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Use of service dogs at BC on the rise

Service dogs provide more than mobility assistance; some, like Wafi, allow students to fully enjoy the college experience



By Zach Sullivan
Reporter

As the number of service animals on Bakersfield College's campus increases, so does awareness about what these animals can do for disabled students and veterans.

Dr. Terri Goldstein, director of Disabled Students Programs and Services at Bakersfield College, believes there is a specific reason for the increase in service animals.

"I think there's a lot more awareness. That's why you're seeing a lot more service dogs. I think we're learning what dogs can do for people," Goldstein

said.

Goldstein estimates there are 6 or 7 service dogs currently at Bakersfield College, and there could be two more by next fall. She said there is no limit to the amount of dogs that can be on school grounds as long as they are properly registered.

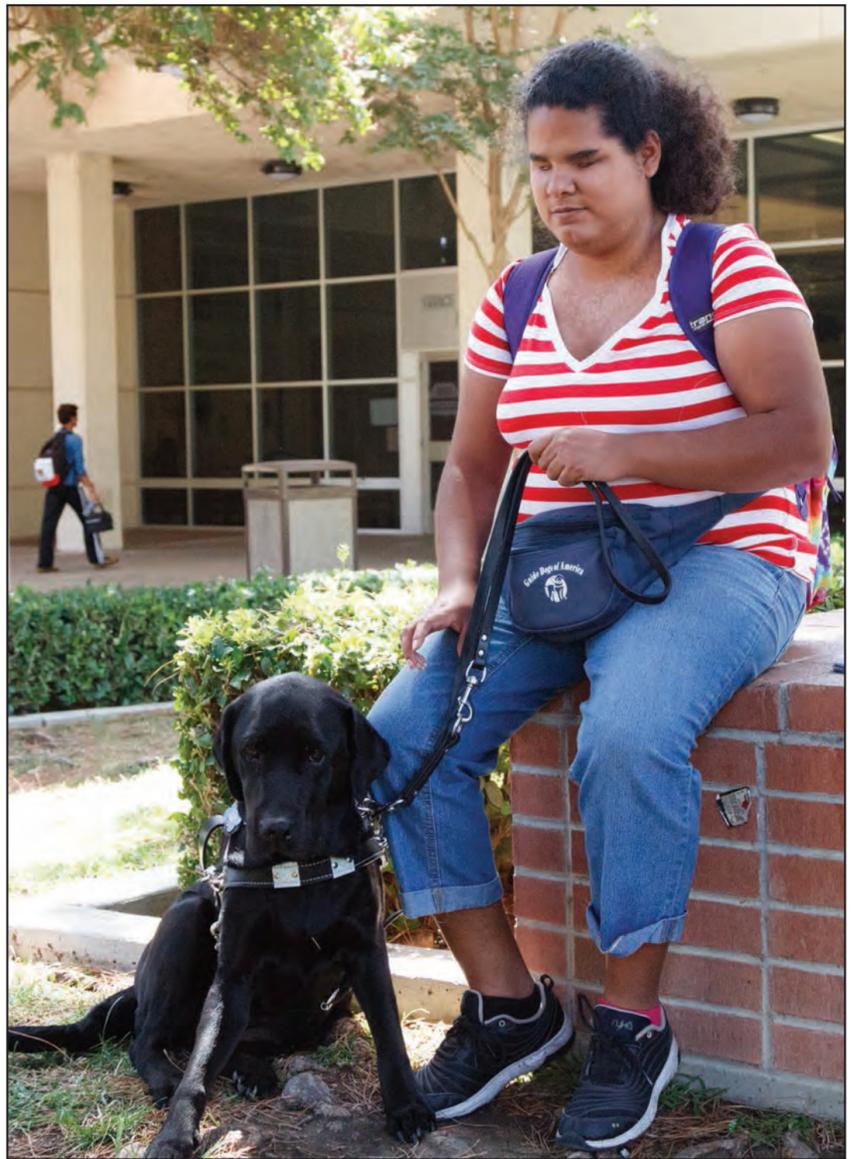
According to Goldstein, there is a formal process one must go through before they are allowed to bring a service animal to school. "To get a service dog you got to go through your doctor and get a prescription and train the dog. The dog can be formally trained, it can be self-trained, but it has to be under the owner's control at all times," she said.

Service animals should be registered with the city and also have the blue square harness on their body that identifies the dog as a service animal.

There are two classifications of service animals that are permitted on campus: service dogs and therapy dogs.

"If it's a service dog, there are two different types of dogs, so a service dog performs a service. They are the ones guiding people that are blind, that are hearing ear dogs. I've seen balance dogs that help people balance, wheel chairs, all kinds of different dogs. There are dogs that can smell if someone is going to

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Above left: Service dog Wafi takes a break under a shade tree on campus at BC. Above: BC student Denise Martinez and her service dog Wafi take an afternoon break.

Joggers unaware of threat near campus

Suspect remains on the loose

By Veronica Morley
Reporter

Recently, multiple security alerts have been sent out through text messages, voice-mails and emails to Bakersfield College students. The alerts have been regarding a male driver harassing female joggers along Panorama Drive.

These alerts were as followed, "SAFETY ALERT: The Bakersfield College Office of Public Safety has been made aware of 2 additional incidents involving female joggers being followed by a male driving an older gold Camry. Please contact (661) 395-4554 if you have any information or notice any



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Joggers and walkers out for morning exercise on the Panorama Bluffs, near Bakersfield College.

suspicious behavior." The last alert was sent on Sept. 12.

BC's Public Safety Department has not responded to requests for interviews on the incidents.

Although the students at BC

have been made aware of these incidents, many others who use the paths along Panorama Drive have no knowledge of them.

Jessie Marler was out walking along these paths Sept. 19

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Delays push back fire station's completion

By Veronica Morley
Reporter

Since June 2013, Fire Station 8, located south of BC on the corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and University Avenue, has been under renovation. The project was expected to be completed in May, but due to several delays, the date has been pushed back to the end of October.

Staff from the Fire and Public Works Department evaluated the fire station, also known as FS 8, in 2012 and concluded that due to ongoing issues with the electrical, plumbing, roofing, heating and air conditioning systems, the entire station was in need of significant upgrades.

Built in 1949, the station remodel will include: gutting the existing building, reconstructing the interior of the living quarters and bay areas, replacing the roof, and installing an emergency generator.

Unforeseen delays have caused the estimated completion date to be pushed back to the end of October. Navdip S. Grewal of the Bakersfield Public Works Department stated that these delays included such things as roofing and electrical issues.

"The hard part about construction is you assume everything is fine," said Grewal. "We set a date thinking everything would go as planned but, for example, when we opened the walls they were

a lot worse than we had anticipated."

Grewal also mentioned issues involving the roofing process, electrical contracts, window orders and driveway changes.

"Our client is the Fire Station and we want to make sure the remodel meets their needs," he stated.

The original estimated budget for this project was approximately \$1,829,000. Grewal states that a subset of that budget was set aside specifically for delays such as these. Current unanticipated expenses include housing and equipment rent for the related FS 8. Currently the staff is residing at a new location on 4400 Panorama Drive.

"We've managed to remain within our original budget and we're hoping to be finished by the end of October," said Grewal.

The Fire and Public Works Department is working with Klassen Corporation to complete construction. FS 8 will remain relocated until construction completion.

BC hosts 30 schools on University Transfer Day

By Zach Sullivan
Reporter

On Monday, Sept. 12, Bakersfield College held their annual University Transfer Day on the Student Crossroads Lawn. The event commenced at 9 a.m. and concluded at 1 p.m.

More than 30 college representatives were on campus, of which included: UC Berkeley, UCLA, Humboldt State, Whittier College, University of Alaska Fairbanks and many more. The goal of transfer day was to

provide students with the opportunity to gather information regarding everything from costs per semester to scholarship opportunities at all of these prospective schools. Students were encouraged to have face-to-face interactions with representatives from institutions they are thinking of attending.

Bakersfield College student Samuel Nelson, 19, thought that the event helped put into perspective how many different schools and opportunities there are for students. "With the amount of

schools present it really opened my eyes to all these different opportunities out there," Nelson said.

Nelson believes the event accomplished its goal of informing students about the requirements to transfer to their desired school or university.

While the point of the event was to provide information to students about transferring, it was clear that not all students felt informed about the event.

Gina Fields, 19, stated that she had not heard of transfer day

prior to the event taking place. Fields said that she did not know what the tables set up throughout the Crossroads Lawn were for, or why they were there. "I thought it was a food fair," she said.

Fields believes the event would have been more effective had she known in advance it was taking place. "It would be nice if the administration would post around campus as well as sending an email letting everyone know about upcoming events. Doing so would help people pre-

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Students get information about a career with the US Army.

Column

A night's rest leads to success

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

Recently, a friend of mine started to share with me how her first few weeks of college were going. She just started here at BC and was already starting to feel the pressures all us veteran college students have become accustomed to. Between her busy homework load and class schedule, she said to me that the worst thing for her was feeling like she never had enough time to sleep.



Veronica Morley

Of course I told her that I completely understood the difficulties she was facing. Again as most of us know, it's difficult to get the recommended eight hours of sleep a night when you have school and work and other obligations at hand.

The next thing she told me was how ridiculous she felt with her need to take three naps that day, one of which happened in her car between classes. Once again, I smiled at this young first-year.

For those of you who struggle and feel as though you just can never get enough sleep, I'm here to tell you it's OK.

Many of us have passed by the student sitting under a shady tree, hat over his face, nicely dozing off between the next class or have walked by the student locked in their car taking a quick power nap. When I went to school in Utah, my school had an entire Instagram page dedicated to posting pictures of those poor nappers catching up on some Zs on campus (the page is by-usesleeps, check it out, it's definitely good for a few laughs).

If you really feel the need to pass out for a few minutes on campus, go right ahead. Most of us here have that same need. If you're concerned about becoming a humorous Instagram post, enact the buddy system, and ask a friend to watch over you for a few minutes. Lock yourself in your car, hide in some shade or an empty corner on campus. Do what you need to do.

If it seems like you can never get a decent amount of sleep every night, perhaps it is time to re-evaluate your priorities. Do you prioritize finishing homework during your free time? Do you tend to wait until the last minute to start assignments? When you get home, do you say to yourself, "I'm going to take a little break and relax for a bit before I start my homework?"

Yeah, I used to do that, too. I would get home and tell myself that I just needed to wind down and maybe watch one episode of whatever series I was binge watching on Netflix. And then one episode turns into two, then an hour and next thing I knew it would be 9 p.m. when I'd finally decide to start my homework. We've all had those days.

What's worse is the vicious cycle it creates. You wait until later to start your homework, so you stay up late to try to get it all done. Then you're exhausted the next day when you get home so you decide to take a little nap before you start working. Then once again, you're starting and staying up late doing homework.

Heed my warning. Go home, start your homework and get some sleep tonight.

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

The Kern County Fair opens today

By Stephen Underwood
Reporter

Bakersfield will host the 100th Kern County Fair on September 21.

"This year is different from previous years because of the fireworks, stands, exciting things, and new things we'll have this year," says Mike Olcott. Mike helps administer and run the fair alongside Jeannie Burton.

The fair starts at 12 p.m. September 21 at the Kern County Fairgrounds. The last day of festivities will be October 2.

There will be 12 nights of free concerts at the Budweiser Pavilion for those with paid admission; featuring the Commodores, Clay Walker, Grand Funk Railroad, Boyz II Men, and Hinder. Each show is at 8 p.m. with the fireworks kicking off after every concert.

Craft Garden Beer is a newer addition this year to the fair. Mike Olcott says, "Wristbands will cost ten dollars for four ounces. Sampling the beer is not free, but by paying for the wristband you can try different beers."

Though the fair has paid admission, there will be exceptions

to the rule. Such exceptions include Special Friends Day for the disabled on September 22, Senior Day on September 23, School Day, Gospel Day, the Feed the Need Can Drive (which requires a donation of at least four cans to get in), and free admission any day for those in the military or for kids five and under.

Olcott has counted and explained by saying, "Last year we had 45,812 pounds of food donated. This year we can expect 48,000 to 50,000."

To gain free fair admission by donating blood, adults must do-

nate a pint between August 15 and September 20 at the Houchin Blood Center.

"We had 4,500 pints of blood donated last year, and this year I expect 5,000 pints to be donated," Mike Olcott says.

On September 23, the entire general public gets in for free between 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Besides beer, concerts, and fireworks, this year's fair also features contests, demonstrations, and animal exhibits.

This year there will be a new shark exhibit called the Haai Shark Encounter.

The sharks will be live on dis-

play, though rumors have been circulating of planned protests from animal rights activists to have Kern County remove the event by sending petitions to fair chairman Cesar Chavez.

The event, however, is officially confirmed despite the controversy, and Mike Olcott has said, "We are still having the event. There are no plans to remove the sharks from the fair."

The event will be Monday through Friday with three time slots: 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday have time slots at 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Music program adds marching

By Mario Saldaña
Reporter

The band program at Bakersfield College has been expanding over the years, and now with the new semester, the Renegade Marching Band is back after a decade absence with the help of Tim Heasley and many of the music coaches.

If all goes well, the band will soon be playing at Memorial Stadium.

Many occasional pep band programs have come and gone over the years due to student interests. Heasley, a Performing Arts instructor and director of the drumline, has always wanted to develop a marching band program.

Heasley has been successful in developing the drumline, which started as an indoor drumline and has grown by going to the world championships in Dayton, Ohio, last year and winning sixth place nationally.

In 2014, the drumline expanded into a drum and bugle corps, an ensemble comprised of a drumline, a brass section, and color guard with 93 students participating in the program the first year. The next year the 115 students competed in Drum Core

Internationals competition, and last summer grew to 132 students.

Heasley is attempting to develop a marching band that would do the same things that the band of decades ago did. The idea with this new program is to re-grow what it once was and find student interest in the program. Heasley hopes the band will perform at BC football games, parades in town and eventually traveling out of town as well, just like the formal marching band before them.

He refers to the marching band in the past decades as "the most visible aspect part of the college. It was at all the football games, of course, around the community and even represented the college out of the state."

Starting a new program is a challenge for Heasley and the couple of coaches who are working with him. They are trying to figure out a way to grow from scratch with limited resources and finding students. Though recently the band was a handful of students, they have had many students go in and check out the program, and have been open to students who have likely come out of high school who played in band and offer them a marching



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Members of the marching band practice their routine in the dance room at the BC gym.

band experience.

With the size of the band and with the small group of students they are working with, they are brainstorming a direction they want to first start out on. Heasley mentioned that they want to start with more indoor-oriented venues like the drumline, having a smaller venue to support their ensemble and sound due to the size instead of being a small group playing at Memorial Sta-

dium trying to fill their sound throughout the stands during games.

When asked about how soon will students be able to see the BC marching band perform at any games or events, Heasley's response was that he really isn't too sure of when they'll start playing.

"What's more important for the marching band staff right now is to not rush this program,

to go out and play at a football stadium, but to give the students who are part of the marching band quality learning and starting at the right venues to find success as individual students, with all of them on board with it," said Heasley.

Any students interested in the marching band or any other music programs are welcome to contact Heasley or come to his office in PAC 5.

High rates of Kern County infection should spur students to get tested

By James Macias
Editor

Sexually Transmitted Diseases are the single biggest threat to a young person here in Kern County today. That might seem like an exaggeration but it's a direct paraphrase of something said by Ray Purcell, BC's director of Student Health and Wellness.

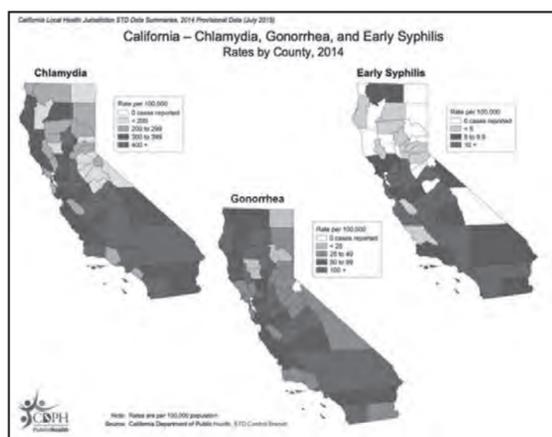
Purcell, 60, is a nurse practitioner of 20 years, Bakersfield resident and graduate of UCLA. Purcell takes you seriously, he projects a mental probe at you with his eyes and he seems to be calm enough to ride out a nuclear blast without losing his cool.

He talks about STDs with a certain sense of fear though, especially syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea. He grimly reads statistics from his computer screens like a slow drumroll making the numbers sound like a body count.

He goes so far as to draw a couple of graphs. "We here in California have hit what mathematicians call a 'J point' which is a point at which the incident of infections sharply increases," he said.

"Let's talk about syphilis: symptoms only show up in 10% of cases so 90 percent of the infected population don't know it! Can't know it!" he said, with more emotion than anything else he has said.

"Syphilis is most concerning because over time it doesn't go away; in fact, it sticks around and causes organ disease and other forms of damage to the central nervous system. The real



COURTESY OF BC HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The charts above show the statewide statistics for cases of syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia.

tragedy is that you cannot repair the damage once it's done, however if caught early enough, all three of these diseases are easily treatable," he said.

Kern County Department of Public Health has started a new campaign to raise awareness about STDs. Kern County's efforts are still being kept under wraps as they scramble to create new materials. A very recent change in the statewide statistics dropping Kern County from the number one position to the number three in terms of infection rates, has left everyone flatfooted as they struggle to provide accurate information to the public. No one at the Kern County Department of Public Health could be reached directly for comment at this time.

Some BC students were hesitant to talk about their testing, but not Doc Powers, 19. "It hasn't fallen off yet, so I guess I'm good," he said.

Among 20 students who were spoken to, about half of them said they test regularly while the other half suggested that they are monogamous in one way or another.

Purcell points out how serious things are. "The problem is undiagnosed infections! I see what could be undiagnosed symptoms all the time right here on campus and that means that there are a vast majority of non-symptomatic cases slipping by every day," he said.

"Get tested! It's so simple! Just urine and blood tests are all it takes for most STDs."

Health and Wellness pamphlet to inform BC

By Zach Sullivan
Reporter

Bakersfield College recently revamped their Student Health and Wellness packet in an effort to better inform students of services they are entitled to receive.

The pamphlet contains a plethora of information that can benefit students in a multitude of ways. The packet covers frequently asked questions, such as: Do I have to pay to be seen? Can I get over the counter medications? Do you offer therapy?

The pamphlet also gives an overview of the services that are provided to students in the Wellness Center.

These include: first aid/care provided for injuries, tuberculosis skin tests, health education and information, health screenings, short-term psychotherapy, and much more.

Ray Purcell, director of Student Health and Wellness at Bakersfield College, said that the goal behind revising the pamphlet was to open students' eyes to all the services they are afforded.

"Currently students coming in with half a unit or a full load of 16 units are paying a 13 dollar health fee and many of them can benefit from the services we offer.

"So the first goal of the pamphlet, in many of our media efforts so to speak, is to kind of throw out our arms and wave them and say, 'Hey! You, over there, we are here!'" and second,

give them some perspective of what we can do for them," Purcell said.

When asked about the response to the pamphlet Purcell said, "I don't have good data for you, but the feedback I have gotten anecdotally from the students themselves is, 'I didn't even know you guys were here.'"

Purcell claims that while the student body may not be aware of the services offered in the Wellness Center, there is a large involvement of student organizations promoting the Health Center, which has resulted in an increase in the number of students he sees.

If you are not feeling quite right, or just need some over the counter medications, the Wellness Center is a great resource for students to have. Purcell encourages students who need medical attention on campus to come to the Wellness Center.

"Students are saying 'gosh I'm not feeling well, but I want to stay in the classroom.' We don't want them being out of the classroom because it doesn't serve their success. We'd rather have a convenient place on campus where students can get care," Purcell said.

Anyone who would like more information is encouraged to stop by and pick up a pamphlet or speak with a representative at the Health and Wellness Center, located at Campus Center 3 across from the cafeteria.

Learning to fly without leaving town

By Morgan Park
Reporter

Back in January, Bakersfield opened its doors to the California Aeronautical University – a brand new flight school that trains its students at a university level for the world of aviation.

CAU, a sister school to Santa Barbara Business College, sits right on the runway near the old Meadows Field Airport on a campus that previously was used for internal pilot training for a Japanese airline. The school started its first classes this past January with a student body of only five but has grown to 20 in the months since.

“[CAU] is really about creating a complete pilot,” said Adia Smith, admissions manager at CAU. “When you enroll in our program, you’re enrolling in everything. It’s kind of an all-or-nothing kind of thing.”

The initial tuition to the school’s programs (which range from \$150,000 to \$167,000 with financial aid opportunities) is all-inclusive, which includes on-campus housing, dedicated cafeteria, laptop, iPad, three years of flying and fuel, and instruction.

The program readies its students with certification for commercial flights as well as a private pilot’s license, and even

certification to teach aviation themselves. Graduating students are even guaranteed an interview with the school to become an instructor, if they choose.

Students in the program don’t have to wait long until they’re in the air. “Our pilots program is really an immersion program. They live it, they breath, they eat and sleep it,” said Smith. “There’s a lot of camaraderie.”

Jacob Jepson, 19, is one of the first five original students at CAU. “It’s been amazing. It’s great flying every day.” Jepson is still undecided on what part of aviation he wants to make a career out of, but he has his eyes on the California Department of Fire, which fights fires by flying over and dousing them with water.

Elza, 22, started at CAU only a month ago and already had her first solo flight. “It was amazing; it was really great.” After enough time spent in the simulator and flying with instructors, Elza wasn’t too nervous about her first flight alone.

In the world of aviation, Elza wants to become an international pilot. “I’ve always wanted to travel, and this is the coolest and least expensive way to do it.”

Within a week, students are already up in the air and in flight simulators. All 20 of the current



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The students’ training planes line the runway as they wait for their next practice flight.

students live on-campus, even though some of them are local to Bakersfield. “They all get their own room and their own bathroom, so it’s pretty snazzy,” Smith said with a laugh.

“We have students from all over the country, and there’s already enough that they have to worry about. We want them to be focused on the task at hand,”

Smith said. “So with all of the basic needs (housing, food, laundry, parking, etc), we said ‘let’s just take care of them.’”

Smith touched on the growing CAU and how they want to maintain a steady growth. “[The industry] is not producing enough pilots to replace the ones that are leaving.” By this time next year, Smith expects the student body

at around 100.

“This program in aviation is the perfect example of ‘you get what you put into it,’ ” Smith said.

“You’re going to be responsible for people’s lives. The feel on this campus is really about preparing them for that responsibility. It’s not just a degree program.”

Column

The perils of family planning

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

Apparently my previous attempt to write an article about having kids was too dry and matter-of-fact, or so my husband tells me.

What came about was a piece discussing the options available to same-sex couples for expanding a family, but it sounded more like a, “how-to” than a c o m e d i c opinion piece.

It pains me to admit that he was right, but...

The fact of the matter is when it comes to gays having kids it is a very black and white approach. It’s something that involves long discussions, paper work, and background checks. Unless one of us spontaneously produces a uterus, this is our only route.

There is no color or pizzazz that makes it humorous, more often than not is filled with horror and heartache. It’s that reality that fills me with so much anxiety that I have been dragging my feet in starting the process. Well, that and it has been a long journey to get my husband on board.

He says I’m making it up but I vividly remember him telling me we could one day adopt. This of course was after I had told him my dream to have a family. Typically, in the early days of a budding romance one will say anything to keep it going. I said I liked country music and driving around aimlessly, lies will be told.

For most of the 13 years we’ve been together, his opinion had been a firm, “no.” I was annoyed and frustrated, but once I actually listened to him I understood why.

My preferred route to parenthood was to use a surrogate, but he said that there is nothing more selfish than wanting to have kids “naturally” as a gay couple.

There are so many kids out there that have been neglected, abused or abandoned, that need supportive and loving families. The only way to make it not self-centered is to do it for the betterment of another.

Damn him and his valid arguments.

However, even though I came around to his way of thinking he had one remaining hang-up, we have to move.

For him to be comfortable with raising kids we have to leave this community before our potential child reaches school age. This is to avoid the awkward parent teacher conferences or the inevitable moment our daughter is left to explain that she has two daddies to a classmate.

He just isn’t as comfortable as I am.

There is no other way to look at it, we live in a community that will more than likely ostracize our child.

Yes, every kid will be teased. I know first-hand. You don’t grow up loving nerdy, gay stuff and not expect to be humiliated by your peers. But moving means we lose the biggest and best thing for a child: family.

It really does take a village and it is the people we surround ourselves with and the family involved that develop and nurture a child. My husband even admits that his fondest memories are those of family get-togethers.

Reluctantly I have agreed, but selfishly because it fits into my ultimate plan of transferring to San Francisco State.

Now I just have to take the leap of starting the process.



J.R. Hensley

Random Renegade

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

By Dylan Bryant
Reporter

Political Science Professor Edward Borgens says he’s wanted to be a teacher ever since he was in elementary school. Both of his parents were teachers themselves, and that seems to have influenced his goals, which he’s certainly completed. Borgens has been a professor at Bakersfield College since 2007, but his career in education began 25 years ago in Northern California, shortly after he graduated from UC Davis, a school that he



Edward Borgens

speaks of fondly to his students. While he has taught in Bakersfield and Nebraska as well, the place he seems to speak of the most is Japan.

In the mid-1990’s, Ed and his wife, Beth, who is also a teacher, were having a difficult time finding permanent jobs in California. They decided to take up positions teaching conversational English classes in Japan for a few years. When recalling stories of his time there to students, he details how the environment and history of the people there have a deep impact

on their culture, one which he has grown to respect deeply.

He often tells students stories about the active volcano he lived near, and in constant fear of. He also stresses that Western societies are fundamentally different from Japanese society. He believes that while our culture is very self-oriented, theirs is very group-oriented, creating an entirely different way of life.

He says they enjoyed learning more about the society, language, and history while there, and that his experiences there helped him in his teaching, particularly in his Comparative Government classes.

He also developed a taste for Japanese food, but still frequently warns of the dangers of eating uncooked meat.

While he spends time in his classes detailing history’s political leaders, he says the one he admires most is Abraham Lincoln. Borgens is currently the Faculty Champion of the Pre-Law Program and is a fan of the NFL.

You can usually find him in the Humanities building, teaching courses on Government and Politics.

iPhone 7 doesn’t excite as much as past models

By Mario Saldaña
Reporter

Walking around campus you will find many students at Bakersfield College using an iPhone and it seems that when Apple releases a new product, it immediately becomes an essential for young adults.

Many students at BC are always intrigued and curious about the latest product especially when it involves the new iPhone, and to get a better understanding on the new product, several students were asked about the unveiling of the phone.

Apple has been a successful company mainly for young adults who use technology on the daily with phones, laptops and now including watches as well, and have announced its

next generation of smartphone and other Apple products to the public at their annual press event on Sept. 7. Most students believe the phone falls short of the most recent iPhone, stating multiple reasons why they are not too fond of the new product.

The disliked feature that almost every student brought up was the removal of the headphone jack. Many students said that it’s just a way for Apple to make people buy more expensive products like the wireless headphones.

Other reasons why students were unimpressed with the new phone was that they felt it was too big, too expensive or that the Samsung Galaxy already offers many of those features. Relatively few students saw the phone as an improvement. The

biggest feature that caught their eye was the dual-lens camera that the iPhone 7 Plus offers and that it’s now waterproof.

BC student Elijah Davis believed that the new product is an improvement from the latest iPhone and gave an interesting point on how Apple will move consumers to a new world of wireless headphones.

“Apple has always been pushing technology forward, like when Macs got rid of the floppy disk everyone freaked out and now we don’t use floppy disks at all,” said Davis.

The iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus were available for pre-orders on Sept. 8, but none of the students who were impressed by the phone were going to pre-order the product.

Allensworth Historic State Park to hold festival to celebrate its past

By Daulton James Jones
Reporter

Next month, the 40th Annual Rededication of Allensworth Historic State Park will be happening on Oct. 8.

This rededication is able to happen with the help of many sponsors and volunteers alike. They have all come together to try and honor this historic site, and bring awareness and knowledge to help preserve the town Allensworth.

Allensworth is located in central California, and is a part of the city of Tulare, which is a little over an hour north of Bakersfield. Allensworth was founded in 1908, with the hopes of making a place where African Americans could own land. Lt. Colonel Allen Allensworth founded this town with Professor William Payne, minister William Peck, miner John W. Palmer, and real estate agent Harry A. Mitchell.

Allensworth was the only town in California to be founded by, financed and governed by African Americans.

This town was a big farming community. One of the main reasons Allensworth and his colleagues chose this land is because of the fertile soil, and the aqueduct water nearby. Some

of the main crops were alfalfa, wheat, sugar beets, and cotton. They also had livestock, such as cattle, chickens, turkeys and Belgian hares. This made it so that they would be able to trade with neighboring cities and towns.

Lt. Colonel Allensworth had a close relationship with Booker T. Washington (the founder of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama), and it’s said that he was actually inspired by Washington’s Tuskegee Institute to make Allensworth.

Like California’s current state, Allensworth went through a bad period of lack of water being distributed to the valley. This is what ultimately brought Allensworth to its end. Many of the original families left gradually as the water declined, which meant the town started to become run down.

Later on in the 1950s the only water wells of the town became contaminated with arsenic. The remaining citizens were relocated to other cities, and in 1972 Allensworth became a historic state park in California with the help of Cornelius Pope who brought this to the attention of California Department of Parks and Recreation in Sacramento.

Now in 2016, anyone can

visit Allensworth, and get a taste of history.

Bakersfield College student Fitzgerald Graves became a part of the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park (CASHP) about a year ago.

“As an African American man I’ve gone through some things that I don’t really want to get into, but by getting involved with this really put things into perspective for me. Things that made me think I had it bad made me realize other people really had to struggle to just get to where they are now.”

“Working with the CASHP has been a great experience. All the history and knowledge that so many people don’t know is just above them. Especially if you live in Bakersfield it’s just about an hour away in Tulare,” Graves said.

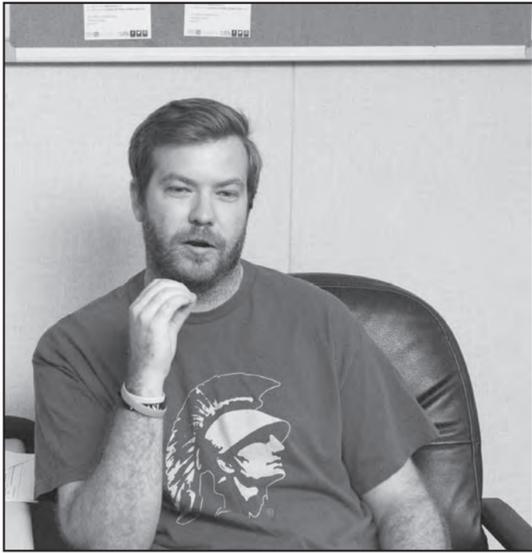
At the 40th annual rededication of Allensworth, people of all ages and races are welcome to come to the festival, which lasts from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be music, food, drinks, square dancing, and tours of model homes, and also some of the original homes as well.

Descendants of the original settlers of Allensworth will be there to speak to attendees as well.

Make sure to go to therip.com for stories on animal rights protesters at the circus, a local music festival and more reviews.

New SGA president wants students active



TOMMY CASTELLON / THE RIP

Matt Frazer plans to use his position to increase student involvement on the Bakersfield College campus.

By Morgan Park
Reporter

Last semester, Bakersfield College elected its new Student Government Association president in Matt Frazer, 27, a political science major who is looking to make significant strides in student involvement.

Frazer is looking to increase involvement at BC across the board, but a special focus on the ASL club and Deaf community has been at the core of his agenda since his campaign in the spring.

"We have a lot of underutilized groups here who don't get recognized," said Frazer. "It's hard especially for a deaf student to get involved here, because if they don't have a translator or someone who knows ASL, it's hard to get involved, because they can't communicate."

Frazer is looking for new ways to get the ASL and Deaf commu-

nity involved in more clubs and activities than just ASL. "There's a lot of deaf students who want to be engineers and stuff like that, but they have difficulties participating," he said.

Another big goal for Frazer is to put on more fun activities than BC has seen in years. "We're trying to do as much as we can. It does get kind of boring and mundane going to the same classes and doing the same thing every day."

Some of the events he and the rest of SGA are planning range from a pizza fest, Halloween ball (with a haunted house included), a Pokémon GO tournament and even a Quidditch match later this semester. "Our homecoming is also going to be really big this year. We have big events planned every week," Frazer added.

As the year progresses, Frazer said that the SGA will be asking students what kind of events they

want to see and use this to guide them.

"My job is to make sure there are no problems and that students are represented correctly, and that I can go to president [Sonya] Christian and say, 'this is what we have to work on,'" he said.

Frazer touched on the SGA of the past and the fresh start that the program received two years ago.

"We kind of had an issue with SGA, so we threw it away and started all over with a new SGA," Frazer said.

"We needed something to happen on campus. And I thought 'Why not me? Why can't I make that difference?' and that's what made me want to run," he said.

The biggest challenge that Frazer has already faced in his early presidency is the common problem of finances. "I knew it was an issue, not having much money as a part of SGA, but it really does make things really

really complicated to make sure you get things done that you want to get done," he said.

Frazer emphasized how important it is to SGA that students buy the KVC sticker. "This year we've been really blessed, and students have been buying it more than they ever have," he said.

The KVC sticker, a \$15 fee which provides discounts at BC's on-campus stores, represents 100 percent of SGA's usable income.

Frazer is already having fun with the job, though the time commitment being SGA president demands has taken some getting used to.

"SGA probably gets 80 percent of my time, and the other twenty percent is split between classes, homework, my wife, and family," Frazer said. "Without the staff I have, I would be nowhere. We have amazing officers that make my job easy and make me look good," he added with a laugh.

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

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

It shouldn't be there but we might as well vote yes on it

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

Proposition 59 is a toothless, wasteful and terribly misleading proposition that I cannot wait to vote yes on. What Proposition 59 essentially says is that the elected representatives of California will do everything in their power to overturn the Supreme Court of the United States decision on Citizens United v. FEC. For those of you unfamiliar with the Citizens United decision, it allowed an unlimited amount of contributions to campaigns, provided the donations are given to political action committees and not individuals running for office. This would be a fantastic proposition if the elected officials of California had any power to do anything to overturn the decision of the Supreme Court.



Tyler McGinty

There are only two ways to overturn a Supreme Court decision: another Supreme Court decision or a Constitutional amendment. Either way, there is very little our representatives can do. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, since she sits on the Judiciary Committee, probably has the most power to do anything about it. She could make an attempt to use Citizens United as a litmus test for judges when performing hearings on candidates for the Supreme Court (or any judiciary position, honestly.)

However, she's only one member out of twenty. If no one else is interested, she can't exactly sway the vote. So Feinstein may be able to do everything in her power to make sure that the next justice wants to overturn Citizens United, but that may not be any help at all.

If Feinstein does succeed in getting that nominee through, then Sen. Barbara Boxer also gets to vote in confirming them. That's all the power our elected officials have to even get a justice that would be in favor of overturning Citizens United on the bench. Then we'd have to wait for a case to make it to the Supreme Court, and by then there might be a totally different set of justices. It certainly doesn't seem like we have a lot of power there, does it?

Since there's a chance that a similar case might not even make it to the Supreme Court, the most proactive measure

we would have is to amend the Constitution. I mean, it only takes a two-thirds majority of both the House of Representatives and the Senate (or two-thirds of state legislatures) to decide that amending the constitution is needed and then for that amendment to be ratified by three-fourths of the states.

Since all Constitutional amendments in the Senate have to come through the Judiciary Committee, once again Feinstein is the only one that can make a meaningful move on an amendment. Not only are the odds of that happening substantially slimmer than just getting the Supreme Court to pass down a new decision, but California's representatives have even less power in this case.

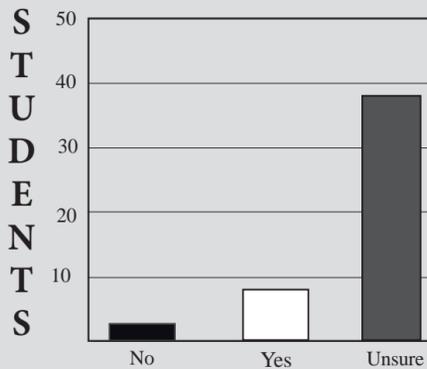
The fact that the proposition is toothless is what makes it so wasteful. I have no idea why California would waste the money to place a proposition on the ballot that can't conceivably do anything. Especially because our representatives couldn't decide to do everything in their power to overturn Citizens United without this (entirely non-binding, by the way) proposition.

Finally, it's terribly misleading because anyone who doesn't have a lot of knowledge about the Supreme Court or just happens to skim over the proposition is going to think they're actually voting to overturn the decision.

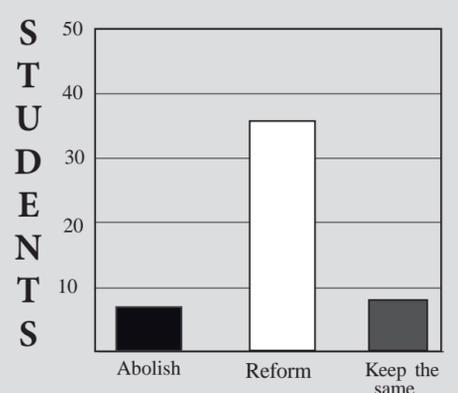
If I was lucky enough to be in the room while whoever decided to craft this worthless proposition, I would have advised against it. There is literally no reason to put this on the ballot. So why am I voting yes? Because it's already there. It shouldn't have been there and the odds that it will accomplish anything is exceedingly rare, but if it passes, other states might follow our lead.

If California can lead the charge on this, there might be enough states willing to do something similar. Even though Proposition 59 won't accomplish anything, it may let other elected officials know that the people want Citizens United overturned. That's the only benefit of this proposition: sending a message.

Should the Supreme Court decision on Citizens United v. FEC be overturned?



What do you believe should be done in regard to California's death penalty statute?



CA death penalty to see a big change

By Dylan Bryant
Reporter

Californians have had what some might call a "love-hate relationship" with the death penalty. From 1778 to 1972, the state carried out 708 executions. Then, in 1972, the State Supreme Court found capital punishment to be in violation of the state constitution. A few months later, Californians voted to reinstate the death penalty, superseding the court's ruling. The courts have since handed down hundreds of death penalty convictions.

Despite this, only 13 of those executions to have been issued since the reinstatement have taken place. In fact, California's "Death Row" at San Quentin State Prison now houses more inmates than Florida or Texas, over 700 condemned to death. While all have been found guilty, these inmates are not being executed for a variety of reasons.

Since the law passed in 1972, almost every execution has been delayed in the appeals court system for decades. Since an execution can be handed down at the lowest level criminal court, and can be tried on appeal for years before being decided by the California Supreme Court, most death row inmates in California die from natural causes while in custody.

Complying with federal and state law in executing these prisoners has proven to be difficult as well. As The Atlantic reported in June of 2015, the sole producer for a barbiturate used in almost all lethal injections in the United States were shut down by a court order after evidence of contamination in the facilities was exposed in 2010. While some states, like California, chose to order the barbiturates for executions illegally from a fraudulent pharmaceutical company listed out of London, that was not successful, as nearly all of those supplies were seized by the DEA, and soon all of Europe would ban the sale of the drug to the United States.

But in 2016, it looks like voters in California will

have a chance to clean up the mess that is the state of our capital punishment laws, and choose one of two paths. Two propositions that will be on the ballot this year, propositions 62 and 66, plan to alter the laws dealing with capital punishment.

If passed, Proposition 62 would eliminate the death penalty all together, making life without the possibility of parole the maximum possible sentence for murder, and eliminating the nations largest death row.

The second, Proposition 66, would speed up the system, eliminating one role of the middle courts by making trial courts responsible for the first round of appeals, and establishing a strict time frame for death penalty review in each case.

While both propositions could in theory pass, only the one with the most 'yes' votes will become law, in what seems to be a first in our state's history.

Bakersfield College students seem to be in favor of Proposition 66, with 70% of polled respondents saying they were in favor of reforming, not abolishing the death penalty. But not all students agree. Allie, 20, says the United States should "join the rest of the civilized world and abolish the death penalty." Jacob, 19, said "they should all be lined up and shot."

Regardless of which law passes, it looks like both laws will benefit the families of murder victims with greater financial restitution, generated by the mandatory labor of those on death row. Currently, those on death row are not required to pay restitution to the families of their victims, and less than 1% do. Those currently sentenced to life without possibility of parole are required to work and pay restitution. Under 62, all that were sentenced to the death penalty, would now have life without possibility of parole, meaning they would be required to work and pay restitution. Proposition 70 would change the death row laws to require those awaiting death to begin working and paying restitution as well, and would even allow 70% of an inmates' wages to be garnished, as opposed to the current 60% limit.

Judging the presidential debates your own way

By Dylan Bryant
Reporter

In 1960, 70 million Americans turned on their black-and-white television sets to watch Vice President Richard Nixon debate Senator John F. Kennedy in what was the first televised presidential debate. While President Lyndon Johnson would refuse to participate in 1964, and Nixon, having lost miserably to Kennedy in 1960, would refuse to debate in 1968 and 1972, in 1976 the debates began again, and they've been part of the American political system ever since.

While perhaps no debate will have as much influence on an election as that first one between Nixon and Kennedy did, on Sept. 26,

2016, millions of Americans will turn on their televisions to watch Hillary Clinton, former senator and Secretary of State, debate business mogul Donald Trump, and given what has taken place already in this election, there is no telling what could happen on that Monday night.

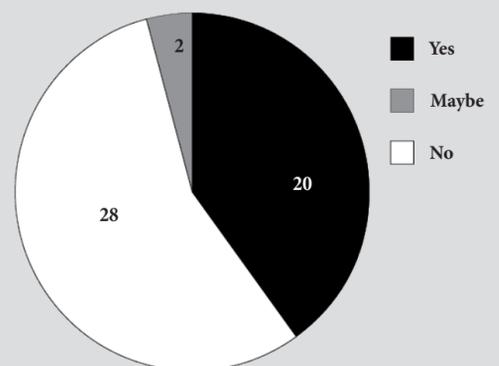
As of the date of this publication, the candidates are neck-and-neck in the polls going into the debates, and both seem to be trying to redefine their image in what has been a historically volatile campaign season. The two candidates are amongst the least popular to ever face off for the highest office in the land.

While everyone is sure to judge the candidates in their own way, Bakersfield College Political Science Professor Edward Borgens

has some advice for those looking to judge who did the best. He says three things to keep in mind when watching the debates are to try and learn more about their background, listen to how well the candidates "respond to the actual questions" and to see how well they behave under pressure. He also says that he "finds it useful to listen to various political panels (both liberal and conservative) that analyze the debate 'results' and do some valuable fact-checking on some of the more controversial answers provided by the candidates."

The debate will be hosted by Hofstra University in New York and moderated by NBC's Lester Holt. It will be broadcast across all major networks, and is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Do you plan on watching the presidential debates on Sept. 26?



Television Review

Suspense veiled by '80s vibe

By James Macias
Features/Opinions Editor

Netflix has really been stepping up to the plate lately with regards to producing high quality original content for their rapidly expanding audience. They have been hitting us in rapid succession, dropping names like Daredevil, Jessica Jones, Masters of None, etc. The list of new, sophisticated shows available on the streaming service seems to grow daily with the in-production list expanding even faster.

There is not enough room in this entire publication to adequately express my enthusiasm for this trend. Everything I've had time to watch, such as Daredevil and Jessica Jones has been well written, expertly shot, masterfully edited and memorably cast.

Furthermore, the content has been released in full-season sized blocks allowing an insane, impatient insomniac like myself to spend an entire evening, or two, or even three, watching a very long and well executed story in episodic format. If you can't sleep you have to do something...trust me.

This recent addition to the Netflix catalogue, "Stranger Things," is still newborn and the hype is so far over the top that a hastily announced second season is already in production, with the entire cast onboard and the enigmatic Duffer brothers (the shows original writer/directors) at the helm to hopefully deliver another masterpiece.

The story itself is a deeply moving and engaging yarn set in 1983. Four junior-high school age boys are best friends. Not exactly social butterflies, our intrepid young subjects spend their time in the Audio Visual (A.V.) club at school, and playing Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) at home.

An extremely compelling narrative develops as the boys are presented, which eases the audience into what many Generation X and Generation Y will find very familiar and relatable.

The setting is subtly expressed with things like the cola wars commercial playing on old cathode ray tube television sets. The colors and the iconography, the sounds and



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Lucas, Mike, Eleven (known as Elle) and Dustin on the hunt for their missing friend Will in the Netflix series "Stranger Things."

the general atmosphere will resonate deeply with anyone who was alive in the 1980s, but if you were growing up with Star Wars as a new original idea, had Cold War nightmares and Ronald Reagan's Star Wars as a space based weapon.

If you remember a time when cable TV was a novelty and Walkman cassette players were in Sharper Image, then this show will feel like a long-lost lover from the word go.

The plot gets its first kick when one of the boys (Will Byers) disappears on his way home from a D&D game session, precipitating a certain degree of chaos with Wynonna Rider flawlessly portraying a frantic, grief stricken mother (Joyce Byers) in search of her missing child.

Our heroes (Mike, Dustin and Lucas) are no less concerned than the boys' mother.

As circumstances continue to unfold, a mysterious figure (Eleven/Millie Bobby Brown) appears wearing a hospital gown and

begins to incite truly epic turmoil. No, the Duffer brothers don't ever do anything halfway, especially when it comes to suspense.

The flow and style that they produce is reminiscent of Rod Serling's iconic Twilight Zone or the now nearly forgotten Outer Limits show that once competed for his ratings. The sense of creepy apprehension that was the backbone of Twilight Zone is ubiquitous as the narrative builds up to a furious raging fever pitch in its climactic final moments.

What really impressed me were the things that came out of peoples mouths. I have never heard better lines. Ever.

Every single syllable of this show's dialogue is like anti-poetry defining the characters who say them with a sense depth and sincerity that is often hard to find in real life. This is definitely the kind of show you should make time to watch closely.

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Movie Review

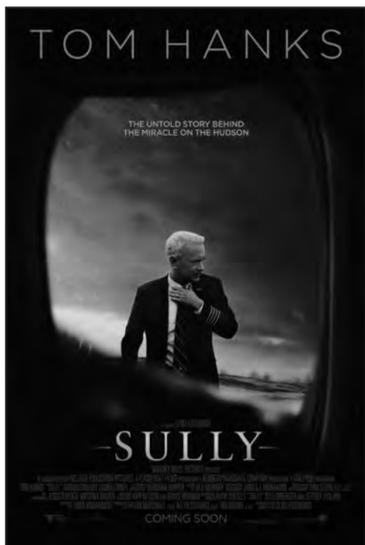
'Sully' biopic avoids making a crash landing

By Veronica Morley
Reporter

Clint Eastwood's latest film "Sully" is a biographical and artistic depiction of Capt. Chesley Sullenberger who was burdened with the task of landing US Airway's Flight 1549 on January 15th, 2009. Not only does the film detail the events of that day and the adversarial investigation that proceeds, but Eastwood creates as clean cut and detailed a movie as ever making this the shortest film he has ever directed. The lack in run time, however, does not stop this movie from maintaining the same level of analysis as any other Clint Eastwood film.

The beginning of the film shows Capt. Sullenberger, or Sully (Tom Hanks), and his co-pilot, Jeff Skiles (a mustached Aaron Eckhart), land the large plane carrying 155 people in the Hudson River on a brisk New York winter day. The story largely involves the events that take place in the aftermath of the landing, mainly the investigation (or witch-hunt) by the National Transportation Safety Board. The table of judges, led by Mike O'Malley, run countless simulations and asks insinuating questions in order to find some fault in the heroics of Sully that day.

Eastwood and Hanks make a formidable team in portraying Sully not only as a true



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American hero, but a classic hero that Eastwood himself might have played: a man faced not only with a life or death scenario, but afterwards put on trial. Sully depicts the old-fashioned American man: sturdy, honest, noble and most of all brave. Eastwood once

again produces a hero that you just can't help but root for.

Sully's heroic character could only be matched with a silver-haired grandfatherly Tom Hanks. It only makes sense that Eastwood would cast one of America's classic Hollywood actors to play a classic American hero. Hanks provides the perfect balance of honesty and humility that allows this movie to portray Sully not only as a hero, but as a person.

Enhancing a major theme, the movie develops multiple human aspects among Sully himself, his co-pilot and a few of the passengers enhancing this movie past simply being a telling of events. The stories of passengers working together and Skiles never failing to stand by his captain add to the heartfelt nobility of Sully. This added strength allows writers to include greater insight to the stress of the investigation and the toll the spotlight took on Sully himself, making him an imperfect hero and reminding us once again that he too, was just a man.

The movie itself is to the point. It is greatly detailed with just enough intensity to keep you absorbed in the film. There is no fluff and no unnecessary dialogue or action. If you have a fear of flights however, consider yourself warned.

★★★★☆

Renegade Events

News

The Kern Community College District has hired Gary Moser as the new Chief Information Technology Officer. Moser has over 30 years of IT experience and previously served as Chief Technology Officer at Sierra College.

BC Events

Sept. 21, 28: Career Counseling Services, Wednesday and Thursday, 3 p.m. Students must attend both sessions. Location: CSS 151

Sept. 27: New Student Orientation, Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. Register online. Location: Forum East 101.

Sept. 28: BCSGA Power Lunch, Wednesday, 12-1 p.m. Free to students. Location: Fireside Room.

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1: Rape Agression Defense Training, Friday 1p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. Free self-defense course for female students, staff and faculty. Location: Fireside Room. Call 395-4554 to sign up.

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,

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. 23: BC Jazz Presents Lucian Ban and Mat Mameri: 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. 9: Early Web Registration for 2017 Spring Semester begins.

Around Town

Sept. 21-Oct. 3: Kern County Fair, Monday-Thursday 3-10 p.m., Friday 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday 12-11 p.m., Sunday 12-10 p.m. Admission is \$10.00. Parking is \$8.00.

Sept. 29: Renegades at the Fair, Thursday, 3-10 p.m. BC Students get free entry into the fair and a parking pass. Buy tickets at the Office of Student Life. Location: Kern County Fairgrounds.

Oct. 6: A Soulful Evening with Art Inspired by Poetry, Thursday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. The event intends to bring awareness to foster children in Kern County. The event will include live music, a silent auction, spoken word, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. \$5 donation at the door. For more information, visit: www.kerncasa.org. Location: The Metro Galleries, 1604 19th St.

RENEGADE MINDS

Are you going to the fair?

Compiled by:
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Photo/Multimedia
Editor



Jailene Vargas, 18.
"Yes, I'm going to the fair to watch a concert."



Samantha Maddox, 18.
"I'm going to the fair because all my friends are going."



Shanell Dillard, 21.
"I'm looking forward to eating the food."



Shane Wright, 33.
"NO."



Angel Mendiola, 20.
"I'm going to the fair to see friends, family and eat good food."



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DOGS: Number of service dogs increases at BC

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have a seizure, there's dogs that can remind people to take medications," Goldstein said.

Goldstein explained that as long as the dog is a working animal, they are allowed to go anywhere with their owner.

"Service dogs, if it's a working dog, they don't have to bring it in to get permission, the dog is allowed to go wherever the owner goes," Goldstein said.

Therapy dogs are dogs that do not perform a service such as assisting the blind or hearing dogs. Instead, they are mostly used for comfort and emotional support. For example, a veteran who has PTSD could use a service dog to help them wake up from a bad dream and calm them down. These dogs are becoming more and more prevalent due to the fact that many people are finding out just how useful they can be.

Goldstein says there is no guarantee the dog will be allowed on campus.

"Therapy dogs are more of a comfort animal. Also, they do not perform a service so they may or may not be allowed on campus. It's a case-by-case basis. It depends on the need of the person, and also the behavior of the animal," Goldstein said.

Goldstein said that in her three years as the Director of Disabled Students Programs and Services, she has not had any reported incidents of service dogs being a distraction.

Denise Martinez, 22, a student at Bakersfield College, was born without eyes. She says her service dog Wafi, a 2-year-old black lab, helps her get around and feel comfortable in her daily life.

"She makes me feel comfortable in a number of ways. Number one being that I don't

have to worry about where I'm going, she pretty much takes me to where I need to go," said Martinez.

While Martinez's dog is legally a service animal, she can also be considered a therapy dog because of the tight bond that Martinez has formed with Wafi.

"She's a good companion when I'm stressed out with classes, I just sit and love on her and that brings me a sense of comfort," Martinez said.

Martinez claims having Wafi with her on a regular basis gives her a sense of independence. "It is more independence because I'm not having to hold on to somebody's arm or use a white cane.

"It's just like, I don't know, it's this awesome feeling that I get not having any sight, yet walking with a dog is like I'm walking like a sighted person."



TOMMY CASTELLON / THE RIP

Service dog Wafi enjoys an afternoon break, on campus at Bakersfield College

Martinez claims that even though she cannot see, having her service dog on campus

makes her feel like she can. "With our connection I consider her not just a person, but

my actual eyes. I was born without eyeballs; she is my real eyes." Martinez said.

JOGGER: Community at-large unaware of threat that looms on jogging trail near BC campus

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when she was informed of these events.

"It kind of makes you feel a little unsafe. I was going to come up here earlier, but I thought I'll wait until it gets little lighter," she said. "So I think being up here in pairs and being completely aware of your surroundings is important."

Marley suggested if you have no other protection, to keep a hand on your keys in your pocket and "pull your key out and use it as a defense weapon if you have to."

Some joggers have these same concerns about safety when coming to these paths, but others do not.

Another female jogger stated that she mainly just focused on what she was doing out there and "never really thought about it," especially since she'd never experienced anything similar.

Other joggers were not surprised to hear of the incidents. Sandra Rikards stated she always took caution when jogging these paths. "I never wear headphones when I go running and I carry pepper spray with me. You never know what could happen out here, especially in the mornings when traffic isn't too busy or not that many people are around," Rikards stated, even though she



VERONICA MORLEY / THE RIP

For three weeks straight, women on the jogging trail have been harassed by a male driving a gold Saturn.

has never experienced an incident.

Danny Merse was walking along the trails with his wife when informed of the situation. "We hadn't heard anything about that. You would think that would have been made known to the public," said Merse.

The initial report of this type of activity took place in late August. Since then, two separate complaints were reported on Sept. 4 and Sept. 12. In one incident, a man in a Camry made a U-turn to face the joggers, turned on his beams and got out of the car. The second incident

involved two men in a Camry slowly passing a jogger, backing up to her and trying to engage. They left when the jogger was joined by other fellow female runners.

The lead detective from the Bakersfield Police Department has been Police Detective James Moore since the initial incident in August.

The suspect is a man in his 40s or 50s with a thin build, clean shaven, and has long blonde hair. The car is a faded gold 1990s Toyota Camry. The case is being investigated as a "suspicious circumstance."

TRANSFER: BC hosts transfer day, numerous students unaware of the event held on campus



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Above: BC students check out booths by different colleges to get information on transferring. Below: Irving Blanco talks to a UC Davis representative about transferring.

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-pare and do the necessary steps to make the events actually mean something," Fields said.

According to Fields, she felt that because the majority of the student body was unaware that transfer day was going on, the event was a waste of time and effort. "It's a waste of funds. You had all this planned and didn't tell anyone. It's like telling people you're going ice skating the day of and they have other plans so they can't come."

Jenna Haywood, 18, felt that the event would have been more beneficial if the school took more time to inform the students what was going on. "They



should walk around and say, hey this is what we're doing," Haywood said.

Out of 20 students polled about whether or not they knew

transfer day was taking place, 18 of them said no. Of those 20, all 20 said they would like to see the event held next year with more notice so they can participate.

Letters to the Editor

Death penalty process should be sped up

Editor:

Has anyone noticed how much the crime of murder has increased? It is increasing every year. Road rage and arguments end in murder. Gang members killing each other and innocent bystanders. Drunk drivers murder everyone but themselves.

I feel the number of drunk drivers will never be reduced. Why? No motivation to stop them. If caught, fined, lose license, incarceration and back out in the streets they go. The cycle continues until either they kill themselves or enough victims to warrant the death penalty.

The death penalty: the reason why so many innocent people are being murdered. Not the way the opposers of the death penalty think. They believe that a convicted murderer may still be innocent and advocate the criminals "rights." People are being killed because no murderer fears the punishment of the death penalty.

In 2010, Levon Vines, my best friend/former husband was shot seven times and left in a vacant lot on Potomac/Collins Way by Erran West, who also shot a woman in the head twice on Edison Highway. He was arrested and eventually sentenced to the death penalty four years later. Throughout those years, I observed this murderer. No remorse or emotion did he have. He kept a half-smile constantly.

His lawyers showed noticeably more emotion throughout the trial. The realization struck: he didn't care. Why? The sad fact is with the automatic appeal, twenty-three years will pass before possibly being executed. He will be alive and my loved one is dead. Where is the justice? Someone, one of you opposers, tell me, what is his punishment again?

Those opposing the death penalty have not been in the position I am unwillingly in. Would they feel the same if their loved ones had been murdered? And to those who believe to enforce the death penalty is an act of murder, did the victim ask to be murdered? And why should people fight to keep him alive? Moreover, those who ruled the injection execution was "cruel and unusual punishment," why is there so much concern that this murderer not suffer? Would it be the same if he had murdered your loved one? I truly believe even the hardened opposed will feel differently.

Wake up everybody! These criminals don't care about murdering anyone. They know how the judicial system works. Innocent people will continue to be murdered.

All of our lives are in danger. Even those working in law enforcement cannot be safe. Why should they care how many police they kill? What about those in Corrections? The convicted

murderer has no problem killing them. Their attitude is "What can you do to me? Give me the death penalty again? I can kill anybody and still be breathing tomorrow." Opposers, how would you feel if it was your loved one who never made it home?

For the sake of your own life and your loved ones, consider actually utilizing the death penalty for the reason it was made: to execute those who murder and in a timely manner. Why should they have any rights? They took the victims' rights away.

If we were to take the criminal right after sentencing and execute within a few days, it would send a very strong message to the criminal world: kill and be killed--fast. No appeals, no delays, no excuses, nothing! I have no doubts the murder rate would drastically decrease.

Opposers, realize! Live murderers results in the death of innocent people: a citizen, a child, law enforcement, judicial corrections. Don't wait until it happens to you to understand and appreciate the purpose of the death penalty. Opposers, your empty arguments and views have no merit to those who lost their lives, nor brings comfort to those left behind to mourn them.

Gwendolyn D. Turner

Jill Stein's second Green Party presidential run

Editor:

Attention students! Green Party Presidential Candidate Dr. Jill Stein believes that education is a right. She will cancel all student debt, and will guarantee tuition-free, world-class public education from preschool through university.

This is Stein's second Green Party presidential run.

The Green Party's ideology aims to create an ecologically sustainable society rooted in environmentalism, nonviolence, social justice, and grassroots democracy.

Stein is a practicing physician and an environmental, human rights activist who has won numerous awards, appeared on television, and co-authored "two widely-praised reports."

She also served on the board of directors of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Stein supports health care for all, as well as for the elimination of health insurance. She will end the failed war on drugs,

will legalize marijuana/hemp and treat substance abuse as a health problem, not a criminal offense. In addition, she will end police brutality, mass incarceration and institutional racism within our justice system.

On Stein's website, she explains that "We are being battered by unemployment, inequality, poverty, injustice, endless war, impending climate catastrophe, and a broken political system." She believes the two political parties are blocking the solutions to these problems because they "serve the corporate elite, not the people." She continues, "We need a new way forward that puts people, planet, and peace over profits." She says "If not now when? For our families, our communities, and our Earth." She concludes with "Let's come together to create the better America we know is possible. It's in our hands."

Our leaders and lawmakers should be held to a higher

standard than the average citizen. Hillary has been accused of lying under oath and being responsible for numerous war crimes throughout the Middle East and Libya. She should be in prison. Donald Trump is a scammer who bankrupted his buildings and airline. He also defrauded a lot of students at his Trump University.

Finally, both mainstream candidates favor more war, more bank bailouts, and more declining of American living standards. We need a fundamental change in our entire society, and we must seize this moment.

In 2016, I am voting my conscience. I am voting for the greater good, not the lesser evil. In 2016, I am voting for Green Party Presidential Candidate Jill Stein, and I hope you will do the same. For more information: www.jill2016.com.

Merritt Holloway
BC student

Being a custodian at BC is like The Wizard of Oz

Editor:

To be a custodian at BC, you have to be like the four characters in the Wizard of Oz.

You have to have a brain like the Scarecrow. Of course, we all have one, but we have to be thinking at all times in directing students to their right departments and classes, as well as help teachers in every way we can.

We have to have a good heart like the Tin Man, and prove to the students and teachers that

we're not only here to clean rooms, but that we also care about their success in their future, and that only comes from the heart.

We have to have courage like the Lion. We deal with anywhere from 600 to 800 students who attend our classes throughout the day, and we to deal with all kinds of them: nice ones, some not so nice, some that appreciate what we do and others not so much. So, I think it takes courage to make it through our

eight-hour shift.

And above all, we have to be kind of like Dorothy. There's just one thing. There isn't a wizard at BC to tell us to click our heels and be back in Kansas. We have to realize that BC is our home, and there isn't a yellow brick road here for our students to follow, but only the road to success.

Ruben Rosales
BC custodian

BC football hopes to rebound after 45-7 loss

By Kyle Cortez
Managing Editor

BC's football team is 2-1 on the season after beating Chaffey College 45-35 and losing to the top-ranked team in the state, Riverside City College 45-7.

The Renegades lost to the Riverside Tigers 45-7 on Sept. 17. The score was 0-0 after the first quarter, but the Tigers got the scoring started in the second with a one-yard touchdown run by quarterback Collyn Anderson, which capped off a seven-play, 74-yard drive. Riverside scored again three minutes later on a four-play, 43-yard drive with a 23-yard TD pass from Anderson to Jacoby Herring. John Hilfer kicked a 34-yard field goal as time expired in the first half and the Tigers took a 17-0 lead at halftime.

Riverside dominated the first half and BC was lucky that the score was still relatively close. Riverside had an 11-3 edge in first downs and had 282 yards of offense compared to BC's 47.

The Tigers scored on a seven-play, 83-yard drive in the third quarter, which finished with a 47-yard TD pass from Anderson to Erik Brown and put Riverside up 24-0. Riverside scored exactly 26 seconds later on a 28-yard pass from Anderson to Dominique Maiden after BC had thrown an interception. Riverside went up 38-0 when Seth Acda ran for a 19-yard touchdown, which capped off a 10-play, 80-yard drive.

BC finally got on the board with a 23-yard TD run by Derrick Vickers toward the end of the third quarter. That was Vickers' sixth touchdown on the season and he has at least one touchdown in each of BC's first three games of the season.

"I feel like they had great pursuit to the ball, but other than that, they didn't do anything special on defense. We didn't take advantage of what was open. Offensively we just didn't execute and it showed because we couldn't get on the board. We had a bad week at practice and it showed in the game. We just have to take advantage of what we see as players and coaches," said Vickers.

Riverside would add on one more touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 5-yard TD run by Tyree Range to push the score to

45-7.

Riverside finished with 590 yards of total offense. They rushed for 352 yards and threw for 238 yards. Anderson went 11-for-19 passing for 229 yards and 3 TDs. Seth Acda ran for 175 yards on 23 rushing attempts and he also rushed for a touchdown. Darius Hunter led the Tigers in receiving with three receptions for 80 yards.

BC starting QB Dalton Gallis only completed six passes on 14 attempts for 27 yards and one interception. Gallis only played the first half, and Cesar De Leon replaced him in the second half. De Leon, a freshman, went 12-for-18 passing for 116 yards and one interception.

"No, Gallis wasn't hurt, we just wanted to get Cesar some reps. Cesar managed the huddle and he did a really nice job. He could've made better choices at times, but he threw some nice balls and he handled the pressure really well. For getting his first call of experience against a quality team like Riverside, I thought he did a nice job," said head coach Jeff Chudy.

Riverside completely shut down the Renegades rushing attack, only allowing 72 yards on 31 attempts.

"They are very talented and they were filling all the gaps. They made it very difficult, their front guys are very active and then their linebackers are very physical and aggressive. They are just very talented," said Chudy. "We have room for improvement. We're a work in progress and we didn't put our best foot forward against Riverside, who's a quality opponent. We're getting better, every week you should see an improvement. That's the benefit of having five non-conference games up front.

"We had guys who went out and competed and competed extremely well. That's what you're hoping for when you go up against a quality opponent, but we have to get better and we understand that. We did some things in the second half, like covering kickoffs better and we had better kick returns in the second half than the first half. Guys weren't as tentative and sitting on their heels as much. I think we recognized where we're at and where we want to go."

Looking forward to their next game, Vickers said, "We just

need to come out with a purpose. Come out with the want and fight for the men around them. I just want everyone to worry about themselves and do what they are supposed to do and execute. Have the heart and leave it on the field and that starts with having a great week of practice."

Chudy said that his team needs to play better across the board and they need to find more consistency on offense for their upcoming game against LA Harbor College.

BC's offense led the Renegades to a 45-35 win against Chaffey on Sept. 10. BC started the scoring with a 15-yard TD pass from Gallis to Jasmit Thind, but the extra point was blocked so BC went up 6-0.

Chaffey answered right back with a 37-yard TD pass from Richard Rice to Daniel Garcia. Chaffey led 7-6 after the first quarter. Chaffey scored early in the second quarter on a 1-yard TD run by Justin King to go up 14-6.

La Meshio Hill rushed for a 9-yard TD and BC converted the two-point conversion to tie the game. BC would score one more touchdown before halftime and Chaffey would kick two field goals. BC led 21-20 going into halftime.

The only scoring in the third quarter was a 32-yard field goal from BC kicker Jacob Young. Vickers rushed for three touchdowns in the fourth quarter, which went for two yards, seven yards, and 26 yards. BC's defense was holding Chaffey scoreless for most of the second half before allowing them to score two touchdowns in the last eight minutes.

BC's offense exploded for 536 yards of total offense. BC kept a balanced attack by passing for 253 yards and rushing for 283 yards.

Vickers led the offensive explosion by rushing for 181 yards and three touchdowns. Vickers also tied for the most targets on the team and had 56 yards receiving.

Gallis went 20-for-28 passing for 253 yards and 2 TDs. Hill also rushed for 100 yards and scored a touchdown. Jakell Tomlin led the Renegades in receiving with six receptions for 120 yards.

BC will host LA Harbor College on Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.



JOE BERGMAN / THE RIP

Derrick Vickers (1) goes up for a catch against Riverside City College. Vickers finished the game with five receptions for 48 yards. BC went on to lose the game to Riverside City College 45-7.



JOE BERGMAN / THE RIP

La Meshio Hill (2) dives into the endzone for a touchdown against Chaffey College. BC would go on to win 45-35 against Chaffey College.



JOE BERGMAN / THE RIP

Carlton Bowman (3) gets ready to catch a pass against Chaffey College. Bowman had three receptions for 23 yards.

BC wrestling gaining early experience

By Joe Bergman
Editor in Chief

Bakersfield College's wrestling team has gotten off to a strong start, opening the 2016 season with five impressive dual victories, and two, somewhat lopsided losses, coming at the hands of Cerritos and Palomar Colleges, both of whom are ranked in the top five in the state.

Looking at his team's performance thus far, co-head coach Brett Clark said,

"They are all doing well, they are so young and raw, so it's what we expected going in. It's a learning curve for a lot of these kids."

Although the Renegades got shut out in their duals against Cerritos and Palomar, it gave the younger wrestlers a glimpse of what to expect as the season progresses.

One of the few returners from last year's team is Pedro Sarabia, who stated, "It's tough, I'm in a bigger weight class than I'm supposed to be in, but so

far it looks like we have great competition and with great competitors.

"Although it's the beginning of the season, I'm not where I want to be at this point. I have a lot of things to work but I plan on fixing these small things and make these little adjustments for success at the end of the season," said Sarabia.

Freshman Victor Organista, who was on the mat for the first time this season, said, "My first match was tough, it was because I was nervous and my mind went blank, but after that, it was great.

I just needed that first match to focus up and it felt great being back, still got to work on some stuff, but overall it was great."

The Renegades now transition to the individual tournament portion of their schedule, with the first occurring Sept. 24 at West Hills College.

For the individual tournaments, Clark is able to enter multiple wrestlers per weight class, which will give his younger guys some much needed experience before the push to state.

Volleyball hopes to remain on their hot streak

By Sam L. Jaime
Reporter

After starting the season with a record of 2-5, the women's volleyball team has seemingly turned a corner, winning two straight and five of their last six matches.

During that stretch, the Renegades have averaged a superb 41.5 kills, 40 assists, and 40 digs. These numbers have been

in stark contrast to the previous streak of five consecutive losses, during which the team averaged 31 kills, 30 assists, and 51.2 digs.

Noting improvement in nearly every statistical category, coach Carl Ferreira stated, "We serve better, we pass better, we attack better, we set better, we defend better, our errors have gone down, and our kills have gone up."

These improvements have led to the Renegades outscoring

their opponents 429-292, and an overall record of 7-6 so far this season.

The Renegades were able to turn their season around following their five loss rough patch earlier this month. "We can't hang our hats on wins or losses, we focus on the process," stated Ferreira, who also said he has learned to have intentional amnesia about the past.

With the past behind them, the team has their sights set on

a deep playoff run, with the ultimate goal of a conference championship.

This endeavor can only be accomplished piece-by-piece, using victories as a reward for their hard work.

Another dynamic to the Renegades efforts of a conference championship has been the emergence and development of the freshmen players under the guidance of sophomore veterans. At the beginning of the season,

Ferreira essentially paired off his players, assigning every returning player a freshman counterpart.

Through this mentorship, returning players such as Mackenzie Hernandez and Hannah Pope have demonstrated their ability to play multiple facets of the game.

Sophomore Mackenzie Hernandez has been especially versatile for the Renegades, leading the team in assists per set, second

in digs per set, and seventh in kills per set. The sophomore has averaged 5.60 assists, 2.17 digs, and 1.57 kills per set this season.

Despite the team's recent success, Ferreira feels the team is still looking for a significant win against a higher ranked opponent.

Ferreira believes their next opportunity to achieve this is at Pierce College as part of the Pierce 7th Invitational, taking place Sept. 23-24th.

Scores

Wrestling

Sept. 10

The Bakersfield Duals

BC 46, Victor Valley College 11

125: Joseph Terriquez (BC) maj. dec. Efrain Baez (VVC), 18-9; 133: Pedro Sarabia (BC) p. Alex Ierabek (VVC), 4-41; 141: Marco Dominguez (BC) p. Garrett Smith (VVC), 2-17; 149: Arik Onsurez (BC) by forfeit; 157: Alvaro Tamayo (BC) by forfeit; 165: Andrew Lindsey (BC) by forfeit; 174: Ryan Soto (VVC) tech. fall Jacob Mattson (BC), 22-7; 4-31; 184: Cristian Seyva (BC) p. Lorenzo Fajardo (VVC), 2-54; 197: Zavion Roberson (BC) by forfeit; 285: Jonathan Peterson (VVC) p. Ramiro Macias (BC), 6-24

BC 36, Santa Ana 16

125: Joseph Terriquez (BC) by forfeit; 133: Pedro Sarabia (BC) p. Eliseo Medina (SAC), 1-41; 141: Pedro Corona (BC) p. Jeremy Huang (SAC), 4-11; 149: Andrew Gomez (SAC) tech. fall Arik Onsurez (BC), 18-3; 7-00; 157: Tristen Steinman (SAC) tech. fall Alvaro Tamayo (BC), 17-2; 7-00; 165: Brandon Tierney (SAC) p. Andrew Lindsey (BC), 2-51; 174: Andrew Binger (BC) p. Elijah Hernandez (SAC), 4-16; 184: Rodolfo Castulo (BC) d. Zach Edsall (SAC), 3-2; 197: Julio Fuentes (BC) p. Mario Galvez (SAC), 4-24; 285: Ramiro Macias (BC) d. Eddie Salgado (SAC), 6-4

BC 27, East Los Angeles College 18

125: Joseph Terriquez (BC) p. Joshua Garcia (ELAC), 2-58; 133: Pedro Sarabia (BC) maj. d. Martin Gevorkian (ELAC), 10-0; 141: Alex Contreras (ELAC) d. Carlos Nieto (BC), 9-4; 149: Arik Onsurez (BC) d. Jonathan Mandujano (ELAC), 2-1; 157: Alvaro Tamayo (BC) p. Michael Estrada (ELAC), 6-06; 165: Doroteo Lopez (ELAC) p. Andrew Lindsey (BC), 4-06; 174: Andrew Binger (BC) d. Maxx Velaz (ELAC), 4-2; 184: Gabriel Rodriguez (ELAC) tech. fall Miguel Dominguez (BC), 16-0; 2-02; 197: Julio Fuentes (BC) tech. fall Efrén Velaz (ELAC), 17-2; 5-00; Daniel Pena (ELAC) maj. d. Ramiro Macias (BC), 8-0

Cerritos College 49, BC 0

125: Norberto Buenostro (CC) p. Joseph Terriquez (BC), 0-43; 133: Anthony Vargas (CC) d. Pedro Sarabia (BC), 11-4; 141: Richard Pocock (CC) p. Pedro Corona (BC), 1-10; 149: Johnny Knowles (CC) p. Arik Onsurez (BC), 4-34; 157: Kevin James (CC) maj. d. Alvaro Tamayo (BC), 14-3; 165: Kenneth Kirk (CC) p. Andrew Lindsey (BC), 0-16; 174: Blake Vasquez (CC) p. Andrew Binger (BC), 0-27; 184: Bryant Vasquez (CC) d. Rodolfo Castulo (BC), 7-4; 197: David Van Weems (CC) d. Julio Fuentes (BC), 8-4; 285: David Zavala (CC) p. Ramiro Macias (BC), 1-55

Sept. 17

Mt. SAC Dual Tournament

BC 27, Santa Ana 19

125: Nicholas Gorla (BC) by forfeit; 133: Pedro Sarabia (BC) d. Eliseo Medina (SAC), 9-3; 141: Andrew Gomez (SAC) maj. d. Pedro Corona (BC), 17-6; 149: Jeremy Huang (SAC) d. Alvaro Tamayo (BC), 9-8; 157: Tristen Steinman (SAC) by forfeit; 165: Brandon Tierney (SAC) by forfeit; 174: Andrew Binger (BC) d. Elijah Hernandez (SAC), 10-6; 184: Rodolfo Castulo (BC) by forfeit; 197: Zavion Roberson (BC) p. Mario Galvez (SAC), 2-03; 285: Victor Organista (BC) over Chris Hicks (SAC)

BC 45, Sierra College 6

125: Nicholas Gorlan (BC) by forfeit; 133: Pedro Sarabia (BC) by forfeit; 141: Pedro Corona (BC) p. Landon McBride (SC), 4-21; 149: Arik Onsurez (BC) d. Michael Valney (SC), 9-6; 157: Joseph Herrera (SC) by forfeit; 165: (double forfeit); 174: Andrew Binger (BC) p. Drew Engelson (SC), 4-55; 184: Rodolfo Castulo (BC) by forfeit; 197: Zavion Roberson (BC) p. Jonathan Perrell-Good (SC), 3-19; 285: Victor Organista (BC) by forfeit

Palomar 45, BC 0

125: Brandon McCurdy (PC) maj. d. Nicholas Gorla (BC), 15-4; 133: Jacob Schaeffer (PC) d. Pedro Sarabia (BC), 9-2; 141: Josh Lawson (PC) tech. fall Pedro Corona (BC), 17-2; 7-00; 149: Christopher Kimball (PC) d. Arik Onsurez (BC), 12-5; 157: Cameron Cox (PC) by forfeit; 165: Sean McDannold (PC) by forfeit; 174: Braulio Banuelos (PC) p. Rodolfo Castulo (BC), 1-58; 184: Bruce Valdez (PC) d. Andrew Binger (BC), 9-3; 197: Alex Gomez (PC) p. Zavion Roberson (BC), 2-08; 285: Seville Hayes (PC) d. Ramiro Macias (BC), 10-3

Men's Soccer

Sept. 9

Cosumnes River 3, Bakersfield 2

BC goals: Maynor Alcaraz (Brian Nava and Russell Tetzschner), Edwin Bernal (Adonis Marroquin and Juan Hernandez)
Cosumnes River goals: Eric Figueroa (unassisted), Preston Magonial (unassisted), Vladimir Jovanovic (Jesus Cota)
Saves: Cosumnes River 10, BC 5
Saves: Frank Arreola (BC) 6; Alexander Mercado (Cosumnes River) 5

Sept. 10

American River 4, Bakersfield 0

American River goals: Khalil Kirkisley (Ryan Kane), Kirkisley (Heriberto Arreola), Chris Cruz (Rafael Barrera), Julio Vizcarra (unassisted)
Shots: American River 21, BC 8
Saves: Marco Calderon (BC) 2, Salvador Chavez (American River) 3

Sept. 13

Santa Barbara 4, Bakersfield College 1

BC goals: Edwin Bernal PK
Santa Barbara goals: Kevin Kwizera (William Joyce), Yaya Gassama (Victor Chavez), Carlos Espinoza (Kwizera)
Shots: Santa Barbara 15, BC 5
Saves: Marco Calderon, Frank Arreola (BC) 1 and 3, Shane Pitcock (Santa Barbara) 1
Sept. 16
Bakersfield College 4, Allan Hancock 1
BC goals: Edwin Bernal (Frank Arreola), Alberto Munoz (Unassisted) Munoz (Adonis Marroquin), Braulio Gutierrez (Kevin Hernandez and Kaleb Perez)
Allan Hancock goals: Jorge Guzman (Daniel Romero)
Shots: BC 14, Allan Hancock 24
Saves: Frank Arreola (BC) 11

Women's Soccer

Sept. 7

Bakersfield 5, Sequoias 1

BC goals: Amelia Lopez (Odalys Espinoza 49); Emily Teutierrez (unassisted), first half; Amelia Lopez (unassisted); Sabrina Murillo (Amelia Lopez); Odalys Espinoza (Estefana Flores)
Sequoias Goal: Hunter Lapp (Kristen Castellano), first half
Shots: BC 9, Sequoias 4
Saves: Jeannette Gutierrez (BC) 3; Aubrey Mills (Seq) 2, Ysabel Solorzano (Seq) 2
Sept. 13
Santa Barbara 4, Bakersfield 1
BC goals: Sabrina Sanchez (Amelia Lopez), first half
Santa Barbara goals: Chloe Montano (unassisted); Josefine Von Der Bur (Chloe Montano); Josefine Von Der Bur (Matilyn Perry), first half; Chloe Montano (unassisted)
Shots: Santa Barbara 11, BC 2
Saves: Jeannette Gutierrez (BC) 3, Taylor Serrano (BC) 4, Alejandra Camarillo (SB) 1
Sept. 16
Bakersfield 3, Cabrillo 3
Sept. 17
Hartnell 5, Bakersfield 4
Shots: BC 7, Hartnell 5
Saves: Jeannette Gutierrez (BC) 0, Monique Paniagua (Har) 3

Riverside 45, BC 7

Football	Riverside City College	0	17	21	7	45
Bakersfield College	0	0	7	0	7	

First Quarter

Second Quarter

RC - Anderson 1 yd run (Hilfer PAT), 9:24
RC - Herring 23 yd pass from Anderson (Hilfer PAT), 6:22
RC - Hilfer 34 yd field goal, 0:00

Third Quarter

RC - Brown 47 yd pass from Anderson (Hilfer PAT), 9:45
RC - Maiden 28 yd pass from Anderson (Hilfer PAT), 9:19
RC - Acda 19 yd run (Hilfer PAT), 4:41
BC - Vickers 23 yd run (Young PAT), 2:59

Fourth Quarter

RC - Range 5 yd run (Hilfer PAT), 5:32

	BC	RC
First downs	13	25
3rd Down efficiency	5-17	7-13
4th Down efficiency	0-2	0-1
Total Offense	215	590
Comp-Att-Int	18-32-2	14-29-2
Rushes-yards	31-72	52-352
Passing Yards	143	238
Total Return Yards	214	95
Penalties-Yards	8-49	11-127
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Sacks-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Interceptions-Yards	2-38	2-21
Time of Possession	28:03	31:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - BC - Hill 11-32, Vickers 8-29, Gallis 6-7, De Leon 1-4; RC - Acda 23-175, Allen 9-78, Range 11-66, Anderson 6-32, Lee 1-4

PASSING - BC - De Leon 12-18 116 yds 0 TD 1 INT, Gallis 6-14 27 yds 0 TD 1 INT, RC - Anderson 11-19 229 yds 3 TDs 0 INT, Fieber 3-10 9 yds 0 TD 2 INTs

RECEIVING - BC - Vickers 5-48, Thind 2-33, Willis 3-27, Soto 2-19, Hill 2-9, Tomlin 2-6, Perez 1-3; RC - Hunter 3-80, Maiden 3-49, Brown 1-47, Herring 3-45, Yoakum 2-14, Holcomb 1-8

BC 45, Chaffey 35

Football	Chaffey College	7	13	0	15	35
Bakersfield College	6	15	3	21	45	

First Quarter

BC - Thind 15 yd pass from Gallis (Young PAT blocked), 5:41
CC - Garcia 37 yd pass from Rice (Luna PAT), 3:28

Second Quarter

CC - King 1 yd run (Luna PAT), 13:40
BC - Hill 9 yd run (2pt conversion good), 8:01
CC - Luna 33 yd field goal, 4:27
BC - Ayers 9 yd pass from Gallis (Young PAT), 1:22
CC - Luna 23 yd field goal, 0:03

Third Quarter

BC - Young 32 yd field goal, 8:52

Fourth Quarter

BC - Vickers 2 yd run (Young PAT), 14:11
BC - Vickers 7 yd run (Young PAT), 12:31
CC - Gasaway 48 yd pass from Rice (Luna PAT), 7:18
BC - Vickers 26 yd run (Young PAT), 2:30
CC - Watkins 17 yd pass from Rice (2pt conversion good), 0:54

	BC	CC
First downs	27	21
3rd Down efficiency	5-11	3-13
4th Down efficiency	1-1	1-1
Total Offense	536	458
Comp-Att-Int	20-28-0	28-45-1
Rushes-yards	49-283	25-138
Passing Yards	253	320
Total Return Yards	75	125
Penalties-Yards	6-42	7-65
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Interceptions-Yards	1-10	0-0
Time of Possession	35:24	24:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - BC - Vickers 17-181, Hill 23-100, Gallis 3-7; CC - Hampton 10-69, King 9-45, Johnson 2-10, Geeslin 1-9, Rice 2-5

PASSING - BC - Gallis-20-28 253 yds 2 TDs 0 INT; CC - Rice 28-45 320 yds 3 TDs 1 INT

RECEIVING - BC - Tomlin 6-120, Vickers 6-56, Bowman 3-24, Hill 2-20, Ayers 2-18, Thind 1-15; CC - Gasawat 6-83, Gilpin 5-64, Garcia 3-59, Watkins 5-59, Coleman 1-19, King 4-14, Geeslin 1-9, Charbonier 1-8, Alloway 1-3, Johnson 1-2

Volleyball

San Diego Mesa Invitational

Sept. 9

San Diego Mesa d. BC 25-23, 25-20, 26-24
Kills: Brooke Horack 5, Alex Paris 5; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 13, Reece Stevenson 12; Digs: Hannah Pope 9, Haley Sanchez 6, Mackenzie Hernandez 6

Sept. 10

BC d. Palomar 25-12, 25-14, 25-18
Kills: Mackenzie Hernandez 11, Brooke Horack 7, Alex Paris 7; Assists: Reece Stevenson 24, Mackenzie Hernandez 6; Digs: Hannah Pope 16, Alex Paris 10, Reece Stevenson 10

Sept. 10

BC d. Pasadena City 25-18, 25-12, 25-17
Kills: Logan Minnie 15, Alex Paris 12; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 23, Reece Stevenson 21; Digs: Hannah Pope 12, Haley Sanchez 7, West LA College Tournament

Sept. 14

BC d. LA Harbor 25-14, 25-5, 25-15
Kills: Brooke Horack 7, Mackenzie Hernandez 6, Alex Paris 5, Sophie Ralphs 5; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 17, Reece Stevenson 15; Digs: Hannah Pope 4, Alex Paris 3, Reece Stevenson 3

Sept. 14

BC d. Cal Lutheran JV 25-15, 25-12, 25-19
Kills: Sophie Ralphs 10, Karlee Cornford 9, Mackenzie Hernandez 7; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 14, Reece Stevenson 12; Digs: Hannah Pope 7, Alex Paris 5, Mackenzie Hernandez 4

Sept. 16

BC d. Logansport 25-12, 25-12, 25-19
Kills: Cal Lutheran 10, Karlee Cornford 9, Mackenzie Hernandez 7; Assists: Mackenzie Hernandez 23, Reece Stevenson 17; Digs: Hannah Pope 12, Mackenzie Hernandez 8, Jourdan Muro 7

Sept. 16

BC d. Palomar 25-17, 25-14, 25-15
Kills: Mackenzie Hernandez 10, Alex Paris 10, Karlee Cornford 6; Assists: Reece Stevenson 22, Mackenzie Hernandez 17; Digs: Hannah Pope 18, Alex Paris 7, Jourdan Muro 7

Matt Alvarez does a lot more than coach Renegade kickers

By Kyle Cortez
Managing Editor

Matt Alvarez has been the kicking coach at BC since 2010, but he's more than just your average kicking coach. Alvarez graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 2010, but he hasn't exactly been using the degree for his current job.

Alvarez is 29 years old and is currently a deputy with the Kern County Sheriff's Office and works in the Kern River Valley area.

"Besides doing the occasional high school football broadcast, besides helping out at CSUB with their sporting events announcing-wise, I do nothing that has to do with journalism," said Alvarez.

Alvarez's dad was the kicking coach at BC for about 25 years before Matt decided that he wanted to step in and help coach. Alvarez played football in high school and college, and he said that he knew he wasn't good enough to make it to the NFL. He lost a passion for playing, but he saw how much fun his dad was having coaching.

"He almost made a career out of it since he did it for so long. I saw the enjoyment that he got out of it. I was able to go down on the sidelines with him when I was a kid and in high school. I was on the sidelines for a lot of BC games and I developed a passion for coaching," said Alvarez. "I want to see people succeed, not only on the field but off the field as well. I figured the best way to do that would be to study under my dad and listen to what he did and watch what he did. Becoming a coach was a way that I felt that I could help mentor these 18 and 19 year old kids fresh out of high school; as well as help them succeed and hopefully get them college scholarships, which is my main goal."

Alvarez's proudest moment as a coach was back in 2012 when BC won the State Championship. He said that the work ethic from that team went through the roof when they started 2-2, and they turned their season around. "Just seeing the joy and happiness. Seeing 16,000 people in the crowd. Seeing the happiness of everyone on the sidelines. All the season ticket holders that have been there, my parents, and all my friends that came to the game. It was just an unreal experience. To be in that group huddle with coach [Jeff] Chudy when he was giving the postgame speech, that made me proud to be a coach. That's the most proud I've ever been as a coach; to win the State Championship on our home field," said Alvarez.

Alvarez believes that being in law enforcement has helped him with his leadership skills while he's coaching. He said that you have to be in control of a situation in law enforcement and that's allowed him to communicate with his kicker or punter.

"You show up to a call and you have to be the guy who fixes the situation. That's why you get called because people need help or there's a situation that needs to be handled," said Alvarez. "I'm able to apply those lessons learned in law enforcement to coaching because I show up



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Matt Alvarez has been the kicking coach at BC since 2010. He's been a sheriff's deputy for a little over four years.

to practice and I maybe see my kicker taking his swings wrong or maybe he's doing something that I can fix; I need to instill in him that I know what I'm talking about and know what I'm doing. It's the leadership qualities that I take from law enforcement and I apply them to coaching."

Alvarez said he got into law enforcement because his dad was part of the Bakersfield Police Department for 15 years and that the academy applications were open.

"I was about to take a job with the University of Memphis in their Sports Information Department, but my dad told me that the academy applications were open so I put in an application. I never really wanted to be a cop. I just thought it would be a great way to start a career at 25 years old and it was. It was probably the best decision that I've ever made. I want to help people, I want to fix problems, and I want to fix situations. I've always been a guy that all my friends could come to when they needed advice or when they needed help or when they had questions. It's like I'm living in a dream. I get paid to do what I love," said Alvarez.

Alvarez has been working for the Sheriff's Department for a little over four years and he says that he works in an area that is very pro-law enforcement. He says that they care deeply about their community and that they try to take care of most of their

problems on their own.

"My job is to just fix whatever problems they might have, whether that be taking somebody to jail, writing somebody a ticket, or just diffusing a situation where I can be the mediator in an argument, but that's anywhere," said Alvarez. "I'm lucky to work in a community like Kern River Valley, the people up there are very pro-law enforcement and they help us out a lot."

Alvarez says that his favorite part of his job is that people in the Kern River Valley love law enforcement and are very kind to them.

"People love you. People will wave to you. Kids will come up and ask you for a sticker. Kids will shake your hand and want to take pictures with you. You're like a celebrity up there. It's such a great feeling to know that the people up there are raising their kids right and that the people up there have a true appreciation for what you do," Alvarez said.

Alvarez was working on the Erskine Fire that broke out in the Lake Isabella area and helped people evacuate that were living in that area. He said that he had barely been working in the Kern River Valley for about two weeks before the fire started.

"Rounding the corner toward Mountain Mesa, I just saw a thick blanket of smoke. Driving through smoke, driving through the fire, seeing fire on both sides of the road, and your car just heats up. You can just feel the

heat. It's an unreal feeling, but I had to get through to the other side. It was a team effort though, all of my partners were doing the exact same thing, it wasn't just me. I've never experienced anything scarier in my life. The most scared I've ever been, was driving into that cloud of smoke and not knowing if I was going to come out on the other side. I give credit to all my partners and all the firefighters that helped that day and the days after," said Alvarez.

Alvarez had some advice for anyone who's thinking about maybe going into law enforcement.

"It's a rush. It's 90 percent boring and 10 percent just pure adrenaline, the biggest rush you've ever had in your entire life. You have to be patient and ready for anything. Don't go in looking to change the world. You have a job to do and you're going to be called upon to do things you would've never envisioned doing in your entire life. You're going to be called to do things that you haven't even been trained to do and you're going to have to think on your feet," said Alvarez. "For someone wanting to go into law enforcement, it's a great profession, it's fun, it's scary, it's an adrenaline rush, but it's also a serious job. People are really depending on you to help with whatever

Memorial Stadium to host pro soccer game

By Mario Saldaña
Reporter

The International Soccer Challenge returns to Bakersfield College to bring a professional game in Memorial Stadium. The game is between Monarcas Morelia and the recent champions of Liga MX, Pachuca.

The event will be taking place at Memorial Stadium on Oct. 9. Tickets are available starting at \$20 and can be purchased at the BC box office.

Champions Soccer, an organization that specializes in planning preseason and postseason

exhibition matches for some of the world's top soccer teams, is hosting the game. They hosted last year's game as well.

Ranbir Shergill, who's been involved in the business for about 10 years and is a CSUB graduate, provided information about the game how the event came together.

The reasons why they brought a pro soccer game for the second time to Memorial Stadium was the renovation of the field that made the field wider, making it playable for professional soccer as well as the success they had at last year's game.

Following the success, they are back with two teams that have a huge amount of Kern County followers in the Liga MX with the current champions Pachuca taking on Monarcas Morelia.

"Both teams have international players on their roster, both managers are very well known and it should be a great match and opportunity for people in Bakersfield to watch a pro soccer game," Shergill said. Some of the top players who will be there are Pachuca's Omar Gonzales and goalkeeper Oscar Pérez Rojas and Monarcas's Jefferson Cuero and Enrique Pérez.

Shergill mentioned how he has had history with both of the clubs, which builds a relationship between the organization and the teams, which he has recently worked with Pachuca not long ago setting up a game against the San Jose Earthquakes.

"We have a great contact base and relations with both of the teams due to successful work from past games, and teams love traveling to the United States knowing they have fans here and with the success of last year's game in a venue they really enjoyed gave them more of a reason to offer another opportu-

nity for a pro soccer game," said Shergill.

Shergill knows soccer is the biggest sport in the world and has been increasing in popularity in the United States, so it's great for him to bring this event to Bakersfield, who doesn't really have professional soccer close to them. The event offers a chance to give them "a unique opportunity to experience a live event with two top quality teams that will be very entertaining, will be a great experience and to watch right here in your own neighborhood so it's not an opportunity to be missed."

Column

Officials should be consistent

E9: What you wouldn't believe about sports.

I should have come to this conclusion back in 2008 when Paul Pierce flopped to the floor and was literally carried off by teammates in an amount of pain that appeared to equate to a broken bone, only to return later in the game and be a decisive factor.

The delay of play as Pierce's teammates carried him to the locker room (I guess the Celtics don't have a training staff?) felt eternal as he milked every moment. It was laughable at best to hear and read people hailing this obvious acting job as any form of heart. You want heart? Try tearing your Achilles tendon, standing up, then limping to the line and sinking both free throws like Kobe.

It's depressing to be able to compare the NBA to the WWE, but here we are. LeBron whines about everything, former referees openly say the game is tailored for entertainment rather than sport, and super-biased network coverage that for some reason is still trying to sell us on Carmelo Anthony.

I understand the value of the dollar to the league, and tend to support their general efforts of siphoning money out of my pockets in exchange for some team apparel and the less than occasional ticket, but when you impact the legacy of the game by allowing the distortion of regulations and tinker with outcomes, it becomes extortion.

Think about how many times you've heard a broadcaster say something along the lines of "Tonight the officials have said they are going to keep a close eye on contact" or my favorite, "They're really letting them play tonight." That should be a ringing bell in your head immediately. Is there no rulebook? Just call the game, and call it right. Don't tell me what you are specifically looking for, do your job, don't play favorites. There's a difference between making the game entertainingly competitive and completely throwing objectivity out in favor of drawing a crowd or TV ratings.

I shudder to think how many thousands of games have been decided on a style of officiating rather than a level or style of play. How many careers could have ultimately been ranked differently if not for the handy work of a union of officials, the blind worship of a network, or the aloof façade the league itself hides behind? More alarming, how many cherished NBA records are completely meaningless now? No wonder the NBA Hall of Fame is a joke.

Think about all of those student athletes (maybe you are one), working tirelessly for hours every day in hopes of reaching that professional level. At every step along the way, they are taught to have respect for the game. Don't get me wrong, it takes an immense amount of ability to make it, and the NBA is still an absolute showcase of the most talented basketball players on the planet, but why should any of that even matter when the integrity of the game is meaningless?

The payoff of an individual's blood, sweat, and tears shouldn't have any relation to hamming it up while faking an injury, or flopping to draw a foul call, especially during a series that is considered to be the pinnacle of achievement in your sport. I thought this was the pros, not the soaps.



Sam L. Jaime

Losing streak for Renegades is over

By Mario Saldaña
Reporter

The BC men's soccer team broke a three-game losing streak on Sept. 16 with a 4-1 home victory over Allan Hancock.

The Renegades allowed 11 goals during the losing streak; losing to Cosumnes River 3-2, American River 4-0, and Santa Barbara 4-1.

BC was on the road for all three games it lost. Maynor Alcaraz and Edwin Bernal both scored goals against Cosumnes River on Sept. 9. Bernal scored the only goal on a penalty kick against Santa Barbara on Sept. 13.

Coach Vayron Martinez thought they could have won two of the games they lost if they did not commit as many mistakes as they did, but thought they played much better against Hancock.

Trailing 1-0, BC scored four unanswered goals the rest of the game. Bernal scored in the first half to tie it 1-1, and Bernal, Alberto Munoz and Braulio Gutierrez all scored in the second half.

"We showed a different mentality," Martinez said. "We never gave up and made some tactical adjustments and worked hard to get every single goal, especially the first one."

A minute into the second half, Munoz scored a goal that came off a turnover.

Martinez knew that getting a goal before the first half to tie the game would be crucial to stay in it, and Bernal stepped up and got the equalizer before the half.

"We've been giving up goals immediately after we score, but this game was different, for different reasons," said Martinez. He thought his team was a little more committed when facing Allan Hancock with limited mistakes and improvements with the defense.

Martinez also mentioned the positives of the game, saying he was happy that the team scored four goals after conceding one. Goalkeeper Frank Arreola had 11 saves with the 12 shots on goal.



Above: BC goalie Frank Arreola (1) makes a save in the match against Hancock

Left: BC's Alberto Munoz (22) fights Hancock rival Adonis Osua (22) for possession of the ball.

Right: Enrique Marquez (24) wins a header against Hancock's Jorge Guzman (10) while Carlos Melendez (20) watches.

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Women's soccer sees mixed results against tough teams

By Kyle Cortez
Managing Editor

The BC women's soccer team (3-2-2) has gone 1-2-1 in their last four games after starting the season 2-0-1.

The Renegades beat College of the Sequoias 5-1. College of the Sequoias scored first, but the Renegades scored five straight goals to win the game. Amelia Lopez scored two goals and also had an assist.

This was Lopez's second multi-goal game of the season, giving her seven goals in the Renegades first four games

of the season. Lopez has also scored at least one goal in each game BC has played. The Renegades scored five goals on nine shots. Jeanette Gutierrez had three saves on four shots.

The Renegades then lost to Santa Barbara City College 4-1. It was tied 1-1 until Santa Barbara scored three straight goals to go on to win the game. Sabrina Sanchez scored BC's lone goal off an assist from Amelia Lopez. It was just the second goal that Santa Barbara has given up in four games this season, where they've outscored opponents 14-2. BC was only able to mus-

ter two shots on goal compared to Santa Barbara's 11. Jeanette Gutierrez made three saves on six shots. Taylor Serrano played the second half and made four saves on five shots.

BC then tied against Cabrillo College 3-3. Odalys Espinoza scored first for the Renegades to give them a 1-0 lead. Espinoza scored another goal 10 minutes into the second half on a corner kick from Madison Jordan to give them a 2-0 lead. Cabrillo then scored three straight goals to take a 3-2 lead.

Amelia Lopez scored a goal to tie the game at 3-3, which would

end up being the final score. The goal was Lopez's eighth of the season, placing her among the top 10 goal scorers in the state. She's scored a goal in five of BC's six games this season. Espinoza's two goals raised her season total to five.

BC lost to Hartnell 5-4. Both teams scored four goals each in the first half. Hartnell would then go on to score in the 52nd minute to take a 5-4 lead and would maintain that lead for the rest of the game.

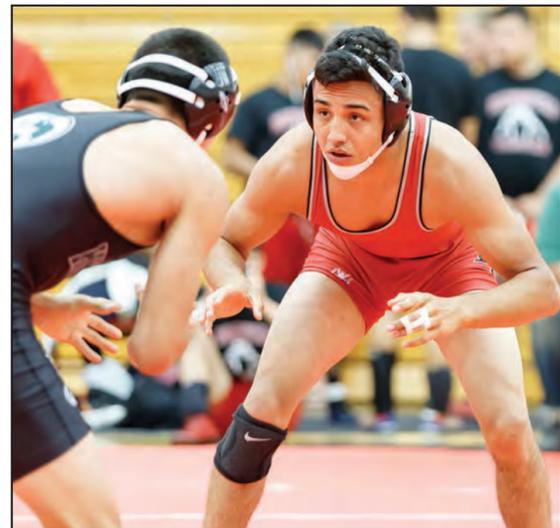
Hartnell scored five goals on five shots on goal. The Renegades had seven shots on goal,

but Hartnell's goalkeeper, Monique Paniagua, managed to make three saves and allowed four goals.

"We've played some different formations because we were playing different teams. Every game has been a bit different," said head coach Scott Dameron.

BC's next game is on the road at Glendale College on Sept. 23. That will be the fifth and final game on the team's current road trip before having a three-game homestand.

BC's next home game is on Sept. 27 against West LA College at 7 p.m.



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Left: Freshman Pedro Corona (141) works for the pin against Santa Ana's Jeremy Huang. Corona went on to pin Huang.
Above: Freshman Alvaro Tamayo (157) begins his match against East Los Angeles's Estrada. Tamayo went on to pin Estrada.
Below left: Sophomore Pedro Sarabia (133) fights off the shot by Santa Ana's Eliso Medina. Sarabia went on to pin Medina.
Below right: Freshman Julio Fuentes (197) works to turn Santa Ana's Mario Galvez. Fuentes went on to pin Galvez.

Renegade wrestling hosts The Bakersfield Duals



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Left: BC's Alvaro Tamayo (157) gets lifted by East Los Angeles College's Estrada. Tamayo went on to win by pin.
Above: BC's co-head coaches Marcos Austin (left) and Brett Clark watch the Renegades take on Santa Ana in The Bakersfield Duals.
Bottom left: BC's Jose Fuentes (197) begins his match against Cerritos College's David Van Weems. Van Weems defeated Fuentes by a 8-4 decision.



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