Vibrant Visions

BC professor showcases his art at the library

By Maria Eutslter

When Nelson Richardson was attending Santa Monica College, friends said he'd never get a job in art.

"So, of course, whenever people tell you not to do something, you do it," said the BC graphic arts teacher.

Today, 24 years later, his passion for art remains strong.

"It's a very competitive field," said the professional graphics arts designer. "You're not going to make a lot of money out of it, but you're going to be satisfied doing what you truly want to do. I just feel privileged that I'm even able to work in the field of art. I choose to do this because I think it is one of the most exciting ways to live."

That excitement is reflected in his exhibit at the BC Library art gallery called, "Nelson Richardson: Perspectives, A Retrospective."

The exhibit will be held on display until Oct. 26. Some of Richardson's work from the 70s, such as "When Values Meet," and "I've 4 (Searchlight Illusion)," are laboredious visions of both color and structure.

"All of my work from the seventies was very optically-oriented," he said. "If you look at them long enough things begin to happen, shifts in the picture and shifts in the foreground and background, working off the two components of your eyes, the red and the cones."

Most of Richardson's work from the 80s, such as "Clouds," and "Roll Forms (War's 80s: Covering)," were shadows in the Division of Depth.

One of his 1990 pieces called "Fuzzy The Sales" has a different feel than his older works.

"Fuzzy The Sales" was kind of a breakthrough piece for me because that was the first time that I didn't use masking tape. So everything else had a real crisp edge to it," he said.

In the 1990s, Richardson began working with landscapes and the splinter office, with pieces like "Kern Landscape," and "Cloud Shadows." Along with creating art, he has been teaching at BC part-time since 1986, and full time since 1992.

"Not only is Richardson a professor of computer graphics, but he also created the computer graphics art program."
EDITORIAL

U.S. retaliation is essential

September 11, the United States has been attacked in the worst terrorist attack in American history. This event shocked the world. The Office of the President of the United States has called for a strong response to this attack.

The U.S. government has announced that it will respond to this attack with a strong military action. This action will involve a combination of air strikes and ground forces. The United States will also work with other nations to coordinate a multinational response.

The United States has been under attack before, but this attack is different. This attack was carried out by terrorists, who are a small and dangerous group. The United States cannot let these terrorists win.

We must take action to stop this type of terrorism. We must also work with other nations to prevent similar attacks in the future.

BY AMBROSIO SÁNCHEZ

FEATURING

Eating disorders: appetite for destruction

Anorexia survivor says help saves lives

Six months ago I was hospitalized for anorexia nervosa. Anorexia is a serious eating disorder that can be life-threatening.

I had been struggling with anorexia for several months before I was hospitalized. I was losing weight and had become extremely thin. I was also losing my hair and my menstrual cycle had stopped.

I was admitted to the hospital for treatment. At first, I was hesitant to accept the help that was offered to me. I was afraid that I would lose control of my life.

But as I began to recover, I realized how much help I had needed. I would not have survived this illness without the support of my family and the medical professionals who cared for me.

I am now a recovering anorexia survivor. I want to share my story to help others who are struggling with this illness.

My message is that help is available. If you or someone you know is struggling with anorexia, please seek help. It is important to get the right treatment as soon as possible.

BY CARRIE SMITH
Hitting the Green

BC women’s golf team swings into action in its first ever season.

BY JESSICA MILLMAN
Feature Writer

Women’s golf is finally getting a shot at what it wants, a spot in the BC College Women’s League. Last spring, the team went through the door that led to the practice range and stepped up to the tee. They next up to the green. That’s right, BC women’s golf is finally getting a shot at what it wants, a place at the table in the BC College Women’s League.

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Facing the Falcons

‘Gades face West Hills this Saturday after initial game postponement.

BY LEANNE CAVIE
Big and white

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If you should happen to set foot on the Kem County Fairgrounds between the dying days of September and the birth of October, you will enter into the domain of the carnies. These colorful, yet quiet, people, often are viewed as characters, only there to serve us in our search for entertainment. I assure you, though, they are real. And not a far cry from ourselves.

These day-to-day activities are not estranged from ours. They eat and sleep and a few even play chess. I have seen it with my own eyes. Amazing. To think that they have basic human qualities. But it is true.

Then there is their work. Able to their circus costumes, they often are on the move. But many manage to keep together a family group, often working together to survive. Diligent and aesthetic, I have seen many work through day and night, with little sleep or food.

Whether running the rides that give us thrills, or the games that coach our bills, they see the body and soul of the ritual known as the fair. They repeat it many times a year, in many different locales across America, and the world.

So when you hand them a dollar or five for a game you know you may not win, for a prize that seems less than worthy, just remember, you are supporting an age-old tradition, and an important people. May the carny live on, a blessed profession, indeed.
SPRIT OF ALLEGIANCE

Despite long waits, Bakersfield Business Conference participants are pleased with extra security measures.

BY DANIEL F. HUNT

The 17th annual Bakersfield Business Conference was more patriotic than ever before.

In light of the recent attacks against New York and Washington, D.C., more than 9,000 attendees brought their spirit of allegiance along with their flags to the grounds of California State University, Bakersfield Saturday.

When they arrived they were greeted by same more result of the terror attacks: security. Law agencies including CSUB police, the Bakersfield Police Department, the Kern County Sheriff's Department as well as the FBI, Secret Service and Bakersfield Fire Department were full effect during the all-day event.

Conference goers were greeted at the morning by long lines and Metal detectors at the entrance. Before the lines, police cadets lined the entrance and checked bags and out of restricted areas.

Everyone passed through the detectors including the media, checking bags and attended personal effects.

Despite the military style of security, including full-assaulted SWAT and bomb squad officers running the grounds, people who traveled to the conference were not only happy to go along with the enhanced measures but were happy to have them.

"I'm really glad for extra security," said Erin Williams, one conference-goer. "They looked in my purse. They had us pull out phones, papers, that sort of thing. They told us that the FBI was coming.

Others commented on the line that grew for more than 500 feet at one point. Yet, no one complained.

"I can't remember lines like this," said Don see SECUREIT, Page 2.

Bernardette Peters brings touch of Broadway to Bakersfield

BY AMBER GARCIA

Rip staff writer

You may want to hire Bernardette Peters, but she will owe you with her charm, wit, swing and song. Don't believe me? Read below.

REVIEW

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Peters impressed some of the people playing in her band, including the musicians, who was the former Mountain Calder.

The moment he said the word "Mountain" and asked for his "I have known Peters' grandfather in Shenker and she has MS. His that terrible.

This made me wonder why she had even come out in the first place.

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Above: A slide show viewing hot the World Trade Center/ Center attacks touches the hearts of many at the Bakersfield Conference.

Part of the conference ends with a brilliant display of fireworks.

Quotable Moments

Emerson Zoelli on making decisions as president:

"It's better to think about our next generation rather than the next election."

-- Larry Winget on whining:

"Shut up, stop whining and get a life."

James Carville on being a Democrat at a Republican convention:

"You know, I feel like a fire hydrant in a fire."

-- Stephen Wynn on Osama:

"When you watch CNN and you are set during a presidential campaign; you get an idea of America that's all wrong. We took superficial and vacuous from time to time. But we are not. When we are stretched we are a whole different kind of society. I'm Osama bin Laden and his group don't have a face, they don't have a sound. They may be causing but they are not smart."

-- Gerald Ford on pining on Richard Nixon:

"I had a full desk full of problems, I decided it was more important for me to spend 100 percent of my time on the problems of 200 million people and not 50 percent of my time on the problems of one man."

-- Arnold Schwarzenegger on life in Bakersfield:

"What does Bakersfield represent? I found out that it has an Indian origin and it means, "Nothing to do on Saturdays.""

-- John Glenn on being the oldest man in space:

"I was the first 77-year-old to ever leave Florida in something other than a Winnebago."

-- Liz Shane Osborn on being invited to the business conference:

"I immediately looked it up on the Internet. Why would a Business Conference want to talk to a Navy pilot? I didn't know about it to be honest with you."

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SECURITY: Precautions taken during conference

Bill O'Reilly and James Carville discuss closing U.S. borders in political debate.

BY DANIEL J. HUNT

One of the most strident voices of the Right during the conference was Fair & Square Network anchor Bill O'Reilly and Democratic strategist James Carville. The two, who have been enemies for years, were in agreement on one key point: closing the borders of the United States.

"I believe we should end immigration to the United States," Carville said. "We're going to thumb our noses at everyone." O'Reilly, who has been a vocal critic of illegal immigration, concurred.

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**Legend speaks of hope for peace**

**AMBER GARCIA**

A 6-foot-4, 225-pound terror of the Balersfield was Miss TEEN 'BAKERSFIELD PAGEANT and former Miss Teen Miss Teen America's titleholder. She had a commanding presence, a warm smile, and an infectious energy that drew people to her like a magnet. Her vibrant personality and warm disposition made her a beloved figure in the community.

But her legacy was not just about her beauty and charisma. Amber's impact was felt far beyond the pageant stage. Her commitment to helping others and spreading joy was second to none. She was a true role model.

In her memory, her fans and friends continue to honor her legacy by giving back to the community. Her spirit of hope and compassion lives on, inspiring others to make a positive difference in the world.

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**Comedian lifts crowd’s spirits**

**JIM CONWAY**

Comedian Jim Conway puts on a show at the Bakersfield College Student Union. His laugh and energy are contagious, and he keeps the audience guessing with his quick wit and clever one-liners.

"You can never tell what’s going to happen in my act," Conway said. "I try to keep things fresh and keep the audience engaged." He’s known for his ability to adapt on the fly and connect with his audience, no matter where he is.

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**Firestone wows audience with impersonations, songs**

**RYAN MORGAN**

Kevin Firestone, known for his impersonations and songs, was the headliner at the Firestone Center. His performance was a hit, with the audience clapping and cheering for his spot-on imitations of famous musicians and comedians.

"I really had a lot of fun tonight," Firestone said. "I'm glad I was able to bring some laughter and entertainment to the audience." He's known for his ability to connect with his audience and make them feel part of the show.

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**World leaders discuss terrorism, climate change, and future of the world**

**BY AMBER GARCIA**

As the world faces the challenges of terrorism, climate change, and the future of the world, leaders from around the globe gathered for a summit to discuss these pressing issues. The discussions were intense, with passionate arguments and deep insights shared.

"We must work together to find solutions to these problems," said one leader. "We cannot afford to be divided; we must come together for the betterment of all." The leaders agreed that the world must work towards a common goal.

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**Former defense secretary warns on U.S. imminent attacks**

**BY AMBER GARCIA**

Former defense secretary warned of imminent attacks on the U.S. government and warned of the need for increased surveillance and security measures. He emphasized the importance of staying vigilant and prepared.

"We must be ready for anything," he said. "The threat is real, and we must take action now to protect our citizens and our nation." The former defense secretary was a strong advocate for increased security and was known for his passionate approach to national security.

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**Panel discusses rooting out terrorism**

**BY RACHEL CRANSTON**

Four former federal task forces of the Department of Justice, including the FBI, the CIA, and the DEA, gathered to discuss the issue of terrorism and how to root it out. The panelists shared their experiences and insights on the matter.

"We must be united in our efforts to defeat terrorism," said one panelist. "Only through cooperation and collaboration can we hope to succeed." The panelists agreed that the fight against terrorism is a long one, but one that is worth fighting.

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**Need Cash Now?**

**BY AMBER GARCIA**

**Special Edition**

"We need cash now to help with the cost of living," said one person. "I just want to get ahead and start living like others." The need for cash is a constant theme, with many looking for ways to make ends meet.

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**Never a Slow News Day**

**Classifieds**

"We never had a slow news day," said one person. "We always had something going on." The Classifieds section is always filled with the latest news and events.

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**Mission Bakersfield & Miss Teen Bakersfield Pageant**

**BY AMBER GARCIA**

The Mission Bakersfield & Miss Teen Bakersfield Pageant is an annual event that celebrates the beauty and talent of young women in the area. The pageant is a source of pride for the community, and many people look forward to it each year.

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**Firestone Center**

The Firestone Center is a popular venue for concerts, events, and gatherings. It's known for its great acoustics and comfortable seating, making it a favorite destination for music lovers and attendees alike.

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**Supreme Essex**

**BY AMBER GARCIA**

The Supreme Essex is a well-known restaurant that serves delicious Italian cuisine. It's a favorite spot for locals and tourists alike, with its cozy atmosphere and delicious food.

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**Skydive Taft**

**BY AMBER GARCIA**

Skydive Taft is a skydiving facility that offers exciting jumps and scenic views. It's a popular destination for adventure seekers, with its picturesque location and thrilling experience.
Top: The new tent with flags on top adds a sense of patriotism to the Bakersfield Business Conference. The conference was held Saturday at California State University, Bakersfield.

Above: A security worker finds a chance to rest during a quiet moment in the parking lot.

Above left: As the conference nears its end, the flag remains high inside the main tent.

Far left: Three Kingsburg residents, Jeff Peabody, Jim Peabody and John Nugler, take a break from the day’s events.

Left: Tom O’Maloney teaches it up during Tim Conway’s performance.
16-week semester approved

BC shortens semester to help retain students and increase length of summer classes.

BY HENRY FRANCO
Staff Writer

A week long of Homecoming events that included olive sprinting and pantyhose mud pies today with the traditional fish building that will be unveiled during halftime of Saturday's Homecoming game.

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**Anthrax scare prompts mailroom gloves**

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**Taking Care of Business**

Scott Armstrong hammers the Campus Center roof during a meeting. The new bookstore provides more services for students.

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**Want to graduate?**

File papers by Nov. 1.

Last day to file for graduation is Nov. 1. Students should file to have lunch and chat. The application from Admission and Records and pay the $10 fee.

**Driving with phones stirs debate**

Phones are not to blame, people need to be more responsible with them.

After years of problems, cell phones have earned a dangerous reputation. Other drivers are equally to blame, not cell phones.

Many of us have been involved in minor or major accidents while talking on the phone. Others have been involved in serious accidents while talking on a cell phone.

**PHONE STORS DEBATE**

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Long, strange movie worth the trip

THE DARE

BY MELSTY NELSON

Editor's note: This was moving away on The Rip's cover early last month, but it's one of our favorite photos of the year. It was shot in the black and white city of Los Angeles.

As the sun set, a woman was walking down the street, looking for a place to sit and think. She finally found a bench, sat down, and began to cry. She had just lost her job and was feeling very alone. The woman was wearing a black dress and had long, straight brown hair. She was holding a small, black purse in her hands.

Suddenly, a man approached her and asked if she was okay. She shook her head and told him she was having a tough time. He sat down next to her and began to talk to her. They talked for a while, and she began to feel better. She thanked him for his help and got up to leave.

The man waved good-bye as she walked away. She smiled and said, "Thank you." She continued walking down the street, feeling a little better.

The next day, she went to the same bench and sat down. She took out her purse and saw a note that said, "You are not alone."

-BY MELSTY NELSON

Students win cash prize ‘for innovation’ in poems

BY GERHARD DEGLACO

This year, the National Poetry Society and the English Department at the College are offering the Students’ Prize in Poetry. The prize is open to all students, and the winner will receive a cash prize of $500.

The competition is open to students who are enrolled in any course at the College, and the deadline for entries is December 1, 2001. The winners will be announced in January 2002.

The competition is judged by a panel of judges, who will select the best poems based on originality, creativity, and technical skill.

You can enter the competition by submitting your poems to the English Department. The poems must be submitted in writing, and they must be no longer than 500 words. The poems can be submitted in any style, and they can be written in any language.

The winners will be announced in January 2002, and the prize money will be awarded to the winners.

For more information, please contact the English Department at the College.
BC Homecoming brings back football greats

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The Bakersfield College Renegades will conclude a week of Homecoming celebration as they square up with the Los Angeles Valley College Vaqueros at Memorial Stadium Saturday. Renegade activities begin at 6:30 p.m.

Homecoming is a memorable day for BC players as well as all those involved in the festivities.

A former BC great, Michael Guevara, who went on to play for Fresno State University, and he's got a good young team, we have a bunch of young guys, we have only one sophomore on the offense and only two on defense. But we hope to go in and play well and gain some experience against a tough BC team. When we beat BC, we came up 16 points short on Oct. 20 in BC 41-56.

The Guevara brothers, who both went on to play for BC, have been coming back around and the ball was there from the beginning. Bill told me, 'Definitely the dogs were pounded by the big 12 but I had to Kocher, Kennedy and James McCullough, who have played considerably all season.'

The Renegade game seemed to be a continuation of the exploitation that inspired the BC defense on Oct. 14 as the Renegades compiled a big lead. Fresno State's Goddard exploited the Bulldogs in every phase and pointed that they are coming of age and playing well as a team.

When asked about his defensive movement, Kocher summed up the team spirit going into the Homecoming game on Saturday.

"They're in close," he said. "It makes it fun to play defense with guys like that who like to play hard and win. They are great to be around.'

Melissa Endo, BC cheerleader, shows off her style during a recent football home game.

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