to compete against all the guys who think we are no good.

As I proceed to beat these men I just stop and listen while the complaining begins, all the while I am laughing as they cry because they just got beat by a girl.

It tends to make my day when this happens; I personally don't find it insulting as more so funny.

These guys need to get a grip on themselves it's not like we are personally trying to beat them, well ok maybe we are.

All we're doing is trying to prove we are good enough to play against them, which we are and some of us are actually better players.

So here is my final thought on all of the hub bub on guys getting worked up over females gaming, get used to it or don't. Either way female gamers are here to stay.

TV Review

## Saul shows that AMC still has it

By Tyler Goucher  
Reporter

The AMC follow-up to one of the most critically claimed shows ever made, "Breaking Bad," manages to surprise fans with returning key characters and a story arch that explores events both before and after Walter White.

Although the show "Better Call Saul" was written by Peter Gould and Vince Gilligan with intentions to stand on its own without having to rely heavily on success of "Breaking Bad," it's clear that they are not yet finished with the overall story.

The series premier opens up in black and white with a present day look at character Saul Goodman's newly appointed life working as a cashier for a Cinnabon in Omaha, Nebraska. Now a balding alcoholic with a severe case of paranoia, Saul lives his life in the shadow of his legacy. I thought this was an intriguing way to start the series because it really does give viewers a sense that "Breaking Bad" isn't necessarily over yet.

After reminiscing over his earlier successes as a shady defense attorney, the real story begins as we travel back in time to the beginning of everything.

The year is 2002 and good work is hard to find for small-time defense attorney, Jimmy McGill. The only paychecks Jimmy is pulling in are from being a public defender where the workload is at a maximum and the pay is at a minimum.

I love how they show a hardworking McGill doing everything in his power to make an honest living in a world that is anything but honest. Especially when we compare his character in "Better Call Saul" to his character in "Breaking Bad," which at least in the first two episodes, are completely night and day.

After dealing with issues regarding his mentally unstable brother, Chuck, and Chuck's law firm trying to rip him off, Jimmy finally comes to a breaking point. In other words, much like Walter White, he decides to break bad.

He sets up a scheme to have a couple of knucklehead skateboarders scam someone into becoming one of his clients. In the process of doing so, he ends up having a run-in with one of Breaking Bad's oldest, most feared villains, Tuco Salamanca, ending the series premier on a spectacularly high point.

In Monday night's follow-up episode, Jimmy spends his day in the hot Albuquerque sun at gun point, in the middle of nowhere, attempting to talk his way out of a death sentence for both him and the two skateboarders he used to scam Tuco's lovely abuelita. It was quite hilarious how the writers turned the whole scene into a courtroom as Jimmy fights for the two skateboarder's lives as if he is their defense attorney and Tuco is the unforgiving judge. After all is said and done, Jimmy leaves Tuco and his squad of drug dealing cronies on somewhat good terms.

Although the episode was a bit long and drawn out, it was a good set-up for what's to come in the future episodes of "Better Call Saul" and it proves once again that AMC is the still the reigning king of cable dramas.

## New England Patriots the best NFL dynasty of all-time

By Daniel Ojeda  
Contributing Editor

Move over 49ers and Steelers, step aside Seahawks, there's a new team that has shown beyond a doubt that they are the greatest dynasty in NFL history.

Tom Brady and Bill Belichick's New England Patriots have managed to achieve greatness on a consistent basis at a time while remaining a top team in the NFL is harder than ever.

As a result they deserve and should receive recognition for the best run the NFL has ever seen.

With a fourth Super Bowl win on Feb. 1, the Patriots have put together a run of success that surpasses what Terry Bradshaw did with the Steelers or what Joe Montana did with the 49ers.

It's not just that Belichick has more

postseason wins than any other coach or that Brady won his third Super Bowl MVP while playing in his record sixth Super Bowl but the Patriots have been doing it during a time of unrestricted free agency and a salary cap era.

A salary cap and free agency means you simply cannot keep all of your best players for years at a time the way those great Steelers, Cowboys and 49ers team used to do it.

The NFL today has made it all but impossible for teams to stay on top while trying to create parity around the league.

But think about everything the Patriots have done since Brady became the starting quarterback in 2001: the Patriots have appeared in six Super Bowls and won four while losing two due to two impossible-to-recreate catches.

They've had a winning record for 14 consecutive seasons and the Patriots have had the only 16-0 regular season in NFL history.

Nine of those seasons the Patriots made it to the conference championship and they've made the playoffs 11 of the last 12 years (the only year missed was a year Brady was lost for the season with a knee injury). But they still went 11-5 that year, keeping the consistent Patriots the best franchise in football.

Even the Patriots' opponent the Seahawks, who have made two consecutive Super Bowl appearances, had a rough patch of four straight losing seasons before this run of success.

That's the way the NFL works; you can't stay a top team for a decade or more.

Unless you're like the New England Patriots, a team that has found a way to do it and remain consistent winners like no other team in the history of this great league.

Making this ongoing run even more impressive is that except for a handful of players, the Patriots have been in a steady state of change with a carousel of running backs, receivers, and defensive backs shuffling in and out.

The NFL is a rugged league played by the tough and the fearless.

There is no other way to play but the Patriot way. Get with it or you're gone, there's no room for nonsense or diva tantrums.

This has made the Patriots the most successful dynasty in NFL history.

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Column

## Controversy as Mr. West runs his mouth once again

Vanessa A. Munoz | Nessa's Music Rant

The Grammy's 2015 was filled with a lot of glitz and glamour as artists who normally out-do themselves and go to the extreme to get as much media coverage as possible, were actually at their best and had tamed their looks for the night.

The usual spectacle that is the Grammy's would not have been complete without someone trying to turn it into the Source awards, and who was the brave artist? Kanye West.

So let's talk about it: America's new beef that's going on between Kanye West and Beck. First what is up with Kanye's obsession with Beyonce? The woman is married to someone else and I know he is married to Kim Kardashian. Understanding why this man does the obnoxious, arrogant, and outlandish stunts that he does is honestly something only his shrink would know.

Everyone seemed to get a good laugh out of Kanye's actions because we all were hoping he was just kidding as he walked up toward the stage and just wanted to poke some fun. It wasn't until his interview at the "E! After Party," where he discussed his actions and reasons for them. During Beck's acceptance speech for album of the year, Kanye took it upon himself to walk up to the stage and almost steal the spotlight. According to Mr. West, "Beck should respect artistry and given the award to Beyonce."

Last I remembered, Beck is an actual musician who uses instruments and writes a majority of his songs himself, and Beyonce does not. The woman has amazing vocal skills but does not write a majority of her own songs alone and does not produce the beats to the majority of her songs, yet Kanye felt compelled to compare the two?

This, of course, would not be Kanye's first outburst on-stage against an artist in defense for Beyonce.

I don't know if anyone remembers him doing the same thing to Taylor Swift at the Video Music Awards back in 2009. There, of course, has been some skepticism on why he did what he did that night to Taylor Swift. Just as there is over his reasons what he did over the weekend to Beck during his acceptance speech.

Beck went on to respond to Kanye's actions by stating "I was just so excited he was coming up. He deserves to be on stage as much as anybody," he replied, "I thought she was going to win, come on, she's Beyonce," then Us Weekly also states, "and what about his diss that Beyonce is true artistry, and you're not? 'You can't please everybody, man,' he [Beck] replied. 'I still love him [West] and think he's a genius. I aspire to do what he does.'"

Of course, social media has been buzzing about this incident all week, while some have said Kanye's actions were staged and just a hoax to stir up the media and awards show just for spectacle.

Either way, Beck handled an awkward situation that was highly uncalled for in a very respectable manner. While Kanye preached about respect, he showed none himself and has proven time and time again that he lacks manners and respect, which is the very thing he was speaking about. Gain your own perspective on what is right and wrong, because according to Kanye West, gallantry does not exist and respect is just a word. Word to the wise: Practice what you preach.

Movie Review

# The movie you'll love to hate

By Mason J. Rockfellow  
Reporter

First off, all the bashing and negative publicity that this movie and book have been getting is ridiculous and unnecessary.

I have not read the book, and I'm sure many things that were probably important to the story were left out of the movie.

At "50 Shades of Grey," I was the only male in the movie theater who was not accompanied by someone else. The rest of the audience were groups of women, single women, or couples, but about 90 percent of the audience were women.

With that being said, the movie in general, I thought, was put together pretty well cinematically. The music choice for the movie seemed fitting and well planned out, it really helped set the mood in some of the scenes.

Now with the aspect of the sex in this movie, well it's definitely not going to be every one's cup of tea, but there are some people who engage in these activities.

It doesn't just start out with Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele engaging in these odd sexual activities, it builds up to it.

There is quite a bit of sex in the movie, but nothing really that bad. He tied her up, blindfolded her, spanked and whipped her a bit. Nothing ever made her bleed, at least not that the movie showed.

The thing is that she was OK with all of it until one of the last scenes, but she had asked for it, and then left afterward. She had told Grey to show her the worst of him, and he did.

Grey tells her throughout the movie that

she doesn't have to do any of the things he asks and can leave, but she never leaves.

Now on the topic of Christian Grey, he is not a normal person but extremely far from it. He is also a billionaire in his late 20s. Throughout the movie, he shows up out of nowhere and unannounced. Now that's a little creepy and obsessive.

He seems to care about her, yet he is asking her to sign a contract to pretty much be his sex slave and to follow a bunch of life controlling rules. One of those rules is that she cannot sleep in the same bed with Grey.

Grey is the one with the unusual sexual desires and obsessions.

About halfway through the movie they give a short explanation for why Grey has these desires, which is due to a relationship he had with one of his mom's friends when he was younger.

As far as Anastasia Steele goes, she is a horny college graduate, who is also a virgin. She lets Grey take her virginity, then she finds out that Grey has some different ideas of pleasure. Even after finding out about Grey's views on pleasure and being given a contract to agree to and sign, she still sticks around, now that just seems like too much.

Even after going over the ridiculous contract and not signing it, she still sticks around for Grey and continues to follow his orders, I would've been long gone as soon as someone whipped out a contract.

As far as the whole movie, it wasn't too painful to sit through and watch. As far as sex, it's definitely another side of it.

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Restaurant Review



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El Zarape is located at the busy corner of Union and Pacheco, once inside the restaurant it becomes a quiet get away with great food available at reasonable prices.

## An old eatery that never fails your taste buds

By Elka Wyatt  
Reporter

In the mood for some authentic Mexican cuisine, but you're in a hurry? Grab an amigo and head on out to the corner of Union and Pacheco to El Zarape.

Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, El Zarape serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The first thing you notice is a bright yellow sign offering a burrito or torta with a free 20-ounce drink for only \$2.99. This is a great deal as their burritos and tortas are a good size and pretty tasty.

Inside, you will find a brightly painted room with a mural of a desert scene and cheerful servers.

During lunchtime, it can get quite busy, but service is always good.

If you choose to sit down and enjoy your meal in the dining room, you are served warm chips and salsa and given menus.

With a full menu of classic favorites such as chile verde, enchiladas and fajitas, El Zarape is sure to appeal to anyone looking for south-of-the-border satisfaction.

They also have a value menu with prices ranging from \$2.99 to \$8.99 and each meal on that menu comes with a drink.

Moderately priced, their regular menu consists of a breakfast menu, seafood, soups, and Mexican platters.

We went for a late lunch, and had the burrito specials.

I chose the chicken burrito and my other two guests chose a carne asada burrito. Inside my burrito was rice, beans, chicken, onions and cilantro.

Everything tasted fresh and was seasoned to perfection.

Three of us were well fed for under \$10. Service was muy bueno and so was la comida.

El Zarape also takes phone-in orders as well as walk-in orders to go.

During the lunch rush, it can get quite busy, but they get the orders out quickly.

I have eaten there on many occasions and have always enjoyed the atmosphere, the food and the service.

Bring in la familia, call in an order or stop by to pick it up to go. Either way, this place is worth the trip.

El Zarape is located at 2592 Union Ave.

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Record Review

## Eminem's latest album shows the rappers skills are lyrically flawless

By Rhiannon Stroberg  
Reporter

Eminem's eighth studio album, The Marshall Mathers LP2, which spawned popular hits such as "Rap God," "Headlights," "Berzerk," and "The Monster," is a brilliantly written sequel to 2000's The Marshall Mathers LP.

In this album, Eminem delves back into the twisted darkness that resides within the lyrics of the first album that won the sadistic hearts of rap fans 15 years ago.

In the song "Bad Guy," Eminem mentions Matthew Mitchell, who was also featured in the first album as the younger brother to the Eminem crazed fan, Stan.

In "Bad Guy," Matthew is back to seek revenge on Eminem for being the reason behind Stan's death and also for ignoring Matthew, acting as if him and Stan never existed.

The hate-filled song is about a vengeful man whose past taunts him and he is hoping to send a message to Eminem to let him know that Matthew hasn't forgotten what Eminem put Stan and himself through. Matthew also plots to kill Eminem.

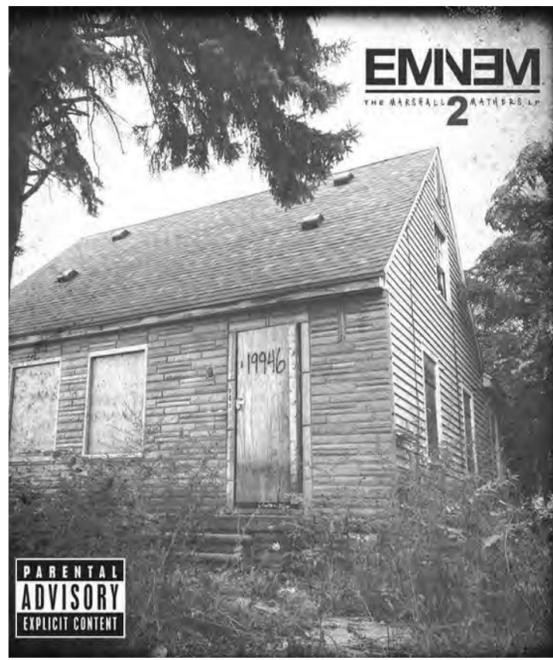
The album tends to mention Eminem's success, his arrogance, and how he stays successful in songs "Rhyme or Reason" and "Rap God".

It also shows Eminem's bitterness toward women and love that is showcased in the song "So Much Better" and the song "Love Games" featuring Kendrick Lamar.

The song "Legacy" reflects on Eminem's childhood in which he thought he was weird and how he was able to find his legacy through rapping. The self-empowered song towards himself is showing him that regardless of any issues he has been through, rap has been able to let him release his anger and help him get through it.

The song "Asshole" is self-explanatory towards Eminem. He is aware, that because of him and his alter-ego's sexist, homophobic, hateful lyrics, and people believe him to be an asshole.

"Berzerk" is mainly about cranking up hip-hop music



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and letting go to the music.

"Brainless" is about his mom telling him that if he had a brain it'd be dangerous because of how clever he is even though he feels as if there's a vacant, empty void in his skull.

In the song "Stronger Than I Was," Eminem sings and raps in the perspective of his ex-wife, Kim Mathers, in which it mentions how the on/off again relationship between the two made her stronger than she was before because she was able to realize that she deserved better.

It also displays how much she loved him but it shows the reality of what her life really was like. She was able to get herself together to prove that she could be better than she once was during their relationship.

The widely known song "Monster," featuring Rihanna, is about accepting the demons that may plague ones life, as well as understanding what the voices in ones head is saying. It is also about the voice inside his head, as well as the creation known publicly as his vulgar, sexist, and offensive alter-ego Slim Shady.

"So Far..." is basically about how good life has treated him so far, especially since he has had a successful career.

He expresses that Detroit is the motivation that keeps him going and because of that, he doesn't want to leave the town that made

him who he is today.

The most emotional song of the album would have to be "Headlights" featuring Nate Ruess, the front man of the pop band Fun. In the song Eminem is making a public apology to his mother, whom he had slammed throughout his career in previous albums lyrics such as "Cleanin' Out My Closet," "My Name Is," "My Mom," and countless other songs.

Eminem also explains how the hate-filled song, "Cleanin' Out My Closet," aimed towards her makes him sick to his stomach and that he no longer plays the song at shows.

Eminem forgives his mother for all the past problems he went through as a kid and teen.

The last song "Evil Twin" is about Slim Shady. Eminem states that Marshall Mathers is tamer than his made up character that tends to slam other artists as well as actors and actresses.

Overall, the album is clever. With genius lyrics from the rap God himself, it's no wonder both albums, The Marshall Mathers LP and The Marshall Mathers LP2, received a Grammy award for Best Rap Album.

Eminem is a well-received artist who, although he established himself at a young age, has lived up to his potential.

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Artist Kimberly Garcia admires an untitled collage piece during the 2015 Panorama Invitational located inside the library. Garcia entered a mixed media piece called "Golden Ages," which was inspired by her dog who passed away.

## Art gallery hosts local event

By Mason J. Rockfellow  
Reporter

On Feb. 5, family, friends and students gathered in the Wylie and May Louise Jones Gallery for the Panorama Invitational.

The Panorama Invitational has been an annual event for the Wylie and May Louise Jones Gallery for about a decade. The art being showed in this exhibit is from high school art students from around Kern County and is put together by the art teachers from the Kern High School District. Dacey Villarreal, art teacher at Independence High School, was the liaison for the Panorama Invitational and helped get things set up with the teachers from the high schools and with Tom Betthausser the BC gallery director.

Most of the art works are from juniors and seniors from the high schools.

Linda Brown, an art teacher at Liberty High School, said that most of the artworks she selects is usually from the advanced student courses but this year one of the pieces she chose came from the intermediate class.

Most of the teachers select the art by looking over a students work over the year and look for high quality and the best example of the project that was assigned.

"I look for great examples as far as what we are doing...which piece shows our best side," said Jamee Eaton, an art teacher at Vista High School and an adjunct professor for Kern Community College District for Bakersfield

College at the Delano Campus teaching art appreciation. There are 68 pieces of artwork created by 64 students that are on display for the Panorama Invitational.

Kimberly Garcia, 17, art student at Independence High School, did a mixed media piece called "Golden Ages." The piece was inspired by Garcia's dog Goldy who passed away.

"We had to make something for the Day of the Dead and I wanted to honor my dog...when he passed away I was devastated," said Garcia. Garcia was also very grateful of her teacher and the help that she was able to give her.

"I would like to thank Dacey Villarreal for helping me with this project and criticizing me in the best way she could," said Garcia.

Rose Melara, 17, art student at South High School, painted a piece on canvas called "End of Fall Impression". Melara said that the assignment was to draw trees and when she was done the teacher really liked it and asked if she would like to paint it on canvas. Before painting it on canvas Melara had done the piece three times on paper before she transferred it to the canvas.

"She said we had to draw a tree and I guess she liked it," said Melara.

Ariana Pena, 17, art student at Vista High School did a piece called "Kylie Jenner" which is a drawing of reality star Kylie Jenner, done with three shades of black and grey colored pen-



Patrons could enjoy artwork from local junior and senior high school students at the Panorama Invitational Feb 5.

cils. She was inspired to do the drawing because she likes Kylie Jenner's hair and make up. Pena was also inspired because she likes to create realism art.

Mark Bandimere, 17, art student at North High School, did a piece, which was at the top of the flyer for the Panorama Invitational. The linocut piece is called "Majestic Owl."

A linocut is a black board in which a person carves the black away to get white and use negative space to create the image rather than just drawing it. Bandimere said it took him about two weeks to complete the piece. The reasoning for his piece was that he likes owls, particularly burrow and barn owls.

Betthausser said, "This brings back a lot of memories." High school is a big time when some students first get there artwork in a show and it's a big deal, this could really make or break the student on deciding whether they want to go into art as a profession and gets them moving in that direction said Betthausser.

The Wylie and May Jones Gallery will have the Panorama Invitational until March 5. After the Panorama Invitational is taken down, artist Tom Chung will have his artwork in the gallery. Tom Chung's artworks will probably consist of large scale monochromatic paintings and other contemporary Alaskan culture pieces.

## Thieves strike parking lots

By Victoria Miller  
Reporter

Students may have reason to fear for the safety of their vehicles while parked on campus at Bakersfield College.

In the late morning on Jan. 29, Bakersfield College student Jaymee Rodriguez was returning to her car that was in the northeast parking lot after class. "As I got closer to my car there was a young lady sitting in her car crying and I could hear her telling the person on the other line that she was out of gas and going to be late for work."

After arriving at her car, Rodriguez smelled gasoline and discovered her tank was empty.

Rodriguez filed a report to security and after filling up her gas tank for the second time that week, she attended her other class scheduled for that day.

Like other students, Rodriguez has many expenses of her own and losing a tank of gas can be almost devastating. "I have a chronic illness and recurring doctor visits. Due to being sick I am unable to work so my family is on a tight budget. My medical expenses are outrageous and my prescriptions are not cheap."

A regular semester long parking pass is sold to students for \$40. Students want to park on campus because it's closer to classes and it's supposedly safer.

On Jan. 22, a bulletin was sent to every BC student's email about two incidences of grand theft auto occurring in the southwest parking lot. In the email, BCAlert warns students other vehicle thefts are a pos-

sibility.

"Due to two vehicle thefts, and without relevant information about the suspect(s), it can be assumed that conditions continue to exist that may pose a threat to students and staff of Bakersfield College."

In the BC Clery Act: 2014 Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report, it graphs the crime statistics concerning BC for the years of 2011-2013. The number of vehicle thefts decline throughout the three years shown. On the main campus of Bakersfield College in 2011, 17 vehicle thefts were reported, in 2012 nine vehicle thefts were reported, and in 2013 seven were reported.

In the same report there is a graph for the crime statistics of public property around the college (thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus). Five vehicle thefts were reported for the same years on surrounding public property of the campus. In the three years shown in the graph, less vehicles were stolen on the public property surrounding the campus than on the main campus.

According to dmv.ca.gov, a vehicle in the United States is stolen every 21 minutes. With that in mind, certain habits can reduce possible theft. Not leaving any valuables in your vehicle in plain sight, and checking to lock doors and windows before you leave your vehicle can cut down on crime in parking lots. If you see something, say something, call Bakersfield College Public Safety at (661) 395-4554 or (661) 395-4555.

## BC housing program

By Elizabeth Castillo  
Editor in Chief

The Office of Student Life hopes to provide the Bakersfield College community with a new Student Housing Services program. The program will be available online and will provide students with rental listings and a place to post rental listings online.

Workshops will also be available to students and will provide tips to those living on their own for the first time.

"We'd like to provide workshops on how to manage your checkbook, who to contact for information regarding your utilities, and what questions to ask a landlord or future roommate," said Patti Rapp, assistant for the Student Housing Services program.

Workshops have already begun and the next one will be held on Feb. 25, "I have a roof what else do I need?" will ad-

dress other important concerns to consider once a student has found a place to live. Some of these issues include connecting utilities, financial budgeting, and changing one's address. The workshop will be held in the BCSGA Executive Boardroom located at Campus Center 5.

Although BC does not offer housing to students, Student Housing Services is designed to help students find housing near BC and provide support with other housing questions. Rapp said Student Housing Services was created to help all students with their housing needs including international students, students who are single mothers or other students living independently for the first time.

For more information regarding Student Housing Services, visit [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/campus/student-housing](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/campus/student-housing) or send an email to [studentlife@bakersfieldcollege.edu](mailto:studentlife@bakersfieldcollege.edu).

## Mysterious building across from BC set to be finished in August 2015

By Amber Hayden  
Online Editor

For months, the mystery of the building that is located across from campus on Mount Vernon Avenue has left students wondering what exactly the building is for.

Geffery Hill, construction services division director for Kern County, has given some insight on what the building will be used for.

The construction that began in December 2013 will house the county's new Information Technology Services. The permits for the building and grading for the IT building were issued on Jan. 21 and 22 of this year.

It is roughly 27,000 square feet in total and includes a data center, electrical rooms, computer labs, data operations, warehouse, administration and support ar-

eas.

The project will actually relocate the existing information technology facility for the county.

It also will integrate the new building site with existing County Emergency Operations Center, Emergency Dispatch Operations, as well as the county's Communications Facility.

When Hill was asked about a sulfur smell that emanated onto the BC campus last semester, he said that it was taking place during the roofing operations.

The Air Pollution Control District conducted an investigation during which time they found no activities that were in violation of the regulations they have.

The building is expected to be finished by August 2015. For more information students can contact Dan Moreno with the county service department.



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Kern County's new information technology services building located on Mount Vernon and Church is scheduled to be finished in August of 2015. The 27,000 square foot building will house several different emergency services.

# BC women's basketball eye WSC title

By Mohamed Bafakih  
Sports Editor

The weather isn't the only thing that has been warming up lately.

Winners of their last five, prior to Wednesday night's affair with College of the Canyons, the 12th ranked team in the state is closing in on their second conference championship in the last four years.

The Bakersfield College women's basketball team (20-4 overall, 9-3 Western State Conference - South) were one game behind conference-leading and then state 20th-ranked Santa Monica (17-9, 8-4 WSC), but a showdown between the two on Feb. 11 kept the race for first place up for grabs.

In the previous meeting between the two at Gil Bishop, it was all Santa Monica. The Corsairs forced BC to shoot a conference team-low 27.5 percent (19-for-69) from the field and season-low 11.8 percent (2-for-17) from downtown, giving the Renegades their only double-digit loss this season 73-52.

"It was a very lackluster game," head coach Paula Dahl said. "They put the screws to us and we panicked and we didn't react and respond. This game I think they're pretty determined to not have that happen again."

Sure enough, that was ultimately the case.

Four of the five BC starters combined for 61 of the team's 72 total points, including Nakia Page's 22 points, Marissa Jones' 14 points and 11 rebounds, Claesey Tarver's 13 points, and lastly Khiylah Dean's 12 points.

Although Santa Monica had three of their starters in double-figures, the Corsairs shot their own conference team-low 24.4 percent from the field (20-for-82) falling just short of Bakersfield, 72-69.

The Renegades finally capped off their success on the road in Glendale on Feb. 14 with a date against the Vaqueros (16-11, 6-6 WSC).

The Renegades were defeated by the Vaqueros in the first meeting at Gil Bishop 69-65, but despite it being Valentine's Day, there was no love given to Glendale as Bakersfield clinched its 20th win of the season (the first 20 or more win season since 2006).

Bakersfield jumped out to a 34-27 lead at half forcing 16 Glendale turnovers and just eight field goals made.

"We pressed all 40 minutes," Dahl said. "It was a great game."

The Renegades led by as many as 29 points and 29 of their 75 points came off of Glendale's 28 total turnovers as BC cruised to their largest conference win, 75-57.

Page and Tarver both finished with 16 points each while McKaiela Tyler tied her season high with 14 of her own (4-4 3-pt FG).

After a 6-1 conference road record, the Renegades have played one of its final two games at home vs. Canyons (updated story and standings on [www.therip.com/sports](http://www.therip.com/sports)) and Antelope Valley (15-11, 8-4 WSC) remains with possibly a WSC Championship at stake on Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. here at Gil Bishop Sports Center.



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Bakersfield's Khiylah Dean (11) scored a season-high and team-high 19 points on 8-for-11 shooting off the bench for the Renegades. BC outscored Citrus 18-5 in overtime to give them the 67-54 win over the Owls. As of Feb. 16, BC is 12th in the state and first in WSC.

# Renegades hit peak as season nears end

By Mohamed Bafakih  
Sports Editor

Whether it is head coach Rich Hughes' precise selection of suits that match the oppositions school colors or just guys wanting to go streaking (winning in this case), Bakersfield College men's basketball has picked the right time to peak.

The Renegades (17-9 overall, 7-5 Western State Conference - South) decided to reverse an almost mentally extinct four-game losing streak late last month with a five-game winning streak to follow into the last month of conference before the Feb. 18 matchup against College of the Canyons (14-11, 7-5 WSC).

"Sometimes a pinch doesn't wake you up, sometimes you need a sledgehammer to the head," Hughes stated. "If we can get teams in the 60s, however, we got a high percentage chance to win."

During the five-game winning streak, Bakersfield allowed 57.6 points per game - lower than Hughes' goal and over 15 points less than points allowed in the first half of conference.

Prior to finishing out their final two games at home, the Renegades hit the road for the last

time in the regular season.

On Feb. 11, it was against Santa Monica (10-14, 5-7 WSC) who torched BC in the Jan. 17 meeting behind Brandon Baker's 22 points off the bench.

The Renegades, however, caught fire from the opening tip to the final buzzer as they shot 47.6 percent from the field.

Point guard Jameik Riviere filled up the stat sheet with 16 points, six rebounds and six assists while Alex Daniels and Deandre Dickson added 12 apiece to go along with 15 rebounds from Dickson. CJ Johnson came off the bench to add eight points as Bakersfield defeated Santa Monica 71-50.

BC followed that dominant performance once again against Glendale (3-20, 2-10 WSC) on Valentine's Day after a gut wrenching upset by the Vaqueros in the previous meeting at Gil Bishop.

The Renegades outscored the Vaqueros 50-32 in the second period after being down by four at the break.

"We wore them out," Hughes said.

Dickson finished in double-figure scoring for the 25th time this season with 21 points to go along with 15 rebounds.



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Sophomore point guard Isaiah Rogers (22) drives against Citrus' defense after a Deandre Dickson (23) screen. Rogers finished with nine points and Dickson finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds in a 74-68 Renegade victory and sweep over the Owls on Feb. 7.

Riviere added 19, Isaiah Rogers with 13, and Demontrey Mitchell and Isiah Bryant with eight and seven apiece.

"Our focus is to finish this second half of conference 7-0...

this is when you are notching it up," said Hughes.

With one game already played vs. Canyons (updated story and standings on [www.therip.com/sports](http://www.therip.com/sports)) and the conference fina-

le vs. first place Antelope Valley (23-5, 11-1 WSC) at Gil Bishop Sports Complex on Feb. 21 at 3 p.m., the push for the playoffs continue to remain visible for the Renegades.

Column

# LaVine is living the dream

MOHAMED BAFAKIH | Going beneath the shield

If Valentine's Day weekend was spent on your couch all alone with the television set on ESPN and TNT with snacks all over the place and some cold beverages on the side (like myself), you definitely got your money's worth.

The Big Apple, this past weekend, played host to the biggest All-Star event in all four major sports.

Yes ladies and gentlemen, the NBA All-Star festivities took center stage at both Madison Square Garden, for the first time since 1998, and the newly built Barclays Center in Brooklyn for the first time.

As much as I want to break down all the events, I'll rag about how 19-year-old rookie Zach LaVine stole the show and put up a performance for the ages.

We knew LaVine was coming in as the favorite but to be compared to Vince Carter's 2000 Slam Dunk competition performance in Oakland is rightfully deserving, and even a slight edge on LaVine's side.

With all respect to Carter and his amazing career that hasn't degraded at the age of 38, Carter really was just a strong finisher and the stage was easier for him as much of his competition was average for a dunk contest. Also not to mention, if he dunked on a 7-2 player, as he did that summer during the Olympics, this comparison would be unrealistic.

Carter then also had already competed twice before in the dunk contest and was showcased often in the national stage as part of the Toronto Raptors.

LaVine on the other hand plays on a Minnesota Timberwolves team that gets little-to-no coverage and for a rookie to go on the biggest stage of his career thus far (outside of getting drafted) and receive the maximum score of 100 in the first round by NBA legends is unbelievable.

As Kenny "The Jet" Smith mentioned after the second dunk, "He [LaVine] was born for this contest."

On the first dunk, LaVine replicated Michael Jordan in 'Space Jam' as he wore a Jordan Tune Squad jersey.

Anytime you put on a Jordan jersey, especially in a dunk contest featuring many spectators, you cannot disappoint.

LaVine bounced it to himself on one side and went in-between the legs and reversed it on the other side of the rim, nearly hitting his head on the iron.

Gaining complete control of the crowd's attention, the 6-5 guard, out of UCLA, followed his first dunk by throwing it to himself and bringing the ball nearly behind his knees and elevating for yet another perfect score.

Victor Oladipo, of the Orlando Magic, gave LaVine the best run for his money and despite some missed attempts by Oladipo, LaVine was in to win.

In the final round, LaVine sealed it as he was assisted by teammates Andrew Wiggins (who should be in the dunk contest next year in his hometown) and Shabazz Muhammad en route to a \$100,000 first place victory prize, a trophy, and posters to be seen all across the basketball world.

I must say New York did a great job hosting All-Star Weekend, but as it shifts north of the border next year to Toronto, I expect the 416 to prove to Americans that they too are a basketball-crazed city. Just get used to seeing Drake and Justin Bieber.

# Four BC swimmers place in top five at the WSC Pentathlon

By Mohamed Bafakih  
Sports Editor

Bakersfield College swimming opened up its season at the Western State Conference Pentathlon on Feb. 13 at Los Angeles Valley College.

Each Renegade participant swam in five events that included: 100-yard butterfly, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke, 100 freestyle and 100 IM.

"Top to bottom, everyone swam well," head coach Matt Moon said.

Bakersfield had two placers on both sides finishing in the top five.

On the women's end, Cal State-East Bay commit Lexi Zimmerman took second overall with a time of 5:42:33.

"Last year she [Zimmerman] took ninth or 10th, so it was definitely a vast improvement," Moon stated.

Freshman teammate Sara Klang fin-

ished right behind Zimmerman at third place seconds later for her first official collegiate meet. Klang swam a lifetime best during her 100 butterfly.

For the men, this was the second year in a row where Bakersfield had a swimmer take first overall. Last year, it was Andrew Hargis, and this year it was freshman Eric Wood to repeat.

Wood finished with a time of 4:40:33, nine seconds ahead of the next finisher.

Also placing was Mikey Fink who took fifth overall coming in at 4:55:54.

"He [Fink] exceeded my expectations, but I knew he had the speed," Moon said.

The Renegade swim team will travel to Mt. San Antonio College in a three-day invitational meet beginning on Feb. 19 before heading back to L.A. Valley on Feb. 27 to face the host Monarchs, along with Citrus, Santa Barbara City College and Santa Monica City College.

# BC softball finding ways to win at 6-0

By Mason J. Rockfellow  
Reporter

Softball has been heating up with the Bakersfield College Renegades undefeated this season at 6-0. BC is tied for first in the Western State Blue Division with LA Mission College, which is also undefeated.

Starting the season off with a three game winning streak, BC traveled to Ventura on Feb. 3 to play Ventura College's Pirates. BC started out strong early in

the first inning by scoring two runs and managed to keep the Pirates from scoring until the seventh inning when the Pirates scored two runs, but it was too little to late. BC beat Ventura 8-2 leaving the Renegades undefeated at 4-0.

On Feb. 7 the Renegades were scheduled to host two games at home against Santiago Canyon College with a record of 4-1 and they also finished on top in their division last season.

Next up for BC was Reedley

College with a record of 2-2 and who also finished on top of their division last season. But both games got rained out, something you don't get to say too often in Bakersfield.

With the two games on Feb. 7 being rained out, the following weekend BC went to College of the Sequoias for two games, one against COS and a second against Ohlone College.

BC played their first game against Ohlone, a close game in which BC came out on top 6-5

for the win.

BC's second game was against the host COS. By the third inning BC was trailing by four with COS ahead 6-2. The Renegades decided to kick it into overdrive and scored eight runs in the fourth inning putting them ahead 10-7. BC managed to keep COS from scoring the next two innings, and BC brought in one more run. The game was called after the sixth inning due to it being too dark and ended the game with BC

taking home the win 11-7.

The undefeated Renegades will host the Bakersfield Classic Tournament Feb. 21 and Feb. 22.

BC will face off against Cypress College and Mt. San Antonio College on Feb. 21 and will face Southwestern College and Moorpark College on Feb. 22. Following the tournament BC will play host to San Bernardino College on Feb. 28 and play host to Allan Hancock College on March 3.

## BC golf lands sixth

By Marcus Castro  
Reporter

Bakersfield College men's golf team recently competed in two Western State Conference tournaments.

The team traveled down to Valencia on Feb. 9 to play in the first WSC tournament hosted by College of the Canyons.

COC took first in the tournament with a team score of 373. Canyons own Eric Kim took first overall with a score of 71.

Second and third place were separated by two strokes. Santa Barbara City College took second with a team score of 386, and Ventura College took third with a team score of 388.

The BC men's golf team fell short as they tied for sixth place with Citrus College. Both BC and Citrus shot a team score of 410.

Once again, Jeremy Choi led BC's men's golf team with a score of 77. First year BC golfer Brad Chamberlain shot a 79; his score was the second best on the team.

Coach Bob Paillet, regarding Chamberlain, said, "He's starting to put some scores that I thought he could at the beginning of the year."

The rest of BC's team shot above 80. PJ Carmichael shot an 81, Jerren Walter shot an 84, and Jarret Buntley shot an 89.

The team traveled to Santa Barbara on Feb. 16 to compete in the second WSC tournament hosted by SBCC.

COC once again took first with a team score of 374. Santa Barbara's Johnny Hogan led the tournament with the top score of 72.

BC finished sixth overall with a team score of 407. Choi led the team with a score of 79.

Walter shot a score of 80 and got a hole-in-one on the ninth hole. The ninth hole was a par-3 with a distance of 210 yards. BC's program hadn't seen an ace in six years.

The rest of the team shot in the 80s. Chamberlain shot an 80, Carmichael shot an 80, and Browdy Carroll shot an 88.



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Top: Bakersfield College men's soccer club forward Raul Carillo beats defenders downfield as he puts pressure on Cal State University Northridge men's soccer club. Bottom Right: Outside midfielder Victor Rodriguez dribbles the ball for Bakersfield College in the second half against CSUN.

# Bakersfield College men's soccer club returns with a loss

By Mason J. Rockfellow  
Reporter

The Bakersfield College men's soccer club team lost against Cal State University Northridge's club A team 2-1 on Feb. 14.

Both teams played the game aggressively, with the referee giving out nine yellow cards. Six of those cards went out to BC and the other three to CSUN.

One yellow card from each team was given out due to colliding with the goalie.

BC's Raul Carrillo scored the first goal in under ten minutes, giving BC the early lead.

In the first half CSUN got called on a handball in the box giving BC a penalty kick and a chance to strengthen the lead. BC missed the penalty kick but still had the lead 1-0.

Not long after the first handball call, BC gave up a penalty kick to CSUN on a handball

call once again in the box. CSUN's Rogelio Martinez executed the penalty kick to tie the game 1-1. In the second half CSUN shot on goal for it to be deflected by the goalie and CSUN followed up the deflection for a goal and the win 2-1.

There were some calls by the referee that the BC players were not happy with and neither was head coach Pete Fox. For instance, the handball call that gave CSUN the penalty kick to tie the game, "from my perspective it wasn't a handball...but it happens," said Fox.

Fox's response toward the referee's calls was whether they were good calls or bad calls the team needs to brush it off because not all referees are going to call the same. "We need to respond better to adversity...overcome it and react in a positive way," said Fox.

There were a handful of injuries out on the field for BC but nothing serious, but it cost BC to have to substitute throughout the game. "We have a little bit of lack of fitness," said Fox. Fox also said that with the lack of fitness comes mental mistakes and mental mistakes are harder to maintain while not being fit. The mental state of the players is important to Fox because they need to be able to think about the next play. "The most important play is the next play," said Fox.

Bakersfield College doesn't have an intercollegiate men's soccer team, but Fox said that he had heard rumors that BC might be taking the club intercollegiate in the fall.

BC will be playing Antelope Valley College's club A team on Feb. 21 and will also be facing off against UC Santa Barbara's Club A team on Feb. 28.



# Tennis team trying to figure it out as season continues

By Daniel Ojeda  
Contributing Editor

The Bakersfield College tennis teams have swung into action and despite some early season struggles, first-year head coach Nick Jacobs isn't faulting either of his teams start.

"Despite the way we have started, going into any match against any team I never felt like we were outmatched," Jacobs

said.

The men's tennis team started off the season with an easy win over El Camino winning 8-1 but it has been a struggle since then with a big loss at the hands of Mt. San Antonio 8-1 and a close lose by one set to Fresno City College 5-4.

The women's team has yet to win a match while being held to love in all four matches to date. The Renegades dropped

matches to Fresno City College, Fullerton and two matches to College of the Sequoias.

An early schedule that includes a ton of traveling has been one of the main culprits for the tennis teams as the men's team has yet to play a game at home while the women's team has only played two home matches.

Both squads are full of freshman that are still getting used

to the way that Jacobs runs his practices and are still trying to carve out roles on the team.

But as the season progresses and as each player begins to buy into Jacobs way of playing tennis and his conditioning methods, Jacobs has no doubt and believes his team will start to show the results on the tennis court.

"In practice they are giving me 100 percent and eventually

with them working harder each day, the results will begin to show," said Jacobs.

Both teams will get a chance to show whether the extra work has paid off as the women's tennis team will host Glendale College on Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. at the BC tennis courts while the men's team will play at Glendale on Feb. 17 before finally hosting a match against Fresno City College on Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.

## Baseball struggling in last five

By Mohamed Bafakih  
Sports Editor

It has been a tough road stretch for head coach Tim Painton and the Renegades baseball team (4-5) as they have dropped four of their last six games.

With six of those games being played over the course of the last two weeks and in between school, Painton mentioned it is not easy.

"I was probably a little ambitious in scheduling," Painton said. "The six games, I think however, will play a huge role in how we handle the road getting into conference."

Outside of the most recent game played against College of the Sequoias (4-4), Bakersfield was in the ballgame and kept it close but timing has been the issue.

"Lack of offense... right now we haven't been able to come through with timely hitting and really that has been the difference," Painton said.

Pitching has been impressive early on as the rotation has kept BC in the past few games besides the 11-3 loss to Sequoias.

With a three-game home series beginning Feb. 19 vs. Golden West (6-2) at 7 p.m. and leading up until Feb. 21, Gerry Collis Field will finally play host to the Renegades after not being put to game use since Feb. 1.

Golden West and Bakersfield College have faced one another in a home-away pre-season series over the last 20 years with Golden West most recently taking the split, 2-1.

## Twin sisters grab top spots in dash

By Marcus Castro  
Reporter

Bakersfield College's track and field team hosted the Battle of the Regions where 11 teams competed.

It was a near perfect day for a track meet. The sun was out and the temperature was nice and warm.

The BC women's team competed well against the other teams.

Kyra Saunders placed first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.55 seconds. Tyra Saunders fell just short of her twin sister Kyra taking second place with a time of 12.78.

Kyra said, "I'm happy that I won but I'm not happy with my time."

Nicole Lewis took first place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.71 seconds.

Tyra placed second with a time of 26.48.

Leah Theroux placed first in the 800-meter run, beating out 27 other runners, with a time of 2 minutes 21.47 seconds.

BC's A-relay team, consisting of Tyra, Kyra, Liliana Portillo, and Lewis, placed first in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 50.21 seconds. Portillo and Lewis nearly exceeded the handoff zone, which would have disqualified them, but they saw their near mistake and made a fast correction to stay in the zone for the handoff.

Lewis said, "Besides the handoff not being put together I feel good. It's early season and we'll correct it and move on to do better."

Jessica Campbell ran strong in the 1,500-meter run where she slightly trailed most of the race. On the last lap, she used the energy she had saved by pacing herself to surge into the lead and took first place with a time of 4

minutes 48.16 seconds.

Campbell was originally supposed to compete in the 4x400-meter relay but could not. The BC A-relay team ended up taking second place without Campbell with a time of 4 minutes 13.33 seconds.

BC's women struggled in the field events as other schools dominated in them.

The men's track events were fierce as there was tons of talent. Most of the running events were run in multiple sections due to the high number of athletes.

BC's men's team had a hard time keeping up with the other schools, but they did not give up.

It was a tough day as they placed top three in only one out of 19 events.

Dillen Littles placed third in the Shot Put with a distance of 12.56 meters.

BC's Juan Calderon is known for doing well in the 1,500-meter run but he did not partake in the event.

It's early season and all the athletes plan on improving and doing better.



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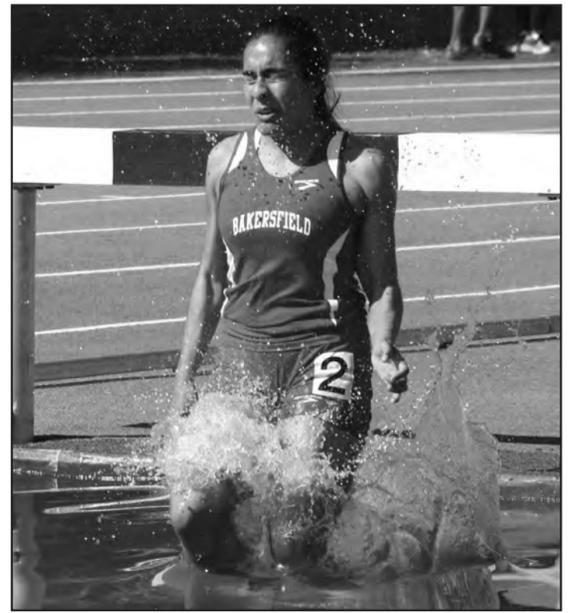
From left to right: Sisters Tyra and Kyra Saunders run hard as they are neck and neck in the women's 100-meter dash.

"Home meets are always hard. You don't know who's going to compete or be distracted. As a whole, things went well but we need to try new systems and new things," said head coach Pam

Kelley. The team accepts the past, knows the present, and has their eyes glued to the future as they look forward to competing in the WSC Relays on Feb. 20 and the WSC North on Feb. 27.



Above: The BC men round the last turn in the 1,500-meter race. Right: Paola Silvestre hurdles into the water pit during the 3,000-meter steeplechase.



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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

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*Timeline for those wishing to run for office*

Date	Action	Time	Location
Monday, March 9	Filing for BCSGA Office Opens	8 a.m.	Online
Wednesday, March 11	Candidates meeting	Noon	Executive Boardroom
Friday, March 13	Candidates meeting	11 a.m.	Executive Boardroom
Monday, March 16	Candidates meeting	3 p.m.	Executive Boardroom
Tuesday, March 17	Candidates meeting	8 a.m.	Executive Boardroom
Wednesday, March 18	Candidates meeting	2 p.m.	Executive Boardroom
Thursday, March 19	Candidates meeting	11:30 a.m.	Executive Boardroom
Friday, March 20	Candidates meeting	11 a.m.	Executive Boardroom
Monday, March 23	Candidates meeting	9 a.m.	Executive Boardroom
Tuesday, March 24	Candidates meeting	1:30 p.m.	Executive Boardroom
Wednesday, March 25	Candidates meeting	6 p.m.	Executive Boardroom
Thursday, March 26	Candidates meeting	3 p.m.	Executive Boardroom
Friday, March 27	Filing for office closes	Noon	Online
Saturday, March 28	Campaign commences	8 a.m.	
Monday, April 13	General elections open	8 a.m.	Inside BC
Tuesday, April 14	General elections continue		Inside BC
Wednesday, April 15	General elections continue		Inside BC
Thursday, April 16	General elections close	4 p.m.	Inside BC



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# Jazz musician plays for BC

By Elizabeth Castillo  
Editor in Chief

Music fans experienced a unique performance and a call to action on Feb. 9 when artist Wadada Leo Smith visited Bakersfield College.

Smith, a finalist for the Pulitzer prize in music, played his trumpet at BC's indoor theater and discussed his collection of compositions, "Ten Freedom Summers." Smith spoke about the different historical moments that inspired the collection and answered questions from the audience, including how he composes his music.

"I compose through inspiration," Smith said. "Once I'm inspired, I do the research and then see what instruments I'm going to use."

"Ten Freedom Summers" is a four-disc box set and the music was heavily inspired by the civil rights movement of the '60s. Smith discussed Emmett Till and Martin Luther King, Jr. and how they inspired the set.

"There is one photo of Emmett Till with that beautiful white hat on," he said. "My piece captures both his beauty and his youth."

Kris Tiner, BC's Jazz Program director, was excited to have Smith speak and perform for the BC community. Smith was Tiner's mentor while he attended the graduate program at California Institute of the Arts. Tiner said that he heard Smith play for the first time as a college student and Smith became Tiner's favorite musician. Once Tiner graduated from California State University Bakersfield, he headed to CalArts, and his experiences there changed his life.

One lesson that Tiner learned from Smith at CalArts is that students must determine their own definitions of success and failure. This idea was briefly discussed on Feb. 9 when Smith mentioned the importance of finding one's passion in life and not focusing on something that solely provides you with a living.

"Whatever you do in life, don't enter it to make a living because you don't need to think about it like making a living," he said. "The giraffe, the bird, they survive, and they don't think about it as a living."



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Above: Renowned jazz musician Wadada Leo Smith plays his trumpet during a solo performance at the Simonsen Performing Arts Center on Feb. 9. Below: Smith presents a lecture to the audience on "Ten Freedom Summers" and how Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired his collection of compositions.

Smith also wanted to ensure the audience didn't receive the wrong message. He also said that he wasn't suggesting people become freeloaders, and he used Charles Ives, a renowned composer who was a successful insurance agent by trade, to illustrate his point.

Smith, 73, recently retired from CalArts and has taught for 35 years combined with his teaching at other institutions. He said that he was happy knowing that he would no longer have to drive to CalArts. Smith said that he preferred living in an independent space away from CalArts,

which meant long commutes daily. Tiner said that he is looking forward to what Smith produces musically now that he can focus on it exclusively.

"Ten Freedom Summers" was composed over 34 years, and Smith said that it was important to create the collection because artistry plays an important role in activism. Smith was born and raised in segregated Mississippi. Emmett Till, a 14-year-old murdered in Mississippi in 1955, inspired an 18-minute composition on the first disk of "Ten Freedom Summers."

Smith said that musicians like

Bob Marley were important in influencing social change. Smith hopes that musicians continue to inspire social change and be involved with activism.

Michael Juarez, 19, is a student at BC majoring in music. He's a member of the jazz ensemble and has played drums for five years.

Juarez said that Smith inspired him to continue to bring awareness of social issues.

"Who's going to stand up to important social issues when no one else does?" he asked. "If nobody's going to talk about these issues it can only be done through music."



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