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## 'The best son'

Family and friends remember BC student.

BY AMBER GARCIA  
Rip staff writer

Jeff Chaffin would smile when friends teased him about being a mama's boy.



Chaffin

Before the 20-year-old Bakersfield College student was killed in a car crash on Nov. 18, he went on vacations with his mother, would help her decorate the Christmas tree every year and always kissed her goodbye.

Nancy Chaffin describes her son as a mother's dream.

"I want to scream at the top of my lungs, 'He was wonderful, he was the best son in the world!'" she said with tears in her eyes. "He was a great friend, and I want to just scream it, and I can't."

Nancy Chaffin first heard the news of his death when Steven Chaffin, Jeff's father, called her after receiving some alarming phone calls, telling him his son had been in an accident and hadn't survived.

The crash also killed Amy Simons-Spaulding, 14; Tara Mitchell, 14, and Shantelee Batchelor, 13, all of Bakersfield.

By the time she got in contact with the coroner's office, most of Chaffin's friends had assembled at the Chaffin home for comfort, all in disbelief.

Jeff Chaffin was a passenger in the car allegedly driven by Michael Hugh Curtis Jr., 21, who is considered a suspect for fleeing the scene of the accident, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Curtis is being held in connection with rape charges dating back to 2000.

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## State offers more grants to students

BY MICAYLA ELLIOTT  
Rip staff writer

For the first time, the Cal Grant program added a September deadline for community college students to compete for 11,250 additional grants.

More than 58,000 students applied, leaving 47,000 students without aid.

This new plan involving competitive Cal Grants is part of the new financial aid effort established by last year's legislature that promised to triple the Cal Grant's budget to \$1.7 billion by 2005.

There were five eligible students for every one grant worth \$1,551.

All of the grants have been awarded, yet 47,000 eligible students will be receiving letters telling them they will not get a grant.

BC Financial Aid Director Joan Wegner said that while there are many students who aren't getting financial aid, there are 11,250 students who are benefiting from this new program.

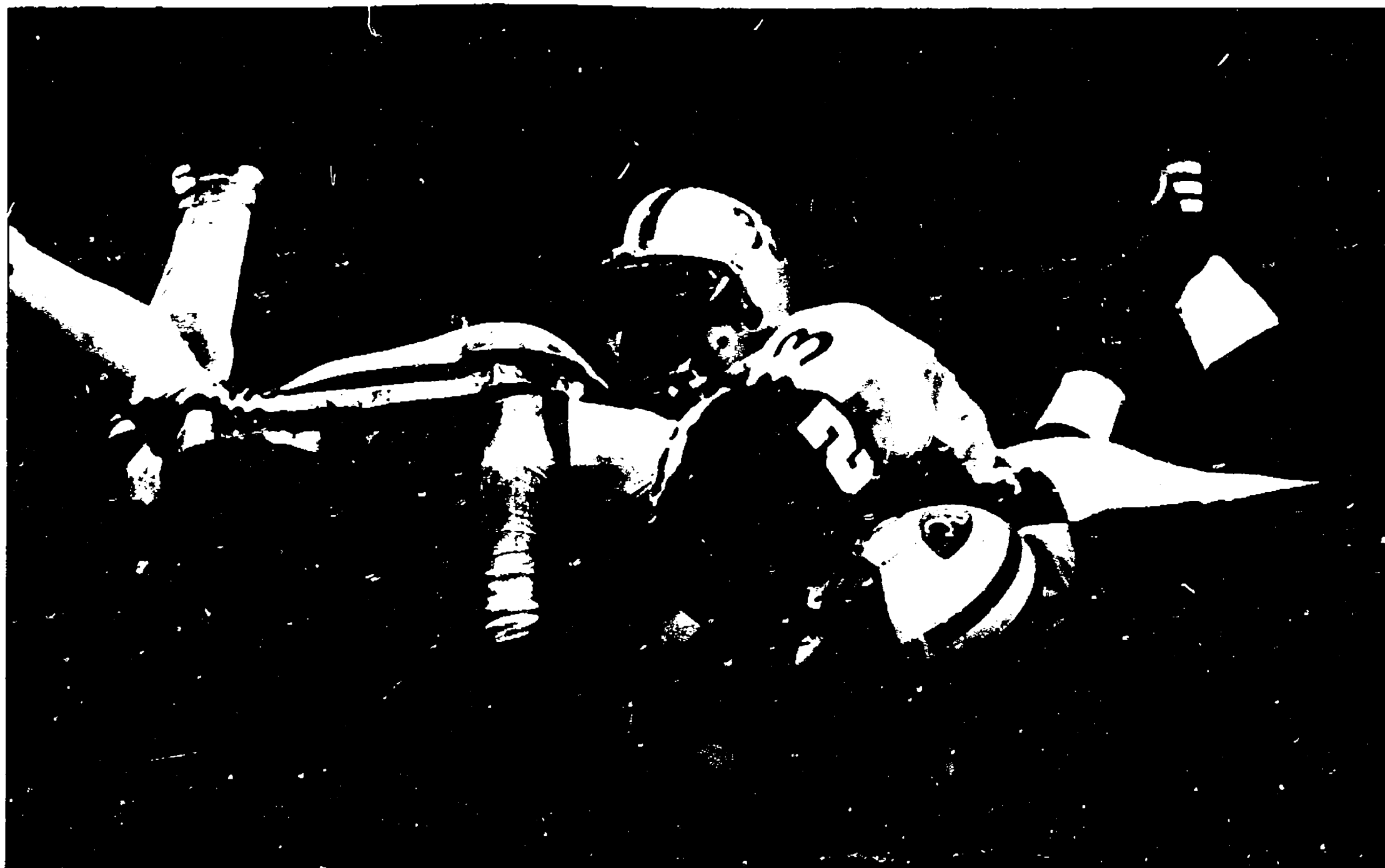
"I think the new 'Sept. 2 competition,' was a success," Wegner said. "Community college students usually have to compete for a total of 22,500 awards. (There were) 11,250 extra awards given this year."

Cal Grants are awarded based on a scoring system.

The system takes into consideration family income, family size, parents' education, single parent status and grade point average.

If a student has not completed 24 units of college work, his or her high school is responsible for submitting academic information. However, if a student has completed 24 units of college work, the college submits this information.

"Students should begin applying for Cal Grants for the 2002-2003 year as early as Jan. 2, and the deadline is March 2," Wegner said. "Students should get an application from the financial aid office or go to www.fafsa.ed.gov online."



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## We are the CHAMPIONS

Potato Bowl game was a 'defensive battle' leading to a victory for the 'Gades, 21-8.

BY LEANNE CAVE  
Rip staff writer

The expression on Aubrey Dorisme's face said it all.

The Bakersfield College outside linebacker, who sacked Antelope Valley's quarterback, Cory Allred, twice, looked quite content after the Renegades defeated the Marauders 21-8 in the 50th Shrine Potato Bowl.

"The victory feels good," Dorisme said. "The quarterback for the Marauders said they were going to score 50 points on us, and we weren't going to let that happen. The sophomores on the team are unbeaten in back-to-back Potato Bowls."

The Marauders were held to 42 points short of the pregame prediction.

The game was a defensive battle, filled with mistakes, as well as penalties, producing only seven

points in the first half. Both teams had their chances to score, but squandered away opportunities while inside the 20-yard line.

The Marauders had a chance to go up 3-0, but missed a 26-yard field goal.

The 'Gades put the first points on the board in the second quarter, when quarterback Dennis DuBois, later named Most Valuable Offensive Player, threw a 35-yard touchdown strike to Sammy Moore.

On the next series of downs, it seemed as though the highly touted Marauders' offense was going to march down the field and score.

But outstanding defense by the 'Gades, as well as a penalty, nullified any hopes of Antelope Valley scoring.

The second half was more of the same. After the Marauders' defense came up with an interception that

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Top: Running back Robert Thomas of Bakersfield dives for a few extra inches over Antelope Valley's inside linebacker Jason Orians. Above: Wide receiver Terrence Hall evades Marauder defense.

## President discusses projects on campus, future plans

BY RACHEL CRIBBS  
Editor in Chief

It has been a longterm goal to stabilize Bakersfield College's budget, according to Dr. Sandra Serrano, BC president. That's why she was pleased that the college did not have to lay off any staff during the recent budget crisis.

"At BC we did not have to engage in a layoff nor have we had to cut our budget," she said. "We, in fact, are in the process of hiring additional full-time and part-time staff, spending money on instructional equipment as well as completing building improvement projects. We are not cutting the budget, we were not crying wolf this time. If it were not for several vacancies that include both administrative and classified we may well have had to lay off individuals."

Instead of the budget driving educational planning, long-term planning should drive the budget, she said.

The recent budget crisis pressured BC into compliance with the California 50 percent law, mandating that half of the budget must go to classroom funding.

"This year we do not have to cut our budget, however, because of the 50 percent law we've had to make sure we make appropriate expenses of our budget so that there is compliance of having 50 percent of our budget spent on

"We are not cutting the budget, we were not crying wolf this time."

— Dr. Sandra Serrano  
BC president

classroom instruction," she said.

Her goal has been to make BC a "more efficient organization" by achieving what Serrano calls "financial viability."

"We will continue to invest more money into instruction and we will do that based on our thoughtful planning so that we can meet the needs of this community and meet the needs of our students, so that students can be successful in completing their education," she said.

Besides the budget, the president commented on a variety of issues during an interview last week. Topics she discussed included: construction, the Bakersfield police officer on campus and bomb threats.

**Construction:** Serrano said she is involved in the construction that is happening on campus.

From the bookstore renovation to the new pool, she has had to work with the state in acquiring funds necessary to renovate BC.

"The money comes from the state, there is a process by which we are required to submit projects," she said. "It can include funds that have been raised. Typically, it is money that has been identified for those specific projects."

The child development center and the aquatic center almost are finished. BC is having ventilation and heating work done. The baseball field will soon have a new club house and roof work is continuing throughout campus.

**Bomb threats:** Serrano is on the emergency team for the college. During a bomb threat, she makes the decision to evacuate the campus. During an evacuation Serrano stays at the command center in the administration building to direct the procedure, she said.

"I don't go anywhere (during an evacuation). I am part of the command station making the decisions that need to be made as information is available."

The evacuation plan was publicized campuswide — at her request.

"There has been an evacuation plan for as long as I've been here, I believe," she said. "We certainly had a plan prior to the incident that happened earlier this semester. With regards to training, we have had training since and have some more scheduled. ... I asked evacuation maps be posted in every building."

She hopes that students will learn from the experience

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## CHAFFIN: Family hit hard by son's death, finds comfort in photographs, friends, memories

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"Nothing compares to losing a child," Nancy Chaffin said. "My children are the most important thing in my life, and you feel like you lose a part of yourself as well. It's been a nightmare I wish I could wake up from."

Troy Hatton, 19, a friend and BC student, said he was hanging out with Chaffin before Chaffin decided to go with Curtis that night. He's angry with the way the media are treating his friend's death.

"There's a lot of things that have been in the newspaper that are just so wrong," Hatton said. "So many accusations about him and Mike being buddies. If I knew those girls, I would know those girls, and I know for a fact that he didn't know those girls. ... The newspaper's gonna write anything to make money."

They're going to do anything for the person who sees the cover to pick it up and read it."

Hatton said he keeps the poem he read at Chaffin's funeral with him and has other people read it. This is his way of helping to keep his friend's memory alive.

"I've already learned a lot from it," he said. "You can't change life, and you have to accept things for what they are, as bad or as wrong or as unfair as it seems to be. You still have to go on living your life, and with still living Jeff's life for him. Still talking about him, still keeping him alive in our hearts."

Although he lived with his mother, Chaffin worked with his father at AB Automation Inc. as an operations manager. His friends said if you didn't know him, you might think he was quiet and unobtrusive.

Chaffin as an adorable kid.

"He was a charmer," Hartman said. "This kid, with the glasses. You were like 'Oh, my God, this kid is so goddamn cute.' When he put those glasses on, he was irresistible."

Nancy Chaffin said that as he got older, Chaffin became colorful and took a lot of pride in his appearance but hated taking pictures because he didn't think he was handsome.

To his prom at Stockdale, he dyed his hair a shockingly flame red, and wore a silver tie. His mother wore that tie to her son's funeral.

Nancy Chaffin said she and Chaffin's stepfather, Bob Joy, have a support system in her son's friends.

"Over the last two weeks, I've decided that the United States is going to be all right in the future," Joy said. "Just seeing these boys, what they've written and what they've said."

His mother said sometimes looking at pictures of Chaffin is hard, but she's always had them proudly displayed in her home. For Chaffin's friends and family, they are memories caught in time.

On that last Saturday night, before he went out, Chaffin did what he always did: gave his mom a hug and said, "I love you, Mama." If there was one last thing his mother could say to him, it would be that she loves him.

"He'll always be alive in my heart," she said. "As a mother I've lost a piece of my heart. He'll always be my little baby boy, my pumpkin. He was so good to me. I would wonder sometimes, 'How'd I get so lucky?' and maybe it was because I was only going to have him for a short time."

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## Airports need improved safety

### Travelers will not come back to the friendly skies without changes.

BY MARIA EUTSLER  
Rip staff writer

Two news reporters recently investigated just how easy it is to get by airline security with such items as knives, razor blades and scissors after Sept. 11.

They got past checkpoints at 10 U.S. major airports.

Just how safe are we? With airplanes being used as terrorist weapons and anthrax o-grams being sent, it all seems surreal.

A woman named Linda Upigrove was walking down an allegedly secure jetway at San Francisco International Airport last April when she suddenly felt a sharp pain.

A fellow passenger had plunged a three-inch knife into her back, puncturing her right lung.

The irony to this story is that before Sept. 11, the Federal Aviation Administration actually allowed

passengers to carry knives with blades smaller than four inches.

Since then, most airlines have finished reinforcing their cockpit doors.

Alaska Airlines and JetBlue even retrofitted their planes with bulletproof, Kevlar-reinforced doors.

The FAA now prohibits all knives, corkscrews, metal nail files and other items that might be used as weapons from being carried on board, according to Newsweek.

Nonetheless, two reporters were able to get past security checkpoints with these items.

This raises the question of how to make our airport screening procedures more thorough.

The FAA is trying. It has ordered airports to revalidate I.D. badges, as well as conduct criminal-background checks, for about one million workers with access to secure areas of terminals.

Flying fighter jets through major metropolitan areas, posting military reserves at airports and federalizing security personnel are all steps in the right direction, but still not enough.

What about the passengers and the baggage? With endless security loopholes our government has its hands full.



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Officials should do whatever it takes to prevent the possibilities of another terrorist attack.

It's time for government officials and airlines to invest in fail-safe security measures that will screen all passengers, luggage and cargo before boarding.

Yes, this will be costly, but safety is worth the price, whatever the price may be.

It's a shame that it took such tragic events to make the nation notice the gaps in airport security. But now, more than ever, is the time to fix this problem.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Dirty restrooms, graffiti disgust campus visitors

I am shocked at the conduct and lack of courtesy, cleanliness and work ethics of people working and attending this college.

I have noticed, on a daily basis, that the women's restrooms are in an almost constant state of filth.

I usually visit the restrooms located below the Financial Aid office, which is the worst. I also visit the restroom in the Humanities building as well as the restroom near the lunchroom and on occasion the restroom near the Forums.

Let me say I have seen an increasing amount of vulgar, pornographic words and drawings on the walls in the bathroom stalls. Second, I have seen, on numerous occasions, feces and urine on the toilet seats. Also, there is an enormous amount of trash left on the floors (including used sanitary supplies) as well as overflowing garbage containers and frequently there is no toilet paper, soap or paper towels supplied in these restrooms.

Excuse me, is this college? Do you people not understand that this is disgusting? Do you not understand that this is how diseases are spread? People, have a little pride and show some courtesy. Clean up after yourself.

Do you think people who visit this campus are getting a good impression of the students and faculty? I am truly ashamed to tell anyone that I am a student of this college.

I have also noticed that there is an increasing amount of graffiti in the stairwell in the Learning Center. What is the point you are trying to make by doing this?

My advice to you is get out. I am here to get an education and I don't need the likes of you inhibiting that process.

Do you realize that this is a public facility and you could be charged with a crime? Do you also realize this is one of the reasons why costs continue to go up for a college education?

Chammie De La Rosa  
BC Student

### Parking problems unresolved

Campus construction, improvements tie up valuable lot space

I've been attending Bakersfield College for the last two years. Every semester it seems as though the student enrollment has increased. It wasn't until recently that I read in *The Rip*, that yes indeed, the enrollment has increased 20 percent from last year.

So then my question is, knowing that enrollment has increased, why start construction on the student parking lots at the beginning of BC's busiest time of year — fall semester?

This semester with all the construction going on, I spend at least 20 to 25 minutes trying to find a parking space. Whether the parking is near the campus or far, it doesn't seem to matter anymore as long as I find a space.

And to tell you the truth, I don't understand the sudden urge to "fix" the parking lots during the fall semester when they have been in the same condition during the summer. I now ask you wouldn't it make

Angelica Vargas  
BC Student

### Students tardy when spaces are unavailable

I believe that student parking lot is simply not big enough for students attending BC. I'm sure the rest of the students are also concerned.

Everyday a student or two will show up to class late. It's not because the student's alarm didn't go off.

It's simply because the student woke up early, drove to school on time, but couldn't find a parking space. Therefore, the student is late to class, wasting 10 to 15 minutes parking.

We can stop this insanity. There's a way for BC to expand the parking lots for students. There'd be fewer late students and plenty of happier teachers.

Melene Joy Villamor  
BC Student

## There's no reason to question lower gas prices

Have you noticed the low gas prices? I sure have. It hasn't been since I first got my license, at 16, that I've seen the prices this low.

It's a welcome change for students, especially those on a budget.

Some of the things that I've done since the prices dropped below a dollar: Drove to Irvine to visit my friend Craig and I drove to San Diego to visit my friend Bryan; I made no complaints about driving people around and drove aimlessly to points around Bakersfield.

You may be asking yourself, "Why are the gas prices so low?"

According to Stephen Smith, a BC

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Daniel F. Hunt  
Opinion Editor

economics professor, two reasons have contributed to the low gas prices.

Simple supply and demand. Since the end of the summer driving months, people — especially those afraid to travel since Sept. 11 — have used a lot less fuel than in years past

and the oil producers have a large inventory of fuel.

Adding to that, many economic experts believe that the United States has been in a recession since March.

Supply goes up, demand goes down. Demand goes up, supply goes down. Smith explained that when people clamor for gas, the oil companies will raise prices. Those companies must lower prices for the moment because of limited demand.

As prices continue to fall across the nation, people will be more apt to drive aimlessly, like myself.

Smith believes prices will fall even more when non-OPEC nations increase their production.

Non-OPEC countries — like Russia, Canada and Mexico — may be tempted to keep the oil coming in order to make money and knock the OPEC countries out of the ring.

A battle at the pump? Now that's the sort of war I'd like to see. So what do we do now?

Simply put, there's nothing that we can do. Smith said he believes that recessions and lower gas prices are cyclical. Whether we drive or not, eventually the high prices will catch up to us. Americans will find a way to screw the cheap times up and we'll go back to the good old prices of close to \$2 a gallon.

So, enjoy it while you can. I will.



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### GADE FEEDBACK

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What do you think is the worst possible job?

**James Yako, Psychology:** "I think the worst job in the whole entire world would be to be a teacher at BC because of the students."

**Donel Purcell, Pre-med:** "A migrant field worker. It has the most stress, the least amount of pay and the most hazardous materials exposure."

**Theo Garcia, Architecture:** "Fast food. 'Cause my manager is a mean manager."

**Sarah Haggard, Geology:** "The guy who goes around and picks up the porta-potties. 'Cause that by far has to be the crappiest."

**Jacob Martinez, Liberal Arts:** "I'd say fast food. You have to put up with all the customers."



# McCartney Returns

Moving songs, sweet harmonies, fill his latest effort.

BY MARIA EUTSLER  
Rip staff writer

Paul McCartney gets it right once again. From his years with the Beatles to his years in Wings and also his solo career, one thing has stayed the same: the greatness of his music.

McCartney's latest solo album "Driving Rain" is filled with lyrically moving songs and the sweet harmonies that have made this brilliant songwriter a rock icon.

"Driving Rain" is McCartney's first solo album in two years. While most people see McCartney as just an ex-Beatle, he is the truest meaning of the word legend.

It's not fair to compare McCartney's work with that of his band Wings or his solo career to the hits he had with the Beatles. But no one can deny his talent as a songwriter.

Songs like "From a Lover to a Friend" with lyrics like, "From a lover to a friend, take your own advice, let me love again, now that you turned out to be someone I can trust, someone I can believe," are uplifting stories of the heart.

But what makes this album so much more special is



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Paul McCartney's new album "Driving Rain" is available in stores now.

track 16, which isn't labeled on the CD cover, a song called "Freedom." McCartney wrote it the day after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. It's a live studio recording with Eric Clapton on guitar.

It's a touching tribute to all Americans. With Clapton on guitar and McCartney's lyrics, "Freedom, all I want is freedom, they can't take that away." It really is an amazing song.

All of the royalties from the single will go to the Robin Hood Relief Fund, which is an organization helping the victims of Sept. 11.

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## Wall to carry Olympic torch

BY JESSICA C. MILLMAN  
Features Editor

Many dream of being part of the Olympic Games. Bakersfield College business professor Chuck Wall gets to be a part of that dream.

On Jan. 16 he will carry the Olympic torch for a short distance between Ventura and Santa Barbara. "This is going to be great fun," said Wall, who teaches speech I and human relations.

"It's quite an honor to be selected."

Wall's friend Darlene Stewart was the one who nominated him. He met her when she wrote a letter to the editor of *The Californian* commenting on a girl's kindness to her while she was on vacation. Wall called her to congratulate her on saying something about kindness, and they kept in contact.

Stewart saw ads on TV about nominating someone for carrying the Olympic torch through sponsors. She ended up getting an application from the local Three-Way Chevrolet.

In the essay section of the application, she started with the words, "Today I will commit a simple act of random kindness," which is Wall's well known slogan. The kindness campaign has received national attention.

Stewart mentioned that he had written books on his kindness

campaign, traveled extensively and built prize winning bird feeders.

"The last sentence was: 'It's pretty amazing for someone who can't see,'" said Stewart.

"That was kind of an afterthought."

Wall was not told about being nominated. Stewart did ask his wife, Di, if it would be OK.

"His wife said it would be a great honor for him," Stewart said.

The applicants were supposed to be notified with results around June or July, but the time came and went and nothing was said, so Stewart figured that he hadn't been picked.

His wife told him about it, and Wall said that was nice. A month later he received notice that he was among five applicants selected from the Southern San Joaquin Valley.

Wall said that carrying the torch will be a wonderful experience.

"It is good for Bakersfield College, positive attention."

He is provided with a complete Olympic uniform that he gets to keep, and is being sponsored by Chevrolet.



Wall

"I know that there is a handoff, and a caravan that follows the torch, and lots of security," said Wall.

The torch is lit in Athens, Greece, then flown to Atlanta, Ga., site of the last United States Olympics, before making its tour around the country.

There is also an Olympic train, where the torch is carried through the more desolate parts of the United States.

Wall thinks the Olympics are a good opportunity to show that Americans are not scared.

"It's a show of unity, it's an opportunity for people to show that they are not afraid," he said. "We have a lot on our minds as a nation. The Olympics are one of the few things on earth that will bring us together for competition."

"I think there will be a lot of people there."

Wall hopes that family and friends will be able to come down and see him carry the torch.

"They talked about having a bus with all of us going down there," Wall said.

He is proud to be representing the college.

"In a time when we are truly concerned about our own personal survival because of terrorism, we can say life goes on," Wall said, referring to the upcoming Olympic events.

"I'm proud to be in it representing Bakersfield College," he added.

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## Students in hot water over credit

BY MICAYLA ELLIOTT  
Rip staff writer

You're trying to get your education, while working a part-time job, living on your own, buying your own food and utilities. Your student loans aren't quite paying the costs, and that old bomb of a car your parents gave you breaks down every other day. If you're like the majority of college students, your middle-class family can't afford the costs of college. You're stuck.

But all of a sudden a credit card company soliciting the campus stops you on your way to class and gives you a free T-shirt, candy bar and gift certificate and all you have to do in return is sign up for a credit card, easy as that. You are about to become another statistic in college debt nationwide.

Tiffany Goss, a BC communications major, says she is \$2,500 in debt due to credit cards.

"As soon as I graduated high school, credit card companies were practically knocking down my door trying to get me signed up," Goss said. "Before I knew it, I was signed up on three cards and now I'm struggling to pay them off while also dealing with the cost of college tuition and books."

Seventy-eight percent of college students have at least two credit cards and 32 percent of those have four or more credit cards. The average college student has a credit debt of \$2,748, according to the most recent Nellie Mae study.

Chuck Wall, a BC business professor, blames credit cards for the rise in student debt.

"I think it's unethical and immoral for solicitors to be on campus offering crazy little inducements, like a candy bar," Wall said. "A student will pick one up just for the heck of it, use it inappropriately, default on it, then raise the interest rates for other credit card holders who do use them responsibly."

According to a recent article in USA Today, Harvard Law School professor Elizabeth Warren, principal researcher in a national survey of debtors, said the fastest-growing group of bankruptcy filers is between the ages of 18 and 25. Last year almost half a million people in this group filed for bankruptcy.

The reason why so many students fall into the credit card companies' hands is the snowball effect. For example, according to Katy Hudson, Education Director of Consumer Credit Card Counseling Service of Kern County, a person might owe \$2,500 on a card that charges 19.8 percent interest and requires a minimum payment of \$25 on unpaid balances. If that person makes no additional charges and makes only the minimum payment each month, it would take 40 years to pay off the debt and would cost more than \$24,960 in interest.

Wall explained that responsible payments can prevent such debt.

"If a credit card holder is responsible and pays it off at the end of the 30 day period, they win over the credit companies," Wall said. "But if a person lets their balance roll over, and gets taken advantage of by the interest it collects, then the credit card companies win."

# FEATURES

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## 'Ask me later' about procrastination

BY RYAN KNAGGS  
Rip staff writer

When BC student Marianne DeSilva was asked to express her view on procrastination and how it relates to college, she replied, "Ask me later." Students procrastinate in everything. Studying for tests, math homework, reading that novel for history or English class. All of these are often put aside and are dealt with at the last minute.

Many students find that they work better under pressure and that is why they wait to the last minute to do things, according to various BC students.

Steven High, a 20-year-old psychology major at BC, admits to procrastinating on a regular basis.

"When it comes to procrastination, I am the king," High said. "I don't do things until the morning it's due."

But procrastination is a double-edged sword.

"I do a really good job but I don't learn as much. I just get the grade," he said. "If you want to actually learn, then plan ahead."

Another way to deal with procrastination is to not procrastinate at all. Nineteen-year-old BC student

"Procrastinating gets you nowhere. If you don't (plan ahead), then you'll start watching TV, or you'll start eating, and then by the time you know it, it's nine o'clock and you have to go to bed."

— Katie Swank  
BC student

Katie Swank takes that approach.

"Procrastinating gets you nowhere," she said. "If you don't (plan ahead), then you'll start watching TV, or you'll start eating, and then by the time you know it, it's nine o'clock and you have to go to bed."

Steven Holmes, a political science professor said that he procrastinated as a student.

"As a past student myself, I found that I procrastinated especially early in my college career," he said. "But as I realized that the more organized I became

and the better prepared and on time I was with getting assignments done, the better my grades tended to be."

With college applications due at the end of last month, and students now registering for spring classes, the counselors here at BC have been busy.

BC counselor Don Turney has had his share of dealing with procrastinating students.

"I really hate it," Turney admitted. "But it's also tempered with me being a procrastinator myself when I was that age, so there is that bit of compassion towards them."

But Turney also has dealt with students who don't procrastinate.

"The people who take care of business, and get things done on time, they get the world by the tail," he said. "They get their names in first for financial aid, they get their names in first for classes, because they don't procrastinate."

Turney offered some tips to help stop procrastination.

"The key is to get organized," he said. "When is this due, when is that due, and write it down."

When people see the reward of not procrastinating, this will condition them not to put things off in the future according to Turney.



GERARDO DELGADILLO / THE RIP

### International students fear flying home for holidays

BY ESTELLA AGUILAR  
Rip staff writer

Some international students want to go home for the holiday break, but are afraid of flying.

"I would really love to go home but I won't because of the problems with the planes. My mother was telling me, 'I would love to see you, but don't come,'" said David Saliba, vice president of the International Student Association.

"After it happened (the bombing) my thoughts were, 'Lay off how many people died?' These I'm concerned with how is it going to be with us. Are the people going to look at us differently or the same? But they don't look at us that way," he said.

With the holidays here, some students are wishing they could

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## Students unsure about cameras

Campus police says surveillance devices will increase safety.

BY RYAN KNAGGS  
Rip staff writer

Campus security cameras have been installed throughout the Bakersfield College campus.

Security cameras are located indoors and outdoors throughout BC to provide safety to students and staff.

Sgt. Jess Soto of campus police said that the cameras will be beneficial.

"It will enhance the sense of safety," he said. "We are always looking to improve the present system that we have."

Students have mixed emotions about the new additions to the campus.

"I really think it's a great idea of having cameras in the parking lot because we have so many accounts of people's cars being broke into," said Matt Johnson, a psychology major.

Andrew Murray, a 19-year-old business major, agreed. "I'm for (the cameras), but just in the parking lot because there is a lot of car crimes," he said. "But anywhere else on campus, I don't think it's a good idea. I don't see a

problem with crime on campus."

However, crime does seem to be a problem on campus, according to a police pamphlet.

In the 2000-01 academic year, eight assaults, 84 petty thefts and 15 incidents of vandalism were reported at BC, according to the brochure.

But student Matt Johnson said he's worried about privacy.

"I would feel paranoid knowing someone is always watching me,"

Political science professor Steve Holmes said that the cameras will still be used even with students feeling uneasy.

"Cameras will be seen as a security issue, so this will override any privacy rights," Holmes said. "Students forfeit any privacy rights when they step on a public school campus for the safety of that campus."

According to Soto, 18 cameras are on campus with a total of 24 planned. The cameras can scan, zoom and some can rotate 360 degrees.

They will be located in the southwest, northwest and southeast parking lots. Many buildings, including Levinson Hall, Language Arts, McCuen Hall, Fine Arts and Humanities will soon have cameras.

The gym and the Agriculture Department also will be equipped. Not all of these cameras are installed yet.

## CORRECTION

Kirsten Hoffman's name was misspelled in a front page story about her father, Norm Hoffman, in the Nov. 30 edition of *The Renegade Rip*. The Rip apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the error.

## MOVIE MINUTE

"The Wash" is an urban comedy directed at rap fans and potheads. The film has little plot and the laughs are few and far between.

Rappers Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg star as Sean and Dee Loc, a couple of roommates who work at a car wash called, "The Wash."

The boss, Mr. Washington, promotes Sean to assistant manager. This adds conflict to Sean's friendship with Dee Loc, who steals, seldom works and sells drugs far more than he washes cars.

One thing I loved about this movie was all the great cameos from rappers Ludacris, Xzibit and D.J. Pooh.

Even Shaquille O'Neal and Pauly Shore show up.

And of course, no stoner flick is complete without an appearance by Tommy Chong.

The most enjoyable performance was by rapper Eminem, who plays a psychotic white



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Rapper Dr. Dre stars in "The Wash."

boy, Eminem? A psychotic white boy? Damn. I bet that role took him months and months to research.

— By staff writer Maria Eutsler

## SERRANO: College president discusses issues

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earlier this semester and know what to do during a serious threat. But she does not want "copy cats."

"In retrospect, I have no problem with an incident being reported, but we have to be careful with the details," she said. "Being mindful that we do not want to encourage people to copy that type of behavior. It is balancing the right to know and the responsibility of not encouraging this type of behavior."

**BPD officer on campus and campus police:** She supports having an armed Bakersfield police officer on campus to ensure student safety.

"The safety of the students, employees and visitors to our campus is necessary, essential and we will take the measures necessary to ensure that we have a safe environment because a safe environment also affects the learning environment and so in terms of what might be appropriate, we have appropriate safety," she said.

She supports BC campus police, she said, but she sees having an armed officer on campus as adding to BC safety.

"I believe our security department provided us with the safe environment. They were always professional and provided us with the necessary security. On the other hand, we live in times where we never know what to expect. So by adding a police officer I really believe we have enhanced that level of security on campus. Our needs are understood and that responsiveness (by the police department) is met."

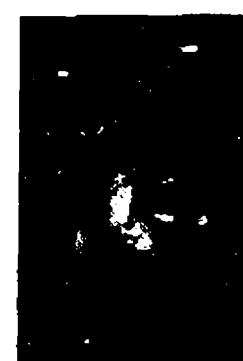
But she said she does not see BC police carrying guns in the future, although she said "it is hard to tell what will happen."

"We want to ensure there is appropriate screening, training and ongoing training related to weapons. Those coming from law enforcement are properly trained."

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WEB SITE NEWS  
Jarrod M. Graham  
Online Editor

As the end of our online edition's first semester approaches, we are looking to introduce more features to inform the Bakersfield College community while increasing staffing to support our growing online operation.

Next semester, in addition to the BC Connection Web directory and Bookseller features that were launched this semester, we will offer our registered users an e-mail newsletter service.

The weekly newsletter, called

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The online edition opens up many possibilities, and we hope you'll consider joining us in exploring these.

Cyberpace is big and we have only begun to scratch the surface.

## Wrestling leads pack of successful fall sports teams

BY DEMETHRASI  
BLACKMON  
Sports Editor

The 2001 fall season produced a lot of excitement for sports fans, resulting in two conference titles and one state champion for Bakersfield College.

Jason Moreno won the state wrestling championship at 125 pounds. The California Community College Championships were held at Santa Rosa Junior College.

Moreno, who was named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler, defeated Chris Hammer, who dropped into his weight class after winning the title at 133-pounds earlier in the year.

Hammer took a 3-1 lead going into the final period, but Moreno evened the match after scoring two points with a reversal and went on to win by decision, 5-4.

Moreno completed his season with a record 34-0.

Brett Clark, who finished second in the heavyweight division, and 165-pound Karras Kalivas, who finished third, earned All-American honors.

Todd Guevara, who wrestles at 149 pounds, finished seventh. Fred Gutierrez, at 158 pounds was eighth. Both came home with medals.

**Women's volleyball finishes with best record since 1993**

Along with football taking the Western State Conference title, the 'Gades volleyball team won the WSC Southern Division Championship.

Coached by Julie Ryan, the team ended the season with an overall record of 18-4 and was 12-2 in the conference. It was the team's best record since 1993.

**Several soccer players named to All-Conference**

Head coach Scott Danieron led the 'Gades soccer team to a record of 8-9-2. In the conference, the team was 6-7-2. Jennifer Rooney scored a team high nine goals for the season and was named first team All-Conference. Joining her on the first team was Christina Tafuya.

Shonda Amos and Jenna Villacana tied for the team lead in assists with five apiece.

Amos made second team All-Conference, along with Lisa Sanchez. Keri Bess and Jenna Villacana were honorable mentions.

**Cross country teams have respectable finish at State**

In the final event of the season, the men's and women's cross country team competed at the State Junior College Cross Country Championships at Woodward Park in Fresno.

For the women, Adelita Flores was BC's top finisher. She completed the three-mile course in 21:05 and finished in 69th place. Maribel Vega placed 122 with a time of 22:14 and Rachel Rios clocked a time of 22:50, for 140th.

Erk Webb was the top finisher for the men. He finished the 4.1 mile course in 22:08 (93). Tony Ammendaz had a time of 22:44 (137).



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Outside linebacker Shadon Croney, top, sacks Antelope Valley quarterback Cory Allred in the 'Gades 21-8 victory.

## BOWL: 'Gades hold Marauders pointless for three quarters

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stopped a BC drive, BC defensive back Chris Browner returned the favor. He picked off a pass by Marauder quarterback Allred and took it to the Marauder 28-yard line.

The freshman cornerback wreaked havoc on the AV offense all day long as he recorded an interception, two fumble recoveries and six unassisted tackles to earn Most Valuable Defensive Player of the Game.

"We knew they were going to pass," Browner said. "We came up with the plays when we had to." After BC's second touchdown, the game seemed routine until BC wide

"The game has a great cause, it helps the Shriners Hospitals. We were excited to make it to the game."

— Nick Holloway,  
Antelope Valley wide receiver

receiver, Sammy Moore, who earned Most Valuable Player of the game, stole the show in the fourth quarter.

Not only did he catch his second touchdown pass of the game, which made the score 21-0 BC, but excited the 4,354 in attendance on an elusive punt return that set up the score. Moore caught the ball on the run and ran for daylight.

"I thought, 'catch the ball, and run Sammy run,'" he said after the game.

The Marauders finally showed some offensive firepower as they drove the field and scored on a 12-yard touchdown pass to Jason Anderson with 1:06 on the clock. The two-point conversion attempt was good. The Marauders recovered the onside kick, but it was to no avail

as BC recovered and time ran out. Nick Holloway, wide receiver for Antelope Valley, put the loss in perspective.

"We made a lot of mistakes," he said. "But it was a great ball game. The game has a great cause, it helps the Shriners Hospitals. We were excited to make it to the game."

For head coach Dallas Grider, the win meant the 'Gades didn't give up, even after losing their chance earlier in the season to play for the state playoffs. "They've got a lot of pride," he said. "We got this done and it is a good way to end the season."

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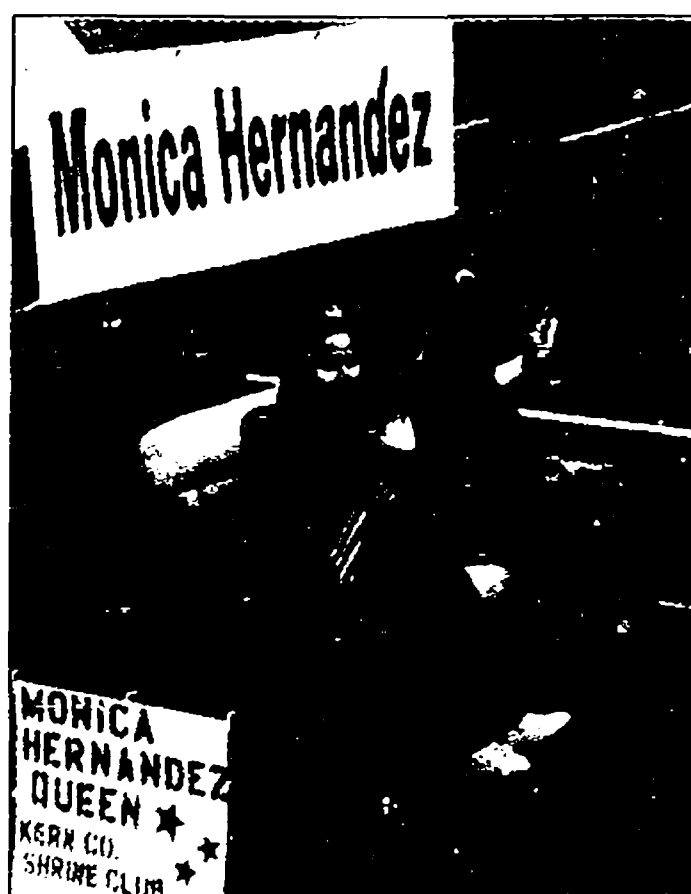
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Right: Sammy Moore accepts the Most Valuable Player Award of the Potato Bowl from a Shriner's representative dressed in clown attire during the awards presentation at the completion of the game.

The 50th Annual Invitational Shrine Potato Bowl Football Game took place at Memorial Stadium Saturday. The Renegades played Antelope Valley Marauders, beating them 21-8.

Below: Fifteen-year-old Potato Bowl Queen, Monica Hernandez, rides around the track during the pregame parade. Hernandez said she can walk today thanks to numerous operations at Shriners Hospital.

All proceeds from the Potato Bowl go toward financing free medical treatment for children who are disabled or victims of burns.



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## In it to win it—for the kids

BY DANIEL F. HUNT and DEMETHRIS BLACKMON  
The Renegade Rip

The rain held up long enough Saturday afternoon for a simple football game to be played.

However, for many of the spectators, this was more than a game between Bakersfield College and Antelope Valley College. It didn't really matter who won. The winners were the children.

The 50th Shrine Potato Bowl included a countless number of Shrine fezzes dotting the landscape of the stands. Fans supporting the Renegades and Marauders, as well as lovers of the sport, all came to watch the game.

"The biggest thing is that we raise money for the crippled children," said Shriner Winford Little. "That's what we're here for. Our hospital not only takes care of crippled children, they take care of burned children."

Shriners Troy Bradshaw and Ron Bender agreed. "It's the only reason we are here," Bradshaw said.

Bender continued, saying "There's no charge for the children.

There's hundreds of children in town that have been helped."

BC head coach Dallas Grider said that the Shriners have "worked their tail off for many years" to help children who need medical attention.

"We're very privileged to be a part of it," he said.

After the game, MVP Sammy Moore commended the Shriners for having football as a fund-raiser.

"There's a lot of kids out there who would love to play football, but they can't," Moore said. "It's good how (the Shriners) get money from football because everybody loves football. The Shriners are a great group of guys that just want to help people."

The parade marked the start of the festivities.

Vintage convertible cars circled the field with Shriner officials, past and present. Also in the parade were eight area middle and junior high schools, taking the field before the

game to play in tandem "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Potato Bowl queen, 15-year-old Monica Hernandez, is a recipient of the Shriners' generosity. Hernandez was diagnosed with a bone disease called suto arthrosis, a disease of the leg. Numerous operations since 1987 have allowed her to walk.

"Without them I wouldn't be able to walk today," she said.

"They did a lot for me. A lot of people are helped. Last year's queen was really helped and they helped me, too. They also help burned children."

Monica and her mother, Julie, are hopeful that with the last surgery comes the opportunity to help spread the word to others.

"If it hadn't been for them, my daughter wouldn't be able to walk right now and I'd be in debt 15 lifetimes, just over one surgery that they did for her," she said. "I think (the turnout) is awesome. With all this

many people to support the Shriners, it's a miracle. It's the greatest thing to see my daughter walk."

At halftime, the Centennial High School marching performed.

If fans weren't delighted before the game with the parade, the halftime show proved to be an exciting experience.

During the second half, the fans cheered as BC scored and maintained a lead over Antelope Valley.

"I love it," said Mary Sawyer-Hutchin. The BC alumnus was one of the many fans yelling loudly.

"I've been going to these games for 34 years. There should be more support for the Shriners and the team. Both give a lot for the community."

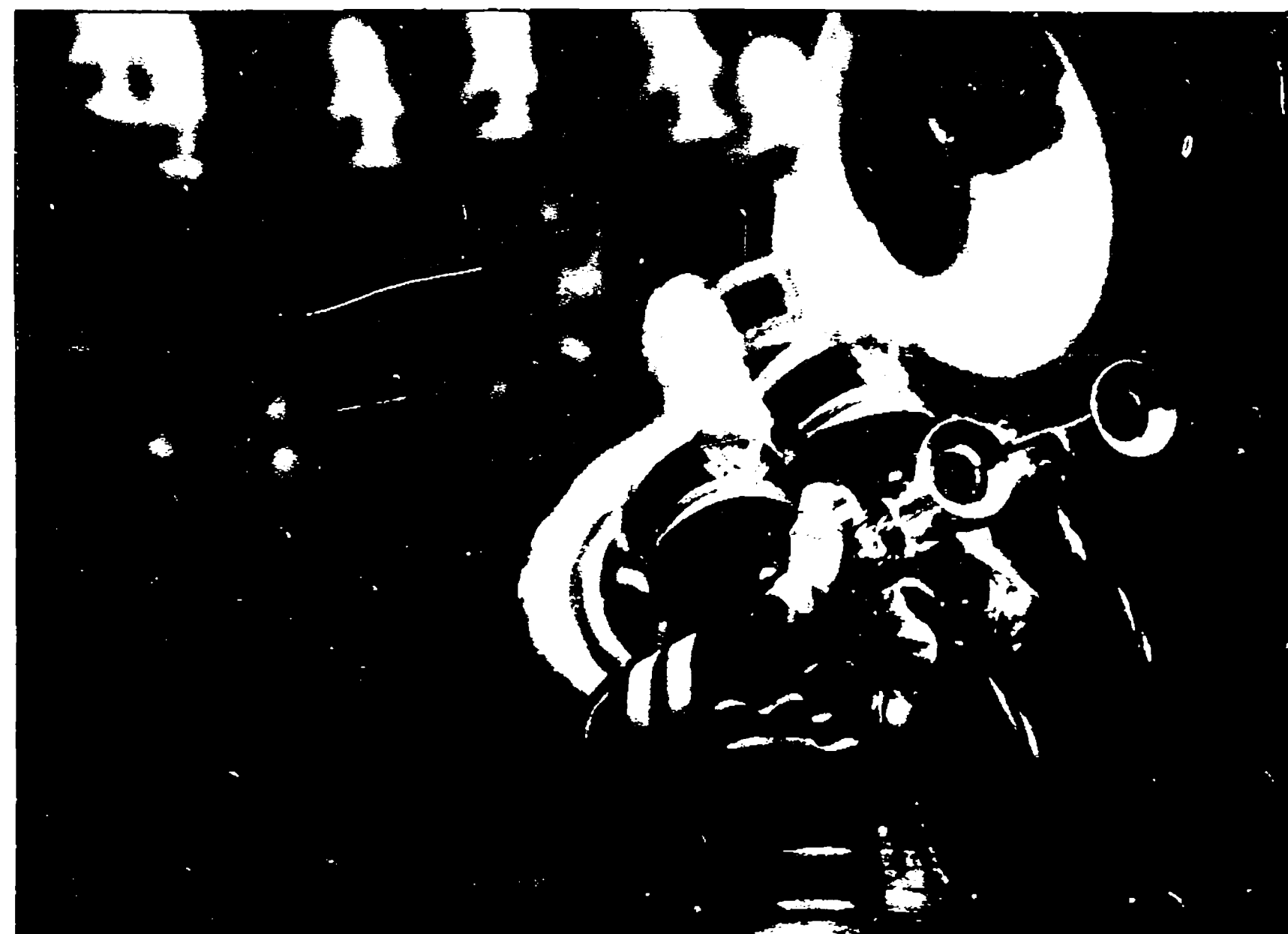
And despite the cold weather and lopsided lead for BC, fans stayed to the bitter end.

"It's a bit chilly," said Paul Sleukoff, a BC grad who played for the 'Gades when the team still played at Griffith Field.

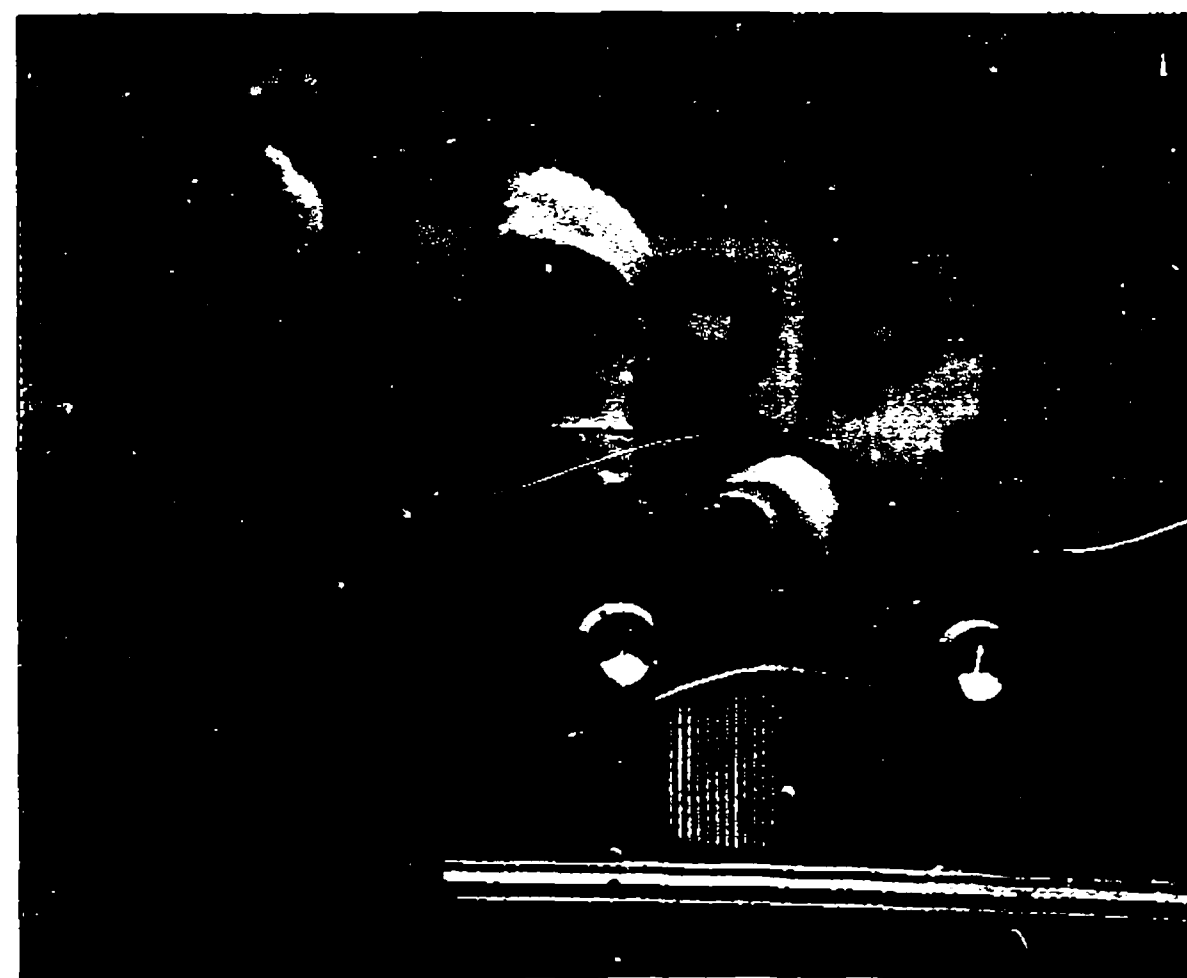
"We didn't have the same helmets or pads, but it's just the same. I like coming out here because I enjoy the game. It's a game I've always played."



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Top: BC alumnus Paul Slevkoff enjoys the game, but not the cold day.

Above: Santa Claus came to town just a wee bit early this year.

Left: Centennial High School Marching Hawks and Golden Pageantry Corps perform 'Dances Through Time' for the crowd.