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# Budget halts hiring

By Maria R. Van Schuyver  
Features Editor

Bakersfield College is facing a \$1.2 million deficit in its 1991-92 school year budget and has frozen 20 faculty and staff positions as part of campus cutbacks, according to college officials.

"Dr. Wright has told me to freeze everything," said Personnel Director Dianne Clerou. "On about April 2, the committee will re-evaluate and then they will review each open position on a case by case basis."

The faculty positions range from current vacancies, such as the director of the Martin Luther King Center, to teaching positions which will be available next fall as a result of retirements. There are an additional 10 classified staff positions open.

The college's Budget Program

and Review Committee has been expanded to include more administrators, division chairs, representatives from the California Teachers Association, California School Employees Association, and the Associated Students of Bakersfield College, according to Academic Senate President Jack Hernandez.

This committee, known as the Augmented Budget Program and Review Committee, will be in charge of researching areas of the campus that can be cut back.

In a Feb. 14 memo to faculty and staff, BC President Dr. Rick Wright, attributed the budget deficit to "an initial decrease in our basic allocation, increased personnel costs that are built into salary schedules, initiation of a county solid waste fee, postal increases, and utility in-

creases."

The athletic department is facing a \$50,000 deficit within its own programs, according to Athletic Director Walt Johnson.

It was initially estimated that six or seven sports would have to be cut, according to Johnson.

"Now we have gone beyond that (cutting the programs)," he said. "The coaches have said that they will do anything it takes to keep our programs."

The athletic department will be looking to the Athletic Foundation for additional help in meeting its budget demands, he said.

Fundraisers will also be an option for the Athletic Department.

"I have had calls from various (segments) of the community that want to help," he said. "I also have

heard the coaches say that they will be willing to hold fundraisers of their own."

Hernandez believes that part of the budget problem has occurred due to the number of BC students over the state limit.

"The state has a cap on the amount of student growth the college can have," he said. "BC is exceeding that 2.5 percent growth limit by 650 full time equivalent students."

He explained that one fulltime student can be equal to as many as five part-time students. He said that one fulltime student may be taking 15 units, whereas five part-time students could be taking three units each.

BC may have to cut back some areas of enrollment due to the budget problems, according to Hernandez.

# New directors join BC faculty

By Maria R. Van Schuyver  
Features Editor

January marked a new beginning for four recently hired Bakersfield College directors.

The Chicano Cultural Center, International Student Center, Student Support Services, and Admissions and Records all received new directors at the beginning of the spring semester. The directors were hired before BC's budget crisis created a hiring freeze.

"We have an excellent staff of existing directors and these new additions will

only complement and make an even more excellent staff," said Dr. Frank Gornick, BC dean of students.

The Student Supportive Services director is a new position for a new BC program. Roger Welt was hired as director to develop a program targeting students who are first-generation college students, those whose parents or relatives never attended college, and also low-income students. The federally funded program provides a \$100,000 grant annually to target about 200 students each academic year, according to Gornick.

The program will assist with applying for financial aid, and also will help students decide which courses to take. The program director will suggest other areas or centers on campus that can help students, such as the International Student or Chicano Cultural Centers, he added.

Roger (Welt) has an extensive background in this area and has worked with many international students in the past," said Gornick. "He was also employed with the Lake Tahoe Community College."

Welt also will be tracking students in the program so that their academic success can be assessed, according to Gornick.

The International Student Center's director, Irene Buchanan, has had many international experiences of her own.

"I'm a military brat who traveled all over Japan and Germany before my dad retired in Porterville," she said. "I also spent a semester in a program called 'World Campus Afloat' where we studied on a ship that docked in different ports."

Prior to coming to BC, Buchanan also taught junior high English and then taught English and English as a Second Language at Porterville College.

Buchanan said her goal is to add on to the work of former center director, Judy Garrett, who returned to teaching full-time this spring.

The center helps 358 students and works with six teachers and a counselor on 14 courses. Seven of the courses are transferable, she said.

"The courses deal with the areas of reading, writing, and speech," she said. "They are aimed at the Level 1 English equivalence. Our students are evaluated by other English teachers at the end of their courses to ensure that they are working at an acceptable level for transferring to a

four year university."

Buchanan said that although the program helps any student who is bicultural, all students are encouraged to come into the center.

Projects planned by the center include its annual fashion show April 26, where clothes from different cultures will be modeled. The center also will offer support

to students who have families in the Middle East and will work with academic probationary students, according to Buchanan. Cornello

Rodriguez, director of the Chicano Cultural Center, said his job is to orient students to the BC campus so that they may work to their highest possible capacity.

"We want the center to be a warm and comforting place for the students to come into," he said. "It should be a mechanism that students feel a part of."

Gornick also feels that the center should be used to increase the number of Hispanic students at BC.

"The number of Hispanics in Kern County is somewhere near 30 percent," said Gornick. "We have about 18 or 19 percent enrolled at BC. We want that number to be equal to or larger than the 30 percent mark."

Rodriguez, a California State University, Fullerton graduate and pre-doctoral student of the CSU system, said he wants to study the number of Hispanic students who are going on to four-year universities, as well as why.

"I'm interested in involving families in the educational processes of their children so that they may understand what the students

are going through," he said. "We also want to hold workshops to help the students understand that even though they may feel that they are doing their best, perhaps they can more with better self-esteem or time management."

The center had previously been run by Dan Murillo, BC counselor. Murillo had functioned as a part-time counselor and a part-time center director. The position required full-time attention so Rodriguez was hired to fill that need.

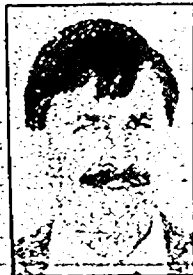
Robert Bruker, new director of admissions and records, bring 27 years of university administration experience with him to BC. Bruker fills a position that was vacant for five years.

He was employed at the University of Illinois at Edwardsville as the director of admissions and records. He also was assistant academic vice president and liaison between government officials and the college.

After a year-and-a-half long retirement, Bruker decided to apply for the position at BC in December.

"I was bored with retirement, so I decided to look for employment again," he said. "Initially, I wanted to work with the Indians in New Mexico, but there just wasn't anything available. Then I heard about this job and applied."

Bruker will coordinate student registration.



Welt



Rodriguez



Buchanan



Bruker

## Giving life...



Ruthie Alvarez/The Rip

Maria Jaime participates in recent campus blood drive.

# New law requires campus crime data

By Devin Rambo  
Opinion Editor

A law signed by President Bush in November will make it easier for student journalists to report on-campus crime statistics to student readers.

The new law, called the "Student Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act," will take effect in July 1992 and redraw the guidelines under which campus crime statistics and security information are distributed to the public. The new law does not, however, overturn the Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (also known as the Buckley Amendment), under which much information on crime activity was considered by some schools to be confidential information.

According to Bakersfield College Public Information Director Cynthia Pollard and Campus Security Chief Leon Ragsdale, BC officials don't have to worry about reporting crime data under provisions of the new law because of the almost nonexistent crime rate on campus.

"Our crime rate is almost nil compared to on the street," said Ragsdale. "There are two major reasons. One, we have uniformed officers and marked black-and-white cars visible and on-call 24 hours. Second, people come here to learn, not (to create problems)."

To comply with the new law, Ragsdale would report felonies to Pollard, who would then be in charge of releasing reports to the public. As policy, Ragsdale usually reports only felonies to Pollard, usually only reporting misdemeanors when they are of significance, such as the flag-burning incidents on campus last semester. In reporting misdemeanors, Ragsdale said it was based on "personal judgement."

Pollard and Ragsdale agree that news coverage of on-campus crime and published reports of statistics would be healthy. Pollard said that it would help ensure that any violent crimes would not be repeated.

"If there is nothing to report, then we'll be fine," she said. "If crimes do occur and we report them, it's going to have the effect of heightening awareness, bringing it to the forefront of people's minds."

In California, a similar law took effect in January. The state version requires campuses to make crime data available to the public upon request.

An additional state law requires all higher education institutions to establish a policy on sexual assault.

According to the Winter 1990 issue of the California Community College Police Chiefs' Association newsletter, the new federal law requires that:

● All higher educational institutions will "prepare, publish and distribute" crime data.

● Data will be collected on crimes involving murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault and car theft. Data must be collected and published on arrests for drug and alcohol violations and weapons possessions.

● That all data collected will be reported to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

● Policy statements be issued on security procedures, drug and alcohol use, and methods for summoning security personnel.

The passage of this law comes after numerous public-access debates at major U.S. universities and the crusade for public disclosure of crime statistics by the parents of a Lehigh University student who was raped and murdered on campus in 1986.

# Gadgets, gizmos gain ground at engineering contest

By Olivia Reyes  
Rip staff writer

Steve McDonald quickly walks in front of the audience and leans over to place a device made out of linker toys, strings and a pulley on the starting point.

The strange-looking object moves as the crowd stands and looks attentively to see if it will stop on the finish line.

It makes it.

McDonald, smiling, heads back to his seat as another competitor takes a turn.

The Bakersfield College sophomore was one of about 60 participants in the Sixth Annual BC Engineering Design Competition held last Saturday.

"The competition was great," said McDonald. "The number of participants did excellent."

The competition was sponsored

by the BC Engineer Club, Kern Chapter of the California Council of Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, the San Joaquin Valley Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Southern San Joaquin Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers. It had four divisions, open (engineering professionals, teachers and upper division university students), college, high school and junior high.

McDonald, who competed in the college division, won first place for his design challenge.

"I'm surprised it performed as well as it did," he said, looking at the small, triangular device. "It's a very good feeling, a feeling of satisfaction."

The engineering major said it took him 10 hours of thought and labor to develop the gadget.

Rob Parsons, professor of engi-

neer and physics, said the "precision mover" device was to be designed and built to transport a specified load and stop at a given horizontal distance from the starting point.

The higher the division, the heavier the load and the longer the distance would be, he said.

The competition was part of the celebration of National Engineers week, Feb. 17-23.

"It demonstrates ingenuity and engineering," Parsons said, adding the competition demonstrates skills and experience of all ages.

"It gives a chance for everyone to come together and compete and have a good time."

Parsons said the concept of having the annual design challenge evolved from him and the Engineer Club.

"Eventually, it broadens out," he said, smiling. "It's the only one (existing) in which has a wide range of

competitors doing the same problem."

The professor said this is the first year BC coordinated the competition as the same time as engineer week.

This year's event had more than twice as many entrants compared to last year.

"(One of the purpose's is) to let people in the area know that BC has an engineering program," Parsons said. "And that our students do well and transfer on and succeed."

"Professionals in the community have gone through our program," he said.

Leslie Moe, a teacher at Lincoln Junior high, said her students have participated in the contest three years.

"I love the contest," she said. "It's so neat to see everybody's idea."

Moe said Lincoln won first place in the division last year.



# FEATURES

## Sand blasted...



Christopher Acosta / The Rip

Student Francis DeBoard covers her face to protect it from the blowing sands of Wednesday's wind storm.

## On the road for education

By Krista Denio  
Rip staff writer

The early morning tradition of using the alarm clock snooze button to its maximum potential doesn't exist for many of BC's commuting students.

Although some students jump out of bed, pull themselves together and jet to school in 10 to 15 minutes, there are others who awake early only to spend an hour or so on the road before reaching the BC campus.

"There aren't enough hours in a day," said Amy Ezell, of Shafter, who attends Bakersfield College. She spends at least an hour of each school day traveling to and from BC, and finds it "tiresome."

But students choose to commute to BC to complete their general education classes, said Ezell and close friend Bree Torgiani, of Buttonwillow.

Torgiani, who travels about 40 minutes to get to BC, decided to attend a junior college, at a fairly inexpensive price, before transferring to a larger university.

Neither Ezell nor Torgiani pay for their own gas, but both acknowledge the extra expense which their

"I just don't like it, because it's not real convenient. You can't go home and eat and watch T.V., you have to go to a restaurant and eat."

-Bree Torgiani  
commuting student

parents encounter.

Both students have parents who commute daily to job locations in Bakersfield, and said that this helps the family's understanding about gas costs.

Still, commuting can be a grind, they said. "I just don't like it, because it's not real convenient," said Torgiani. "You can't go home and eat and watch T.V., you have to go to a restaurant and eat."

Having nowhere to go between classes is a big disadvantage for commuting students.

Ty Rekosh is at BC from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Rekosh, who also drives from Shafter, said he usually spends his spare time in the library, at a friend's house, or just goes to his coach's house and "hangs out there."

"I carpool every Monday," he said.

Carpooling saves on gas costs, but more importantly, Rekosh said it helps during the winter when foggy weather makes driving difficult.

And with the fog comes another problem: The temptation to skip school altogether.

"It's pretty tempting to stay home," said Rekosh, who admits that the temptation to sleep in grows stronger as the fog thickens, and the number of missed classes seems to increase.

Not all BC students use cars to commute.

Andie Kurtz, of Tehachapi, commutes with her father every day, who owns his own plane and flies down to his shop in Bakersfield. From his shop, where Kurtz leaves her truck each night, she drives five minutes to school.

"I probably did if I had to drive an hour back and forth everyday,"

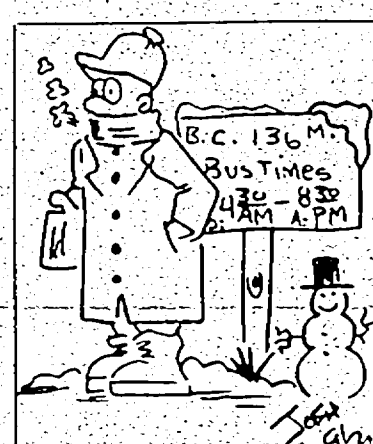
she said.

Kurtz also finds herself killing time between classes.

"I usually sit in the library or go back to my dad's business," she said.

Katy Cahoon said she was spending approximately \$250 a month on gas alone before she decided to make the move to Bakersfield from Tehachapi.

She also felt that having "nowhere to go if you have a break, or feel sick or tired," was inconvenient. "I was late a lot," she said. "I missed a lot more school because of that. If I didn't go to one class I wouldn't go to the another."



Joe Hines / The Rip

## Hopkins chills audience in 'The Silence of the Lambs'

To be blunt, "The Silence of the Lambs" will scare the hell out of you.

This new film by director Jonathan Demme, whose previous credits include "Something Wild" and "Married To The Mob," is quite simply one of the best psychological thrillers ever made.

Based on the novel by Thomas

### REEL TO REEL

With Devin Rambo

Harris, "The Silence of the Lambs" tells the unsettling story of FBI recruit Clarice Starling's (Oscar-win-

ner Jodie Foster) pursuit of a brutal serial killer. To track him down, she enlists the aid of an imprisoned psychopath, Dr. Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter (Anthony Hopkins). As Starling delves deeper and deeper into the psyche of a killer, the audience is drawn in with her.

Demme's use of red herrings to keep the audience off balance is in-

genious. He creates an atmosphere of psychosis that isn't limited to the two psychopaths. Some of the good guys are just as creepy, including a pair of off-center FBI insect specialists.

The film belongs to Hopkins, though. He makes Lecter a fascinating, evil presence that you just can't get enough of. While he is an imprisoned killer, he is a gentleman to Star-

ling, but you get the feeling that he is perhaps the most dangerous individual on the planet.

Admirably, Demme relies on an atmospheric use of suspense; rather than taking a blood and guts approach. The film does have several graphic deaths and we see the hard work that Buffalo Bill leaves behind for the police to find, but Demme

never lets us see Bill actually kill anyone.

If you are squeamish, stay away from this film. In the sneak preview I attended, the couple behind me got up and left in the middle. I wouldn't be surprised if that became commonplace for this film.

If you are daring, however, be prepared to enjoy a first-rate film.

## BC speaker gives tips for success

By Cary Belden  
Special to the Rip

"Become the best that you can possibly be," was just one of the suggestions on how to achieve success given by a local bank director to Bakersfield College students.



DeZemmer

College last week. He was the first guest lecturer in a series sponsored by the Bakersfield College Circle K Club and the newly formed Political Science Club.

DeZemmer's lecture, entitled "Business Leadership Opportunities," was inspirational, motivational and provided helpful advice to students. He focused his lecture on suggestions for success. He advised students to take control of their lives and stop and think about what they want their futures to be like.

DeZemmer urged the audience to get involved with personal goals. "Winning is reaching a goal you have set for yourself," he said.

Speaking to an audience of about 50 people, he emphasized that success is linked to an enthusiasm for learning. "Learn through your college experience," he said. "... learn to continue to learn."

The free lecture series will continue this spring. Brent McClanahan, Bakersfield Boys and Girls Club director and former professional football star with the Minnesota Vikings, will speak March 21.

Jerry Stanners, Bakersfield California chief executive officer, will speak April 25.

A videotape of each presentation will be made, so they can be used in BC classes.

### BRIEFLY

#### English Club to hold book sale

The Bakersfield College English Club will hold its book sale on March 20 and 21. The club is seeking book donations for the sale and has collection boxes in each department office. For pick-ups of large donations, contact English Club President, Loren Wood at 872-7013.

#### Financial workshop helps students

The Bakersfield College Re-entry Center offered a Financial Aid Workshop recently for students filling out Student Aid Application for California forms. It was sponsored by the BC Financial Center and Transfer Center.

Della Villaneuva, of the Financial Aid Office, helped the 15 students who attended the event complete their forms. She explained and answered questions about availability of money and the different types of loans, grants, work study programs and scholarships. She also offered information on students' eligibility for some of the available funds.

Students were made aware of the importance of filling out the forms accurately and early. The forms needed to be considered eligible for a Cal Grant must be completed and postmarked by Saturday.

#### Jazz concert to be held at BC

In honor of Women's History Month, Del Rey and the Blues Gators, a jazz band from Santa Cruz, will perform on Tuesday. The performance will focus on "Women in American Music." The show is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the B.C. Indoor Theater.

Tickets are available at the Re-entry Center, B.C. Ticket Office and at the door. Cost is \$5 for the general public and \$3 for students and faculty members.

#### Support group holds first meeting

"Are the realities of war stressing you out? Want to talk about it? There will be a support group meeting next Thursday for to share their worries about the war with others. The meeting will be at noon in the Fireside Room.

#### Students needed for new board

The Associated Students of Bakersfield College is looking for students to participate in a newly formed group, the "Program Board." The board will be planning activities for the fall semester that will use student center money.

#### Organizations plan meetings

Environmental Club, Wed., noon, Math Science 17.  
Circle K Club, Wed., 1 p.m., Executive Board Room.

#### Off-campus job opportunities

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If you are interested in having a part-time or fulltime job while attending Bakersfield College, contact the Job Placement Office in the Student Services Building. Office hours are M-F 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. You can also go to the Weill Center on Thursdays from 8 a.m. - noon.

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# OPINION

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## New drop policy will ease class confusion, crowding

The First-Day-of-Class drop policy is in the best interests of Bakersfield College students and teachers and should be adopted by the college administration.

The recent proposal by the Academic Senate and Associated Students of Bakersfield College will enable teachers to immediately drop students who do not attend class on the first day of a semester.

If students who do not attend class on the first day of a semester are dropped, then students who wish to add that class will know from the first day if they can. This policy, which is to be used in the cases of closed classes only, will relieve much pressure for students.

If students are aware from the beginning that a class does not have enough seats available for them to add immediately, then they will not have to deal with the stress of attending a class for an entire week, only to find that they are not going to be able to add after all.

If students are not serious enough

This policy is in the best interests of both Bakersfield College students and teachers, and should be adopted by BC administration.

to attend class on the first day, then they deserve to be dropped, according to Bryan Mathews, ASBC president.

"If they are willing to make the sacrifice to be there the first day, then they should be added," he said. "More students are signing up than are attending, it's a joke. This is not high school, you shouldn't have to hold their hands to get them to go to class."

The first day of class is when a teacher usually explains about the class, including what is expected of the student, how exams will be given,

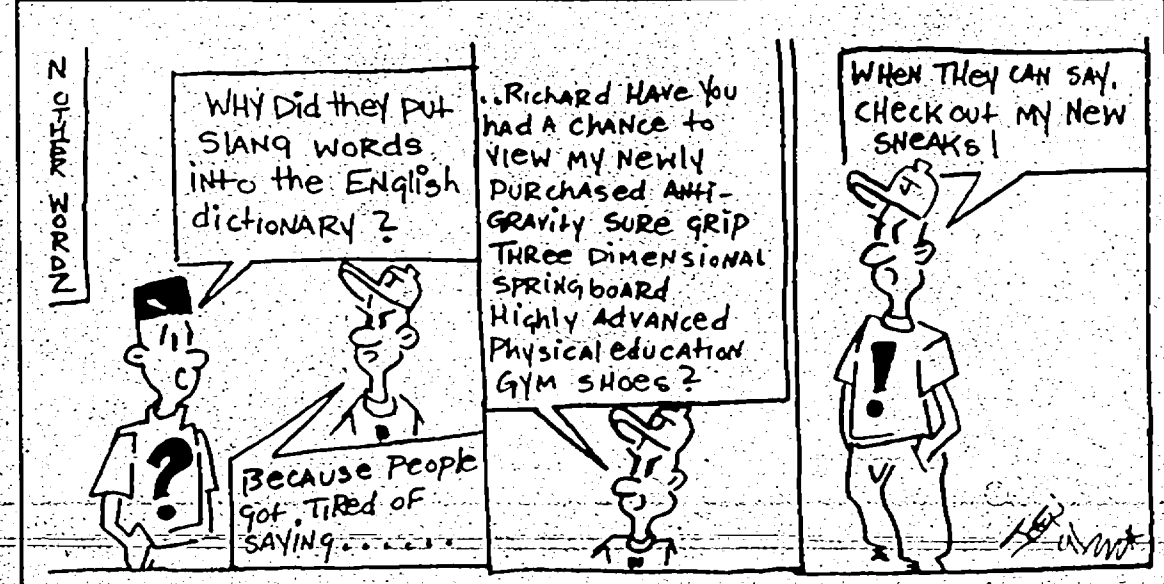
procedures for exams, and so on. If students do not care enough to find out those details of their class, then they probably aren't going to take the class very seriously, either. Why not give the seat to another student who wants to be in the class, and took the time to attend?

There are exceptions to every rule, and the exception to the policy regarding drops states that if the student is ill or if the student has an emergency which has kept him from attending class on the first day, then he should be able to stay in the class. This will, however, require the student to call the teacher prior to the first meeting of the class to explain the situation. Students should not be allowed to come to class on the second meeting time and say they were ill.

Teachers also will be relieved of stress if the policy is adopted. They will know from day one how many they can, or cannot add to their classes, which keeps the teachers from having to deal with frustrated or angry students.

## JOE'S WORLD

By Joe Hines



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Support troops, not war

Holding a rally to support our troops in the Middle East is a very good idea. It is important that we show our recognition for them and our hopes that they return safely. I certainly hold no grudge against our soldiers. But when I attended the rally on Jan. 26 at the Liberty Bell, I was shocked at what I found:

I arrived with two of my friends. Our mission for the day was to walk through the crowd holding peace

signs and protest American involvement in the Middle East conflict. There was a display of red, white and blue with flags and banners being held by the people there. As we approached, holding our peace insignias and a sign that read "Bombs kill" and "Real people die," a few of the participants began to yell threats and warnings to us not to continue on. When we reached our destination, people were constantly screaming about acts of violence that would be inflicted upon us if we didn't leave. These "hate

week" participants certainly are not as patriotic as they would like to believe. If they supported the troops, they would support peace. As we handed out copies of the Constitution, they waved their flags and referred to us as "un-American." These pro-death people must be mentally ill. Our brothers and sisters are suffering in the Middle East while they hold rallies to support a war that will kill the soldiers.

Morgan Coehnecor  
Bakersfield

## GRADE FEEDBACK

### What do you think of Sinead O'Connor's Grammy boycott?



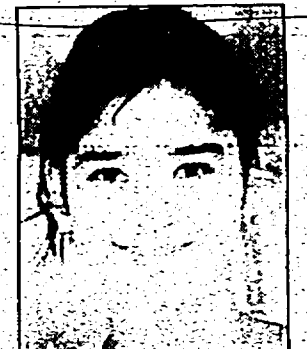
Tracy James, nursing: "She can go back where she came from. If she doesn't like the recognition, she's in the wrong business."



Pam McCoy, accounting: "I feel she did what she wanted to do. I saw her on Arsenio Hall explaining her reason, but I think she went a little overboard."



Lorete Sandoval, broadcasting: "She has her own opinion. I like the way she doesn't want to be manipulated, she has her own way of thinking."



Arlin Ramirez, English: "I think she has the right to say what she feels and have her own opinion. I think we should respect her feelings."



Mike Jackson, forestry: "She should go back to Ireland if she feels that way about the U.S."

## PRESIDENT'S VIEW

By Bryan Mathews  
ASBC President

Most everyone is aware of the budget problems not only within California, but within the nation. At the very heart of cuts in spending will be cuts in higher education, making it more and more difficult for students to receive the education that they desire. Education is the key to the future, the American Dream and the way to knowledge. How can students reach their goals if they are unable to have a place to turn for the education that four-year universities make unavailable?

The tuition for four-year institutions is climbing at an astronomical rate. Therefore, students must turn elsewhere to look for

their schooling. Community colleges have been able to make the education not only available, but also affordable. By cutting the amounts of monies used in higher education institutions, the federal and state governments are putting community colleges in a vise, squeezing the college governing boards out of every "excess dollar" that allows them to try to make the community college system more efficient and effective.

Four-year universities are able to raise tuitions to meet their financial needs and students still will attend. Community colleges will have to expand to meet the needs of students. To expand, the community colleges will have to raise fees and tuitions, which will make the system unaffordable for many students. A raise in

fees will go against what the community college system was established for—making higher education not only available but affordable for students in all social and economic classes. Raising fees is completely contradictory to this.

As students, it is our responsibility to make the funding of community colleges our business. Since we are in the system, we are the ones who know what the colleges should offer to meet our needs. Community colleges are an important part of the higher education system, and it is our responsibility as students to make our representatives in the legislature see that we need funding for our education. The only way to get our politicians to see what needs to be done is by registering to vote, writing letters

to our leaders and visiting the home offices of our representatives.

The main thing we need to do is show that we care about our education and that we are concerned about what is going to happen if the financial situation doesn't change. Remember to show our representatives that education is the key and that community colleges give us the opportunity to find that key.

If anyone needs any help whatsoever, give me a call at 395-4367. We must do something now while the finances are in the discussion stage. If we wait, our education may have to wait, possibly, even for good.

Renegade Rip Opinion Poll

Do you think the A-10 led forces were correct in engaging in a ground attack against Iraq?

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# SPORTS

## Victory...

### Women beat Pierce, Mt. SAC to advance

**By Ken Lay**  
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College women's basketball team will make its first trip to the state quarterfinals under coach Jenny Dahl.

The Renegades, 22-10, earned that right by winning two Southern California Regional Playoff games at BC.

After the Renegades outlasted the Mt. San Antonio College Mounties 81-74, BC defeated Western State Conference Southern Division rival Los Angeles-Pierce Saturday 86-78. The Brahmas were one of two teams that defeated the Renegades in division play. Pierce beat BC by four points Jan. 16 in the WSC opener. BC prevailed in the second WSC meeting.

At first, it looked like the results would be the same as the first match. After the lead changed hands several times in the first half, Pierce opened a 48-42 halftime advantage.

In the opening moments of the second half, the Brahmas were still hot. Pierce went on a

13-7 run and the Renegades watched a six-point deficit increase to 11. The run culminated when Pierce's Melanie Sapon's field goal quieted the Renegade faithful and made the score 60-49. Sapon later converted a free-throw attempt increasing the margin to 61-49.

"I was concerned when we were down by 10 because they took the crowd out of it," said Dahl. "But I knew we could come back and we would come back because we've done it all year."

But the crowd soon erupted when BC scored 12 straight points, which evened the game at 61.

Janel Vega, who sparked the Renegades' offensive attack against Mt. SAC with 22 points, had eight straight points in the run that put the Renegades back in the game.

Several points came as a result of BC's press defense which forced the Brahmas into turnovers.

"I thought (Pierce) was more poised than in the first two games," Dahl said. "They handled the press well in sports, but we pressed well at times."

In addition to running the press, the Renegades employed a triangle-and-two defense, with three defenders playing a zone and two



Janel Vega attempts a shot over a Brahma double-team Saturday at BC.

matched one-on-one with forwards Lisa Little and Yolanda Davidian.

"I felt like if we could hold Little under 20 (points) we would win the game," Dahl said. "Our strengths are different. Our strengths are outside and theirs are inside. Pierce had four players in double-figures. Usually Little has 30 and the next-highest scorer has nine or 10."

BC held Little, who scored 31 points in Pierce's win

### Golf team hopes for state title

**By Ken Lay**  
Sports Editor

Bakersfield College golf coach Bill Nelson is optimistic about his team's chances this season.

"We could win it all," he predicted. "We will be in the top five in the state."

The Renegades have two returners from last season, David Allen and David Garbe. Jon Bristow and Shad Sorenson competed two years ago.

Top newcomers include Aaron Fuller, Jason Fisher and Knolly Atkinson, who were all members of West High's two state championship teams in 1989 and 1990. Ernie Schroeder, Robert Pang, Boomer Briones, Blake Brown and Nick Pavlechik also are freshmen.

If BC is to live up to Nelson's expectations, he feels the Renegades must have two team members shoot in the mid-70s and one player score in the low-70s.

The Renegades opened Western State Conference season by winning the first of their WSC mini-tournaments Monday. As a team, BC shot a 386, edging the Ventura Pirates by four strokes. Garbe, Allen, and Fuller all shot 75s on the par-72 Rio Bravo Country Club course.

Nelson was less than happy with the Renegades' performance.

"We shot 386 and we should be at least 10 shots better than that. We've played good and bad this season. Potentially this could be the best team I've ever had."

Nelson feels that one of his team's high points was the second round of the BC tournament recently when Bristow, who shot 80 in the first round, shot a two-under 70 in the second. Bristow took second in the tournament with a combined score of 150.

BC won a non-conference match over Taft and College of the Sequoias Tuesday at Bakersfield Country Club.

## Hilderbrand remembered by BC

**By Ken Lay**  
Sports Editor

A former Bakersfield College swimmer who was killed in an automobile accident Nov. 13 was honored at BC's Western State Conference opening meet against Los Angeles Valley last Friday.

Dana Hilderbrand, 22, was a member of the Renegade swim team in 1987 and '88.

"She was a very good athlete as well as a very good student," said Sandy Bowers, Women's Athletic Director.

BC is accepting donations for a scholarship fund in Hilderbrand's name.

Hilderbrand, who had a 3.75 grade point average, was a member of the Financial Management Association, according to a BC press release.

She was to graduate from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo in December 1990.

She was a winner of the Bernice Braddon Scholarship and the Leora

Adams Achievement Award. She also was a member of the Gold Key National Honor Society and made the President's Honor List and the Dean's List, according to the release.

"It was a good tribute for Dana," said her mother, Mary. "She was made for tributes. She was always happy. She loved everybody and everybody loved her."

Two of Hilderbrand's teammates, Toni Oxford and Jill Snelling, presented a plaque to the college at the tribute held at the BC pool. Jim

Turner presented her family with a certificate.

Her teammates remembered a cheerful Hilderbrand.

"She always had smiles on her face," Oxford recalled.

"She was always giggling," Snelling said.

Suzie Conklin, another of Hilderbrand's teammates, agreed.

"We were always laughing and singing," she remembered. "Dana sang the Smiths and I sang Lone Justice."

## 'Gades get offensive at Taft



Ruthie Ahlberg / The Rip  
John Sotille arrives safely at first base after beating out a ground ball in play against Oxnard in the BC tourney.

**By Ken Lay**  
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College baseball team won the Taft Tournament Championship Sunday when they defeated the Western State Conference preseason favorite, the Cuesta Cougars 16-12.

"It was nice to beat Cuesta because they're favored to win the league," BC coach John Moncier said. "They are a good team."

In other action, the Renegades defeated College of the Sequoias 12-11, beat Porterville 14-6, outlasted Cuesta 6-5 and lost to the Cougars 8-6.

"Our guys really deserved to win," said Moncier. "There are still areas that we need to improve on and the guys know what those are. If we continue to improve this will be a tough team."

In the first win over Cuesta, BC trailed 5-4 in the bottom of the ninth inning when Art Gonzalez tied the game with a solo home run. Ray Jody followed with another solo shot, providing the winning margin.

In the championship game, the Renegades trailed by the scores of 8-0 and 11-4 before coming back to win.

The middle of BC's lineup carried the bulk of the offensive load.

Jody, who is coming off an injury, had two homers and three doubles in the tournament.

"It's nice to see Jody back," said Moncier. "He's really starting to swing the bat."

Gonzalez went 6-for-22, with eight runs batted in. Dustin Humphrey had 11 hits and eight RBI's. Jeff Ostivaros had seven hits, four of which were for extra bases. He had two home runs and six RBI's.

BC continued its offensive dominance and Scott Patton pitched eight shutout innings as the Renegades won 17-2 over COS Tuesday at BC.

Bryan Teeters went 3-for-5 and Gonzalez was 3-for-6.

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## BC administrators to fill teaching jobs

**By Marla R. Van Schuyver**  
Features Editor

Administrators returning to the classroom is just one effort to cut spending costs and increase revenues to meet the \$1.2 million deficit caused by factors such as the \$475,000 loss of lottery money; the \$476,000 fee assessment. Kern County charges the college for collecting taxes; the 675 fulltime equivalent students attending BC which the college receives no funding for because they exceed the state limit on enrollment; and salary increases built into faculty contracts.

Dr. Rick Wright, Bakersfield College president, will teach a section of psychology in the fall. The position is one of the 11 faculty positions that will not be filled for at least one year, according to Wright.

"We've decided not to fill the faculty positions until some time next year, at least," he said. "We may have to contract a position for a semester, but nothing permanent will be done for awhile."

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A special committee, the Augmented Budget Program and Review Committee, has been created to work on proposals for savings in such areas as utilities, facilities, programs, travel and supplies, productivity, new revenue, public awareness and registration, according to Wright.

"We have a lot of optimism coming out of the members of the committee," he said. "They have a lot of good ideas of areas to cut back and bring in new revenue."

Some of the cutbacks that have already been approved include the closing of summer courses at the Weill Institute, shortened schedule of main campus summer school courses to four days, three nights, and the hiring freeze of 11 teaching positions for at least one year. In addition, a freeze on nine classified staff positions will be in effect until April 2, when the positions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

"Ray Ward (chairman of the natural science department) proposed that if each faculty member increased his work load to 18 hours, the college

could save an estimated \$1.5 million," said Wright. "It will be a possibility to increase teaching loads; but each situation would have to be evaluated separately because certain courses take more time than others."

Because BC already exceeds its state enrollment limits, Wright admitted that enrollment will probably have to be cut.

"We are looking into things such as how many students attend both Cal State Bakersfield and BC," he said. "We have to consider whether or not we should allow all of those students to attend here, or if we should leave spots open for students who only attend BC, and cannot go to a CSU yet."

### BC BUDGET CRISIS

## \$1.2 MILLION DEFICIT

#### Budget Proposals

- Administrators return to classroom
- Hold on sabbaticals
- Increase summer class size
- Increase teaching hours
- Hiring freeze
- Cut enrollment
- Cut physical education hours
- Increasing rent for facilities

### 'Gators' sing blues at benefit

**By Krista Hoffman**  
Rip staff writer

Women musicians often have not been recognized for their talent or contributions, according to a musician who made a recent appearance at Bakersfield College.

During the Big Band era, women were not supposed to play "masculine" instruments, such as trumpets or saxophone, said Del Rey, the leader of Del Rey and the Blues Gators, a band which performed Tuesday in the indoor theater.

Rey said that one artist, Billie Holiday, disguised herself as a man during her musical career so she could be accepted as a musician in the big bands in the 1940s.

But there was no disguising the contributions of women in music during the performance by the Gators. The three-piece band from Santa Cruz performed a multimedia production called "Women in American Music" as part of Women's History Month.

Del Rey and the Blues Gators includes Del Rey on guitar, Carl Rey, her brother, on rhythm and harmonica; and Dizzy Burnett on bass. The group performed a spectrum of music including tin pan alley and Creole, congo square music of New Orleans origin, hillbilly and country music. The band has performed professionally for 15 years.

They performed songs and showed slides of various women who have had an influence on American music from the 1920s through the 1950s. Such greats as Mildred Bailey ("Stop That Shoutin' in the Amen Corner"), Nellie Lutchter (singer, songwriter, piano player), Patsy Cline ("Stop, Look and Listen") and Mary Osborne (jazz bop electric guitar) were among the artists saluted.

Carl Rey said band members chose this type of music for its educational value. When they began researching women in American music, they found that one artist would lead to another.

"There's a big difference between history and recorded history," said his sister, Del.

Proceeds from the concert, which drew about 40 people, went toward Re-entry Center scholarships.

The energetic performance was well-received by the audience. Ethel Katz, Re-entry Outreach Counselor, discovered the group.

"They sent me a tape of their performance and I liked it, so," she said.



Larry Pruett / The Rip  
Blues Gators salute women in music during concert.

Del Rey leads group.

### Students, staff, faculty aid environment

**By Krista Denio**  
Rip staff writer

Before you toss that Pepsi can in the trash, show a second time and make a fourth drive across town in one day, maybe you should think twice.

BC students and faculty alike are becoming more concerned and environmentally aware.

"We want to show students what students can do," said Terri Foster, former adviser and current member of the Environmental Club.

According to Foster, the Environmental Club's biggest project is a recycling campaign. The club has contracted with a recycling company which eventually will collect aluminum and glass containers from bins which will be placed at various spots in the BC cafeteria and throughout the campus.

A major environmental event the club hopes to be involved in is Earth Day, March 20, sponsored by California State University, Bakersfield.

"Air pollution is something we can tackle," said Marshall Hamilton, president of the Environmental Club, who mentioned that one of the main concerns of club members is waste management. He also said individual efforts can improve the environment, such as ridesharing.

Along with these programs, the club has worked with BC Food Services in finding ways to reduce waste. The club helped promote the Coffee Club cups sold by BC Food Services, which cost \$1.35 originally, but are good for a cup of coffee at only 25 cents after that.

The cafeteria has eliminated more than 50 percent of its foam use, using paper in its place, said Maureen Walsh-Meyers, BC food services manager. Hamburgers and hot sandwiches are served in paper wrappers rather than foam containers. Although it hasn't found an alternative to paper plates now used, food services has switched to napkins made of recycled paper, which unfortunately are more expensive, she said.

It also eliminated paper straw wrappers and is working with maintenance to reduce water usage by installing soft-flow faucets in the kitchen.

"Our goal is to make BC a model institution for other community colleges," said Andrea Braly, adviser of the club and chair of the Faculty Environmental Committee.

The committee is working on a paper recycling campaign and plans to purchase recycled paper in the future, Braly said.

## Colleges fight diploma admission requirement

**By Marla R. Van Schuyver**  
Features Editor and  
Amy L. Fulce  
Rip staff writer

A recently passed federal law could prevent 36,000 students a year from attending community colleges and cause California's 107 community colleges to lose more than \$271 million in federal aid, according to a press release from the office of Assemblyman Tom Hayden, D-West Los Angeles.

A temporary restraining order issued by the United States District Court in San Francisco has halted the implementation of the "Ability to Benefit" law until July 1. The law prevents students without high school diplomas from attending a community college unless they pass a standardized test.

"We don't know what is going to happen with the law," said Dr. Frank Gormick, Bakersfield College dean of students. "The worst that could happen would be that the law will prevail. The temporary restraining order is allowing time for resolutions to be made, and there has been talk about removing the ability to benefit portion of the law. Regardless, it will not really affect BC. We already have provisions for admissions and assessment testing."

The original intent was to prevent students from defaulting on loans, but the language of the law now applies to all students who have not graduated from high school and want to enroll in a community college.

The law also calls for the test to be kept completely separate from the admissions procedures.

"Our biggest concern is that potential students who do not have a high school diploma will hear about this law and not even attempt to come to BC," said Gormick.

BC admits students who do not have a high school diploma if they are 18 or older.

"We assess those students just as we do any other student wishing to attend BC," said Gormick. "We look into all of the areas and see where the student may need help. In rare cases, we may recommend that the student go to another facility which would better benefit them; such as Bakersfield Adult School, then come back to BC when they are better prepared. That doesn't happen very often."

Out of the estimated 400 students without high school diplomas attending BC, only 100 of those are seeking financial aid, according to figures supplied by Associated Students of Bakersfield College President Bryan Mathews.

"This (proposed) testing doesn't really seem fair to a lot of people," he said. "The worst that could happen would be that the law will prevail. The temporary restraining order is allowing time for resolutions to be made, and there has been talk about removing the ability to benefit portion of the law. Regardless, it will not really affect BC. We already have provisions for admissions and assessment testing."

Gormick stressed that BC already is ahead of the law.

"We already have an assessment testing procedure that we will be able to continue to use in accordance with the law," he said. "We may have to make a few changes on the assessment testing for all students, not just those who have not graduated from high school."

The policy will affect all schools with two year programs including proprietary or vocational training schools, according to Mathews.

"The high default rates on student loans actually occur at the proprietary schools," he said. "The proprietary schools have defaulted \$593 million, whereas the community colleges have defaulted only \$112 million, yet

we are being lumped together with them. There needs to be a way to make the legislators realize that although both community colleges and proprietary schools have two year programs, they are very different."

BC has a 29 percent default rate, according to Mathews.

"That number isn't really all that high when compared with Fresno City (Community College) which has a 49 percent default rate on their student loans," he said.

Gormick agrees that the 29 percent default rate is not high.

"Mary Llou Wilson (director of financial aid for BC) had moved down that default percentage each year," he said. "I remember a time when it was much higher."

BC doesn't have any control over which students actually receive student loans, according to Gormick.

"We can't say who should or shouldn't get a loan," he said. "The banks who subsidize the loans are the ones who determine who the loans go to. We do advise our students about financial aid, though."

The advice given to BC students is to try to get through at least their first semester without taking out a loan. It is recommended that the students try for Pell grants, scholarships and work study, until they see how well they actually fit in with college, Gormick said.

"It's hard to tell how well a student is going to like college until at least the first semester is complete," he said. "After there is a semester under their belt, students are better able to assess what they want to do, and if college is right for them. If college does seem to be suiting them, that's when it would be better for them to try to take out a loan."



Micha Martin / The Rip  
Walkin' in the rain: Jenniffer Wai carries an umbrella as she and Yi Yi Thien hurry across the Bakersfield College campus during last week's needed rain showers.



# FEATURES

## Tide of talent ...

'Big River' floods into audience's hearts

By Devin Rambo  
Opinion Editor

Mark Twain's classic novel, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," was transformed, by country composer Roger Miller in 1985 to "Big River," a big, lavish musical that won Tony awards for Best Musical and Best Score during its original Broadway run.

The Bakersfield Civic Light Opera has succeeded in bringing the show to Bakersfield. You might think that the production values of a non-profit organization would take the show a step down from that of a professional staging, but the BCLO has spared no effort or expense in meticulously recreating the grandeur of this show. "Big River" far surpasses, both in quality and sheer production size, anything ever performed on a local stage.

The story is a familiar one: Huck runs away from his guardian and meets up

with Jim, a slave who has decided to run for his freedom. Miller saw the friendship between Jim and Huck as a way to emphasize Twain's message of racial equality. This gave Miller inspiration for songs like "River Rain" and "Waitin' For the Light To Shine." Although Miller is known for his country performances and compositions, he edges masterfully into bayou blues and gospel here.

Everything in this three-hour production is a spectacle. The sets are amazing to look at; the curtain is a huge map of the Mississippi River Delta; the backdrops are gorgeous; and the moving sets like Jim's and Huck's raft make you appreciate the magic of the theatre.

Fine performances abound. Kevin Berthiaume is terrific as Huck, with a pleasant singing voice that is perfect for his solos.

Kito Cinj gives his performance of a lifetime as Jim. He brings out all of Jim's many qualities with the richness of

Twain's own prose. He possesses a powerful baritone voice that he holds back while singing with Berthiaume, but he breaks out in a moving second act solo that sent chills down every spine in the building.

Excellent supporting performances are delivered by Jacques Thiroux (a BC philosophy instructor), Shay Burke and Bill Ryan.

Director Jim Fillbrandt, and the entire cast and crew, have outdone themselves on a grand scale with "Big River." Now that it is apparent that they are capable of delivering quality entertainment as professional as anything in Fresno and many shows in Los Angeles, it is interesting to wait and see if they can top themselves with their upcoming shows.

"Big River" will run through this weekend with 8 p.m. shows tonight and tomorrow with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$16. For information, call 325-6100.



Jacques Thiroux and Bob Anderson talk while floating down the Mississippi River.

## Students, faculty plan travel despite threats of terrorism

By Olivia Reyes  
Rip staff writer

Jim Engel believes travelers are in more danger from freeway accidents than from the threat of war and terrorism.

An instructor for BC's International Studies Program, Engel said he believes it's safe to travel abroad. "Nothing has really happened," he said. "The risk is so minimal and security is so tight, everybody is aware of what's going on."

Engel said he had been in airports in Los Angeles and New York recently and didn't have any problems, except he noticed intense security.

"There's 10 times more security than ever before," Engel said. "I don't see any problems or chances of

something happening. There are much more liability and risks on a freeway than on airplanes."

Engel made his comments in an interview conducted before the war ended. But, even with a cease fire, travelers are still wary.

Engel, who will be traveling with BC students and faculty to Scandinavia during the summer, said the U.S. State Department has approved of the trip. A student also may earn college credit during the class.

The State Department has given us a green light in going," he said. "I'm concerned, but there's really no problem."

The State Department advised canceling the BC band trip to Russia because it may have endangered stu-

dents' safety because the Baltic States are under martial law.

The trip has been cancelled, but the band hopes to travel to Canada instead.

Engel said he already has three students who are going to Scandinavia, even though he has not advertised the 14-day trip yet.

He said the program had a trip to Paris and Madrid last Christmas and only had a few cancellations because of the threat of the war in the Persian Gulf.

"I didn't encounter any problems at all," Engel said.

The summer trip will include a total of 40 students and adults. Caryl Belden, who plans to travel on a vacation with her boyfriend to

Paris, said the threat of war and terrorism attacks doesn't concern her, although it did bother her at first.

"It did (bother me) at first," she said. "(But) I feel I'm not going to Baghdad. I'm going to Paris and London."

The BC student said her plans had been made since last fall for the two-week trip in April.

"We can't let Saddam Hussein run our lives," she said, adding how she has heard how the security is much tighter. "Some say they wouldn't go for \$1 million and some say they would."

Another international studies program that has advertised at BC has not been affected much by the war. The Uno-Innsbruck International

summer school travel for the University of New Orleans is continuing its travel plans to Europe, said coordinator of the trip, Margaret Davidson.

"I think the threat of terrorism is living with us (now) and will live with us in the future," Davidson said, adding that because of the war people are more focused on terrorism. "I think individuals should make their own decisions about traveling abroad."

The Innsbruck travel program, which carries 250 students and 25 faculty members, already has received 150 applications for the summer. The four-week trip has had only four cancellations so far. Of that, two have been because of the war.

"I'm hoping this year won't be dramatically affected," she said during a recent telephone interview. "It's something only the future will tell."

Davidson said she has traveled several times a year and had been overseas when the war broke out.

"I don't want to downplay the risks because they are there," she said. "There are many other places I'm looking forward to going."

The coordinator advised travelers they should take precautions by being discreet, avoid looking like a large group of American individuals and avoiding certain areas.

Davidson also said "nobody can guarantee anybody else's safety. (But) I don't think terrorism should be a big worry," she said.

## Guitarists strum for friendship, success

By Krista Denio  
Rip staff writer

Tommy Ventura often can be found sitting on the grass in the middle of the BC campus, strumming his guitar and singing.

Friends like Lyle Horse, Hawkeye and Spirit surround

him. "I was sitting here playing the guitar and these are some of the people who came," and they stayed. It's cool. These are my friends," said Ventura, a local musician, and BC student.

Another musician who hangs out with Ventura and friends is Jordan

Love, who plays drums for Lily Cigar, a local band.

"He's the best in Kern County," Ventura claimed.

These music enthusiasts enjoy playing their music for anyone and everyone on the BC campus.

"It's a good way to meet people. They just sit down and start listening," said Ventura.

He has been playing the guitar for 10 years and is organizing a band, consisting of himself as lead vocalist and guitarist, close friend Eddy Brangelson on vocals and guitar, as well as a bassist and a drummer.

The band, which plays acoustic rock, is managed by Spirit who Ventura met a month ago.

They are in the process of making a tape, according to Ventura, which will be entitled "Every song's been written."

"We use a little bit of electricity," Ventura explained about the electric guitar in some of the band's music. "It's minimal, but we'll get into it."

Along with singing and playing the guitar, Ventura has played the harmonica for about a year.

"It's fun to do, but I'm more proficient with the guitar," he said.

He finds the harmonica enjoyable when playing the blues.



Spirit Langkade and Blake Wise take turns playing the guitar on campus while students watch. They plan to release a tape with fellow guitarist, Tommy Ventura.

## BRIEFLY

### Graduation deadlines approach

If you are completing the requirements for your associate degree and haven't yet filed for graduation, the Admission, Records and Evaluation Department is accepting applications for graduation through April 15. Please see your counselor for specific degree requirements.

Any student participating in the May 30 graduation ceremony and interested in being the student speaker should submit a copy of his speech to Kathy Rosellini at the Student Affairs Office in Campus Center 4. The deadline for submission is April 12 and selection of the speaker will be made by April 26.

### Education club formed on campus

A new club on campus, the Educators of Tomorrow, is designed to provide its members with group support, resources and information regarding the teaching profession.

If you are interested in joining this group, a club membership questionnaire can be obtained in room 21 of the Family and Consumer Education Building.

For more information contact club advisor Jacqueline Gullam at 395-4561 or Sharlene Castro, the founder of the club, at 392-0370 after 5 p.m.

### BC offers keyboard workshops

Bakersfield College is offering two workshops on electronic keyboards.

The workshops will be on Monday and on March 18 in room 30 of the Fine Arts Building from 7 to 9 p.m. The workshops will be free and open to the public.

Guest lecturer Keith Dippie will cover the importance and history of electronic music, keyboards of past and present, what to look for when investing in electronics equipment, and the concepts of sequencing and practical applications.

For more information, contact the Division of Fine and Performing Arts at 395-4404.

# OPINION

## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Display of troop support a welcome change from past

The Persian Gulf War may be over, but you wouldn't know it from the behavior of the local chapters of Middle East Group Support and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Next Saturday, they plan to celebrate the cause of veterans and the troops now serving in the gulf by holding ceremonies, parades and flag-raising in and around Bakersfield. Similar events are planned by the BC Vets Club later in the semester.

The primary focus of these events will be the raising of P.O.W. flags around town. One already graces the flagpole in front of the county administration building, and local veterans would like to see more of them go up in Bakersfield. The war may be over, but the veterans working on this project are in agreement that the end of the war doesn't mean that we must stop being thankful for the men and women who were fighting in the Middle East.

As well they should be. This war was a popular one, with much visible public support. Since the first week

of the war, those in support of U.S. troops congregated downtown every Saturday morning in displays of support and patriotism.

When the soldiers finally begin arriving at home, they can expect to be greeted enthusiastically and warmly by friends, family and in all probability, by those whom they've never met, but who just want to express gratitude for their courage.

That will be a welcome contrast from the homecoming of soldiers who fought in Vietnam. The treatment Vietnam veterans received af-

ter their return was a national shame. Much of the public scorned them, simply because they fought in an unpopular war. The government fought a wave of anti-war sentiment while the fighting lasted, but when the shooting stopped and our soldiers came home battle-weary, they too became targets or were simply forgotten. That's a shameful way to repay people who risked life and limb for the ideals of this nation, whether we were there for the right reasons or not.

Although it appears that all of the

P.O.W.s from the Gulf War will be returned, there are no guarantees on their health conditions. The Iraqis barbarously tortured and killed the people of Kuwait after they invaded, and it is well-known that Saddam Hussein used mustard gas to quell uprisings in his own country, against his own people.

How well can we expect them to treat enemy soldiers taken captive during combat? What horrors did they have to face in captivity? Whatever the answer, they and other gulf soldiers deserve kind treatment at home.

The raising of P.O.W. flags around town, and eventually at BC, is a small gesture of support and gratitude; to be sure. However, it means so much to the men and women who have been away from their families and their friends serving their country to know that their nation backs them.

Maybe that is why so many Vietnam veterans are involved in the P.O.W. project. They want to make sure our returning soldiers are treated kinder than they were.

## 'GADE FEEDBACK

## What are you doing to conserve water?



Bret Sill, business: "I'm taking shorter showers and not washing my car as much."



Maria Fuetes, business: "I'm not washing my car as often and I let the dishes pile up so I can wash them all at once."



Corey Lakey, architect: "I'm taking shorter showers and not washing my car as much."



Tom Myers, accounting: "We run the dishwasher only when it's completely full and I don't run water when I brush my teeth."



Humberto Gonzalez, undeclared: "I've read in the paper about ideas on how to conserve water but haven't really done any of them."

## School budget fiasco will create serious problems at BC

By Devin Rambo  
Opinion Editor

The \$1.2 million shortfall in the Bakersfield College budget has created a fine mess that students will have to live with.

Although there exists a burning desire to point out and persecute (or prosecute) the person or persons responsible for this ludicrous situation, the only people to blame, it can be reasoned, is ourselves, for allowing former Gov. George Deukmejian and Gov. Pete Wilson to run roughshod over the educational budgeting

of California's schools. However, it is not the time to lament over blame, but a time to decide just how we tighten our fiscal belts; in other words, which programs are reduced, which ones are eliminated altogether, and which ones remain.

At first, it appeared that seven athletic programs would have to go, but instead, it looks like major cutbacks in academic programs are in the offing. All of the following are just in the proposal phase as of this writing, but it is probable that the grim reality BC students will have to face will

include: The cancellation of summer classes at the Weill Institute downtown; a four-day academic week during summer sessions at the main campus; and the freeze of 20 faculty and staff positions.

The cancellation of the Weill's summer session and the reduced summer school week on the main

campus will not be an inconvenience to most students; however, fewer teachers means fewer classes and ultimately, fewer graduates, because students will not be able to complete general education requirements. This will also create a further strain on the already-burdened priority registration program.

Two important positions that probably will be frozen indefinitely are the directorship of the Martin Luther King Center and the Chief of Campus Security position (Chief Leon Ragdale is retiring at the end of the semester). That is troubling news when you consider the effect that those jobs have on many students.

Unfortunately, the only way to fully solve this crisis may be to raise fees for student services and tuition. School administrators don't have the power to do this, but the state does, and probably eventually will again.

This in itself will create a number of side-effects, including the potential mass dropouts of students who can't afford to pay increases.

It is hard to believe that the state is so helpless fiscally that it has to drain funds from education, which is one of the institutions least capable of supporting such monumental financial burdens. It is frustrating that no matter what educators do, they are still being bled to death by state lawmakers.

If this budget crisis was gangrene, BC has just lost both legs.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Dunn defends letter

Steve Mayer can hardly conceal his contempt for me.

Blitzing his way through a letter published nearly a month before, Mr. Mayer published a letter in the Feb. 22 issue of *The Rip* and denounced me in words that exuded condescension.

To Mr. Mayer, I am an ignorant saphead who neither understands the democratic process nor appreciates the first amendment. Apparently, he was piqued by the opinion I advanced in my letter—that those who protested the war with Iraq were trait-

ors trying to sabotage the war effort and deserve to be locked up.

Everyone has the right to disagree with their government, says Mr. Mayer, and he is right. In peacetime, any of us may do, say or write whatever we choose. When the shooting starts, however, she deserves the full faith and support of her people.

When war erupts, debate ends. Then liberal or conservative, we are all confronted by the same enemy.

When protesters take to the streets to belittle the cause for which our brothers and sisters are risking their lives, they are not engaged in some

exercise of abstract freedom; they are not misunderstood patriots; they are traitors and seditionists; they are guilty of treason.

Some protesters might have been decent Americans whose actions were merely ill-considered. But among the vast majority was another purpose: to shatter the American will to demoralize our troops so that we could not carry the war to victory.

In Vietnam, the strategy paid dividends; this time it did not.

Even while you endorsed the President's Gulf policy, Mr. Mayer, you and others like you, with your

prattle about defending freedom of speech, have given moral comfort to the enemies of our country.

These radicals are angry at America. They believe that ours is a sinful country whose history is marked by exploitation and oppression. How can we engage such people in dialogue who themselves are so ready to tear at the tunic of tolerance? Waging war on our culture, sustained by liberals like yourself, they may one day succeed in the sabotage of our society.

Richard Dunn  
Bakersfield

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## JOE'S WORLD

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# SPORTS

## SpikeFest '91

Festival successful despite small turnout, rule confusion

By Krista Dario  
Rip staff writer

The fairly small turnout at the recent Certe/Trident SpikeFest didn't discourage ASBC President Bryan Mathews.

"The publicity wasn't as good as I expected, but I think if it's an annual event we can improve that," he said.

The first round of the four-man tournament, in which about 25 people participated was round robin, and the six teams competing were split into two different pools, and ranked according to the results.

Coming out on top were the "No Names," who wound up winning the tournament. Ranked No. 2 were the "Smiley Shorts," led by Mathews, followed by the "Chosen Ones," a team made up of six BC dorm residents. No. 4 was "Beauty and the Beasts," followed by the "Unmentionables," and "Misfits."

The second round of the tournament was single elimination, and the semi-finals found the "Smiley Shorts" playing the "Chosen Ones," while the "Misfits" played the "No Names."

In three close games, Greg Ontiveros, Julie Covington, Jon Wience, and Debbie Bowen of the "No Names" accomplished an 8-11, 12-10, 11-9 win over the "Smiley Shorts." Mathews, Kim Batten, Mike Williamson and Tressa Campbell, in the finals, for the championship.

Although there were a few rule discrepancies, Tony Valenti, ASBC Administrative Assistant, said that the rules provided by Certe/Trident,

were fairly self-explanatory. He felt teams confused the two-man, four-man, and six-man rules.

"It's pretty good for the first time," said Terri Foster, ASBC Vice President.

"As with anything, everyone has improvements for everything," she said, adding that several ideas for better participation next year, such as pre-registration, holding the tournament on Sunday rather than Saturday, and more word-of-mouth, already had been suggested.

Some of the participants in the tournament gave positive feedback.

"We had a lot of fun playing. It was a good idea," said Candice Rojas, a member of the "Beauty and the Beasts."

Tami Dennison, who was one of the "Misfits," said her team had decided at the last minute to enter. All of its members were ASBC officers, who were at the tournament to work in the snack stand.

"All I do is drama and stuff, so I wanted to do sports," she said.

Everyone who entered the tournament received a T-shirt and free samples of Certe mints and Trident chewing gum, and the winners received other small prizes.

The winning team did not consist of all BC students and so the "Chosen Ones," made up of Kim Moore, Luchrisa White, Raymond Rodriguez, Carlos Angel, Robert Pang and Corey Lakey, will go on to the regional festival, to be held at California State University, Fresno, April 21.



Larry Pruett / The Rip  
Kim Moore looks on as Ray Rodriguez sets the ball.

## Dahl takes WSC coaching honor for BC's finish

By Ken Lay  
Sports Editor

Bakersfield College women's basketball coach Jenny Dahl was named Western State Conference Southern Division Coach of the Year.

Dahl, who led the Renegades to a 23-11 record and 8-2 in the WSC Southern Division, was honored but felt the BC players deserved the credit.

"It was a real honor, I think, because we weren't the conference champs. We finished second and a lot of coaches respected what we did," said Dahl, who completed her ninth season at BC. "You're voted by your peers. It makes me feel good because they feel I did a good job. It wasn't me. It was the kids. They had the right chemistry and came together at the right time."

BC's season came to an abrupt end when they dropped a state semi-final game last Friday against the Los Angeles Valley Monarchs 89-80. It was the Monarchs who snapped the Renegades' seven-game winning streak by defeating BC 91-79 in February.

BC's other WSC loss came at the hands of Los Angeles-Pierce in the conference opener. The Renegades defeated Pierce to advance to the state quarterfinals, where they outlasted the Santa Rosa Community

College Bear Cubs before playing Valley for a third time.

"I'm a little disappointed that we didn't win state," Dahl said. "I felt we had the potential to win state had we been healthy and played like we did all year."

Freshman forward Roni Scott was stricken with the flu in the semi-final game.

"Roni was sick but she still played well under the circumstances. She had 17 points and several rebounds," Dahl added.

"The Renegades improved from last season's 15-14 mark (8-7 in league)."

"It was a major improvement because we made the final four in the state," she said.

Scott said Dahl deserved being named Coach of the Year. "She's more disciplined than any of the other coaches," Scott said. "She lets us speak our minds, too. It's not one-sided."

Scott, a native of Los Angeles who came to play for the Renegades this year, said that the season was better than she expected.

Dahl agreed.

"I was just glad to be a part of the team. The kids were a good group and it was just a pleasure to work with them," she said. "We were down a number of times during the season and they really played hard."

## Terry connects with coach and players

By Amy L. Fulce  
Rip staff writer

Bill Terry never gives up. This attitude gives him the ability not only to be the number one player on the tennis team but also to be the team leader.

The Bakersfield College sophomore feels it is good at some times to be a leader but that it definitely comes with responsibilities.

"If the team needs someone to

blame, or someone to look up to, I am there," Terry said with an American flag bandanna wrapped around his head.

Coach Rob Slaybaugh relies on Terry to be a dependable point-getter and also to be a support for the other team members.

The coach-to-player admiration goes in both directions.

Terry feels as if he is a "connection," relating ideas from Slaybaugh to the team.

"We have a good team. We are stronger this year than last year at the bottom (of the ladder). And we have a good coach whom I respect," Terry said.

Terry came to the courts the summer of his high school freshman year as a burned out baseball player.

He names his mother Irene Terry, along with BC instructor Gayland Lewis, who works with the team everyday, as the biggest supporters of his switch from baseball to tennis.

Since that summer, Terry has come a long way. St. Mary's College (University) has been inquiring about him but he plans to transfer to a Division I school such as University of California, San Diego or University of California, Santa Barbara as a business major.

"If I keep with tennis through college, I can possibly obtain a career in tennis, but I would like to get a degree in business," Terry said.

His philosophy is to try his best at

all times.

"I would like to be the top player in the state and to gain a scholarship somewhere," he said with a solemn look on his face.

And his will to be the best that he can be has supplied him with his achievements thus far.

"I am most proud of just being able to play in Division I level tournaments against players like Carl Chang, Michael Chang's brother," Terry said.

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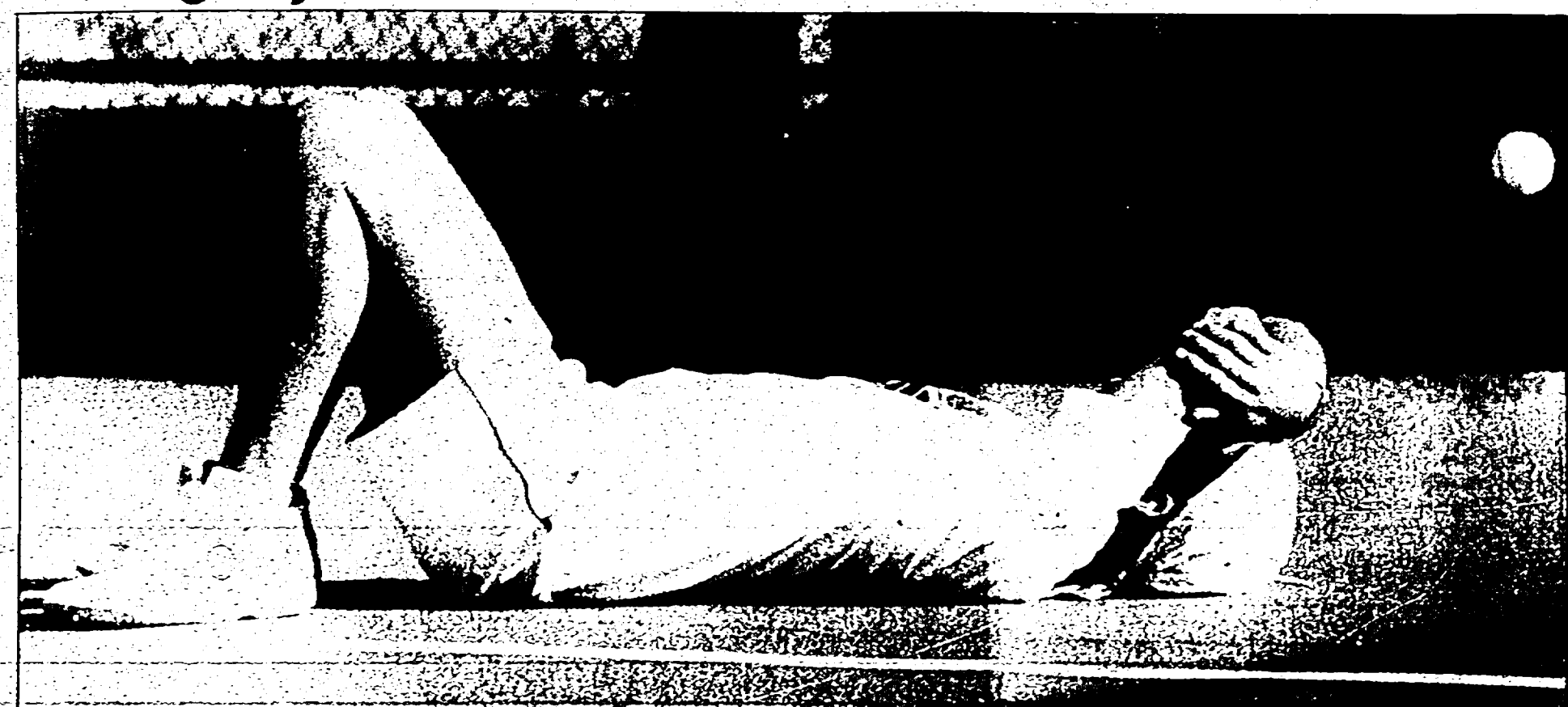
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## The Agony of Defeat...



Ruthie Alvarez / The Rip  
BC's Pablo Medioli lies disgusted after losing his match. He was playing for West Los Angeles due to lack of players in the recent WSC match.

## Jones sees success despite poor record in '90-91

By Amy L. Fulce  
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College men's basketball team finished the season successfully, according to head coach Dean Jones, who measures success on his player's growth as athletes.

"We (the coaches) consider it a

successful program as long as the kids mature and as long as we try to motivate them to be good student athletes," Jones said.

The team finished 3-7 in the WSC with an overall record of 12-19. After losing to Cypress College 89-71, in the first round of the playoffs, BC tied for fourth in the league with

Glendale College.

"The best aspect of our season was that we played very hard, very aggressively," Jones said. "We feel good about what we tried to accomplish."

Sophomores Darius James and Greg Burt were the top contributors to those accomplishments.

During the final game against Cypress, James fought for 19 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 blocks.

He is five or six inches shorter than most of the people that he plays against, Jones said. James was named as an honorable mention for the WSC. Burt was a first team all-conference pick. He provided the

Renegades with leadership, a quality that often goes unnoticed, according to Jones.

Jones is looking forward to next season. He expects to see all the freshmen return and hopes for a few "all" newcomers.

"We have something to build on for next season," Jones said.

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Men's track team goes for third title

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Students plan exotic travel, fun for spring break

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## POW flag to be raised

Dedication location moved off campus due to delay

By Tony Handley  
News Editor

A POW and MIA flag-raising at Bakersfield College Campus has been postponed to allow for more preparation time, according to Del Allen, Vet's Club adviser.

Instead, the flag will be dedicated near the college campus at Panorama Park Saturday by local military support groups, including the Middle East Support Group (M.E.G.S.) and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

"We just have so much to do, we just can't meet the time frame," Allen said. "We didn't want to do the ceremony until we had Associated Students of Bakersfield College sanction."

But Arnie Payne, Vet's Club president and a Vietnam War Vet-

eran who proposed the flag-raising, said the ceremony will take place Saturday on the bluffs near campus.

"Right now, the flag dedication is being planned for Panorama Park," Payne said. "I was told that I could not do it (at BC) because of outside groups."

"The flag would represent local support of prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action."

"The dedication of this POW flag carries a greater significance than just remembering POWs and MIAs," Payne said.

With approval from the Vet's Club and BC president Dr. Rick Wright, Payne had intended for the dedication to happen Saturday on the BC campus. Originally, the flag was to be raised on the flagpole in front of

the administration building, but a policy stated that only two flags, the U.S. flag and the California flag, could occupy that particular pole, according to Wright. He approved moving a flagpole from the allied health facility to the Veteran's Plaza, located east of the BC bookstore.

"It seemed appropriate because it's a flag dedicated to veterans," Wright said.

The club was forced to postpone the dedication to obtain ASBC's blessing and meet building permit deadlines, Allen said.

"The club wants to do it. We just have to resubmit (a plan) to ASBC," he said.

Allen said one of his concerns was who would handle the dedication.

"It really should be a club activity

if it's going to be on campus," he said.

Once the flag was in place, it would be the Vet's Club responsibility to raise and lower the flag daily. Allen also said a plaque on the pole would state the Pledge of Allegiance.

At press time, it had not yet been decided if the flag raised at Panorama Park would be moved to BC later or if a different flag would be raised.

Payne said that he understands why BC wants student involvement, but intends to go ahead with the Saturday flag-raising.

"Never again will we forget our POWs and MIAs," he said.

"Never again will we forget our troops in foreign lands. And never again will our troops not be welcomed home."

## Monster crunch...



Christopher Acosta / The Rip

Two monster trucks crush cars during a race at the recent Monster Truck Madness at Kern County Fairgrounds.

## Teachers, Wilson war over deficit

By Maria Van Schuyver  
Features Editor

Bakersfield College could have as much as \$800,000 more in next year's budget if lobbying efforts by the California Teachers' Association are successful.

CTA is working toward stopping the suspension of Prop. 98 by California Governor Pete Wilson. The proposition, passed in November 1988 guarantees 40 percent of state revenues to be earmarked for education.

It's suspension could mean a loss of \$1.4 million in funding to the Kern Community College District, according to Bakersfield College President Dr. Rick Wright.

BC is in the process of planning the 1991-92 budget as if the budget will have a \$1.2 million deficit.

This deficit would occur as a

result of a drop in lottery funds, increased county taxes, over enrollment, and contractual increases - areas that Prop. 98 would cover if it remained in effect, Wright said.

"We've already anticipated the worst case scenario," he said. "In our budget preparations we've assumed that 98 is going to be suspended. If it is not, then we'll be able to consider which part of the cuts we've made can be restored."

Prop. 98 has a clause which allows the governor to suspend it in cases of fiscal emergency, according to Amy Albright, spokeswoman for Maureen DiMarco, secretary of child development and education.

"The suspension of 98 could fill the \$7 billion plus shortfall we (California) are suffering from now," she said. "The fiscal restrictions imposed by 98 make it impossible to deal with without suspension. Gov-

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the money they need.

"But, we are spreading the money as best as we can," she said. "The prisons aren't receiving cost of living increases, either. Even if every prison were shut down, and every prisoner was set free, it would only save the state \$3 billion."

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## Fallout shelters called obsolete

By Alex Kundert  
Rip staff writer

Bakersfield College's three bomb shelters are obsolete, ill-equipped and unsafe, according to Dr. Claire Larsen, associate dean of administrative services.

And two of the three bomb shelters contain asbestos, a known carcinogen, he said.

The bomb shelters are located under the speech arts/music building, trades/industries building and the gymnasium. Built in the Cold War period between 1955-56, the bomb shelters were "big business" in an era when Americans worried about a war with Russia, Larsen said.

But that era has passed and it has been at least 15 years since the last bomb shelter drill on campus.

He explained, "The shelters no longer contain any food, water, toilets or emergency equipment. My understanding is that they had a number of stores, which were essentially Korean War vintage materials," he said, adding that with the invention of more advanced nuclear weapons experts began questioning the effectiveness of bomb shelters.

"The people who were experts in that began to reassess because they decided that if you really were in the area of a major blast, we would get everyone concentrated in one place, they'd live for a few more hours, then you go and get radiated and so what's the point of it all, I guess," he said.

The administrator also said that BC's bomb shelters could be unsafe during a war because no one could leave them once buildings collapsed on top of them.

And even if the shelters were

used, those in the speech arts shelter and the trades industries shelter would be exposed to asbestos.

Larsen emphasized that asbestos is safe as long as it is encapsulated or covered by other materials, such as in the two shelters.

The asbestos was used originally as insulation around pipes.

BC removes asbestos when it poses a hazard or when buildings are remodeled, Larsen said.

He and other administrators monitor the asbestos levels on campus.

He acknowledged that instructions about the use of the bomb shelters in the 1990-91 Bakersfield College Staff Handbook are outdated and the shelters cannot hold as many people as the handbook states.

According to the handbook, the speech arts shelter can hold 950 people, the trades industries shelter can hold 740 people and the shelter under the gym, which is used as racketball courts, can hold 1,400 people.

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Micah Martin / The Rip  
Sign shows shelter site.

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## BC asbestos safe, say campus administrators

By Alex Kundert  
Rip staff writer

Every building at Bakersfield College contains asbestos, according to Dr. Rick Wright, president of the campus.

But all of the asbestos at BC is encapsulated or covered, which prevents the release of cancer-causing fibers, he emphasized.

Removing all of the asbestos on campus would be costly and time consuming, and buildings probably would have to be closed during the removal process, he said.

Dr. Claire Larsen, associate dean of administrative services, explained that it would take years to remove all of BC's asbestos.

"If we took all of the maintenance money that's allocated to this campus for all purposes and did nothing else for 10 years, probably all we'd get rid of is the asbestos," he said.

Asbestos is a grayish mineral that was used in the building made as an insulator and fire retardant. A known carcinogen, it was formally prohibited from use by OSHA in 1979, after which supplies of asbestos were used up.

At BC, asbestos has been found in the floor tile, as insulation around pipes and in several class-

room ceilings, Larsen said. It is also found in two of the campus bomb shelters, including the scene room in the theater building.

Students who register in the administration building are standing on floor tiles that contain some asbestos, he said.

According to John Mellow, an asbestos inspector for Kern County, asbestos can cause asbestosis or a blackening of the lungs; lung cancer, or fatal lung tumors. But he said it is not dangerous when it is covered, left alone and prevented from releasing fibers.

Mellow said that federal law requires all public schools with asbestos to write asbestos management plans which must be made available to the public.

But when The Renegade Rip requested to read the BC asbestos management plan, Wright said the law does not apply to the college. He said BC does not have such a plan.

BC officials monitor the asbestos levels carefully to make sure the campus is safe and that no one is exposed to it, he emphasized.

"We don't want to sweep it under the rug, but we don't want people panicking and losing a lot of sleep over it," Larsen said.



# FEATURES

## Youths play to high standards

By Carol Eldmann  
Rip staff writer

Joshua Estrada has studied music for years. Estrada, a high school senior, was a soloist and the concert master for last Saturday's Bakersfield Youth Symphony performance at Bakersfield College's Indoor Theater. According to the program biography, he began to study the violin at age 8.

Since 1989, he has won a full scholarship to the Congress of Strings in Colorado and another to the summer program at Isomata in Idyllwild, Calif. He has played for three seasons with the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra and plans to pursue a professional career in music.

Estrada is typical of many of the members of the Bakersfield Youth Symphony, a group that must meet high standards, according to Dr. James Mason, symphony music director.

"They don't miss rehearsals and they must be very business-like," said Mason, chairman of BC Division of Fine and Performing Arts. "Private lessons are very important."

Mason has conducted the group for five years and is proud of the orchestra members, whose ages span from eighth grade through college.

He started the Bakersfield Youth Symphony, a project sponsored by the BC Music Department and supported by the Bakersfield Symphony. The Youth Symphony provides young musicians with an opportunity to perform challenging musical literature, he said.

To try out for the symphony, students audition a specific piece along with excerpts on sights and scales.

Every local high school that has an orchestra is represented in the Youth Symphony. There are 12 junior high members.

Arranging schedules can take time, but Mason said the effort is worth it.



Dr. James Mason leads the Youth Symphony in last weekend's concert performance. Larry Pruett / The Rip

## Break springs students into travel

By Amy L. Fucile  
Rip staff writer

"Spring break is not just another week of vacation, it is an episode of wild adventure for some students at Bakersfield College."

As soon as class ends on Friday, March 22, the electric spirits of freedom and fiesta are undeniably present.

Whether it is a trip to the mountains to camp or ski, or to any of the accessible beaches, students always bring home unique memories. Some of the favored spots are Pismo, Avila, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Tijuana and for those most zealous, Mazatlan, Mexico.

"I'm staying with my friend near San Diego State," said sophomore Adrian Garcia, a business major.

He will spend most of his time at the beach playing basketball. However, he has other intentions as well.

"What aren't we going to do?" he said with a gleam in his eyes.

Another beachcomer is sophomore Kami Blankenship. She is a recreation administration major and was a cheerleader for BC during the football season.

"I'm going to the beach house, overlooking beautiful Cayucus beach. Then I'm going to drive up and down the coast partying a lot!" she said.

One group of 10 students has really been bitten by the spring break bug. The nine women and one male plan to start their vacation by loading their cars and heading up the Grapevine to Laguna Beach.

"My friend has a little apartment three minutes from the beach. He will be away the entire week and he has agreed to let us stay there," said Manuela Fernandez, one member of the group.

The apartment is without electricity and also lacks bathroom facilities, the sophomore and math major said.

"We are going to bring camping

lights, use the public restrooms at Taco Bell down the street and shower at the beach bathrooms," Fernandez said.

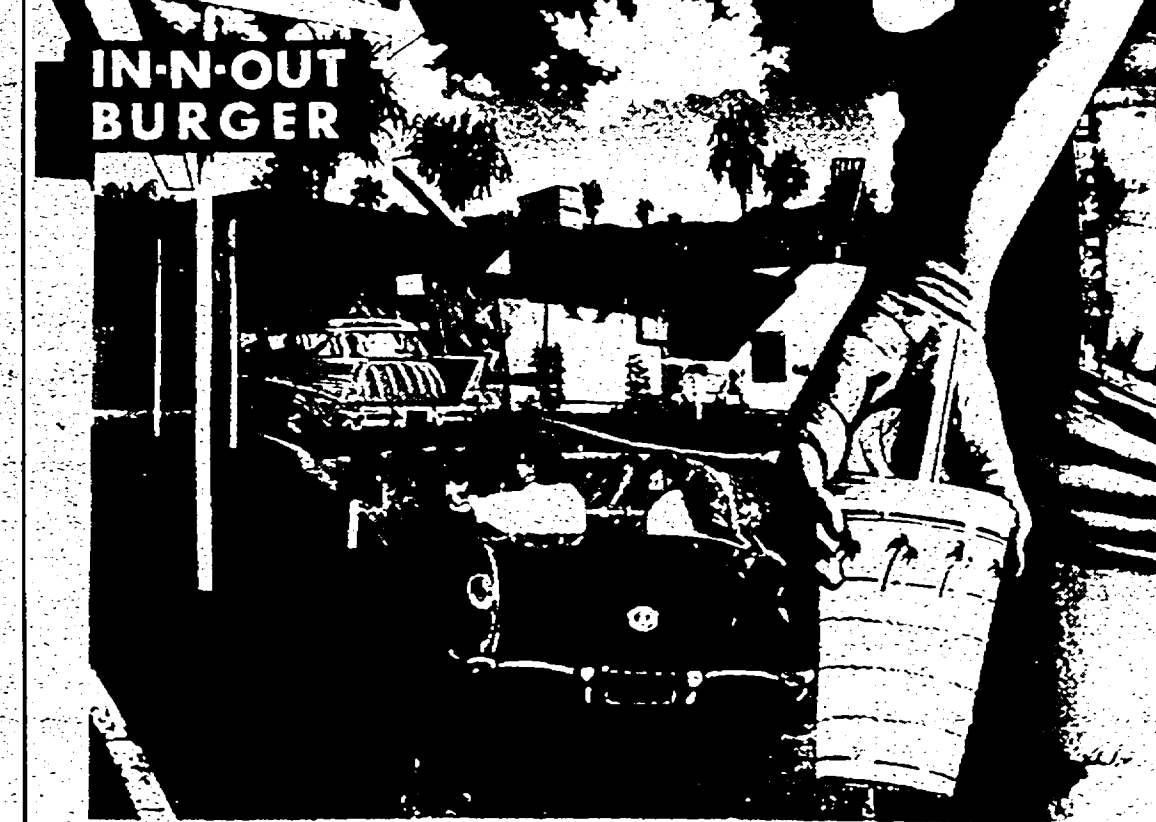
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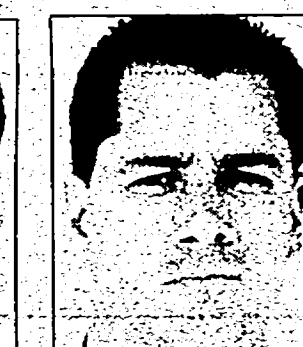
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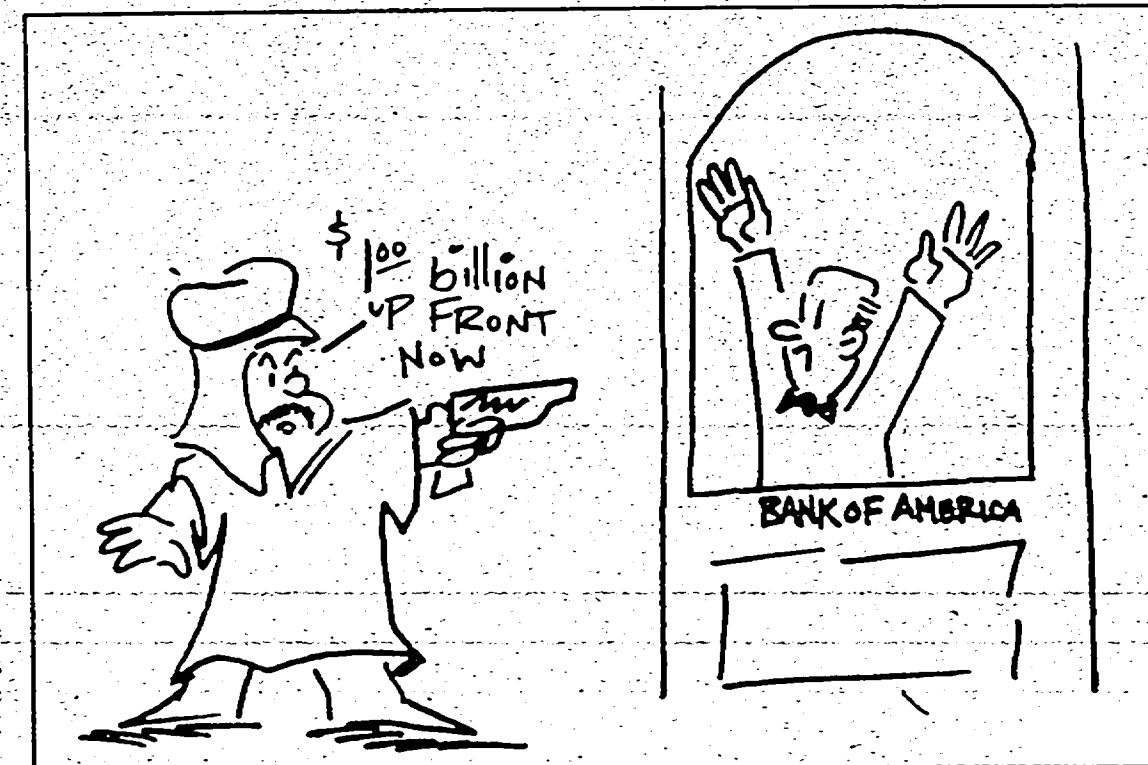
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# SPORTS

## Road to comeback

### Men run after third straight title

By Almee L. Fisher  
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Coach Bob Covey's 28-year career as the Bakersfield College men's track coach has been unpredictable. Recently, however, it's been a nice kind of unpredictability.

Almost 20 years ago the team took two state championships and also six Southern Cal. championships during the '70s. But, from then until 1989, the team wasn't performing as well.

Two years ago, the team began a comeback, taking the Western States Conference title in 1989 and 1990. While the team legally won the WSC title in '89, the title was forfeited due to the discovery of an academically ineligible member of the BC team.

"He (Covey) said he never had a bunch of guys that were willing to work so hard," team member Don Vinson said. "We're busting our butts out there, literally."

According to Covey, the team is hoping to be in the running for the conference again this year, and is undefeated so far.

"We've got a pretty nice team," Covey said. "We've got sicknesses and injuries we're working through, but every team has that."

John Spencer, a returning

sophomore sprinter, said the team does have a lot of members with good potential, but the competition is tough. Spencer lost the 200 meter to an athlete running for

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"I feel good that I lost to someone who's one of the best in the nation, but that's not fair (that schools import athletes)," Spencer said.

Covey agreed. "The difference (this season) is the competition because the other schools are importing athletes from other countries," he said. "I think our team has set more national records than any other team in the state, though."

The "family" structure of the team and member's support for each other are the team's strong point, according to Spencer.

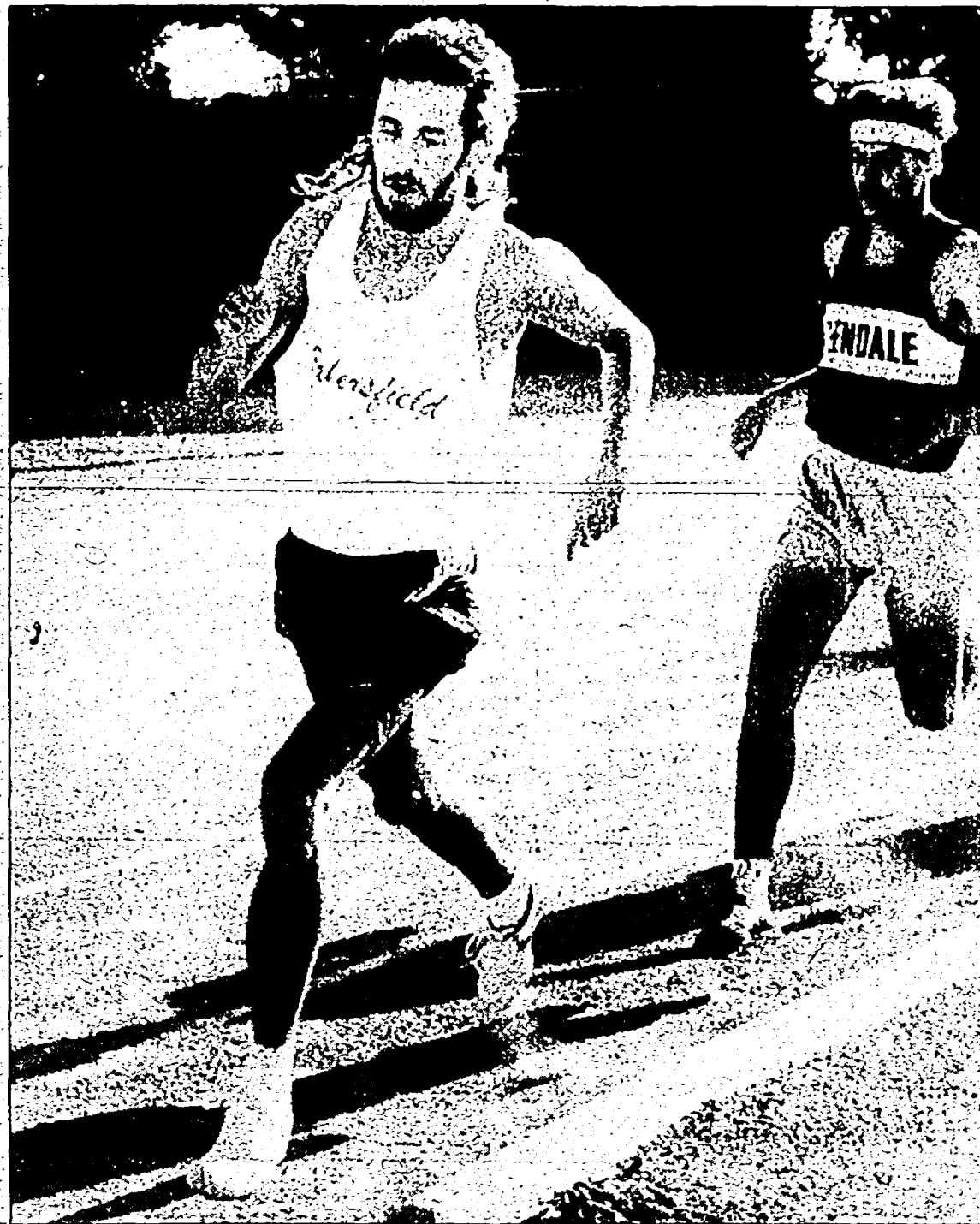
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While it is just the beginning of the season, some members of the team already have qualified for the Southern California Championship Finals to be held at BC May 11. Some of those qualified are Ruben Hendrix and Jon Baker, high jump; Jon Kirksey, shot put and discus; Ivy Calvin, discus; Monte Wilson, hammer throw; and Don Vinson, javelin.

Kirksey won the state championship in shot put last year.

Vinson, who said he usually competes in six or seven events, competed in long jump, javelin, pole vault, discus, and 400 meter hurdles last Friday at Ventura, where BC won with 104 points. Glendale came in second with 38 points and Ventura was third with 37.

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The Renegades have a 6-1 record in league and are 8-1 overall.

"We're glad basketball's over," said Kelley, who is grateful to have three of her athletes back who've been involved in basketball.

Natalie Santiago, a heptathlete, Roxane Losey, a hurdler/jumper, and Ann Cogley, also a hurdler, are getting a late start, but Kelley is glad to have them join the rest of the team.

"Our improvement is going to come now that everybody's here," she said, adding that without the

three basketball players, the team has had to double up people in certain events where there weren't enough athletes.

Kelley feels that it will help the team out a lot for individuals to be able to focus more on their own, specific events. She said that now she would just like to concentrate on improving strength and conditioning. Carmona, however, has some personal goals for herself, including "to get the three records held here," she said.

"You're only what, five inches off," Kelley reminded her, referring to the shot-put record.

Although the team has continued to be strong in field events as Kelley predicted, she feels that the team will start developing more depth in the running events.

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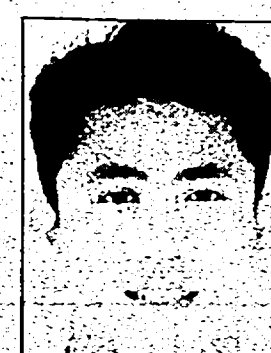
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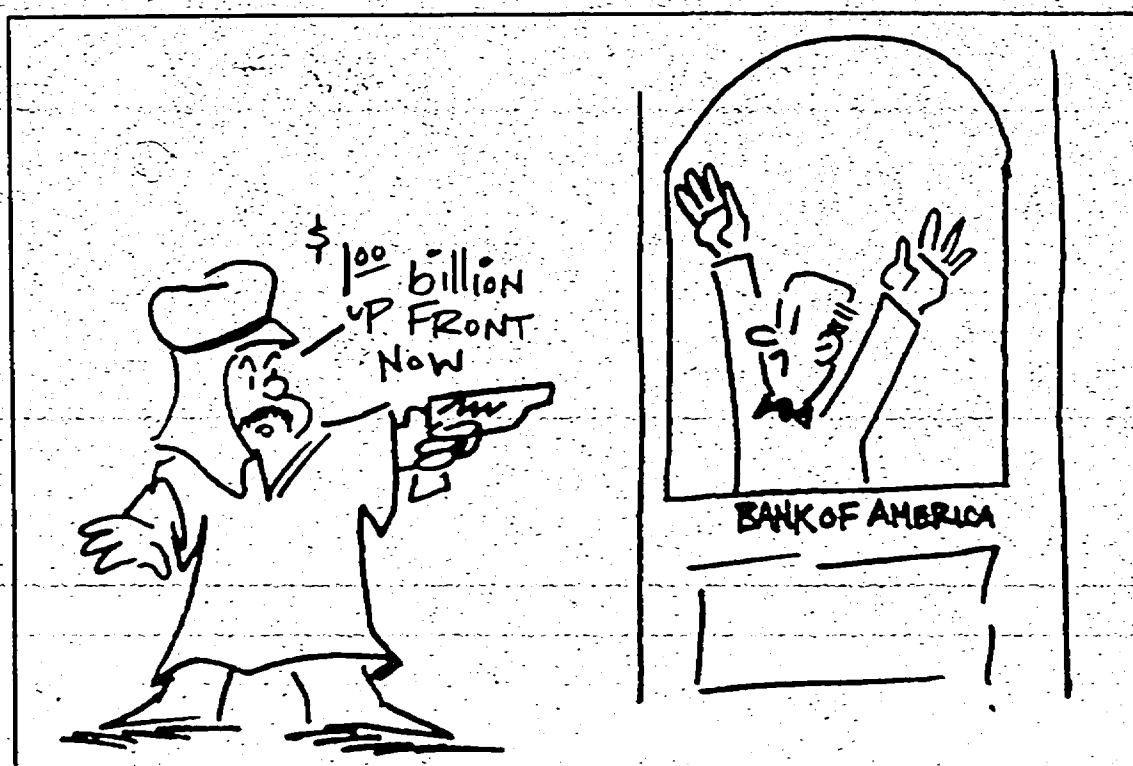
Although Saddam Hussein is not capable of completely repaying Kuwait for his atrocities and his pillaging, the United Nations should make him pay for what he can.

He can never make adequate reparations for the human toll of his "annexation" of Kuwait. The atrocities committed by Iraq did not match the numbers of victims of Hitler's conquests, but they certainly matched Nazi barbarism. Iraqi soldiers killed and tortured thousands of Kuwaiti civilians. Iraqi soldiers also raped thousands of Kuwaiti women. In the final days before the ground war, Iraqi soldiers committed genocide against thousands of young Kuwaiti men.

The economic effect of Saddam's escapades will linger for years or decades. He ravaged Kuwaiti oil reserves, dumping millions of gallons of crude into the Persian Gulf and setting two-thirds of the country's oil wells on fire. His troops destroyed hotels, government buildings and the emir's royal palace.

Estimates place the cost of totally rebuilding Kuwait at about \$100 billion.

That figure poses a problem to those who would have Iraq pay for all



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reconstruction. Iraq has its own roads and buildings to repair, the cost of which is unknown at this point. According to the recent issue of *Newsweek*, Iraq's production netted \$14.5 billion two years ago, a far cry from the amount needed to rebuild Kuwait. Iraq's foreign debt also comes to more than \$75 billion, much of which is already owed to Kuwait. If Allied countries pursue reparations for their own losses, it is clear that they will be trying to draw

blood from a turnip.

Another problem is whether Saddam will be in power long enough to be held accountable for the damage. The movement to overthrow him grows larger by the day. It is probable that a regime that would succeed Saddam would claim that they do not have to pay reparations, because it had nothing to do with the conflict. But the government should still be made to pay, however, if for no better reason than it waited too long to

overthrow Saddam.

The post-war events that will soon unfold probably will be very similar to events that took place after the end of World War II. Germany owed billions in war reparations that the U.S. ended up paying out in the course of rebuilding Europe.

Will we ever see Iraq pay war reparations during our lifetimes? Probably not. America may have won on the battlefield, but we're losing the race to the bank.

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# SPORTS

## Road to comeback

### Men run after third straight title

By Almee L. Fisher  
Editor in Chief

Coach Bob Covey's 28-year career as the Bakersfield College men's track coach has been unpredictable. Recently, however, it's been a nice kind of unpredictability.

Almost 20 years ago the team took two state championships and also six Southern Cal championships during the '70s. But, from then until 1989, the team wasn't performing as well.

Two years ago, the team began a comeback, taking the Western States Conference title in 1989 and 1990. While the team legally won the WSC title in '89, the title was forfeited due to the discovery of an academically ineligible member of the BC team.

"He (Covey) said he never had a bunch of guys that were willing to work so hard," team member Don Vinson said. "We're busting our butts out there, literally."

According to Covey, the team is hoping to be in the running for the conference again this year, and is undefeated so far.

"We've got a pretty nice team," Covey said. "We've got sicknesses and injuries we're working through, but every team has that."

John Spencer, a returning

sophomore sprinter, said the team does have a lot of members with good potential, but the competition is tough. Spencer lost the 200 meter to an athlete running for

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-Don Vinson  
track team member

Moorpark in the team's third conference meet this season. He said he lost to a Nigerian athlete who had been "imported" by the school.

"I feel good that I lost to someone who's one of the best in the nation, but that's not fair (that schools import athletes)," Spencer said.

Covey agreed. "The difference (this season) is the competition because the other schools are importing athletes from other countries," he said. "I think our team has set more national records than any other team in the state, though."

The "family" structure of the team and member's support for each other are the team's strong point, according to Spencer.

"It's almost like. Coach Covey is our guardian or parent," he added.

While it is just the beginning of the season, some members of the team already have qualified for the Southern California Championship Finals to be held at BC May 11. Some of those qualified are Ruben Hendrix and Jon Baker, high jump; Jon Kirksey, shot put and discus; Ivy Calvin, discus; Monte Wilson, hammer throw; and Don Vinson, javelin.

Kirksey won the state championship in shot put last year.

Vinson, who said he usually competes in six or seven events, competed in long jump, javelin, pole vault, discus, and 400 meter hurdles last Friday at Ventura, where BC won with 104 points. Glendale came in second with 38 points and Ventura was third with 37.

"Myself and the other athletes have some really impressive marks so far this season," Vinson said. "We have a lot of leaders out there...a lot of talent for a young team."



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BC's Charles Wallace edges out a Glendale runner for first place in the 500-meters.

## Women get back on track

By Krista Denlo  
Rip staff writer

With two Southern California Regional qualifiers already this season, the Bakersfield College women's track team's goal is to improve and get stronger, says Pam Kelley, coach.

Elena Carmona made the Southern Cal qualification with a 43'4" shot put, where the qualifying mark was just 40'. Also qualifying for Southern Cal is Krystal Kirkland, triple jumper, with a 37'8" jump.

The Renegades have a 6-1 record in league and are 8-1 overall.

"We're glad basketball's over," said Kelley, who is grateful to have three of her athletes back who've been involved in basketball.

Natalie Santiago, a heptathlete, Roxane Losey, a hurdler/jumper, and Ann Cogley, also a hurdler, are getting a late start, but Kelley is glad to have them join the rest of the team.

"Our improvement is going to come now that everybody's here," she said, adding that without the

three basketball players, the team has had to double up people in certain events where there weren't enough athletes.

Kelley feels that it will help the team out a lot for individuals to be able to focus more on their own, specific events. She said that now she would just like to concentrate on improving strength and conditioning. Carmona, however, has some personal goals for herself, including "to get the three records held here," she said.

"You're only what, five inches off," Kelley reminded her, referring to the shot-put record.

Although the team has continued to be strong in field events as Kelley predicted, she feels that the team will start developing more depth in the running events.

In their most recent meet last Friday, BC's Natalie Santiago led the women's track team to sweep the triangular track field meet at Ventura Col. field meet at Ventura Col. score 0

Glendale's 37.

Santiago won the high jump with a mark of 4'8", and also won the long jump at 16'4-1/2". She also contributed to both of BC's winning relay teams, running a leg on each.

Bakersfield College's Roxane Losey won the 400 hurdles, came in second in the 100 hurdles and third in the triple jump, while Krystal Kirkland won the triple jump, Kathleen Ruff won the 100 hurdles, and Elena Carmona won the shot put at 42'4".

The biggest challenge for the BC women's track team this season, according to Kelley, will be the L.A. Valley meet in April.

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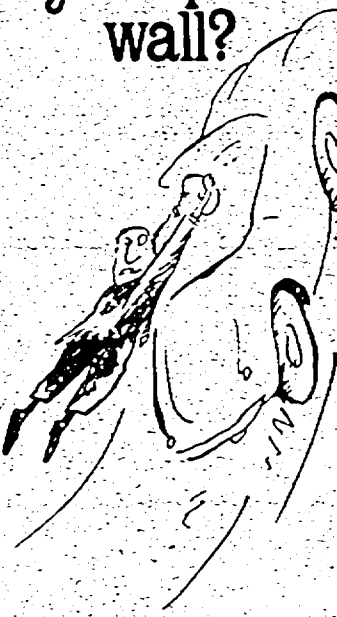
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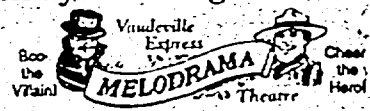
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Roxane Losey starts out of the blocks at Ventura meet.