Administration removes adviser temporarily

BY NICHOLLE FERRY Rip staff writer

But Andrus has been temporarily removed from his position as the advisor to the Student Activities Office at Bakersfield College for undisclosed reasons pending a personnel investigation.

His removal was reported in Associated Students of Bakersfield College Executive Board minutes Feb. 6.

Steve Holihan, BC political science instructor and ASBC faculty adviser, confirmed that Andrus has been removed from his role as ASBC advisor and Asst. Director of Student Activities for several years.

"I have not been interviewed," Holihan said.

Andrus declined to comment on his removal, saying he was advised to not make a statement until investigations come to a conclusion.

In the meantime, he has been assigned to continue handling affairs in the Cybermedia or Student Center program, dealing with all three of the KCCD campuses.

His office has been relocated to the administration building, where most of his work will be conducted online.

"I believe it has been removed for security reasons," Andrus said.

Andrus said there are several reasons why he has been removed.

The students began their day long Proposition 21 march from the BC campus to the courthouse Liberty Bell on Sunday.

Raining on their parade

BY DANIELLE F. HUNT Opinion Editor

As they walked down Mt. Vernon Avenue early in their march on Sunday, they were pouring rain. From their hoods, they were trying to keep dry.

"What's going on?" asked Randy Wenzl, a downtown blocks south of Bakersfield College. "I think Prop 21 is grossly insulting, maybe, they said before, "if we held the same sentiments about Proposition 21 as the marchers did.

"It seems to me they are putting all their money towards prison, and that's not solving the problems," he said. "I think they are cutting out of more problems than they want to with.

The students began their long Proposition 21 march at 10 a.m. from the Liberty Bell around 5 p.m. The day long march was not large, but a small group of individuals came to walk together to affirm the community.

"I know that the run is out and it can be sort of an inconvenience," said Lens Andrus, vice president of BC M.E.A.A., "To walk in the rain, which is down on the wall, it's been a difficult run, but not too difficult.

"The actual walk was started from the Cybermedia road due to rain and bad weather, despite the cold, the pressures kept high spirits throughout the walk." (Andrus said.)

"We're on our way," said Yolanda Sanchez. "I think they have to give some type of reformations for these children. They are going to be locked up in prisons. I think the sheriff is doing some precautions before we do look them up."

As the march wound down, some in the group

Propositions, Republican race increase voter turnout

BY FRANCIS C. MAYER Rip staff writer

The 1996 presidential primary didn't tip up Kern County voters nearly as much as this year's contest. Local polling places saw 32 percent on March 10 while 42 percent voted in 1996. The March 10 vote was to participating political parties.

Many voters were unimpressed with the candidates.

"They offered a lot of good ideas, but they offered a lot of different ideas," said June Winter, Texas Gov. George W. Bush McCain supporter.

"I think it's a good idea to have a Republican in the White House," said Weller.

"I voted for Bush because he is the kind of hand and that's what I want to see happen," said Winter.

The Bush Victory was a difficult pill to swallow for many of the Republican faithful.

"I'm a Vietnam veteran and I knew where he was coming from," Weller said. Tuesday afternoon after voting at the local polling site. (Andrus said)

"It is going to be discussed further in a meeting (Tune this month)."

BPD offers proposal for security

BY MELISSA GABRIELRIP Rip staff writer

The Bakersfield Police Department has offered to take over campus security with their own services.

The school off-campus agency is a contracting campus security service. Last year, the Kern County Sheriff's Department made a proposal to take over campus security and have full-time deputies on campus.

"Everything is fine, from that, campus security, and it still is," said Sandra Andrus, the director of the Sheriff's Department.

"You haven't heard anything as of yet," he said. "We have been discussing further in our department on campus security, but dashboard police cars are not equipped for campus security.

"The sheriff's department and the BPD are on the agenda of committee, for the board of trustees to make a decision.

"No, Bivens, BPD public information officer, said he submitted a proposal to staff BC with police officers.

"Essentially, all you have is a security staff that would have to pull off the BPD for the location," he said.

Bivens' proposal listed different options for Security, which include having a full staff of BPD police on campus, a partial staff of BPD police with BC security officers already on campus, or a light security made up of a couple of BPD officers on campus.

"We are discussing an staffing proposal," he said. "A lot of the my proposal was based on findings from a poll of students and staff on campus, but I feel safe with equipped and trained guards on campus.

"My personal opinion is if there is a need for armed on campus, he can be a lot of good. We can use his idea toSelection and that if we have some things (PC) needs to look at, such as, if there is an emergency on campus contact, but I believe that he has to rely on a lot of things, traffic collisions and such. And campus have to know when to work and to respect times from outside agencies.

"We have been planning on this for months," he said. "We have about a month or two of work to be done before we get the BPD out of the door.

Unical officers have said that any change in campus security's status is still to be determined.

"Haven't the seen the proposal from the BPD, although I feel it was a good idea," he said. "It is going to be discussed further in a meeting (Tune this month)."
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Broadway hit delights local crowd

By Emily Lopez Features Editor

It's not everyday that you see a Broadway show in your own backyard. Yet, that's just what happened last weekend thanks to the University of California, Santa Barbara. The musical "Rent" was performed to an excited and enthusiastic crowd. The show has been a huge hit in New York City and on Broadway, and now UCSB students had the chance to experience it firsthand.

"Rent" tells the story of a group of young people living in the East Village neighborhood of New York City. The characters are all struggling to make ends meet and are dealing with issues ranging from drug addiction to HIV/AIDS. The music is a mix of rock, hip-hop, and classical, and the story is told through a series of songs.

The UCSB production was directed by Professor of Theatre and Dance David Baloian, who also played the role of Mark, the show's narrator. The cast was made up of students from the Santa Barbara area and provided a unique perspective on the story. The costumes were designed by the UCSB production design class, and the set was a replica of the tenement buildings that make up the East Village.

The show was well received by the audience, with many saying they were moved to tears by the performances. The UCSB production of "Rent" was a great success and a testament to the talent of the UCSB students.

"Rent" is only one of the many events happening at UCSB this year. The university is known for its strong arts and theatre programs, and this year is no exception. With events ranging from plays to concerts, there's something for everyone at UCSB.
**GADIE NEWSLINE**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING WHERE & WHAT'S UP?**

**College offers networking market class**

A one-hour session in networking market, the lead tool to reach customers, will be held Thursday and repeated Tuesday evening through May 24 at Bakersfield College's West Institute. Each session costs $20.

Students will learn how to use their networking skills to succeed in business, especially in terms of time and how to cut the time required for growth in their businesses or industry.

Call 395-4099 for more information or to register.

**BC alumni receives national honors**

Bakersfield College alumnus L. Richard Walton has been named to the 1999 All-USA Academic Team. Sponsored by USA Today, the program is designed to recognize the top college student in the nation.

A senior at Pacific Union College, Walton received honorable mention, a distinction given to only four other college students in California. He attended BC in 1997.

"I credit much of this to the fine instruction I got at BC," said Walton in a press release. "Super professors such as Mary Copple and Stephen White gave me the edge I needed." 

**Students should be wary traveling**

As the time approaches for spring break many college students are preparing for trips abroad. Many vacations are ruined by drugs, alcohol and drudgery behavior, as the U.S. Department of State and Bureau of Consular Affairs is issuing these travel safety tips to college students.

Each year, more than 2,500 American citizens go abroad under the false assumption that, being American, they are immune to prosecution in foreign lands. Students should familiarize themselves with the laws and customs of the country where they are visiting.

To have a safe trip, students should avoid illegal behavior and become familiar with the basic laws and customs of the country they plan to visit before they travel. To obtain this information, contact the students' association or check the Department of State's web site at http://travel.state.gov.

**REPORTED WITH PERMISSION FROM "THE LENS SHOW" BY DAVID LEBMAN**

**TOP TEN SIGNS YOUR CAMPAIGN IS DOOMED**

10. Campaign bus adorned with catchy slogan "Grayson's the One!!"

9. Your staffers already refer to day after Super Tuesday as "Crushing Wednesday."

8. Your name: Michael W. Duckas

7. John Rocker won't shut up about how great you are.

6. You ask your wife who she voted for; she says, "That Person."

5. You own one car, and it's starting to get tires.

4. You've done the bulk of your campaigning in Mexico.

3. Only the person supporting you is a guy who sort of looks like Roy Scheider.

2. When McCain mentions years in Vietnamese prison, you ask, "in junior high I was, like, always getting detention."

1. Voters refer to you as "The dork in the pirate outfit."

**PROP. 21: Marchers seek education over incarceration**

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The race is never going to stop until someone wins, if."

The "Prop 21 Coalition" is a group of students from M.E.Ch.A., the National Alliance of Latino Celebrations, the American Unions and Students for a Free Tibet. It was assembled last month in an effort to raise awareness of Proposition 21, which was placed on the tables in Campus Center.

Student's backpack stolen from men's gym

On March 2, a male student was in the restroom when he noticed his blue backpack was missing, which was parked under the tables in Campus Center.

Police investigate stabbing victim

A female Associated Students of Bakersfield College member was stabbed on campus security on March 1. In response to this, the ASB is working on the tables in Campus Center.

Student's backpack stolen from men's gym

On March 2, a male student was in the restroom when he noticed his blue backpack was missing, which was parked under the tables in Campus Center. Upon returning five minutes later he noticed that his backpack was gone.

Parking permits stolen from students' vehicles

Campus Police are investigating two student parking permits. A female student reported on Feb. 24 her parking permit was stolen from the rear view mirror of her car, which was parked between 10 a.m. and noon next to the restroom.

March 1 at 10 a.m., a male student reported that his permit was stolen from his car, which was parked by the restroom near the gym.

**MARK RILEY / THE RIP**

**Rubes By Leigh Ruben**

"Sorry, pall, those are the rules ... no ID, no boogie."
Gas War

College students battle fuel price hikes at local pumps.

BY KARI SWEET
Rip staff writer

Gas prices have risen to an all-time high and Bakersfield College students are trying to keep up.

"It's ridiculous," said Lorrae Bangel, an administrative assistant major at BC. "I think something should be done, but do you complain about it?"

Most drivers would agree that the prices are getting too high.

"We're actually losing money. The price seems to go up so high, and we can't even price protective insurance," one will say, "Next, we start paying for gas too."

Many college students must commute everyday to school. Some commute from across town and others must drive from surrounding cities.

"They're ripping us off," said April Moller, a BC student. "We need gas to drive to school everyday."

Most college students do not have a lot of extra money left over after paying their bills. The Bakersfield Californian reported Wednesday that the price for gas has risen more than 27 cents in the last month. This sharp increase in gas prices means that students will have even less money.

The Californian reported that in March the statewide average gas price is $1.50 per gallon, the highest.

There have been rumors of another "gas tax" for drivers to help pay for gas for a few days. However, the last boycott attempt failed because the people who participated bought gas the day before the scheduled event, which increased gas sales for that day.

"Nothing can really be done about it," said John Kieran, another BC student, about the high price.

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Leadership conference builds skills

BY LOYCE JOHNSTON
Rip staff reporter

Anyone can act as a leader, explained Autumn Nichols, a senior at Highland High School.

But it is nice to have guidelines on how to become one. That's why Nichols attended the 15th Annual Youth Leadership Conference at Bakersfield College Feb. 23. Nichols, along with other students from local high schools with their advisers, were present for a day of workshops on conflict resolution, social responsibility, community partners and leadership and self-esteem.

The Bakersfield College Martin Luther King Jr. Center sponsored the conference.

"The part that really stuck out to me was when I went to a leadership workshop and the speaker there said that anyone could be a leader," said Nichols.

- Autumn Nichols, Highland student

"I went last year and it was nice. This year I thought it was going to be the same. The part that really stuck out to me was when I went to a leadership workshop and the speaker there said that anyone could be a leader," said Nichols.

"The job (leadership) has to get done; somebody's got to do it.

Dr. William Thomas, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, explained that the conference has been going on for 15 years.

The purpose of the event was to place students in workshops that involved tracking their leadership skills and being able to solve hypothetical problems while facing a simulated situation. They were given situations from their everyday lives and were from their personal experiences.

"I assume that if you help young people to be first aware of the issues that are going on in their environment, society, that you then help them to take their leadership roles and deal with their issues," said Anthony.

This year's conference was different from the past. The students were out with their usual friends. They were divided into smaller groups with other students from various high schools.

"This year we got to work together," said Tony Course, program assistant at the MLK Jr. Center, which made the event more enjoyable.

James Kennedy, sergeant at arms of the African American Student Forum at BC, also went to the workshop and stated that the speakers should have been people who have gone through the experience and can relate to the topic or issue that was being addressed.

"I didn't learn that much. The majority of what I heard in the workshops were the speakers telling the story about how they stay away from gangs like that's the only problem the youth today have," said Kennedy.

"I think it would've made more sense to have gang members talk to gang members about what to do." said Anthony.

Anthony agreed that students would respond more effectively to issues addressed by someone closer to their age and generation.

"What I think they mean from that is that they really like to hear more from folks that they can relate to," the Rip will continue, the Rip Conference, Page 6

BC engineering competition inspires creative, decorative off-road vehicles

BY KARI SWEET
Rip staff writer

Some were made of household products such as sugar cups, toys and rubber bands. Others were made of measuring tapes, Morse code and ladders.

Vehicles that participated in the 15th annual engineering competition, held recently at East Hills Mall by the Bakersfield College Engineers' Club, were by far the most unique.

Participants in the event were required to build a vehicle with no paint and that was driven through an obstacle course.

The course, which included a mini-golf course, was a straight course that was 30 feet long and consisted of a large ramp where the cars began.

The曲sicle, the Strobel bumber, the log hill and finished off on a sand pit.

The competition contained five divisions: junior high, high school, college, open and Lego. Awards were given for superior artistic design and superior engineering design to the winners.

Competitors were allowed one attempt to complete the obstacle course in the shortest amount of time. Those that did not finish the course were measured for distance.

We have this competition to celebrate National Engineering Week and mostly just for fun," said Joseph Gomes, vice president of the Engineering Club at BC.

The college division was comprised of the paint against competitors, but this event was for Bakersfield College for the course.

We had a good turnout this year, 71 people, 15 contestants," said Cowan, who also is a member of the Engineering Club.

The open division consisted of 30 competitors. First place was Richard Byrd winning for the course.

Stockdale High School students took first and second place in the high school division.

One of the 35 participants that competed, only five completed the entire course.

Amick Meece, Jessica Muller and Beverly Lethers won first place in the course.

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To be eligible for best design the vehicle had to be completely the course.

Best engineering design in the professional field went to Meyer.

Richard Meyer, 47, checks the alignment of his vehicle prior to its launch.

Meyer's and other vehicles faced an obstacle course of small bumps, one large hill and a sand pit before reaching the other end of the course.

The track Meyer was one of a few of the competitors who completed BC's annual engineering competition.
U.S. military readiness sinks in wake of budget cuts

By JOE SIMPSON

Graphis Editor

The billions of dollars were spent since someone would challenge us. Right now American men percent means of preserving peace. We need at least 70 attack submarines for cold war commitments. Right now the Navy has 50, will they be going on a retirement.

The Navy is pushing the point of 70 attack submarines. Right now the Navy has 50, with many of these submarines on the deck. This year they have spent about $2 billion on submarines. But the Navy is pushing the point of 70 attack submarines. Right now the Navy has 50, will they be going on a retirement.

Student appreciates tutoring

By ASBC prepares for student officer elections

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Letter to the editor

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Thursday, March 21
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College of Canyon
BY Sports

Editor's Notebook

This was an exciting week for Coach Bob Dagley.

The team is in the process of determining the
next steps in their development. The team placed
second in its first meet of the season 

Tommy Thompson of the Surfracing team
removes clutch housing plates to check for damage.

The March Meet, car show attracts Kern County residents.

The March Meet is a major event for the Kern County residents. The
car show attracts over 2,000 people each year. The event features
over 200 vehicles on display, ranging from classic cars to modern muscle
cars. The event is sponsored by the Kern County Racing Association.

The March Meet is held annually at Firestone Raceway. It is
the Kern County Racing Association's most popular event of the year.

The event features a car show, a variety of racing events, and
a fireworks display. The event is free to the public, and all ages are welcome.

Photos and Story by Michael D. Ross

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BC Good Friday Golf Tournament

Friday, April 21, 2000
Kern River Golf Course

Get on the GET bus & save money!
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**GADE NEWSLINE**

**WHA'T'S HAPPENING WHERE I'M WITH WYOMING**

Douglas Rushkoff to speak at college
Douglas Rushkoff, author, columnist and media theorist, will be the Wiley Jones Entrepreneur in the BC Indoor Theater on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, April 7 at 10 a.m. He is author of seven books on new media and popular culture, including "Cyberpunk," "Media Virus," "Playing the Future," and the novel "Electric Cafe." His newest book is "Understanding Media: Why We Listen to What We Say." He also documents on NPR's "All Things Considered" and writes a monthly column on cyberculture for the New York Times Syndicate. He is a professor of media and culture at New York University's Interactive Telecommunications Program.

Ensemble to perform concert Sunday
The Bakersfield College Ensemble will present a concert entitled "The Course of Spring," 4 p.m. Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 914 Newell Road. The concert will feature works by Leonard Bernstein, H. Oman Read and Samuel Barber and will include a special piece by Aaron Copland featuring the Bakersfield College Brass Choir.

Tickets are $12 per performance for students and seniors under 12 are free. For ticket information call the Bakersfield College Ticket Office at 395-2767. Proceeds benefit Bakersfield College music scholarships.

Chamber to play at BC Indoor Theater
The Chamber Orchestra will present a spring concert entitled, "A Touch of Class," 8 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at the BC Indoor Theater.

Under the direction of Robert Mustier, the Chamber Orchestra will perform with Patrick Bender, the winner of the first annual Kern County Young Artists Competition. Bender will perform the "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra" by Aram Khatchaturian.

Tickets are $12 per performance, $8 for seniors and students under 12 are free. For ticket information call the Bakersfield College Ticket Office at 395-2767. Proceeds benefit BC music scholarships.

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**RUBES**

**By Leigh Ruben**

"I'm all for being environmentally responsible, but perhaps we should rethink our position on water conservation." - W. C. Fields

The radio has a built-in security system with a yellow tape around it, rubber bands around it to keep it together and a metal collage identification plate on the side.

Police respond to call of injured student
March 15 at 10 a.m. security was called to the Science and Engineering building to handle reports of an injured female student. Campus police met with the nurse who informed them that the woman was going to transport the injured student to the health center to be examined by the doctor.

Campus police offers escorts to parked cars
The Bakersfield College Campus police will escort anyone to their vehicles as needed.

Staff radio stolen from staffers' cart
On March 14, a BC employee reported that her handheld Motorola radio had been taken. She had parked her cart under a tree to help her shop, but when she returned to her cart at about 12:30 p.m. the radio was gone.

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**MARK RILEY / THE RIP**

**TOP TEN ITEMS ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S RESUME**

5. 1997: Boeing Consulting Center has collaborated with BC by sending school-age students to perform plays that display and characterize some issues for today's youth.


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**Spring 2000 BC Graduation Filing Deadline is Monday, April 3**

Students planning on completing their degrees in Spring 2000 should file for graduation now. Applications are available at window #6 in the Admissions & Records Office.

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UC Santa Cruz Representative on Campus
Wed., March 29 10 a.m. - Noon Campus Center Foyer

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**The Rip**

March 17, 2000
Rushkoff to discuss new media

BY ERIN M. LOPEZ

Douglas Rushkoff has a problem with writing about one sex or getting buddy-buddy with San Francisco bookworms—people who pretend they're vampires as teens. Rushkoff will talk about his new book, "Reality is Broken: Why Games Make Us Better and Goof Us In," during a 3 p.m. Q&A session Wednesday in the McVicker Lecture Hall on campus.

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Expensive Justice

After 23 years, the U.S. government settles a landmark sex discrimination case for more than $500 million.

BY DANIEL HUNT

The government and the nation's largest community college district have settled a landmark sex discrimination lawsuit, ending a case that stretched for more than two decades. The settlement, which is worth more than $500 million, is the largest ever paid by the federal government to settle a sex discrimination case.

The case began in 1995 when a group of women, supported by the National Women's Law Center, filed a lawsuit against the Kern Community College District (KCCD) in California. The lawsuit alleged that the KCCD had discriminated against women in employment and education, violating Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The KCCD denied the allegations and argued that it had been following the law. The case went to trial in 2007, and the jury found in favor of the plaintiffs. The KCCD appealed the decision, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit upheld the verdict in 2016.

The settlement agreement, which was announced on March 31, 2020, includes a $200 million cash payment to the plaintiffs and $300 million for the creation of a fund to support future initiatives aimed at addressing gender equity in higher education.

The settlement also includes an agreement to implement reforms and policies to address gender discrimination and harassment, and to provide training and support to employees and students.

"This is a historic moment," said Jennifer Pahlken, executive director of the National Women's Law Center. "We are grateful for the courage of the plaintiffs and their legal team, and we are thrilled to see justice finally be served.

"This settlement is a tremendous victory for women and girls everywhere," she added. "We hope it sends a clear message that gender discrimination is unacceptable and that our government is committed to enforcing the law.

"This case is a reminder that our government has a responsibility to protect the rights of all Americans, and we will continue to work to ensure that Title IX is enforced and that women are treated fairly," she concluded.

Read more about the case at [www.titleix.gov](http://www.titleix.gov).

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Rudeness in society reaches new levels

BY NICHOLE PERRY

Rudeness is a growing problem in society, with people increasingly becoming more impolite and disrespectful to others. This is especially true in online environments, where the lack of face-to-face interaction allows for more negative behavior.

The problem is not limited to online interactions, however. People are becoming more rude and aggressive in public settings as well. This trend is concerning, as it can lead to a culture of disrespect and negativity that can be difficult to reverse.

There are several factors that contribute to the problem of rudeness in society. One factor is the rise of social media, which allows people to express their views and opinions without the need for face-to-face interaction. This can lead to a culture of aggression and defensiveness, where people are more likely to be critical and dismissive of others.

Another factor is the changing values and norms in society. As people become more accepting of different lifestyles and beliefs, there is a corresponding decrease in the acceptance of traditional values, such as politeness and respect.

What is needed is a cultural shift, where people are encouraged to be more kind and respectful to one another. This can be achieved through education and awareness campaigns, as well as through the example set by individuals and organizations.

"We need to reclaim our social fabric through kindness and civility," said Nichole Perry, author of the book "The Power of Politeness." "We need to teach our children that rudeness is not an acceptable behavior, and we need to model that behavior ourselves.

"We need to create a culture where people feel safe and respected, where they know they can express their views without fear of being attacked," she concluded.

Read more about Nichole Perry and her book at [www.nicholeperry.com](http://www.nicholeperry.com).

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Union says district administration budget should be cut

The Kern County Federation of Teachers union has called for cuts to the administration budget of the Kern County Community College District, saying that the district is spending too much on administration and not enough on instruction and student services.

"The administration budget has grown significantly in recent years, and we are concerned that this is coming at the expense of instruction and student support," said Jennifer Johnson, president of the union.

"We believe that the district should be prioritizing student needs, rather than administrative expenses," she added.

The union has presented a proposal to the district administration, calling for a 10% reduction in the administration budget. The union has also proposed a new fund to support student services and instruction.

"We are committed to ensuring that the district is serving its students effectively," said Johnson. "We believe that the administration budget should be cut, and we are willing to work with the district to find a solution that benefits all students.

"We are committed to ensuring that the district is serving its students effectively," she concluded.

Read more about the union's proposal at [www.kernfed.org](http://www.kernfed.org).

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GDANCE FEEDBACK

Who do you think will win the Final Four? Why?

David Donovan, Professor of Psychology

Jim Howes, Physical Education

Karen Knapp, Social Work

Linda Kornfield, Physical Education

Michelle Peters, Business Administration

Lyle Hernandez, Criminal Justice

"I think Duke will win because they have a strong team and a great coach. They have the experience and the talent to go far in the tournament.

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Read more about the Final Four at [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).

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Students earn awards for excellence

By Richard O. Wemple

News writer

Seven students from the Bakersfield Community High School were honored at the Special High School Journalism Day awards ceremony.

The students were:
- Mia Brown, BHS; Jennifer Centennial; Xocbill Garcia, Tehachapi; Cathy Nadine Elsibai, BHS.

Four students from the Bakersfield High School were honored:
- Alondra Castro, BHS; John Hunter, BHS; Troy Winkler, BHS; Lauren Larson, BHS.

The awards were presented by the Special High School Journalism Day Committee.

Staging Reality

Mock accident serves as warning to speeding students on campus.

By MICHAEL MILLER

Bakersfield High School

A mock accident involving a student was staged on campus to raise awareness about the dangers of speeding.

The accident involved a student who was driving a car at a high speed and hitting a wall, simulating a real accident.

The student was injured and had to be taken to the hospital.

This incident served as a reminder to students to slow down and be aware of their surroundings.

Former sheriff's deputy recalls brush with death

By SEAN MUSCIO

Bakersfield

A former sheriff's deputy recalled a brush with death that occurred on April 15, 1997.

The deputy, Robert Mahill, was injured in a head-on collision while on duty.

He was taken to the hospital and underwent surgery, but he made a full recovery.

The experience taught him the importance of safety and the risks associated with his job.

Making Tracks

'Gades field top athletes at BC institutional.'

By Corrine Ovie

Sports Editor

Amadieu Harvey threw the discus 133-05 meters to win the BC Institutional Track and Field Championships.

This is the first time a BC athlete has won the event.

Harvey's throw broke the previous record of 132-11 meters set by Derek Johnson in 1993.

Harvey's next goal is to qualify for the NCAA championships, which will be held in early May.

He's been working hard to improve his performance and is confident he can achieve his goal.

Gades, who has been training with Harvey, was pleased with his performance and is excited to see what he can achieve in the future.

Sports Coverage

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To attend, students must have at least 10 hours and 6 transferable units. Students not attending the event may still be able to register for Fall classes.

California State University-Bakersfield
Women's basketball coach honored

The women's basketball coach Paula Daily was chosen by coaches in the Western Athletic Conference as this season's coach of the year. Daily's team made runners-up and had an overall season record of 24-11 with 23 regular season wins, tying the most wins in BC women's basketball history.

Three players made the all conference team and one made honorable mention.

Total team raised $40,000 to try out their tournaments, making up for lack of funding, along with keeping up their academics.

New scholarship available to students

The new Krys (URSA Geographic Information Systems Scholarship is available to BC students.

Students who are pursuing a career in geographic information systems and have a cumulative 2.75 GPA are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Applications are available in the BC Financial Aid Office. The deadline is April 17, 2000.

Blood drive to be held on BC campus

A blood drive will be held on campus Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Frasoread.

Students and staff members are needed. When preparing for donations, please note the following:

- No need for five hours prior to donating.
- Well balanced meal containing protein and carbohydrates are essential. Donors must be taking medication at least one hour before donating.
- The first donor's blood is taken in before donating, the better the donor will feel. Avoid consuming alcohol for three days and off all alcohol for three hours.

Blood donors should not be in any of the AIDS risk high groups.

All donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and provide identification with your picture on it.

MARK RILEY / THE RIP

TOP TEN THINGS OVERHEARD AT MY ACADEMY AWARDS PARTY

1. "Wow — meatballs in the shape of Dave's diseased heart.
2. "Off, hold tight so I can put on your Riff-tardos.
3. "Oh! The sound effects adding context is nearer.
4. "I see a dead party.
5. "Thank good lord for the DJ Channel Now. How much does Karl Kradeniding.
6. "Dave must love American Beauty — he's wearing only one pant leg.
7. "Dave. If you just buy a TV we wouldn't have to fight the screen.
8. "Call me anony, but I don't consider sugar-free Certs Har Har.
9. "Look, the missing Academy Award statue! Oh, my mistake — it's Paul.
10. "What else is on?"

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BY RICHARD D. WHIPPLE

Rip staff writer

CD theft leaves BC student with quiet ride

A female student reported to campus police on March 17 that she had three compact discs and $30 worth of CDs stolen from her vehicle.

The suspect parked her car in the parking lot behind the BC campus at 4 a.m. to go to class.

When she returned three hours later, she noticed the CDs and the case missing.

Total loss is estimated at $60.

Campus police foil attempted break-in

On March 18 at 2:40 a.m., a BC campus police officer noticed a person entering the Applied Science and Technology building through an open window.

After accompanying the Border Patrol Department, search warrant was executed throughout the building, the basement and the tower leading to the Speech, Arts and Music building.

The search found no suspects although a door was found open.

There was no loss reported.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 18-25 years old, 5'7" to 5'8", 150-170 pounds with short black hair.

Campaign to prevent student's vehicle

On Feb. 21, a BC student reported to campus police that someone stole his student parking permit.

He parked in the northeast parking lot and went to class.

When he returned to his vehicle at 4:12 a.m., he discovered that the parking permit had been stolen.

A student's take from field house

A male student reported to campus police on Feb. 28, that someone broke into his student parking permit.

The student left the field house at 5:30 a.m., and discovered the bike was missing.

The field house was unlocked at the time of the theft.

Total loss is estimated at $150.

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Rubes

Leigh Ruben

ASBC plans variety of Spring Fling events

BY KARI SWEET

Rip staff writer

Students will have a chance to show off their new walking abilities during Spring Fling week, which begins Monday. Events will be held in the Free Speech Area.

"We have a lot of good content," said Randy Pfeifer, Associated Student of Bakersfield College (ASBC) president. "We're going to have a lot of fun."

The events on Monday will begin at 10 a.m. and will include "Singing a Song," in which participants will sing a song from the 50's or 60's inside the Free Speech Area.

ASBC will serve a Brazilian inspired lunch, which will be followed by a salsa presentation. Following the sang competition, music will be given how to do the same. At 12:30 p.m. a Japanese noodle eating competition will begin. Next students can participate in an obstacle course at 1:30 p.m. A drum circle competition will begin at 2 p.m.

"We're trying to make a scene related to a specific dance," Pfeifer said.

On Tuesday, the events will begin at 10 a.m. with prizes and music. Students can participate in a sitting on ballon competition at 11:55 a.m., which will include participants trying to sit on a balloon while the music is playing. Participants will complete with music by a DJ. Following the sitting on balloons event a free pizza with a contest will be held throughout the event, which will begin at 11 a.m. and an obstacle course will be held at 11:30 a.m.

"Tuesday and Thursday are going to really good days because of the concerts and the CDs that we invited," said Taylor.

"I Do you have a story idea for The Rip?"

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