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Understaffed, but not outdone

Bakersfield College's athletic trainers currently service student athletes fielding 20 teams, in a training room built for only nine teams



By Sam L. Jaime
Reporter

Within the confines of the Gil Bishop Center, the Bakersfield College training facilities have managed to withstand 60 years with only minor renovations. The facilities were among the first buildings completed on campus in 1956, and supported a mere nine sports programs, all men's.

As years passed, the inclusion of women's sports meant the facilities needed to be renovated for gender segregation, and the addition of more sports meant increased pressure on the training staff. One thing that did not increase, however, was the size of the training room facilities.

"The athletic training room is definitely outdated and too small for the number of student athletes that we are currently servicing," said athletic trainer Mike Medeiros. "We do a pretty good job with what we have, but we have about half the space that we need."

The addition of beach volleyball and men's soccer posed another type of challenge for the training room staff, adding to the student-athlete population by roughly 20 percent. The endeavor facing the certified athletic training staff consisting of Fred Smith, Medeiros, and Tricia Gay are not just space, but time.

While both Smith and Medeiros are full-time, Gay is only available part-time, making adequate coverage of the athletic department's 20 intercollegiate sports programs difficult. Treating and preventing injuries for over 500 student athletes means the staff is pressed for time with each athlete. "The earlier in the day they come in usually ensures that we will be less busy and the athlete will get more of our time and attention which usually means better care," said Medeiros.

According to data from the National Athletic Trainers' Association, based on the number of sports programs and volume of student athletes, it is appropriate

for Bakersfield College to have 11 certified athletic trainers on staff full-time. Alleviation of this imbalance might prove difficult for Bakersfield College.

Sandi Taylor, Bakersfield College director of athletics, said, "Through the program review process here institutionally, we have requested additional support staff, which is dependent on budget and other needs of the campus, and that's all looked at by committee," adding that she felt "comfortable in a sense that our students are well cared for; our athletic training staff does a great job, and we are blessed to have team doctors in the community that give a lot of time to our student-athletes."

A great deal of aid for the training staff comes from a small group of student volunteers who have dedicated much of their time in the training room or on-site with teams. For Brandon Hernandez Segura, it's nearly an obsession. On Tuesday's alone, Segura spends upward of 11-and-a-half hours between



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Above left: Trainer Mike Medeiros places an ice bag on BC football player Cristion Brown. Above: Head trainer Fred Smith assists Mason Saba (25) off the football field.

classes and time in the training room conducting evaluations and assisting in rehab exercises.

Since August, Segura has already logged over 100 hours, roughly half of the minimum most university programs require. Segura plans on continuing past his minimum requirement, and staying on the entire semester. He said, "It's not work to me, it's because I enjoy it."

As a student athlete, Segura would like to have more staff and upgraded facilities. "We only travel with football to away games because of the numbers. There aren't enough trainers to

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Inside

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'Big guy' a good fit at the fair

By Daulton James Jones
Reporter

Many people in Bakersfield want to be in on the fun of the Kern County Fair, but when it comes to some of things at the fair, some of us are a little apprehensive.

I'm talking about the people like me, the fellow big guys of Bakersfield. I know you all want to or have at least thought about attending this year's fair, so I took it upon myself to try out a few things and give you guys a guide to the fair. The big guy's guide to the fair.

First, when attending the fair, make sure you wear something comfortable. I understand some



DAULTON JAMES JONES / THE RIP

Daulton James Jones rides in a bumper car at the fair.

of us are only going to scope out potential dates or you're actually on a date, but stray away from tight shirts, pants, flip flops, and anything that is thick or hugs your body. Mainly because it's hot at the fairgrounds, and you're going to be walking around a fair amount, so don't wear things that will make your time there uncomfortable.

The perfect fair outfit should include sneakers/running shoes, shorts or a light pair of pants,

nothing tight or thick, like a light, short-sleeve shirt so that you can feel the breezes as they come.

Now that we've got that covered, let's move on to the actual fair. One of the most talked about things when it comes to the fair is the food, especially among big people like me. The fair has all kinds of food varying from strawberry and whip cream topped funnel cakes to lamb gyros. They even have a La Villa

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\$503 million bond measure to shape the future of the KCCD

By Morgan Park
Reporter

Kern County citizens are set to vote on a new bond measure this coming November that could drastically change the face of Bakersfield College, as well as the Delano campus, Porterville College and Cerro Coso College.

The bond, called Measure J, would grant nearly \$503 million to the Kern Community College District to expand and modernize its schools over the next several decades.

The official plan for the bond measure lists well over 100 new projects for BC alone that spans from brand new buildings, modernization of older buildings and deferred maintenance across the campus.

"The advantage of people voting yes on Measure J is that we will, in a few years, have one of the most modern facilities on any college campus in California," said Bill Thomas, a retired congressman of almost 30 years, BC professor from 1965-1974 and senior adviser for the Measure J project.

The biggest proposed project for BC would be the construction of a new Science and Engineering Building at a cost of \$60 million.

"The single largest expenditure of the bond is not to do the best we can to add classrooms to the old buildings, but build a new building that will allow us to provide all of the opportunities that afforded us in the technical science areas

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Top projects

- * Science & Engineering Building Replacement, \$60,000,000
- * Modernize Gymnasium, \$40,000,000
- * Construct Fire Technology & Public Safety Center, \$28,000,000
- Construct Multi-Purpose Building, \$25,992,000
- * Construct Arvin/Lamont/Greenfield Facility, \$25,000,000
- * Construct Technical Outreach Center in Shafter, \$25,000,000
- * Student Services Building Modernization, \$17,686,000
- * Fine Arts Building Modernization for Efficiency, \$15,546,000
- * Language Arts Building Modernization for Efficiency, \$15,321,000
- * General Computer and Peripheral Upgrades, \$13,100,000

Column

Working through setbacks

Life Hacks: *Tips to dealing with the typical busy life at BC*

We're officially several weeks into school and I'm sure that many of you are experiencing the same thing: that sense of settling into a routine. If anyone is like me, it takes a couple weeks in a class before you start to pick up on the best ways to work the class.



Veronica Morley

You're starting to understand what the professor expects and how the homework should be done, how to study for the class and what to expect on the exams. You've probably had a few exams and big papers due in most of your classes as well. Some probably went well and some maybe not so well.

Many of us who have a few years of college experience under our belts have probably all had to face our professors at one point about our grades. Maybe you bombed a few assignments or your first test and you're worried about where your grade sits. If this is your first time at BC, you may not have had the chance to speak to your professors face-to-face. For a few of you, this may seem incredibly intimidating. That is completely understandable. For whatever reason, you may not be doing as well in a class as you know you should, we all have that same fear of talking to a professor about it. The fear that when we bring it up to them, their only response will be a bored look and a short, "well there's nothing I can do." Unfortunately, there are a few professors out there who will do this, but in my experience if you know you have tried to do well in the class, many professors will be understanding and willing to work with you.

Last semester I had a few setbacks. In one of my classes, my professor was a pretty strict, always had to be on time, absolutely no talking in class and he would call you out if you were falling asleep or using your phone, type of guy. In this class we had an eight-page research paper due as a large part of our grade. Also during this time, my sister was getting married and the wedding was the same weekend before my paper was due on Monday. Now, anyone who has ever had to put a wedding together knows that it is a long, expensive and stressful event. My research paper might as well have been galaxies away. That Monday in class, it wasn't until he started collecting the papers that the sudden realization and panic hit me.

When he finished collecting them and started the video we were watching in class, he offered to anyone who had not turned in their paper the opportunity to explain. I raised my hand and he called me over. I explained to him the craziness of my past weekend and my deep regret in forgetting the assignment. I explained that I had the research done; I had just forgotten to write the actual essay. Luckily for me, he said if I could have the paper emailed to him by the end of the night, he'd still give me credit. At one point, everyone will need to have that talk with a professor about messing up on their grade. Hopefully if it happens to you, you'll have a professor who understands.

If you have questions on balancing your busy schedule, send your questions to Veronica at ripmail@bakersfieldcollege.edu

BC book discussion deals with water crisis

By Joshua Fisher
Reporter

"Life as we know it requires water, water is crucial to life; and now water is very, very, very scarce," said Joe Saldivar, Bakersfield College biology chair, who spoke Sept. 21 to a full room at the Levan Center.

Saldivar was part of the One Book, One Bakersfield event that featured an academic panel discussion. The One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern annual project encourages the community to read a single book and offers discussions throughout Kern County in September and October.

This year's chosen book is "The Big Thirst," by Charles Fishman, who will be at CSUB on Oct. 27 for a book signing.

At the BC event, Saldivar

held up a smartphone and said some people don't remember a time without it, but we've only had them for 10 or 11 years. Through his phone, Saldivar said that many societies have access to technologies that help them survive normal everyday life. He noted Australia grows rice through the help of technology, but it also requires an intense amount of water. He noted that even a smartphone needs water to be created.

Saldivar said the balance is off in the world of technology because 90 percent of Africans have access to a smartphone, but when it comes to water, 63 percent of Africans have access because it is so scarce, and only about 33 percent have access to sewage systems.

Laraine Rosema, a BC Writing Center liaison, focused on

whether people knew the laws for conserving water and whether people were trying to conserve water on their own.

"How many of us have begun showering less because of the water restriction that was placed? Or, how many of us have stopped washing our cars as much to preserve water in Kern County?" she asked.

Many hands raised as Rosema asked questions based on the conservation of water. Rosema mentioned that many people have been saving water on their own ever since Gov. Jerry Brown issued a state of emergency on Jan. 17, 2014. Now, California has saved 21 percent of the water it normally uses.

The reason that we need to save water is because Kern County only has three years with water if a drought continues. We

may run out of water during the following spring if our drought continues after our third dry winter or La Niña.

Luckily, last winter was a wet winter, but not as wet as it could have been.

The last to speak was Jeffrey J. Eagan, an English Department lecturer at BC. He explained that water is key in our language for many allegories. He also touched on the religions that use water in their rituals. Yes, indeed water is a central part of human life, he said.

During a Q&A session, the Water Association of Kern County executive director Beth Pandol spoke to help answer questions of the audience. One question focused on whether Kern County is going through a man-made drought, which Pandol said is false.

She said it's like a bald guy with a huge beard on his face. He has a lot of hair, but it's all in the wrong place. She said it's the same with good water quantity but bad distribution.

Pandol says there are many ways to look at the politics of water, but either way you look at it, environmental regulations mean Kern County receives a lot of water from Northern California. But most of Northern California's water is restricted because of increased environmental regulations.

So, Northern California is saving water through environmental regulations because of the endangered species. Pandol said we have been in a drought but most of the time it's a regulatory drought, meaning it's imposed by state regulations of California.

First recorded female welding grad

By Zach Sullivan
Reporter

Christin Celedon, a 29-year-old Bakersfield College student, will be one of the first women in school history to graduate with an Associates of Science in welding. While Celedon claims administration is unable to confirm whether or not she will be the first woman to attain this degree, she is confident she will be the first to do so.

Jeremy Staat, a welding professor at Bakersfield College, confirmed in an email to the Rip that Celedon will be the first woman to graduate the program as far as he knows.

According to a 2013 report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, only 7.8 percent of welders in the United States are women. This statistic is eye-opening, and makes Celedon's graduation even more significant. In a profession dominated by men, Celedon is truly making history not just at BC, but in the profession as a whole.

Originally, Celedon did not set out to become a welder. Coming out of high school, she was not sure what she wanted to do.

"I originally went to school for English. Growing up I really didn't know what I was good at, you have only so many options to choose from, so I didn't know about the multitude of opportunities out there besides a four-year degree," she said.

"I chose English because I love to write, I love poetry, short stories, open mic events. So I figured, 'hey I wanna be a published author one day, lets shoot for English'. I went here [BC] from 2005 to 2009, then I went to Cal State from 2009 to 2012 and got my B.A. in English, minor in Communications."

After graduating from Cal State Bakersfield in 2012, she accepted a position as a case coordinator with a company called California PyschCare. For three and a half years, she worked with autistic children and their families. While it was a nice job with good pay, she knew inside that it wasn't for her. "I was working 10-12 hour days and I wasn't eating right, I wasn't doing anything for myself, I was drained from working 50 hour weeks."

"It was really draining, not only emotionally, but physically and mentally. I'm usually always a positive person but I became affected and I became angry inside. I thought, 'wow can I see myself doing this for 30 more



KYLE CHIDGEY / THE RIP

Christin Celedon prepares to spark an arc with a stick-welder to make a crucifix for her personal welding project.

years as a career?" I just had a panic attack, and I knew then it wasn't for me despite the fact that I had trained hundreds of people and worked with hundreds of children," she said.

Celedon decided to leave her job as a case coordinator, and go back to school for welding. She had tried to apply for the program once before. "I had originally tried a couple years ago and I couldn't get in. It was a very demanding program and I was on the waitlist. They told me, 'sorry you can't get in.'"

Celedon explained that she went back to school to pursue welding not only for her herself, but in the memory of her grandfather and other family members she had lost. "I lost my grandfather about six years ago, and he was a welder. But I was the baby in the family so I never got to learn anything from him because he was already retired. But after losing him, and my grandma, and my uncle and my cousins, I lost a lot of people all within a couple years so that's what

sparked a fire in me. I wanted to do it in my grandfather's memory," Celedon said.

After being accepted into the program, Celedon took a job with a subcontracting company called Alpha Elite here in town to help get by. One day while at work, she lost

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Christin Celedon
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sensation in her extremities and then throughout her body. "[I] lost sensation in my body, my hands went numb, my legs. It started to spread to my head. Long story short, I was in the hospital for a week and they didn't know what was wrong with me. They were doing a lot of tests and stuff but finally after three failed spinal taps, turns out I got diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). It made me question, the doctors told me you need to stop the welding program and stop welding because that's not going to help you with your health."

Being diagnosed with MS was

devastating for Celedon. "For me that was very upsetting. I had already done a complete 180, I pushed myself really hard to fulfill this degree and now a doctor is trying to tell me otherwise," Celedon said.

Instead of giving in, Celedon decided she was going to use the doctor's words as motivation. "I took the doctor's advice and ran with it as they're trying to tell me what not to do again, I'm gonna show them," she said.

Celedon explained that despite facing a serious medical condition, and being told by numerous people that she would never make it as a welder, she is still determined to achieve her goal of becoming a professional welder.

When asked about potentially breaking ground in the welding program, she claimed she couldn't be happier.

"I never really thought of it like I was breaking ground. Right now it feels amazing, I feel blessed to have this opportunity I want to be able to encourage others who have been told by the

naysayers to continue to do what you're doing," she said.

Celedon believes that her story will be one people can look to as a source of motivation. "I think I'm put here to encourage others, especially women, who have always been told no, you're a woman in a man's field. I've always done best when people say not to, or don't touch that, or leave it alone. I do it then because you said I couldn't do it," she said.

She hopes to inspire people to do what makes them happy, and not worry about what others think or say about you.

"All I can say is don't live for others, look deep down and figure what you're passionate about. It's up to us to keep that passion lit and ignited. Find that passion, whatever it is, and pursue it 110 percent because in life, you're never gonna be happy unless you're happy with yourself and doing something you love. For me, working with my hands is something I love," Celedon said.

AAMP gives opportunities to BC's African-American students

By Daulton James Jones
Reporter

The African American Mentoring Program is a club at Bakersfield College that provides guidance and a sense of belonging to many of the African American student population at Bakersfield College.

This club was founded seven years ago with the help of Reggie Bolton, Victoria Coffee, Ishmael Kimbrough, and a few others.

The club was formed because of a testament made by one of Kimbrough's students.

When talking to professor Kimbrough, the student said that he didn't know how to be successful in school, mainly because he had never seen or met anyone around him be successful in the realm of academia.

Kimbrough then shared it with Coffee and Bolton, and they all came together on one Saturday and discussed the problems go-

ing on, and what might they do to fix them on the campus.

Through this discussion, the AAMP club was born.

Originally AAMP was for only African American males, like Project BEST is for the Kern High School District.

This worked fine, and many men benefited from this.

With the success of the club, women wanted to have one of their own, and a few years ago Bolton and Coffee combined

the clubs. AAMP now services both African American men and women.

It is now run by Julian West, who works in the office of student Success and Equity, but Bolton and Coffee are still key members in running the club.

"I want you all to leave here better than you came. AAMP is here to provide you guys with opportunities and tools to better yourselves.

"Our goal is that all of you do

your two years here, and hopefully transfer to four year universities and get jobs to provide for yourselves in the future," said West.

In recent meetings they discussed a number of topics from job readiness, education, time management, and how to all benefit together and influence society more.

AAMP meets every other Friday in the business building at 10:30 a.m.

Professor finds her true calling at BC

By Joshua Fisher
Reporter

Andrea Thorson has been teaching communications at the university level for about 12 years despite the trials and obstacles she has faced in life, such as losing her memory.

She started teaching at CSU Long Beach in 2005 and began teaching at Bakersfield College in 2008. She has also coached students competitively for over 17 years.

"The most unique thing about teaching communications courses is that our discipline is directly usable. Students learn theories and then the theories can be observed in everyday life," said Thorson.

Thorson, however, originally had designs on working in law.

"Since as early as I could remember I intended to be a lawyer, constitutional law. I took the LSAT and did well. I was set to take it one more time, and then days before the test, I was in a horrible car accident. The physical injuries I sustained were devastating and life altering, but nothing was more painful than the damage to my mind," Thorson said.

"My memory, which had always been my strongest skill, was destroyed. I had been able to memorize an entire play in a matter of a day, but after the accident I couldn't read more than a few words without forgetting where I was. Each day I had to wake up and select a sticky note from my mirror in order to read directions on how to get to my classes. I didn't want to admit how bad it was but, looking back, it was shocking and I'm not sure how I managed it in my last semester."

The doctors were not able to tell Thorson if she would be able to get her memory back to normal again or if she would regain memories from her past. It wasn't long before the procedures and recovery were unbearable for her. She needed a challenge. And even though it was after the deadline, she applied to graduate schools.

The reason she selected CSULB was because it had one of the top-three programs for her



JAMES MACIAS / THE RIP

Andrea Thorson has been teaching at BC for eight years and is involved in a host of extracurricular activities.

area at the time and was close to her parents and doctors. She believed she could have done better so she wasn't excited about going.

Thorson said, "I was glad to be of use again or I would have stayed permanently sad inside. I began teaching public speaking and debate classes at CSULB in 2005 as a graduate student, and I loved it!"

When asked who she credits the most for her career in communications, Thorson says it was her mother. "I was basically born on a forensics speech and debate team bus. I spent my childhood weekends traveling to competitions with my mother's speech team all over Montana where I was born and raised. I never planned on being a professor."

Thorson says that interpersonal communication is the most rewarding of all.

"I teach nearly all the communications courses we offer and I love each of them for dif-

ferent reasons. If I had to pick, I am able to get the most from interpersonal communication courses because that class has such a beautiful ability to save people and I really mean that. The class works on self-esteem, self-worth, perception, prejudice, conflict-resolution, romantic relationships, communicating love, taking responsibility, building strong relationships and knowing when it's healthiest to terminate relationships. These are lessons that I know each student will benefit from and be able to use in their lives and that gives me great satisfaction and hope," said Thorson.

Most of the Communications Department faculty have their own books published that are being used in other states. Thorson is one of these several authors. Her first paper she ever submitted to a conference was accepted and won top debut paper: "The Rhetoric of Law: The U.S. Obscenity Clause from an ISA and

Feminist Legal Theory Perspective." It is still used as a standard.

On campus, Thorson is vice president of the Academic Senate, lead professor for Oral Interpretation, co-lead for Public Speaking, faculty lead for the Communication Project, faculty lead for the Renegade Talks and member of Women's History and More.

Thorson says growing up she was extremely shy and introverted. Her favorite hobbies were reading, doing schoolwork, running and exercising. She ran track, as well as played tennis and volleyball. Her sisters were the opposite: very outgoing and loved to party. Even her mother could handle the light, but not her, she recalls.

In fourth grade, Thorson's difficulty with communication made her feel as if she was hurting someone that she loved, her mother, who was the top forensics speech debater at the time. This motivated Thorson

to become the person that she is today. She pretended to have confidence and work on her competence and it became who she was.

She acknowledges now that communicating by talking, as a profession, isn't a longshot with her new-found confidence and she is proud to be teaching alongside her mother. She says it's great to know that her mother is nearby inspiring her every day.

Thorson feels that she teaches as more than just a career, she says it is a lifestyle. Classes to her are like sub-family communities and everyone's voice should matter. Embedded inside her is a morally high expectation of her students.

She has positively influenced them to reach her expectations and changed their attitude on life for the better. She has inspired students to follow their dreams such as: psychologists, painters, public speakers, actors and more.

Column

Ditching gender roles

The Gay Agenda: Life and times of a modern gay man.

My husband is amazing. Truly. He is the voice of calm reason against my neurotic, crazy mentality that seems to tear through things like a tornado.

When I told him I didn't know what to write about this week his response was, "you can do it" followed up with "talk about how you don't know what to write about."

And I don't.

The gay issues that J.R. Hensley



plague myself and others are vast and varied, but a lot of them are just plain not fun or remotely humorous. It's the nature of the beast.

The topic I had been mulling around was about masculinity, how it is prized more so in gay culture than it is in regular life.

It's because most gay guys want to fulfill some weird fantasy. If you are not totally in shape and hyper masculine they don't want anything to do with you.

"No fats, no fems, no Asians," as the line goes.

That thought led me to think about stereotypes and cookie cutter personalities, expectations.

I have been asked by friends, and have overheard in various forms, that age old question, "who is the girl in the relationship?"

If labels are required I would have to say that I am the wife in my relationship.

I am not in the sense that I clean, cook, or do laundry. I'm more like the nosy Mrs. Roper from the second floor, swishing around in a robe with feathers, drinking cocktails and making catty remarks to my husband; but then again, none of that. Who I am is more complex than a two-dimensional caricature.

The funny thing about that question is that even straight relationships don't fit into any kind of single mold. As all people are unique unto themselves, relationships are equally as diverse and varied.

I understand the question. I do. As most of the time it's asked with good intentions, they're just trying to wrap their mind around something that to them is foreign.

But why as a society must we delegate these single roles to men and women? I think it takes away most of the potential for doing what could make one happy.

For instance, a woman is expected to be subservient, taking care of the children and the house, but what if that woman wants to be a lawyer and not have a family?

A man is supposed to be the strong, silent type who shows no emotions, and carries on like a good soldier. What if he wants to raise children, laughing and crying with them?

With each example, an automatic response comes to mind. The woman is seen as a cold, selfish person and the man is viewed as somehow being weak. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the examples I gave.

We can't help it, we have been conditioned to believe these roles.

Anything that comes along and threatens to uproot the status quo is seen as dangerous.

We should scrap them all together. Thinking someone must be one way is projecting onto someone else and not allowing them to be their authentic self.

Then we can focus on what life could be, instead of what it should.

Random Renegade

Every issue, The Rip will be interviewing a random faculty member at Bakersfield College about hopes and goals.

By Kyle Chidgey
Multimedia/photo editor

Jeff Huston is one of the newest faculty members at Bakersfield College. As an instructor in the Fine Arts Department, he will be spearheading an all new digital arts media program. The program is designed to introduce students to the post-production side of video.

"If you are interested in breaking into cinematography, if you are interested in film, if you are interested in animation, if you are interested in working on the video end of advertising and movie production, these are the classes you want to take," Huston explained. "My real passion is bringing digital media to the fine arts world."

Huston's education is primarily in studio art. His degrees include a B.A. in sculpture and drawing and an M.F.A. in studio



Jeff Huston

art with film and experimental media. Huston chose to seek a position at Bakersfield College because he has a real passion for teaching cinematography and digital media.

Working in video production for 15 years, he noticed a large gap between student readiness when they entered the work force and industry needs. His goal is to start a program which will supply the tools students need to go into the work force and succeed.

The new digital arts program will be offering four classes. Three of those classes: video production, digital motion, and animation will be available in the fall of 2017.

"In digital motion we really dive into After Effects and what it means to be a two-dimensional animator," Huston said.

He is really excited to get this program in full swing.

BC to show off school spirit with plenty of homecoming events

By Joshua Fisher
Reporter

Bakersfield College is going all out with this semester's homecoming event. This year's homecoming is centered on the Homecoming Football Game on Saturday, Oct. 22. The theme for the year will be called "Building a Better Renegade Knight: #aBetterBC." The homecoming event will be a week long starting from Monday Oct. 17 and finishing on Saturday Oct. 22. For the full experience, you can find more information online and download the homecoming packet at bakersfieldcollege.edu/homecoming.

BC is asking students to show what Renegade pride means in any spirited way and record it. Email your clip to studentlife@bakersfieldcollege.edu. Videos will be publicly showcased during the event. Voting for the Best BC Channel spot will be held from noon on Oct. 19 until 3 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 22.

The talent show is coming up also. The BC Got Talent competition is in its third year. Performers will be judged by a panel. It will be centered around routines, comedy acts, magic shows, vocal or instrumental performance. All acts are limited to a maximum of four minutes on a stage that will be held in the Bakersfield College cafeteria. You can sign up in the library and you must check-in with the Office of Student Life by 4:45 p.m.

One thing students enjoy about this event is the homecoming team competitions as well as individual competitions. Because of the prizes and incentives to participate students, staff, faculty, and even alumni are encouraged to be a part of a team and participate in the one on one events.

One thing unique to this 2016 homecoming is the BC "Quidditch" Game. During the game BC is going to give students the chance to shine like the boy with the scar on his forehead. Just like Harry Potter, during this game, the team members will have to carry a broom between their legs at all times. The tournament will consist of as many teams sign up, and can include students, faculty and staff. Prizes will be rewarded based on a first, second and third place.

This homecoming is going to be bigger than ever. And this week-long celebration will include honors to our traditions and history as well as new events like the homecoming parade, student

organization competitions, talent show, office decoration party, a pep rally, tailgating, and surprise events that are also going to be new.

On Oct. 19, students will be able to purchase street tacos on the campus and listen to the music our school will be jamming from stereo support systems. BCSGA officers will also be making \$5 tie-dye shirts that are free if you have a BCSGA/KVC sticker.

On Oct. 20, get fired up to see an army of cheerleaders and football players pumping up the crowd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students, children, and BC alumni are all invited to attend the celebration.

Of course the more people that participate the more fun the event will be. So be aware of the BC Pride that is going to go on during the week all the way until the game on Saturday.

One thing the office of Student Life encourages is that all participants and community entities go above and beyond this year, and make walkable floats that are going to catch the eyes of all the spectators. Entries must use a homecoming theme for their floats and floats will be judged by their creativity and Renegade pride.

A traditional part of our homecoming week is the homecoming royalty court. It is a nomination to showcase a few outstanding students at Bakersfield College.

The homecoming royalty court is comprised of four students who shall represent the college and student body at various campus and community events throughout the year. Last year the winner was put in the newspaper and became popular for the rest of the semester.

This year the department of activities will set up bumper balls for students to participate in. These work by inflating a large plastic ball with an opening for one person. Once you are in then the games will begin. The games give students a chance to find other students who share similar interests. And can even build self-esteem in the students.

There was a bungee-run taking place as well as a game of volleyball going on right across from the library for last year's homecoming week. Many new students were glad to see that our school had such Renegade pride. And BC plans to keep it that way by doing even more than before. You can bet that this year will be even bigger.

Criminal justice professor speaks about the Diaz case

By Veronica Morley
Reporter

The Bakersfield Police Department suffered a hard blow this year as one of its own, Damacio Diaz, was investigated, arrested, and pled guilty to multiple counts of bribery, trafficking methamphetamine, wiretap, and tax fraud. Diaz is most famously known for his participation on the McFarland High School cross country team in the 1980s. The team, including Diaz, were depicted as celebrated underdogs in the 2015 Disney film "McFarland, USA."

According to court documents, between June 2012 and Oct. 2013, Diaz, along with his partner Patrick Mara, was assigned to the Southern Tri-County Task Force of the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA).

Both men abused their positions of trust and authority as they intentionally failed to report correct amounts of narcotics confiscated during arrests. Instead, on multiple occasions, the officers retained possession of the seized narcotics for their own personal gain. In total, the estimated illegal narcotics seized is approximately 20 pounds of methamphetamine.

Mayor Manuel Cantu from McFarland told reporters, "from the bottom of our hearts, we hope this is something we can overcome." There has been mixed responses from the community and surrounding counties to the sentencing. Diaz was scheduled for sentencing by Judge Lawrence O'Neil for Sept. 26. Feedback ranges from supporters of Diaz and his family wishing for leniency given Diaz's accomplishments and those who want to see justice and Diaz punished for his crimes.

Diaz was on paid administrative leave during the investigation involving the IRS, FBI,

and DEA, alongside local police. On Oct. 3, he was sentenced to five years in prison on multiple charges of bribery and possession with intent to sell.

Diaz stated in his court testimony that his partner "became one of my closest friends and later became my worst enemy." Diaz continued to explain his growing involvement in illegal matters with his partner and their informant Guillermo Magallanes.

Given the charges against Diaz, he was granted far less time than he originally faced, which could have been anywhere from 20 years to life.

Bakersfield College criminal justice professor Patricia Smith provided some insight on the matter. Before teaching, Smith worked as a probation officer for over 20 years, writing pre-sentence reports dealing with cases similar to this one, of officers getting in trouble with drugs.

"This poses a big disgrace to the criminal justice community. When officers do this type of thing, you feel hurt because he should have known better," said Smith.

She agreed that Diaz asked for leniency that he did not deserve. "He's throwing the police department under the bus and he should be throwing himself under the bus."

Smith continued to address the consequences of Diaz's actions.

"This is why we have this problem across America with the image of the police department. It only takes one or two bad officers to ruin it for the police department."

She states that the percentage of dirty police officers is indeed small and most officers are solid.

But the few corrupt officers who continually abuse their power and the trust placed with them create this image to the public that it is a problem with the whole department.



On Oct 3, Damacio Diaz was sentenced to serve five years in federal prison.

When Smith brought this case forward to her criminal justice students, she said that the entire class agreed that Diaz should be severely punished for breaking the law.

Smith believes that there has always been and will always be corruption within the criminal justice system, even though the process to become an officer tests their written, psychological and physical endurance.

"There's a lot of screening, but unfortunately that doesn't screen out dishonesty. So he should be held accountable to the highest rule of the law and be punished for what he did.

"We want to stop this," said Smith, referring to the leniency Diaz received. "If there's no severe punishment then others will just think they can get away with it, too."

Diaz served as an officer for the Bakersfield Police Department for 17 years.

The court allowed mitigating factors such as the defendant's positive community involvement, family support and responsibilities, military service, and non-existent prior criminal record.

The court also took into consideration how a good cop can go bad and the dynamics involved in Diaz's case.

Students missing campus events

By Zach Sullivan
Reporter

In covering events such as Transfer Day and the Student Involvement Festival, numerous students mentioned that they were feeling uninformed of events taking place on campus.

They also said that they were not notified of events that were taking place, and referenced that they had noticed a decrease in the number of informative e-mails coming from the marketing department about events such as Transfer Day and others.

Shannon Musser, who is filling in for director Amber Chiang while she is on leave, is BC's web content editor. She has been tasked with managing a lot more than just web content since Chiang went on leave.

When asked about why students would claim they are receiving less informative e-mails, Musser explained that it was not until recently that she gained access to the active student e-mail list, and as a result she could not send out as many e-mails as Chiang could.

"A lot of it is I'm still trying to figure out a lot of what the policies and procedures are. I only recently got access to the enrolled student list server for example, and Nicky Damania and I have been working through what are the rules for when we can send to that list. Were very protective, we tend to get a lot of pushback when we send too many e-mails so were trying to find that balance," she said.

Musser went on to point out that she has found when e-mails are sent constantly, students tend to stop reading them. "We find that if students are getting e-mails from us every day or every week, they stop listening to us, where as if we can send a few more important e-mails we can target students."

Musser claimed that while e-mail was the best way of reaching students in the past, it is not as effective in reaching students today. "We've been thinking that e-mails aren't the best way for students but maybe that's something that's

changed. We want to reach students however they want to be reached, if e-mail is a good way to do that than it's something we'd like to do.

"The most response we get to e-mails is, 'take me off your list,'" Musser said.

Musser believes the best way to reach students is not just through e-mail, but a combination of methods. "I think it's combinations, we do a lot of home-page promotion, I know that we do the Renegades app and that has a calendar and do some promotion through there. I think sometimes it's honestly posters outside classrooms that people can see. I've seen more engagement on our Facebook, but it's trending to an older demographic so were trying to figure that out still," she said.

Another issue Musser faces is that the marketing department at BC is substantially smaller than many colleges, making it much harder for her and her small team to reach the entire student populous. "We're very small, a lot bigger universities have larger marketing departments. There's me, and I have a full-time web content editor, a part time web content editor, and two graphic designers, that's the whole team. We manage the website, we manage graphic design, we manage marketing, we manage advertising, we do all the social media. So it's a small group trying to figure out the most efficient way because we don't have the man power to spend time on something that's not working," Musser said.

Musser said she is willing to explore new methods and options of reaching students that will increase awareness.

"We want to inform students, that's the main goal of everything were doing. I want to put my energy into what's effective."

Musser is working with Nicky Damania, director of student life, to come up with new ways to communicate with students. "We've been thinking about doing a monthly newsletter type thing saying these are the events that are happening and send that out that way we're not constant," Musser said.

BOND: Measure would drastically affect students for years to come

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in the last 60 years," said Thomas.

"Do you know anyone who drives a car daily that was made in 1956?"

Thomas also emphasized BC's need for a women's field house on campus, so as to truly fulfill what Title IX (which prevents the discrimination or exclusion from any activity or education program on the basis of sex) intended. The proposed field house would cost \$7.5 million.

"When you're dealing with the sexes, male and female facilities for physical activities, it is essential that they have separate facilities for many reasons, but they should be equal. And they aren't now. So we're going to build a women's field house that will provide separate and equal facilities, which allows us to free up space for additional classrooms [in the men's facilities] as we go forward," said Thomas.

Thomas' last project emphasis is the new proposed Veterans Resource Center, which would cost \$8 million.

"Part of the money under Measure J is to build a facility to allow for veterans to have the kind of support structures and assistance that they need to have a successful college experience," he said.

"Those are the kind of things that we say are going to be essential for the next 20 to 25 years to make sure that Bakersfield College remains one of the preeminent educational institutions not in the southern San Joaquin Valley, but in California."

Thomas wants to assure voters that no penny of the bond would go toward the salaries of faculty or administration at the schools. "It isn't to pay people. It's to build facilities that can be used by future students," he said.

Thomas sees Measure J as a form of self-help for Kern County.

"We can't expect Southern California or Northern California to fund what we need to

do to maintain the quality of Bakersfield College and the other schools in the Kern Community College District. We are going to do it ourselves, for ourselves. And that's the key to Measure J. It's not going to happen unless we do it," said Thomas.

Measure J is heading onto the ballot at the heels of Measure G, the bond measure passed in 2002 that granted the KCCD \$180 million for new construction and modernizations across the district's schools.

The final projects of Measure G are still in progress after 14 years, and some will not be addressed altogether. Tom Burke, chief financial officer at KCCD, said the obstacles for Measure G were the result of two unforeseeable circumstances.

"We were hoping that the state was going to pass more capital bonds, but they did not.

The last statewide bond was in 2006, and that's been it. We were always hoping to significantly leverage the Measure G bond to capture those state funds," said Burke.

With the leverage of money raised with Measure G, Burke said they were hopeful to receive perhaps another \$180 million to go toward the bond.

The other reason, as Burke recounted, was a consequence of The Republic of China buying up building materials and driving up the costs of construction.

"The inflation on construction costs went through the roof. We figured we lost 30% of Measure G's buying power," he said.

Thomas saw Measure G as a way for BC to redecorate and refurbish a few of its buildings.

"But that was 14 years ago. The campus was, at that time, 50 years old. And we fixed it up a bit so we could wait longer for the big change that is necessary. Measure J is the big change that is necessary," said Thomas.

Burke said that there is still approximately \$53 million left in Measure G, all of which

has already been allocated for the measure's final projects.

Finishing up Measure G is currently the district's main focus, but Burke foresees some overlap in construction if Measure J passes.

Bill Potter, head of Maintenance & Operations at BC, is currently overseeing one of the final Measure G projects, a new Maintenance & Operations building.

When it comes to Measure J, Potter is most excited for the smaller improvements across the campus.

"Everyone likes to see that big brand new building or renovations on buildings, which is great, but I'm more for the infrastructure stuff," he said. "We need to replace our parking lots desperately on campus."

Potter also touched on infrastructure improvements that most students likely won't notice, like updating the electric, sewer, water and air conditioning systems on campus. "Nobody gets excited about that stuff."

The district said they have no official plan for the first Measure J projects if the bond passes, but Potter foresees one particular project as the first if the money comes in.

"The Business Services and Bookstore building will be leveled, and we'll build a new building over the top there," Potter said.

Potter said the construction would probably take two years, and meanwhile, the bookstore would be temporarily located across the street next to Kern Schools Federal Credit Union.

Thomas believes Measure J holds the sweeping improvements that BC deserves after all of these years.

"As Kern County grew and prospered, Bakersfield College grew.

But the shoes it's wearing and the pants it has on are 60 years old. We need new shoes, and we need bigger pants so we can continue to grow."

The official definition of Measure J
www.yesonj2016.com

"Our local community colleges, Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College, are essential to our local economies and are critical stepping stones to good-paying jobs and university degrees. On July 14, 2016, the Kern Community College District Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place Measure J on the November 2016 ballot. Measure J is a \$502.8 million local education bond measure to support our local community colleges and continue to affordable, excellent education and job training they provide local students, workers, and veterans."

Valley air quality leads to red-flag warnings

By Mario Saldaña
Reporter

Bakersfield received a red flag due to the bad air quality on Sept. 20 that had residents of Kern County on high alert.

What does a red flag actually mean and when it comes to air quality and how can it affect an individual?

Raymond M. Purcell, director of Student Health and Wellness here at Bakersfield College, gave some information on how air quality can effect an individual's health, especially when student athletes participated in practices and games during the red-flag hours.

The flag program which was established by the USEPA, is similar to the weather forecast you watch on television that informs you about the air quality in the next couple of days. The flags are represented by five colors that range from green, which means good air quality, yellow flag, which means moderate, orange is bad quality to sensitive issues, and down to the color purple which means air is very unhealthy.

A red-flag alert which Bakersfield recently went through, means that air quality is unhealthy for everyone not only individuals with health problems. Individuals who have asthma, COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and heart diseases are at risk for worsening their disease. Heart attacks are also more frequent due to the exposure of bad air quality.

There are also dangers to average healthy students who are exposed to the bad air quality, which can increase their chances to develop asthma or COPD, especially if the individual smokes. Kern County leads the nation in the rates of these conditions.

During the red-flag hours, many student athletes participated in practices and games including the soccer team, which is a sport that has a lot of running around. Purcell explained how fatigue and heavy breathing from either exercising and running around during activities can expose an individual with bad air quality.

When heavy breathing occurs more oxygen is needed in the lungs and when air quality is

bad, the lung takes in ozone and micro air pollution that damages on a microscopic level, which can leave a permanent damage to the lungs.

More information of daily air quality is posted on valleyair.org to get daily forecasts on how the air quality is day by day.



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Dust devils stir up dirt and debris during the last week of September, putting more particulates into the air.

'FIFA 17' brings back the fun

By Mario Saldaña
Reporter

FIFA 17 is the latest game in the annual FIFA game franchise, and as a college student I don't have enough money to spend on a game that is released yearly with just small new features and polished with better graphics. That's not the case with FIFA 17: it feels like a big improvement

from last year's game. A new game mode that makes this FIFA stand out from the rest of them is the story of Alex Hunter. You play as an English teenager who is trying to reach stardom in the Premier League, with the help from his mother and grandfather who also played in the league. The story and the characters you meet make it a great story

to play through. The only thing that really had me frustrated the whole time was the grading during games. It's not really specific on why you're either going up or down on rating while playing, even though you think you're doing everything right. Though, this can be a fun way for someone who is new to FIFA games to use as a tutorial, to learn how to play while getting through this

great story. It's nowhere near perfect, but EA is stepping in the right direction from where it was on FIFA 16. Now with Frostbite as their new engine, they pushed the game to look even better than last year's game, not only with details of individual players but with stadiums, fans and even added club managers into the game. With some great updates on some gameplay features, the one that caught my eye was the physical play in the game so you can battle for space by putting your body over the ball and shielding it and fighting for possession by pushing back and gaining more space. Set pieces are also have a new feature with penalties being the biggest change, which makes it more difficult to take penalties, which is great when you're playing against another player. Though it seems like agility and speed play a bigger role in this game, I can't get over the fact that responsiveness on individual players is kind of off way too often. Another problem I had was that A.I. does not respond well at times, when trying to pass the ball teammates might run directly across me either getting in the way of the pass or just over hitting the pass. The passing kind of feels off in this game as well, and I've had multiple issues with short passes that cost me games. This game is just too dense to cover everything. Though this is not the best FIFA game that has been released, my verdict on the game is that FIFA is heading in the right direction with better graphics and a new game mode and it's the most fun I've had with a FIFA game in a while.



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Renegade Events

News

New student IDs are being distributed in the BC cafeteria. A picture ID and student number is required.

Renegade Pantry: Daily Bread. The event repeats every Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. until May 12, 2017. Bakersfield College has partnered with Panera Bread to offer free bread to BC students and is first come, first serve. Students must sign in to receive services. Location: In front of the Renegade Pantry or Office of Student Life.

BC Events

- Oct. 4:** Free Book Giveaway "The Martian," Tuesday, 9 a.m., the library will be distributing free copies of the book "The Martian" to students. BC ID required. First come first serve basis. Location: The reference desk on the second floor of the library.
- Oct. 5:** Resume Writing - How to Get Noticed by Employers, Wednesday, 11-11:30 a.m. Location: BC SGA Executive Boardroom.
- Oct. 6:** Master Class with Pianist Tomoki Sakata, Thursday, 3:30-5 p.m. Location: Choir Room (PAC 8)
- Oct. 6:** 2016 Bakersfield College Tennis Fundraising Dinner, Thursday, 6-8:45 p.m. Attendance is \$40. For more information email Nick Jacobs at: Nicholas.jacobs@bakersfieldcollege.edu. Location: Cafeteria
- Oct. 7:** Rucco & James Duo, Friday, 8 p.m. Musical event. Location: SPARC Indoor Theatre.
- Oct. 11:** New Student Orientation, Tuesday, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Register online. Location: Forum East 101.
- Oct. 13:** Community Movie Night: Finding Dory, Thursday, 6 p.m. Location: Forum 101 East.
- Oct. 17:** Homecoming Week: Poster & Office Decoration Competition, Monday, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. To enter the competition email studentlife@bakersfieldcollege.edu.
- Oct. 17:** Hogwarts Arrives at BC: Quidditch Game, Monday, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Location: Renegade Crossroads.
- Oct. 19:** Tunes, Tacos & Tye-Dye, Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Location: Renegade Crossroads.
- Oct. 19:** BC Got Talent: Renegades Rock the Night, Wednesday, 4-8 p.m. Location: Cafeteria.
- Oct. 20:** Community Movie Night: The Martian, Thursday, 6-10 p.m. Location: Forum 101 East.
- Oct. 21:** Fall Choral Concert, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Location: SPARC Indoor Theatre.
- Oct. 21:** Last day to drop (and receive a W.)
- Oct. 23:** BC Jazz Presents Lucian Ban and Mat Maneri: The Transylvanian Concert, Sunday, 6-7:30 p.m. Location: Indoor Theater.
- Oct. 25:** Cerro Author: Andy Weir, Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. Location: Fireside Room.
- Oct. 25:** New Student Orientation, Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. Register online. Location: Forum East 101.
- Oct. 25:** Cerro Author: Andy Weir, Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. Location: Simonsen.
- Oct. 26:** Cerro Author: Andy Weir, Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. Location: Fireside Room.
- Nov. 1:** Last day to file for graduation.
- Nov. 1:** UC Application Workshop, Tuesday, 9-10 a.m. Learn how to apply to a University of California. Location: SS 151.
- Nov. 3:** Pizza & Politics, Thursday, 12-2 p.m. Location: Fireside room.

Stone's biopic reveals Snowden's personal data

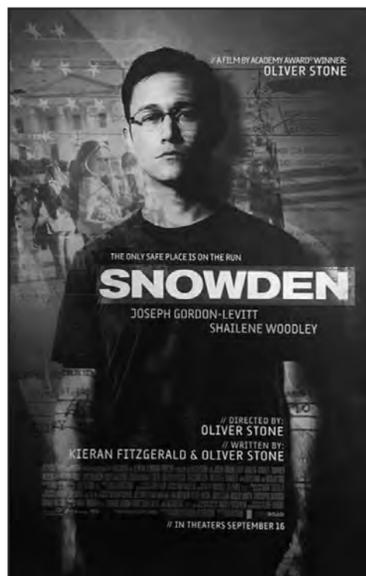
By Stephen Underwood
Reporter

"Snowden" is a movie based on the real life controversy surrounding the man of the same name who exposed secrets of the United States government spying on Americans through phone wiretapping and the Internet. The movie is directed by Oliver Stone, famous for movies like "Platoon," "Born on the Fourth of July," "The Doors," and "World Trade Center." It stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt, and there's a cameo by the real life Edward Snowden.

The movie has a dramatic tone as movie goers would expect from an Oliver Stone film, the movie is very detailed and it draws one in who watches it. It keeps viewers on the edge of their seats wondering what will happen next.

The movie is dramatic in many ways. For example, it has a wild opening involving Snowden holding a Rubik's Cube toy in his hand that seems silly, but actually has a purpose when it's explained later that Snowden's instructor (Nicolas Cage) gives it to him as part of his learning process and training which takes up a space of the movie's beginning.

The audience sees Snowden impressing his teachers and learning how to program and manipulate computers and electronics, and the Rubik's Cube has even more significance when towards the end of the film.



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The drama is very much detailed. Viewers get to see Snowden's early life leading up to the film's main events starting from being in the military before joining the CIA, and the movie itself seems to cross genres by combining conspiracy with romance. Snowden's relationship with his girlfriend

Lindsay (Shailene Woodley) plays a big role. While watching the movie, one sees his relationship with her have its ups and downs during Snowden's time with the CIA. The flick goes as far as to show Snowden dealing with internal conflicts of his own personal privacy at work and his sex life with his girlfriend being on blast.

The movie in general is one big flashback of events leading up to the finale where Snowden publicly insults Barack Obama, the White House, the government and his former employees for what he considers exploitation of Americans' personal lives.

This movie also deals with issues of terrorism and network hacking going back to the Bush administration. It especially has a twist in the ending.

Snowden tries to leave the United States to avoid being arrested and prosecuted, is denied entry back and entry into other countries and he finally decides to hide out in Russia. This gives the conclusion of the film more significance because his girlfriend, who is later questioned but not treated as a criminal like him, decides to move in with him.

Overall "Snowden" might not be a quick and fast paced film, but at least it's logical and sensible. It's easy to follow, and has great acting and storytelling. It's well worth the money to see it in theaters.

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RENEGADE MINDS

"Are you for the legalization of marijuana?"

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Joe Kennedy.
"Yes, because I've been doing it so long now that it's just become a lifestyle."



Q Ssaucy.
"Yes, because as alcohol has taught us prohibition does not work."



Brian Stanley.
"Yes, I am for medical marijuana for medical reasons."



Jeremy Turner.
"Yes, I think for many medical uses it's a great substance."



Rebecca Core.
"Yes, because there are a lot of benefits to it."

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Facility construction to finish 2017



KYLE CHIDGEY / THE RIP

Trucks loaded with supplies on the construction site for the new Maintenance and Operations building, which will also house additional facilities.

By Morgan Park
Reporter

The new Maintenance and Operations building at Bakersfield College is due to complete construction in April of 2017. The new building will house facilities at

BC that have previously been scattered across campus: including Maintenance and Operations itself, the print shop, mail room and shipping/receiving.

"They've outgrown their facilities," said Bill Potter, head of Maintenance and Operations at BC. "For a campus

this big, we needed a yard, we needed a warehouse and a shop where we can start getting equipment and start doing stuff in-house, and own everything instead of leasing."

The building will match the aesthetic of the rest of the campus, but will differ

from most of the school's structures in being primarily metal.

The building is one of the final projects from Measure G bond of 2002 that granted \$125 million towards the betterment of BC and the other colleges in the Kern Community College District.

Short films raise awareness

By J. R. Hensley
Reporter

On Sept. 28, the organization Art With Impact showed four short films about mental health, followed by a panel discussion in the Fireside Room.

The event was held by the Student Health and Wellness Center of Bakersfield College in an attempt to help raise awareness of mental health.

Cary McQueen, one of the founders of the group, hosted the event.

"We're trying to fight the stigma of mental illness through art," McQueen said. "Art has way of making people feel things words cannot express."

The shorts shown were "Anosognosia," "Chained," "Gladys" and "The Gift," and are all available for free viewing on their website.

Each month Art With Impact holds a competition for student films that represent what it is like to have a mental illness, such as post-traumatic stress disorder or depression. The winner receives a \$1,000 prize and the short is added to their collection for viewing at various events in North America.

The Student Health and Wellness Center offers six therapy sessions during the course of the year at no charge.

To view the films or learn about the competition go to www.artwithimpact.org.

ELECTION 2016

Each edition, The Rip will tackle issues related to politics at the state and national level, in the interest of educating the student body to make informed choices when they hit the polls this November

Column

Trump stumbles in debate while Clinton keeps her cool on stage

Practical Idealism: Seeking a balance between what can be done and what should be done in the political landscape today

I spent all four years of my high school career immersed in the world of forensics, also known as speech and debate. Every day I would write or research, every week we would practice, every other weekend we would compete.

I say this because I, as well as thousands of students who dedicated the same amount of blood, sweat, and tears as I did to this event, can tell you what a debate should look and sound like. I can tell you if a response to an argument is even a correctly formed argument.

Which is why I knew Donald Trump was not a debater. I knew he could not form a logical, coherent argument in response to someone else's in real time. I knew what he was doing - and to his great advantage - was not debating.

The evening began with 20 to 30 minutes of what seemed to impress most. The expectations for Trump going into the debate were low. While Secretary Clinton had to take up the challenge of appearing warm, honest, open, and not overly sarcastic, Trump, as Stephen Colbert put it, had to "not commit murder... on camera." And it perhaps was these expectations that made those first thirty minutes play to Trump's advantage.

It also helped that this time was dedicated to his strongest policy focus - jobs, trade, business. He seemed most comfortable speaking on these issues and his attacks on Clinton stuck best during this time of the debate. In fact, it was during this time that he was actually debating, breaking down Clintons arguments and detangling his own. His strongest moment of the debate by far, when he stated

that he would release his tax returns when and if Mrs. Clinton released the 30,000 deleted e-mails he so often references, was brought up once and never mentioned again.

But it was also around this time that Secretary Clinton began to get under Trump's skin. And once she was there, she would find herself a cozy spot and stay there the rest of the debate. Defending himself is very much part of Donald Trump's identity, and he will do so at every opportunity. During the Republican debates, he began doing so almost immediately. But this time it took a while. We saw for a brief moment the Trump his campaign so desperately wishes he would become.

Then he went on the defensive, and in doing so, completely stopped the actual debating he was doing.

Whether it was paying no income tax, not releasing tax returns, or birtherism, every time Hillary Clinton dangled out a piece of meat, Trump took the bait, and tripped and stumbled over himself in doing so.

In contrast, Clinton showed restraint when her e-mail controversy was brought up by her opponent, conceding her fault in the ordeal and moving on.

While he was entirely occupied in defending his record, she brushed off his attacks, and attempted to present a vision for the country. In terms of actual rebuttals, Clinton was the only one to provide coherent arguments and she came out on top of every issue.

Trump's behavior in the debate also spoke highly of his performance. He constantly interrupted Clinton, reaching towards his microphone to

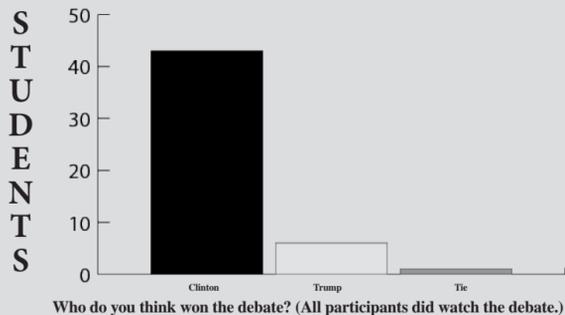
spout "Wrong" in response to Clinton's remarks on several occasions. He seemed nervous, tense, and unprepared. She, on the other hand, seemed relaxed, smiling, she was enjoying herself.

This is why most polls have showed Clinton coming out on top. She was the only one actually debating, refuting her opponents view of the world, and presenting her own, the best she could. He did what he always does, defended his reputation, spewed hyperbole, and in this instance failed to pin solid attacks on Secretary Clinton - something fairly easy to do for Trump usually.

And when it comes to the checking the facts, something pundits have stressed the importance of this election cycle after failing to fact-check Trump throughout the primary season, Daniel Dale of the Toronto Star reported that Trump made 34 false claims during the debate, ranging from statements denying that he said "pregnancy is a inconvenience to business" when he did so in an interview, to denying that he said the Chinese invented global warming, when he tweeted it and the tweet still exists, to stating that Clinton has been fighting ISIS her entire adult life when Clinton is 50 years older than the organization.

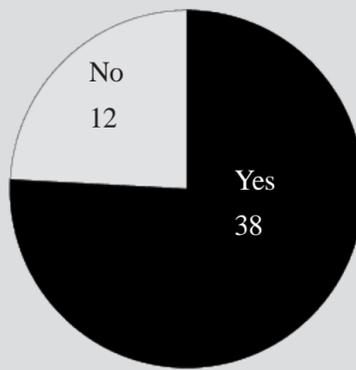
Clinton, on the other hand, made 4 false claims during the debate.

Perhaps the most important moment of the night came when Donald Trump claimed his most valuable asset is his temperament. The audience audibly laughed at this assertion, having just spent an hour watching him fail to restrain himself, and perhaps then realized that the joke is on them.

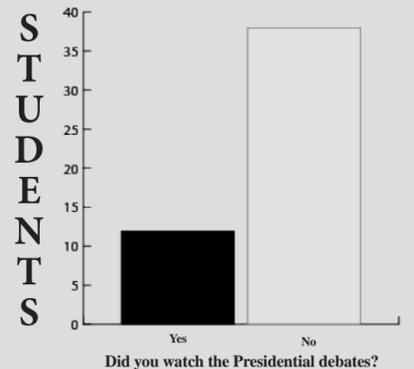


Who do you think won the debate? (All participants did watch the debate.)

Reporter Dylan Bryant polled 50 Bakersfield College Students on the various political issues presented this issue.



Would you support extending a personal income tax on the top 1.5% of earners in California, originally approved in 2012, to fund education and healthcare?



Did you watch the Presidential debates?

Prop 55 attempts to extend taxes

By Dylan Bryant
Reporter

In 2012, Californians were in rough times. The state was facing a budget that proposed \$5.5 billion in education cuts as a result of the recession, and a historic attempt by Gov. Jerry Brown to balance the budget - an effort in which he succeeded. These cuts would have to be across the board, threatening layoffs, tuition hikes, and less instructional time. Governor Brown had a solution to this looming danger though, Proposition 30.

This proposition raised taxes on the top 1.5% of earning Californians through 2019, in an effort to entirely remedy the cuts proposed by the governor. Though it faced organized opposition, with the advocacy of Gov. Brown and the endorsement of California teachers, the measure passed 55% to 45%, and a disaster was avoided. This was particularly remarkable considering Californians had rejected the last 8 tax increases proposed.

Central to the narrative surrounding the passage of Proposition 30 was that these taxes would be temporary, lasting only until 2019. Now, the same forces that organized behind Prop 30, have

placed on the ballot a new initiative, Proposition 55, looking to extend the Proposition 30 tax rates approved in 2012 through 2030. The measure would not extend the quarter-cent sales tax approved in Prop 30, allowing it to expire in 2016.

Though this measure doesn't propose any new taxes, there is some organized opposition to the extension. The Kersten Institute for Governance and Public Policy is running a campaign in opposition, and the San Francisco Chronicle recommended voters reject the measure. While the former argues that business may "flee" if the measure is approved, destroying jobs in the process, the latter argues this form of funding for our schools is "too unstable," and that those assets the state has become reliant on could "vaporize" in the next recession, leaving our schools vulnerable.

Proponents of the measure, including the California Federation of Teachers and the California Teachers Association, argue our education system is not ready to lose that funding, citing a projected \$4 billion cut next year if the measure isn't approved. Not only would our education system be cut, but the state budget surplus we have now would be turned into a deficit, they say.

BC football continues to find ways to win



By Kyle Cortez
Managing Editor

BC's football team beat LA Harbor College 38-17 on Sept. 24 to push their record to 3-1.

The Renegades got out to an early lead by scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter. The first touchdown came on a 1-yard run from Ferguson Ayers. LA Harbor (1-3) fumbled the opening kickoff and BC recovered. BC only had to go 12 yards on four plays to score. The next touchdown came on a 38-yard pass from Cesar De Leon to Derrick Vickers. The drive went 59 yards on three plays in less than a minute.

BC would then score again halfway in the second quarter on a two-yard run from La Meshio Hill. That score capped off a 10-play, 54-yard drive and would put the Renegades up 21-0.

De Leon got hurt late in the second quarter and would be replaced by Dalton Gallis, who has started every game so far this season for the Renegades. LA Harbor got on the board with a little less than three minutes remaining in the second quarter on a 27-yard field goal from Jorge Paz. BC would answer with a 21-yard field goal from Jacob Young with 20 seconds left in the first half.

There was only one scoring play in the third quarter and it came on a 13-yard pass from Gallis to Bowman to put BC up 31-3. LA Harbor would fi-

nally score a touchdown at the beginning of the fourth quarter on a 13-yard pass from Clayton Washburn to Jalin Scott. BC would then score later in the fourth on a 6-yard pass from Gallis to Vickers. LA Harbor would return the ensuing kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown. That would push the score to 38-17 and that would end up being the final score.

Gallis completed nine passes on 12 attempts for 184 yards and two touchdowns after coming in for De Leon. "[Gallis] did a nice job. He came in and we were able to run the ball and he threw some great play-action passes. I thought the gameplan was spot on and we were able to run the ball well enough to where we were able to get our wideouts matched up one-on-one. Those guys did a great job of getting over the top and we threw some nice balls out there," said head coach Jeff Chudy.

Hill and Ayers combined to rush for over 120 yards and two touchdowns. Vickers had five receptions for 71 yards and two touchdowns. The Renegade defense also had six sacks and one interception.

"Cesar's got a lot of moxie and a lot of confidence and our players really respond to him well. He did well in practice and he deserved to start tonight," said Chudy. "We got to play more consistent. We missed some tackles, we missed some sacks and gave up two big personal

fouls on one drive that led to a touchdown. Then, we kick it off and we don't do a good job covering. We got to eliminate those kinds of mistakes."

"I think we're trying to get to the point where our execution matches our effort. We have execution problems at times and we got to cut out the penalties; that is not characteristic of what we're trying to do. We made some things happen early on and we capitalized on the energy," said Chudy.

The Renegades won a thriller against the El Camino Warriors (2-3) 42-38 on Oct. 1 and are now 4-1 on the season.

El Camino scored first on a 66-yard run from Johnnell Jackson. The drive started on the 1-yard line and the Warriors drove 99 yards down the field to score. BC answered with a 71-yard drive that ended with a 1-yard touchdown run from Ayers.

The next score came in the second quarter on a 4-yard run from Vickers. Seven minutes later, BC scored again on a 7-yard run from Hill to put them up 21-7. El Camino scored with a minute left in the first half on a 30-yard pass to Mason Mulvihill from David Sills, but they would miss the extra point. BC led El Camino 21-13 at the half.

The Warriors started the scoring in the second half on a 22-yard field goal from Sills. BC would answer with a 33-yard touchdown pass from Gallis to Vickers. El Camino would score



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Above left: Derrick Vickers (1) catches a touchdown pass in the game against LA Harbor College. Above: Cesar De Leon (15) calls out the snap count in the game against LA Harbor. Below: Derrick Vickers (1) waits for his blockers in the game against LA Harbor.



about five minutes later on a 13-yard pass from Sills to Trevon Dean. The Renegades would score a minute later on a 3-yard run from Hill. BC led 35-23 going into the fourth quarter.

El Camino scored a touchdown with three minutes left on a 6-yard run from Sills to cut the score to 35-30.

They then kicked an inside

kick on the ensuing kickoff and recovered. The Warriors then scored with 40 seconds left on a 20-yard pass from Sills to Zaire Andre. BC managed to drive 70 yards down the field in 31 seconds to score a touchdown with three seconds left on a 1-yard run from Vickers.

Gallis went 19-for-28 passing for 348 yards and one touch-

down and one interception. Hill ran for 68 yards on 16 attempts and two touchdowns.

Vickers led the Renegades in receiving with 207 yards on nine receptions and one touchdown. He also had two rushing touchdowns.

BC has a bye next week before taking on Moorpark College on the road on Oct. 15.

TRAINERS: BC should have 11 full-time trainers

Continued from Page 1

travel with other teams; I would like to see someone travel with every sport," he said.

Carissa Castro and Cienna Figueroa, fellow student volunteers, seem to find some positives in the current staffing situation. "It allows us to put our knowledge to the test and it creates better experiences for us, because it's so hands-on. You don't get a lot of programs that allow students to do evals [evaluations], and have the responsibility that we have," said Figueroa.

"I can't even imagine 11 trainers in our facilities, there isn't room for 11 trainers plus students," said Castro. "If there were 11 athletic trainers, then the athletes would strictly either want to go to an athletic trainer, or we would be sitting there twiddling our thumbs, and we wouldn't get the experience we're getting."

Similarly, Mary Erickson, also a student volunteer, enjoys the close-knit aspect of the program's current size. "I personally love a small program because you're learning more. When I transfer, I don't want to transfer to a large program because you aren't going to learn as much as a small program," she said. It would seem that despite different opinions of the workload facing them, both student volunteers and training staff would consider it beneficial to expand the training room facilities.

"Our needs are that we have about half of everything that we need, including locker room space, athletic training space, and teaching space. At the time this facility was built, it wasn't designed to house 20 intercollegiate sports; there's no air-conditioning in there, so concussion protocol is difficult in that space, so we definitely need to modernize, and that's been on program review every year since I've been in this role," said Sandi Taylor.

Taylor estimates these projects to be tagged at "approximately \$40 million" as part of a bond in need of committee approval. This major renovation project would "improve and modernize the facilities, helping our staff and students be more comfortable."

In the meantime, the Bakersfield College training staff and student volunteers continue, and as the fall semester continues, they are faced with

growing challenges. "We're crammed in there; when we have soccer, football, volleyball, a little bit of basketball trickling in and we have the prevention and care students, who observe what we're doing, at times it gets really busy," said Erickson.

Student volunteers and trainers aren't the only ones helping. "Athletes help out too, they'll say, 'oh, we'll grab our own ice bags while you hook this person up,' or 'we'll go roll out first and wait' like they don't just sit and take up room, they actually make themselves busy, so it doesn't seem like it's so clustered," said Figueroa.

Despite their working conditions, consensus among student volunteers and administration seems to indicate confidence within the abilities and future of the training staff. "Mike, Fred, and Trish are who I aspire to be. Going into the training room is one of my favorite parts about Tuesdays and Thursdays," said Erickson. "In a perfect world, I would like to get some more help to relieve some of the pressure, but I don't feel like we are not doing a service to our student athletes," said Taylor. "We would, of course, like to have more and do better."



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Dr. Bill Baker checks on Isiah Jones (21) during the game against Riverside City College.



Fred Smith and Carissa Castro check on BC's Zion Williams (10) during the game against Riverside College.

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BC trainers are well respected

By Daulton James Jones
Reporter

This year Bakersfield College added two new sports to its roster. With the addition of women's beach volleyball and men's soccer that gives Bakersfield College 20 sports total. That's 20 sports for two full-time trainers Fred Smith and Mike Medeiros, one-part time trainer Tricia Gay, and four student trainers to assist them and get hands on learning.

With the addition of two new sports, and only seven people to help them, some think the trainers are understaffed and overworked. The training room opens at 11 a.m. and doesn't close some nights until 8 p.m. They work all day helping the athletes recover from any injuries that they may have.

The athletes on these teams seem to all have an overall similar perspective when it comes to the training room. "The trainers

are dope. Fred and Mike are funny, and they work really hard to help us out," said student athletes Carlo Balmet and Kobe Wright.

"Yeah, I like the trainers. They are great, but I do think they need a little extra help. It's pretty crowded in there. So it can take a while to be treated sometimes, but they will end up getting to you once they get a chance," said Chris Hernandez, another student athlete.

Many athletes see the trainers every day. Both in season and out of season teams can come in and get treatment from them. The trainers seem to be well loved by the athletes as well as the coaches.

Carl Dean, offensive coordinator of the football team, attended Bakersfield College when he was younger and played football as well. "When I was here playing, Fred was here and he's always been a great guy, and so are the other trainers. Mike and

Tricia work their butts off, and do a good job treating everyone," Dean said.

"I've even gone there a time or two to heal some old man injuries. What I do think is that the players do need to learn better time management. So many times I walk by and see them walking over there to get treatment thirty minutes before practice starts. When they should've been in their hours ago. So I do think part of the reason for it being crowded is because of the players waiting till the last minute to get treated."

A suggestion that many athletes and coaches alike have is maybe getting more help, but that would be hard to do without a bigger training facility.

"Maybe if the training room was bigger it wouldn't be so packed? I don't know how they could do that though. Other than that the trainers are cool," said Jared Diaz.

Scores

Wrestling

West Hills Tournament
125: Pedro Sarabia (BC) p. Julio Aguilar (Modesto), 2:56; Pedro Sarabia (BC) p. Devin Phelps (West Hills), 4:39; Pedro Sarabia (BC) d. Morgan Saucedo (Sac), 6-3; Norberto Buenrostro (CC) d. Pedro Sarabia (BC), 4-2; Pedro Sarabia (BC) d. John Wishner (Mt SAC), 7-2; 3rd place match: Pedro Sarabia d. Morgan Saucedo (Sac), 7-2
141: Pedro Corona (BC) d. Alex Contreras (ELAC), 10-6; Kevin Kelly (Mt SAC) maj. dec. Pedro Corona (BC), 17-6; Pedro Corona (BC) p. Reece Masset (Santa Rosa); Pedro Corona (BC) p. Alex Lopez-Verlugo (Sac); Pedro Corona (BC) d. Jason Stokkland (Sac), 11-4; Pedro Corona (BC) d. Vincent Dehaktis (Cerritos), 3-1; Kevin Kelly (Mt SAC) d. Pedro Corona (BC), 10-6; 5th place match: Pedro Corona (BC) p. Carsen Paynter (Chabot)
174: Andrew Binger (BC) p. Dylan Martinez (Rio Hondo), 3:35; Andrew Binger (BC) p. Omar Nava (Mt SAC), 4:15; Kalan Hasteley (Sac) p. Andrew Binger (BC), 3:06; Andrew Binger (BC) tech. fall Cristian Leyva (BC), 15-0; Rodolfo Castulo (BC) p. Andrew Binger (BC), 3:33
174: Rodolfo Castulo (BC) d. Buzi Turner (Cerritos), 6-5; Alex Garcia (Cuesta) tech. fall Rodolfo Castulo (BC), 19-3; Rodolfo Castulo (BC) d. Marcus Evans (Sac), 8-1; Rodolfo Castulo (BC) p. Andrew Binger (BC), 3:33; Kevin Hope (Mt SAC) p. Rodolfo Castulo (BC), 0:23; **5th place match:** Kalan Hasteley (Sac) d. Rodolfo Castulo (BC), 10-4
197: Zack Mitchell (BC) d. Ben Sira (Chabot), 6-3; Zack Mitchell (BC) d. Efen Velez (ELAC), 4-1; Andrew Ramos (Rio Hondo) d. Zack Mitchell (BC), 10-5; Zack Mitchell (BC) d. Richard Sanjenis (Rio Hondo), 10-6;
3rd place match: Zack Mitchell (BC) p. Vincent Estus (S) Delta), 6:05; 285: Ramiro Macias (BC) p. Ricardo Cortez (ELAC) 2:57; Ramiro Macias (BC) p. Christopher Alvizares (Mt SAC) 6:26; Jared Kirk (Sac) d. Ramiro Macias (BC), 4-2; Ramiro Macias (BC) maj. dec. David Corona (Skyline), 9-0; Stephen Bishop d. Ramiro Macias (BC), 7-3;
285: Victor Organista (BC) d. Darrian Taylor (Sac), 5-2; Victor Organista (BC) d. Isaac Aguilar (Rio Hondo), 1-0; David Zavala (Cerritos) p. Victor Organista (BC), 0:56; Cody Goshman (Fresno) p. Victor Organista (BC), 3:56.
Team: BC - 5th Place

Sept. 30

BC 31, East Los Angeles College 9

125: Pedro Sarabia (BC) maj. dec. Joshua Garcia (ELAC), 10-0; **133:** Pedro Corona (BC) d. Alex Contreras (ELAC), 5-4; **141:** Arki Onsurez (BC) by forfeit; **149:** Alvaro Tamayo (BC) maj. dec. Marcus Phillips (ELAC), 12-3; **157:** Michael Estrada (ELAC) by forfeit; **165:** Andrew Binger (BC) maj. dec. Doroteo Lopez (ELAC), 11-3; **174:** Rodolfo Castulo (BC) d. Max Velez (ELAC), 8-2; **184:** Julio Fuentes (BC) maj. dec. Gabriel Rodriguez (ELAC), 20-6; **197:** Zack Mitchell (BC) d. Efen Velez (ELAC), 5-3; **285:** Brandon Sotomayor (ELAC) d. Ramiro Macias (BC), 13-6.

Oct. 1

Santa Ana Tournament

125: Pedro Sarabia (BC) maj. dec. Joshua Farcia (ELAC), 9-0; Pedro Sarabia (BC) p. Gustavo Miramontes (West Hills); Pedro Sarabia (BC) d. Brandon McCurdy (Palomar), 3-1; 1st place match: Pedro Sarabia (BC) d. Morgan Saucedo (Sac), 7-1
125: Nicholas Coria (BC) maj. dec. Moises Hernandez (Cerritos), 12-3; Morgan Saucedo (Sac) tech. fall Nicholas Coria (BC), 17-0; Joshua Vega (Sac) d. Nicholas Coria (BC), 10-3
125: Joseph Terriquez (BC) p. Devin Phelps (West Hills); Joseph Terriquez (BC) p. Norberto Buenrostro (Cerritos); Morgan Saucedo (Sac) p. Joseph Terriquez (BC); Elijah Diaz (Mt SAC) d. Joseph Terriquez (BC), 12-7
133: Pedro Corona (BC) tech. fall Fabian Reyes (Rio Hondo), 15-0; Adrian Marrufo (West Hills) maj. dec. Pedro Corona (BC), 23-14; Pedro Corona (BC) d. Ruben Escalante (Sac), 7-1; Alex Contreras (ELAC) maj. dec. Pedro Corona (BC) 12-1
149: Alvaro Tamayo (BC) d. Brock Dias (West Hills), 4-3; Alex Lopez (Sac) d. Alvaro Tamayo (BC), 13-10; Marcus Phillips (ELAC) d. Alvaro Tamayo (BC), 5-2; 165: Andrew Binger (BC) d. Adam Padilla (Mt SAC), 8-2; Blake Vasquez (Cerritos) p. Andrew Binger (BC); Andrew Binger (BC) d. Zach Edsell (Santa Ana), 9-5; Andrew Binger (BC) p. Joseph Beard; Kenneth Kirk (Cerritos) p. Andrew Binger (BC); **174:** Rodolfo Castulo (BC) p. Dylan Martinez (Rio Hondo); Jerrin Dean (Fresno) p. Rodolfo Castulo (BC); Rodolfo Castulo (BC) d. Michael Guevara (West Hills), 2-1; Omar Nava (Mt SAC) p. Rodolfo Castulo (BC)
174: Braulio Banaueles (Palomar) p. Cristian Leyva (BC); Cristian Leyva (BC) d. Jackson Pfau (Sac), 7-4; Omar Nava (Mt SAC) p. Cristian Leyva (BC)
184: Julio Fuentes (BC) d. Gabriel Rodriguez (ELAC), 1-0; Julio Fuentes (BC) p. Zach Ahrensfield (Santa Ana); 1st place match: Julio Fuentes (BC) d. Bruce Valdez (Palomar), 5-2
197: Zack Mitchell (BC) p. Hector Garcia (Cerritos); Zack Mitchell (BC) d. Zavion Roberson (BC), 8-3; Kalvin Stuckey (Fresno) maj. dec. Zack Mitchell (BC), 15-3; Zack Mitchell (BC) d. Angel Marajas (Cerritos), 5-4; 3rd place match: Zack Mitchell (BC) d. Angel Alcantar (Mt SAC), by injury
197: Zavion Roberson (BC) p. Richard Sanjenis (Rio Hondo); Zack Mitchell (BC) d. Zavion Roberson (BC), 8-3; Zavion Roberson (BC) p. Forrest Gray (Sac); Zavion Roberson (BC) d. Alex Gomez (Palomar), 12-11; Angel Alcantar (Mt SAC) p. Zavion Roberson (BC)
285: Cody Goshman (Fresno) d. Ramiro Macias (BC), 7-4; Ramiro Macias (BC) d. Marco Valdivia (Rio Hondo), 3-0; Ramiro Macias (BC) d. Stephen Bishop (Fresno), 5-3; Ramiro Macias (BC) d. Eddie Salgado (Santa Ana), 5-3; Isaac Mendoza (Sac) d. Ramiro Macias (BC), 5-1.
Team: BC - 5th Place

Men's Soccer

Sept. 20

Bakersfield 2, Moorpark 2

BC goals: Lokai Barthel (Braulio Gutierrez), Juan Hernandez (Edwin Bernal and Lokai Barthel)
Moorpark goals: Omar Gonzalez (Unassisted), Sam Curren (Unassisted)
Shots: BC 15, Moorpark 9
Saves: Frank Arreola (BC) 15, Martin Martines 4 and Jose Zepeda 1 (Moorpark)

Sept. 23

Fresno 6, Bakersfield 0

Fresno goals: Andres Rios (Unassisted), Jose Ramirez, Allan Gonzalez (Elijah Rodriguez), Johnathan Rodriguez (Jose Torres), Jose Torres (Omar Casteneda), Elijah Rodriguez (Jacob Maldonado)
Shots: Fresno 10, BC 5
Saves: Jasper Phillips 3 and Ernesto Osuna Torres 2 (Fresno), Marco Calderon 4 (BC)

Women's Soccer

Sept. 23

Bakersfield 3, Glendale 1

BC goals: Arielle Joven (unassisted); Arielle Joven (Seleste Martinez assist), first half; Odalys Espinoza (unassisted)
Glendale goal: Alexa Acosta (Blanca Estrada)
Shots: BC 7, Glendale 3
Saves: Ana Hernandez (Glendale) 4; Jeanette Gutierrez (BC) 2
Sept. 27

Bakersfield 2, West LA 0

BC goals: Sabrina Sanchez (Madison Jordan); Alexandria Castro (Odalys Espinoza and Madison Jordan), first half
Shots: BC 12, West LA 3
Saves: Monica Stieber (West LA) 10; Taylor Serrano (BC) 2; Jeanette Gutierrez (BC) 1

Sept. 30

Bakersfield 3, Cuesta 0

BC goals: Amelia Lopez (Lris Pineda); Seleste Martinez (Lris Pineda), first half; Odalys Espinoza (Madison Jordan)
Shots: BC 11, Cuesta 2
Saves: Cuesta 8; Jeanette Gutierrez (BC) 1, Taylor Serrano (BC) 1

BC 38, LA Harbor 17

Football
 LA Harbor College 0 3 0 14-17
 Bakersfield College 14 10 7 7-38

First Quarter
 BC - Ayers 1 yd run (Young PAT), 13:20.
 BC - Vickers 38 yd pass from De Leon (Young PAT), 10:06.

Second Quarter
 BC - Hill 2 yd run (Young PAT), 7:07.
 LA - Paz 27 yd field goal, 2:41.
 BC - Young 21 yd field goal, 0:21.

Third Quarter
 BC - Bowman 13 yd pass from Gallis (Young PAT), 6:50.

Fourth Quarter
 LA - Scott 13 yd pass from Washburn (Paz PAT), 12:12.
 BC - Vickers 6 yd pass from Gallis (Young PAT), 6:50.
 LA - 93 yd kickoff return (Paz PAT), 6:30.

	LA	BC
First downs	18	18
3rd Down efficiency	5-15	6-12
4th Down efficiency	2-3	0-1
Total Offense	312	384
Comp-Att-Int	14-28-1	14-18-0
Rushes-yards	38-124	44-132
Passing Yards	188	252
Total Return Yards	211	19
Penalties-Yards	9-65	8-90
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	0-0
Sacks-Yards Lost	1-8	6-22
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	1-0
Time of Possession	44:33	30:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - BC - Hill 16-68, Ayers 17-53, Vickers 7-14, Jordan 1-7, LA - Clanton 19-95, Allen 4-16, Chapman 1-14, Nagata 1-4.

PASSING - BC - Gallis 9-12 184 yds 2 TDs 0 INT, De Leon 4-5 59 yds 1 TD 0 INT; LA - Washburn 12-19 141 yds 1 TD 1 INT, Sestich 2-9 47 yds 0 TD 0 INT

RECEIVING - BC - Tomlin 2-104, Vickers 5-71, Third 3-38, Bowman 2-17, Hill 1-13, Ayers 1-9; LA - Minnifield 2-39, Gosdski 2-30, Franklin 2-28, Click 2-25, Settle 2-23, Clanton 1-23, Scott 1-13, Jones 1-4, Mudd 1-3.

BC 42, El Camino 38

Football
 Bakersfield College 7 14 14 7-42
 El Camino College 7 6 10 15-38

First Quarter
 ECC - Jackson 66 yd run (Sills PAT), 12:25.
 BC - Ayers 1 yd run (Katona PAT), 8:50.

Second Quarter
 BC - Vickers 4 yd run (Young PAT), 11:46.
 BC - Hill 7 yd run (Young PAT), 4:27.
 ECC - Mulvihill 30 yd pass from Sills (Sills PAT missed), 0:59.

Third Quarter
 ECC - Sills 22 yd field goal, 11:06.
 BC - Vickers 33 yd pass from Gallis (Young PAT), 8:22.
 ECC - Dean 13 yd pass from Sills (Arango PAT), 3:34
 BC - Hill 3 yd run (Young PAT), 2:24

Fourth Quarter
 ECC - Sills 6 yd run (Sills PAT), 3:14
 ECC - Andre 20 yd pass from Sills (2pt conversion good), 0:39
 BC - Vickers 1 yd run (Young PAT), 0:03

BC **ECC**

First downs 17 32
 3rd Down efficiency 3-9 9-16
 4th Down efficiency 1-3 2-4
 Total Offense 470 502
 Comp-Att-Int 19-28-1 19-28-1
 Rushes-yards 31-122 57-348
 Passing Yards 348 154
 Total Return Yards 144 71
 Penalties-Yards 5-42 5-61
 Fumbles-Lost 0-0 1-0
 Sacks-Yards Lost 0-0 0-0
 Interceptions-Yards 1-0 1-3
 Time of Possession 25:45 34:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 Rushing - BC - Hill 16-68, Ayers 9-36, Gallis 2-8, Vickers 2-5, Cash 1-5; ECC - Jackson 9-119, Davis 13-106, Sills 21-85, Hutson 10-43, Franck-Love 1-2.

Passing - BC - Gallis 19-28 348 yds 1 TD 1 INT; ECC - Sills 15-23 154 yds 3 TDs 1 INT; Miller 3-3 21 yds 0 TD 0 INT.

Receiving - BC - Vickers 9-207, Third 2-51, Tomlin 4-40, Soto 1-24; Bowman 1-19, McCall 1-6, Hill 1-1; ECC - Andre 4-48, Mulvihill 2-44, Dean 5-43, Jones 2-18, Ivey 3-14, Henneman 1-5, Taufahema-Langi 1-3.

7th Pierce Brahma Invitational
Sept. 23
Moorpark d. BC 25-18, 25-17, 25-21
Kills: Brooke Horack 8, Sophie Ralphs 5, Alex Paris 5.
Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 18, Reece Stevenson 12.
Digs: Hannah Pope 14, Savannah Cano 10, Reece Stevenson 8.
Sept. 24
Butte d. BC 22-25, 25-18, 23-25, 25-20, 15-13
Kills: Sophie Ralphs 16, Alex Paris 10
Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 32, Reece Stevenson 16
Digs: Hannah Pope 25, Savannah Cano 10, Mackenzie Hernandez 9.
Sept. 24
BC d. West LA 25-16, 25-5, 25-17
Kills: Karlee Cornford 8, Kelsey Henderson 7, Sophie Ralphs 5
Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 17, Reece Stevenson 12
Digs: Jourdan Muro 5, Hannah Pope 4, Mackenzie Hernandez 4.
WSC Crossover
Sept. 30
BC d. Moorpark 20-25, 25-14, 25-18, 23-25, 15-9
Individual Top 10: 1. Daschian (C), 18:31.0; 2. Setian (G), 118:34.6; 3. Cassidy (C), 18:40.7; 4. Masdon (G), 18:45.6; 5. Salas (G), 18:55.9; 6. Faulkner (G), 19:06.0; 7. Gonzalez (V), 19:08.9; 8. Ruiz (C), 19:12.7; 9. Naranjo (G), 19:16.3; 10. Martinez (C), 19:18.7.
BC Finishers: 21, Sydney Roman, 20:27.6; 2, 23, Alyssa Morales, 20:38.0; 47, Julissa Mendez, 22:32.4; 68, Lidia Contreras, 24:59.7; 73, Valerie Quevedo, 26:08.8; 74, Lilliana Perillo, 26:10.2; 85, Aubree Placencia, 29:54.5; 90, Laura Hernandez, 35:10.0.

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Passing - BC - Gallis 9-12 184 yds 2 TDs 0 INT, De Leon 4-5 59 yds 1 TD 0 INT; LA - Washburn 12-19 141 yds 1 TD 1 INT, Sestich 2-9 47 yds 0 TD 0 INT

Receiving - BC - Tomlin 2-104, Vickers 5-71, Third 3-38, Bowman 2-17, Hill 1-13, Ayers 1-9; LA - Minnifield 2-39, Gosdski 2-30, Franklin 2-28, Click 2-25, Settle 2-23, Clanton 1-23, Scott 1-13, Jones 1-4, Mudd 1-3.

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Cross country finishes low at meet



TOMMY CASTELLON / THE RIP

Above: Individual runners battle their way through the herd of runners as BC's men's cross country team competes against multiple schools in the WSC Preview Meet at Hart Park. Below: BC's Sydney Roman is chased by fellow competitors as she sprints her way down the finish line.

By Veronica Morley
Reporter

The BC cross country team made a valiant appearance at the WSC Preview Meet at Hart Park on Sept. 30. Overall, the men's team finished 8th out of 12 teams and the women's team finished 7th out of 11 teams. Of the men's and women's teams, Patrick Alvarado and Sydney Roman finished first for BC.

Alvarado finished 19th overall for the men's race at 22:00.1. "I felt really good, I drank a lot of water, got plenty of sleep, I put tape over my shoelaces so they wouldn't come untied" said Alvarado. "I was running with groups of guys, passing guys up on the last two miles, I PR'd. It was a pretty good race."

Alvarado said he hoped to hit 22 minutes for his time and was very happy with his race. "Going into the last half of the race I questioned 'why do I do this?' and that was pretty much

my thought for that whole third mile," said Alvarado.

Roman finished 21st overall for the women's race at 20:27.6. Roman ran this same course a week before, but struggled with asthma at the time. "I had my inhaler and took some vitamins this time and just pushed myself," said Roman.

"I actually had someone to compete with this time and it was much better than last week. I couldn't breathe!" she said after her race.

"I'm pretty competitive. I took off fast and then just hung back with the leading group and then finished."

Coach Pam Kelly expressed pride and happiness with both her teams. "They were 19th at Southern Cal, so we need to be in top 18 at least so that's real critical."

The cross country team is more than halfway through their season and hopes to continue to improve.



BC volleyball takes a much needed victory

By Sam L. Jaime
Reporter

While conference play has not begun for the Bakersfield College volleyball team, their victory against Moorpark on Sept. 30, may have meant something much bigger. The victory was their first against a ranked opponent after suffering eight-straight losses, and a bit of vindication for the hard work and practices.

It also may have represented the emergence of sophomores' Hannah Pope and Mackenzie Hernandez into veteran leadership roles on the team.

As returning members of the culture coach Ferreira has created, they both admitted things have started to click. "I think you always have to have more mature people on the court who understand the program to help the freshmen," said Hernandez. "Especially before this last week or two, our internal leadership was lacking from sophomores, and I think personally, holding the freshmen more accountable, I think it's helped a lot," said Pope.

Hernandez and Pope also credit the inclusion of statistics per practice, provided by the coaching staff, as part of the team's maturation. These statistics show errors, hitting percentages, and efficiency among other things, and were designed to enable players to see their mistakes in a visual manner. Hernandez said, "It's the tiny things we do that keep our minds in check."

Looking to the future, with conference play not long from now, Hernandez and Pope pre-

pare for as many aspects as possible. "Personally, I prefer the more stern approach, I think it's always good to be excited, but I like to be focused, and be more 'no messing around,'" said Pope.

Neither appear to be messing around, holding themselves to very high standards.

"Honestly, I tell myself, 'What's the point of making a mistake?'" said Hernandez.

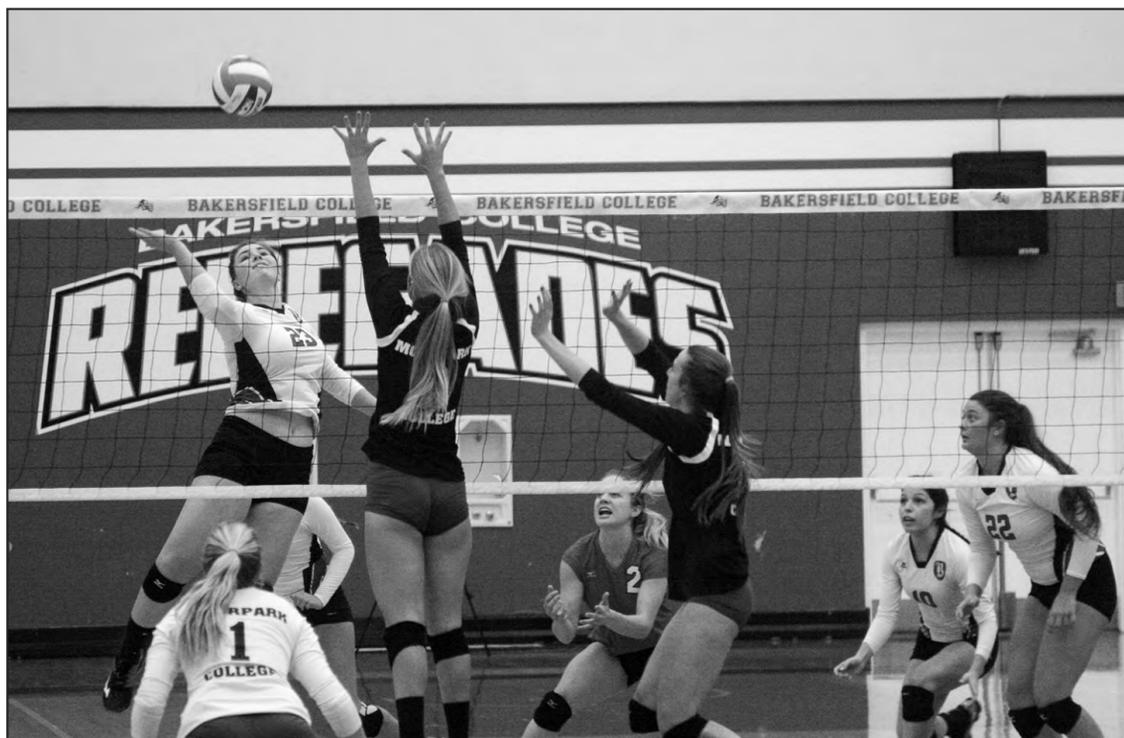
"When I make a hitting error, I'm like really down on myself, because there's no point, just get the ball over, and make them make mistakes." Similarly, Pope said, "Because I'm passing, I'm the first contact; if I screw it up, I let my entire team down. I want to give my team an opportunity to score, I have to give them at least a chance."

The veteran facilitators may

have found success in approaching the game with a tough as nails, "do or die" attitude, but have found a presence amongst their teammates in their actions. "We lead by example, we like to say, 'Hannah never lets the ball drop', she's always on the ground, bruises everywhere; we lead by example," said Hernandez.

While only time will tell if the

examples set, and culture created can translate into a deep postseason run, both Hernandez and Pope feel the "relentless pursuit of a competitive edge" is a dimension of this team that will continue to be cultivated. Hernandez said, "As the freshmen continue to get more comfortable and we all focus on one goal, it'll be exciting to see what we can do."



VERONICA MORLEY / THE RIP

Kearlee Cornford (23) readies to spike the ball while Hannah Pope (2) sets up to assist in their game against Moorpark.

Column

Honoring number 16 forever

E9: What you wouldn't believe about sports.

There are roughly eight billion of us inhabiting this rock, hurtling through infinite space. Every day, we grow, laugh, love, and develop throughout our journey along this adventure known as life. It's so easy for us to get caught up in ultimately meaningless stress and conflict, we forget that our moment is fleeting, our days numbered. In our individual lives there are those that emerge from obscurity and hold a great influence on our existence, and impact the way in which we perceive the world. It's impossible to exclude José Fernández from that role.



Sam L. Jaime

Fernández's career embodied everything a manager could ever ask or receive from a player. The moment he arrived on the Miami Marlins' roster, he was a star. His place on the mound could have been overshadowed by his clubhouse presence if not for his incredibly athletic ability.

Yet Fernández's personality transcended the game, with his pearly-white smile, and seemingly perpetual joy. He was a cheerleader, providing boisterous support for his teammates, shared a strong connection to the Marlins' trainers and staff and the southern Florida community that had adopted him. It's amazing that an individual could have such a lust for life, considering his entrance into our country had come after three previously failed attempts via boat from his native Cuba. Consider also, that on his fourth and final attempt, he nearly lost his mother and had left behind his beloved grandmother in the process. That amount of hardship would be enough to break most of us, but José fought on.

Perhaps it was his appreciation for the life he began in America or his personality, but Fernández never publicly showed anything other than happiness. The most poignant moment I ever saw in regard to Fernández was his reunion with his grandma in 2013, as she witnessed the magic we had all been spoiled with, for the first time in six years.

His dynamism, his talent, his smile, his life, tragically cut short, serves as a reminder to find the love and joy in our own lives. The heart-wrenching tributes that have poured in could never capture the meaning of what he, perhaps unknowingly, embodied. He was a beacon of fortitude and a reminder that no matter what the score is, there is always something left to cheer for. The smile never seemed to leave his face, the laughter rarely left his voice.

The aftermath, that internal conflict of appreciation and grief is with us all at some point in our lives, and just like José never left his team during his own hours of darkness, we refuse to abandon his family, his teammates, his fans, and the Marlins organization during theirs.

It is certain that no other Marlin will ever wear number 16, despite Fernández only pitching in a total of 76 games.

This can only be a testament to not only his ability on the field, but his impact off it. While there is a hole in the hearts of baseball fans throughout the world, we can find some sort of solace in knowing he will live on, within his unborn child, and through the stories we will tell about how he touched our lives.

Fair concert series rocks and rolls



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Clay Walker points exuberantly at the camera as he finishes his set and bids the crowd a very fond farewell.

By Stephen Underwood
Reporter

Bakersfield hosted this year's 100th Kern County Fair, which featured a combination of both old and new artists on multiple stages. The mainstream acts, those who are still relevant, all performed on the Budweiser Pavilion stage on different nights. Some artists were local and up-and-coming, but the established artists that performed at Budweiser were from areas other than Bakersfield. Some highlight artists on the bill were The Commodores, Clay Walker, Boyz II Men, Queen Nation and Hinder.

It's a shame the legendary The Commodores found themselves as an opening act on the very first night of performances. They should have been on one of the last nights of the fair. Despite performing without Lionel Richie, the crowd was very responsive on Sept. 21. Being a funk band, they definitely had people dancing. When they performed "Brick House," women were moving around everywhere to the beat, and they kept telling ladies in the audience to scream "Tyrone."

Country artist Clay Walker performed his own brand of country with elements of blues and alternative rock. This included a cover of "Hard to Handle" by The Black Crowes. That was just one out of multiple standoffish things during his performance, and his concert included video footage blasting behind him with beach balls being thrown around the crowd and stage. At one point during the show he told everyone in the audience that Bakersfield was "number one," and said, "We should just give away our new album for free here."

Boyz II Men had more fans in attendance for their R&B show than most other acts at the fair. Many fans were forced to stand up outside of the fence



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Lead singer Greg Finsley pours his heart out all over the piano and the audience as he delivers a very memorable rendition of Freddie Mercury's "Under Pressure."

and bleacher area because chair space was limited. By the end of their set, many red roses were laying around the performance area, and many young girls and women were walking around with them in their hands and smiles on their faces.

Alternative rockers Hinder were one of the artists to perform on the last three nights of the fair. Many people showed up to see them, but it wasn't crowded as with other acts. They seemed sluggish on stage when they started performing. The lead

singer mentioned on stage to the fans that he was drinking whiskey, so it's understandable that they weren't at their best.

Even though this may seem like a petty excuse, they were also short a bandmate. Their guitarist was not in attendance for the show because his wife was having a baby.

Local radio stations and media even blasted and criticized their performance afterward, but they held their own on stage better than most artists would under the same circumstances.

Fans at the show witnessed a drunk vocalist sing higher pitched notes different from the band's original singer while being in a group that's had lineup changes, but he and the band managed to keep the crowd excited and receptive with old and new Hinder songs.

Lead singer Marshall Dutton joked in his microphone and responded by saying, "It's not exactly my color." The situation was helped by a decent cover of Stone Temple Pilots "Wicked Garden."

Traveling the hypnotic trail set by Tina Marie

By James Macias
Features/Opinions Editor

Tina Marie, 54, is a stage hypnotist and self-styled "Master Hypnotist" from Las Vegas; she played the fair this year with fantastic style. I saw her show three times because I have what can only be called "Weapons Grade ADHD," and sometimes it takes a lot of traction to get anything through my skull. The show never got boring.

Marie has a stage presence that could fill the Grand Canyon and enough charisma to charm a rock into rolling. She is absolutely the kind of person who seems more comfortable on stage than anywhere else.

The first time I attended the show, I volunteered to be hypnotized along with about a dozen other willing victims and I am not disappointed with that decision at all.

The show starts when she has a fairly large group (20 seems to be her average) on stage. She bounces around making little suggestions to everyone on the stage and making clever puns to the audience. As she makes her way around the horseshoe shaped row of chairs, she evaluates each occupant and touches them on the forehead with a very sharp word: "sleep"--- people dropped out right on cue. As if they had been unplugged from the Matrix without exiting first. One girl literally fell out of her chair and ended up sprawled out in the middle of the stage. If she doesn't think they are relaxed enough she sends them back to their seats with a very gracious demeanor, thanking them several times.

At least one person in the audience fell asleep during this part of the demonstration and the crew brought him up to join us at the beginning of the next stage of Marie's presentation.

I didn't feel anything special when she came to me and ordered me to sleep but I wanted to stay in the show and participate so I chose to play along. I understand that this is not an uncommon way for one to experience a successful hypnotism; maintain-



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Hypnotist Tina Marie tells a group to shake their booties, and they do (the Rip's James Macias is second from the right).

ing an illusion of control is apparently a very common internal coping mechanism.

Marie and her crew run a very fast paced and dynamic show with lots of bells and whistles yet they still do not miss a thing, they get their advertising plugs in right on cue at several points during the show. Tina Marie is passionate about using her gifts to help people, and to this end, she sells CDs for \$20 meant to help you lose weight or quit smoking.

After I dropped my head I heard Marie and her assistant Steve Poncar comparing notes about us with the kind of mischievous whisper that I have not heard anyone use since I was in junior high. I remember telling myself to relax and just go with it and thinking that I was thinking too much.

"With every word I say, every breath you take, you are becoming more relaxed. Deeper and deeper relaxed," she said.

Marie says the most common misconception about hypnotism is that it works better on dumber people than anyone else.

"The truth is actually the opposite; the more intelligent you are the easier it is for you to be hypnotized," she said.

She was telling us to breathe deeply and tune out everything but the sound of her voice. I found that was not difficult for me to do, which should have seemed strange to me, but it didn't. She told us about a clear blue sky with a single cloud, which came closer until it enveloped us and then I was drifting pleasantly until I wasn't and then realized the show was over.

In retrospect, I do remember everything that happened on that stage, but it is worth mentioning that I was rather foggy about it right afterward. Of course, I am adamant that I was never under any outside influence, but simply chose to do the comedic and outlandish things she suggested because I am an outgoing, exhibitionist kind of guy in the first place. The audience certainly loved my exploits, or at least that is what I remember. Though, this is just about what Marie would say I'm supposed to think. She would wink and tell you to have the best day of your life after she said it too. It was the end of her show that really stayed with me though; Tina Marie ends every show with one final suggestion to the participants. She tells them they are going to be much more confident from now on then they



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Tina Marie and Steve Poncar explain things to the audience while their subjects snooze quietly behind them.

ever have been before. Marie goes on to tell them how precious life will be to them from now (very, very) and therefore none of them will ever text and

drive again. The crowd goes nuts as she bows out tossing around quick acknowledgements to all of the volunteers and to her assistants.

Pigs don't play fair at the fair

By J. R. Hensley
Reporter

At the Kern County Fair, one can peruse the eclectic sights and sounds like the collection of antique cigarettes, someone's pictures from their vacation submitted for consideration as art or the random gadget offered up to make one's life easier. However, there are certain things that seem to come only with the fair, and that is animal races. At no additional charge, one could have seen the wondrous sights of duck, turkey or pig racing. Each event claimed their breed of sport was world famous. The Wild West Turkey Race even had a national sponsor with Subway. After taking volunteers from the audience for a quick side competition in turkey calling, one could have won a \$5 gift card to the sandwich shop. The Great American Duck Race pit four mallards against each other in a series of five races. The volunteer, holding their racer, would wait at the edge of a long pool, divided into four lanes. At the sound of the duck call by the host, Robert Duck, the waterfowl would take off down the lane toward the wading pool at the other end. At the end, the winner in each heat competed against the other for a chance at the duck themed visor. Tension abounded.

While the duck races had new "athletes" each race, the All-Alaskan Pig Racing Pigs had eight racers vying for a spot as the top champion. One racer in particular, Soapy Smith, had the stakes raised and was tasked with jumping over a two-foot hurdle, only to show his true colors by cheating in each heat competition. When asked for additional members of the audience to participate in cheering for one of the four racing pigs, the last chosen was Luke Skywalker, who turned out to be the true underdog. The purple clad porker won that 3:30 p.m. show.

A small taste of the craft beer garden

By James Macias
Feature/Opinion Editor

The craft beer garden was everything it was advertised to be; which is probably why no one attended it. Taking place Sept. 23-30 in the Bolthouse Courtyard near the main entrance to the fairgrounds, there were two rows of booths lining the space with a basic dj set-up boasting an equally basic dj spinning top 40 at one end and a very authentic Mexican taco vendor capping the northern side of the space.

The program says that the Craft Beer Garden will be much like a wine tasting event except without the wine or the generosity. The idea is that you pay \$10 for a wristband with four num-

bered tabs that you can trade for small four-ounce cups of beer at the booths of your choice, or alternatively you can give them all to one booth for one 16-ounce cup.

Then if you want more beer, like if maybe you wanted to taste all of the beer available or are just generally accustomed to drinking more than 12-16 ounces at a time you have to buy another wristband of which you are limited to two.

The number of people inside the Bolthouse Courtyard never climbed above 30 at any time and probably never exceeded 150 (total) all night long. There were one or two vendors present who didn't mind being generous as long as their generosity

was rewarded with enthusiasm about their beer. This development coupled with the taco vendor made the overall experience tolerable.

There were 12 breweries represented. Each showcased two of their best beers for the tasting pleasure of the guests. Many booths were staffed by regular fairgrounds personnel rather than by someone who actually knew anything about the beers they were serving and several booths were from corporate breweries like Blue Moon, Samuel Adams and Sierra Nevada.

Offerings were presented from: Tioga-Sequoia Brewing Company, Golden Road, Firestone Walker, Founders Brewery, Lagunitas Brewery, Temblor,

Ballast Point, Goose Island Brewery, Blue Moon, Samuel Adams, Sierra Nevada and Lengthwise.

The most unique brewery represented, by far, was the Goose Island Brewery from Chicago, Illinois. Their offering was served from wine bottles rather than the smaller bottles one normally expects to find containing such products because this beer is actually aged in used wine barrels. The two brews available were Sofie and Gillian so named in line with a long standing Goose Island tradition of naming brews of this variety after women who were significant to the brewmasters.

Sofie's flavor was very complex. Completely different from

anything the uninitiated might expect. Hops form a foundation for a flavor built on distinct wine notes around a fruity body and there was a strong, 'spicy' (for lack of a better term) final kick. It was probably unfair to call this product a beer as it has an Alcohol By Volume (ABV) rating of 6.5% and of course it would be inappropriate to call something made from hops not grapes a wine; so it remains a paradox of sorts.

Gillian's flavor was almost subtle. It started with the same basic structure, hops were its foundation with wine filling out the body, but this time there was a strong sense of strawberry or possibly cherry, which settled right on top of everything and

made you want another glass. As for categorization, it suffers from the same unique characteristics as its sister Sofie. But this "beer" has an ABV of 9.5%!

One other vendor warrants an honorable mention; the Tioga-Sequoia Brewing Company from northern California offered two beers: Mt. Whitney XPA and 99 Pale Ale. While not necessarily very unique in terms of recipe or flavor, these two sacred nectars uphold the longstanding tradition of Nor-Cal beer brewing. Easily the match of any large corporate brew such as St. Pauli Girl or Sierra Nevada and the crew who ran this booth was not shy about sharing their beer, which distinguishes them completely from nearly everyone else present.



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A sand sculpture of an Egyptian pharaoh marked the entrance to the fair's new Egyptian animal exhibit.

This year's 'fairly' new attractions

By Sam L. Jaime
Reporter

Nestled just inside the Union Avenue entrance along a paved path marked Grand Avenue, an Egyptian-themed sand sculpture sat outside of a large tent, beckoning Kern County Fair patrons to enter.

Inside, a decorative backdrop hung along the walls, wrapping around the entire exhibit. In front of those backdrops were cages, featuring African-themed wildlife. As visitors ventured through the exhibit, they were able to take a close look at a sleeping vervet monkey, an African fox looking out from his bedding, and an emperor scorpion waving its stinger toward them.

There were two plated lizards sleeping alongside each other, seemingly oblivious, while the tarantula in the habitat adjacent attempted to disguise itself within the similarly-colored contents on the habitat's floor. On the opposite side of a large bust of a golden sarcophagus in the exhibit's center, a live corn snake found safety in numbers despite its habitat companions being comprised of rubber snakes.

Toward the rear of the exhibit, just beyond a sleeping, uncaged Swainson's hawk, visitors formed a line for a chance to experience the most interactive portion of the exhibit. In a hexagonal terrarium, an African hedgehog made its rounds as visitors were invited to gently touch the spines protruding from its back. Beside the terrarium, an attendant named Matthew held another African hedgehog, asking visitors if they wanted to hold the tiny mammal. Matthew said, "It makes me happy to see how the kids react, just to see the excitement and smiles on their faces, it really makes it fun for me, too."

Matthew said it was a "harder sell" to get some of the adults to hold the hedgehog, as most seemed to equate the hedgehog's spines to the quills of a porcupine.

A few hundred feet from the exit of the Egyptian Wildlife Exhibit, a semi-truck and trailer was parked in the grass along a stretch marked KC Loop.



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Diver Phillip Peters pets one of his sharks fondly while telling the crowd about its habits.

From the trailer's side, a large awning-like tent covered a section of approximately 70 seats. Speakers on both sides of the tent played the "Jaws" theme as a panel measuring roughly 20 feet by three feet, rose to reveal four nurse sharks swimming in a tank. While most of the sharks seemed to only measure as long as three or four feet in length, one of the sharks was considerably larger, appearing to be at least seven feet long.

The show's host emerged from the trailer and introduced the show. He asked for a young volunteer to attempt to "bang" on the glass to show the strength of the tank. This turned out to be a comical trick on the young boy chosen, as when he struck the glass, the host covertly turned on a knob from another part of the tank's lining, sending a stream of water into the first few rows of the crowd. The host then asked if the young volunteer would like to swim with the sharks. When the boy accepted, the host handed him a wetsuit on a clothes-hanger that was missing a shark bite-shaped section in the torso, painted to appear as blood.

The host then entered the tank to swim with the sharks, who appeared disinterested in his presence. Despite the build-

up, including the theme music, the interaction between the host and sharks seemed to lack any sense of danger. When the host finished his performance, he closed the show, inviting the audience to take a closer look at the tank from behind a rope placed in front of the tank. He then fed the sharks some fish, and exited for the night. Among those who took a closer look was Walker, 15, who said, "It's so cool being able to see a shark up close, I never thought I would be able to see a shark in Bakersfield."

Others weren't as impressed. Romero Vargas, 20, said, "I don't know why they tried to make this seem scary, nothing really happened. I wish they would have made it more about learning about the sharks, rather than hyping-up that this dude swam with them."

Similarly, Lucia, a 42-year old teacher from Tehachapi, said, "I don't understand why they felt the need to play the scary music and hand that boy that suit. I think it was a missed opportunity to educate these people on an endangered species." The Nurse shark is not currently on any known endangered species list, and should not be confused with the Gray Nurse shark.

Farther down along the KC

Loop, was the All-Star Stunt Dog Challenge. Behind a large RV and tent, a ten-yard patch of grass displayed a series of obstacles, including a suspended hoop, a tunnel, and hurdles. The show consisted of five dogs performing stunts, such as a timed obstacle course that had competitors such as Super Freak, a border collie, racing through a slalom, leaping through a suspended hoop, going through a plastic tunnel, over two hurdles, retrieve a tennis ball, come back over the hurdles, again through the tunnel, and catch a Frisbee to finish.

Other performers such as Tasmanian Tex, a Texas healer, participated in a high jump competition, reaching a height of 52 inches. In the show's finale, Cricket, a Boston terrier-pug mix, leapt onto the back of one of the show's hosts, and sat on her hind legs.

Cricket then balanced on the host's palms, performing a hand stand to a loud cheer from the audience. The event, hosted by Stunt Dogs Productions, consisted entirely of rescued and adopted dogs who were owned by the show's hosts. The hosts encouraged the audience to "check with local adoption agencies and rescue centers."

Centennial celebrated for Kern County Fair

By Joshua Fisher
Reporter

The Kern County Fair just finished celebrating its 100th year in Bakersfield. In celebration, the fair not only had many of the usual attractions but also renewed itself with new rides, competitions, more room for the concert-goers, and fireworks each night.

Indeed, it would be hard to miss the flashes that lit up the sky above the fairgrounds during each evening, especially when the headliners played their songs through the night.

The official birth of the Kern County Fair was on Aug. 5, 1916. It was located on 106 acres at Chester Avenue, two blocks north of 34th Street and just south of the Kern River Bridge. There were no buildings on the location at that time, so they used tents.

It was during the 1950s that the Kern County Fair moved to its current location, the fairgrounds. The fair currently is one of the biggest and longest-lasting in the state. Back in 1917 the fair was a five-day event. In 1967 it was extended

to a nine-day event, in 1979 it was extended again to 11 days and during 1983, the fair was extended to 12 days.

One of the vendors who has been around a while, Joseph Parkhurst, creator of the JP's Old West Cinnamon Rolls. He said his sweets are a top seller and sold 130,000 in the last few years as a fair vendor.

A mob of people always line up to buy boxes of his cinnamon rolls to take home. He said it's the last building they close at the fair every year.

Bakersfield College was well-represented at the fair with the Student Government Association holding Renegade Day, and many students wore "We Are BC" T-shirts while attending. One student, Celeste Borja, worked at Old Time Photos, which she has done at the last three fairs.

Borja's aunt worked in the face painting booth right next door.

"Working at the fair as a student is exhausting because the fair is so busy, and she says this year there is more people than ever, and they are crazier than ever this year," Borja said.

BIG GUY: A day of food and fitting into rides at the fair

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section where they serve many different Mexican dishes.

With all these different food choices, you're probably a little confused on what to choose, so I did that for you! The first thing I tried was JP's Cinnamon Rolls from Pismo Beach. It's in the first showroom to the right of the fair entrance. Walk to the back of it and you'll see it. It was great! I suggest getting the cinnamon roll topped with cream cheese and nuts. It's great especially if you like tasting sweet and salty things together.

I was told that you couldn't go to the fair without trying a funnel cake so that's what I went to next. The best funnel cake is definitely the strawberry whipped cream topped one. It's light and sweet. You don't want to eat anything too heavy as you're walking around, and this is the perfect thing to share if you are on a date, too.

Now that I've talked about the food, let's get to the part of most you are thinking about. The rides. When I was on my way to the fair the rides were the main thing I was thinking about. Was I going to fit? Those were the main questions that kept floating around my head because as a big guy, let's face it, one size fits all doesn't really apply.

The first ride attempt I made was on Vertigo. It's a swing ride. It's one of the first rides you see when walking into the carnival section. I was a little scared getting on the ride, and nervous that I wouldn't end up fitting. Then the person who ran the ride came and buckled my seat belt, and when I heard

it snapped, it was game time! One ride down, and a lot more to go. I rode the ride and it was a good time. It swings you around in circles. It does have a weight limit of 340 pounds so be aware.

Then I decided to try this ride called Zombie. Don't do it. Don't go on it. That ride is not for adults. It's definitely for children or middle schoolers. If you are over 5 feet 8 inches tall, don't even try to get on this ride I did, and trust me it was a mistake. You will fit, though. Just suck your head. It takes you on a short ride where very terrible zombie dummy's pop out, and attempt to startle you. It's hot in there, and it's quite small. After that I needed something to redeem myself, so I went on this ride called Gravitron.

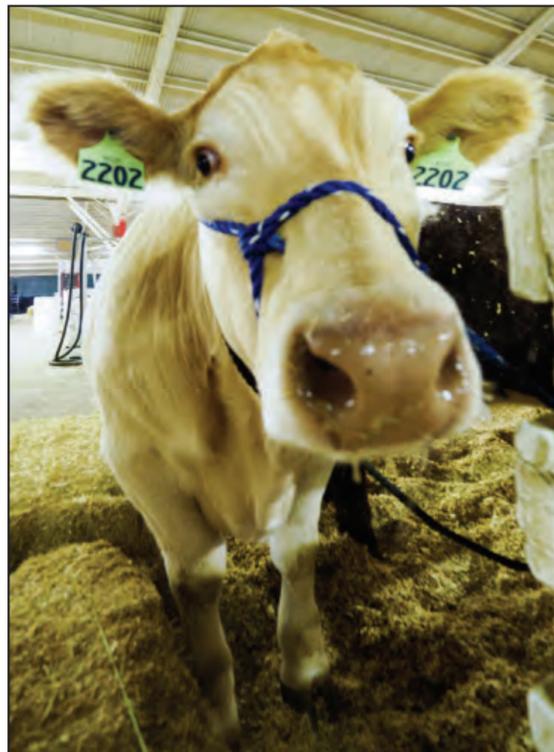
Note this is a spinning ride, and all you have to do is walk in and lay back and let the ride do its thing. It spins you around and you feel like you're upside down. Don't go on this if you just got done eating. You'll more than likely throw up, but overall it was a fun ride. The bumper cars were also pretty fun as was the Big Top. Both safe rides for big guys.

Now don't even try going on Pole Position, Inversion, or the ride where it spins your upside down in the tiny container. Those aren't for you, and please save yourself from the awkward not fitting in the ride situation. Let your friends or whomever you're with enjoy the rides you can't, and go play some fair games. Go win that special someone a prize, and that should guarantee you that ride on the Ferris Wheel at the end of the night



The Kern County Fair

Photos by Tommy Castellon



Above: Sydney Thurston shows fairgoers a boa constrictor at the Egyptian Wildlife Exhibit. The Egyptian Wildlife Exhibit is a new addition to The Kern County Fair.

Below left: Diver Phillip Peters shows fairgoers the anatomy of a nurse shark. The Live Shark Encounter is a new addition to The Kern County Fair.



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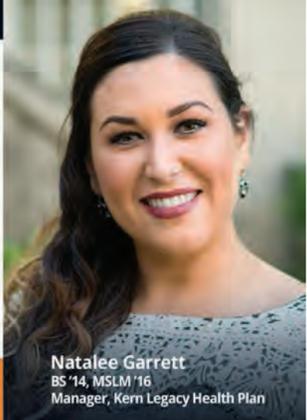
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