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DA says even 'good cause' drawings illegal

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The Bakersfield College Agriculture Department is promoting a \$5,000 drawing to raise funds for needed equipment. But such raffles are illegal in Kern County, according to the district attorney's office.

Gay Gardella, a faculty member and adviser for the fund-raiser, said the department often runs drawings along with selling small Christmas trees, poinsettias and roses in the Garden Shop to raise funds. Last year's efforts produced enough cash to buy a trailer. The drawing's proceeds will help buy a one-ton pickup truck.

Gardella said that about \$8,000 in grant money will pay for the balance of the truck. Money raised from ticket sales, which cost \$50 per ticket or three for \$100, would raise the remaining amount.

Gardella said that only 500 to 600 tickets would have to be sold to meet the \$5,000 goal for the give-away, which is set for St. Patrick's Day, March 17. About \$1,000 has been collected to date.

But Stephen Tauzer, assistant district attorney, stated that drawings or raffles are misdemeanor offenses, punishable up to six months in county jail.

"The only way I think you can get around it is if you're willing to give tickets away as easily as you sell them,"

he said, "like no purchase necessary. But that defeats the purpose of a raffle."

When told about Tauzer's comments, Gardella said that she was told that if each ticket buyer receives something, then there's no problem with the drawing. Ticket buyers receive tickets to the St. Patrick's party, where the winner will be announced, she explained.

Tauzer said that groups get away with raffles because they are for a "good cause," which makes it difficult for law enforcement to interfere.

"Nobody wrote an exception into the law. It's not like we want to shut this down," he said.

He cited Penal Code section 320, which states,

"Every person who contrives, prepares, sets up, proposes, or draws any lottery, is guilty of a misdemeanor." This also is covered under section 322, which states, "Every person who aids or assists, either by printing, writing, advertising, publishing, or otherwise in setting up, managing, or drawing any lottery, or in selling or disposing of any ticket, chance, or share therein, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Even though raffles like BC's help a "good cause," Tauzer supports upholding the law.

"No one's really enforcing it," he explained. "I can tell you probably no one's going to do anything about it. But on the other hand, it is against the law."

Trustees to decide cops' future here

BY E. MICHAEL LEDFORD
Rip staff writer

The future of campus police officers is expected to be settled within the next few months by the district Board of Trustees, which will decide whether or not to update the training of current officers or contract police services with an outside agency.

Presently, campus police consists of a security force and an agreement with the Bakersfield Police Department. Eight campus police officers are ex-police officers, while other officers have police reserve training.

Two 1998 laws require either a higher level of training for security forces or that they acquire POST (Police Officers Standards and Training) certification. For BC, the possibilities include a more highly trained in-house campus police, a private security force or contracting with a law enforcement department.

All of us (officers) are already updated," said Officer Augustin Gutierrez of the campus police. "But the rest of the department isn't updated. They never got the department updated when the gun issue came up. To do that, we all need to be retrained. The ones that can't, I guess we'll retire."

After more than a year of research, a campus security task force found that a majority of BC employees and students want sworn police officers who carry guns. The task force surveyed 1,120 students and 240 employees in fall 1998. Sixty-seven percent of the faculty and 63 percent of the students wanted campus security to be sworn police officers.

Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities and operations, is part of the project to change security.

"As it stands now, our mutual aid



Campus Police Officer Richard Cox opens Annie Degeare's car door after she accidentally locked her keys inside, while she and her friend Vincent Garner stand by.

agreement (with the police) primarily deals with major crimes: aggravated assault, rape, murder.

Unless it's part of something else they're doing, they do not deal with the people breaking into cars and

taking things from classrooms and minor altercations. Those we have to deal with ourselves," he said.

Larsen points out, however, that contracting an outside department would completely restructure

campus police. He said it is unclear whether the outside organization or the BC officers would handle reports.

"In general, if it were contracted

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BC to clean up trash by spring

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN
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Although administration has devised a plan to solve "the pit" problem, students are still confused as to why they've been kept in the dark about proposals to rid the campus of the eyesore.

The large ditch, referred to as "the pit" by students, is located in between of the agriculture and horticulture buildings. It is filled with trash ranging from grass clippings to mattresses. It attracts rats, which have posed problems in horticulture computer labs. Students have complained that rats have urinated on computer keyboards and have been seen running through classes, and many are afraid of contracting hantavirus, a potentially deadly disease carried by some rats.

"When the college was first built, there was an incinerator in that area," said Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities. "You would shovel trash on top of it. It is illegal now."

Larsen says that plans are in the works to purchase a new trash compactor, but not any time soon, since the cost could be anywhere from \$70 to \$80,000. He plans to get the cleanup of the pit completed sometime between now and next semester.

"It will cost about \$11,000 to close up the pit," Larsen said. "We plan to rid the area of trash, cover the area with sod and fill material, and plant grass. Hopefully, by June, it should look ok."

Eric Mittlestead, director of plant operations, said the trash situation gets better with time.

"You get high and low times," he said. "Trash is worse the first week of school, and is almost nonexistent during Christmas break. Personally, I think trash is an issue anytime when it is visible," he said.

"The problem with (the pit) is that it is supposed to be used for green waste only. The concept behind (the pit) is that it became a transition point for green waste."

Mittlestead said that the trash around the rest of the campus is not a problem, and that the trash from campus trash cans is collected on a daily basis.

"When we get the compactor, we will be able to tow the dumpsters to the compactor, and fit much more trash in that compactor. The funding is the only thing that is holding us back," he said.

According to William O'Rullian, director of the solid waste program of the Kern County Environmental Health Department, BC is in violation of city code compliance.

"When you accumulate refuse like that, when tires are

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'Christmas in Kern' combines holiday music and news personalities

BY PAMELA WILSON
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Local news personalities will join forces with the Bakersfield College Music Department for its annual program at the Fox Theater on Dec. 14.

"A Christmas in Kern" is an annual event which includes performances by the Bakersfield College Wind Ensemble, Chamber

Orchestra and the BC Holiday Festival Orchestra. Local news personalities Dan Clark, Lisa Kirch and Rusty Shoop from Channel 29, Robin Mangarin and Jim Scott from Channel 17, and Jackie Parks and Todd Karli from Channel 23 will be featured in the program.

Other performers include jazz singer Susan Scaffidi, the BC Sign Choir, East High Festival Choir, The Bells of Praise from St. John

Lutheran Church and the Swing Dancers of Kern.

BC music professor Robert Martinez is in charge of creating a show that is unlike the year before.

"I tried to put together a variety of popular works that would be appealing. That is basically the content of the show," he said.

Film score composer John Williams, Chip Davis of Mannheim Steamroller, Irving Berlin, Leroy

Anderson and Glenn Miller are among the many composers featured in the Christmas show.

These Christmas concerts began in 1994 as "A Season Without End," at St. John's Lutheran Church. In 1995, because of the success of the first concert, the title was changed to "A Christmas in Kern" to incorporate not only BC, but the talents of ensembles and musicians of greater Kern County. According

to Martinez, the audience was approximately 250 for this concert.

In 1996, the concert was moved to the Fox Theater and an audience of about 1,000 people attended the show. In 1997 and 1998 the audience grew to about 1,400.

"The success of the concert is encouraging and we look forward to how this year will turn out," Martinez commented. "It is what we have, not what we don't have, that

makes us strong here at BC."

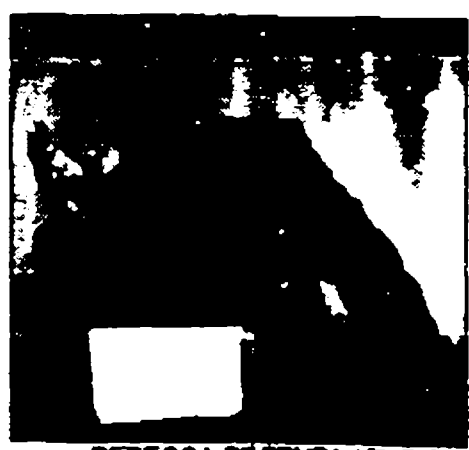
While the show is not a fundraiser, proceeds from the concert are put toward scholarships for students.

Tickets for the show are \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens, and free for children 12 and under. The tickets are available at the door or in advance at the BC Ticket Office.

"The concert is becoming a gift to the community," said Martinez.

Havana professor promotes modern Cuba, 'a little but beautiful country'

Ariel Aguilar Reyes urged stronger relations between the United States and Cuba during campus presentation.



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BY JOE SIMPSON
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All Cuba wants from America is good relations, according to political sociologist and professor Ariel Aguilar Reyes from the University of Havana.

"If the U.S. will accept Cuba, like this, we can have a close relationship," Reyes said. "We are not a threat to America, except maybe that our system is working."

Reyes made his pro-Cuba comments during a presentation Tuesday morning in the Fireside Room. He is on a tour of Southern California universities to promote a vision of modern Cuba.

"Cuba is a little but beautiful country," he said.

His message was one of harmony and coexistence between Cuba and the U.S.

Before the Cuban Revolution in 1959, America had control of 75 percent of Cuban land. Cuba had a 25 percent unemployment rate, 45 percent illiteracy rate, a poor public schools system and only 48 hospitals in the country, according to Reyes.

"The revolution changed all the rules," Reyes said. "The revolution changed the sociology in Cuba."

The first change made, after the revolution, was a literacy campaign in 1960 through 1961. Next a public school system was created.

"The revolution opened the door of opportunity for all the people," Reyes said.

He went on to say that the two nations have begun to work together in several areas.

"We have worked out immigration rules. We have worked to fight against the drug traffic," Reyes explained. "And we communicate on the weather conditions of the Caribbean."

Several students and faculty members were in attendance at his presentation. Linda Garcia, business administration major, said she enjoyed it.

"I liked it," Garcia said. "I didn't know what was going on in Cuba."

Dairy builds too close for comfort

Construction of new dairy should not be near residential development where dust and animal waste would affect quality of life.

BY ERIN M. LOPEZ
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Moore-ove over Bakersfield, a whole new stink is about to be raised.

Thanks to cousins James and George Borba of Chino and the Kern County Planning Commission, two new dairies that will house 28,600 cows could be moving to our little city.

The proposed dairies are to be located near the intersection of Buena Vista Road and Taft Highway, which is approximately three miles from the closest major subdivision or school.

Both dairy and Bakersfield officials have assured residents that the new dairy will not affect the environment, residential areas or local air quality, but how reliable are these reports? After all, they come from the very people who advocate the dairies.

Cows produce 100 pounds of manure a day. That means that 28,600 cows would produce 2,860,000 pounds of manure each day. That's a lot of bullshit.

But according to a published interview with George Borba, the cow odor will supposedly be taken care of by the dairies' concrete stalls. The manure in these stalls is supposed to be flushed into lagoons a half-mile south of the dairy dairy.

It's hard to comprehend how a lagoon full of manure is not going to smell.

The air quality in Bakersfield already is one of the worst in the state without



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Bakersfield anytime the wind blows, which is often.

People know when they are driving near a dairy, whether the dairy is two or 20 miles away, because of the stench. It's frightening to think of the new aroma Bakersfield will acquire if the proposed dairy is built.

Complicating this residential neighborhoods are being planned near the dairy. What will be the repercussions of the dairy being close to these areas? If a child who has asthma lives near the

proposed dairy, what type of medical problems will he or she endure?

The Borba cousins have temporarily pulled the dairies from the agenda of the Dec. 7 Board of Supervisors' meeting. They are planning a community meeting in January to both inform concerned citizens and educate the community on the dairy industry.

Despite their sterling intentions, it is time for the citizens of Bakersfield to rally together and put a stop to this project.

having to add the stench of close to 30,000 cows. The proposed location would bring the stench of these numerous cows into

Remodeling of bookstore may bring students back

BY DANIEL F. HUNT
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Improvements to the Bakersfield College bookstore are long overdue. Many students have complained that the bookstore is outdated, not stocked with merchandise they like and too expensive.

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A bottle of Tylenol. The bookstore sells two tablets for about \$3.00. Where are the other items found in other college bookstores, such as current novels, a variety of school clothes and computer games?

Bob Day, bookstore director, said that officials hope to get out of the '60s with a major remodel planned for spring 2001. The remodeling of the store will help attract more students.

The BC bookstore should have much more books and supplies. The store should sell a line of electronics, including more than one microcassette recorder.

They should try to have a plethora of goods needed by students, ranging from bottled water to bottled pain relievers.

Clothing in the bookstore is a joke, too. While the bookstore bought more clothes this year than ever before, more styles and variety are needed.

Most importantly, along with the remodel the bookstore needs to re-evaluate its 29 percent markup on items. Price items reasonably and more students will shop there.

With a new look, more goods, the bookstore should attract more customers than ever before.

Going to the bookstore is like going back in time, to 1965. That's when it was built. It's dusty and horribly organized. Some say it looks like a morgue. The only thing new in the store are the cash registers that don't take an ATM card.

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Leading the way

Computer expert helps faculty bring technology to classrooms.

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS
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Janet Fulks recently used digital photography equipment in her biology classes. On a trip to the San Diego Wild Animal Park, her students took photographs of animals and imported them directly into reports.

"It's just incredible, the way that we can bring them into digital photography even in a biology class," Fulks said.

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somebody that has a vision and can have people jump on board and get to that vision and I think Greg has done that in a phenomenal way," said Fulks.

Off campus, Chamberlain spends most of his time with his family, often traveling.

"They (his wife and two children) are my outside of school life," he said. "I spend a lot of time with my family. That's more important to me than my job."

Chamberlain's educational career began in teaching high school band in Fresno, Calif. The school, however, insisted he also instruct English.

"I started teaching high school English, which led me to 'there's got to be a better way' and getting involved with computers for use in instruction. So then I got my master's in computer education and my doctorate in educational technology."

On the BC campus, Chamberlain strives to increase the efficiency of instruction through the proper use of technology.

"I've had faculty come to me and say, 'Can I scan this and change this

and do this and put it in the computer and then do it like this?' and I say, 'Yeah, or you can go photocopy it.' The solution is not always more hardware."

To help faculty achieve the best use of technology, Chamberlain offers a two-week instructional summer institute. This is the highlight of his year because he enjoys working



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Outside the office, Chamberlain spends most of his time with his family.

with the faculty. And Fulks said the faculty appreciate his effort.

"The facilities that we have available to our students and to our faculty as a result of his forward thinking is beyond anything that we find on any community college campus, so he's not just a leader on our campus, but throughout the state."

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New student club promotes positive image of the gay community

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In a world where bigotry and hatred run rampant through its social veins, a new club on campus is taking a stand to promote tolerance and understanding.

The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Student Network, or GLSSN, is a multi-campus organization in Bakersfield. Already based at California State University Bakersfield and Bakersfield College, GLSSN wants to involve gay and heterosexual students in improving the community as a team.

"We want to participate in school activities," said club adviser and teacher Alex Martinez, a BC professor of allied health and behavioral science. "We'd like to be recognized as a minority. People are kind of an invisible minority when they say they're gay or a lesbian. If

you're black or Hispanic... your skin color shows it, but if you're gay or lesbian... you're in any ethnicity, any social or economic class of people."

Richard Aguilar, a member of GLSSN agreed.

"(We're trying) to give a positive image of the gay community on campus, take part in school activities like Club Week, and just get people in touch (with the fact that) we're just regular students who are trying to make friends and get the gay community together."

To give its members a broader view of the gay community, GLSSN has a transfer program with branches in Los Angeles and Fresno, but the burgeoning club already has run into discrimination

and bigotry in their crusade to educate.

"At first when I was putting up fliers for it, they were getting ripped down," said Aguilar. "This is a community that's not very open to the gay community. That's why we're trying to get (GLSSN) started, so they don't think we're that bad, not the way we're portrayed on TV or the things they hear about us."

The bigotry has hurt the membership of GLSSN, with only

around 15 students active on campus.

"There's certainly a lot more people on campus who are basically keeping themselves closeted out of fear of retribution," explained Martinez. "With a population of about 13- or 14,000 students on

campus, there's maybe 10 percent of them who are (gay). But we certainly don't have 10 percent! Not even 3 percent!"

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Local band dabbles in new sound

Bucking the trend of Korn-esque punk bands that have sprung up like weeds across the local music scene, Hollowed Point has come along to make the core of Bakersfield music a little harder.

Their newest album, entitled "Goon," has recently hit the stands. Much different than their first album, Hollowed Point dabbles in a new style of heavy metal rock, adding new songs like "Tribute to the Sloth," but updating the old.

The first track on the album, "Subtraction," hits you like a ton of bricks. The first thing you notice is how drastically

lead vocalist Chris Cardoza's vocals have changed from the unintelligible howling to something with a little more talent.

"On some of the older songs I changed the vocals and we dropped the guitars down a full step to make it a little deeper," said Cardoza, who has decided to take the band in a much more bassy direction.

One of the most interesting songs Goon has to offer is "False Front," an updated version of the song that graced their first album about a dishonest club manager who refuses to pay his dues. Honest lyrics like, "You always pretending to like me/ All you want is my damn money," balance the tune's heavy disposition with lyrics many can relate to. It also has an original beat, a far cry than some of the drum-machine hits of metal bands past.

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Aguilar explained this as the reason meetings are held so late in the evening.

"A lot of (gays) are closeted. They don't want to be seen with other gays at BC and have someone go, 'He's gay!' They don't want the harassment."

GLSSN meets Wednesday afternoons between 4:30 and 5:30 in the Fireside Room.

Many who become openly gay feel like they're inviting trouble.

"Some people are more out in the sense their cars will have little gay rainbow flags or a bumper sticker or window sticker. When people do that in a town like Bakersfield they open themselves up to being harassed," she said.

Cardoza thinks that much of the

Killing mice angers Rip reader

A few weeks ago, I was reading an article in *The Renegade Rip* about students and teachers from the horticulture department who were upset with administration about having mice roaming around the classrooms, and nothing was being done by administration to get rid of them.

I was appalled to read such information. How could such a thing occur on a college campus?

How dare you jerks want to kill Mickey Mouse, and his family. Mice are some of the friendliest creatures around. They are warm and cuddly little guys, who even make great pets. So what if you catch rabies or some other strange disease, it probably won't kill



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you. Administrators have far better things to do than hear your whining, like playing golf, power lunches and the other stuff they do.

Leave the mice alone. Let Mickey live, dammit.

Jose Toribio
BC Student

No lights in free parking creates dangerous situation

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMANN
Rip staff writer

Safety concerns should be the main issue when it comes to designating a free parking area for students.

The far right corner of the southwest lot has been designated as a free parking lot for students, since it is the least popular lot with students with semester parking permits.

It is the most unsafe of all parking lots, with no lighting or emergency campus call boxes in the area.

According to Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities, the distance from the lot to classes is equivalent to three city blocks, and since Bakersfield still carries a "small town mentality," we would rather park as conveniently as possible to classes, rather than have to walk a few blocks.

Although administration has designated this area of the lot as "free parking," Larsen advises against

parking in the lot at night, encouraging students to park close to a street light.

He also says that students should just go



Top: Students line up for salad bar during lunch hour. Above and right: Grill cook Carmen Martinez fills bags with french fries in BC cafeteria. Far right: Manager Doris Williamson helps serve during lunch rush.



Food for Thought

Think you're busy? Try the Bakersfield College cafeteria, which serves 17,500 customers per week.

To keep up with the hunger pains of students, administrators, faculty and staff, BC food service workers begin to arrive on campus at about 6 a.m. to start their day.

It can be a long week, when 1,032 bottles of soda are sold each week, and that does not include fountain drinks. As for french

fries, BC customers consume 1,320 orders per week.

The cafeteria's best selling entree is its fried burritos, with 800 burritos sold weekly. As for tacos, customers eat 60 pounds of chicken, as well as that same amount of beef taco meat per week.

Even though lunch can be a rush, perhaps nothing can top the 1,440 eggs cooked weekly for BC's early bird customers.



Photos by Matthew K. Barr / The Rip

Renegades hope to pound Palomar Saturday

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

The stage is set for an all red and white Potato Bowl, as the Bakersfield College Renegades will take on defending state champion, Palomar in the 48th annual event, Saturday at 1 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

This will be a match-up of two tough football teams. Both schools boast well-known football programs with winning traditions. Palomar is unbeaten in Bowl games with a 9-0 record. BC will go after its 15th Potato Bowl win since 1948.

Palomar (8-2) is No. 1 in total offense (4,704 yards, 54 touchdowns) in the Central Division of the Mission Conference. Led by all-purpose back Nakoa McElwrath and quarterback Greg Cicero, the Comets will be a test for the 'Gades defense.

"Hopefully we can carry on offensively as we have been doing," said Cicero. "Bakersfield is a big team defensively and this will be a good test for our offense."

Defensively, Palomar is ranked fourth in its conference. Against Fullerton, defensive back Garret Pavelko, recorded 10 tackles (4 assists) and two pass deflections.

"I'm very excited to get the chance to play in the Potato Bowl," said Pavelko. "We have to try to hold down Bakersfield's run and make big plays on defense."

The Renegades (9-1) hope to bring on an offense that has bombed opponents out of the stadium the last three games. Jason Ghilarducci and Jared Bratcher have six touchdown strikes between them. Robert Thomas has run over defenses and has been on a scoring warpath.

"This game means everything," said Ghilarducci. "We have to stop those guys and be productive ourselves."

The Comets face the one of the best defenses in the state as the Renegades led the



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The 'Gades lost last year's Potato Bowl to Grossmont College. Saturday's game starts at 12:15 p.m.

Commission on Athletics says: No state championship for BC

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

Even with a Potato Bowl victory, the Bakersfield College Renegades will not get the chance to play for the state championship.

The Commission on Athletics, which releases power ratings every week, determines which teams play for the state championship. The ratings are based on points earned

according to strength of schedule and the rank of teams played.

"This is a new system with a lot of problems that has shot us in the foot right from the beginning because of a weak conference," said head coach Dallas Grider.

Here's the COA's basic formula for the power rating system: Number of wins times two. If a team has nine wins, it earns 18 points. Teams also earn points from opponent's wins

during the season. But the system doesn't work well for a team like BC, because the 'Gades' opponents are weaker than other conferences under the power rating system.

Never mind that the Renegades have been blowing away opponents (last blowout a 52-6 wipeout of West L.A.), and have a 9-1 record.

"Right now we are peaking and could be one, if not the best team in the state," said Athletic Director Jan

Stuebbe. "Strength of schedule has everything to do with the power rating. Because we haven't accumulated enough points, we won't get the chance to prove how good we are."

Cerritos, which is a ranked team, was asked to play in the Potato Bowl. By declining the invitation, BC could have gained its power points. Tuesday, the COA denied BC the points.

"This off-season we added COS, Grossmont and chose to play Allan Hancock, which is a crossover, to strengthen our schedule," said Grider. "But because COS and Grossmont didn't do as well as expected, that hurt us."

Palomar, which is the defending state champion, and the 'Gades' opponent for the Potato Bowl, plays in the Mission Conference. This is the conference that BC is hoping to

join within the next two years. Unlike the Western State Conference, in which the 'Gades play, the Mission Conference is much tougher, and would result in a higher power rating. This would give BC a chance to play for a state title.

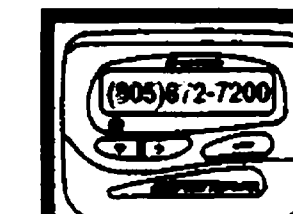
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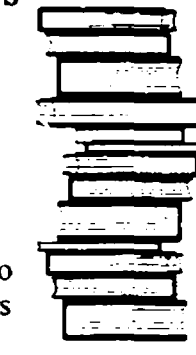
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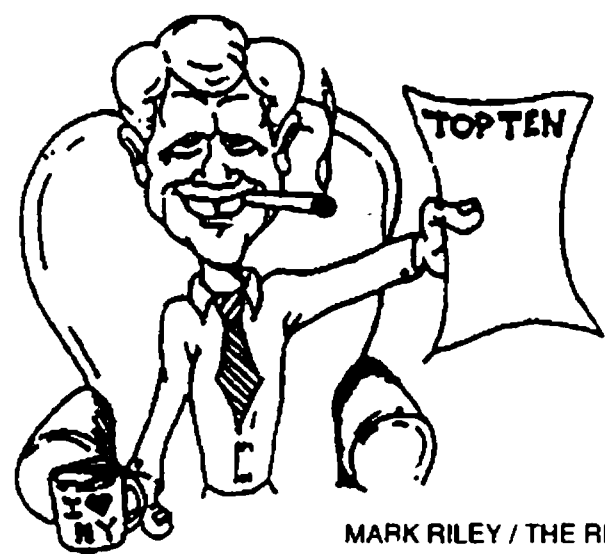
Tickets are on sale in the business office and at the door. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. Children under 6 are not allowed.

Holiday ceramics sale starts Monday

Just in time for Christmas, the Bakersfield College Art Department will hold its twice a year sale of student ceramics and glass Monday and Tuesday.

The popular sales event features hundreds of pieces at bargain prices. Customers will be able to choose from one-of-a-kind items, including bowls, vases, planters and decorative items made by students in BC's art classes.

Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Fireside Room. Proceeds benefit BC ceramics and glass programs.



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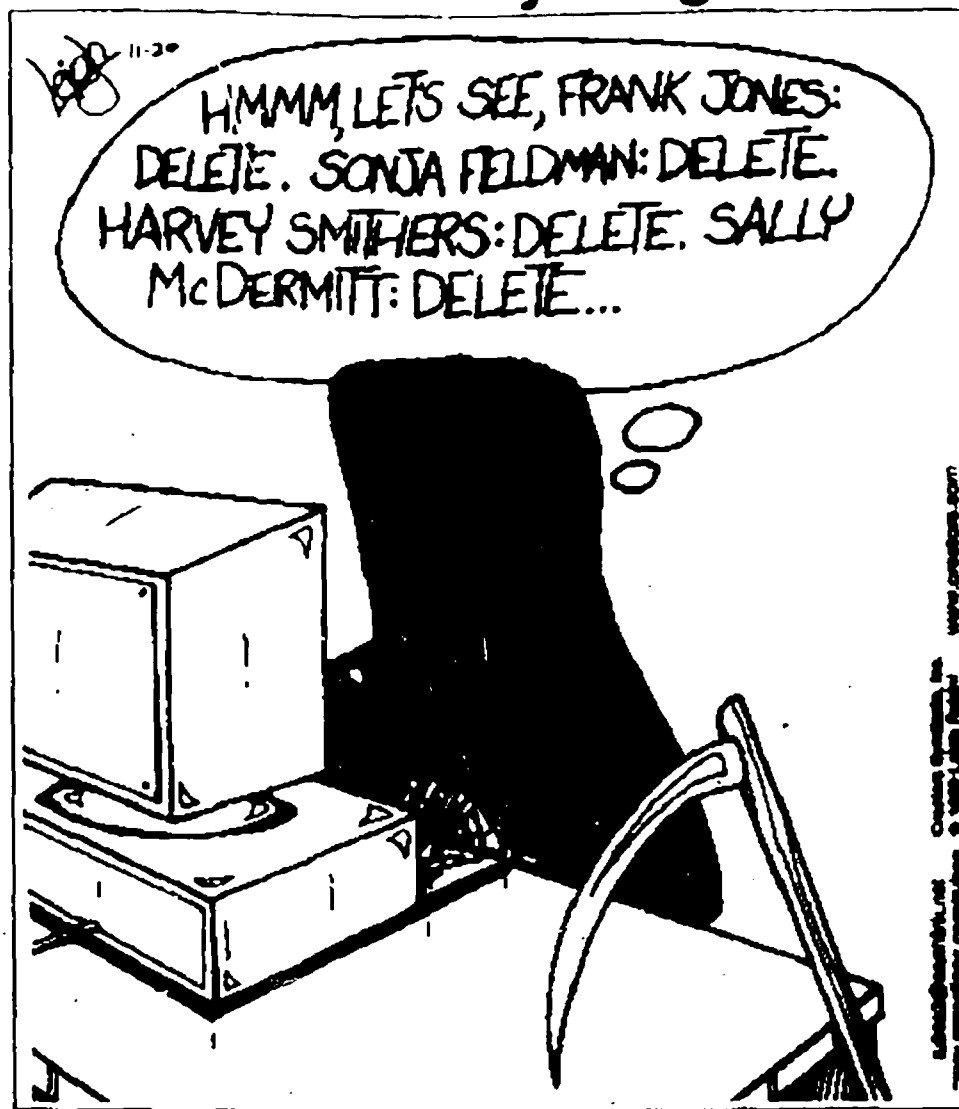
TOP TEN PIECES OF FATHERLY WISDOM PASSED DOWN BY MICHAEL JACKSON

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9. The most important thing is to be yourself ... just kidding!
8. There are birds and there are bees -- and then there are bees who'd rather be birds.
7. You'll always cherish the day you taught daddy to throw a baseball.
6. Earn pocket money by auctioning off your old face on eBay.
5. Apply blush in short quick strokes away from the cheekbone.
4. Want to avoid an awkward wedding night sexual encounter? Fake a seizure!
3. Don't drink Pepsi ... it makes your hair explode into flames.
2. Never lend money to Uncle Tito.
1. Your only hope of growing up normal? Run.

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Rubes

By Leigh Ruben



Thanks to the convenience of telecommuting, the grim Reaper no longer needed to make those unpleasant house calls.

SECURITY: Sheriff makes bid for handling campus security

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out, I would assume there would be an administrator who was appointed and who was agreed to by the Sheriff's Department or the BPD who would be the administrative liaison and would be told when certain things happened, and brought in his thinking point on what was appropriate."

This change also would have ramifications on the current officers, who would have to be merged with the outside agency according to Michael Noland, president of the local chapter of the California Schools Employee Association (CSEA).

"These are district employees," Noland said.

"They cannot be fired when you're contracting out. These are permanent, classified employees who have job security and job protection. That's against the

education code, and it's a violation of the law. They would have to be integrated."

Larsen emphasized that there are no plans to dismiss current campus police officers, and that they would be welcomed to other positions if they didn't qualify as security officers.

Kern County Sheriff Carl Sparks believes that the Sheriff's Department is ready to contract with BC if that decision is made.

"We made a proposal to BC to take over security. There was a study done and the will of the students and faculty is that they wanted full-time security guards. You would be getting full-time deputies."

Sparks said it wouldn't be a problem to unite the current force and the Sheriff's Department.

"They would have to meet our qualifications and psych (tests), but they would be welcome."

PIT: Students continue to voice concern over trash heap

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wet, mosquitoes will breed there, and mice and rats will hang out and chew on mattresses. That's why there are rules for harborage."

O'Rullivan said that if the pit wasn't cleaned up soon, city code compliance officers may require the trash to be taken to a landfill.

"In my opinion, the area should be secured to disallow public dumping," he said. "The school can mulch or compost green waste on site, in an organized manner. I'm surprised that campus police haven't noticed residents illegally dumping mattresses."

Foy said that while administration

is taking the problem seriously, she feels left in the dark.

"Nobody came down here to tell us anything. I have never been notified, and this is my area, these are my students who are having to deal with the problem the most."

Cleaning up the problem will not be easy.

"Although it won't be easy to do, (administration) will take up the agriculture department's offer to help us out," he said. "We also plan on having campus security keep a watchful eye on the area to ensure no more illegal dumping. Once they enforce it, and (the pit) is cleaned up, the problem should be solved."



Police investigate Haley area car theft

A car was reported stolen from campus Nov. 22 after being parked on Haley Street at 9:30 a.m.

The car was found missing at 2:20 p.m. It was a midnight blue, four-door 1994 Saturn.

BY E. MICHAEL LEDFORD
Rip staff writer

Compact disc player, phone stolen from car

On Nov. 22, a car parked in the northeast student parking lot was broken into. Among the items stolen were a cellular phone, a compact disc player, and a now canceled ATM card. The merchandise was valued at \$250.

Video camera reported taken from library

A video camera disappeared last week from the campus. Reports state the a Sony Video Handicam was taken from the library after accidentally being left under a table. The carrying case was later found in the restroom.

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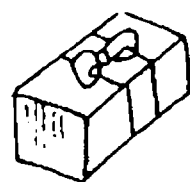
Model of Efficiency

BC student and mother of seven manages to make time for modeling career.

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Warning: Christmas

Christmas symbols should give us a clue that there is a twisted side to the holiday season.



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Walking the Beat

Annual Shriners' parade features clowns, bands and cops and prisoners.

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Faculty seeks 'reasonable' district contract

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS
Editor in Chief

Janet Fulks says she is tired of fighting for a reasonable faculty contract.

"I'm not a union kind of a person ... I like to just go in and say, 'I respect you. You respect me. Here's the state average. Let's do it.' Evidently, it just doesn't work that way."

Fulks, a member of the faculty contract negotiations team, has been pursuing continuing her teaching

career at other colleges in the state where faculty pay is closer to the state average.

Faculty maintain that their present salaries and proposed increases are among the lowest in the state.

"I am looking at other schools," Fulks said. "I am, in fact, applying. I am running away from this place as fast as I can, because I am losing hope."

"Who in their right mind, that's educated, would come to this school at my level for \$54,000 when they

could be making \$67,000 at another institution? And this institution is not up at the very top. They're right there in the middle group of institutions. This is (about) respect."

Fulks expressed concern during a faculty meeting last week that if the district's proposed three-year contract does not raise faculty salary levels closer to the state average, BC may soon be dramatically understaffed.

"If we don't get to the state average, we won't have teachers left to run this place, because we hired

less than one-third of the number of teachers that all the other campuses were hiring last year. We are non-competitive and we are going to be losing people."

Fulks and other team members said at the meeting that little movement has been made by the district to bring the contract proposed salaries to a satisfactory level.

The district team presented the faculty with a proposed contract that included load increases and a zero percent salary increase over three

years.

"I know negotiating is hard enough stuff in some ways, like buying a house—offer, counter offer, back and forth and back and forth—but somehow I didn't expect the initial offer to be zero, zero, zero," said Kate Pluta, another member of the faculty negotiations team.

District officials could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Faculty also discussed methods that might help get their pleas across to district officials. Among these was a proposed strike. The faculty

has traditionally opposed strikes to avoid impacting students.

However, a show of hands was called at last week's meeting asking who would be willing to strike if necessary and many hands were raised.

"It certainly sounded to me that people are angry enough that they are considering it," said faculty negotiations team chair Inez Devlin-Kelly.

"Many faculty are looking elsewhere. It's like rats leaving a sinking ship."



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Fine arts professors announce retirement

BY MEGAN LINFORD
Rip staff writer

With more than 50 years combined experience of teaching at Bakersfield College, fine arts division chair Hank Webb and art professor Al Naso will both be retiring at the end of the 2000 spring semester.

Webb began his BC career as a pre-med student from 1960 to 1963 and returned to the college again in 1975 as a classified staff member before becoming a theater arts professor.

"The world is a safer place because I'm not an M.D.," Webb said.

Film appreciation has been Webb's favorite class to teach over the years, because of the learning that has taken place for both him and his students.

"Films have messages, they have meaning. You learn about what it means to be a human being," Webb said.

"I'm grateful to have been here for 25 years, I have learned so much over the years ... It's my students, I will miss my students."

Naso has taught art at BC for 32 years. He has been involved in many different aspects of the art department, developing graphic design and art history classes and serving as division chair for seven years.

Teaching basic drawing classes has been one of the highlights of Naso's teaching career, he said.

"It makes me feel good to be the initiator, to show them what art is. I love the initiation process in teaching," he said.

A show of Naso's artwork is being planned for March of 2000. He plans to continue with his artwork after retirement, and also continue to write.

Both Webb and Naso agree that the college has changed dramatically in the years they have taught at BC.

"The staff used to be more content," said Webb. "Every year we get cut a little bit more, and that has been demoralizing."

Naso attributed the change to the increasing tension between the college as a whole and the Kern Community College District.

Changes and problems aside, both agree that BC has been a positive place for them to spend their careers.

"I've had a ball," said Naso.



Naso



Webb

POWER Play

'Gades show power ratings don't always define great teams with Potato Bowl win.

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

Drenched from his players pouring water over his head, Renegade head coach Dallas Grider celebrated BC's 15th Potato Bowl victory with his granddaughter. He picked up 3-year-old Remington Russell and gave her a kiss after the game last Saturday.

"It feels good that we won," said Grider. "But it is a hard pill to swallow that these players can't play for the state championship."

According to the Commission on Athletics representative Stu Van Horn, the 'Gades were denied the chance to play in the state championship because they didn't accumulate ample power points because of weak conference play, according to criteria set by the COA.

"We will meet later in the spring," said Van Horn. "At that time suggestions will be made for possible changes concerning the power rating system."

At that time, the 'Gades message to the COA will be loud and clear: The 'Gades can play with the big boys in the power conferences and win.

Bryan Eakin, 'Gade linebacker, was all over the field making game-winning plays including a recovered fumble, demonstrating that he and his teammates could play well in any conference.

"At the Shrine Banquet on Friday (Dec. 3), we listened to how much better the Mission Conference is than the Western State Conference, and how they get better recruitment. We just wanted to go out and prove



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that we are good players, too, and get the win. This feels great. We knew we could win."

Palomar, known for its explosive offense, showed moments of greatness, with impressive plays. But it was BC's Robert Thomas, freshman, who was the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player. Thomas ripped off touchdowns of 58 and 55 yards on lightning quick moves.

"On my first run the hole was there and I ran

through it," said Thomas. "The offensive line blocked well for me. On the second run I just let my 4.3 (in the 40-yard dash) speed do it for me. It feels good that we won." In this game, Thomas had 153 yards rushing on 21 carries.

"The two big running plays (by Thomas), along with special teams play won the game for them," said Palomar head coach Tom Craft.

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Above: Head football coach Dallas Grider kisses 3-year-old Remington Russell, his only granddaughter, after the 'Gades Potato Bowl victory Saturday.

Left: Defensive back Elton Seals, right, and teammates display BC's 15th Potato Bowl trophy. The 'Gades handed Palomar its first defeat in 10 bowl games.

Campus services will be shut down for Y2K testing

Registration, admission, transcripts, payment of fees, financial aid and counseling services will be closed to the public from midnight Dec. 31, 1999 through Jan. 3, 2000, according to college officials.

These offices will be closed to the public because the district is testing all computerized systems for Y2K compliance.

Employees will be available to answer questions, but will not be able to process any registration-related transactions. For further information call 395-4301.



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Deck the halls with clearance sales

BY NICHOLE PERRY
Rip staff writer

"It's the most wonderful time of the year," or so the song goes, but somewhere along the line I think the meaning and joy behind the season has become all but extinct. Believe me, I know. I work retail.

A great deal of my night is spent at the modern day oasis of plastic cards and personalities, the shopping mall. It is here that I earn a living casting in on the impulsive actions of others. As the sound of Nat King Cole singing in a faux German accent drones on overhead, my mind begins to wander. Ratty haired little children scream for Pokemon cards and Sega systems, only to be drowned out by

spoiled teens whining about Roxy and how hot the guys from LFO looked on TRL. Mindlessly I shove boxes into bags and greet within the required 10 seconds of a patron's arrival, all the while daydreaming.

The ride home is no different. As 17-year-olds whiz by with their personalized plates, my mind goes on autopilot. What could bring me out of this daze but a scene straight out of National Lampoon's "Christmas Vacation?" A spectacle of lights illuminates a stretch a city block long with the one-upmanship of Americana. Plastic manger scenes and plywood Santas vie for attention as a mini-van full of rugrats and soccer moms stops to gawk.

Some say modern America has

caused the holiday season to become a pit of junky toys and unwelcomed family members, but I don't think this is a new development. From the beginning of tradition there has been an underlying message, something to warn us of our excesses. Just look at the festive symbols that surround us.

Stumble over for another glass of egg nog, an alcoholic concoction containing uncoked eggs, a food product mothers warn against consuming at all other times of year. On your way to the kitchen for another chunk of Aunt Gertrude's famous fruitcake, the mistletoe, a parasitic plant that attacks trees, hangs above the doorway, beckoning loved ones to crawl under for a little Yuletide cheer. Hustle, hustle as we all gather around the Christmas tree to sing of peace on earth and goodwill toward men. You

know, the holiday bush that shelters all our expressions of commercialized driven love, the evergreen tree, one of the flora family known to kill all that grows underneath its verdant branches. All this holiday reminiscing makes me want to grab a candy cane to calm my nauseated nerves, just like grandma's old-fashioned homegrown remedies.

Strange, isn't it, that all around us are signs that maybe we should get a clue. This time of year isn't about who can obtain what at no cost. It isn't even about the sacred time of year when the Christ child was born because religion sometimes dictates otherwise.

It is simply the time of year to become a watcher and a thinker and be thankful that as a college student, you are far too selfish to find the time or money to get wrapped up in the mess.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Raffles going to help 'something worthwhile'

Help! I'm a blonde! I don't get it. Let's see, it's OK for people to "waste" their money on scratchers, lotto tickets, horse racing and the like but it's not OK for people to spend their money for a "raffle" ticket wherein the money will go towards something worthwhile. Huh?

I notice the D.A. indicated the raffle was illegal in Kern County. Does this penal code not apply to other counties? Aren't laws the same all around? Obviously not. Other counties allow school groups get money for their clubs. That's how many school groups get money for their clubs. I think it's sad that clubs/departments have to raise as much as \$5,000 on their own for "school" equipment? What happened to the loads of money that would be generated by the "legal" lottery that would benefit the schools?

How about this: Our ag department could get together with an ag department at a college in a county where raffles are allowed and the two ag departments could have a raffle and split the money.

So, Mr. D.A., delete those particular penal codes. Works for me.

Elizabeth Moore
Classified Staff

Print card fails to provide receipts for students

Once again, decision-makers at BC have come up short. We can appreciate that costs of printing and making copies in the computer commons and library have resulted in having to charge the students, but the administration has not taken all factors into account.

Ten cents a page is a bit "rich." The real issue, though, is lack of providing receipts.

Students are required to plunk down \$5 for the cards, plus 10 cents each page, thereafter. Some students spend up to \$15 making copies in one day, if they have a research paper to submit. It could conceivably cost a student between \$50 and \$100 to make copies on campus during a semester, depending on the classes he or she is taking.

For this kind of spending, students and/or parents are entitled receipts. Copy card machines at CSUB offer a receipt each time you purchase a card or add value to the card. BC should provide this service as well. BC administrators should also charge all copy card machines and copiers that require coins to the same system. In the meantime, students should be allowed to request hand-written receipts from staff.

Either way, spending money for your education is a legitimate transaction and the college is legally required to provide receipts upon request.

What do students do if they don't have a computer at home?

Mary Helen Barro
BC Student

A&M accident could never happen here, says reader

It was sad news to hear about the 11 dead students at Texas A&M. It happened when the bonfire they were building collapsed. It is a tradition that began in 1909, intended to help the students get ready for the big game against their rival, Texas. It has taken a lot of hard work and a school spirit by thousands of students to build that 55-foot bonfire for the last 90 years.

It would be a safe bet to make that a tragedy like that would never happen at Bakersfield College. Students here would never have the school spirit to build such a thing. Sometimes not having any school spirit can be a blessing in disguise.

Joe Torino
BC Student

Planned pool renovations sink BC's spring swimming classes

BY E. MICHAEL LEDFORD
Rip staff writer

Quick! Sign up for swim class before it's too late! This is your last chance to get a unit of transferable credit for doing nothing but sitting around bitching about how the pool doors are locked up for renovations!

Still on the BC itinerary are pool repairs scheduled for March. The pool will be closed between then and the end of the semester while the renovations take place, and school officials maintain that no classes are scheduled for that period of time.

Except for those three swim classes people already are registering for.

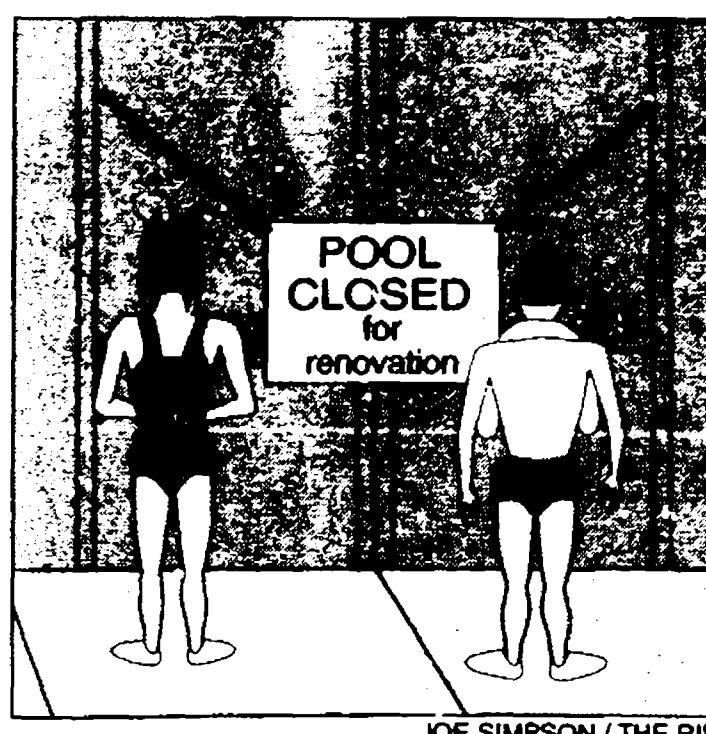
Commendation should be given to the facilities staff, however, for finally handling the problem. Dean of Facilities Dr. Claire Larsen pointed out in a previous issue of *The Rip* that "the mechanical part of the pool has gotten so old, it's got to be replaced." And facilities should receive a cheer of approbation for the way the

renovations are being dealt with financially; the costs will not cut into instructional money, or put us in debt.

However, here's a hypothetical: You need transferable physical education credit. You see a transferable swimming course, then proceed to faithfully register and pay your tuition for the class. You swim happily for half a semester. Then, come March, you find the pool doors locked tight for renovations.

That's the situation the aquatics students seem to be in. Not only was scheduling dealt with badly, but what about announcements? Facilities officials have thus far failed to post any notification that the pool would even be closed. Pamela Kelley, who teaches most of the aquatics classes, didn't even learn about it until a secretary assured her that a group renting out the pool would not interfere with any of her courses before the pool was closed in March.

Let's take a look at the scoreboard now: The athletic department assures that renovations will not interfere with students because no classes are



JOE SIMPSON / THE RIP

scheduled for that period of time. But there are three classes.

The closing of the pool was not advertised to anyone, staff or students.

Oh well, at least while it's closed the rats will have someplace to stay since their pit was cleaned out.

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What are your plans for New Year's Eve?



Joe Ross, Undecided: "I am going out of town, probably to Vegas, to party!"



George Hernandez, Undecided: "I will be enjoying the time with friends and definitely not driving."



Rachel Wiley, Undecided: "I'm going to smoke a bowl and get drunk."



Joyce Hutchinson, Undecided: "Being with my family and counting my blessings."



Carl Stododa, Art: "Lighting fireworks, chaffing with chicks and drinking large quantities of rum."

Runway model takes off...

Student balances the demanding worlds of modeling, motherhood.

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

Yaa Knox has many roles to play. The 5-foot-9-inch, 28-year-old BC student is one of McCright's top runway models, a wife, a mother of seven children, a student and an instructor for McCright.

Knox came to Bakersfield at the age of 5 from East L.A. She graduated from West High School in 1989, where she enjoyed drama and English.

"I have always been interested in acting and have taken acting classes," said Knox. "But my favorite thing is runway modeling. I love to involve the audience in what I am doing, and I love the expressions of the audience."

She has been with McCright for five and a half years and has done a lot of local work. After completing required courses in both acting and modeling, she has modeled in many bridal shows, commercials, sitcoms and has been to New York and done some international work. She also has posed for Glamour Magazine.

"The quality of model that Knox is, is the backbone of the McCright Agency," said Ann McCright, owner.

"The McCright Agency was my first real start," Knox said. "You have to take advantage of all the opportunities that come your way and keep your dreams alive."

Knox is a psychology major. At the end of the spring semester, she will receive her associate's degree. She hopes to attend CSU, Bakersfield to continue her education.

"Modeling is something that I enjoy doing right now, but it is not what I want to do as my career," she said.

With the support of her husband of five years, Carey Knox, whom she met in Bakersfield, she balances her family life, modeling and school.

"I have great support of my husband and my husband's family, they help me a lot with my children," she said. Their seven children range in age from 3 to 10.

When she is not modeling, she enjoys getting away from it all by taking a hot bath or going to her room to spend time alone.

She says belief in a higher power has helped her achieve her goals: "Belief in yourself is 90 percent of success."



KALYNTHA COOPER / THE RIP

Yaa Knox has modeled for bridal shows, commercials and Glamour Magazine. The 28-year-old student is the mother of seven children.

DiFranco's new album shows artist at her best

BY ERIN M. LOPEZ
Features Editor

ALBUM REVIEW

Folksinger Ani DiFranco is back with her 13th album, "To the Teeth."

With her intriguing blend of musical social activism and commentary, DiFranco has made a name for herself as a true folk artist. On "To the Teeth" DiFranco is all that and more.

Her aggressive finger-picking guitar style is brilliantly showcased while piano, horns, and drums tie it all together to complete the Ani DiFranco sound.

The album starts with the title track, "To the Teeth," a little ditty that talks about the recent school violence.

Love songs like "Soft Shoulder" and "ProvideNCE" drown in a sultry bluesy feel.

DiFranco's chameleon sound is

in pure form on this album as she floats from sound to sound.

A reggae sound bounces along to an infectious beat on "Wish I Na Y" while her voice chants melodiously through "Carry You Around."

"Back Back Back" and "Wing" spins in a rollicking New Orleans French Quarter sound.

"Freakshow" and "He Arrivals Gate" whirls, swirls and twirls with joyous pompousness while "I Know (His Bar)" is a reminiscent memory book.

"To the Teeth" is a well-written album that successfully balances social commentary and normal every day life. The music is original, pure and wonderful.

True fans of musical talent should run to get "To the Teeth."

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Wrestlers place at state meet

BY LEANNE CAVE
Sports Editor

The Bakersfield College wrestling team had a strong season as it dominated several matches as well as the conference. The Renegades finished second in the conference with a 3-1 record. Six wrestlers qualified for the state championships.

Ryan Meloche was named Western State Conference Wrestler of the Year by conference coaches.

Cleo Johnson, who also won a state title, was all-conference. All-Americans Almar Kerste (165) and Larry Johnson (174) were WSC first-team. Pigg (157), an All-American, was a second team selection. Joey Martinez (133) and David Baker (149) made the conference honorable mention team.

The men's cross country team also completed a successful season as it finished fourth in the conference and qualified for the state championships.

At the Cuesta Invitational, the men finished third with 137 points.

Some of the stand-out individual performances for the Renegades this season were Erik Aguilar, Matt Newfield, Jose Arambula, Omar Garcia, Eduardo Rocha and Rudy Cavazos.



MIKE CUNNINGHAM / THE RIP

BC's Almar Kerste grapples with Moorpark opponent in recent match.

BC football rich in tradition

BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE
Rip staff writer

BC's 24-21 victory over Palomar College in the Potato Bowl capped off a successful millennium for BC football. In the 75-plus years that the 'Gades have fielded a football team, BC has captured four community college national championships: 1953, 1959, 1976 and 1988. The 'Gades have also seen many talented football players. Some former BC players, such as Frank Gifford (1948-49) and Michael Stewart (1984-85), have even gone on to play in the NFL.

As the year 2000 approaches, one may wonder who was the best Renegade football player of this millennium? These are hard questions to answer, for sure, since BC football has had many highlights and many exciting players come and

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go. But, I'm going to give it a shot. Best Renegade football player of the millennium: George Jones, running back (1993-94).

What a season Jones had in 1994. According to *The Bakersfield Californian*, he set a community college national record by rushing for 34 touchdowns, including a six touchdown final game to set the record.

In the Potato Bowl that year, he rushed for 161 yards and a touchdown to lead the 'Gades to a 31-9 victory over Long Beach City College in Carl Bowser's final game as BC's head coach. Overall, he rushed for 1,567 yards and contributed to over 40 percent of BC's scoring in leading the 'Gades to a 10-1 record.

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Women's cross country team wins title

BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE
Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield College fall women's sports season closed out the millennium with another productive year.

In cross country, BC won this year's Western State Conference title.

"They got up for that meet and they wanted it," said coach Pam Kelley.

Lisa Eggleston was the top runner for BC, earning first team all-conference. She was followed by second team all-conference runners Anna Rios and Erin Stewart. Niki Salcido earned honorable mention honors for BC. Leah Kosareff, Emily Lopez and Hannah Miller rounded out the team. Kelley praises her squad.

"We worked really (hard) for the conference (title)," she said.

BC soccer finished the season overall at 5-9-3, with a 5-7-2 record in the WSC, good enough for a third place finish. According to coach Jaime Diaz, the 'Gades started off slowly, but finished strong.

"We picked up more as the season went on and that's when we started picking up our game," said Diaz. "We finished strong definitely."

The BC volleyball team, like the

soccer team, finished third in the WSC with a 7-8 record. According to coach Colleen Richert, the 'Gades faced tough competition throughout the season.

BC was led by first team all-conference players Tara Jones, Amber Green and Emily Waite, second team all-conference players Jennifer Hansen and Adrienne Colbert and honorable mention Tricia Schengel and Danell Cartee.

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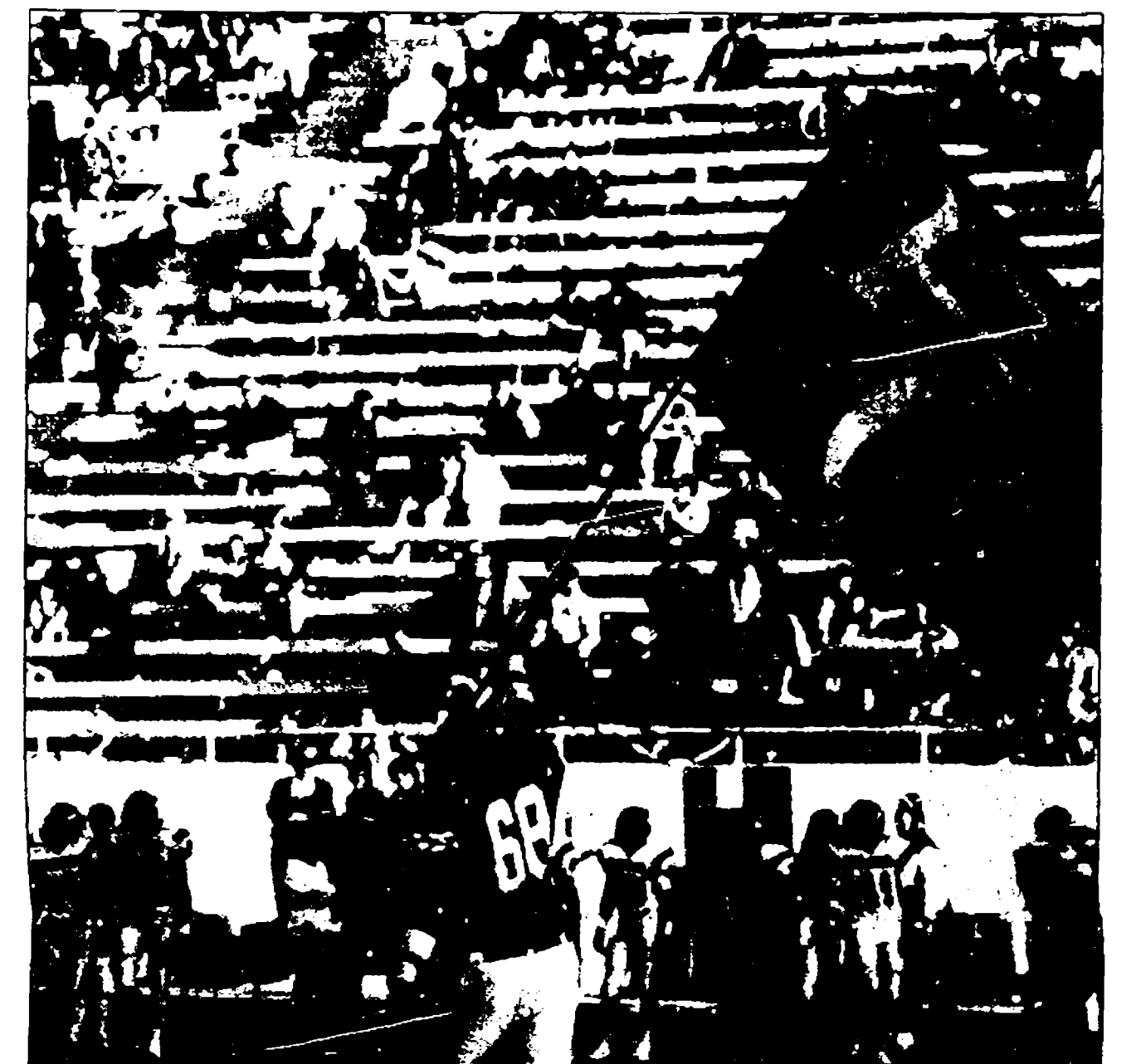
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Parade of Promise

Shriners' event helps disabled kids.

BY MICHAEL D. ROSS
Editor in Chief

Allene Childers vividly remembers the 1968 Christmas parade at the Valley Plaza. This was where she first saw the Bakersfield Thunderbird Club.

"I saw their parade out at the Valley Plaza in 1968 when I took my girls out there to see the Christmas parade. And I said, 'Man, we've got to get in the club.'"

Childers, who owns a black 1955 Thunderbird, then joined the group and has been a member ever since.

"We've always done the Potato Bowl parade," Childers said. "That's one of our big community things that we do. We've always been here for them. Several of our members are Shriners and they got us involved in it."

Roughly 15 Thunderbirds were provided by club members to escort Shiner dignitaries into Memorial Stadium for this year's Potato Bowl, Saturday.

The dignitaries in Thunderbirds were just a small part of a large pregame parade for the annual football game, that raises money for children who are disabled or are burn victims.

Other Shiner groups offered entertainment for fans including the Mossafers — an Arabic-style band with drums and musettes — an Arabic bugle often used for charming snakes, cops and prisoners and clowns.

"We have all these various units here today," said Fred "Magic Chef" Dietrich. "All of them came up at their own expense for this march around."

Dietrich is a Shiner clown from the Los Angeles area who performs

magic tricks such as making quarters disappear from his hand and reappear behind children's ears. He and other clowns and magicians use these talents to entertain disabled children in the L.A. Shiner hospital.

According to Dietrich, the Shriners also often provide transportation for parents to visit their recovering children.

The hospital is funded through donations and offers medical care for disabled children.

"If you had a child, for instance, that was disabled in some way, physically, all you have to do is apply," Dietrich said.

"Our particular hospital accepts anyone and the child himself pays nothing. Everything is taken care of."

Tedra Smith, 13, who served as this year's Potato Bowl Queen, said the hospital care is second to none. Smith was treated for leg/cervical perthes by the L.A. Shriners hospital.

"I went to Shiner's hospital because the doctors down here told me I'd be in a wheelchair for the rest of my life," Smith said.

"My mom wanted a second opinion, so I went up to Shriners hospital and they told me that, no, that's not the case."

Smith, who attends Rosedale Middle School, said that Shiner doctors performed two surgeries on her and now, thanks to the Shriners' efforts, she can walk normally. Her existing hip, however, may need to be replaced in the future, but she said that could be anytime from the age of 16 to 85.

Smith's friend, Sarah Mitchell, 13, said that the Shriners not only honored Smith with the title of Potato Bowl Queen, but treated her accordingly.

"They treat her like a queen. They brought her flowers, long stem red roses."

"Our particular hospital accepts anyone and the child himself pays nothing."

— Fred Dietrich



Top left: Shriners display their colors as the Thunderbird car club rolls by.

Top right: Shriners escort Potato Bowl Queen Tedra Smith to her front-row seat.

Middle: Offensive tackle Cole Campbell grabs a BC flag and takes a victory lap.

Above: Nacho man Giorgio Bianchi makes short order of his cheese and chips.

Above center: 3-year-old Joshua Dunbach enjoys some popcorn and a coke as he takes in the football game.

Left: Running back Robert Thomas breaks through for a gain with a little help from his offensive line.

Photos by Robert Taylor and Mike Cunningham / The Rip

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE & WITH WHOM

New business class offered in spring

A new way to learn about business will be offered this spring. "Virtual Enterprises International," a three-unit class that is open to all majors, will be offered on campus next semester. There are no prerequisites. The class offers real experience with emphasis on running a business without risk. Travel is possible and internships are available. For more information, contact Faye Glessner in the Business Department at 395-4272, or email Fglessner@bc.cc.ca.us.

Workers clean out, fence 'the pit'

The ditch between the agriculture and horticulture labs that was formerly filled with trash, nicknamed "the pit" by students, was emptied Saturday, according to Dr. Claire Larsen, dean of facilities.

A temporary gate was placed across the area, and the area is now considered closed. Students had complained that the trash attracted rats, which had urinated on computer keyboards in the nearby labs.

Administration plans to have a contractor fill the area with sod, and eventually the area will be converted to turf. Larsen gave special thanks to Associated Students of Bakersfield College President Tracey Mitchell, who assisted in arranging for the contracted hauling.

'Festival of Carols' performed tonight

The Bakersfield College Chorale and Chamber Singers will present their annual "Festival of Carols" tonight at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 17th and "B" streets.

They will perform music from their new CD entitled "Sounds of the Season." Proceeds from this concert will help to defray the cost of the group's planned trip next year to UC Hawaii.

Admission to the concert is \$10 general admission, \$5 students and seniors. Children 12 and under are free. The CD also will be sold for \$15. For more information, contact Dr. Ronald Kean at 395-4547, or by e-mail at rkean@bc.cc.ca.us.



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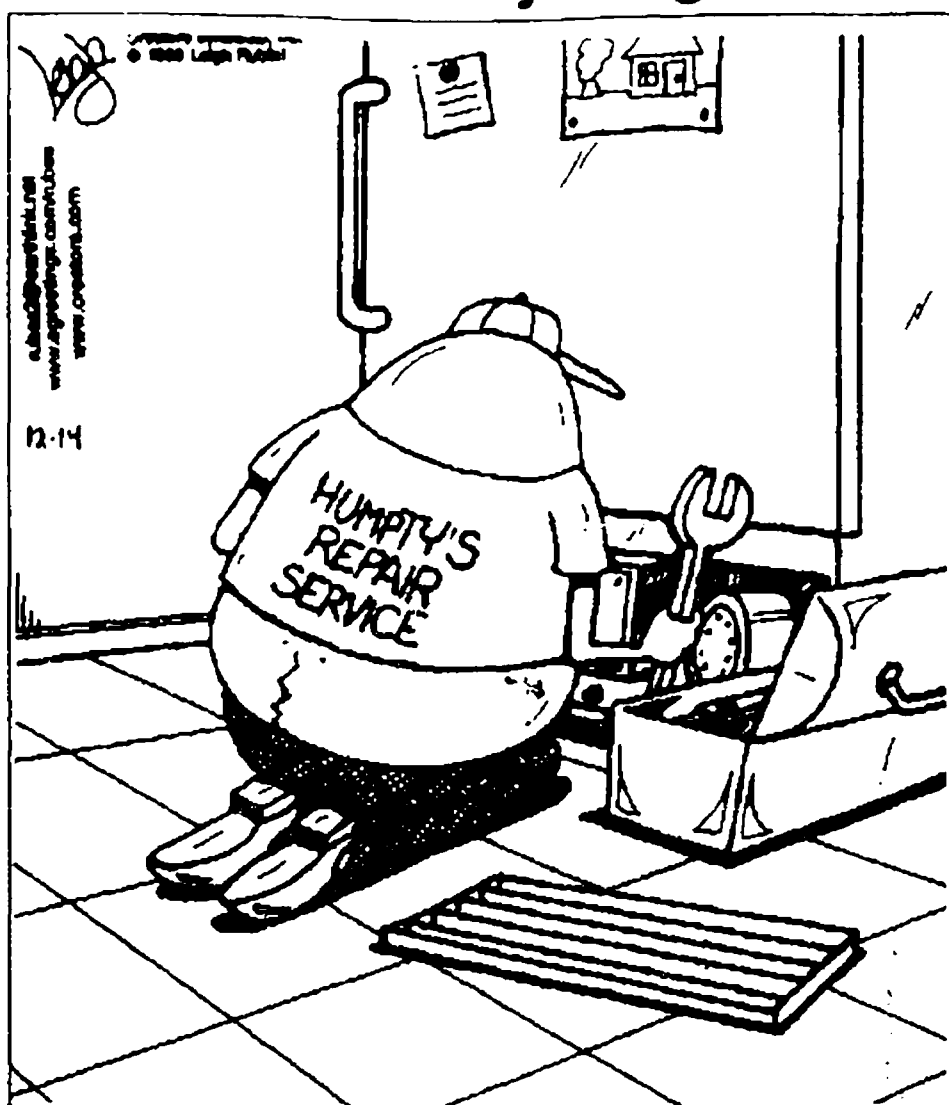
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CRIME BEAT

KEEPING YOU INFORMED ON THE CAMPUS

BY MELISSA DABRUSHMAN
Rip staff writer

Band room vandals rip drum, slice boards

On Dec. 6, campus police were called to the SAM building regarding vandalism of the band room.

A male staff member told police that sometime between Dec. 1 and

Dec. 5, someone went into the room and tore a hole in a drum. Bulletin boards were also sliced. Loss is valued at \$200.

Custodian receives minor injuries in fall

On Dec. 5 at 11 a.m., a male custodian was injured while working around the stadium with a leaf blower.

He slipped on liquid and fell down three flights of stairs, injuring his hip, ankle and right hand while trying to break the fall.

He was treated for minor injuries at Mercy Medical Center, according to police reports.

POTATO: Freshmen lead the way to successful season end

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Defense proved once again that it wins championships and it also wins bowl games. Freshman Michael Hall, Most Valuable Player of the game made two clutch interceptions. One was in the last five minutes, when the game looked to be on the line. The defense as a whole applied pressure all day forcing one of the top passers, Greg Cicero, out of the pocket, causing turnovers and inconsistency and a fumble.

"They controlled the line of scrimmage and played good defense," said Craft.

The story of the day had to be the BC freshman players. Not only did they step up in all phases of the game, but they were impressive taking home the most valuable and most valuable offensive player awards.

"The freshmen stepped up and did a good job for us this year," said Grider. "They will take this victory

"The freshmen stepped up and did a good job for us this year. They will take this victory and experience with them into next year."

— Dallas Grider,
head football coach

and experience with them into next year."

The bright spot for Palomar was the defensive play of James Goins, who earned the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the game award.

When the final gun sounds, the only points that count, power or otherwise are the ones on the scoreboard. In this case it was the red jerseys holding up the Potato Bowl trophy. For Palomar, the game was their first bowl loss in 10 tries.

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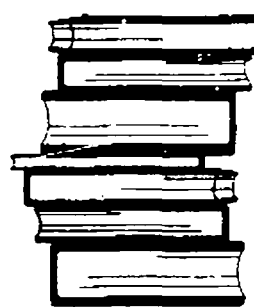
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Thursday, Dec. 16

Panorama Grill-OPEN, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Food Court A.M./P.M.-CLOSED
Staff Dining Room-OPEN, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Carts-CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 17

Panorama Grill-OPEN, 7 a.m.-noon
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