Fate of BC campus security remains in limbo

By Bryan Swaim

Bakersfield College Chief of Security Ken Conklin said that the College's elected president, Bryan Swaim, has been waiting for a decision from the Board of Trustees on the fate of the College's police department.

"Some of our newer guys have to be prepared to step in and take over," Swaim said. "I think before they make a decision, they want to see how the system works." Swaim said the College has been in limbo for many months.

At the Community College Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday, the board voted 2-2 in the decision to ask for an agreement for the Bakersfield Police Department to provide their law enforcement services on campus. The option was one of many issues discussed at the meeting, which also included the approval of card-lock systems and surveillance cameras in BC buildings.

The split vote was yet another delay in a final decision concerning the future of the campus police. Under the old law, campus police are considered peace officers. As such, they are protected under the same laws as BPD. The new law would only allow them to be security officers, which means they cannot make arrests or patrol in a police car.

The plan recommended by the Security Director and President Palacios is for campus police to retain a security police department while continuing with BPD in conduct investigations and enforce laws. This would take less time, but according to Soni, it would be more dangerous. "If we stayed security, we would have no authority to use any law enforcement whatsoever. I don't think it's very safe," Soni said. "If there's a crime committed on campus, we would have to contact the police officers.""Swaim said that once a decision is made, he would contact BC students and employees to inform them of the changes.

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**Relay for Life**

A few words from Mayor Harvey.Candelight Hall. Local luminaries from the Bakersfield community gathered to support the presenters and the survivors of cancer. The event was a great success, raising $700,000 for cancer research.

**ASBC**

A new bill, AB 1572, has been introduced in the California Assembly. The bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Mike Briggs (R-Bakersfield), would require all new drivers to register with Selective Service before they can purchase a state driver's license. The bill would also allow individuals to register online or by mail. The bill has been met with mixed reactions from the public, with some saying it is a good idea to ensure that all citizens are registered with Selective Service, while others argue that it is unnecessary and a waste of time and money.

**Security restrictions gaming at BC**

The BC Police Department has implemented new security measures at the BC Cerritos College. The measures include increased police presence and increased surveillance. The department has also increased its training and preparedness for security incidents. The measures are in place to ensure the safety of all students and employees.

**OFFICIAL BLOG**

The BC Police Department has released a new official blog, which is available online. The blog will be used to provide updates on security incidents and other relevant news.

**Letters to the Editor**

**I will not be tested**

Throughout my college career, I have been tested for a variety of things, including math, reading, and writing. However, I have never been tested for my trustworthiness.

**My feelings about the test**

I am not surprised that the test was canceled. It is not the first time that a test has been canceled because of cheating. However, I am disappointed that I will have to wait another year to take the test.

**Park and look under the hood**

I am not sure what to think about the new policy. On the one hand, I understand the concern about cheating. On the other hand, I feel that the policy is too strict and will deter students from taking the test.

**When I check out**

I have heard mixed opinions about the new policy. Some people think that the policy is necessary, while others think that it is too harsh.

**What do you think?**

I would like to hear your thoughts about the new policy. Do you think that it is a good idea or do you think that it is too harsh?
**Die-hard Rip reporters say goodbye**

BY JARALDO M. GRAHAM
Features Editor

When it's pitch black outside, peeling the finishing touches on the latest football game story, or trying to name the most popular TV show, you can always count on the Rip reporters. But it's unlikely you'll encounter them in the same roles forever. The Rip newspaper is more than just a place to get the news on campus; it's also an opportunity for students to gain valuable experience in journalism.

For example, the Rip reporter who writes sports stories, Anubis, is likely to be seen on campus during football games. He'll be there to cover the BC games, when the pep band is in full swing. He may even report on the basketball games, when the BC players are on the court. But don't be surprised if you see him working on a story about campus events, too. Anubis is one of many students who use their love of sports to gain valuable experience in journalism.

Another Rip reporter, Mike, is a regular at the BC games, too. He'll be there to cover the BC fans at the games, and he'll be ready to report on the BC players' performance. And don't forget about the Rip reporter who writes the entertainment section, Ross. He'll be there to cover the campus events, including the BC games.

But it's not all work and no play for these reporters. They're also involved in other activities, such as editing and photography. For example, the Rip reporter who writes the news section, Lisa, is also an editor at the newspaper. She'll be there to help with the layout and design of the paper, and she'll be ready to report on the student government meetings.

The Rip reporters aren't just there to provide news; they're also there to provide a unique perspective. Each reporter has their own style and their own way of seeing the world. But one thing is certain: they'll be there to tell the story of BC and its community.

**Longtime BC staffers to retire**

BY ELIZABETH GREGORY and MARCO HARRISON

Staff reporter David Klein is one of many iconic faces that have greeted students at BC for years. David has been with the Rip since he was a freshman, and he's been a part of the school community for over a decade.

"It's been a great experience," said David. "I've loved being able to tell the stories of BC students, faculty, and staff. I've had the chance to work with some amazing people, and I've learned so much from them.

"But it's time for me to move on," David continued. "I've been offered a position at a new paper, and I think it's time for me to take it."

David's retirement is a loss for the Rip, but it's also a new beginning. "We'll miss David's perspective," said Rip editor-in-chief, Lisa. "But we're excited to welcome new reporters to the team.

"The Rip is a great place to work," Lisa continued. "It's a community that values its reporters, and we're proud to be a part of it.

"We wish David the best in his future endeavors," Lisa concluded. "He'll always be a part of the Rip family.

**‘The Mummy Returns’**

BY ELizabeth GREGORY and MARCO HARRISON

It's time for another adventure at the movies! "The Mummy Returns" is the sequel to the popular 1999 blockbuster "The Mummy," which was a huge hit with fans around the world.

This time, the story takes place in ancient Egypt, where the Mummy is on the loose again. The main character, Rick O'Connell, is back to save the day, and he's bringing his daughter with him.

"This movie is even better than the first," said a fan. "The special effects are amazing, and the story is even more exciting.

"I can't wait to see what happens next," said another fan. "The Mummy Returns" is a must-see for all fans of adventure and action.

"The Mummy Returns" is in theaters now, so make sure to check it out. You won't be disappointed!"
Nick Klingerman and Keri Bass discover the animal life on the shoreline of Morro Bay.

Morro Bay is marked by Morro "Rock" and is distinguished from all other coastal towns by its beautiful harbor located behind a natural jetty lined with sand dunes.

"We peaked at the right time and were playing our best softball," said Bass, "but I was real pleased with the progress that we made and the goals we accomplished." Bass is headed to Orange Coast College, he added.

"It's easy to make a child smile. A few words of encouragement, maybe a special reward for a special performance. Parents do it all the time, and so do teachers.

Good teachers are the difference between a child who succeeds and one who stumbles. They are the ones who make math fun and science seem like an adventure into another world.

Teaching is the profession that allows you to see the most gratifying, immediate and instantaneous reward of a job well done - a child's smile.

Make a child smile. Take the next step - teach!

The California State University system provides a standard salary schedule for new teachers. This schedule is based on years of experience and years of education.

An elementary school teacher with a bachelor's degree and no experience earns about $35,000 per year. A high school teacher with a master's degree and 10 years of experience earns about $65,000 per year. Such salaries are increased for every additional year of experience or for each additional year of education.

For teaching positions, contact the California State University system or your local school district.

For more information, visit the website of the California State University system or call 1-888-calteach.
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